

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

September 14, 1950

A celebration is planned for the completion of the hard-surfacing of highway US-41 which extends from Miami, Florida to Copper Harbor, Michigan. The last unpaved stretch of 2,008 mile route existed between Alberta to L'Anse. Passing through seven states before entering the Upper Peninsula at Menominee it continues for 279 miles before finally reaching Copper Harbor on the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula.

Michigan State Police Commissioner, Donald Leonard, who is also the State Civil Defense Director, has announced changes in the air raid warning signal sequence. The new sequence provides that a public warning will be given only when an attack is imminent. A 'yellow' alert is given to key civil defense personnel only. A "red" alert is notification to the public that an air raid is imminent and to take shelter and consists of a signal of three minutes duration of either a fluctuating or warbling signal of the siren. The final "white" signal is to inform the public that all is clear and the danger is past featuring a series of three one-minute steady blasts of the siren separated by periods of two minutes of silence.