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Posting: Eateries gone now Poster: Brian Wilton Date: 22 October 2009 6:51 PM	Posting 1
<p>Someone on another thread mentioned eating at Boyd's and that brought back memories! Boyd's was in what is probably North Windham, approximately where Aldi's is now, is that correct? I remember the HUGE over stuffed sandwiches at Boyd's, after bowling.</p> <p>Was Leventi's on the same site, maybe even incorporating the Boyd's building for a time, before Leventi's moved out to Columbia?</p> <p>Somewhere near there, across Rt. 6 was Al's and Irene's. Did they serve food, or was that just a place to hang out and dance?</p> <p>Lindy's in Willimantic! A great place for breakfast after Sunday mass! Great cheesecake, too. Didn't Lindy's have the black and white tile flooring?</p> <p>And of course, the late great Shell Chateau, site of all area banquets, weddings and special meals out.</p> <p>Unless you were going to The Clark House.</p> <p>If you went out to a function on a Saturday night, you were smart to have an early breakfast at Bill's #7 on Main St. What was the name of the man who owned it, the guy who never wrote down your orders, no matter how many people were in your group, and he never made a mistake and added the bill in his head? We were there one night/early morning after a dance when some thug kicked in the glass door! Memories.</p> <p>What eateries exist only in your memory?</p>	
Posting: Re: Eateries gone now Poster: Fred Masterton Date: 23 October 2009 6:56 AM	Posting 2
<p>Burger Chef (Willi), Pizza House and Strick's (Storrs).</p> <p>I'll go a little off-topic in the opposite direction - what present-day restaurant in Willi is the longest continuously operating? I think it might be (gasp) Friendly's, which has been in continuous operation since the early 60's, but you tell me.</p>	
Posting: Re: Eateries gone now Poster: Brian Wilton Date: 23 October 2009 4:45 PM	Posting 3
<p>One of the oldest, originals might be Mama's and maybe even Papa's. Anyone?</p>	
Posting: Re: Eateries gone now Poster: Nancy Harrington Date: 23 October 2009 5:12 PM	Posting 4
<p>Joe Corsi was the man at Bill's #7. He was amazing to watch.</p>	
Posting: Re: Eateries gone now Poster: Skipper Barrett Date: 23 October 2009 11:44 PM	Posting 5
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Posting: Re: Eateries gone now
 Poster: Dick Donovan
 Date: 24 October 2009 5:26 AM

Posting 7

The only one I can add is Rays or Raymonds. It was located, I think across the road from the Dairy Queen or somewhere in that vicinity. Friday and Sat nites were popular there and so was their "burger in a basket" .

Posting: Re: Eateries gone now
 Poster: Dick Donovan
 Date: 26 October 2009 3:18 PM

Posting 8

A couple of other eateries that were popular back when:

Clark House- on North St. Charlie Mullaney owner/mgr
 The Luncheonette-- was located on Main st near Railroad St. It was narrow long restaurant and kind of dark when you entered.

Park Central on Valley St. Great speghetti & mb's

Chinese restaurant in Hooker House on corner of Main and Bank

Jim's Coffee Spot --grilled hot dogs and burgers in front window.
 Campus Shop on High St

Posting: Re: Eateries gone now
 Poster: Ada Kerachsky Albright
 Date: 27 October 2009 11:34 AM

Posting 9

Before it was Joe Corsi at Bill's #7, it was Henry Rothblatt, Max and Reuben's brother.

Posting: Re: Eateries gone now Posting 10
 Poster: vince cerreto
 Date: 27 October 2009 4:15 PM

Ida I thought Henry Rothblatt had his Grocery store across the street from the City Lunch on lower Main Street. I may be wrong but my memory seems to place it there. City lunch there was a good place for breakfast \$.50 the works. REMEMBER!!!

Posting: Re: Eateries gone now Posting 11
 Poster: vince cerreto
 Date: 27 October 2009 4:20 PM

Dick D. Raymonds was located on the corner of Bridge St. and Main St. The last time I knew the Chamber of Commerce bought the building. Had a lot of good times in there as a teenager. 1951-2-3.

Posting: Re: Eateries gone now Posting 12
 Poster: Ada Kerachsky Albright
 Date: 27 October 2009 4:45 PM

Vince,
 It was Max and Helen Rothblatt that had the grocery store you remember. It was across Union St. from my parents' store. I've heard that Max, Reuben and Henry were triplets!

