

# Fair Grounds Dining Hall

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This picture of the Dining Hall on the old Orleans County Fairgrounds was taken 100 years ago.

There were a number of utilitarian buildings on the fairgrounds off West State Street in Albion at the time.

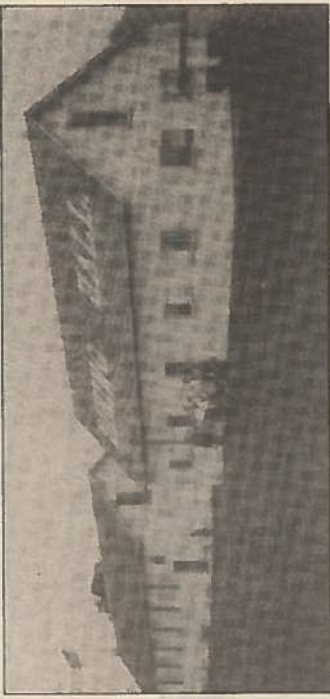
Some of these included: Floral Hall, the major exhibit building, two grandstands, horse barn, smaller exhibit buildings and a poultry building which shows to the left in our picture.

County Fairs sponsored by the Orleans County Agricultural Society were held in the middle of September each

season.

The Dining Hall was a popular spot at mealtime. It was also the largest concession on the grounds and was for many years operated by Morgan McLain and his family.

A typical menu would have included roast beef, roast pork, mashed and sweet potatoes, corn on the cob, sometimes



sliced tomatoes, celery, apple and pumpkin pie along with coffee. All could be had for 40 or 50 cents.

Notice here the dinner bell on a post to call people in for

the meal. Mr. McLain is the gentleman standing by the bell post with his family and other members of the dining hall work crew.