

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Joseph Lada and son Calvin, who have operated the Red Owl Grocery Store at 5 S. Fourth Street in the rear of the Gambles Store, will move their business to 700 Crystal Avenue, former site of the LaBay Jewelers store. The building located on the Northwest corner of Crystal Avenue and High Street will be completely remodeled with ample parking space provided off the heavily travelled Highway US-2. The upstairs of the structure will be rented out as an apartment. The Lada family has been in the grocery business in Crystal Falls at various locations along Superior Avenue since Sam Lada established his first store in the 1890's.

Gambles Store (337 Superior) will enlarge their store and offer new merchandise according to manager Ed Leismer. With the recent move by the Lada Grocery business from the rear of the existing structure a new archway will be cut between the two areas. The hardware, plumbing and automotive lines will be installed in the newly remodeled section. The structure had long been the home of the Crystal Falls Co-Op store before the Gambles Agency moved to the location in 1944.