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Posting:	Ray's Drive Inn...Main & Windham Streets circa 1954	Posting 1
Poster:	chas barrett	
Date:	12 August 2006 11:45 PM	
Folks:		
What memories do you have if any of Ray's (Ray Ducharme) Drive Inn on Main & Windham Sts. in the mid -1950s???		
I remember going there after The Capitol let out on Friday nites and watching all the pretty upper class gals in WHS and wishing I was a few years older ..and Ray's malts, burgers, and my neighbor "Tikey" Rossiter of High St. hanging out there with his great set of wheels. What ever happenrd to Roger Pepin anyone know??		
Chas " Skipper" Barrett Los Angeles		
Posting:	Re: Ray's Drive Inn...Main & Windham Streets circa 1954	Posting 2
Poster:	r d	
Date:	14 August 2006 2:32 PM	
I do remember Ray's! Especially on Friday nights and Saturday nights. Parking lot was always packed and standing room only inside. If I remember Doug Murphy and his brother Bob use to work the counter. On Sat. I use to work at First Natl and would go to Rays for lunch--burger'n basket. Or sometimes walk thru the parking lot to the Campus Shop.		
Posting:	Re: Ray's Drive Inn...Main & Windham Streets circa 1954	Posting 3
Poster:	chas barrett	
Date:	15 August 2006 11:36 PM	
rd:		
rays was a great palce alright....and doug and bob murphy are names i have not heard in years n years. they lived on corner of walnut and summits sts. i lived at high and lewiston blk....so they were neighbors and i knew all his little brothers and sisters too.		
i used to go to the campus shop too since the days the spillianes owned it ..and then doug & bunny ran it and then eugene lewis and then norm frigault and his brothers i think his name was. loved the juke box, pin ball for 5 cts, and the burgers were bad either as well as the fries. it was the quintessential american malt shop.		
chas		
Posting:	Re: Ray's Drive Inn...Main & Windham Streets circa 1954	Posting 4
Poster:	r d	
Date:	16 August 2006 8:45 AM	
Hey Chas! I guess was nearby neighbor of yours also. I lived next door to the Lutheran Church at the corner of Oak and Summit. Then in early 50's we moved to a new house on North St between Prospect and Summit streets. I knew Doug pretty well we were in same class in WHS. I believe his brother Bob was 2 or 3 years older. Another near neighbor was Gerry LaMorte who lived on High St. His parents owned LaMorte's news stand on Main St. I think it was near Serenty's package store.		
Whenever I talk about Willi as I remembered it in the 50's - 60's I always comment on the Capital theater and how great it was. The interior was first class with chandeliers, music pit near the stage, the balconies obviously designed for live theater, and the 2d floor lounge area. One of the great treats of going to a Sat/Sun matinee is when they introduced the frozen Milky Way!! When I first started going to the movies it was 18 cents--the Strand was 12 cents(?). Friday nights at the movies was always big---remember the lines waiting to buy tickets even on cold winter night. I also remember the movie would start with the playing of the Stars Spangled Banner and everyone stood up and sang--no one was allowed to enter until it was completed. Latest movie I saw with my daughter and grandkids was Cars. Tickets for 4 was \$24. All candy, popcorn, etc started at \$2.50 and went up from there. Thank god for Netflix!!		
Posting:	Re: Ray's Drive Inn...Main & Windham Streets circa 1954	Posting 5
Poster:	William Brainard	
Date:	17 August 2006 9:07 PM	
I too remember the glory of what was the Capitol Theatre. It had an aroma about it that was hard to describe. Recall the clock to the left of the screen had neon and was either Wile Motors or Lizzee Jewelers. I can still smell that popcorn, taste those jordon almonds and sugar babies. Not to mention bit o honey and raisinettes. YUM! We usually went to Friendly's after for take-home sundaes.		

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Posting 6

RD & Will Brianerd:

You guys have great memories of The Capitol alright. RD...yes, the Star Spangled Banner... I had almost forgotten.

I grew up in there...my pop Russell Barrett ran theatre from 1943 - 1960, its "Golden Years" . Remember the cop Tony Nadile keeping order in the balcony circa 1955 when Rod Gadoury pasted him ??..quite a nite....think Pat Boones' APRIL LOVE was playing if I recall.

Sonnt Rogers jumped off the balcony one nite too, when copys were chasing him .

I remember once we got a call at 3AM at home from Wmtic. police chief Rose saying someone was locked in the theatre and was banging on the front doors to get out. We went down and let the kid out...and no the movie was not "Sleepy Time Gal"

Another time, my pop got a call late at nite from Chief Bombria about a "questionable" movie playing at the Capitol the next day...he said the marquee read...YOUNG MAN WITH A HORE...of course the guy who changed the marquee, who was from Latvia... was not a good speller and mean to place a N where he put an E. The Chronicle took a photo, but it never ran.

Charlie