

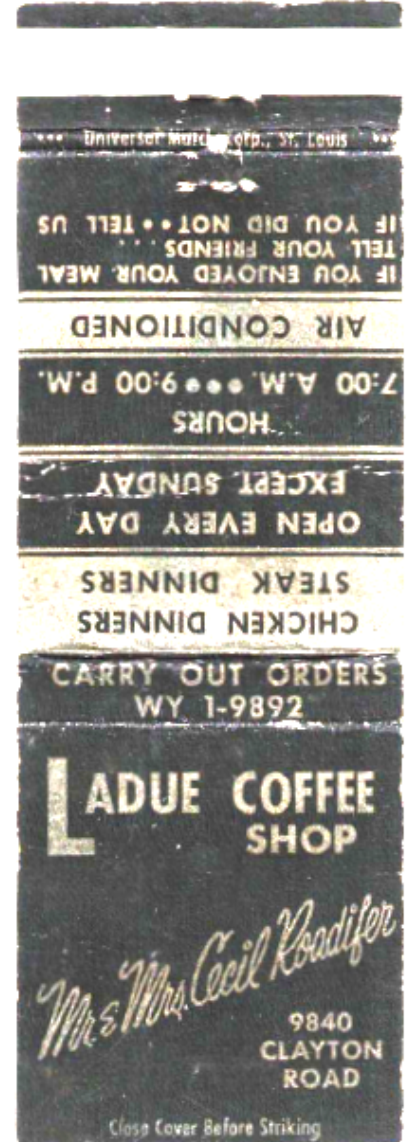
FROM THE ARCHIVES

Ladue Eateries

On the south side of Clayton Road in the Clayton Road Business District are a couple of long-time Ladue eateries ... Baskin Robbins and Gourmet to Go. What many may not know is that these same sites hosted eateries long before these current two.

Gourmet to Go is located at 9828 Clayton Road. They have been at this location since the 1980s. Prior to Gourmet to Go, in the 1970s, this was the site of the El & Lee Deli (they also had a deli in Clayton at 7639 Wydown Blvd.) El & Lee was a carry-out deli that also had 15 – 20 tables for seating as well as a food line with trays. Prior to El & Lee, in the 1950s, this was the site of the Hay Shaker restaurant. The Hay Shaker restaurant was owned and operated by William Leonard Waymeyer, Jr. (11/9/1918 – 10/30/1993) who in the late 1950's developed the strip shopping center that today includes Gourmet to Go and Baskin Robbins. The Hay Shaker restaurant was known for their fish plates, including fried shrimp and lobster, as well as sandwiches, steak dinners, and chicken dinners. The restaurant was a grill-fountain restaurant with a jukebox.

Baskin Robbins is located at 9842 Clayton Road. They have been at this location since the mid-1960s. Prior to Baskin Robbins, in the early 1960s, this was the site of the Ladue Coffee Shop. This restaurant had an address of 9840 Clayton Road and covered the footprint of both 9840 and 9842 Clayton Road. The restaurant was owned and operated by Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Roadifer. The restaurant advertised in-house dining at a counter and fountain area as well as carry-out service. Dinner specialties were chicken dinners and steak dinners. Carry-out orders were placed at 9840 Clayton Road and then picked up at a window at 9842 Clayton Road at the eastern wall of the current Baskin Robbins. The restaurant was open Monday – Saturday from 7:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. for breakfast and then again from 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. for dinner.



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