

They Traded At Morton's Thirty Years Ago . . .

By F. C. Salisbury

Some forty years ago the late J. B. Morton came to Morehead City from Newport, opening a general store under the firm's name of Morton and Webb. This partnership continued for several years until in 1888, Mr. Morton took over the interests of Mr. Webb, operating under his own name for the next twenty years.

The first store of this firm was located in the remodeled ice house which stood on the plot just west of the present City Theatre building. Later when the two story brick building was erected on the corner of Arendell and 8th street by the late D. G. Bell, Mr. Morton, who at that time was the sole owner of the business, moved his stock into the new building where he continued to operate until his retirement about 1916.

Mr. Morton occupied the two store spaces which were connected by an archway. The corner space was given over to his stock of dress goods, wearing apparel for all members of the family and other general merchandise items. A stairway in this department connected with the second floor which was used for the display and sale of household furnishings.

The other store space which today is occupied by the S. & W. Drug store contained the grocery and hardware departments. Mr. Morton's trade was not confined just to Morehead City for his trade territory extended for several miles along the coast. It is said that one was able to find almost any article of wearing apparel, building or boat supplies that was in use or demand four decades ago.

Mr. Morton took an active part in the civic affairs of the city. He served as president of the Bank of Morehead City, on the Board of County Commissioners and for fifteen years was active as a member of the Board of Education. Failing health about 1916 caused Mr. Morton to close out his busi-



Interior view of J. B. Morton's department store showing the grocery and hardware department. Business occupied entire brick block at the corner of Arendell and 8th Street, Morehead City.

ness and retire. Abram Davis who is now employed in the same building occupied by the Hardware and Building Supplies was associated with Mr. Morton up to the time of his retirement.

OCRACOKE

Dec. 16 — Earl Hill Gaskins is home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gaskins for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gaskins returned home Monday from Hatfield.

Miss Marion Midgett, of Wilmington, Del., is here visiting relatives.

Dr. Hornstein attended patients here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Williams and daughter, Elizabeth returned home last week from Beaufort.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Robinson

and son, Kerny visited in Beaufort last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Fulcher and children, Murry, Ellen Marie, and Larry visited in Beaufort last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Farrow and daughter, Carol Susie visited in Washington last week.

Mrs. Lucy Stone is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Farrow. Mrs. Eliza O'Neal died late Friday night at her home.

Funeral services were conducted

from her home Saturday at 3 o'clock p.m. by the pastor, the Rev. Charles J. Tilley.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Grey Willis ofarkers Island, Mrs. Ed Wells and Miss Isabella O'Neal of Ocracoke; a son, Ivy O'Neal who is employed at Philadelphia, Pa.; two sisters, Mrs. Dan Garrish and Miss Lizzee Scarborough; one brother, Warren Scarborough and four grandchildren, Edith Grey and Billy Willis, John Ivy Wells and Larry O'Neal.

Louisiana Veterans in N.C. Asked to 'Sit Tight'

Louisiana veterans living in North Carolina are advised to "sit tight and wait" for developments concerning the newly enacted Louisiana State Veterans Bonus. This announcement was made yesterday by Horace L. Johnson, director of the North Carolina Veterans Commission.

Mr. Johnson made the following statement concerning the Louisiana bonus: "The Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs and the office of Louisiana's Governor, Earl K. Long, have advised us that they are being flooded with inquiries concerning the bonus. The director of the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, Joseph L. Golsan, has advised veterans to 'sit tight' until a method is set up to pay the \$50 to \$250 cash bonus provided by the bonus.

The W. S. C. S. met at the home of Mrs. T. W. Howard's Monday at 2 o'clock p.m. There were twelve members present. Mrs. Ansby O'Neal led the devotional with Mrs. T. W. Howard, Mrs. Sue Scarborough and Mrs. Maude Fulcher taking part.

Mrs. T. W. Howard served candy and apples to those present.

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Johnson said, "and in the meantime all Louisiana veterans living in North Carolina are urged not to write to anyone but to 'sit tight' and watch their local newspaper for the time and place to file their bonus."

The earliest instance of a regency in English history was the appointment of the Earl of Pembroke as regent upon the accession of Henry III to the throne.



May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you through the New Year.

DAVIS BROS. Beaufort



A warm and friendly wish of cheer, For Christmas and the coming year. Guthrie-Jones Drug Store Beaufort

WE EXTEND TO OUR FRIENDS The Season's Greetings Beaufort Hardware Co. Front Street Beaufort

Greetings and Best Wishes Our cheeriest Yuletide sentiments harmonize with the merry notes of Christmas bells as they ring out—Joy to the world and Happiness to all. Bell's Drug Store Front Street Beaufort

Holiday Greetings We wish you each—we wish you all—the blessings and happiness of this Yuletide season. Our best wishes for your happiness now and all through the New Year. It is again our pleasure to thank you most sincerely for your past patronage. We tried to serve you well—we hope to serve you even better in '49. Joe House Drug Store "ASK YOUR DOCTOR" Beaufort

GREETINGS May all the joys and pleasures of the Yuletide be yours this Christmas. And may the New Year be one of abundant good health and good fortune. SAULTER'S IRON AND METAL COMPANY New Bern, N. C.

Greetings for Christmas The most cherished of gifts bestowed upon us by the outgoing year is the confidence of those we have been privileged to serve. Ever appreciative of this pleasant relationship, we want to express to our many good friends our sincere wishes for a joyous Christmas season and a happy New Year. BETTY JAY SHOP ARENDELL STREET Morehead City