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Remembering..... By Ed McBride



Institutional Foods

This operation came into being after Mr. Herman Hardison, Sr. began to slow down from his daily sales route at Hardison and Hardison (Wholesale Grocery). I can remember Mr. Herman "walking the downtown route" with pencil and pad taking orders. Some of those stores were: Maner and Murray, Braswell's Market, The Hi-Lo Store, James A. Leak Grocery, Lee Huntley Grocery, J. Paul Teal Grocery, Gray's Grocery, Snyder's Grocery, Dixie Home Stores, A & P, Q & Q Grocery - plus others!!

By this time Herman, Jr. and Adam were back from school and they "helped out." Ad purchased the RC Cola plant at Hamlet, later moved the Pee Dee Bottling business there,

adding still later the franchise of 7up, Orange Crush, etc.

All of this called for "more" he opened Institutional Foods and Food-A-Matic. The above picture is of an Institutional Foods truck that I did on September 25, 1961. The young boy standing on the running board was Steele Ratliff, Jr., a friend from across the street who enjoyed making model cars!

Thanks to so many who I talked to on this article - James, Wayne, Callie, Fleet, etc. - it has been quite a while back. Hardison and Hardison, Institutional Foods, Food-A-Matic and all the above downtown grocery stores are now closed.

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