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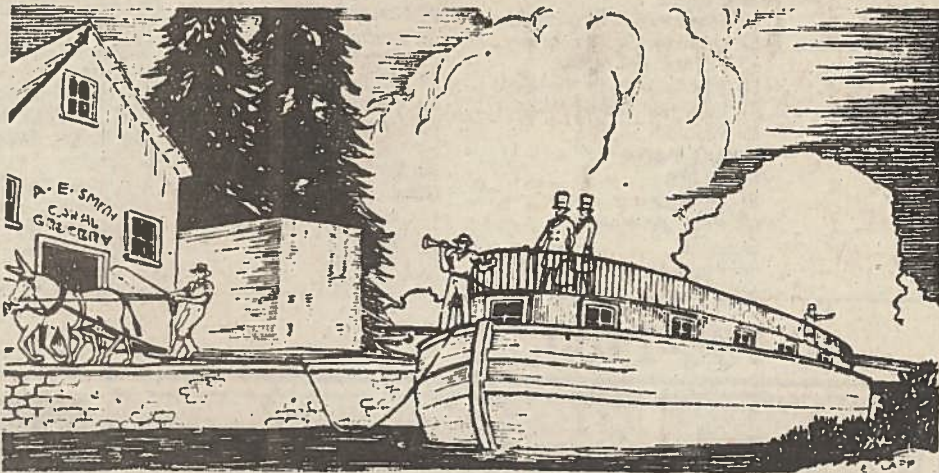
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SOME PIONEER FACTS



In the first years of settlement here, great quantities of whitewood lumber was cut and sold by farmers at \$5.00 per 1000 feet and shipped to Albany.

Hulberton was originally named Scio and was changed to Hulberton in honor of I.H. Hulbert, the first postmaster.

In 1815 a distillery was operated in Clarendon by Joseph Sturges.

The first settler in what is now Holley was Areovester Hamlin, who bought 100 acres and laid out a village. The village was named for Myron Holley, a land commissioner.

The first apple tree in Carlton was planted by Rachel Lovewell in 1809.

Stage coach lines were established in 1816 and operated along the Ridge Road until 1850.

In 1836 South Barre had an iron foundry where agricultural implements were made.

The first settlement in what is now Medina was made around 1812, although a saw mill was built there in 1805.

Between 1864-66 a peat bed of 27 acres was operated in western Barre by an Albion man who sold some 700 tons.

In 1798 Oak Orchard Harbor was known as Tonawanda Bay as it was thus referred to in a letter

written by Aaron Burr.

The Town of Shelby was organized in 1818 and was named for Gov. Shelby of Kentucky.

The first murder ever committed in Barre took place in 1828 on a road named "Murder Lane", northeast of Barre Center. The murderer was sent to prison for life for strangling his brother's wife.

The first newspaper in Orleans County was printed in Gaines in 1824.

The first warehouse in Albion was built by Nehemiah Ingersoll in 1822, the first sawmill by Wm. White in 1816 and the first grist mill by Wm. Bradner, also in 1816.

Rev. Simeon Dutcher, a Baptist preacher in Carlton in 1817 was later expelled from the church because he refused to renounce Masonry.

In 1865 oil wells were dug in Barre and some \$40,000 spent

before the promoters were willing to abandon the idea.

Eagle Harbor was so named because of an eagle's nest which was found in a tree when the canal was surveyed.

The Town of Clarendon was established in 1821 and the first settlers paid \$8.00 to \$10.00 an acre for the land.

Salt was made in Holley in 1814 and in Medina in 1818.

Once the Erie Canal was completed in 1825 it was possible to get between Albany and Buffalo in eight days, when it had taken six weeks over land. Our illustration shows a packet boat being pulled by mules.

NOTICE On Saturday, Sept. 28 several pioneer homes will be open on the Cobblestone Society's Tour of Homes in the Albion area between the hours of 1-5 p.m. Tickets will available that day beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Cobblestone Church in Childs and the Pullman Church in Albion.