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Posting: Checkerboard feed&grain store	Posting 1
Poster: Vince C.	
Date: 26 August 2005 4:26 PM	
This is a good one and its in Willi.....where was the original store located?	
Posting: Re: Checkerboard feed&grain store	Posting 2
Poster: JayJay	
Date: 26 August 2005 6:56 PM	
A guess.... next to the NYNH&H railroad tracks just south-west of the Main St. crossing, diagonally opposite the Jillson stone house? I'm not that familiar with the streets near the tracks now, having been away from Willi for many years. A rail siding served the store. Using the recent picture of the crossing attendant tower as a reference, if the photographer did a "180", he could have taken a shot of the store.	
Posting: Re: Checkerboard feed&grain store	Posting 3
Poster: Francis "Whitey" Sellars	
Date: 26 August 2005 7:21 PM	
There were two grain stores, on union st. One was the willimantic grain, which was closer to milk st. The other I think was the checkerboard and it was closer to jackson st. The willimantic grain building became a furniture store named furniture fair. The other grain store building became a machine shop which made stick screws. A spin off of the american screw co.	
Posting: Re: Checkerboard feed&grain store	Posting 4
Poster: William Brainard	
Date: 27 August 2005 10:01 AM	
The original Checkerboard Feed store was what is now Mackeys on Columbia Avenue. Wirthmore Feed was down next to Eastern States (Agway) and we used to get cattle feed from the Big Y outlet in Norwich. A man named Leon was their salesman.	
Posting: Re: Checkerboard feed&grain store	Posting 5
Poster: Vince C.	
Date: 27 August 2005 4:58 PM	
The store was located across from Wilson St. The Lundremat which is next door to Johns Tavern before they went to Columbia.	
Posting: Re: Checkerboard feed&grain store	Posting 6
Poster: Bobbi	
Date: 27 August 2005 6:25 PM	
I remember Charley Olsen had the Ralston Purina (checkerboard) down along the railroad tracks where Bridge Street Plaza is now. But I only go back to mid 60s around here.	
Posting: Re: Checkerboard feed&grain store	Posting 7
Poster: john marchese	
Date: 30 August 2005 9:45 AM	
I'll try this again, I posted a reply to this before but it didn't go on the site. I remember the Checkerboard Feed Store next to the railroad tracks near the Amber Light Bar on Rt.32 near Williams Crossing Rd. I'm not sure if that's Lebanon or No, Franklin.	
Posting: Re: Checkerboard feed&grain store	Posting 8
Poster: Ada	
Date: 30 August 2005 9:50 AM	
I don't know about whether it was "original," but for years there was a checkerboard feed store on the corner of Broad and Valley Streets, sort of across from St. Joseph's school.	
Posting: Re: Checkerboard feed&grain store	Posting 9
Poster: Ernie Gesner	
Date: 30 August 2005 6:01 PM	
I believe that during the late 40's and early 50's the Checkerboard Feed & Grain Store was just to the East of Johnnies Tavern and across Main St. from the Ives Ice House. They had a large Billboard above the building that was changed periodically. Wasn't there also a Grant's Feed & Grain Store in Willimantic?	
Posting: Re: Checkerboard feed&grain store	Posting 10
Poster: Vince C.	

Date: 30 August 2005 9:05 PM

Ernie you hit the nail right on the head on location of this grain store. I will tell you and everyone a story about this place and you may know this.

When I was a kid around 10 or 12 years old I used to get my rabbit food there every week. Now every week they used to give kids my age 12 free chicks although they used to hatch them there. This went on for a long time and I eventually ended up with 300 chickens. My father and I had an excellent supply of rabbits and chickens. As time went on my Italian grandmother and family eat them all. This took place during WW2 years.

They were smart once we got the chicks they had to eat so where do you get the food????? great marketing.