

Kaleigh Grocer Has Served City Many Years

BY BILL VEALE
RALEIGH — From the Herbert Hoover Administration to the Harry S. Truman era, the curly haired grocer has come a long way.

Standing by his store, corner Fayetteville and McKee Streets, J. Morrow, the second oldest Negro retail merchant in Raleigh, jots down interesting facts, evolving himself, his enterprise and conditions in Raleigh at the time he entered the grocery business.

Born in Vance County, North Carolina, May 9, 1894, he attended Henderson N. C. Normal Institute, after which he went to New York to work with the New York-Hartford Railway Company, where he remained 17 years.

When he left the company, in 1911, and as an adventurous young man willing to work, he had no idea of starting a grocery business.

Coming to Raleigh, and looking around and about, he found a vacant store on the corner of Fayetteville and McKee Streets.

that although it was very hard remaining in business, he managed to bear it through good and bad days.

With the exception of operating his grocery in another building on Fayetteville Street while the present one was under construction, he has remained in the spot up to date. When he purchased it, the store was only a frame building. Constructing it himself, it is now larger with apartments above it.

Nowadays a dollar bill, whether a new or used one is hard to get. When it is gotten it has to be used very sparingly. If not, Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public finds that a week's wage has "gone with the wind." Even a trip to the grocery store puts a big dent on the billfold, and the dollar does not stand a chance. However, "in those days, a man carrying a dollar a day was making big money," stated the grocer. He recalled several occasions when people were living royally on just that amount because



MR. MARROW

Whiteville and McKee Streets. A sign was put up that said "For P. M." After thinking it over for a while, he decided to start a grocery store in 1919. At that period, people in Raleigh and all over the country were living in "dark days."

Only two stores were in operation in that block in the city at the time, the operators being J. A. Smith and Mr. Ferrill, whose enterprise was opposite him. Today, tenants occupy that spot. The store operated by Smith is now the Red and White Grocery, headed by a Mr. McLain.

Mr. Morrow stated that during this period, 33 merchants had started businesses, but did not remain, so they left. He further remarked

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As the 1950 Christmas Seal Campaign of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People gets under way, key chairmanships in the drive have been undertaken by these three of the nation's business leaders: (l. to r.) Norman O. Houston of Los Angeles, president of the National Negro Insurance Association and of the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company, who heads the NAACP seal campaign in the insurance industry; W. D. Morison, Jr. of Detroit, president of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, chairman of the seal drive in the real estate field; and Horace Sudduth of Cincinnati, president of the National Negro Business League, who is directing sale of the seals in the general business field. The attractive red-and-white seals, which sell for \$1.00 per hundred, may also be purchased from local NAACP branches or from the Association's national office, 20 West 40th Street, N. Y. C.

MEETING ENDS

WHITEVILLE, N. C. — Mrs. Ola M. Martin, missionary supervisor of the Cape Fear Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church reported to the conference which was in session here from November 15-19 that more than \$3,000.00 was raised for the Diamond Jubilee that has been in progress this year to save the 14 schools that are operated by the church in Africa.

The report of the missionary work was the high light of the meet and served to inspire the pastors and delegates to do a bigger and better job for missions. Bishop J. W. Martin is the presiding prelate and opened the conference on Wednesday morning. He admonished the conference to remember that time once lost could not be regained.

The conference is composed of four districts. They are presided over by Revs. A. B. Moseley, L. T. Mumford, B. D. Lewis, and S. H. Howie. The districts are Wilkes, Clarkton, Goldsboro, and Wilmington. The laymen who are vital in the interest of the conference are Messrs. Rosa B. Edwards, A. M. Hobbs, Kaynell Outlaw, L. H. Fisher, Louise Baldwin, Josephine Freeman, Galsie Monroe, L. A. Mumford, Ella McKay, J. E. Whitted, C. B. Simmons, Lila Fisher, Bertha Fennell, Addie Mae Highsmith, Janie E. Wheeler, Eliza Smith, Marnie E. Hollins, Fannie Pierce, Ardella Shaw, Bessie Roundtree, Bessie Landon, Lena Pigford, and Miss Mary McKay.

The pastors who were responsible for the success of the meet are: J. Howie, S. R. Torrence, C. A. Thompson, E. E. Thompson, E. E. Morgan, J. B. Howell, J. T. Stewart, A. C. Jones, L. D. Watson, J. T. Newby, E. E. Roundtree, G. D. McIver, C. J. Cutler, W. Q. Welch, J. L. P. McRae, J. W. Little, A. W. Windley, A. B. Moseley, Isaac Boykin, J. H. Johnson, A. Swindell, J. J. Vaught, H. Robbins, E. S. Russell and Dr. H. B. Shaw.

There were very few changes in the appointments. The women of the district inaugurated the program which they will follow at the general missionary meeting that will be held in Goldsboro, November 1951.

Mechanics and Farmers, and Wake County Bank, which is out of existence.

