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Posting: Pic of the Week - Sept. 23, 2007 - Main St. Fire	Posting 1
Poster: Mr Thread City Team	
Date: 25 September 2007 9:08 AM	
The Pic of the Week for the week of Sept. 23 has been posted.	
Posting: Re: Pic of the Week - Sept. 23, 2007 - Main St. Fire	Posting 2
Poster: Jim connell	
Date: 25 September 2007 11:25 AM	
I believe that would be the old Jordon Hardware building at Lincon Square	
Posting: Re: Pic of the Week - Sept. 23, 2007 - Main St. Fire	Posting 3
Poster: Roger Abare	
Date: 26 September 2007 6:04 AM	
Hi Jim, I looked at this picture and it looks like the Hickey Drug Store building. My reason is that between the pole and the ladder there is an alleyway which appears to slope down. Would that be the building that Willimantic lost a fireman who rushed in to evacuate anyone in the building? If this is the building, there was a restaurant/bar around the corner on Railroad St.	
Posting: Re: Pic of the Week - Sept. 23, 2007 - Main St. Fire	Posting 4
Poster: Dick Donovan	
Date: 26 September 2007 9:02 AM	
Roger, I agree with Jim. The Hickey building was on the corner of Main and Railroad Sts. The bar/restaurant you referred to was the Frontenac (sp) and Nassif Sports was next to it. Looking to the left of the pic it does show an area wide enuf for it to be Railroad St.	
Posting: Re: Pic of the Week - Sept. 23, 2007 - Main St. Fire	Posting 5
Poster: Ada Kerachsky Albright	
Date: 26 September 2007 3:36 PM	
This looks much more like the Jordan Hardware building that the Hickey Drug Store building. The latter was on the corner of Union and Jackson Streets.	
Posting: Re: Pic of the Week - Sept. 23, 2007 - Main St. Fire	Posting 6
Poster: Mr Thread City Team	
Date: 26 September 2007 3:50 PM	
Although it is not really clear in the online picture, another picture shows that the fancy stonework at the center topmost part of the building says, "Tilden". The storefront to the immediate right of the fire building has the name "Chas. R. Utley" on the left over the door and the name "H.E. Smith" on the right. At street level, the words "Willimantic Trust Company" are seen on the fire building.	
Posting: Re: Pic of the Week - Sept. 23, 2007 - Main St. Fire	Posting 7
Poster: Jim connell	
Date: 26 September 2007 5:15 PM	
the only other building I can think of would be the Arnold Block	
Posting: Re: Pic of the Week - Sept. 23, 2007 - Main St. Fire	Posting 8
Poster: Francis Sellars	
Date: 26 September 2007 8:03 PM	
If this building was on the corner of main and railroad streets it would be Curran's pharmacy not Hickey's drug store.	
Posting: Re: Pic of the Week - Sept. 23, 2007 - Main St. Fire	Posting 9
Poster: Roger Abare	
Date: 27 September 2007 4:45 AM	
Whitey, you're right. Currans Pharmacy. But, the latest clue of "Trust Co." seems confusing. Could it be the location of the current Theater on Main St. which recently was in the news regarding Tax abbatements?	
Posting: Re: Pic of the Week - Sept. 23, 2007 - Main St. Fire	Posting 10
Poster: John Ferreri	
Date: 27 September 2007 5:55 AM	
I think Jim Connell was correct with his first posting. It does look like the Jordan Hardware / Willimantic Trust building and one can see the branching of the streetcar tracks in front of the building. That can only be in Jillson Square.	

The Curran's fire was in a structure less than half the width of the building shown and happened in 1945, give or take a year.

Posting: Re: Pic of the Week - Sept. 23, 2007 - Main St. Fire
Poster: Roger Abare
Date: 28 September 2007 4:58 AM

Posting 11

Looking at the roof line, near the center of the picture, there seems to be lettering that could be part of Jordan Logo.

Posting: Re: Pic of the Week - Sept. 23, 2007 - Main St. Fire
Poster: Mr Thread City Team
Date: 30 September 2007 8:56 AM

Posting 12

Apologies to all for some earlier misinformation. The Pic of the Week for Sept. 23 WAS of the fire at Jordan Hardware. Later this week we will put several pictures of this fire in a gallery. Thanks to the Willimantic Victorian Neighborhood Association's website (<http://www.victorianwillimantic.org/>) we found the following information : "The Jordan brothers purchased the Tilden Block in 1906 and formed the Jordan Hardware Company. The block was destroyed by fire in 1916, but was rebuilt the following year." (op. cit). The history of the Tilden Block was also unclear to Tom Beardsley. Threadcity picture gallery 4 has in it a picture of the Tilden Block as it was in 1894. A "Willimantic Directory" of 1889 places the Block at 100-102 Main St. However, by 1899, Main St. had been renumbered and the Tilden Block was now 670-678 Main St. Evidently the building in Picture Gallery 4 was replaced by the new Tilden Block which was purchased by Jordan Hardware. Although unclear in the Pic of the Week photo, the word, "Tilden" is at the topmost decorative work on the building. By the time of the fire, the Willimantic Trust Company had occupied part of the ground floor of the building. In 1958, the "Jordan Block" was considered to be 664-678 Main St. The building's tenants included Jordan Hardware (668), The Fowler Agency, Sumner and Sumner, Elsie's Beauty Shop, Gaucher and Gaucher attorneys, State of CT Unemployment Compensation Dept., State Employment Service (670), and the Willimantic Trust Company (676). Does anyone remember what the front of the Jordan Block looked like in the late 50s? At one time it was thought that after the fire, the façade on Main St. was used in the reconstruction.