

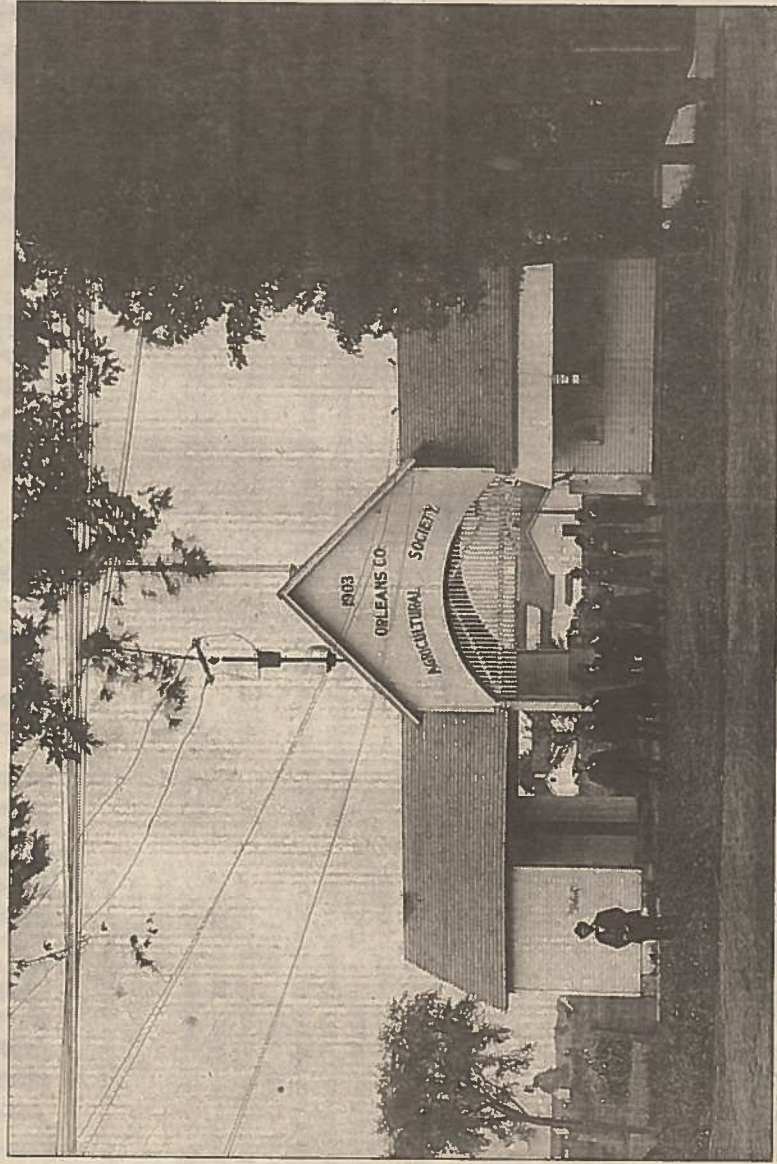
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Fairgrounds gate house

The old Orleans County Fairgrounds were located off West State Street, King Street and Washington Street in the western part of Albion years ago.

These grounds are now partially used by the Albion Fire Department where their recreation building is located. There were entrances off all three streets.

The one on King Street is shown here, which was located at the end of West Park Street. In the center we notice an up-and-down sliding gate. Just above it, painted in the gable, it states: "1903 Orleans Co. Agricultural

Society."

I believe the date refers to when the gate house was built. The wing to the right appears to be a ticket office with two little windows.

Note the arc light dangling off wires at this intersection. Albion first had electric street lights like this in 1890.

The nine men in the center of the picture were members of the Agricultural Society Board. From left, they are: Sullivan E. Howard, L.H. Beach, P.T. LaMont, George S. Clark, A.W. Bennett, Dan Culver, Watson Whipple, Harvey Blood and a Mr. Skinner.