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Posting: St. Valentine's Day Fire 1968 Poster: William Brainard Date: 5 June 2006 5:21 AM	Posting 1
<p>I recall it vividly... my brother John went to Friendlies that night for family sundaes and said Main Street was blocked off. He saw the smoke and orange glow. When he got home here in Coventry he climbed to the top of one of our silos and could see the dramatic inferno. I went on the barn roof and had a good seat myself. I could see the flames licking the distant horizon and there was a faint smell of burning paint in the air. It changed the city of Willimantic forever.</p>	
Posting: Re: St. Valentine's Day Fire 1968 Poster: Ada Date: 5 June 2006 12:19 AM	Posting 2
<p>It probably was the beginning of the end of that whole part of the city from Temple Stl to Jackson St., Union St. to Valley St. Ironically none of that section was part of the fire.</p>	
Posting: Re: St. Valentine's Day Fire 1968 Poster: Roger L. Abare Date: 5 June 2006 12:21 AM	Posting 3
<p>I was serving a term as an Alderman of the City of Willimantic at that time. There had been rumors that the Mayor was seeking the retirement of the Fire Chief, some said because he was in ill health. Well, as I witnessed, the Fire Chief worked throughout the night. The following night the Common Council met and the Fire Chief was present, along with many other department heads to give his monthly report along with a report on that fire. The Fire Chief served many years after that to his credit and to the appreciation of the Citizens of the City.</p>	
Posting: Re: St. Valentine's Day Fire 1968 Poster: Dagmar Noll Date: 13 June 2006 6:27 AM	Posting 4
<p>I read the Baber article on Willimantic Redevelopment (Urban Renewal) which was recommended and referenced here several times in the past few weeks. Baber points to the Valentine's Day fire as the event that pushed folks to redevelop.</p> <p>In any case, reading the article had quite an effect on me. I will never see the major parcel the same way again.</p> <p>Dagmar</p>	
Posting: Re: St. Valentine's Day Fire 1968 Poster: Kate Fortier Date: 13 June 2006 8:36 PM	Posting 5
<p>That fire affected the buildings immediately to the west (left as you face the front) of the Baptist church on Main Street ... where Liberty Bank stands today, correct?</p>	