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paneled wooden garage door accesses the building on the center of the southeast elevation facing Craige Street. A metal canopy has been added at the rear, and a one-story concrete block body shop stands in the northwest corner of the property. Harold A. Clement founded the Salisbury Motor Company in 1919 as a Buick dealership before transferring ownership to Don Clement Sr. The company operated in the central business district through the 1930s before moving a little further out in the 1940s.<sup>47</sup>

The Walker Motor Company, an Oldsmobile dealer, built a large one-story brick commercial building with a distinctive bowstring truss roof at 205 E. Court Street around 1946. A lower, flat-roof showroom with an angled corner projection from the front of the main structure and its curving parapet. The flat parapet of the showroom had a decorative coping punctuated by low peaks accenting small diamond-shaped panels. A one-story three-bay service wing was added to the southeast side of the building in the 1950s with a filling station located on the adjacent to the northwest. The longer streets.<sup>48</sup> Since 2000, the building has been remodeled and rehabilitated into office space with new reflective glass windows installed throughout.

The City Motor Company building stands among the post-war dealerships in Salisbury as the most modern and innovative in its design. The commanding two-story facade and projecting octagonal showroom with full height windows served to highlight the longer, wider cars of the 1950s. Horizontal accents of blue highlighted the painted brick and glass façade, while the pedestrian entrances have glazed single-leaf doors framed by curving glass block walls. The

<sup>47</sup> Mark Wineka, "Impeccably Honest' Clement Knew How To Sell A Car," *The Salisbury Post*, July 14, 2015, <https://www.salisburypost.com/2015/07/14/impeccably-honest-clement-knew-how-to-sell-a-car/>; accessed March 9, 2022. The Clement family sold the dealership in 2009, and the company now sells and services used cars.

<sup>48</sup> Phillips and Opperman, 7.















