

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

February 20, 1974

Although weather conditions were ideal, participation by racing enthusiasts was less than anticipated at the East Side Veterans' Council Vacationland Snowmobile Derby held near Camp Christine at Lake Mary partially due to the fact of another race held on the same weekend in the West Iron County area. Racing in the various heats run on the oval track amounted to one on one contests between pairs of riders in most cases. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources groomed 13-mile cross country race course west and south of Lake Mary proved challenging. Robbi Stachowicz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stachowicz of Alpha was selected Derby Queen having sold the most booster tickets in a competition against Tammy Klima, Lori McGregor and Becky Olson. The Saturday night "Derby Dance" held at the Camp Christine Hall attracted a large crowd.

The high cost of living has hit the ladies of St. Edward's Church of Alpha. The volunteers who make and sell pasties to support the church have had to raise the price of their pasties. Previously you could have them delivered to your door anywhere in the East Iron County area for only 65 cents but now the price has been increased to 75 cents.



**NAMED DERBY QUEEN**—Robbi Stachowicz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stachowicz, Alpha, is this year's Vacationland Snowmobile Derby Queen. She was sponsored by the Alpha-Mastodon VFW post, and competed for the honor against Tammy Klima, Becky Olson, and Lori McGregor. She succeeds Barbara Benson, of Bates, as the Derby's reigning royalty.