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Remember PAULS, COLONIAL and X-TRA bottling co's? Remember Coca-Cola when it was bottled here in Waterbury in the North Main St. plant and you could watch the bottles coming out of the bottle washer through the big window in front of the plant?

Remember Gas model airplanes buzzing in Hamilton Park on a Sunday afternoon? or when most cars had Stick Shifts? or White wall tires? or Fish Eye tail lights?

Remember Waterbury's three Bus Companies; CR&L, COOK ST. LINES and the NORTH East Transportation Co? CR&L was the best of the 3, but the strike caused them to close.

Remember When the big top would set up in the lot where Colonial Plaza is now?

Remember taking the family to any movie playing and not a dirty word was uttered in those movies?, When all TV shows were in glorious Black & White? When all the Radio stations played music you could Dance to? and the top hits countdown on Friday or Saturday? Remember Waterbury DJ's, Bob "Records" Crager, Lou Frank Dennis, Wally King, Bob Terry, Lou Morton, Tom Coffee, Bob Ruge, Ray Simone, Chuck Wagner, Wayne Hickox, Kenny Griffin, Dick Springfield, Wild man Steve, Vinny Modugno, Ken Gorhan, Bud Bragdon, Jim Sisti, Old Joe Clark, Chris Evans, Gene St. Gene, Bob Quigley, Rick O'Connor, Gary Peters, Pete Moss, Dan Trumfio, Conrad Taylor, (later known as Rick Shea when he became a Country DJ) and all the others that brought music to you via Radio. Remember these News People on Radio; E. Crysty Erk, Bob Gillespi, Norm Roseene, Larry Davis, Charlie Parker, Paul Murnane, Wayne Hickox, and so many others? Remember the radio slogan of the 50's; "Action speaks louder than

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words...Lets all do our part to fight Juvenile Delinquency.", or when all 3 waterbury radion stations joined together with, " This is WATR radio joining with WBRY and WWCO to bring you the best in Waterbury entertainment." (each station starting with their own cal letters of course) WBRY went Dark in the early 90's, and WWCO is now owned and operated by a Hartford group.

Remember the Holidays; when all the decorations were real. Downtown waterbury had real trees on the poles, a large manger with music was on the green, and Howland-Hughes had the best Santa Clause set up in the area with a large train set up also.

Remember letting your Kids go Trick-or-treating without fear on Halloween?

Remember getting one of those big Chocolate eggs at Easter with all that White stuff inside? I think it was Cocanut.

Remember shooting fireworks on the 4th? and the Fireworks Stands just outside the waterbury border in Prospect & Wolcott where you could buy them because they were still legal in those towns?

Remember Friday Nite Fright nites at the Drive-in's, or the monthly give-away of a good used car on the last saturday of the month if you held the winning ticket?

Remember BUCK Nite at the drive-in, where a whole car full could get in for a buck? or trying to sneak someone in in the trunk of your car, or stooping down on the running board on the passenger side hoping the ticket booth attendant doesnt see you? or crawling under the fence at the LAKE drive-in hoping that TIMMY CROW, the Wolcott cop didnt see you.

Remember when HEINZ had less then 57 varieties? or when LifeBouy soap smelled good?

Remember the Karmel Korn shop? remember watching the Donut making machines at KRESGES Dept. store? Remember when music played on the radio didnt offend anyone or put anyone down, didnt have any dirty lyrics, and you could Dance to it?

Old Radio programs; Every after noon we heard, Art Linkletters "House Party", Queen for a day, The Soaps, This isNora Drake, Ma Perkins, Young Doctor Malone, Just plain Bill, and so many others? The After School shows; Quiz Kids, I Love a Mystery, Mr. Science.

When \$10 got you three shopping carts full of Groceries....., or a Nite out on the Town?

When only Dad had to work to pay the Rent, Feed all the Kids, Pay all the bills and still

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have enough for a trip to the amusement park and a movie later.

Remember when the largest pizza was just 75 cents (plain)

Remember when one long ring was for you and two short rings was for the other party on your party line. (Telephone)

Remember when you were under 12, 10 cents got you into a local movie. (2 features, a serial, a short and about 3 or 4 cartoons.)

Remember when the Glenn Miller performed on the stage of the State theater? It was his last performance in America before being shipped out over seas.

