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The Belmont Depot

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Meanwhile, an organized village was starting to form on the converted pasture of Squire C.C. "Lum" Shook. People had to dodge stumps on Main Street for a while, but they were to continue to come to town to trade in the new stores that had opened. W.T. Shook and R.L. Shook were among the first to buy business lots on the Belmont townsite property. The W.T. Shook store - W.T. Shook General Merchandise - was located about where Rhodes Barber Shop and Tesseneer Station are presently located. The R.L. Shook store - Shook and Lindsey - was situated where Yarber Rexall Drugs now is. Moreover, W.T. Shook General Merchandise was the first store building erected in downtown Belmont in July, 1907. The store of R.L. Shook was built in September, 1907.

Source: A Place Called Belmont by Jerry Martin, 1978.