

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

October 31, 1924

The new road north of Amasa to Covington is now being traveled. It is kind of rough but very good for a new grade. Keep off it in time of rain.

The Alpha Village authorities have decided not to attempt any improvements of the street extending up the hill from the Railroad station to the circle until spring. The street on which a major portion of visitors enter Alpha is also one of the very worse to maintain. Every heavy rain disintegrates the surface and the large rocks exposed have been removed this week so that the street will stand well through the winter. In the meantime Village Officials will get information on the best form of pavement to place upon the road surface.

Practically every business pays a special "assessment" to the State of Michigan for doing business or carrying on his profession. Examples include Barber (\$5 + \$1 annual renewal tax), CPA (\$25), Architect/Engineer (\$20), Attorney (\$15), Chiropractor (\$25), Druggist (\$30) and on and on.