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Posting: First National Stores Poster: William Brainard Date: 25 August 2005 11:37 AM	Posting 1
When was the First National built on Main Street where Midas and Royal Buffet are today? Wasn't Finast down across from the library at one time? And the old A&P on Valley Street! Mother always stopped off at the package store for cream sherry and cawtaba pink wine. Those were the good old days...	
Posting: Re: First National Stores Poster: Paul Date: 25 August 2005 12:10 AM	Posting 2
As I stated in the " Who Can Remember " thread, the First National store was across the street from the Capitol Theater, on the site of today's library. The parking lot was where the Post Office is now. Welch's restaurant was on the corner of Main and Walnut streets. My best recollection was that First National moved about 1957 or 1958. It was around that time that Stop & Shop opened where the Access Agency is now. The novel thing about the new First National was that after you checked out, your groceries were loaded into a tote and sent outside on a conveyor, where an attendant would load the bags into your car. There were no shopping carts left strewn around the lot. First National gave S & H Green Stamps with every purchase, while Stop & Shop gave Top Value stamps. What ever happened to those trading stamp companies? Does anyone remember the opening of Barker's department store? I think it was in the fall of 1962. The parking lot was so full that cars were parked along Valley Street past Mansfield Avenue. It was the first big box department store in town. I believe that the building was later occupied by King's, Ames, and, now, by Super Stop & Shop.	
Posting: Re: First National Stores Poster: Francis "Whitey" Sellars Date: 25 August 2005 2:53 PM	Posting 3
As I remember it the First National store was on the corner of Walnut & Main Sts. Where the library is today, was Brett's Pharmacy & Welch's Restaurant & a large parking lot. The next building up was Mazzola's Market. The first National store had a rear entrance off of High St.Near then Saba's Cleaners or across the street from the telephone building	
Posting: Re: First National Stores Poster: VINCE Date: 25 August 2005 7:22 PM	Posting 4
I remember the First National store was located on the corner of Main St. and Wilson Street. Where Midas Muffuler is today. Now Fran I know you must have known that.That was back in 1946-52????????????????	
Posting: Re: First National Stores Poster: Francis "Whitey" Sellars Date: 25 August 2005 9:22 PM	Posting 5
Vince, I remember the first national store on the corner of walnut & main, then it moved up on the corner of wilson & main st. I am not sure but I think Despathy furniture took over the spot on walnut & main sts. The building on the corner of walnut & main st. used to be the lucky strike lanes owned by Frank Barber.	
Posting: Re: First National Stores Poster: rd Date: 26 August 2005 8:02 AM	Posting 6
I worked at FINAST in 1955-57 while in high school. It was located across from the Capial theater on the corner of Main and Walnut Sts. Bill Hines was the store manager at that time.	
Posting: Re: First National Stores Poster: Roger L. Abare Date: 27 August 2005 5:16 AM	Posting 7
As a teenager, I worked at a First National Store located somewhere at or near the shoe store at Thread Mill Square. Archie Sylvestre was the store manager. We carried groceries out to the customer's cars. Most groceries were packed in boxes which we received stock in. And the door was curtained by canvas so the Bread, milk and eggs could be delivered in the early mornings. This was in the late 40's.	