

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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A population decline of 3,620 in Iron County's population since 1940 has been reported by the Michigan Department of Health. The 1947 population is estimated at 16,623 as compared to the 1940 total of 20,243. Similar losses are reported in most of the Upper Peninsula Counties with the 1947 U.P. population estimated at 292,123 versus 323,544 in 1940 a decline of 31,421. For the entire State of Michigan it is estimate that the population has grown from 5,258,106 in 1940 to 6,069,000 in 1947.

An Alpha young man, Chester Polivka, this week became an associate of Richard "Dickie" Walsh at his "sub-surface" barber shop located at 221 Superior between the Crystal Bakery and Nettell's Dairy Bar. "Dickie" is an institution in Crystal Falls beginning his barbering career in 1904 when he was 17 years old after graduating from barber school in Milwaukee. He was employed at various "Tonsorial Parlors" in several locations on Superior Avenue before establishing his own business.

The following table shows estimated population for 1947 of Upper Peninsula counties compared to actual 1940 Census Bureau records:

	1947	1940
Alger	9,864	10,167
Baraga	8,427	9,356
Chippewa	29,912	27,807
Delta	31,772	34,037
Dickinson	23,368	28,781
Gogebic	25,791	32,797
Houghton	39,153	47,631
Iron	16,633	20,243
Keweenaw	3,288	4,004
Luce	8,522	7,423
Mackinac	7,659	9,438
Marquette	45,204	47,144
Menominee	22,336	24,883
Ontonagon	10,771	11,359
Schoolcraft	9,412	9,524
Totals	292,123	323,544
