

"The general growth and advancement enjoyed by the bank are in the main due to the progress and development of the community," the bank noted in its golden anniversary pamphlet (July, 1923). "The condition of the bank was never better in its history which reflects the fact that conditions are healthy and prosperous in the surrounding territory." This was six years and three months before the stock market crash heralded the Great Depression.



Figure 7. Farmers State Bank officers in 1923.

"In 1927 or 1928," wrote local historian Clara S. Richardson, "the First National and the Farmers Banks merged, with the new organization being known as the Mooresville State Bank. In a short time, the depression forced its closing. The bank had been heavily dependent on farm trade and small business. Much of the bank funds were invested in farm loans, and in other seemingly good local real estate and business ventures. The closing of the doors meant that stock holders had to meet any indebtedness, and they lost about thirty-five percent of their bank holdings and some homes." [Richardson, Clara S. *A Brief History of Mooresville, Indiana, 1824-1974* (1974), at p. 53.]

"Mooresville State Bank failed to open on Saturday, December 27, 1930," recalled Rebecca Hardin, Morgan County Historian. "Although authorities believed that it would prove to be solvent, it became apparent that the community would be without a bank for some time. Therefore, on January 15, 1931, a group of concerned citizens began a drive for subscriptions to stock a new bank." [Hardin, Rebecca. *Morgan County Scrapbook, Vol. 1* (1985, 1996), at p. 289].

On January 31, 1931, 88 of 91 subscribers met to start a new bank, which they called Citizens Bank. Currently located across the street and a half-block north of the former Farmers State Bank location, Citizens Bank continues to serve the community today.



Figure 8.  
Citizens Bank  
at its present  
main location  
(33 North  
Indiana Street)  
as it looked  
in 1967  
(advertisement  
excerpted from  
the 1967  
Wagon Trails  
[Mooresville  
High School  
yearbook])



Figures 9 & 10. Farmers Bank appears on the right side of these photographs (taken by J. P. Calvert) on the northwest corner of the intersection of Main and Indiana Streets. The top photo was taken in 1912; the bottom was taken circa 1910. Note in the top picture that the word *bank* has been embossed in ink on the photo itself, probably by the caption writer. Note, also, the absence of the chime clock above the main entrance, which was present by at least 1917-1923 (see Figures 2, 12).



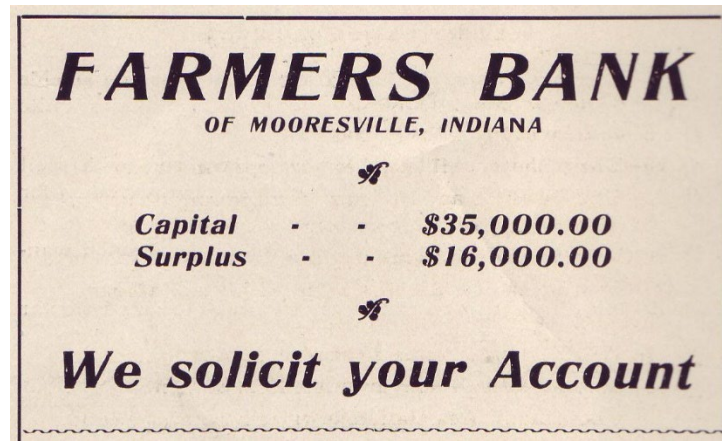
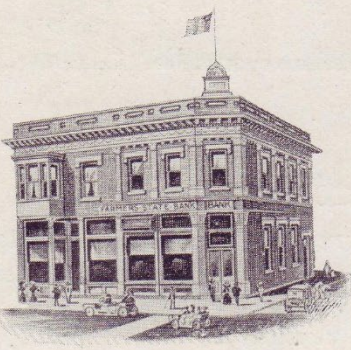


Figure 11. Farmers Bank advertisement in the 1909 Senior Annual, Mooresville High School.



**Farmer's State Bank**  
The Bank on the Corner  
With the Chime Clock

Capital  
\$35,000.00  
Surplus and Profits  
\$33,530.22

ESTABLISHED 1873

**STRENGTH AND SERVICE**  
OUR MOTTO  
"Up to the Minute in All Lines of the  
Banking Business"

3 Per Cent on Savings  
Trusts Executed

J. L. Mathews	President
J. J. Reeve	Vice-President
W. F. Hadley	Vice-President
E. F. Hadley	Cashier
C. L. White	Asst. Cashier
G. A. Mills	Bookkeeper

MOORESVILLE :: INDIANA

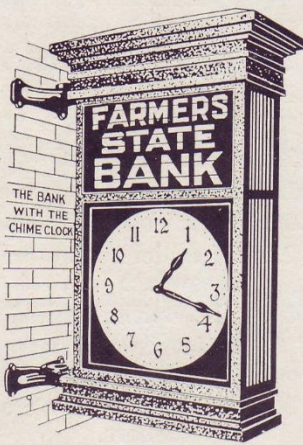



Figure 12. Farmers State Bank advertisement in the 1917 Mooresville High School yearbook, The 1917 Packet. Note the chime clock, which was attached to the outside of the building above the main entrance.





WHITE LICK REVIEW

1873
1923

## THE FARMERS STATE BANK

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For fifty years the success of this organization has depended upon the personnel of which it has been composed. Realizing this fact in the selection of employes, the highest efficiency and greatest service to customers has always been uppermost in the minds of the directors, and as result of this endeavor, this institution has employed seventeen graduates of the Mooresville High School.

### HONOR ROLL

R. D. Sellars (1892)	Edith Shephard (1913)
A. B. Calvert (1899)	Gail A. Mills (1914)
E. F. Hadley (1899)	Paul W. Reynolds (1917)
Maggie Carter (1905)	Claude W. Crose (1917)
Carl White (1905)	Wm. R. Parr (1918)
Emma S. Joyner (1907)	Bernice Long (1919)
H. W. Townsend (1910)	Raymond H. Julian (1920)
Pearl C. Ballard (1912)	W. Arthur Hadley (1923)
C. Alden White (1923)	

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Figure 13. Advertisement for the Farmers State Bank in the 1923 White Lick Review (MHS yearbook) honoring its 17 employees who were Mooresville High School graduates.

## 2 West Main Street (October, 2007)



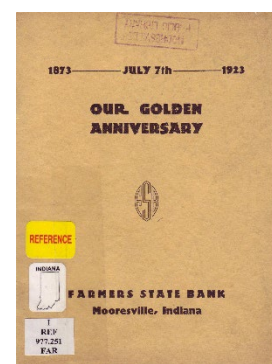
Figure 14. The northwest corner of the intersection of Main and Indiana Streets (October 2007), showing the former location of Farmers State Bank. Roscoe Stovall, Jr. & Associates, attorneys at law, conducted business at this location in 2007.

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Figures 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 excerpted from *Our Golden Anniversary: Farmers State Bank, Mooresville, Indiana, 1873 – July 7<sup>th</sup> – 1923* (Thornton-Levey Co., 1923).

Oct., 2007 color photograph taken by William R. Buckley.





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## CHAPTER NINE

### The Lindley Block

**FRED J. LINDLEY**  
WILL DEDICATE HIS NEW BUSINESS BLOCK  
**SAT., OCT. 7, 1905.**  
The building will be occupied by  
MANKER'S CIGAR and TOBACCO STORE.  
WRIGHT'S BARGAIN STORE.  
PARR'S UP-TO-DATE BARBER SHOP.  
PLUMBER'S PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY.  
HAWLEY'S TAILORING ROOMS.  
GOOD MUSIC by LOBRICO, the HARPIST  
**EVERYBODY COME**





**Figure 1:** The Lindley Block (1905-1925) as it appeared *circa* 1910s. Ed Harvey operated the sandwich wagon, from which he served various delights, including fried brain sandwiches. *Courtesy of the Mooresville Public Library, Indiana Room Photograph Collection (Donated by Rebecca Romine Hardin from a print originally owned by Mrs. K. A. Paul).*

**Figure 1A:** Advertisement in the Friday, October 6, 1905 edition of the *Mooresville Times*, announcing the dedication of Fred J. Lindley's new business block. *Courtesy of the Mooresville Public Library, Indiana Room Historical File Collection.*

The Lindley Block was a white building on the southwest corner of the Main St.-Indiana St. intersection in downtown Mooresville. Fred J. Lindley dedicated the building on October 7, 1905. Like today's "mini-malls," it housed several businesses, including a tobacconist, bargain store, barber shop, photography studio, and tailor. The photo shows Ed Harvey's sandwich wagon parked along Indiana Street. Harvey served various concoctions, including ice cream, flavored sodas, hamburgers, hot dogs, ham sandwiches, and his specialty, deep-fried brain sandwiches. Harvey sold the wagon to Hal Kitchen and moved to Peoria, IL in 1920.

