Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Approximately 120 students in the Crystal Falls Schools are enrolled in a Michigan Conservation Department sponsored gun safety program. The four week course being taught by Crystal Falls Physical Education teacher Wallace Hirsch, provides the basics in gun safety and instruction in the laws that control hunting in the State of Michigan. Alpha and Amasa Schools have also offered the same course.

The exotic looking gentlemen billed as the "The Great Merlin" entertained in a two hour comedy and mystery stage show at the Crystal Falls City Hall Auditorium under the auspices of the Crystal Falls Lions Club. The showman built his show around his power to hypnotize audience members with the addition of several magic acts featuring the Houdini box escape, giant guillotine and many others. Hypnotized persons became intoxicated after drinking a glass of water, ate an onion believing it to be a peach and feeling the temperature change from below zero to 120 degrees.