

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

October 13, 1960

The Crystal Falls Schools have reported a decrease in enrollment of 12 students over last year. Superintendent, K.W. Schulze has report enrollment of 947 down from 959 last year. Breakdown: Kindergarten (70), First grade (84), Second (86), Third (75), Fourth (73), Fifth (92), Sixth (74), Seventh (71), Eighth (76), Ninth (72), Tenth (58), Eleventh (60) and Twelfth (56)

The mystery of an unidentified large balloon that was observed over Fortune Lake last week has been solved. An Indiana couple reported to the Diamond Drill that the object had several small objects attached by parachutes which released drifted to the Northeast. Frank Phelan has reported that the balloon was actually a weather balloon, inflated with two million cubic feet of gas, sent aloft at Sioux Falls, South Dakota with instruments to make testing of ultraviolet and gamma rays in the stratosphere. The high tech balloon was tracked by a Cessna airplane and followed on the ground by a truck before crashing to earth in a swamp close to the Phelan Resort near the Way Dam backwaters in Mansfield Township.