



(News and Courier Staff Photo)
Carriage House At Rear Of 284 Meeting St.

Old Residence Being Cleared From Site For Office Building

What was once a fine Charleston residence, though in later years somewhat shabby for want of paint, is being wrecked to make way for a modern office building. Recently Life Insurance Company of Georgia purchased from the Misses Sarah Ella, Edna Lillian and Mae Elizabeth Hartz the three-story frame dwelling at 284 Meeting St. for \$28,000.

The house consists of a front section of fine frame construction, with a rear section of brick, covered with plaster. Behind the main residence are outbuildings, including an arched carriage house with living quarters above.

The property was conveyed to the late William Hartz, father of the Misses Hartz, by Archibald S. J. Perry and Martha A. Perry for \$8,500. It had a frontage of 60 feet in Meeting Street and extended back 246.2 feet. Life Insurance Company of Georgia has acquired property at 7 George Street which backs up onto the Hartz property, giving them a driveway entrance from George Street. This was purchased from William D. McDowell for \$21,000.

The Perrys acquired the property from Elizabeth F. Pringle Feb. 9, 1857, for \$10,500.

Prior to that it belonged to James Lamb, who acquired it from the heirs of Dr. John William Schmidt, for \$9,100. Dr. Schmidt acquired it from John P. Lloyd in satisfaction of a judgment after a sale by H. G. Delesline, sheriff, Feb. 21, 1822.

Lloyd had acquired the property from the commissioners in equity in settlement of the estate of Noel Bryce, May 18, 1819, for \$2,080. The house was probably built shortly after this time, hence the advance in price of the property.

Bryce acquired two 47-foot lots in that area from William Mason

Smith and Robert Smith Feb. 3, 1813, for \$4,700 and probably divided them.

The house was one of the few houses in Charleston which still had an insurance plate on the front. It also had a considerable amount of neat, though not elaborate, paneling. Black slate marble mantels in the drawing room and dining room in the first floor and white marble mantels in the second floor bedrooms probably were added later.

The attic was unusually well finished and had a skylight leading out on the roof.

Christian Church Convention Here Attracts 300 Persons

More than 300 persons attending a convention of Christian Churches of the Southeastern District of South Carolina here yesterday heard the Rev. James W. Sosebee stress the importance of the organization's 10-year program.

Mr. Sosebee, pastor of the First Christian Church of Columbia, spoke on the importance of the

Yale University Divinity School, who has served this summer as assistant pastor of the host church, the First Christian Church of Charleston.

Morning speaker was the Rev. Thomas P. Inabinett of Wilson, N. C., director of religious education. Speaking on the dangers of conformity, Mr. Inabinett stressed the need for Christians giving leadership to the community.