

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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John Force, a recent graduate of Michigan Technological University, has joined the Keweenaw Land Association field staff in Crystal Falls. Force joins Keith Montambo manager of the local office for the Boston-based land company along with James Gurchinoff and Mrs. Lucy Mattson in offices located on the upper floor of the First National Bank Building (305 Superior). Force is a native of South Haven, Michigan who served in the United States Air Force, advancing to rank of Captain and earned a degree in political science at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois before deciding to pursue a career in forestry. His work involves conservation, timber harvests and reforestation practices for Keweenaw's considerable land holdings in the Upper Peninsula obtained from a 400,000 acre land grant that the Federal Government gave to the Portage Lake & Superior Ship- Canal Company for construction of the Portage ship canal across the Keweenaw Peninsula after the Civil War.