On Sunday, December 27, 1925, at approximately 3:00 A.M., the Lindley Block burned to the ground. Two Indianapolis fire units and all of Mooresville's fire fighters, who nearly froze in the minus-17 degree temperatures, battled the blaze for 16 hours.

At the time of the fire, the second floor was used for offices and apartments. The first floor housed various businesses, including Wadley Creamery Co., Milhon's Watch Shop, Mrs. Lyon's Millinery, Bill Woods' Barbershop, and Kroger Grocery. William Moore's Pool Room was located in the basement. Fred Cooper's Jewelry Store had operated on the corner before Mrs. Lyon's Millinery. Around 1918 the "House of Hadley," a cleaning, pressing, and laundry service, was situated along the Indiana Street side of the building, which is shown with awnings in the photo on page one. In about 1920 Hadley sold his business to Mr. Shaw, who renamed it The Toggery Shop. Shaw then resold it to C. K. "Crump" Marley, who ran the business during 1921-22 or so. H.A. Culbertson is listed as proprietor of The Toggery Shop in the 1923 *White Lick Review*, the Mooresville High School Yearbook. Nick Banos owned a small candy store in the Block before the fire. He later moved to Franklin, Indiana where he opened the Franklin Candy Kitchen.



*Figure 2. South Indiana Street, looking across the intersection of Main and Indiana Streets, during the 1910s. The Lindley Block is on the right.*



*Figure 2A. Looking toward East Main Street (and the intersection of Main and Indiana Streets) from West Main Street. The arrow marks the Lindley Block.*



# MOORESVILLE TIMES.

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF MOORESVILLE AND COMMUNITY

MOORESVILLE, INDIANA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1936.

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## LINDLEY BLOCK DESTROYED BY FIRE

The Lindley building a two story frame structure at the corner of Main and Indiana streets in the center of the business district of Mooresville was discovered on fire about three o'clock Sunday morning. The building was heated by steam and it is thought an overheated boiler in the basement started the fire.

The local fire department responded promptly to the alarm, but soon found that it would be unable to control the fire, which spread rapidly. A telephone call was sent to the Indianapolis fire department for assistance. Two fire trucks, fully manned, were sent and made the eighteen mile run in twenty-two minutes. The cold was intense and the city firemen facing a bitter west wind, suffered greatly on the trip. The two fire departments working together succeeded in confining the fire to the Lindley building and prevented the destruction of adjoining property. The Carlisle block on the west and the Hadley block on the South, both brick buildings, were damaged by water and broken windows.

The cold was so severe that Fire Chief O'Brien of Indianapolis sent a second crew of firemen to relieve those that had made the first trip.

Many here believe that only the work of the Indianapolis firemen kept the entire city from burning.

Mrs. Mary Waitz, a tenant in the Lindley building, was carried from the burning structure in an unconscious condition by her son William Waitz.

Dr. Charles L. Aker and F. J. Lindley, owner of the building, who were sleeping in the second story escaped hurriedly. Dr. Aker lost all of his office equipment and household furniture. Mr. Lindley lost the furniture of his apartment, in addition to the building. The ground floor business rooms were occupied by the Kroger grocery, W. C. Woods, barber shop and Schlosser Bros.' cream station. The basement was occupied by Wm. Moore's restaurant and pool room. The building and contents were all almost completely destroyed.

The total loss is estimated at \$20,000 which only partially covered by insurance.

An ample supply of water with high fire pressure was furnished by the Mooresville water works.

The business concerns that were burned out found new locations in town immediately and are now operating as usual. The Kroger grocery company obtained the room formerly occupied by Sam Wade on east Main and opened Wednesday for business with new fixtures and a new stock of goods. W. C. Woods bought the barber shop formerly owned by Owen Prescott and took possession Monday. He will be glad to see old and new patrons in his new location. Schlosser Bros. secured the room occupied by L. E. Ballard in the Alexander block on south Indiana street and have resumed business. Dr. Aker has his office with Dr. W. L. Thompson. Mr. Lindley has not decided yet but will probably rebuild.

### NOTES OF THE FIRE

John Wilson and son, Charles, who occupy rooms over Moore's restaurant in the Hadley building were driven out by the fire. Their goods were damaged by smoke and water.

Figure 3. The Times reports the catastrophe.



## **Then.... The (Former) Lindley Block Becomes a Gasoline Service Station, Then Retail Shops**

After the Lindley Block burned, the site remained vacant. A high wooden fence surrounded a hole where the building once stood. In 1937 or 1938, Harry Wilson constructed a Pure Oil Station for George Park, who operated a full-service gasoline station until spring 1940. “Brewer & Son” offered tires, batteries, lubrication, and gasoline at the station, according to their advertisement in the 1949 Mooresville High School Yearbook. In the early 1950s the station became Selke’s Pure Oil. In 1956 Selke sold the station to Dale Richardson, who operated Pure Oil until 1959, when Paul Mason bought it. Mason sold the station in March, 1960 to Russ Lightle, who owned the station through the 1960s. The station continued to function until 1974 or 1975 (when it was a Marathon Oil Station). At that time the gasoline service was discontinued, although the building continued to sell and change tires, perform tune-ups, and sell used cars. In 1985, Gary and Karen Rogers purchased the building and operated a store called Coffee, Tea and Potpourri. In the 2000s, a jewelry store operated at the location. Edward Jones (2008-ca. 2017) operated an office there for several years.



*Figure 4a. Paul Mason’s Pure Oil Station (1959-1960)*





## DALE'S PURE OIL SERVICE



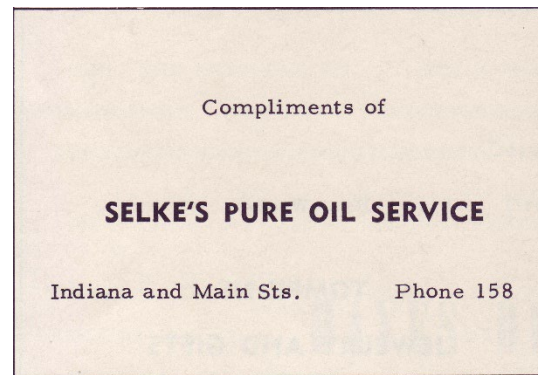
## DALE'S SERVICE STATION

Corner of Main and Indiana

Mooresville, Indiana

Phone 158

*Figures 4b & 4c: Dale Richardson owned the Pure Oil station between 1956-1959 (Advertisements from the 1956 & 1958 Mooresville High School Wagon Trails yearbook.*



*Figure 4d. Selke's Pure Oil station ran this advertisement in the 1955 Mooresville High School Wagon Trails yearbook.*

**2007....**



*Figure 5. Site of the Lindley Block (and, later, gasoline service station) on the southwest corner of the intersection of Main and Indiana Streets, Mooresville, IN (November, 2007), which subsequently housed various retail businesses, including the jewelry store above.*



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## CHAPTER TEN

### G.R. Scruggs Dry Goods Store (1891-1918)

Samuel Moore originally owned the land located at 11 and 9 East Main Street in downtown Mooresville. Moore sold the property to Asa Bales in 1832 for \$100. Bales then sold it to Samuel Harryman. Henry C. and Allen W. Conduitt bought the property in December, 1870, for \$800, and Henry sold his interest to Allen in 1877. Allen constructed a two-story, Italianate-style building between 1870 and 1871 at 9 East Main Street.

Allen W. Conduitt operated his dry goods business there until selling to George R. Scruggs in 1891 (*see Figure 1*) for \$2,000. Scruggs remodeled the building's exterior in 1904 (*see Figure 2*) and also expanded the business into the neighboring building at 11 East Main Street. Scruggs operated his dry goods store in these two structures until January 1, 1918, when he sold his interest in the business to Ad Sellars and Cal Bellows. Bellows, who was born near Waverly and lived most of his formative years in Mooresville, joined Scruggs' firm in 1904, working there for 14 years until he and Sellars formed their partnership and took over Scruggs' enterprise (*see Figure 4*).



