

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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The Bewabic Park Wigwam located on Fortune Lake west of Crystal Falls was reduced to a pile of rubble by a prison labor crew of the Department of Natural Resources. The landmark structure was constructed in 1933 by the Civil Works Administration (CWA), predecessor of the Federal Government's depression era agency Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) which created millions of manual labor jobs for unemployed workers. The large open sided building was constructed of unpeeled native cedar logs sporting a massive roof of hand-made shakes with "Wigwam" spelled out in cedar log letters along the pinnacle of the roof. With the passage of time the building became structurally unsound and despite repair efforts in recent years it was a losing battle having become a safety hazard and had to be replaced. Part of the past will be preserved by the saving of the huge fieldstone fireplace which will be included in a replacement structure of comparable size to be erected on the same site in the near future.





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