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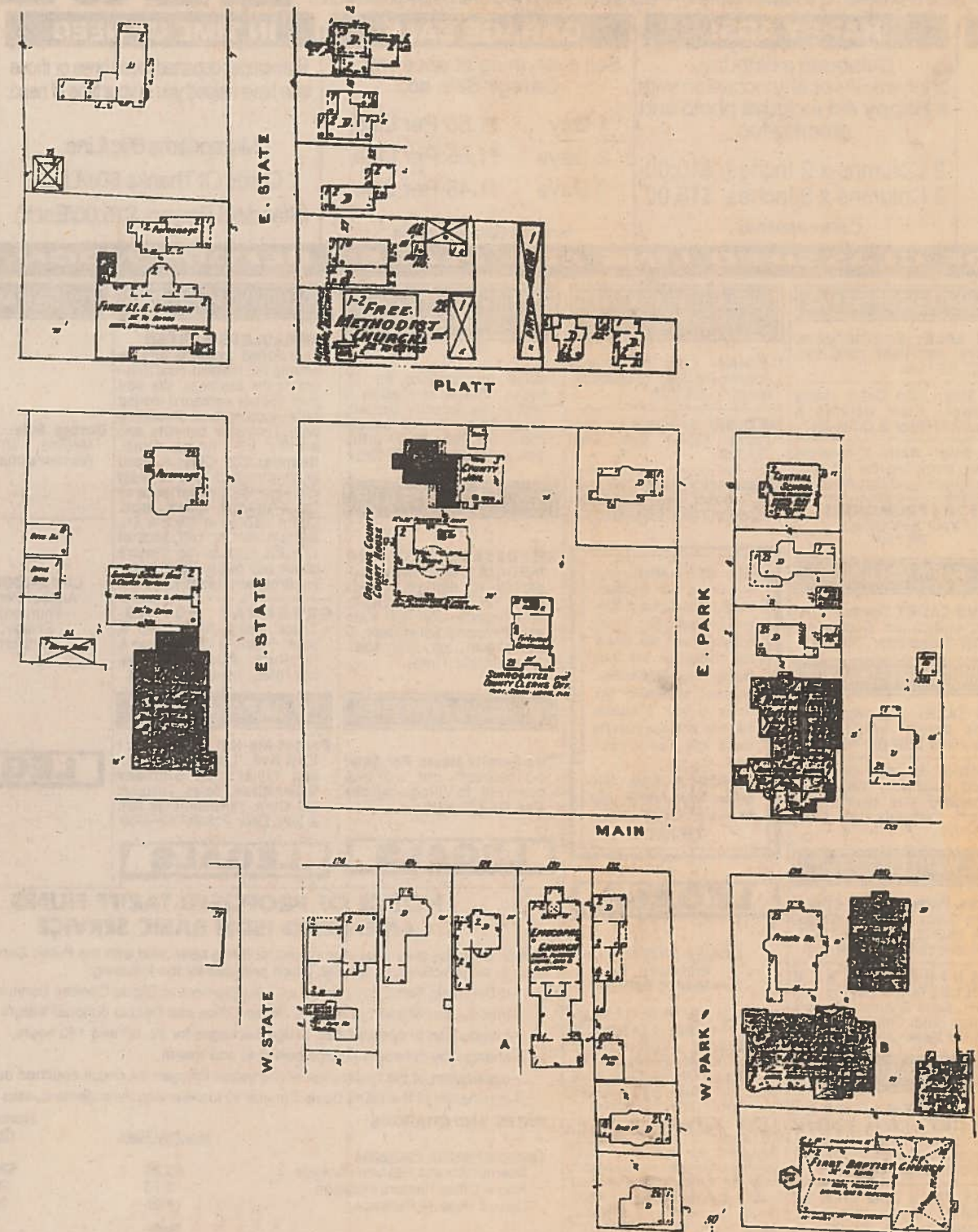
Historic Courthouse District

On Friday, June 11 at 1 p.m. eighth graders from the Albion Middle School through the Learn and Serve America Project, will unveil a kiosk in front of the County Clerk's Office. This dedication ceremony has purposely been planned by the 8th graders as part of Albion's Strawberry Festival. The team of 8th graders who have been involved in the design phase of the kiosk are: Nick Buchanan, Russell West, Chris Landis, Melissa Warren, Rehannon Standish, Learon Newsome, Spencer Neal, Mike Holt, Steve Hicks, Patrick O'Hearn, Demary Klips, Josh Baird, Ryan Lasal, Max Flor, Joe Tardibone, and Bill Jones.

Terri Wood of Lono Wood Art Company has acted as a design consultant on the project. The purpose of the kiosk is to present information about the Historic Court House District which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. The kiosk constructed by Lono Wood Art Co., will include a map and pictures highlighting fourteen historic sites in the district. This will be of great benefit to tourists who visit our area as a way of imparting information about the wonderful architectural features we have in our midst. The kiosk will be highlighted with the statement "Historic Albion."

Local historians Bill Lattin (County) and Neil Johnson (Village of Albion) will conduct a guided walking tour of the Historic Court House District on Friday evening, June 9. The tour will commence at the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. with selections of organ music given by Barbara Boyce of Medina. Mrs. Boyce is organist and music director of St. Peters Lutheran Church in Medina. In other words, the Pullman Church will be the gathering spot for the walking part of the tour which will commence at 7 p.m. The tour will highlight the exteriors of the fourteen outstanding sites ending up in the Court House with a final stop at the kiosk. The tour should finish around 8:15 p.m. As a prelude historians Lattin and Johnson presented a slide program concerning the history and architecture of the Historic Court House District at the Pullman Church during last year's Strawberry Festival.

This year's Learn and Serve



Project has been headed up by Cobblestone Museum. On Mother's Day 16 8th graders acted as hosts and guides at the museum under the direction of Mrs. Sally Grimm, a teacher at the Albion Middle School. I was not only impressed with how well the student performed their tasks, but at how well they felt about themselves after the event ended. A number of 8th graders were also of invaluable service

at the museum this season in yard cleanup. They all did a great job!

I think you will agree that the kiosk is a great addition in promoting our local history and will be a lasting embellishment for years to come from the Class of 2003.

Our illustration of the district is taken from a 1917 underwriter's insurance map.