*Figure 1. G.R. Scruggs dry goods store as it looked circa 1891, when Scruggs purchased the building from Allen W. & Sara E. Conduitt. The exterior was remodeled in 1904, as shown in Figure 2. (Photograph donated to the Library by Bonita Marley, 10/23/1968).*



Figure 2. G.R. Scruggs dry goods store after the exterior was remodeled in 1904. Scruggs operated out of both buildings (left and right) during 1904-1918.

**We Propose to Sell Goods  
Cheaper than Any One.  
So Here Goes.**

100 pairs Ladies dongola shoes 94c.	Men's colored Shirts.....23c.
25 Ladies Heavy Capes.....98c.	Mens Colored Shirts Laundered 34c.
25 Ladies, Miss and Childrens, Cloaks.....98c.	Boys Knee Pants Suits.....98c.
20 Ladies Jerseys.....19c.	The Best \$5.00 Black and Blue Cheviot Suit for Men in the world for the money.
200 Mens Heavy Caps worth 50c 24c	100 Men's Hats 48c worth \$1.00
100 fine fur Hats for Men.....98c.	

**G. R. Scruggs,  
Mooreville, Ind**

Figure 3. An advertisement for G.R. Scruggs store from the front page of the Mooreville Guide, Dec. 13, 1895.



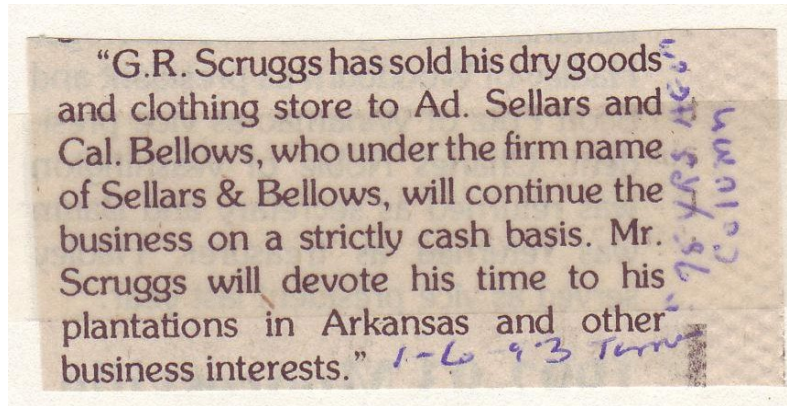


Figure 4. "75 Years Ago" column in the Mooresville Times (Jan. 6, 1993) recounted the sale of the G.R. Scruggs dry goods store, which became Sellars & Bellows, running the business on a "strictly cash basis."

## **Sellars & Bellows Dry Goods (1918-1929) – Cal Bellows Dry Goods (1929-1937) – Bellows & Jones Department Store (1937-1950) – B.F. Jones Department Store (1950-fl. 1960s)**

Sellars & Bellows operated for 11 years when Cal Bellows purchased Ad Sellars' interest in the business in 1929 and was sole proprietor until 1937, when B.F. (Franklin) Jones joined the firm, which became known as Bellows & Jones Department Store (see Figures 5A & 5B).

In 1950 Cal Bellows retired after 45 years in the department store business, and Franklin Jones became sole owner of the enterprise (see Figure 5C). The B.F. Jones Department Store was flourishing when the Mooresville Chamber of Commerce featured it in a 1960s newspaper article (see Figure 5D).

Around 1967, Merle Sears Heating & Plumbing, which later became Hession Heating & Cooling, was located at 9 East Main Street and continued there into the 1990s. In the 2000s, the property was home to Spotlight on Stars Dance & Tumbling Academy. Zydeco's 5 Restaurant is now located at 11 East Main Street.

**Announcement**

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**FRANKLIN JONES** has purchased an interest  
in the well known Main Street business

**The CAL BELLOWS' DRY GOODS STORE**  
MOORESVILLE, INDIANA

Mr. Jones needs no introduction to the people of this community. Recently he has been connected with the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, South Bend, Ind.

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A FULL AND COMPLETE LINE OF  
**Dry Goods, Ladies' Ready to Wear, Ladies'**  
GARMENTS, Shoes for Men, Women and Children,  
Hats, Caps, Sweaters, Shirts, Underwear,  
Draperies, Linoleums and Rugs, Etc.

as has been carried in the past will be continued and enlarged.

From time to time new lines will be added to meet the trade's demands.

Appreciating the generous patronage our friends and customers have given us in the past, we solicit a continuance of the same. Quality goods and fair prices you will find here. Come in.

**Cal Bellows Dry Goods Store**  
MAIN STREET MOORESVILLE, IND.

*Series Thru. Sept 23, 1937*

Figure 5A. Advertisement in the Mooresville Times Sept. 23, 1937) announcing Franklin Jones' purchase of an interest in Cal Bellows' Dry Goods Store.



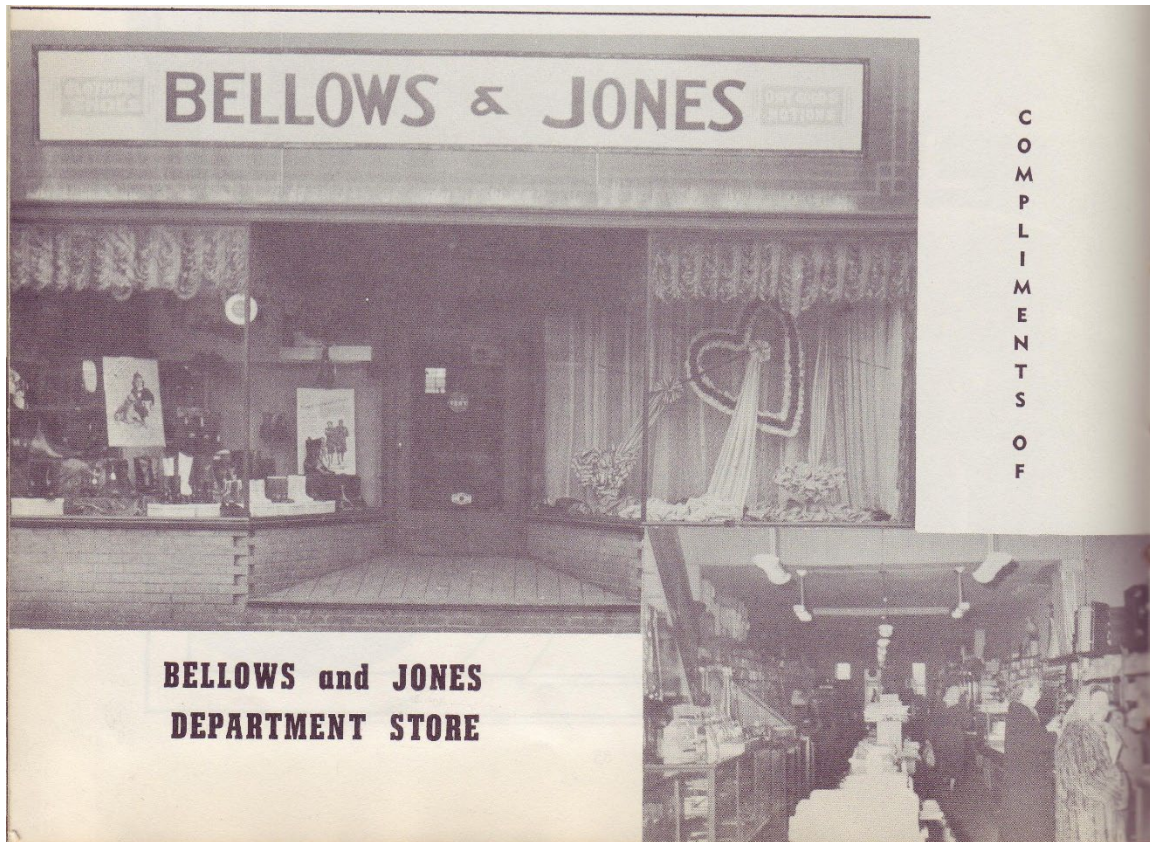


Figure 5B. Bellows & Jones Department Store advertisement in the 1949 Wagon Trails (Mooresville High School yearbook).