Remember buying Candy dots on paper that reminded you of Register Receipt paper? Or the little metal pans that had soft candy in them and a little metal spoon?

When you could pick Blueberrys in most of the Citys parks and mom would make pie out of them.

When the Zindah Grotto organization put on a circus at Municipal Stadium and school children would get free tickets.

Remember the; Lincoln Lunch, Owl Lunch, Coney Island Lunch and their fabulous Chilli dogs. Remember all these restaurants all side by side; Lerz, the Front page, Center Luncheonette, & Gus's Pizza and the Espresso rest all in the center of downtown Waterbury? Remember the anchor Grill, Egans diner, Rays diner, which was later moved and became Tars diner. The Mar-con diner, Jimmys Reidvill diner, the valley diner, the Dutch maid restaurant, the Chocklit shop, the White tower rest., Moms luncheonette near Hamilton Park, Hamburger Haven on Meriden Rd., the Pleasant Nook diner that later became home to the Rat Pack Motorcycle club, The China Inn., the Bluebell rest., theyre All Gone now.

Remember some of these stores; Pasternak hardware, H.L.Green co., Alling rubber co., Impero Italian food Market, W.T.Grant, S.S. Kresge, F.W. Woolworth co, Waterbury Pawnbrokers, Browns used Furniture store, Sylvester & Orent Clothiers, Klines, Royal Jewelers, M.A. Green, United Cigar store, N.Y. Bakery, Worths, Lerner shop, Bieners sporting goods, The penny arcade, Mercy-Boyd Book store, Arlans discount Dept. store, Clarks, Two Guys, and even Caldors and Bradlees, All Gone.

Other places you may remember; the Railway Express co., Magic Cleaners in Wby.& Mby. Credit Advisors, we heard their ads on radio for a 10 year period., Plum & Atwood Mfg.co. Scovill Mfg. Co., Benrus Watch Co., Chase Brass & Copper co., Alcott Corp. Where the Sun Fish and Sail fish were made, Even Anaconda brass & Copper, now gone.,

Remember these Movie theaters; The STATE, the Strand, the Garden, which became the Plaza in later years, the WIN, the Hamilton, the Alhambra, the Carroll, the Lido, the TOWER, the CAPITOL. Remember these great Drive-ins; the Pine, the LAKE, the Watertown, the Valley, and later the Pine-Twin. All gone now. only 3 drive-ins left in Ct.

Some other memories; Home pride bakeries delivering goodies to your door, Cashins, Maple Hill, Brock-Hall, Sealtest, Brookside and other Daries delivering bottles of milk to

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your door. Remember Pizza when it was called Appizza? Remember when the motion picture "The GIRL RUSH" premiered in Waterbury the day before the 55 Flood. The movie Starred Waterbury's own, Roz Russell. Remember the old Water Wheel in Hamilton park? Remember the Legless man that sold Pencils as he scooted along downtown Waterbury on what looked like a board with Skate wheels on it?, I never knew his name.

Remember the Peanut man from the Planters peanut shop handing out free Peanut samples?

Remember when we called the Refrigerator an "Ice Box"? and the guy that did the evening shows; One man's Family, Truth or Consequences, People are Funny, This is your life, Gang Busters, Our Miss Brooks, Henry Aldrich, The Amos N' Andy show, The life of Riley, The great Gildersleeve, My friend Irma. The Saturday morning programs; Big John & Sparky, the Lone Ranger, Sgt. Preston of the Yukon, Sky King & his Plane, the Songbird. Some of these shows later went on Television.

Remember the Saturday matinee serials when you had to go back each week to see the next chapter and if they survived the cliff hanger and what the cliff hanger would be for that week's episode? There were usually 12 or 13 episodes to a serial. Some of those serials were; Flash Gordon, Buck Rogers, Bruce Gentry Versus the Flying Saucer, the TIME TOP, Clyde Beatty Versus the Batmen, Nyoka the Jungle Girl, Batman, Superman, the Rocket man, and the Scarlet Horseman. There were many others.

Remember these Cars; Hudson Hornet, Nash Metropolitan, Desoto, Studebaker, Jeep Wagoneer, Woody Station Wagons, the Cord, Henry J., Crosley, Franklin & the Edsel.

Remember getting your windshield washed as the attendant filled your tank with gas at any gas station?

