

Diamond Drill

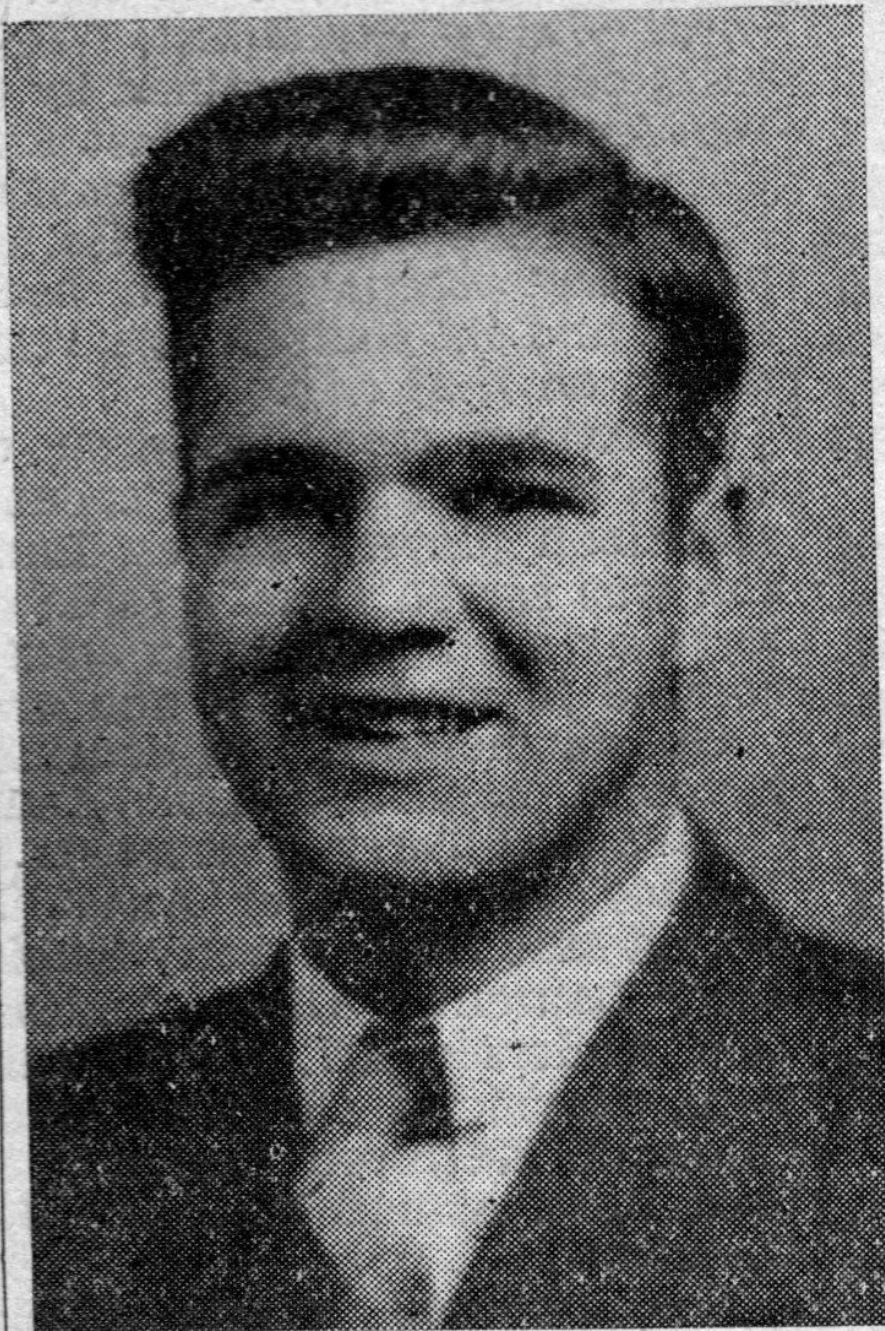
Out of the Past

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A 3,000 horsepower diesel locomotive operated by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad is being tested in the local area. The locomotive, here on an experimental basis, arrived pulling a string of 107 empty railroad cars with an observation car at the tail end. The powerful locomotive, weighing 587,000 pounds with 16 drive wheels of the total 24 wheels and is 91' in length. The locomotive is being given a real workout on the roller-coaster tracks in Iron County and departed for Escanaba with loaded ore cars. The diesel has several advantages over steam engines requiring less maintenance, more fuel efficient and virtually eliminates the spark and smoke nuisance.

Arthur Marinello, Jr., Valedictorian, lead the Alpha High School graduating class of 1949. Art, better known as "Putzie", was a standout athlete participating in basketball, baseball and track. He played guard on the basketball team for four yours and was a member of two Class E State championship teams 1945-46 & 1948-49. "Putzie" has selected business management as his life's career.

VALEDICTORIAN



Arthur Marinello, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marinello, Sr., as the highest ranking senior of the class of '49 holds the title of valedictorian. Following close behind him are Charles Miller, Joyce Forsman and James Anderson.