**GOOD LUCK!**  
**NEIGHBOR**  
*We Wish All The Best  
 To Both of You*  
**B. F. JONES**  
 The New Owner  
**and CAL BELLOWS**  
 The Retiring Partner

*JAN 26, 1950*  
*p. 1*

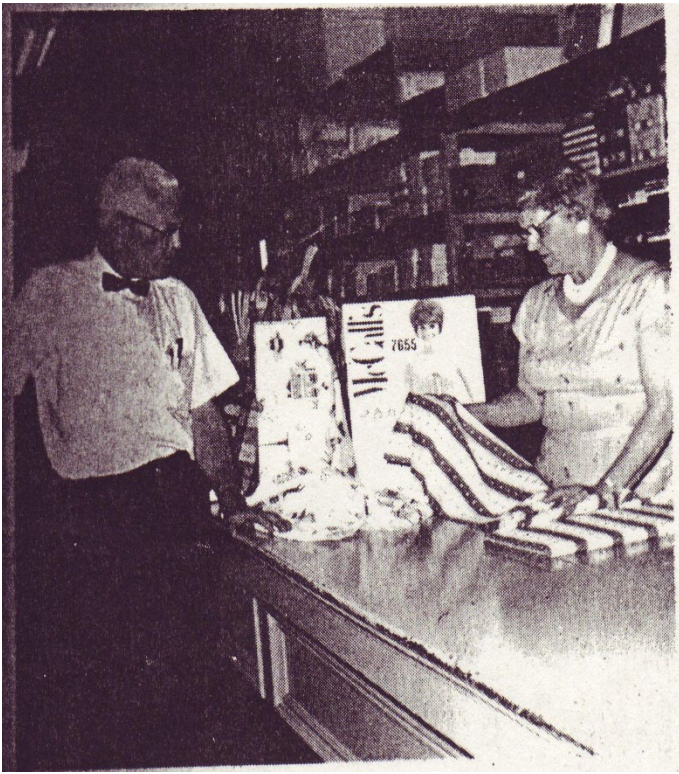
**WE KNOW THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY JOINS US IN THIS GREETING**

The firm of Bellows and Jones has been one of the splendid business enterprises in Mooresville for more than a decade . . . public spirited . . . cooperative and generous to all in the vicinity. We know that the new owner will continue this high type of business operation.

**B. F. JONES**

Figure 5C.  
 Franklin Jones  
 assumes command of  
 the department store  
 as announced in the  
 Mooresville Times,  
 Jan. 26, 1950, p. 1.





*Figure 5D. The B.F. Jones  
Department Store of the 1960s.  
Franklin Jones (left) and Mary  
Pygman (right) look over bolts  
of fabric for sale.*

## 11, 9 & 5 East Main Street (May, 2008)



Figure 6. Buildings at 11 (left, Zydeco's 5 Restaurant) & 9 (center, Spotlight on Stars Dance & Tumbling Academy) East Main Street in May, 2008. The Keller Building (right), at 5 East Main Street, constructed between 1907-1910 by G.A. Keller, housed Mooresville Open Market in May, 2008. Keller operated a hardware store at this site between the 1880s and 1922.



## CHAPTER ELEVEN

### North Side of West Main Street (1890s-1960s)

In the 1890s, two buildings were constructed at 8 and 10 West Main Street. According to the 1902 and 1910 Sanborn fire insurance maps, the westerly building (10 West Main Street) housed a grocery/hardware store between at least 1902-1910. A drugstore was situated there during the 1920s. Around 1930 Ad Sellars, who had been in partnership with Cal Bellows until 1929 running Sellars & Bellows dry goods store, purchased the buildings and opened a department store. In July, 1933 Sellars sold the business to Leon Adler. Adler's Department Store (see *Figures 1 and 3*) operated there until closing on Feb. 18, 1967.

Adler's sold clothing, dry goods, and footwear. According to the *Mooreville Times*, June 10, 1965, Leon Adler stated that, in the 1930s, his "stock was largely for a farming community with Saturday night [being] the big sales time when the farm families poured into town for a social and shopping evening that kept up until 11 p.m. and later." In addition to the store, Adler also managed an educational film business, in which he produced and distributed films worldwide.

Gradually, during the post-World War II years and the 1950s, Mooreville grew into a suburban community, and this was reflected in the changing tastes of Adler's clientele. Customers insisted upon a greater variety of stock with more style variations. Clothing fads came and went quickly, posing inventory problems for businesses trying to keep up with the latest fashion trends.

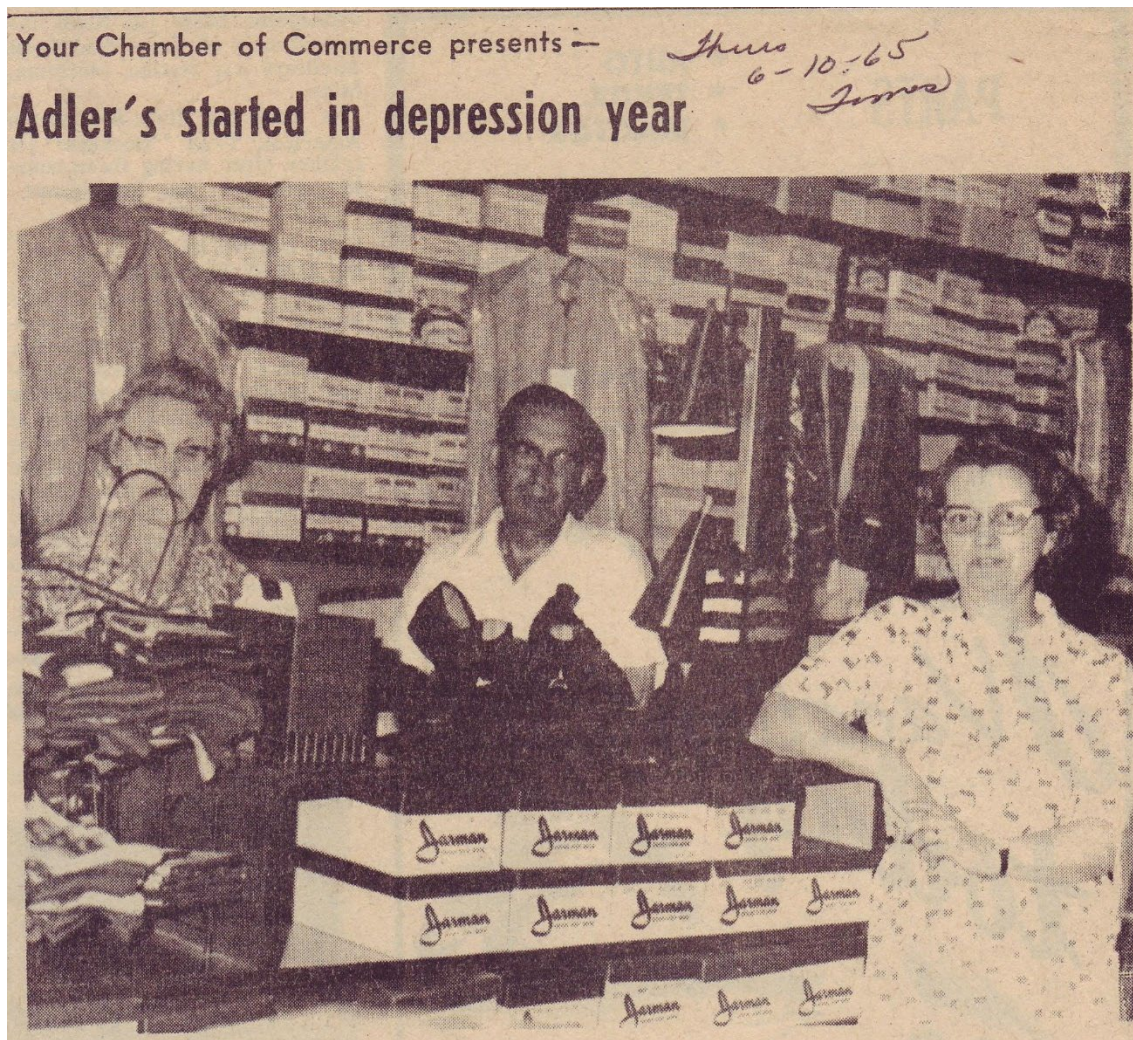


Figure 1. Leon Adler's Department Store at 10 West Main Street. Photo and headlines excerpted from the Mooresville Times, June 10, 1965, in which the accompanying article stated: "He [Adler] is aided in running the store by Edith Plummer and Alice Jane Giffin." Since the article had no photo caption, the reader is left to infer that Leon, Edith, and Alice Jane are pictured here.

