Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

October 18, 1951

Susie is gone, but it will be a long time before this tame doe deer and her childlike, almost human antics are forgotten by her keepers, the Art Petersons and the host of Mansfield Township residents to whose hearts the woodland creature has endeared itself. It was four years ago last spring that Art Peterson and the lovable female deer became acquainted when he spotted a tiny, spotted fawn on one of his frequent treks in the woods of Mansfield Township. After many repeat visits to observe the frightened starving apparently motherless animal Art and his wife Elsie took charge and nursed "Susie" back to health. Over the last four years the now beautiful doe, decorated with a red ribbon around her neck, enjoyed the freedom of roaming the area with locals observing her activities always returning at night to the shelter of the Peterson's dwelling. Locals remember hearing two shots being fired early Friday morning and evidence of a bloody animal being dragged from the Peterson property and being carted away in a waiting vehicle. Local are "cussing" the scoundrels who perpetrated the dastardly deed and will long cherish the memory of "Susie".



**"Susie"—in front of the Peterson home.**