Remember when all radio stations signed off at Midnight with the National Anthem and on again the following morning the same way? Remember some of the ads back in the 50's; Credit advisors, Kelpidine the Weight reducing gum (later proved ineffective) Mail order market, Diamond Ginger ale, Mac's radio & TV, Hadleys, the Monterey beauty salon all the Theaters and what was playing at them, Shoppers World, Venezianos market, Meriden Auction Rooms, Everybodys Market, Gabes Tire shop, Joes Tire shop, Colonial Bank & Trust Co., Bargain City, where Everything was cheap, Just about Everything was sold on radio.

Remember some of these early TV shows; Milton Berle, Texaco star theater, Code 3, Cisco Kid, Cheyenne, Wyatt Earp, Colt 45, the Rifleman, Whats my line, Commander Cody, the Big top (Ed McMahon was one of the Clowns), Strike it rich, Who do you trust, the Lone Ranger, Roy Rogers & Dale Evans show, Omnibus, You asked for it, with Art Baker, Toast of the Town (later called the Ed Sullivan show) Stop the Music with Bert Parks, Topper, Bonanza, the Texas Rangers, Wagon Train, the Gold Monkey, Black Sheep Squadron, Hogans Heroes, Rat Patrol, Combat, F Troop, the great Gildersleeve, Get Smart, Howdy Doody, Man from U.N.C.L.E., Girl from U.N.C.L.E., Outer limits, Twilight Zone, Mr. Ed, The Saint, Laugh In, TW3, Love American style, Doogie Howser MD, Private Secretary the Mothers in-Law, the Munsters, the Adams Family, my Mother the Car, the Dean Martin show, The Gold Diggers, Starsky & Hutch, Dragnet, Hawaii 5-0, Happy Days, Lavern & Shirley, Salvage one, On the Rocks, Wild Kingdom, The Undersea world of Jacques Cousteau, Grizzly Adams, Adam 12, Even recent favorites, M*A*S*H and Home Improvements are no longer on as regular shows, and of course the two most popular;

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The Honeymooners, and, I Love Lucy. How many others can You remember?

Remember when all the music you heard on radio was played on Turntables? Remember Wityacks Radio & TV Hospital on upper North main st., When Gas and cigarettes sold for less then a quarter? When the best Peanut butter around was Beechnut brand?

Remember rollerskating at Lake Quassapaug amusement park? for a Quarter? Remember Pea shooters, Hula Hoops, Poodle Skirts, Bobby sox, Be-bop, when Alan Freed coined the phrase "Rock & Roll" while a Bill Haley record was playing, When Elvis came on the Scene, When Pat boon covered records made by Black artist trying to top the charts, When Joan Weber had her one and only hit, "Let me go lover",

Remember buying a Rifle, Shotgun or even a pistol and no one looked at you in a funny way? the two inch salute was the loudest firecracker you could buy? The Neighborhood Shoe shine boy, Playing 8 track tapes in your car, Cigarette ads on radio & TV, Going to Grandparents for Thanksgiving, Bubble Lites on the Christmas tree, Red Cellophane Wreaths with a single bulb that lit, Glass ornaments with fancy glitter on them.

Remember Lending out tools to a neighbor and they always came back, Never having to lock your doors or windows, When Only 2 or 3 brands of Sneakers were available, Your Garbage was picked up by local Pig farmers with trucks we called the "Honey wagons", All liquids came in Glass bottles, Food products didnt have Expiration dates on them, Factories would blow their whistles in the morning if there was no school that day, All Kids went to school in their own neighborhoods, and you went home for lunch at noon, Crosby & Wilby High schools were down town, When you said someone was GAY, it ment they were Happy, When no one looked forward to going on Welfare, When we never got JUNK mail, When we had to go to bed without supper because we were naughty (but one or both parents would try to sneak food to you), Remember WW2 Aircraft were on display at Library park including captured German & Japanese planes.

Remember 5 cent burgers at "BURGER CHEF" on North Main St. at the foot of Lakewood Road, Remember the old Amusement park at Lakewood park? The Merry-Go-round was removed and went to New Jersey. the building is still there and so are the bathrooms that were under the old skating rink.

Remember the Model Bakery on Cherry ave in the old waterbury watch co. bldg. They made the best Hard rolls, Rye and Pumppernickle bread and Jelly donuts in waterbury.

