

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Approximately 40 members of the Crystal Falls School staff attended a retirement dinner held at the Crystal Inn (400 Superior) for Mrs. Sophie Cummings who retired last week after 29 years as clerk in the Forest Park Elementary principal's office.

The Michigan Conservation Department's year-end summary mentions new records in some activities, setbacks in others and reflects once again the squeeze of Michigan's increasing population on the natural resources of the State. Attendance at state parks spiraled to 18.9 million, 2.3 million hunters and fishermen enjoyed the state's woods and waters, combined state and federal funds enabled the Department to add more than 13,000 acres of land for public use, added 20 public fishing sites boosting the state's total to 740. Deer hunters, estimated at more than 450,000 strong harvested 111,000 whitetails during the regular and special firearm seasons, the best since 1952. Meanwhile, hunters bagged about 450,000 ruffed grouse as these cyclic birds made an appreciable comeback in their numbers. Legislative action also removed the wolf bounty in an effort to preserve the state's waning wolf population now estimated at 25 -50 animals.