

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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“Butts” Davis tries to retire a third time. Robert “Butts” Davis, 66, of Alpha has retired for the third time. Davis, who for the past eight years has been employed as a member of the Iron County Equalization Department staff retired at the end of December. His tenure with the County followed a short 18 month stint with United Appraisal Company which in turn followed 17 years with Republic Steel. Davis was time clerk and for a time chief clerk at the Republic Steel Company’s Tobin Mine when in 1963 after off and on operations that began in 1958 the property was closed for good. No sooner had Davis “retired” the work load at Equalization Department stepped up again and by last week he was back on the job for “a few days a week”.

Ray West, who along with his wife Marlene operate West’s Variety Store (328 Superior) has accepted a traveling sales position for Upper Peninsula and northern Wisconsin region representing the Heyman Corporation of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Heyman distributes the famous Buster Brown line of children’s clothing and Hanes underwear among other items.