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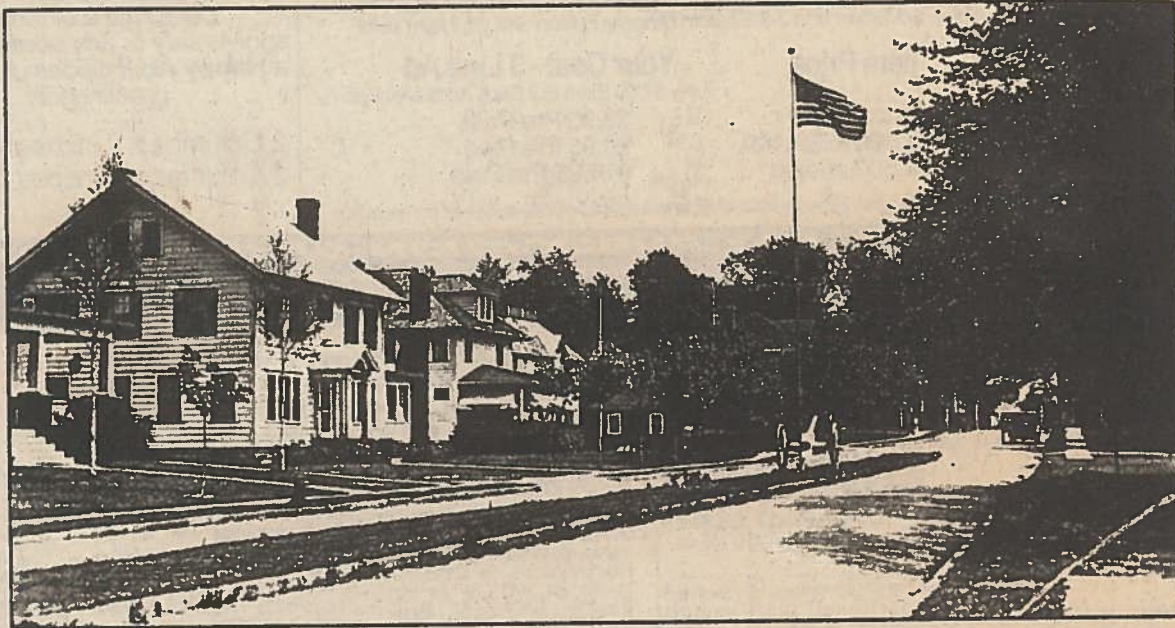
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## HAZARD PARKWAY - CIRCA 1930



Our view seen here, shows Hazard Parkway in Albion around 1930. The picture was taken by Fred Holt looking east toward Main Street. We see three homes on the north side of the street and a mall down the middle of Hazard Parkway. It was one-way traffic on each side of the mall. At the Main Street end large square Medina Sandstone posts and two curved sandstone walls on each side form an entranceway to the street. Two of the posts which narrowed the access and the mall, were removed around forty years ago.

What is particularly interesting about this photo is the canon and flagpole which were located on this mall. The following account handed down by word of mouth about the canon, is rather fascinating. It seems that during the

scrap drive in World War II several individuals hauled the canon down to the huge metal scrap heap on the Court House lawn. Recognizing that this was a significant artifact, several others retrieved or filched it off the scrap pile and secretly stored it in Joe Vagg's Blacksmith Shop at Childs. There, in dismantled form, it remained until after the war effort. Following this, Joe Vagg made new wheels for the carriage and the canon was given a place of prominence at the old veterans plot of Civil War soldiers in Mt. Albion Cemetery where it remains today. Information on the canon states "N.P. Ames Founder, Springfield, Mass. 1841."

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Mt. Albion Cemetery Tour Saturday, October 10- 2:00 P.M.