

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

April 20, 1961

Pat Robinson (46), a veteran Michigan Department of Conservation Fire Officer from Escanaba, began duties at the Crystal Falls District filling a vacancy created by the transfer of Frank Reed to Bay City. Robinson, married and the father of four children, Judy (21), Bill (20), Dick (19) and Cheryl (8), will establish residence here when schools recess in June. The new district officer has been with the Conservation Department for the past 23 years. He has been in Escanaba for the past three years, assigned there after 20 years in Baldwin, Michigan area as a National Forest Service lookout and fire dispatcher in charge of fire control at the Huron National Forest. Robinson was born in Boyne City, Michigan and graduated from Pellston High School in 1933.

The Francis Drake barn in Mansfield Township was completely destroyed by fire causing an estimated \$4,000 in damage. The 60'x30' building housed an almost new combine along with several thousand board feet of lumber which Drake had intended to use to build a new building on the farm.