Diamond Drill
Out of the Past

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All operations at the Book Mine, located northeast of Alpha, have been halted by a fire that completely destroyed the engine house and dry building. Upwards of 100 miners will be out of work as a result of the fire. Jack Kirkpatrick, superintendent for the North Range Mining Co. does not know when construction on replacement of the buildings will begin. The mine began operations in 1942 and has shipped 1.3 million tons of ore since opening.

The Economy Grocery Store (15 N. Third Street) operated by Mr. and Mrs. Orin Martin for the past 10 years has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Colcleaugh. The Colcleaugh couple, who came to Crystal Falls from Channing 13 years ago have two sons and will make their home in the rear of the store building.

Alfred "Freddie" Sartori has purchased the Spa Bar (133 Superior) from Felix "Butch" and Viola Andrizzi who acquired the property in October 1948 from Guido Alipandrini. Freddie has been associated for 11 years with his brother George in the operation of "Georgie's Bar "(317 Superior).