

# DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – MICHIGAN STATE POLICE POST – IRON MOUNTAIN

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## WORK ON POLICE BARRACKS TO BE STARTED MONDAY

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**Structures Will Be Located On Site Donated By City**

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Work on the construction of the new state police barracks for the Iron Mountain detachment, to be situated in part of the area designated as the North Side park, near the north city limits, will be started Monday, it was announced today by sixth district WPA officials. Only a small crew will be used at the start of the project.

The project is estimated at \$15,000, and approval of the site offered some time ago by the city was given early in November by **Oscar G. Olander**, state commissioner of public safety. Olander and **Captain O.E. Demaray**, of Marquette, the latter commander of the upper peninsula state police detachment, came here to inspect the site and also conferred with **Sergeant A.J. Hardon**, in command of the **Iron Mountain post**.

When news of the probable construction project was received here some time ago the Iron Mountain city council took prompt action in offering the site. The project will include the barracks, comprising an office, waiting room and sleeping quarters for the men, and a garage.

**May Start Hatchery Soon**

There was also some indication today that work on the **pike hatchery at Twin Falls, recently approved and allotted by the WPA**, will begin in the near future. Sponsored by the county and planned for several months, the project has been pushed by **Harold Eskil**, chairman of the county board, and other officials.

The site at the Menominee river has been donated by the Wisconsin Michigan Power company, which will also grant free water for the hatchery. An elaborate plan of architecture for the building has been drawn up and it is predicted that the hatchery will be one of the most attractive in the state. State officials have declared the site ideal.

Further improvement of the area about the hatchery site is also being planned by the county, including the cleaning up of several small islands and linking them with suspension bridges for the use of residents and tourists.

### **Expect All Back In Delta**

There were no developments today in the WPA strike situation at Delta county, it was stated. About 700 men were at work yesterday out of 1,140 who walked out, and indications were this morning that the remainder will report on their jobs Monday morning.

**A.T. Sweet**, sixth district director, is in Lansing this week conferring with WPA officials on the progress of the work in the district so far, and the prospects for more projects if developments here warrant.

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## WORK ON POLICE POST BARRACKS

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## IS BEGUN TODAY

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### **Supervisors Have Been Assigned to WPA Projects**

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Work on two new WPA projects in Dickinson county – the **pike hatchery at Twin Falls** and the **state police barracks** near the north city limits of Iron Mountain – was begun this morning.

**James Estabrook**, of Kingsford, was named **supervisor for the state conservation department on the hatchery project**, and **Louis Posti**, of this city, **supervisor for the WPA on both the hatchery and police barracks**.

Explaining the hatchery supervision, officials pointed out that while the project was sought by Dickinson county some time ago it was sponsored, technically, by the state conservation department.

#### **Have Experience**

Estabrook was foreman for the recently completed **ERA work-relief project at the court house and jail**, which included the **construction of a wing connecting the two buildings, redecoration throughout, building new vaults in the basement of the county building, improvements to the heating system, building of an inside, underground coal bin and other construction**.

Until recently **Posti** was a **contractor foreman on the new Iron Mountain postoffice [sic – post office]**.

WPA officials today were unable to state just how many men the two projects will accommodate, depending largely on how many are still available through the national reemployment service. Maximum crews

will be carried, however, to speed up the work.

**A.T. Sweet**, sixth district director, returned yesterday from a conference with state officials at Lansing. Favorable reports have been received of the progress of the work through the state, he said.

**Today all but a few of the 1,140 men who quit their WPA jobs at Delta county, had returned, it was said, and it is believed the strike movement there is permanently broken.**