

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

July 30, 1926

The cottages on the south side of Fortune Lake are rejoicing because of the fact that electricity is now available. An electric line was connected to the area from the Crystal Falls City wires at Idlewild last week.

John Baird, Director of the Michigan Conservation Department along with many of his staff, held a meeting in Crystal Falls to listen to area residents concerns. The major subject of concern was the problem with the beaver population. Iron County has more beavers than any other County in Michigan. Concerned sportsmen, loggers and land owners complained about the ruination of timber and farm land plus the spoiling of streams by beaver dams brought about by the recent closing of the beaver trapping season.

Alpha has instituted a new system for the impounding of cows. The pond master shall drive cows away from the village and if any cattle are found at large at night (8PM – 8AM), they will be impounded and the owner will be charged 50 cents for their retrieval.