

Woolworth's opened at Nos. 8-12 London Road in July 1933, and was extended in 1936 to include No. 6. It was refurbished and modernised in 1962.

Bill

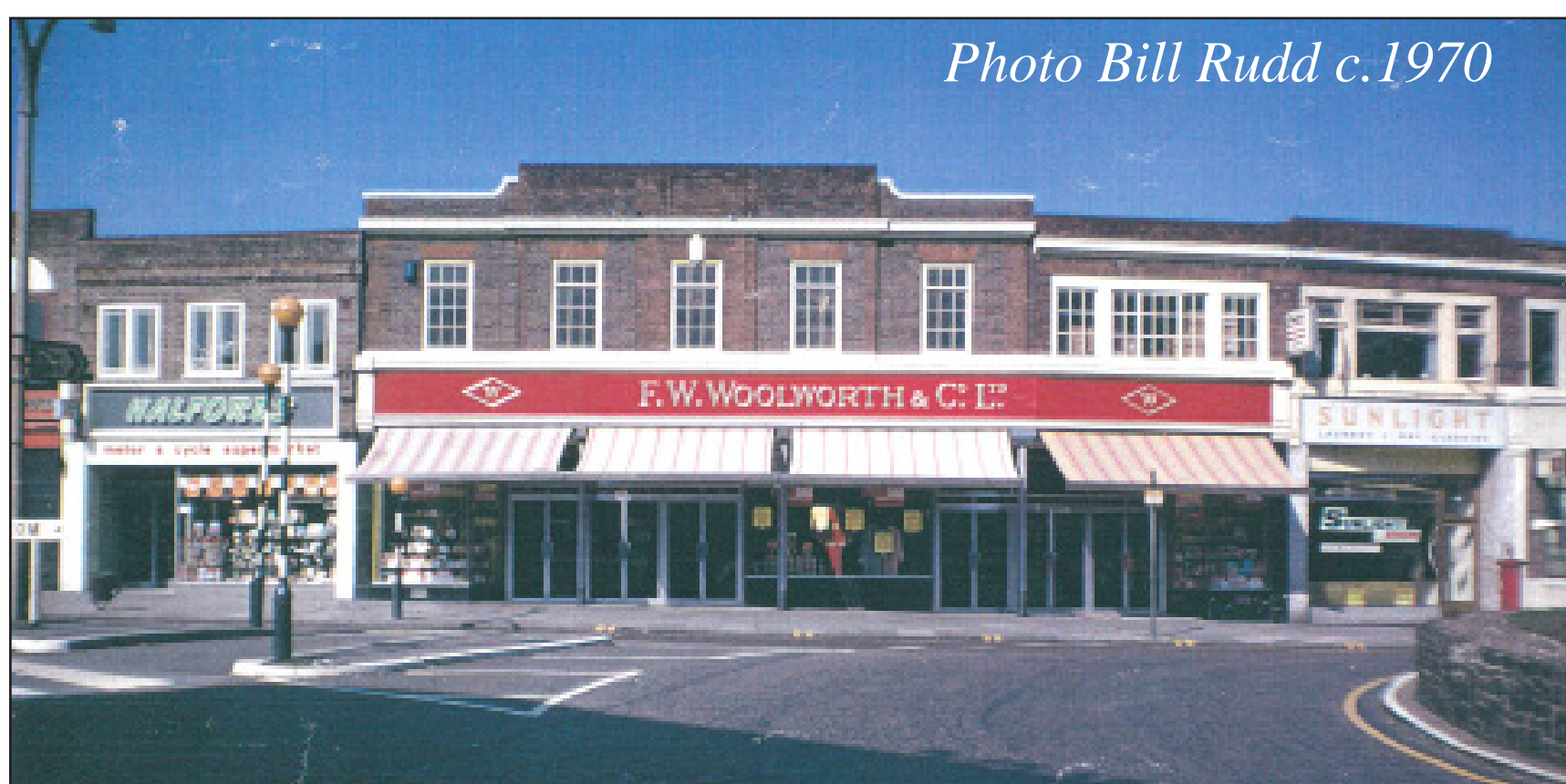


Photo Bill Rudd c.1970

Sainsbury's used to be a Safeway, but the Royal Arsenal Cooperative Society department store was opened here in 1932. It sold furniture and household goods on the upper floor.

Peter



Sainsbury's originally had a store on the opposite side of the road. This was before shops became 'self-service'. You would line up at different counters to buy different kinds of food. Butter was cut and shaped using a wooden beater and slice.

