

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

November 30, 1950

Trappers took 62 predatory animals in Iron County during the month of October according to the Michigan Department of Conservation. The total included 2 wolves, 47 coyotes and 13 bobcats. There were 547 predatory animals taken in the Upper Peninsula during October bringing the total for 1950 to 3,123 compared to 2,775 in 1949.

With a general snowfall ending the Upper Peninsula's forest fire season, the Michigan Conservation Department has reported a total of only 203 fires which burned 532 acres in 1950 one of the lowest totals in recent history. Major factors contributing to low totals include frequent rains and comparatively cool temperatures throughout the summer, the use of modern equipment methods to keep the fires small and local media informing the public as to the dangers and prevention of forest fires. Records show that back in the early years over 500,000 acres were burned every year.

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