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Morton Hotel Lobby
Grand Rapids has a rich history as a center for furniture manufacturing that dates back to the 1800s. When the Morton Hotel opened in 1923, many of the rooms, including lobby were appointed with furniture made in Grand Rapids.

The lobby also featured Batesville, Mississippi marble floors, Travertine marble walls, and subtle plaster ceiling relief details with seraphim, dolphins and swans. The concierge countertops and fronts were made with rare noir Belge marble, a type of black marble only found in Belgium.

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Kent State Bank Lobby
In 1923 when the bank opened next to the Morton Hotel, it featured a coffer plaster beamed ceiling, Italian Travertine walls and arched columns, and Vermont marble tables with iron legs resembling winged Griffins. In 1929, just prior to the stock market crash, Kent State Bank merged with Old National Bank to become Old Kent Bank. In 1957, the walls and ceiling were stripped of any detail and a second floor was added, which has now been partially cut away.

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