

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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A recent decision by the Standard Oil Company has resulted in the formation of a single distributorship for Crystal Falls and the surrounding area. Servicing the new route will be Ernest "Ticker" Preto who has been the distributor for the Company since July 1951 when he assumed the bulk dealership from Ed Bloomberg. With the closing of the Warner and Book mines, Leonard Gardner who served the Alpha and Amasa area since 1949, taking over the route from Russell Lein, will be transferred to the Standard Oil distributorship in Republic. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, along with sons Ralph (9) and Rodney (5) intend to move to Republic as soon as suitable housing can be found. Arrangements for the sale of their home in the Western Location are complete.

The Michigan State Highway Department has denied a request from the City of Crystal Falls to widen Crystal Avenue to a four-lane highway from Fifth Street to the City limits. In justifying their decision, department officials stated that a recent traffic count showed only about 2,000 cars per day use the thoroughfare, 50% below the minimum requirement for a four-lane highway.