Posting: Re: Eateries gone now Posting 13
 Poster: Skipper Barrett
 Date: 27 October 2009 11:42 PM

Ada:

Hi...I too did not make it to the WHS 50th ! Someone spoke about City Lunch, near your parents store. It was never a palce I went to at all until the last year or so I lived in Wmtc (22 years in all) and had a .50 cent breakfast cooked and served by a guy they called " Sonny", Anyone remember him ?..place was full of truck drivers at nite when they used to roll thru Wmtc on Rte 6. A fading picture now.

Dick Donovan:

I used to go to Ray's at Windham and Main Sts too, but was a lil' younger than all the guys who parked their cars outside since I was only 14 or so. I always associate the memories of Ray's with white bucks, cuffed khaki trousers with a small belt located in the back at the top and Pat Boone music. You said the LUNCHEONETTE in this tread..think you mean HALLOCKS, near Currans Drugs, right?. Great ice cream and looked a bit like Lindys....dark, with booths and lots od upholstery and wood.

Anyone also remmember the Iron Horse in the Nathan Hale Hotel?. Rotary Club held meetings there Tuesdays at noon and lunch was \$1.50 where they served Salisbury steak, potatoes, peas or maybe Fish n Chips or a club sandwich with ice cream sundae for dessert....comfort food all the way.

SB

Posting: Re: Eateries gone now Posting 14
 Poster: Dick Donovan
 Date: 28 October 2009 7:59 AM

Skipper---you have a great memory, it was Hallocks. I believe they had a big neon sign over the entrance???

Posting: Re: Eateries gone now Posting 15
 Poster: Ada Kerachsky Albright
 Date: 28 October 2009 11:07 AM

Skipper,

Yes, I still regret not being able to get to our 50th, but Ann Garrison Bailey kindly filled me in on details in a long phone conversation. I might not have remembered the name of City Lunch but went there a couple of times for a very quick lunch with my Mom. My Dad always went to Lindy's for lunch, but my Mom, when she got out for lunch at all, ran over to City Lunch because it was closer and she could be back at the store in short order (no pun intended!). In the early 70's when I was visiting, I went to Lindy's for lunch with my Dad. Solomon Hunt was there, as usual, for lunch. (I believe that he was courting Rose Haddad.) Anyway, we had a lively conversation about Amherst (his Alma Mater--he claimed that they had to burn the place down to get him out!). I also learned that he was born in Skaneateles, NY, just north of Ithaca and near Syracuse. He had been teaching at WHS when my Mom and her siblings went there!

Posting: Re: Eateries gone now Posting 16
 Poster: Skipper Barrett
 Date: 29 October 2009 12:54 AM

Ada:

I saw Ann and George Bailey at the WHS 45th and sat with them for a time. How are they?...does George still make his maple

syrup?. Say hello to them for me . Would love to hear your acct of the 50th from what they told you...you have my other email I believe?

Did you ever eat the the little deli down near Thread Square rotary that was there in 1957-578 and run by Ada Schine and her husband?...great food ala Brooklyn beef brisket, bagels,etc. . It was in the block where Lenny Levine had his laundry, just past the RR tracks on north side of Main just after Jackson?. My parents became friendly with the Schines and went there often.

Dick

Yeah it was Hallocks alright. Remember Mike's on Railroad St., run by Mike Klapick?..great pin ball machine.

SB

Posting:	Re: Eateries gone now	Posting 17
Poster:	Dick Donovan	
Date:	29 October 2009 9:53 AM	

Skip, regarding the Iron Horse at the Nathan Hale they also had a great seafood dinner and lobster on Friday nights and a grand prime rib on Saturday nights. My parent use to go on occasions. The costs was less than \$5 per person for each meal. There were some other eating places up on West Main st going towads Willington. There was a small mall also near them?

Posting:	Re: Eateries gone now	Posting 18
Poster:	Ada Kerachsky Albright	
Date:	29 October 2009 12:43 AM	

Skipper,
For now I will just say that Ann and George are basically OK. George had back surgery this past year from which he healed quite quickly and was successful. Yes, George still does his sugaring every year. He sells maple syrup and honey at the local farmers' market, according to Ann. I will relay your regards. When I get a few minutes to recall some of what Ann told me about the reunion, I will email you. (With "downsizing" and multiple rapid changes at work, I have been busy and somewhat exhausted.)

Posting:	Re: Eateries gone now	Posting 19
Poster:	Paul Ashton	
Date:	31 October 2009 10:40 AM	

Irene's Coffee Shop on North St. across from the end of Meadow St. It was a hole in the wall in the old mill building and right next to the ramp going up into Doc Lacey's Car Wash. Screaming hot Fried Chicken straight out of the fryolator. At six or seven my grandmother, who lived on Walnut a few doors down from Meadow, gave me a buck and let me go there to have lunch at the counter by myself. I remember feeling very cool and grown-up though I think my grandmother might have called Irene in advance to tip her off.

