

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Warren Podolske, president of Milwaukee Metal Products (1E Superior) has confirmed that the Crystal Falls branch plant of the company would be closed in September. The Milwaukee based company began operations in 1967 at the old Cloverland Metal building on lower Superior Avenue with Richard Gervenak as manager. At its peak the business employed 25 people but a recent decline in new orders and the increase in hauling and shipping costs the decision was made to consolidate production to their Milwaukee Plant which is only currently operating at half capacity.

A number of changes will take place at the Crystal Manor (400 Superior) during the next six months. The major change will be a reclassification of the Manor's license from partially skilled to a complete Intermediate Care Facility. Due to more stringent State and Federal regulations which if imposed will bring demands for modifications and changes to the three story building making it impossible to continue as a skilled nursing care facility. The Manor, opened in March 1965 in the former Crystal Inn building, is operated as a non-profit nursing and retirement home by the Lutheran Hospitals and Homes Society of Fargo, North Dakota.