

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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The effects that the hazards and inconvenience of the parallel parking on Superior Avenue which became effective on August 20, 1959 was discussed at a meeting of the Crystal Falls Chamber of Commerce and area businessmen. The businessmen have voiced concerns at the subsequent loss of patronage that has resulted since the widening and resurfacing of the Main Street which eliminated angle parking that has been in effect for many years. Superior Avenue is also designated as Michigan State Highway M69 and State regulations prohibit angle parking on any State Highway due to the safety concerns of vehicles backing into highway traffic lanes. Area motorists adjusted to the new parking situation but with the advent of winter conditions many have avoided the downtown. The parking problems are more serious on the south side of the street where the buildings block the sun and ice and snow buildup make for hazardous conditions. The lack of off street parking availability contributes to the problem.