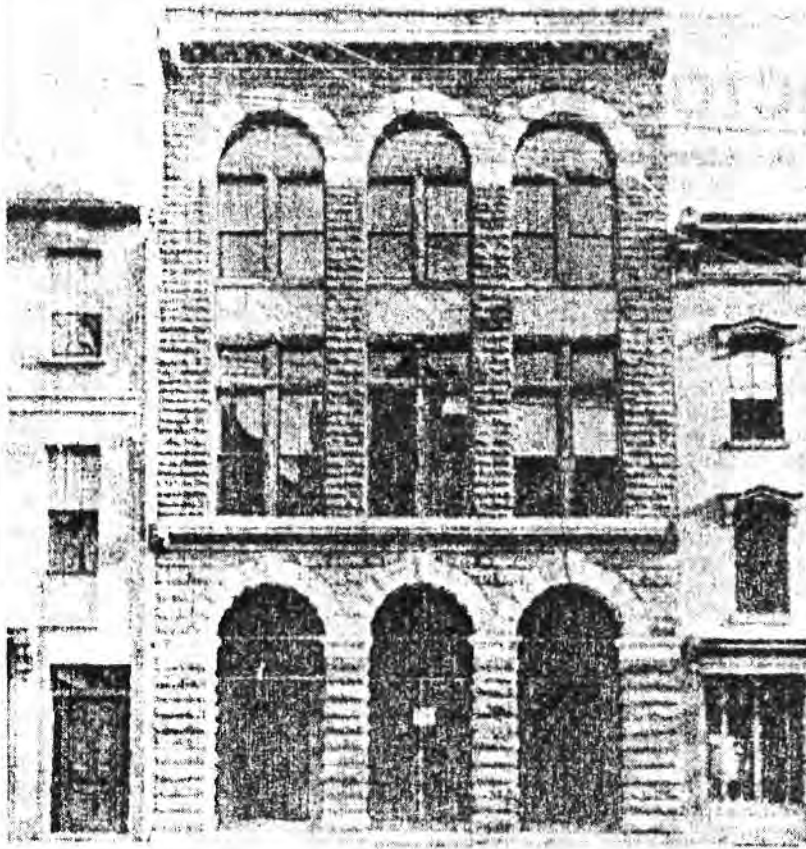
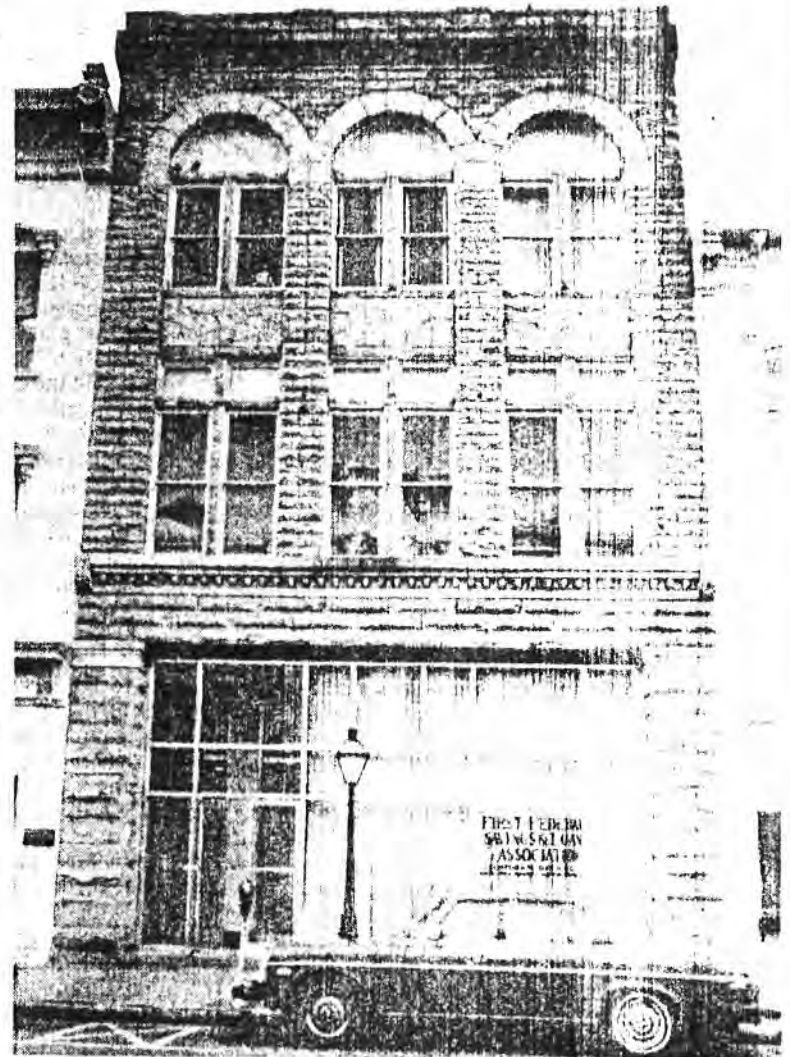


## Do You Know Your Charleston?



### Building Has Had Many Owners

In 1895, when this picture (left) was published by Chicago's Alder Art Publishing Company in "The Atlantic Exposition and South Illustrated," the building at 39 Broad St. was the Exchange Banking and Trust Co. Throughout its life, the property has housed several banks. Records show that as early as 1870, a three-story brick building stood at that address. It could be the same one pictured. Owners prior to the bank included Charles O. Witte, who owned much property, including 172 Rutledge Ave. where Ashley Hall School is located. In 1925, the Bank of Charleston (now the



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S.C. National Bank) bought out Exchange Banking and kept 39 Broad as a branch office. Between 1935 and 1943, First Federal Savings and Loan Association used the facilities. SCN sold the building to Grace H. Kerr in 1940 who then sold it to Ben Cohen Co. for \$35,000 in 1951 to be used as a savings and loan. The next owner was 39 Broad St., a partnership with six members. Today, it (right) is owned by two of those partners, Ellis I. Kahn and Bernard Solomon. The second and third floors are used as law offices. The first floor is leased by First Federal Savings and Loan.