

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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An impending tragedy was averted last week following an incident at the Paint River Bridge on lower Superior Avenue. A band of excited small children were hanging over the bridge railing and peering into the swift moving waters of the Paint River below. Alerted by a passing motorist, Crystal Falls patrolman Bill Jacobson was summoned and took immediate heroic action when he discovered a victim who must have fallen from the bridge clinging on for dear life on the small island in the river just south of the center of the structure. Without hesitation, Jacobson after retrieving a set of waders from home, braved the rushing waters and retrieved the victim, which he carried to the safety of the shore much to the delight, relief and winning the hearts of the large crowd that had assembled. How the small kitten, barely a week old, ended up on the island will remain a mystery. The homeless kitten has been adopted by the Jacobson Family.