

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Robert Shemky, 26 year old son Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shemky, one of the most outstanding athletes from the Crystal Falls area, has been hired as athletic director, football, basketball and baseball coach at Westburg School in Westburg, Long Island, New York. "Dibber" a 1940 graduate of Crystal Falls High School where he lettered in football, basketball and tennis winning both all U.P. and all State honors in football and basketball. He was also an outstanding centerfielder for the Crystal Falls independent baseball team beginning at the age of 16. He enrolled at the University of Michigan and played both football and basketball until he was drafted in 1943 and served three years in the Armed Forces stationed in the South Pacific where he played with several outstanding service teams. Discharged in 1946 he again enrolled at the University of Michigan, then the Detroit Law School for one year before returning to the University of Michigan where he will receive his master's degree at commencement exercises on May 27th. (Note: Member of the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame - Class of 1991)