

Mazar's, Levine's, and The Parisian Store
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Mazar's

In September of 1934 large ads were run saying that **Mazar's Store** was coming to Clanton! Mr. Dave Mazar owned a business in Birmingham named **Mazar's Jobbing House** which seems to have mostly handled used business equipment. **Mazar's** was a new dry goods store to be opened in the "new Mullins Building" on Main Street.

A little about the "new Mullins Building" building; it was originally known as the P. D. Wilson Building because he built it and ran his store there for decades. When he retired, he sold out to **W. Kanter & Bro.** and Abe Kanter moved his store to the P. D. Wilson building. By this time of **Mazar's**, the building was owned by J. R. Mullins and had been renovated, hence the "new" label. This location on Main Street was "two doors down from the **First National Bank.**" This is on 2nd Avenue North, on the north side of the street, about mid-way between 6th and 7th Streets.



1928 photo of 2nd Ave (L-R) Mullins wood frame corner store, P S Bank, F N Bank, 1st Chicago Sales, P D Wilson 2 story brick.

The manager of **Mazar's** was I. S. "Doc" Levine. Doc's brother Sol also worked at **Mazar's**.

In 1936 **Mazar's** completely renovated their store. When it was finished in September, the following photo was proudly published:



Unfortunately, sometime in early 1938 **Mazar's Store** went out of business.

Levine's

Just after the renovation of **Mazar's** was completed, in October of 1936 the Levine brothers separated from **Mazar's** and started their own store, a "five and ten cent store" and also a full line of dry goods

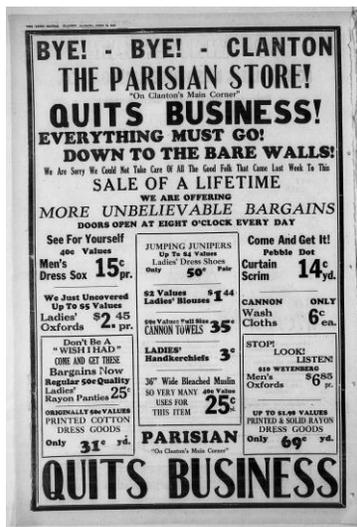
and clothing. They located in the building beside **Big Four Hardware** – the brick building built by Tipton Mullins for his law office back in 1902. They continued to run their business there for many decades.

The Parisian Store

April 7, 1938 it was announced that a new store would open in Clanton that weekend ... “**the Parisian Store.**” It was to be located in **Mazar's** old building (originally the P. D. Wilson Building). It was owned and operated by Dave Cohen.

In January and February of 1942 **the Parisian Store** moved in to the “new Hayes building” which was the old Sartor Building on the corner opposite **Upchurch's Drug Store**. The location that **the Parisian Store** was vacating, the “new Mullins Building,” was immediately renovated to be used by **Mullins & Scott** for a Dry Goods store. **Mullins & Scott** kept their current store on 7th Street (beside the New Exchange Hotel) and devoted it to farming supplies.

The Parisian Store closed at the end of April 1950. Within weeks the building was being renovated and in its place, on the corner, a new dry goods store soon opened – **David Lee's**. It was the 11th store in the chain.



April 13th and 20th, 1950 Advertisements

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