

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Mrs. Russell Anderson has opened her new women's apparel store, Irene's Dress Shoppe (61 Superior) at the southeast corner of Superior Avenue and First Street. The former Irene Sulasalmi has designed and decorated the space with original and modern themes. The new business will offer a complete line of dresses in all price ranges, as well as blouses, handbags, costume jewelry, lingerie and fancywork, including aprons, handkerchiefs, hot pads, dollies and so on. The Anderson's along with their son Dennis, have living quarters upstairs of the store. Russell is employed at the Wauseca Mine in Iron River. The property has been the location for various barber shops dating back to Dan Davison's in 1891 and Mike Stanko who operated there from 1924 to 1948 before moving across the street to 58 Superior. It also was the site of the Railway Express Agency from 1929 to 1944. Emil Bicigo also briefly had his Shoe Shop there in 1907 before relocating to 40 Superior Avenue.