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Chester Fabbri has announced that he has purchased the business and equipment of veteran Crystal Falls barber Willard Tromblay. Chet, a 1953 graduate of Crystal Falls High School with two years of service in the Army, graduated from the Flint Institute of Barbering in 1957 and operated his own barber shop in Houghton which he will lease to another barber. "Chet's Barber Shop" is located behind the Flood's Supply Building (11 S. Third) in a small building fondly remembered as the longtime location of Yep Jay's Chinese laundry. Willard Tromblay began his barber career in 1908 working in various "tonsorial parlors" on Superior Avenue before opening his own shop in the basement of the Crystal Inn (400 Superior) in 1946 then moving to the South Third Street location in 1959. Along with his wife the former Faye Willman, the couple has three children Robin, Tina and Jim and will make their home in the James Dal Lago residence of West Forest Avenue.