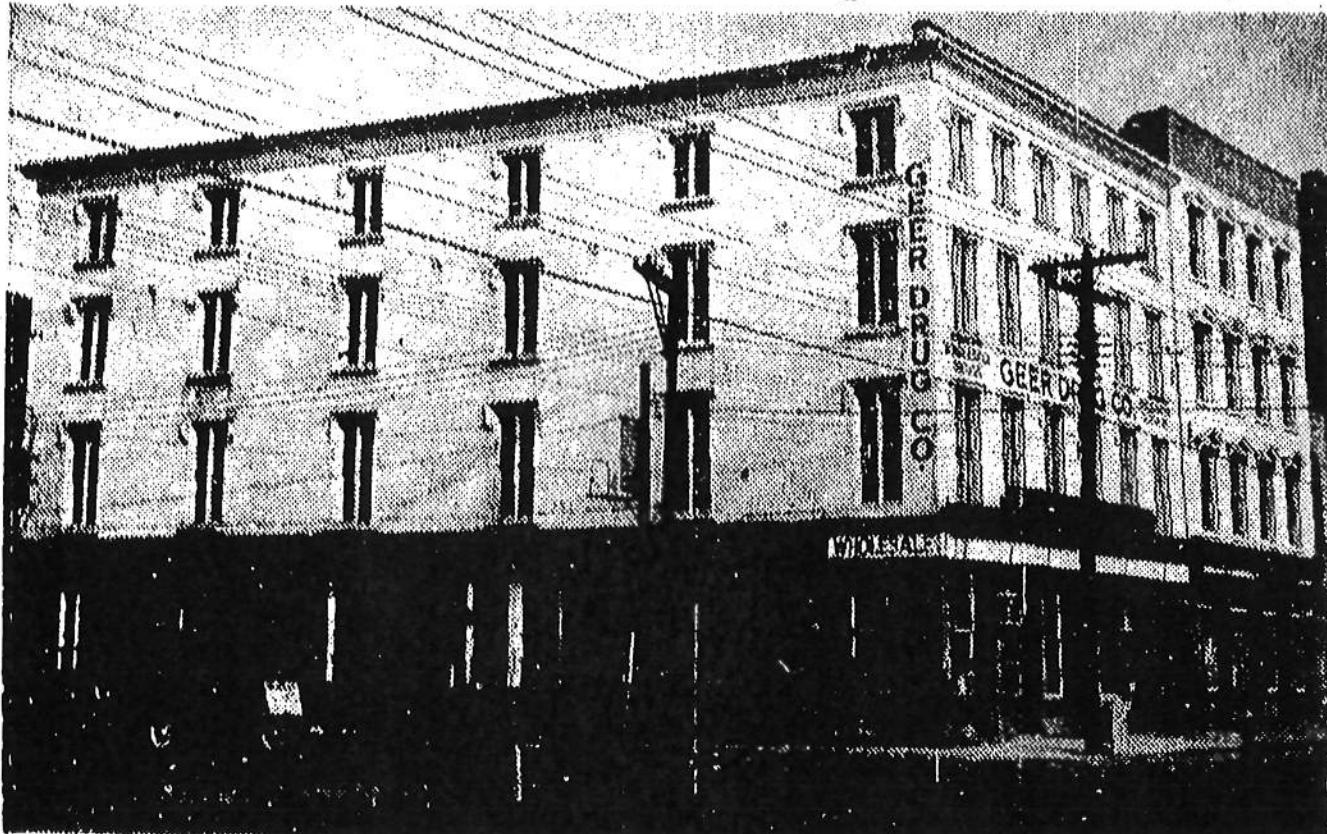


## Do You Know Your Charleston?

### Old Geer Building



**A CONCERNATE OF SEVERAL PURCHASES**--The old Geer Drug company building, at Meeting and Hasell streets, was purchased in several parcels by the late Andrew J. Geer. The corner portion had been occupied in the 1870s by Dowle & Molse, another wholesale drug firm. Joseph Misserendino, the present owner, may erect a modern automobile showroom on the site. (Staff Photo by Reilly.)

### Meeting Street Landmark Being Removed by Wreckers

With its roof already removed by wrecking crews and most of the interior taken out, workmen soon will be removing the old Geer Drug company building at the southeast corner of Meeting and Hasell streets. Joseph Misserendino, who purchased the property in February, is razing the landmark. He says he may erect a modern automobile sales building on the site.

Some of the structures on the property probably are more than a century old.

The Geer Drug company was founded November 30, 1896, by the late Andrew J. Geer, but one of the buildings was occupied previously by Dowle & Molse, wholesale druggists.

The corner portion was acquired by Mr. Geer in 1911 from the late Arthur Lynch, who purchased it in 1905 from the heirs of B. F. Molse, who acquired it under a contract of sale from Jane R. Dowle, as heir of George Dowle, in 1873.

Benjamin H. Owen acquired the building to the south of the corner building in 1909 from Carrie DeLorme Eason. Mr. Owen conveyed it to Mr. Geer in 1940. The Easons acquired the property from Samuel G. Stoney under a declaration of trust.

Other portions of the property were acquired from the estate of Mary Jane Ross. These were acquired by Robert F. Henry in 1838 and 1843 and were bequeathed to his four nieces and nephews, of whom Mary Jane Ross was the last survivor.

The four-story buildings are typical of the heavy merchandise structures of the last century.