MONTEVALLO

Main Street *Memories*

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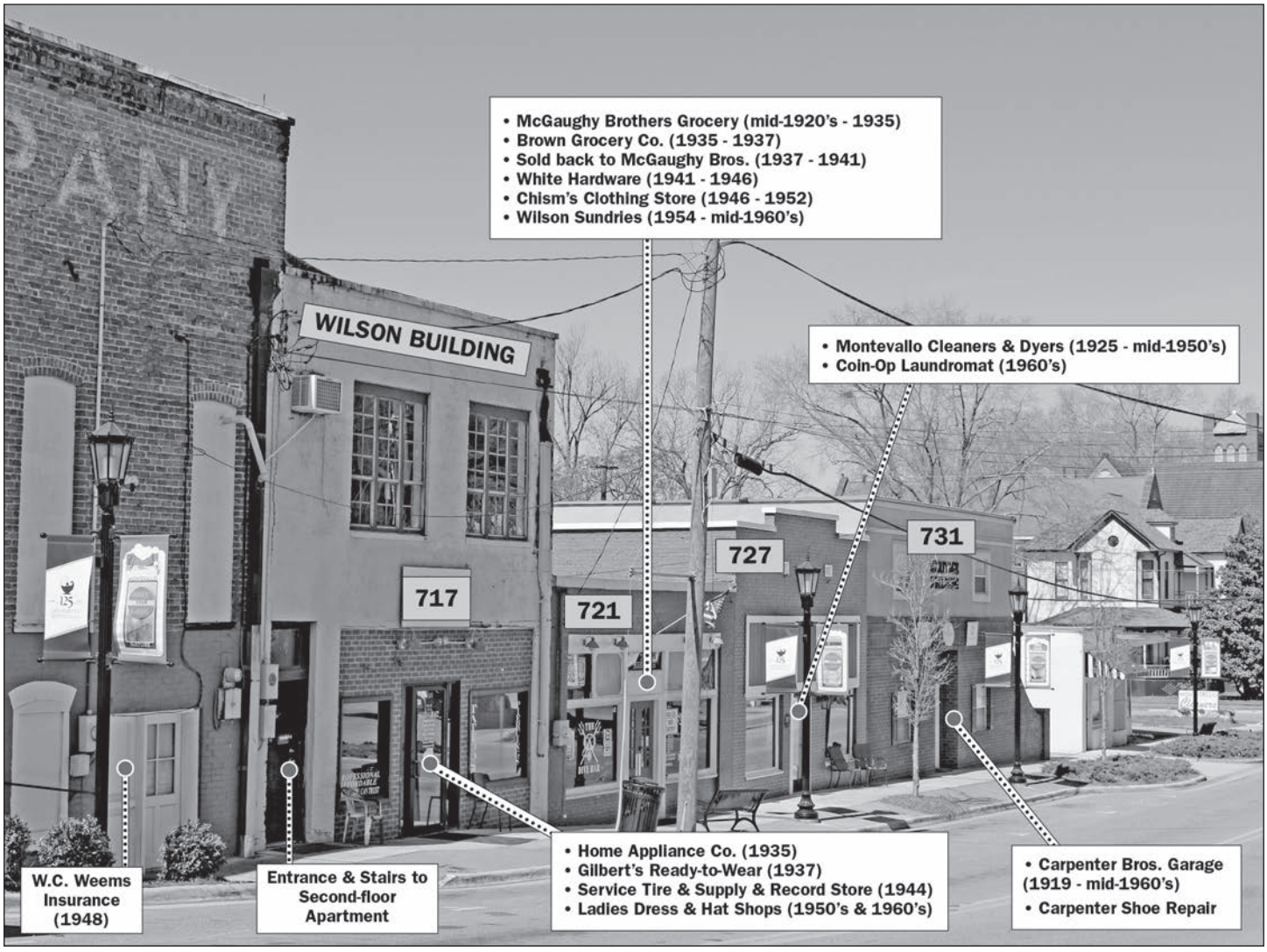
In the original Throwback Thursday series, an attempt was made to offer a chronicle of the various businesses that set up shop and operated in a short stretch of buildings on Middle Street over the last 100 years or so. This ambitious effort was completed and remains available in a number of installments for anyone to read at **www.historicmontevallo.org**. The complexity of this story is often confusing and can be mind-boggling for anyone trying to comprehend all that went on among a very active and ambitious collection of native businessmen and other investors and retailers who came to Montevallo over the years to serve local customers and generate enough profits to provide a good living for their families.

The photo with captions you see below offers a condensed but detailed chronology of the wide range of businesses that once served the public along Middle Street in Montevallo.

By today's standards, the variety of offerings once available from these small stores and shops is fairly breathtaking. At one time or another, most of the basic necessities of life could be had from these few Middle Street retailers, along with luxury items and various novelties of the time including musical recordings of the biggest tunes on the hit-parade sought after by local teenagers and college students.



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