Remember when we had to wait for the Radio or TV to warm up before we could use it? The only Breakfast cereals available were Corn Flakes, Shredded wheat, Puffed Rice or Wheat, Oatmeal, Farina or Kelloggs PEP, (No Wheaties, Froot Loops, or Cheerios yet).

Remember Colliers Magazine, and the Saturday Evening post? the Times table on the back of your notebook, Fountain Pens & Ink wells.

Remember some of these popular Comic strips; Joe Palooka, Terry & the Pirates, Rip Kirby, Little Orphan Annie, Dick Tracy, Mutt & Jeff, Mickey Finn, Nancy & Sluggo, Henry, Lil' Abner, The Phantom, Kerry Drake, Smilin' Jack, the Captain & the Kids, Gasoline Alley, the Jackson Twins, Smokey Stover, Yogi Bear, Alley oop, Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse, Uncle Remus tales, Superman, Batman, Ferdinand, Marmaduke, Brother Juniper, Right around Home, Ripleys Believe it or not, Brenda Star, mary Worth, the Flintstones, Heathcliff, Ciceros Cat, How many others can you remember?

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Remember the Naugatuck Valley Mall? Built in 69 and gone already, and all the great stores that were in it.

Remember the INDIAN Motorcycle, They just started making them again. Remember Williams Electronics, Became Lafayette Radio, The Fishing platform at Fulton park always had this sign on it; Danger, Keep off. we fished off of it for thirty years and it never fell down. The city finally tore it down, Remember when the Central shoe store was on No. Main St. and they would give the kids that bought a new pair of back to school shoes a Pencil box that looked like a giant pencil?, Shultzys on Bank St.,

Remember this short-cut? Walking through H.L. Greens 5 & 10 to the back where you went down the stairs into the Super market and out onto South Main St.? Or through Worths?

Remember McElligotts Pea green gasoline, Mcelligotts dairy on Cherry St. with the Giant Milk bottle on their roof? or watching their big yellow Dynamo turn through the front window?

Remember when Howard-Johnsons had a Jukebox when they first opened, Remember it only cost a Dime to play a record or 3 for a Quarter?

Does anyone remember an early principal at Walsh School named Mr. Buckman? or principal Mrs. Connety at Hendricken School in the early 50's? or a Miss O'Connor at East Farms school then later at Hopevill school? Remember Slocum and Barnard Schools?

Remember Haddads stores at both Lower and Upper Baldwin street?

Remember when WATR was on Meadow St.? How about atop the Hadley building on Grand St. when they first went on the Air in June of 1934? Remember Sounding board on WATR TV with host Bob Holtzer? Or Romper Room with Miss Ann?

Remember Slim Cox and his Cowboy Caravan every Saturday on WATR? They were also featured at Lake Compounce on Weekends.

Remember Singing Bill on WATR? With that big Ukelele? or was it a small Guitar???? Remember 78 rpm Records? Remember Records??

Remember the CYO Record Hops? Or the Record hops at Temple Hall and the After School dance partys at the old Buckingham Skating rink on Grand Street

Remember when singer Johnny Tillotson came to Waterbury and they proclaimed it Johnny Tillotson Day? All the Local DJ's got to talk to Johnny on the Air at all 3 stations.

Remember Friday nite Cruise nites where we would Cruise up and down East main Street while trying to pick up girls and listening to our favorite radio stations?

Remember while watching TV in the early 60's one afternoon and your picture kept getting smaller & smaller then it went out completely. At first you thought something was wrong with your TV then you noticed your lights were getting Dimmer & Dimmer also. The BIG East coast Blackout had begun. I was watching an episode of "Oh Susanna" featuring Gale Storm when it happend.

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Remember some of these Radio and Television Personalities; Stelio Salmona, Jerry Taff, Mike Hambrick, Roberto Tirado, Gail Janus, Captain C. Whiskers, Ranger Andy, Mr. Goober, Mike Warren, Mr. Green Jeans, Bozo the Clown, John Cameron Swayze, (Also spokesperson for TIMEX) Walter Cronkite, Harry Reasoner, Frank Reynolds, Bob Norman, (also announcer for the New Haven NiteHawks & was mayor in West Haven), George Thompson, the Bontempi's, Ken Venit, Chery Previl, Gerry Webb, Victor Zembruski (Started the Polish Eagle show shortly after WATR went on the Air in 1934 and is still on now hosted by his Wife, Sophie Zembruski and is believed to be the oldest Polish music show on the Air.) Remember Gene Valentino on the radio and in Everybodys market on the PA system telling you about the days specials? Or how about his audio voice overs for those Stevens pontiac commercials on TV? (later called Stevens world of Wheels)

