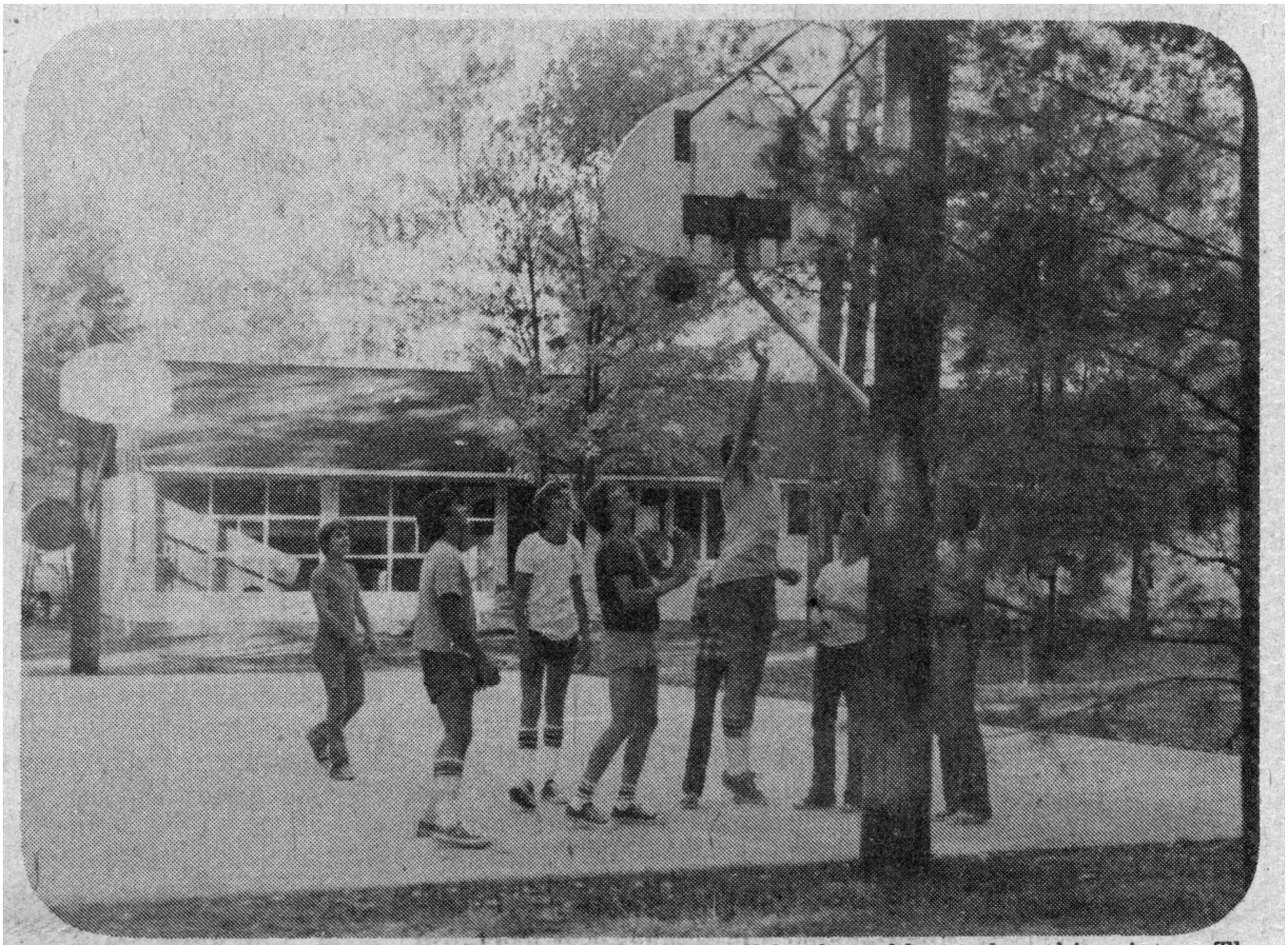
Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

October 13, 1976

Earl Martin is doing his part to foster increased interest in area basketball by constructing an almost full-sized outdoor court behind his home in the Lind District (211 Lind Rd.). The playing surface is a 6" concrete slab complete with backboards at both ends and is about the size of the Crystal Falls High School little gym remembered fondly by area people in the building constructed in 1906 that was demolished in 1971.

John T. Markus has been appointed the new Iron County Extension Director replacing Jim Thewes who accepted a similar position in Gladwin County, Michigan. Markus received his B.S. Degree in agriculture from the University of Wisconsin in 1969 and since 1972 has been Extension Agent and 4-H agent in Iron County, Wisconsin. His duties include further development of Michigan State University Extension programs in agriculture, marketing, natural resources, public policy, 4-H and family living as they pertain to Iron County. John and his wife Judy reside in Bates Township.



EARL MARTIN of the Lind District is doing his part to foster increased interest in basketball in the area, evidenced by the almost full-sized outdoor court he constructed this summer behind his home. Earl says the concrete slab playing surface is six inches thick and because of the careful preparation of the base, and an abundance of steel mesh used in the project, he expects it should hold up well in the cold weather this winter. The court which is complete with backboards at both ends, is about the size of the old Forest Park gym. Earl was concerned because not too many kids had been using the facility, but last Saturday afternoon he was pleased to see a full scale invasion of basketball hopefuls on hand for a spirited workout.

New Extension Director Named



John J. Markus

John J. Markus has been appointed the new Iron County Extension director, effective October 1, 1976. He replaces Jim Thews, who is now Extension director for Gladwin County.

Markus received his bachelor of science in agriculture from the University of Wisconsin in 1969. Since 1972 he has been the Extension agricultural agent and 4-H youth agent in Iron County, Wisconsin.

His duties will include further development of MSU Extension programs in agriculture, marketing, natural resources, public policy, 4-H and family living as they pertain to Iron County.

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