The north side of West Main Street was home to many other firms when Adler's Department Store operated there. Next door to the west was land that, around 1906, Howard W. Lindley purchased from Mary R. Moon and Bertha Moon Munson, upon which Lindley constructed the building that became Lindley and Charles Widner's hardware store. This became Lindley & Jessup Hardware (ca. 1910) (see Figure 2) when Charles sold out. Lindley & Jessup conducted business at 12 West Main Street between 1910s-1920s, until William Jessup sold his interest to Lindley, and H. W. Lindley Hardware continued until 1944, when it was sold to William B. Nelson, who, with son Charles, started Nelson & Son Hardware (see Figures 3, 4, and 5). William B. Nelson began working at Lindley & Jessup in 1918, learning the skills that enabled him to successfully purchase and operate the store. Upon his father's retirement in 1960, Charles Nelson became full owner, and he



and his wife, Dorothy, ran the store until 1981, when they retired. Among many of Mooresville's lifetime residents, "Charlie" Nelson (1918-2009) was a "living, breathing encyclopedia" filled with an amazing array of historical anecdotes and facts about the town and surrounding community.



*Figure 2. Lindley & Jessup Hardware circa 1910. Pictured are (left to right): Howard W. Lindley, Will Horton, Mr. Wolfe, and Mr. Thompson. In 1944, Lindley sold the store, which became Nelson & Son Hardware. (Photograph by J.P. Calvert.)*

Eight West Main Street was home to a harness and buggy shop between at least 1902 and 1920, according to the Sanborn fire insurance maps from the period. Several grocers operated there: Boyd's Market (1926-1947), Hinshaw's Market (1947-1953), and Moore's AG Market (1953-1967) (see Figure 6). Ward's Apparel conducted business there during the 1970s. Today, Yellow Moon Antique Mall occupies the premises.

The two-story structure at 6 West Main Street was built in approximately 1906 by A. R. Cooper, Jr. (Al) and Fred Cooper, along with their father, A. R. Cooper, Sr. Cooper's Drugstore was a fixture there from around 1906 to 1947, when the



establishment was sold to Gene Hayes. Hayes Drugstore conducted business there between 1947 and 1965, and Tri-County Sports was situated there in the early 1970s. Main Street Photography started there in 1978 through circa 2010. It became Ralph & Ava's Restaurant thereafter.



*Figure 3. In this mid-1960s photograph, Adler's Department Store and Nelson & Son Hardware appear at the westerly end of the north side of West Main Street, close to the 1916 Carnegie building that housed Mooresville Public Library. Harold Moore's AG Food Market is right of an unidentified pedestrian, who may have been the intended central subject of this photograph. Hayes Drug Store appears on the right.*





Figure 4. Dorothy and Charles Nelson owned Nelson & Son Hardware at 12 West Main Street. Charles and his father, William B. Nelson, purchased the business from Howard W. Lindley in 1944. Charles and Dorothy operated the store until their retirement in 1981. (Photograph excerpted from the Mooresville Times, Aug. 12, 1971.

Figure 5. Nelson & Son

Hardware ad in the

Mooresville Times

(indicated as 1974 in red ink,

but the picture caption says,

"August 1953" and identifies

the owner, Charles "Brake"

Nelson.) The ad shows a 1970s

phone number (Pre-1960s phone

numbers were 2-3 digits – see

Figures 10B, 11B, 12, 13A-B).

August, 1953 — Brake Nelson

**Nelson & Son Hardware**

12 W. Main      Established in 1944      1974 Times      831-2050





Figure 6. "Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moore, with some help from Ada Moore, Harold's mother, have operated Moore's Market, 8 W. Main St., as a typical home owned family store since 1953 when they bought it from Glenn Hinshaw. [...] Glenn Hinshaw's ownership was preceded by that of Glenn's father, Charles Hinshaw, and before that Burnice Boyd operated the store for 21 years." Mooresville Times, May 27, 1965.

Figure 7 shows West Main Street as it appeared circa 1910. Figures 8-17B showcase the businesses that occupied the north side of West Main Street during the 20<sup>th</sup> century, along with some of their advertising.






Figure 7. This circa 1910 photograph (taken by J.P. Calvert) shows West Main Street as one looks across the intersection of Indiana and Main Streets. On the right (north) side there is (from nearest to farthest) Farmer's State Bank (on the corner at 2 West Main Street), and then, masked by trees, the buildings comprising 6 through 12 West Main Street, which, at that time, housed Cooper's Drugstore (6), a harness & buggy shop (8), a grocery (soon to become a drugstore) (10), and Lindley & Jessup Hardware (12). Across the street (on the south side of West Main – left in photo) is (from nearest to farthest) the Lindley Block (1 W. Main St.), which burned to the ground on Dec. 27, 1925, Carlisle & Gilbert Furniture & Undertakers (9 W. Main St.), Pace Thompson Dry Goods (11 W. Main St.), and Taggart's Bakery & Restaurant (15 W. Main St.) The white house at the end of West Main Street (on the horizon) was adjacent to the current location of the Mooresville Public Library.

Figure 8. This advertisement for Adler's Department Store appeared in the Mooresville Times (September, 1964).

Sept 21 1964

## BACK to SCHOOL! Shoppers' Center




See our line of  
Dresses  
for School  
\$2<sup>49</sup> to \$4<sup>98</sup>

We Feature  
JARMAN SHOES  
for the  
High School  
& College Crowd

Car Coats for  
Girls of All Ages  
4<sup>98</sup> to 16<sup>95</sup>

Boys School  
Shoes



\$2<sup>95</sup> to 7<sup>95</sup>

A Complete line of  
Gym Wear  
for Girls - Boys

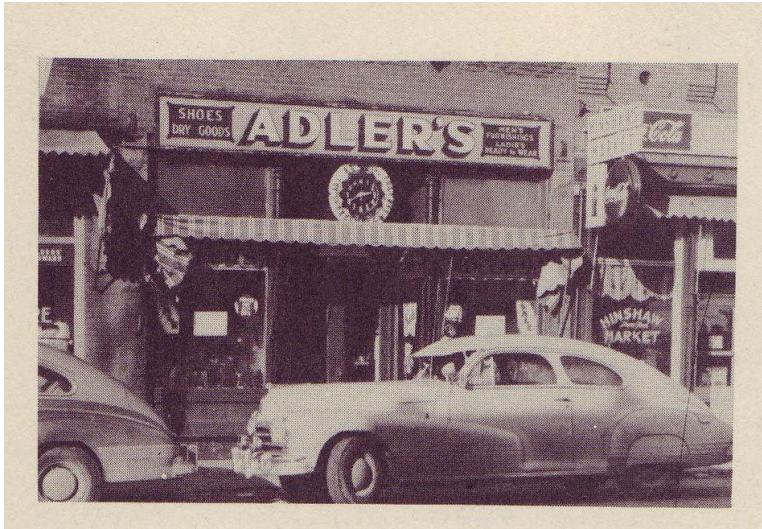
Late Styles  
In Girls  
School Shoes  
2<sup>98</sup> to 6<sup>95</sup>

From Campus  
No. 1 line of Sportswear

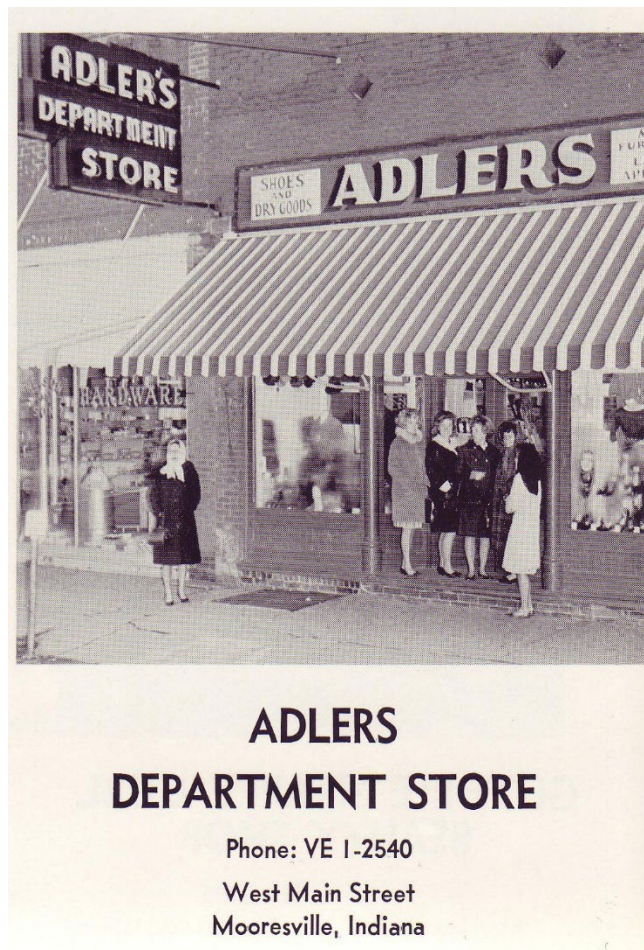
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Jackets Coats