Remember also; Wolfman Jack, Joey Reynolds, Dick Biondi, The Hartford Hound, George Lorenz, Moondoggie, Alan Freed, Murray the K., Cousin Brucie, Dick Clark, Tiny Markel, Ron Rommer, Jim Gallant, Biggie Nevins, Dick Galliette, Jerry Fisher, Daryl Houghton, Pat Sheehan, Walter Howard, Frank Faust, Rich Bobinski, Rick Shea also known as Conrad Taylor, Jay Clark, Diane Smith, Bob Picozzi, Mike Boguslawski (who was always in your corner), Uncle Yulius and his music from Scandinavia.

Remember when Wrestling was real on TV and they would shake hands after the match no matter who won? and it was Clean? Remember the Friday night Fights brought to you by Gillette Blue Blades? Remember Burma Shave? Shaving Mugs with the Brush?

Remember these Rides at Lake Quassapaug Amusement; the Chair plane ride, the Custer cars, the Octopus, the Quassy Queen, the White Deer Speed boats, The Original Peddal boats, the Twister, the Wild Mouse, the Streamliner, remember the Shooting Gallery with real 22 cal Winchester Pump guns. Remember the Skating Rink? it became a miniature Golf for a few years, then it was turned into a battery operated Bumper car ride that had large innertubes around them, and now it is a large Arcade.

Remember when Telephones had real Bells when they rang? and you actually had to dial to make a call? Or when your Teenage Brother or Sister were the original Answering machines?

Remember the Hamilton Park Zoo? Remember flipping Pie Tins as the original Frisbee? Frisbie pies came with a Tin pie pan when you bought a pie back in the 40's & 50's and you got a refund when you brought the tin pan back to the store. Many were used as the first original flying disks. Frisbie is also where the Plastic version got it's name. And you probably noticed, Frisbie Pies are back.

Remember going to Savin Rock down in West Haven? and getting sick on one of the rides? Remember the last thing standing when they closed was the beautiful Merry-Go-Round? It wound up at "Magic Mountain" amusement park out in California.

Remember going to "Palisades Park" where the old Lakewood Park carousel wound up and operated for many years until they finally closed in the 70's. I wonder where it is now?

Remember TV antenna Rotators? Or TV Antennas? Rabbit Ears? Remember watching the Ball Games in the windows of the Lincoln store on TV? in COLOR?

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Remember it took a week or longer to get your film developed to see how your pictures came out?

Remember some of these Places? Shallett-Lux Cleaners, Saxe & Floto, Friendly Frost, Costigan Shoes, Albion Bike & Lock shop, Deans Rest, Irv Nixons Carvel Ice Cream stand, Roy Poust service station in Naug., Fitzpatric used car lot, Al Dance riding stables, The Reidvill Baseball Diamond, (Loehman- Blasius Chevrolet sits there now) Plank Road when it really was made out of Planks, The ELTON hotel when it became the Roger Sherman hotel, Baubies News stand, the Colonade Inn & Rest. on State St. Miller & Fellin Television repair at the foot of Hill St., Crown St., and North Main? Do you remember the Shanty town along Thomaston Ave?

Remember when you didn't have to Pay to watch TV? Getting Free calendars from your Oil man, Plumber, Local Grocery store or Bank? Or you had to use Hand signals to make a turn with your Car, Or you had to pull out the Choke to get it started in the winter Do you remember the Tiger Tail that the ESSO service attendant would put on your Gas Cap? Remember Gas land on Watertown Ave would give you a Brown or Yellow coffee cup with 10 gallons or more?

Remember when Conn. marker plates were Reflective Silver with Black lettering and the Expiration sticker was a metal piece with the Expiration year stamped out of it, and was held to your plate by bending the little metal tabs over?

Remember the Wooden Bridges on Scott Road & Harpers Ferry Road?, Does anyone remember the Trollys?, a few of them are still running at the north shore Trolly Museum, including one from Waterbury with the CR&L logo still on it.

Remember "ICELAND" on Thomaston ave? it later became "Hullabaloo" and then later TV Engineers and is now a Car rental place. How times change!

Remember Goldies and Bobs Camera shops were side by side on lower Grand Street?

