

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

May 26, 1976

Robert (32) and Elizabeth (26) Francisco, natives of Port Huron, Michigan have purchased the Amasa Hotel and Bar from Lee and Mary Stebbins. For the past eight years the couple has been visiting the area at his parents Mr. and Mrs. William Francisco 80 acres in Balsam. The building and business is almost as old as Amasa itself with every nook and cranny of it capable of telling an interesting story of the place, many of which would be inappropriate to appear in history books.

Melvin Johnson (44) has been selected Farmer of the Year by the Iron County Fair Association. The Mansfield Township potato farmer has 350 acres of land under cultivation plus an additional 150 acres which is not cleared and raises 120 acres of foundation and certified Russet Burbank potatoes each year. Johnson has been farming all his life starting on their family farm just across the County line in Dickinson County beginning to specialize in potatoes 1956. Along with his wife Elaine, several generations of the Johnson Family are involved in the farming business.

Congratulations—

Bob and Betty Francisco



New Owners of the

AMASA HOTEL BAR

