

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

April 30, 1959

Charles Setagord was named Crystal Falls City Police Chief, the post made vacant with the recent death of Frank Carlson who had held the position for the past 25 years. Setagord was hired to the City police force in December 1956 and will receive a salary of \$320 per month. The City Commission also hired Silvio Parochelli to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Setagord. Parochelli (40), a lifelong resident of Crystal Falls served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theatre during World War II and along with his wife Mayme (Cousineau) are parents of a son and two daughters. He joins Bay Fabbri and Bill Jacobson as patrolmen on the City's police department.

A forest fire, started from exhaust sparks of a Chicago and Northwestern diesel locomotive, raged uncontrolled for seven hours on the Panola plains, four miles south of Crystal Falls consuming 770 acres of wood and grassland before being brought under control. The fire started near where the railroad tracks cross Highway US-2. The fire's path almost completely burned a Michigan Conservation Department tree plantation consisting of rows of evenly spaced pines planted seven years ago.