Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

October 5, 1961

Two dairy cows returning from pasture while in the process of crossing Hwy M-69 in Mansfield Township were killed instantly and a third injured after being struck by an automobile being driven by Douglas Stromberg of Iron River. Stromberg told the Sheriff Department Officers that he saw the cows beginning to cross the highway and lost control of his vehicle in an effort to avoid a collision but hit the animals while still travelling at considerable speed. His car travelled almost 500' from the place where the skid marks first showed that he applied his brakes and continued for 180' after the impact. The front end of Stromberg's 1955 Oldsmobile was completely smashed by the impact. The three dairy animals valued at $250 each were part of a herd owned by Charles Colony who along with his wife was herding his cattle across the highway near his farm. Stromberg pleaded guilty to reckless driving and was fined $10 with $15 court costs in Justice Joe Benda's Court.