Remember where "Batter Whipped Sunbeam Bread" was born? at the old Reymond baking co. on East main St. right here in Waterbury.

Remember the Largay Brewery where they made "Red Fox" Beer & Ale? Waterbury Farrell Foundry, Lux Clock, later Robert-Shaw Lux Time division, or Fred Lux? More to remember; the Waleeco Cocoanut bar., When it used to be fun to go Christmas shopping, and You didn't see christmas items in the stores until the day after Thanksgiving.

Remember putting 15 cents into a cigarett machine, pulling a plunger and getting your pack of cigaretts with 3 pennies change on the side.

Remember leaving your car parked with your keys in the ignition and coming back sometimes a few days or even a week later and your car was still there?

Remember TV Channel 8 when it was channel 6?, or Channel 20 when it was 53?,

Remember when some TV Comercials were done Live in the 40's & Early 50's? One that was done with someone pouring hot water into a glass tea cup and it broke right on the AIr? or how about someone demonstrating the latest floor tiles and bending them to

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show you how durable they were, and it cracked in half. If we had color TV then I'll bet the demonstrators face would have been Red! Remember Ralph Kramden (Jackie Gleason) accidentally knocking one of the walls of the set over on his Honeymooners TV show? Then he made a funny comment about the termites and the audience roared! When that episode is shown in Reruns, they cut that part out. They should have left it in.

Remember when Juke boxes played real records and you could watch the mechanism pick them out and play them?

Remember these Places?; Alberts Furniture, Phillips Furn, Ortones Bakery, Duggans Bakery, Amalume Storm windows co., East end Sporting goods, Michael J. Cozy, the Caddillac dealer, Hatry & Young Electronics, Bond Radio, both gone. Liggett- Rexall drugs at 1 E. Main St, Carroll cut rate accross the street, the Kavula Institute of Hair design, Devito Music, I. Donner used Furn., the Sportsmans Club, Fulton Markets, Jaques Theater, Whelans Dairy & Ice cream, the Naugatuck Dairy, Wiggins Bar & Grill Loring Studios, the Hodson Hotel, The Rex Hotel, the Palace hotel, the Chase Dispensary, Henry Wiseman, Attorney at Law, The Cobbler Rest, H. Salt Fish & Chips, Jimmy Diggs Fried Chicken, Pathmark, Grand way, Grand Union, Johnnys Meat market.

Remember; Waterbury Beef, Colonial Lanes, First National Stores, A&P, Big Dollar Market, Mussler-Liebeskind, Garstons, Campus Corner, Sam Thomas Grocery, Davis & Nye, Brown Derby Rest, Willowood rest, The Flower Box, John Girds Music store (later Victors Music), the Waterbury-Wolcott News, N.Y. Clothes shop, Stanleys Hardware, Hardees burger rest, Howdy Beef Burgers, (later became a shoe store), Mr. Donut, Spudnut Donut shop, The Pop Shop, Dairy Joy next to old Crosby H.S. later became BEST Cleaners and is now a Liquor store, the C.C. Rest, across the street was Amici's rest, the Le Cordon Bleu rest, Mikes Lunch, the I.H.O.P rest, Full of Baloney, Ferellis Rest, Robert HallClothes, Anderson Little, G. Fox & Co, All gone.

Remember also; the Waldorf Cafeteria where for 50 cents you could get a double stack of pancakes and a drink too? Augies smoke shop accross from Crosby and later on So. main st. S&G service Station on E. Main st, moving later to lower Bank st. the Mattatuck Mfg. co., Lanzas E-Z Reach market, Fortins Rest. in Naug, Mayo's rest in Mbly, Croccos Bakery, Harmons Rest, Spinella Bakery, Marys Diner, Brassco Botteling, the Paramour gift shop on So. Main St. with its Gravel covered floor, Watervill Lumber co., State Dairy J.E. Smith lumber Co., the U.S. Rubber Co, WBRY Radio, later WTBY Then WQQW before it finally ceased operations, Merchants Parcel Delivery service, Murphy Advertising, they owned all those Billboards., Huer Bookbinding, Chas.A. Templetons, Oakvill Food Liner, Wooster Billiards, Phils Steak House, McCrorys, Senak, the Store at your door, Hogans Rest, Gugies Rest, Ziggys, Rockys Rest, Hampson-Minti-Abbott, Salem Theater in Naug, the Alcazar Theater in Naug., The Lincoln Store, and right next door the Curtis Art co.

