

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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The Crystal Falls City water tank, located behind the Iron County Courthouse, is undergoing major repairs. The 200,000 gallon tank originally erected in 1934 first phase of repairs includes the patching and painting of the interior of the structure. The exterior painting, which will include the words Crystal Falls, Michigan painted on the top of the structure for the convenience of pilots who fly over the area will be started next spring when weather conditions for use of the aluminum paint are appropriate.

Irving Beckwith and Josiah Royce are exploration geologists who in their spare time track down possible uranium deposits in the local area. The United States Government has provided \$10,000 incentive reward for anyone who finds a deposit yielding at least four tons of mineable radio-active ore for fissionable material. The partners have offered a "Geiger Counter" rental service for any sportsman, farmer or landowner who wishes to listen for the tell-tale clicking from the device in reaction from the presence of the atomic element while exploring the rocky terrain.