

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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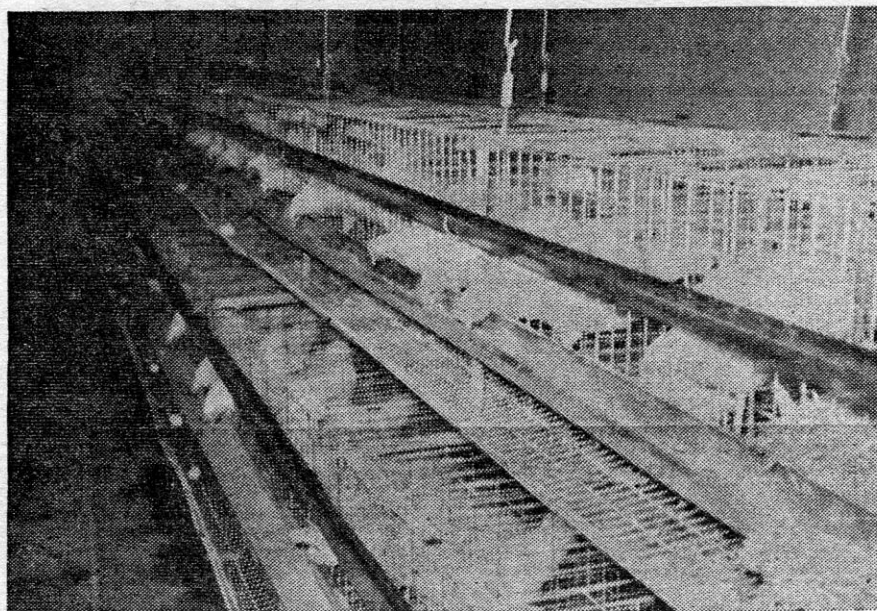
Efforts of the Louis Bowman Post, American Legion to reopen the closed Delft Theatre (304 Superior) as a theater and part time civic center have been halted. The Legion was unable to come to a lease agreement with the estate of E.J. Bregger, current owners of the property. A cash deal involving a price of \$30,000 was the only offer that the Bregger Estate would consider. The Delft Theater opened in December 1947 and closed in June 1957. The location has been used as a theater since the Gem Theatre opened in 1915 (1915-1925), followed by the EJay Theater (1927-1944). The building had been extensively remodeled with the opening of the Delft Theater.

Bill and Doris Honkala have opened an "Egg Ranch" on the property they purchased in June known as the Penttila Farm, East of Long Lake and Northwest of Fortune Lake. The business has been started with 500 laying hens which will be housed in a completely remodeled barn with hopes of increasing the flock to 1,000 hens in the future with each bird laying one egg per day under strictly controlled conditions.





STREET SCENE CRYSTAL FALLS, MICH. 1934



EGG RANCH OPENED—"Cluck", "Cluck" go the hens as grade "A" eggs drop into a trough in assembly line fashion at the Egg Ranch owned and recently put into operation by a Crystal Falls couple, Mr. and Mrs. William Honkala. As the picture demonstrates, each layer is individually penned, and does nothing for 18 months but lay an average of one egg a day, eat, and sleep. At the end of that time, she is replaced by another young and ambitious layer who carries on production. The laying house pictured above is one of two barns on what was formerly the Penttila farm. The couple plans to expand as the demand for the eggs increases.