Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

October 27, 1976

One of the area's most popular "watering holes", Red's Bar (101 Superior) was totally destroyed by fire early last Wednesday morning. The Crystal Falls Fire Department arrived on the scene at 6AM and battled the blaze for the better part of a day. Joseph "Red" Janov has owned the business since July 1960 which he purchased from the Zdravecky Family who operated the tavern from 1936, then called the White Front Tavern, changed to Billy "Z's" Bar in 1954. The property location has a long history dating back to 1888 when it was used as a series of bakeries (aka Red Front Building) then through the years became the Washington Meat Market (1892), Sam Lada Grocery (1899), Bittner Saloon (1913), A&P Grocery (1919), Tufts White Front Cash & Carry Grocery (1922) before being named the White Front Restaurant & Tavern. In spite of some remodeling over the recent years the interior has maintained most of its frontier flavor especially the irreplaceable antique back bar. Oh if those walls could talk!!!



The Pesky Fire Resisted Attempts From All Quarters



The Antique Bar Is Ruined