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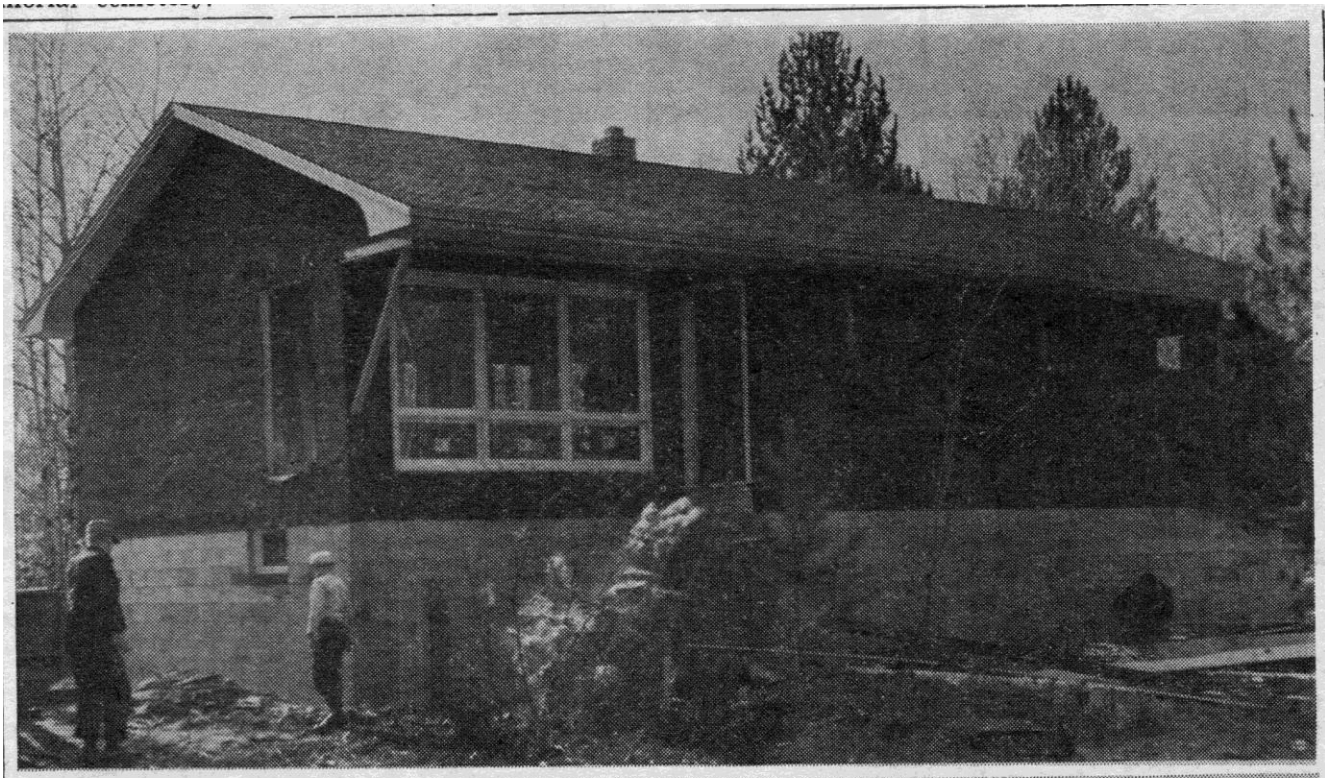
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John T. “Joe” Reuss, was honored at a retirement dinner given in his honor marking 41 years of service with the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. Reuss began his employment with the Telephone Company in August 1920 stationed in Menominee, Michigan and traveling the entire Upper Peninsula working on a construction crew. Reuss came to Crystal Falls in May of 1934 when the local Bell serviced on 420 subscribers as compared to today’s total of 1,700. Joe says “I’ve seen a lot of changes having several different jobs and enjoyed all of it”. Sharing the honors with Joe were his wife Violet and five children, Lowell, Mrs. Carol Locowitz, Robert, Richard and Charlene.

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DO-IT-YOURSELF — Wilfred Eckola, a shop foreman for Cloverland Metal Fabricators, and Vic Kivimaki, an employee of the Inland Steel Company at the Bristol mine, have plenty to keep them occupied in their spare time. The two do-it-yourself home builders decided late this summer to get something going on lots they owned in the Lind district. Above are pictoral reports of progress made up to last weekend. The home at the top is Eckola's. The basement of blocks and the framing and rough carpentry was done by experienced tradesmen. The house is just about to the point now where Eckola will take over and complete the job. The larger home on the bottom was taken on from the bottom up by Kivimaki, who late in the summer got a group of friends together to put in the foundation, and with the help of relatives and friends has advanced to the point where he will be able to continue inside all winter. All the lumber used in the construction was logged by Kivimaki and hauled to the Amasa Lumber company mill where it was sawed and planed to the proper demensions. (Drill Photos)