He has been a member of the First Congregational Church for 30 years. When he joined, it was pastored by the Rev. P. R. DeBerry. A treasurer in that church for 19 years, he has been a deacon for the past 28 years.

Mr. Marrow, who resides at 821 Main Street, has a wife, Mrs. Margaret M. Marrow, three daughters, Rachael, Evelyn and Frances Marrow, and a niece, Ruth Ray Mitchell.

The fifth annual belt-wide cotton defoliation conference will be held in Memphis, January 11-12. Only those persons actively engaged in some phase of defoliation work are being invited.

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84th Session Va. A.M.E. Zion Confab Closes

SUNBURY, N. C. — The 84th session of the A.M.E. Zion Conference, presided over by Bishop Hampton T. Medford, closed here Sunday with the reading of appointments, where very few appointments were made.

The conference began Wednesday with the serving of the Holy Communion. Reports of the delegate were received and they showed that much work has been done and great progress made throughout the conference during the year.

Bishop Medford made the episcopal address on Thursday and urged his hearers to quit themselves like men and be strong. He told of the need for real men in the struggle for recognition in the world. He admonished his hearers to go into all the world and preach the gospel of Christ. The bishop also told how Negroes could make themselves felt and heard by the wise use of the ballot. He urged them to buy wisely, work diligently and vote sensibly.

Prof. C. E. Graves, who was the first North Carolinian to receive the Alumni plaque of Shaw University, delivered the educational address and contained the delegates to work with people and not books. Prof. T. S. Cooper also spoke and urged his hearers to go forth and work in the Master's vineyard.

The presiding elders, W. J. Bailey and R. S. Platt made their reports on Friday and gave a good account of the work done by the pastors during the past year. Mrs. Willie G. Alstock, Supervisor of the missionary work was stern in her appeal for missions on Friday. She outlined the work and called for a closer program for the coming year. The African work was outlined at the Friday night meeting.

The Ministers and Laymen's Institute was the high spot of the meeting, due to the fact that it dwelt with the part that the young people should and would play in the church if given the opportunity. The theme of the conference was "The Place of the Church in a Disturbed World." The youth brought out the fact that any thing could be done to utilize the latent energy and power that the youth possess. The model Sunday School was conducted on Sunday morning.

The conference has two districts and they are presided over by Revs. R. H. Platt and W. J. Bailey. The two districts are Norfolk and Petersburg and they are prominent are C. W. Turns, R. V. Walls, A. C. Littlejohn, J. D. Cauthen, R. H. Warren, W. C. Sapp, J. A. Davis, B. T. Medford, H. E. Ward, W. M. Eason, H. L. Marsh, W. B. Hathaway, R. R. Purnell, C. C. Knight, M. L. Beamon, R. A. Frazier, H. J. Couser, D. C. Covington, C. B. Beamon, J. T. Edney and M. C. Jones.

Laymen who contributed toward the success of the conferences were Mrs. Willie G. Alstock, Mrs. A. E. Etheridge, J. W. Manuel, Dr. L. D. Crutchfield.

The choir and chorists in and

around Sunbury cooperated in entertaining the conference. The Rev. R. R. Purnell was the host. The members of St. John Church aided considerably in making the conference a success.

So This is HOUSEKEEPING
BY PHILLY STUART

I will admit that during our courting days the last thing that crossed my mind was the fact that after a certain ceremony I'd be responsible for those white shirts that came calling for me. Of course, Jeff was behind the shirts and at the moment that was about all I noticed. But long about the time our "I do" date was set it occurred to me that Jeff was the spic 'n' spanniest man I knew. It also dawned on me that neither wasn't going to be around to take care of my lovely trousseau things. In short, the new Mrs. Stuart was going to be faced with a laundry problem. Simultaneously I discovered that about the most non-elastic article known is a newlywed budget. And there had been no provision in said budget for a washing machine.



Then and there began the most intensive campaign poor Jeff had been through to date and I pass on that strategy for what it's worth. I asked for an inventory of his washable wardrobe, itemized everything tubbable article I owned, compiled a list of our necessary linens, towels, blankets, etc. The list staggered even me. I appealed to his American love of mechanization; I pointed out that a mechanical washer was sanitary, safe, and easy to operate as the mere flick of a switch. With the budget bugaboo in mind I noted carefully that a home washing machine helped spare the life of clothing. I even brought interior decorating into the scene by pointing out that a machine was a wonderful item for tinting sheets or spreads or drapes. Then there was the possibility of baby clothes later on that would have to be clean and sweet-smelling. I wound up the campaign in a burst of oratory which labeled the washing machine as vitally essential to the morale and health of the American home.

Jeff couldn't help himself; he gave in and came through with a washing machine that is the pride of our household. The best part of the situation is that I came to realize that every sales point was true. And while I'm glad I talked Jeff into it, I'm even more delighted to find out how right I was!

The average loan rate for 1950 crop burley tobacco is 45.7 cents a pound. This is 99 per cent of the parity price as of October 1, 1950.

The 1950 apple crop in Australia was below normal and prices paid by fresh users and canners were high.