

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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The Cloverland Contracting Company, which has grown by leaps and bounds since it was established in Iron River two years ago, has leased the former United Shoe Last building at the bottom of Superior Avenue. The 60' x 80' two story structure will serve as a plant and sheet metal shop according to Lyle Boyd, president of the Cloverland firm. Formed two years ago when Boyd and several of his specialists came to Iron County from Kansas City the company does electrical, plumbing, HVAC and allied services nationwide. The company for the time being will maintain their offices in the lower level of the Masonic Temple building in downtown Iron River. Constructed in 1922 the building was first used by the United Shoe Last Company who manufactured hardwood shoe lasts used in the production of shoes and boots. In 1937 the buildings and 19 acres of surrounding property were purchased by Herman Holmes who used the buildings as warehouses for his construction equipment.