ADLER'S  
DEPARTMENT STORE

Downtown Mooresville

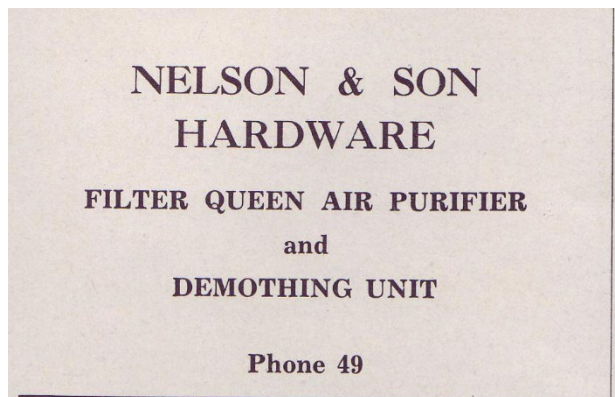


*Figures 9A & 9B. Adler's  
Department Store  
advertisements in the  
1951 (left) and 1964 (below)  
Wagon Trails (Mooreville  
High School yearbooks).*





*Figures 10A & 10B. Nelson & Son Hardware advertisements in the 1964 Wagon Trails (right) and the 1946 Wagon Trails (below, left) (Mooreville High School yearbooks).*



*Figures 11A & 11B. Moore's AG Grocery (Market) advertisements in the 1959 (right) and 1964 (above, right) Wagon Trails (Mooreville High School yearbooks).*



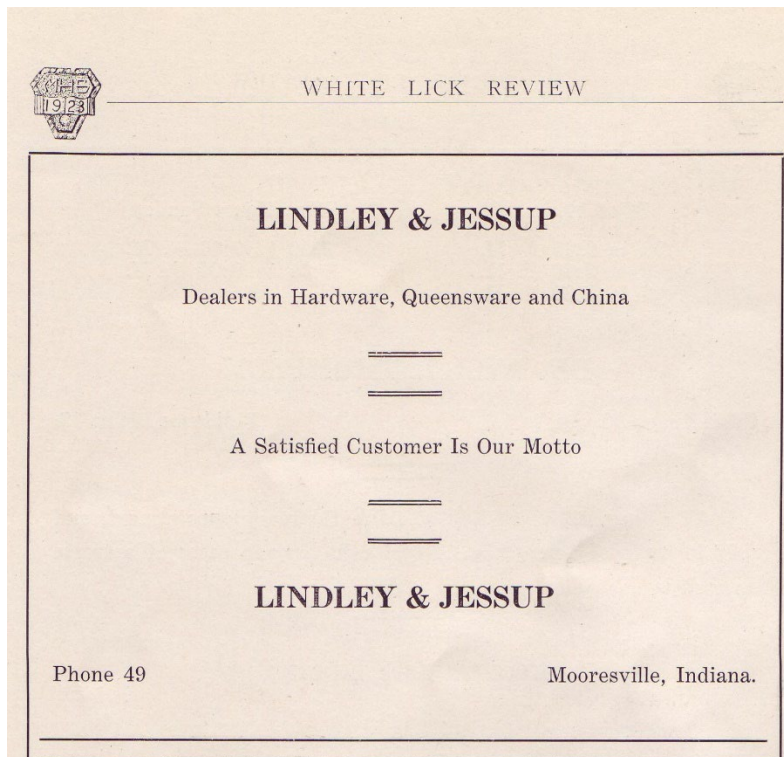
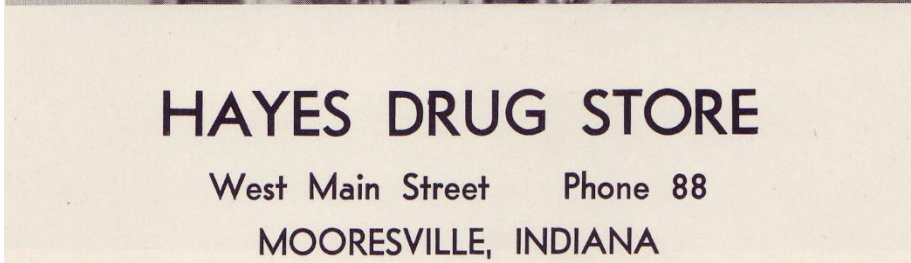


Figure 12. *Lindley & Jessup Hardware advertisement in the 1923 White Lick Review (Mooreville High School yearbook).*



*Figures 13A &  
13B. Ads for  
Hayes Drug Store  
in the 1959 (left)  
and 1958  
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Wagon Trails  
(MHS yearbooks)*







## HAYES DRUG STORE

West Main Street

Phone 88

Mooreville, Indiana

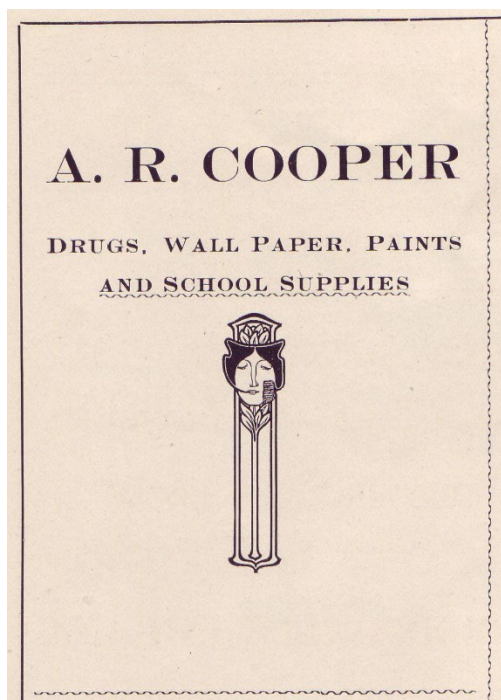


Figure 14. (left) Advertisement for A.R. Cooper's Drugstore in the 1911 Mooreville High School yearbook, the 'Levenite'. Cooper's Drugstore was the predecessor to Hayes Drugstore at 6 West Main Street.



1873

1923

## THE FARMERS STATE BANK

For fifty years the success of this organization has depended upon the personnel of which it has been composed. Realizing this fact in the selection of employes, the highest efficiency and greatest service to customers has always been uppermost in the minds of the directors, and as result of this endeavor, this institution has employed seventeen graduates of the Mooresville High School.

### HONOR ROLL

R. D. Sellars (1892)	Edith Shephard (1913)
A. B. Calvert (1899)	Gail A. Mills (1914)
E. F. Hadley (1899)	Paul W. Reynolds (1917)
Maggie Carter (1905)	Claude W. Crose (1917)
Carl White (1905)	Wm. R. Parr (1918)
Emma S. Joyner (1907)	Bernice Long (1919)
H. W. Townsend (1910)	Raymond H. Julian (1920)
Pearl C. Ballard (1912)	W. Arthur Hadley (1923)
C. Alden White (1923)	

Figure 15. Advertisement for the Farmers State Bank in the 1923 White Lick Review (MHS yearbook) honoring its 17 employees who were Mooresville High School graduates.





Figure 16. The 1964 Wagon Trails (Mooresville High School yearbook) shows the former home of the Farmers State Bank (corner, above mailbox) as well as Hayes Drugs, Moore's Market, and Adler's Department Store (to the left).





Figure 17A. The left page from a 1959 gatefold from *Wagon Trails* (Moorsville High School yearbook), showing the north side of West Main Street, with the edge of Adler's Department Store (left), Moore's AG Market (center), and Hayes Drugs (right), appearing.



