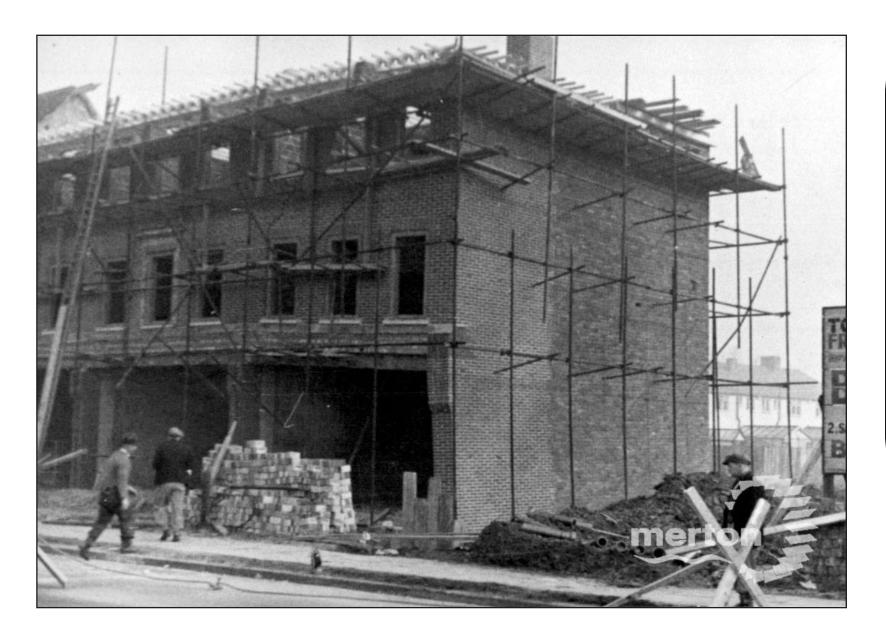


SHOPPING IN GRAND DRIVE

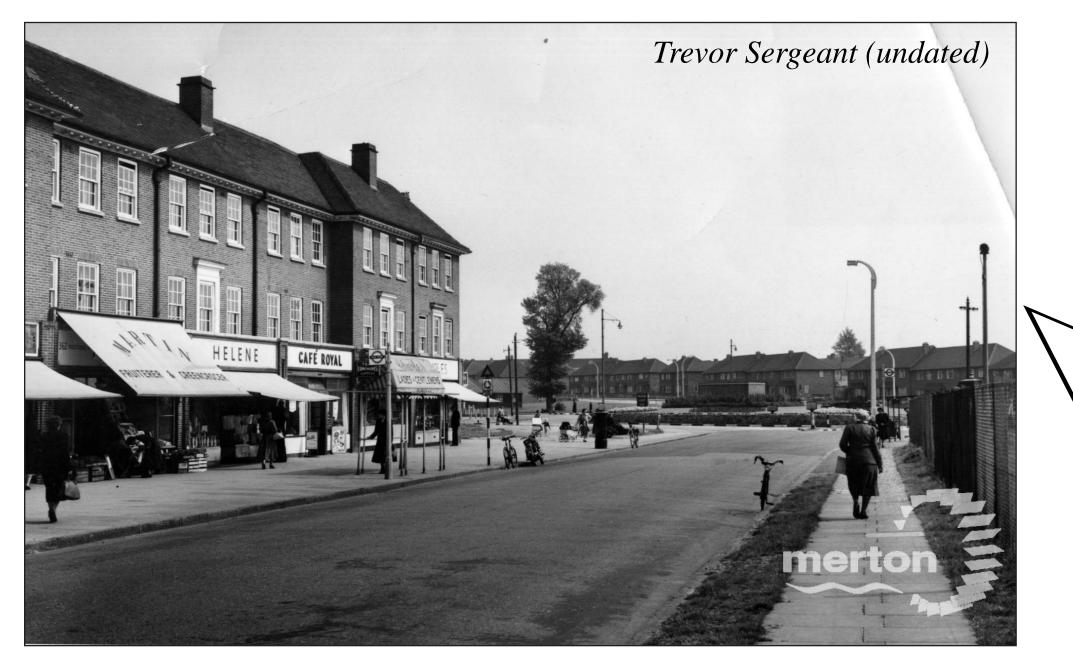
Grand Drive, Lower Morden: Shopping Parade being built c.1930



Opening of the RAC Store Grand Drive c.1939 © Marilyn Bartlett

In the 1960s the Co-op used to be three shops – a grocery, a butchery and a greengrocery. There were no shops between the Co-op and what is now the hairdresser. This land was originally bought to build a Baptist church, which they subsequently swapped for their current site by the roundabout. Maurice





When my sister and I were young the Co-op used to issue different shaped tin checks which were given every time one spent money. Mavis



I used to work in Helene's in Grand Drive, which sold clothes from baby size up to adult women. We also sold slippers, knitting wool and haberdashery. It was a very friendly shop and we had many customers who came in to chat, as well as to buy. *Mavis* My sister and I used to play shops with these checks. I think they were like points one gets nowadays with loyalty cards, paid towards a dividend. Peter





Starting from the roundabout there was a newsagent similar to today's shop but including the Post Office, then Holes the baker, Charles the ladies' hairdresser, the café, Helene's the drapers, an independent greengrocer, a chemist, and a hardware shop with yard behind. At the Cannon Hill Lane end was Lovibonds the offlicence, a newsagents called Cannon Hill Library, Paul *Electrics*, and the toy shop Bonadventure. Maurice



The end shop, which lies back, used to be the Post Office, where I worked. *Gladys*

There was an offlicence, which sold all kinds of drinks. It was in the *Beverley* car park in Lower Morden Lane, and is now a firework shop. Shops weren't allowed to sell alcoholic drinks in those days. *Mavis*