Posting:	Re: Eateries gone now	Posting 20
Poster:	Paul Bozzuto	
Date:	11 December 2009 12:43 AM	

Bill's # 7 was one of my all time favorite places to eat. As a student at UCONN in the late 70's, I would pile into a car with friends and take the 7 mile ride in the wee hours of the morning to witness Joe (I have just learned his last name was Corsi) perform for us. We would marvel at his super-efficient methods of short order cooking, he never wasted a motion. He would ask you if you wanted coffee just before you sat down and while he was asking he would be setting up the cups and saucers 2 at a time to fill under the urn spigot. He delivered the coffee and took your orders as he set down the cups, never writing down anything. Then he began his performance, again never wasting a motion. When the food was just about ready, he reached up and grabbed the right number of plates and quickly slid them out in a row just past the dip in the cutting board counter where he had buttered and cut tens of thousands of slices of toast. He delivered the food and never forgot which one was yours and when it was time to pay he met you at the register and he repeated your order and gave you the total. Each time we left there laughing and amazed that he could remember what every person in the place ordered and never mess up.
As I recall Bill's # 7 was open 11:30 p.m. until 11:30 a.m. and served only breakfast. Joe would work alone until about 6 a.m. when he was joined by his wife, who helped him catch up on dishes and bus tables.

Posting:	Re: Eateries gone now	Posting 21
Poster:	Kat Moore	
Date:	11 December 2009 10:05 PM	

Wow, Paul, thank you for describing so well the experience at Bill's #7! If Joe C. were around now, he'd make a great feature on Food Network or as a feature on one of the cable news channels.

Your words painted a vivid picture of Joe Corsi's remarkable operation. Thank you for that.

Posting:	Re: Eateries gone now	Posting 22
Poster:	Mick Seretny	
Date:	12 December 2009 8:23 AM	

I'd like to relate my Bill's #7 anecdote. I worked at Wilson's Drug Store next to Bill's throughout my senior year at WHS. I had lunch EVERY Saturday at Bill's because I only worked on Saturday. I'd walk through the door at 12:01 PM, and Joe would say "Hey Seretny...same thing?" (he never called me by my first name, which didn't bother me a bit) I'd sit at the counter, and in less than 5 minutes I had my breaded veal cutlet and veggie du jour, and fries. And back then, I knew everyone by name that was having lunch

there. Ahh..I remember those days well..

Posting: Re: Eateries gone now Posting 23
 Poster: John Tormey
 Date: 17 December 2009 6:28 PM

Merry Christmas to All!

j. tormey

Posting: Re: Eateries gone now Posting 24
 Poster: jeffrey nash
 Date: 19 December 2009 11:43 PM

happy holidays john!.....huge fan of your work....ghost dog is one of my favs!.....excited to learn a couple years ago you were from willimantic

Posting: Re: Eateries gone now Posting 25
 Poster: John Tormey
 Date: 20 December 2009 1:38 PM

Thanks, Jeff. Check out "How Do You Know" when it opens 2010. James L. Brooks wrote and directed it. Worked with Reese, Jack, Owen and Paul. (Still hangin' in.)
 jt

Posting: Re: Eateries gone now Posting 26
 Poster: John Costello
 Date: 31 December 2009 3:55 PM

To Kat Moore and All Bill's #7 Alumnae,

Last I heard, (within the last year or two) Joe Corsi was still alive and living in the St Joseph's Convalescent Home out near Bricktop Rd/Cemetary Road (I think they have changed the name of Cemetary Rd. to something a bit less maudlin lately).

Joe Corsi was surely a sight to behold at Bill's #7.

Happy New Year to al the contributors/readers and maimtainers of Threadcity.org.

Posting: Re: Eateries gone now Posting 27
 Poster: Kat Moore
 Date: 1 January 2010 1:45 PM

You're THAT John Tormey?!
 Cool. :o)

Posting: Re: Eateries gone now Posting 28
 Poster: John Tormey
 Date: 2 January 2010 1:32 PM

Yeah, Kat.

My Dad was another, and then there's my son, the entertainment lawyer. He uses the III after the name to avoid confusion with the real estate lawyer, John Tormey, who works out of New Jersey. I tried to get my wife to change her first name to John but she wouldn't go for it.

Happy New Year!

jt

Posting: Re: Eateries gone now Posting 29
 Poster: John Tormey
 Date: 2 January 2010 3:11 PM

Kat: Are you THE Kat Moore of the Kat Moore Band, or the film editor Kat Moore, or none of the above??
 jt