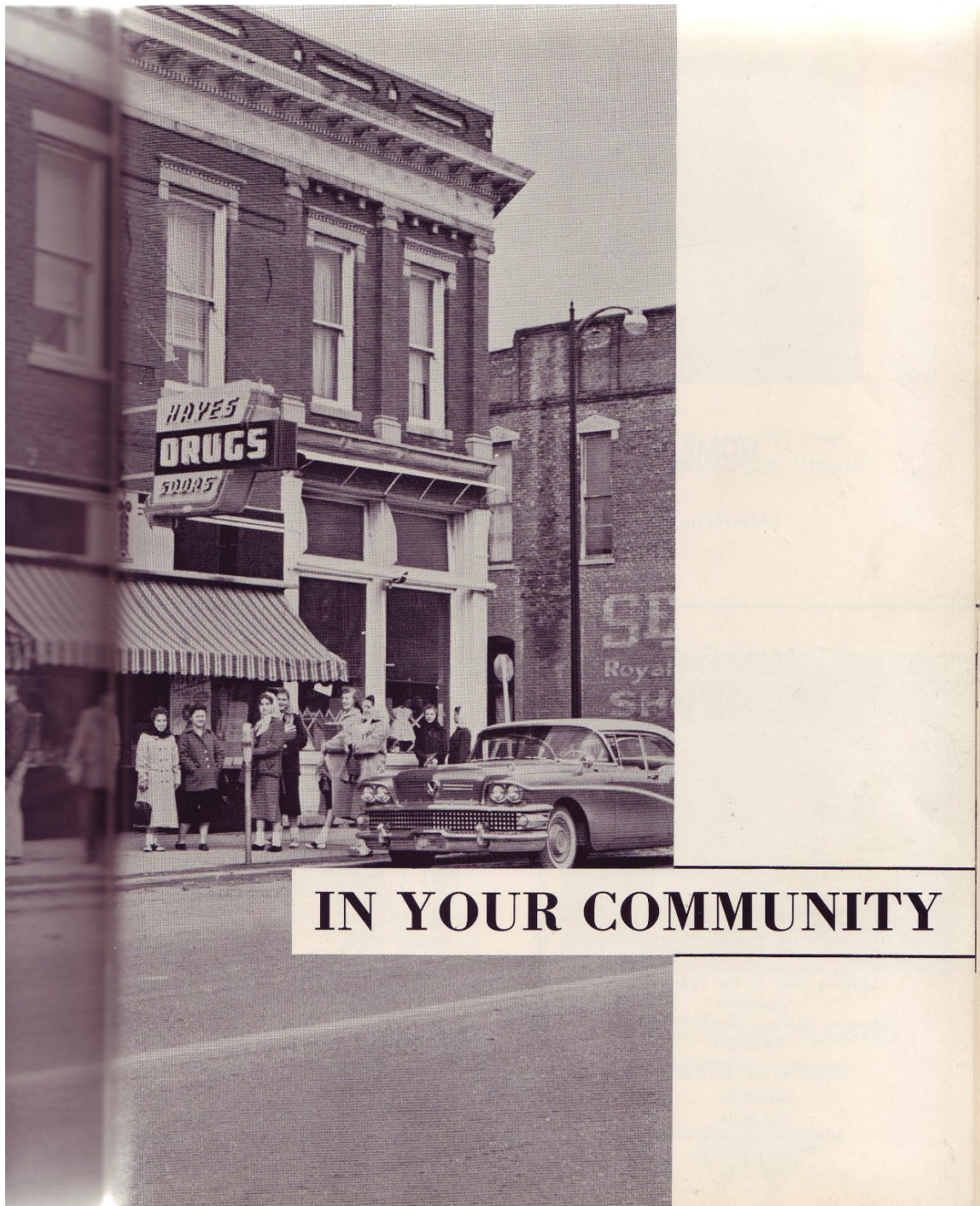


Figure 17B. Page 2 of the 1959 gatefold in *Wagon Trails* (Mooresville High School yearbook), which showed the remainder of the north side of West Main Street. The intersection of Main and Indiana Streets appears at the right, above the parked car.



## North Side of West Main Street (May, 2008)



*Figures 18A & 18B. The north side of West Main Street (May, 2008), showing (above, left to right) the old Carnegie Library and bank building; 12 (and part of 10) West Main Street; and (below, L to R) part of 12, and 10-8-6 West Main Street*



## CHAPTER TWELVE

### **11 West Main Street: Pace Thompson's Dry Goods Store (*circa* 1900-1920); Thompson Auto Supply (*circa* 1920-1952)**

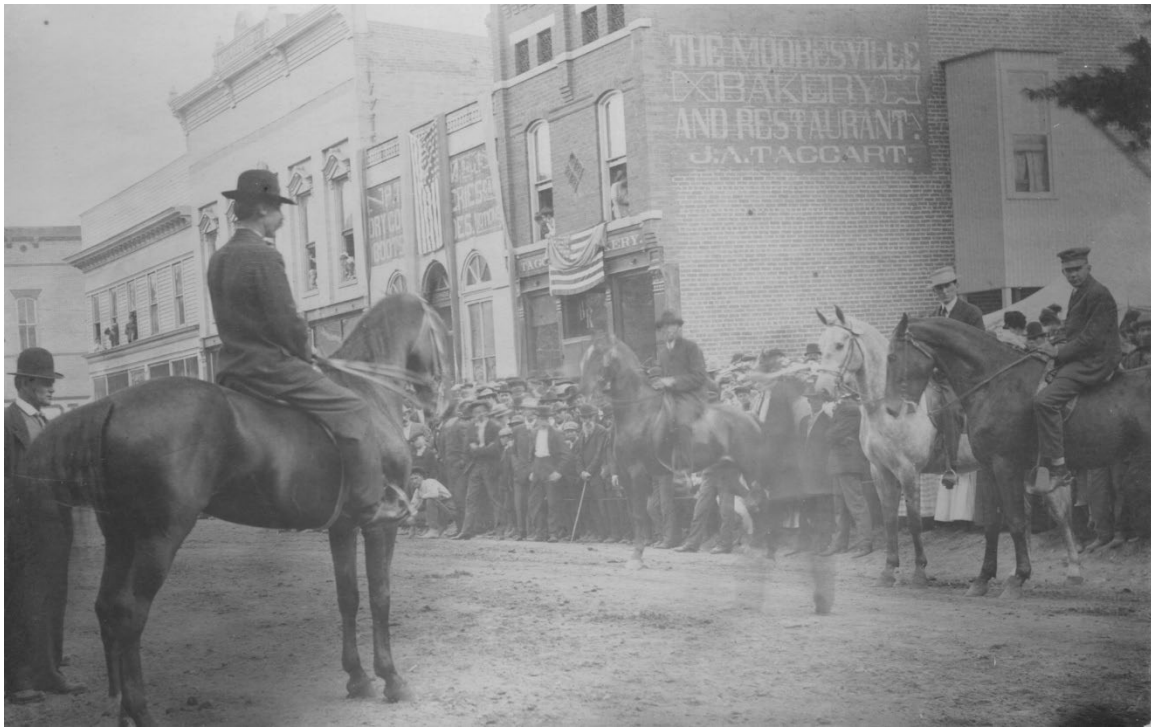
An unidentified photograph (*see* Figure 1) was discovered in the Mooresville Public Library's Indiana Room historical photo collection. It appears to be a photograph of an older photograph, and the original picture appears to be turn-of-the-20<sup>th</sup> century, based upon the appearances of the people and the structural characteristics of the premises.

Several architectural clues reveal that this photograph shows Pace Thompson's Dry Goods Store, which was located at 11 West Main Street. The 1902 Sanborn Insurance fire map shows this one-story brick building housing a "general store," and Pace Thompson ran his dry goods store here between at least 1902 (possibly earlier) and 1920. The photo in *Figure 1* shows two tall windows and a bi-fold doorway crowned with three semicircular "sunrise" windows, which were popular between the 1880s-1910s and appeared on at least a half dozen buildings in Mooresville during this time period. Two dark stars appear above the points at which the three semicircular windows meet. There are three limestone capstones at the top of each semicircular window, along with brick that mimics their semicircular shape. Four concrete or limestone caps show the level at which lentils were placed to support the downward weight of the brick where the semicircular windows meet the tall, narrow windows and doorway. There are four concrete (or limestone) blocks at the bottom of the brick just above sidewalk level, on either side of the doorway and to the left and right of the two long, narrow windows. At the top of the building is a brick "offset" line, just below the brick parapet at the roofline. Each of these features is also clearly visible in other photographs (*see Figures 2 and 6*) that have been definitely identified as 11 West Main Street during this time period. *Figure 3* shows the inside of Pace Thompson's dry goods store as it looked in the early 1900s.



