

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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With two dissenting votes the Crystal Falls School Board approved a motion to return to existence the practice of using school busses to transport students to and from athletic contests. The program will require payment by the students of the bus driver's salary for overtime work as well as for gasoline. The Michigan Department of Public Instruction forbids the use of school busses for transportation of school children to anything but out-of-town conferences dealing directly with education.

A floating tunnel across the Straits of Mackinac is practical according to a University of Michigan Professor of Engineering. Although a floating tunnel has never been constructed all engineering techniques needed for structure have been used in the ship building field. The engineer stated that a Chicago Tank Construction Company had offered to build such a tunnel across the straits in 1935 at a cost of \$20,000 compared to an estimated cost of \$32,000 to construct a bridge. The "tube" was to have been 50 feet under the surface of the water to permit safe passage of ships overhead.