

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Donald Boulanger, manual arts instructor in the Crystal Falls Schools has been appointed chief observer for the local ground observation service. The Michigan Civilian Defense Organization and the Air Force's Eastern Air Defense have established an all-volunteer observer corps in case of an emergency civilian defense event. The "Spotters" will be stationed in the cupola atop the Crystal Falls High School building. The program is reminiscent of the World War II era program in which many locals volunteered their service as "Spotters".

The Crystal Falls Municipal Hospital has reported 129 births for the year 1950 (62 males & 67 females). The smallest infant born was a boy who weighed in at 3 pounds 15 ounces and the largest was a male weighing 10 pounds 5 ounces. Of the 129 mothers, 59 were from the City of Crystal Falls, Crystal Falls Township (18), Amasa (9), Alpha (8) Sagola/Channing (19) and Florence (16). A total of 1,052 births have been recorded at the hospital since it was formerly opened in 1939.