

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, on the north side of the street, about mid-way between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets.



1928 photo of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave (L-R) Mullins wood frame corner store, P S Bank, F N Bank, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

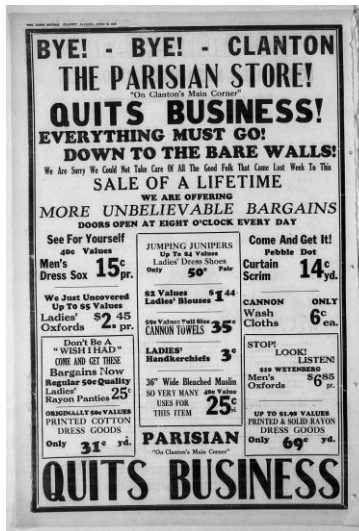
and clothing. They located in the building beside **Big Four Hardware** – the brick building built by Tipton Mullins for his law office back in 1902. They continued to run their business there for many decades.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> store in the chain.



April 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 1950 Advertisements

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