Remember some of these Items; Spoolies, AC Gilbert Erector Sets & American Flyer Trains, Stove top Ovens, Lead Tinsel on Christmas Trees, Wind-up Toys, Spray paint signs all over waterbury, Topps store, Roast n' Boast, Zenith Transoceanic radios, Brownie Box Cameras, 8 & Super 8mm movies, making your own Margarine, Bus Tokens Ration Tokens & Stamps, those little RCA record players that only played 45's, Can openers for Beer & Soda cans we called Church Keys? Or Bottle openers for Beer and Soda bottles and Cone top cans? Remember the Pull Tabs came off of Beer & Soda cans and we made Belts and Chains out of them? We also made Belts & Straps out of Gum Wrappers. Remember saving tin foil from Cigarette packs and Gum wrappers and saving it and rolling it into a giant foil ball? I Remember unwrapping one that I found that was

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slightly larger than a baseball and inside at the very center was a Bottle cap that came from a Red fox beer bottle. I still have it.

Remember; the O'Rourke & Birch florists, Toot & Come in Rest in Southbury, Magios Grocery store at the foot of Merline Ave on E. Main st., Sante Maria Upholstery shop, Baldoni Moving, Robbillard Moving, Mayflower Moving & Storage, Parnon Banana co. Georges Corner on the corner of So. Main & Union St.? A high-rise Apt sits there now. Mattuck Bank, Security Savings & Loan, Surplus Salvage, McDuff flea Mkt, the JUNQUE mart on Cook St, Lea Mfg co, Rohr Products, Uncle Georges Trading Post, Papa's Sporting Goods, Riegers Army-Navy store, the Colonial Sand & Gravel Co.

Remember these brands?; Stromberg-Carlson, Dumont, Fada, Crosley, Norge, Lux, Ipana tooth Paste, Father Johns Cough Remedy, Kelvinator, Mazda (bulbs), Noma, Concord, National Radio, Capehart, VM (Voice of Music Webcor, Wilcox-Gay, Revere, Bell & Howell, How many others can YOU remember?

Do you remember Dr. Silkini's Midnight Horror shows at the State Theater? Remember the Whistling Las'soos you got at the end of a Christmas show at the theaters? Remember the Metal Street roller skates that had wheels made out of several large washers and the red straps? They were made in Waterbury. Remember in the late 40's & early 50's the guy with the real long Hair could be seen downtown? He later had it cut off.

Remember when you could skate at the Hamilton Park pavilion? (now the 7 Angels Theater) Remember roller skating at the Buckingham Rink run by Tony & Jean Molica?

Remember the Duck Pins were set up by Pin Boys at Sena's Bowling lanes?

Remember Perrys Laundry & American Linen both on Jefferson St.?

Remember the Store on South Main St. with the Round Windows on the second floor? Ruskins Corset shop. Remember Corsets Ladies? Do they still have them?

Remember the Christie Cab co.? Evening Band Concerts in Library Park, and running down to the Travel center to get popcorn from the vending machine they had, and it cost a whopping 10 cents for a box full?

Remember the "Phone your Answer" quiz show on WATR with Sam Elman? It was Americas Oldest Quiz show at the time.

Remember how busy Downtown Waterbury used to be before they built the first Mall? (I still believe certain politicians were paid off by developers to get that mall built) Then they moved the High Schools out to the Suburbs, and this really hurt the Downtown stores. A lot of those kids getting out of school bought stuff downtown. The mall and moving the schools really ended downtown waterbury as a shopping center.

Remember when everyone could spank their children for being naughty? You could get arrested if you got caught doing it now. And because of that, Children grow up with little or no respect for what we tell them. They get into all kinds of trouble now. (Remember the bible verse, "Spare the rod and spoil the Child?" it worked!)

Remember standing next to someone and you could hear a radio playing but couldnt see

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it? The tiny Transistor radio was born and it was in someones pocket.

Remember "Chicks Palace" Bar & Rest? Best place to go on a Friday or Sat. nite.

Remember the little Hot Dog stand on the corner of North Main & Sparks Street? Many an after School Hot Dog was consumed there.