*Figure 1. Although this photograph of a photograph was unidentified, it shows the Pace Thompson Dry Goods Store (circa early 1900s) located at 11 West Main Street. (Original photographer unknown – possibly J. P. Calvert.)*





*Figure 2. The 1910 Horse Show in downtown Mooresville, which shows the one-story building at 11 West Main Street (middle, above the left horse's head), between the two-story 1895 Carlisle & Gilbert Building (left, behind the horse rider on the left) and the two-story structure (right, see sign on side of building) housing the Mooresville Bakery & Restaurant, owned by Lena Taggart, who ran the business with her husband, John, from 1888 until John's death in 1907, and thereafter until selling out to Ross "Dinty" Moore in 1913. Note the semicircular windows, brick "offset" line above the business name, and brick parapet. (The American flag was displayed between two supports temporarily suspended from the parapet). Although the firm name "P. Thompson's" and "dry goods" are obscured by the flag, the letters "P. T" and "dry go" are clearly visible. (Photograph by J. P. Calvert.)*

The structure at 11 West Main Street was briefly vacant around 1920 until Pace Thompson and his son, Walter Thompson, opened Thompson's Auto Supply, which continued until 1952. Thompson's was the first business in Mooresville to exclusively sell automobile parts. The shop was repeatedly bought and sold between 1952 until the 1980s, when it closed. Carl Crowe's appliance store operated there beginning in 1989. The building was listed for sale in June, 2008.



Figure 3. Pace Thompson's dry goods store as it looked during the early 1900s.  
(Photograph by J. P. Calvert.)

Phone 27

**P. THOMPSON**

FOR DRY GOODS

AND SHOES

MOORESVILLE    ::    ::    INDIANA

**P. Thompson**

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DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, HATS,  
CAPS, SHOES, CARPETS, WIN-  
DOW SHADES and GROCERIES

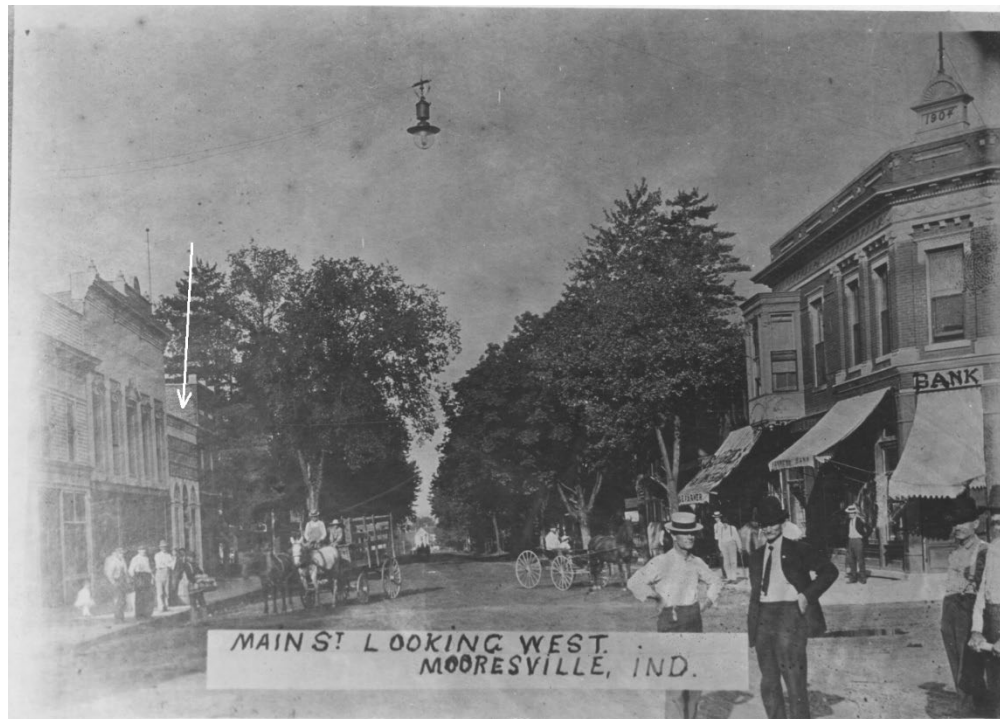
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Agent for the Beacon and Selz Shoes

✻ Terms Cash ✻

Figures 4A & 4B. Advertisements for Pace Thompson's dry goods store appearing in the 1909 Mooresville High School Senior Annual (above, right) and the 1917 Packet (Mooresville High School yearbook) (above, left).





*Pace Thompson's dry goods store, at 11 West Main Street, is indicated by the white arrows (left, above; right, below).*

*Figure 5A. (1912) Looking west from the intersection of Main and Indiana Streets.*



*Figure 5B. (Circa 1910) Looking east toward the intersection of Main and Indiana Streets (photograph by J. P. Calvert)*

## 11 West Main Street (May 2008)



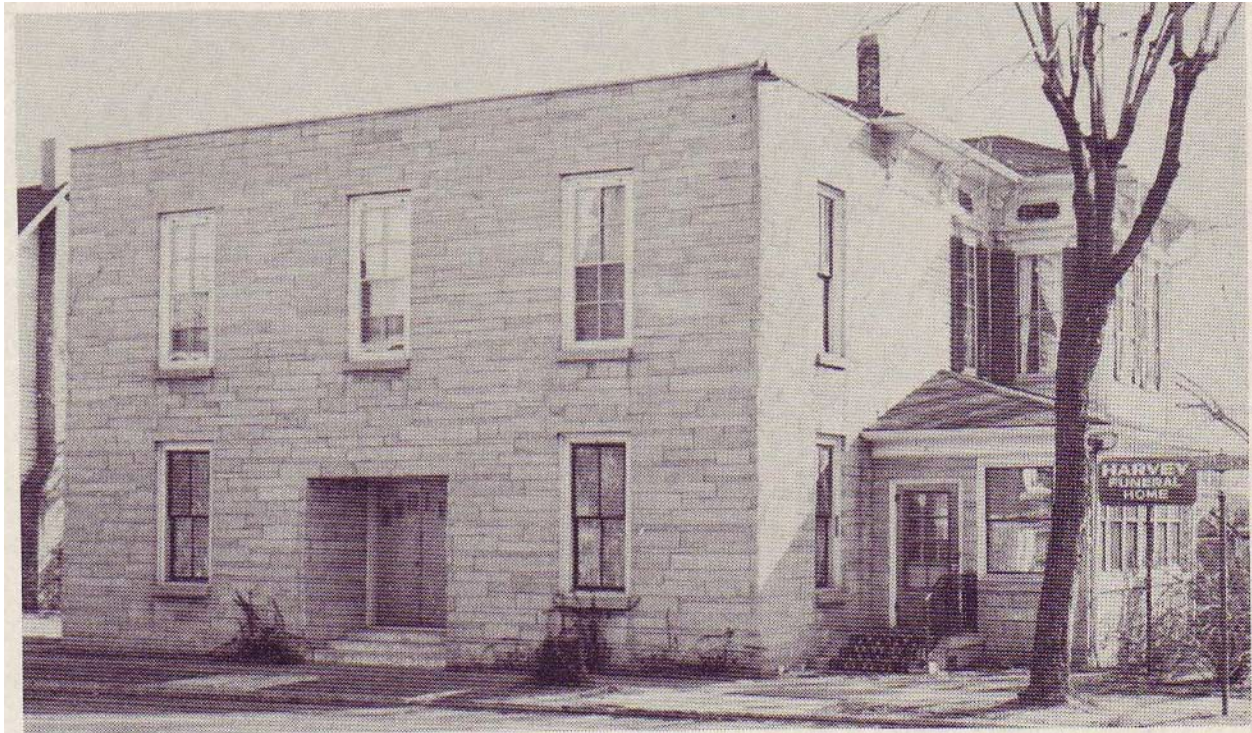
*Figure 6. 11 West Main Street as it appeared in May, 2008.*

In *Figure 6* (above), notice the semicircular windows filled-in with bricks (above the existing square windows and doorway), the two stars above the windows and doorway, the three concrete/limestone capstones above the semicircular windows, the four limestone/concrete lentic markers, two of the four concrete/limestone blocks just above the sidewalk, and the brick "offset" line near the parapet at the top of the structure. Compare these with comparable elements in the *Figure 1* photo. From this evidence, we may confidently infer that the unidentified picture in *Figure 1* shows the building at 11 West Main Street.



## CHAPTER THIRTEEN

### HARVEY FUNERAL HOME



*From an Advertisement from 1954 Wagon Trails (Mooresville High School Yearbook)*

E. F. Harvey founded Harvey Funeral Home in 1925. In 1931, the business was moved to its location on the southeast corner of the intersection of South Indiana and East Harrison Streets in downtown Mooresville (see above photo). Aldridge Harvey joined his father in 1935 and became a partner in 1945. E. F. Harvey retired in 1954. Paul and Barbara Cooke purchased the business in 1965. In 1973 they moved to a new facility at the corner of Allison Road and State Road 67 North. It became Jones Mortuary in 1975.