

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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A recent inspection by Michigan Department of Public Instruction has concluded that the Forest Park Grade School building, constructed in 1912, with some remodeling is adequate to house the entire educational program of the school district of Crystal Falls grades K – 12. The existing High School building opened in 1906, is a wood framed brick veneered structure which has only been partially used for the past few years and will need extensive remodeling to electrical, plumbing, structural framing and stairways before students can again use the facility. The Forest Park building is a steel framed structure with brick veneer and will need modernization including updating the electrical and mechanical systems plus the rearrangement of room partitions to accommodate the entire school enrollment. The decline in population mainly due to the closing of area mines reflects the decrease in school enrollment from 1,587 in 1920 to 827 at the present time. Note: The High School building was reoccupied by students in May 1953.