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Posting: Deary Dairy Bar Poster: William Brainard Date: 17 February 2007 8:08 PM	Posting 1
Wasn't it on RT. 195 where Staples currently is? I vaguely remember it when I was young.	
Posting: Re: Deary Dairy Bar Poster: Francis Sellars Date: 20 February 2007 3:41 PM	Posting 2
<p>Bill, Are you talking about butler's dairy bar,it was located at the windham - mansfield line on jackson st. They had the best ice cream around the area. Behind the dairy bar was the most popular swimming hole in willimantic area (Gil Flynn's). This was in the natchaug river,another one was the (Rock). Many a good times were had at both swimming holes when I was in my younger years. Today we go the gulf of mexico for swimming and bikini watching. The water is warm and so is the atmosphere. Bikini watching is some sort of sport down here for the seniors.</p>	
Posting: Re: Deary Dairy Bar Poster: John Boudreau Date: 20 February 2007 9:12 PM	Posting 3
<p>Francis , I lived on Jackson Street ( 195 ) which is near the northeast corner of Prospect . I'm trying to remember where Butler's Dairy Barn and the swimming hole were . Where exactly were they ?</p>	
Posting: Re: Deary Dairy Bar Poster: Ernie Gesner Date: 21 February 2007 1:08 AM	Posting 4
John, I left Willimantic 54 years ago but remember Butlers Dairy and (Gil Flynn's).across the road from Park Springs	
Posting: Re: Deary Dairy Bar Poster: Larry Haines Date: 21 February 2007 9:46 AM	Posting 5
<p>I remember Butler's Dairy as being where the bank is now, across from Park Springs. If I remember correctly the road to the swimming hole was on the side of Butler's Dairy. This was the days before Lauter Park.</p> <p>I think that Butler's Dairy was bought by Deary Bros and when the highway was built they moved totally into Mansfield up by where the shopping center is across from Eastbrook Mall.</p>	
Posting: Re: Deary Dairy Bar Poster: Pippin Date: 21 February 2007 10:43 AM	Posting 6
<p>That's my recollection too Larry. I believe Butler Dairy was right about where the bank is now. A dairy bar was part of the original Butler Dairy building until some time in the late 1950s. The dairy had a garage up on a hill in back of the main building. The road to the swimming area was to the right of the garage - between the garage and the small stream that flowed under Jackson St./Storrs Rd.</p> <p>Deary Bros. Dairy out of Webster, Mass. bought out Butler Dairy in the 50s - maybe that is when the original Dairy Bar closed. But in the mid 60s another Butlers Dairy Bar (no connection with Deary Brothers or the original Butler Dairy) opened on Storrs Rd just a little past Butler Deary Bros. Dairy.</p> <p>All of that was torn down at the time the highway was put through. Deary Bros. relocated to the corner of Ash and Hope St. - some church is in the building now. Deary Brothers went out of business in the late 70s.I worked there a few summers in the 60s when I was in high school.</p> <p>Going back to the highway though, that was another project that took away several businesses and some fairly nice houses.....and at that time who would ever have thought of what Route 6 has become - from the junction with the divided highway all the way through Route 203 in North Windham? That used to be such a nice road and peaceful area.</p>	
Posting: Re: Deary Dairy Bar Poster: r d Date: 21 February 2007 10:51 AM	Posting 7

I remember Butler's Dairy and Gil Flynn's. We use to ride our bikes to Gils, swim and walk back to the Butler's to get an ice cream. I also remember that during the swimming season, someone sponsored a contest with a greased watermelon. The contestants also had to grease up. Then it was a duel for who could hold onto the watermelon and bring to shore.

Posting: Re: Deary Dairy Bar  
Poster: Paul C.  
Date: 21 February 2007 1:00 PM

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I recall that a Texaco gas station was where the bank is now. It had a fire one night in the 1950's. In the sixties it was run by a man named Woody Fetzter. Butler's Dairy was just past it going north. The dairy bar was further up the hill, about where the bridge over the highway is now. In the sixties, they added a miniature golf course, which was the only one in the area. As you proceeded north on Rt. 195, the area where the Eastbrook Mall and Staples are located was just a wooded area with an embankment on either side of the road. As you came down the hill, there was a big clearing on the right that is now the site of Champagne Chevrolet. If you looked to your left, back near Conantville Road, you would see an old mill and a water tower that said "Max Pollack Sewing Thread". That became the Shaboo Inn. I was very young, but I do remember swimming behind Butler's Dairy. There were two spots, one just behind the dairy, and one further down the river that had more shade. Lauter Park opened around 1957 and we never went back to swimming at the dairy. We also used to swim at a place called Wetherbee Lake in Windham Center. I probably couldn't find it now.

Posting: Re: Deary Dairy Bar  
Poster: John Boudreau  
Date: 21 February 2007 7:58 PM

Posting 9

Pippin ,

" ....and at that time who would ever have thought of what Route 6 has become - from the junction with the divided highway all the way through Route 203 in North Windham? That used to be such a nice road and peaceful area."

Yep ! We moved from Jackson Street to North Windham in 1965 . Our house was on Boulevard Road diagonally across the street from the State Highway Department . That stretch of road from the bottom of the hill on Route 6 ( where the end of the airport runway is / was ? ) to the light where route 203 intersected was a peaceful area for sure . Haven't been to North Windham in about 20 years so I guess I wouldn't recognize it these days , huh ?