## Downtown Through The Years

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2 Harrison Ave. 1966. digital234



Bay Honda, 107 W. 4th St., 1964. 35-1-1





Bennett Chevrolet in 1926, 308 Harrison Ave., presently Elevation Salon Downtown. digital8419



The 400 block of Harrison Ave. 1947 114-3-5



Cook Motor Co. circa 1940s. It was located on the 300 block of Harrison Ave., It is currently occupied by Elevation Salon Downtown and the Light Room. digital3111



The Gallery of Art, 570 Grace Ave. 1966 It is presently a parking lot owned by First Baptist Church. 225-2-1







Panama City
Service Station,
owned by
Cleveland Culbreth,
at 315 Harrison
Ave., circa early
1920s. Dwight
Hicks Real Estate,
Inc. is located on
the property today.



Boyd Brothers Printing Co., circa 1937, 21 Oak Ave. digital3321



The Panama Theatre, 143
Harrison Ave., 1962 It was built in 1928 and closed circa 1962.
The building was torn down in 1972 and is now a parking lot. 22-3-1





Circa late 1940s. 220-1-1



The Wilkerson
Building, 200 Harrison
Ave., was built in 1914
It presently houses
Perry & Young. 80-3-1



Southerland General Merchandise, circa 1900s. It was located on Harrison Ave. near Government St. 79-1-3







SunTrust Bank clock, corner of 7th St. and Harrison Ave. It was taken down & gifted to the Historical Society of Bay County in 2019. It sustained major damage from Hurricane Michael in 2018. digital6950



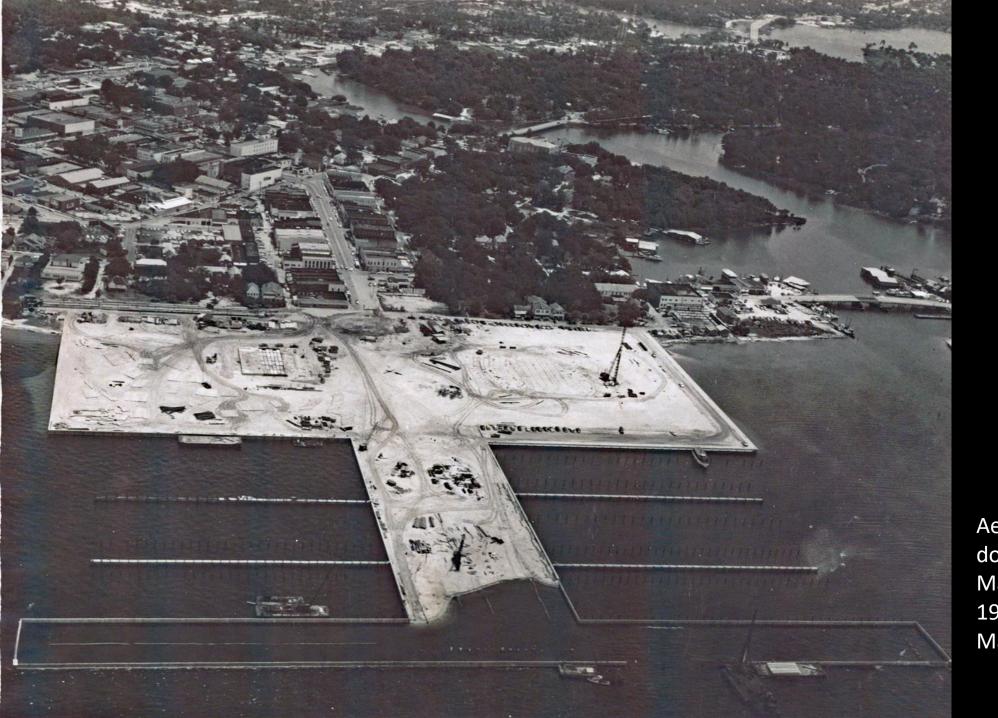
Velma's, a clothing store for women, circa 1960.
Located at 609 Harrison Ave., it is now a part of First Baptist Church. 63-4-2



Creel's Mo-Jo Service Station at the corner of Harrison Ave. and 6th St, 1965. Today, it is a parking lot owned by First Baptist Church. 10-1-1



Christmas Parade at the 300 block of Harrison Ave. circa 1940s. 136-2-1



Aerial view of the downtown Panama City Marina during construction, 1958. The marina opened in May 1960. digital3291



Aerial view of Harrison Ave, circa 1958. In the background is the marina under construction. digital9580



Circus Day, corner of 5th and Harrison, circa 1920. 145-4-1



Dixie Sherman Hotel, located at the corner of W. 5th St. and Jenks Ave., circa 1950. It was built in 1926 and torn down in 1970. It is now a parking lot. digital9586



Domestic Laundry, corner of Grace Ave. and 4th St., 1948. It is currently an empty lot. digital6869



Marie Hotel, 12 E. 5th St., circa 1970s. The hotel opened in 1939 and closed in 1975. The building remains empty. digital692



Circa 1952. Photography by J.N. (Jimmie) Jones. Photo loaned by the Downtown Improvement Board. digital1012





Parade on Harrison Ave. circa 1945 Military personnel & Tyndall band shown at the 400 block of Harrison.

Photograph gift of Bernice Shores Harper. digital7523



Military jeeps lead circa 1945 parade at 400 block of Harrison Ave. Photograph gift of Bernice Shores Harper. digital7522 Members of the Panama City Chamber of Commerce in front of City Hall at the corner of Luverne Ave. and 4th St. in the 1930s. The building presently houses the Panama City Center for the arts. Photograph loaned by Mrs. H. Savely McQuagge. digital162





Intersection of Harrison Ave. and 1st St. (Now Beach Dr.), looking east, circa 1920s. Photo loaned by the Downtown Improvement Board. digital1002

Intersection of Harrison Ave. and 2nd St. (Now Oak Ave.) looking west, circa 1920s. Photo loaned by the Downtown Improvement Board. digital 1005



Looking south on Harrison Ave. from 6th St., 1968. Photography by Bob Hargis.

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