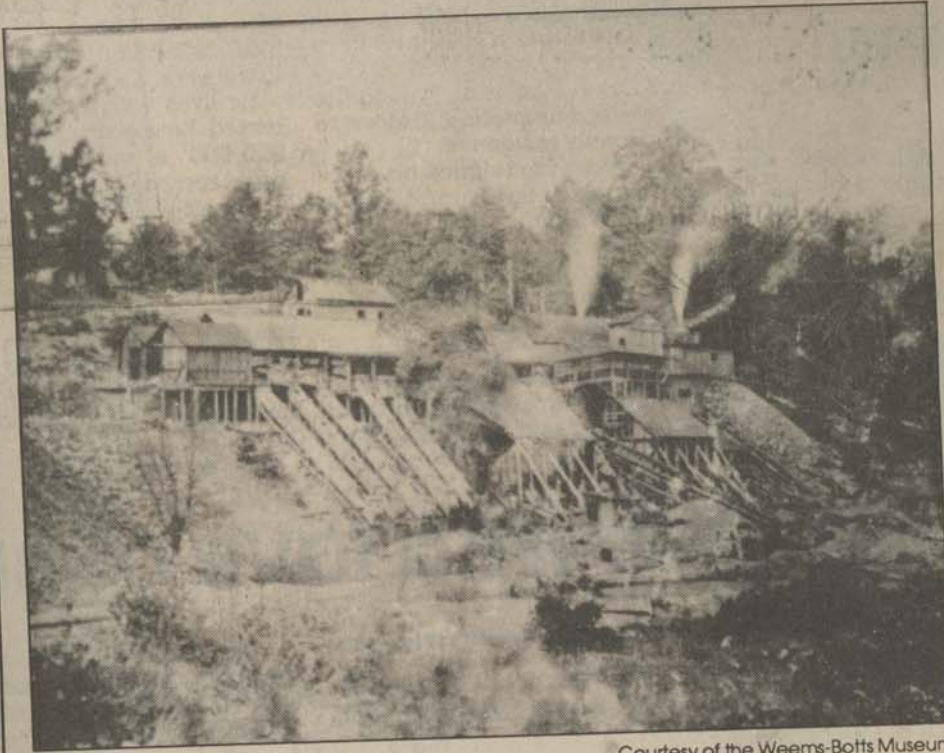


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Backward glance



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DIGGING FOR GOLD. Things were going full steam ahead at the Cabin Branch Mine near Dumfries in this photograph taken between 1917 and 1919. The mine, which opened in the late 1800s, was located on the Quantico Creek. Miners there dug for pyrite, better known as fool's gold, a mineral that was used in making sulfuric acid. Only the foundations remain. The shafts were closed for safety reasons years ago.