Peter



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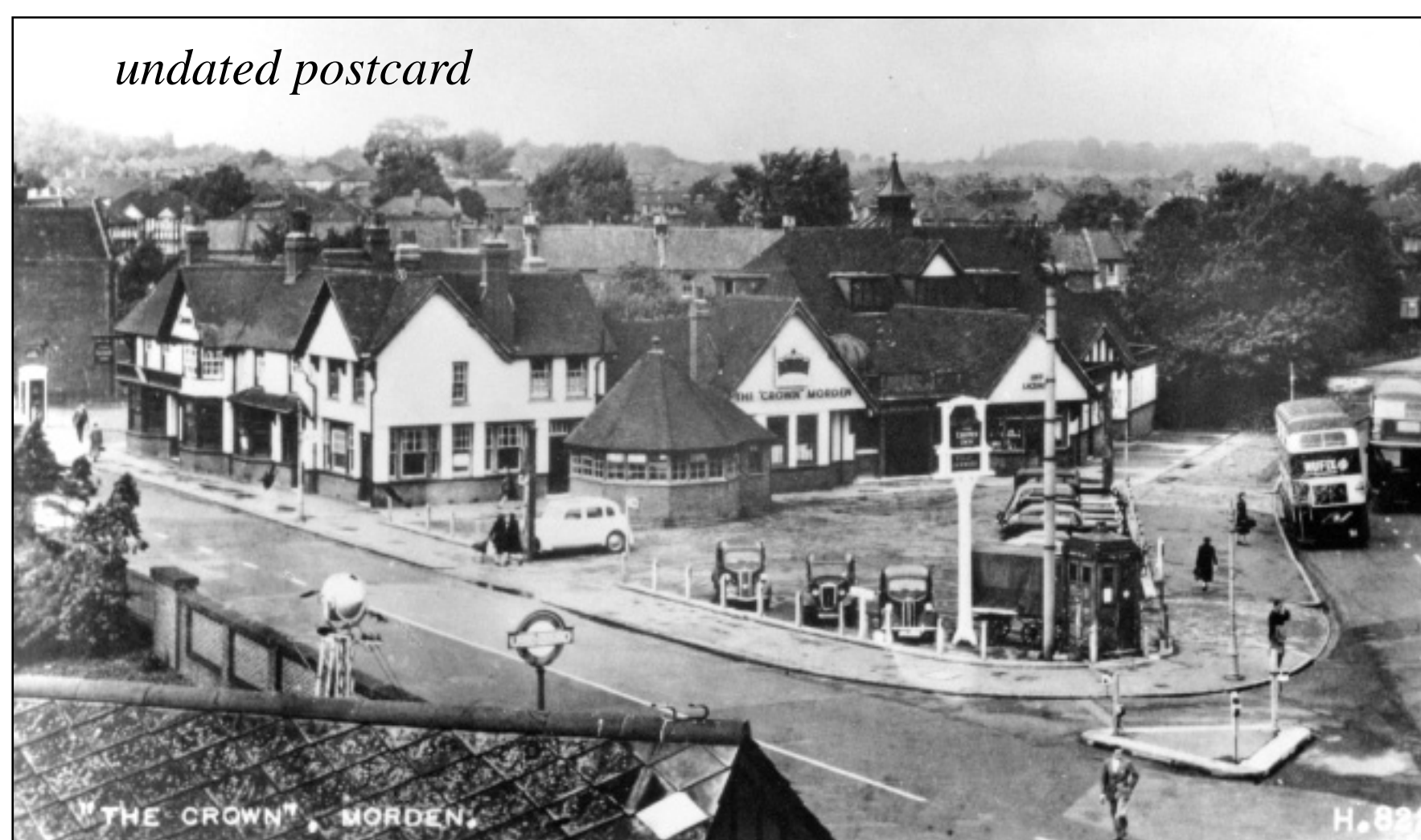
I hated going shopping to the old Sainsbury's in Morden because you had to queue at a different counter for everything and anything.

Richard



Boots the Chemist is the only surviving business from the earliest development of Morden's shopping centre, still in its original premises. It first appears in Directories in 1928 at 3 The Parade, now 58 London Road.

Bill



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There had been a Crown inn here since the early 1800s, though rebuilt many times. In 1960 Crown House was built at the front of the site, with a Caters supermarket in the forecourt, later replaced by Presto, where the library now stands.

Peter



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Caters used to be in a small shop, next to Woolworths. They used to sell broken biscuits. When my Mum bought any my sister and I picked out all the chocolate pieces, which we thought was a great treat!

Mavis

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