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 gen-eral 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 ws 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 teras.

Mr. Morton took an active part in the civic affairs of the city. He mington, Del., is here visiting relaserved as president of the Bank tives. of Morehead City, on the Board of County Commissioners and for here Monday. fifteen years was active as a member of the Board of Education and daughter, Elizabeth returned Failing health about 1916 caused home last week from Beaufort. Mr. Morton to close out his busi- | Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Robinson

Front Street



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

ness and retire. Abram Davis who and son, Kerny visited in Beaufort ed from her home Saturday at 3 is now employed in the same build last week. Building Supplies was associated with Mr. Morton up to the time of Larry visited in Beaufort last 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 Hat-

Miss Marion Midgett, of Wil-

Dr. Hornstein attended patients

Mr. and Mrs. James Williams

Beaufort

Season's Greetings

Beaufort Hardware Co.

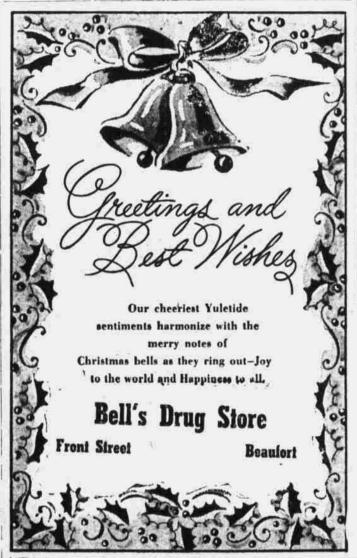
ing occupied by the Hardware and Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Fulcher and children, Murry Ellen Marie, and

> laughter, Carol Susie visited in Washington last week.

her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Farrow, Mrs. Eliza O'Neal died late Friday night at her home.

clock p.m. by the pastor, the Rev. harles J. Tilley

She is survived by three daugh ers. Mrs. Grey Willis of Harkers Island, Mrs. Ed Wells and Miss Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Farrow and Isabella O'Neal of Ocracoke; a son, ivy O'Neal who is employed at Philadelphia, Pa.; two sisters, Mrs. Mrs. Lucy Stone is here visiting Dan Garrish and Miss Lizzee Scarporough; one brother, Warren Scarborough and four grandchild ren, Edith Grey and Billy Willis. Funeral services were conduct. John Ivy Wells and Larry O'Neal







Asked to 'Sit Tight'

Louisiana veterans living in tight and wait" for developments concerning the newly - enacted Louisiana State Veterans Bonus. This announcement was made yes-

The W S. C. S. met at the home by O'Neal led the devotional with is set up to pay the \$50 to \$250 Mrs. T. W. Howard, Mrs. Sue Scarcash bonus provided by the bonus. borough and Mrs. Maude Fulcher taking part.

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

erans Commission.

statement concerning the Louisia-North Carolina are advised to "sit na 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 Deof Mrs. T. W. Howard's Monday partment of Veterans' Affairs, Joat 2 o'clock p.m. There were seph L. Golsan, has advised vettwelve members present. Mrs. Ans- crans to 'sit tight' until a method

> "Veterans are zdvised not to write to this office or to Louisiana concerning the bonus," Johnson said. "We have worked out an

Louisiana Velerans in N.C. terday by Horace L. Johnson, di-agreement with the Louisiana De-rector of the North Carolina Vet-partment of Veterans' Affairs time all Louisiana veterans livin whereby they will let us know Mr. Johnson made the following each development towards the finol payment of the bonus," the veterans chief said, and added, "and you may be sure that as soon as Louisiana lets us know anything we will immediately give such information to all North Carolina newspapers."

"It will be some time before

time all Louisiana veterans livin in North Carolina are urged no to write to anyone but to 'sit tight and watch their local newspape for the time and place to file the

The earliest instance of a gency in English history was the appointment of the Earl of Pen-broke as regent upon the accession applications will be printed," of Henry III to the throne.



DAVIS BROS.

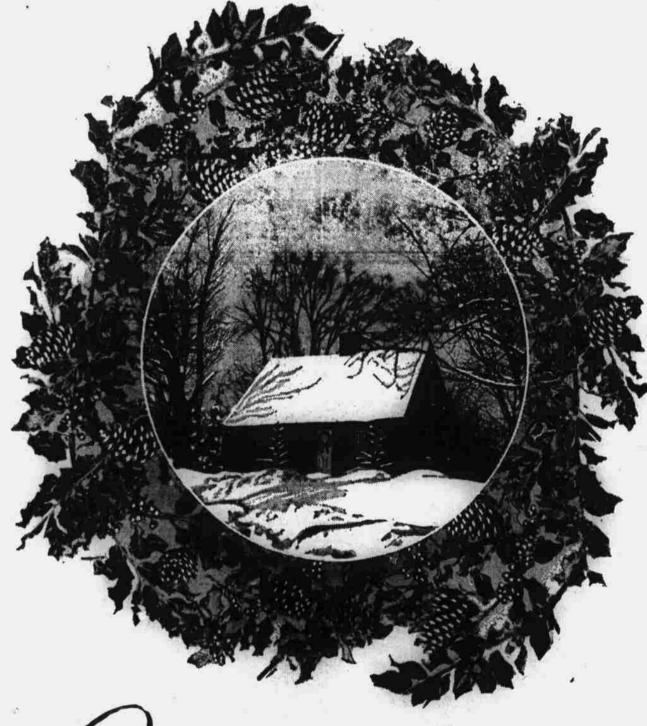
Front Street

Beaufort



Guthrie-Jones Drug Store

Front Street



freetings 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 has for a joyous Christmas season friends our sineppy New Year.

BETTY JAY SHOP

ARENDELL STREET Morehead City