Remember Harrys Super store with their super toy train layout? Freddys Joke shop, Star stores, Fran & Jacks Grinders in the Watervill area and in Middlebury., Nardellis original grocery store near St. Anns church on So. Main st. (Best grinders in Waterbury at the time) Lees Luggage, Salvatores Sausage.

Remember Frankies when they were on Wolcott st? or Blackies & Their homemade relish? Its still the best relish I ever had. Remember when Politicians were Honest? a few still are, Very few!

Does anyone remember "CHUM GUM"? 5 sticks for a penny and it tasted like bananas.

Remember Beemans Pepsin Gum? Sen-Sen breath freshner? Squirrel nut candies, 3 for a penny, Wax Lips and Whistles around Halloween, Sip-it penny sodas?

Remember The only few Bikes around were Columbia, Schwinn & Royce.?

More Memories; Normans Shoe store (Remember the little Merry-go-round for the Kids?)
The Federal Bakery downtown (oh!.. those wonderful Jelly Donuts they made)
The Beacon Kiddy center (WATR's second location was upstairs) Joseph McNellis & sons, Electrical Contractors., Fitzgerald Ambulance Serv., Jo-Rays Surplus store.

Remember these auto dealers and parts stores; Burkhart Motors, Dodge/Plymouth Dealers, Nathan Hale Automotive, Hotchkiss Buick, Ralph C. Theriault Hudson dealer, Liberty Motors, Willys Overland Jeep dealer., John J. Collins Desoto / Plymouth Dealer, Packard Waterbury, Motors Inc. Ford Dealer, Skippy Magee used cars, Moe's auto parts,

Remember; TheQueens KitchenBakery, Roma Pastry, Mrs Platts Pies, Helens Beauty Shop, Donnelly's Tavern on Bishop Street, the 7up Botteling co. on No. Main St., Brooklyn Botteling co., Chatfield & Chatfield Paint & Masonry, Capozzi Dry Cng, Acme Cleaners and Dyers, Deens Clnrs, Jameles Clnrs, Metropolitan Clnrs, Goldsmith-Chatfield Jeddo Coal, Reliable Fuel & Ice co. Blue Coal., the Blue Ribbon Tar Co., Fishers Const. Co., Peter Signori Const. Co., Watts Electric.

Remember Peck the Florist, Pace Florist, Karrs Flowers, Porto Florist, Kressel & Wolfe fine furs, Derosa Furn., Joe Manzo Inc. Glassware, Gifts later became Stryzicks, Union Plate & Window glass, Schmidts Hardware, Serafines Hardware, (Schmidts and Serafines later merged to become one of waterburys finest hardware stores), Laurel Electronics.

Remember also; Buckly Bros. Fuel Oils, Armands Fuel Co., Cocchiola fuel oil, Diamond Coal & Oil, H.J. Carroll Coal & Oil, Brass City Coal & Oil, E. Hathaway & Son Fuel Oils, Naugatuck Fuel Co "Silverbrook" Anthracite Coal & Oil also Ford sales & Service.
D. Janetty Range & Fuel oils.

Remember; Wilhelm Inc. Guild Opticians on the Green, Rollin H. Powell Paint & Wallpaper, Ideal Paint & Wallpaper (became Verriker later) Damelios Gleem paint

Remember When....

Shop, State Paint Co., Speeds Camera shop, Wilhelm Photographic Equipment and Supplies,

Remember when Doctors made House calls; Dr. Sandulli, Dr. Delapietro, Dr. Daley, Larkin, Merriman, Finklestein, Mayo,... (Too many to recall)

Remember; the Blakeslee Co moving & Storage, Smedley Co., VJ Robillard, Judge office Eguip. (later became Judge-Piel), Mattatuck office supplies And Equipment,

Harper-Leader Precious metals plating serv., Laurel Electroplating Co., the Siller Plumbing Co., Waterbury Stove Repair.

Remember the Waterbury Live Poultry market at 99 No. Elm St.?, The Arrow Print shop, Remember dialing only 5 digits to make a phone call? How about 4? remember waterburys first prefix for phone numbers? PLaza?

Remember McCoys, the House of Music? (they used to be Fullers), A&A radio and Television Service, Matzkin Furn, Metropolitan Furn, Clapp-Rose & Vaughn inc., Willow Radio & TV, Acme Radio Service, Domestic Appliance Corp., Ralph S. Bloodgood Real Estate & Apraisals, Chas. Rosengarten Realtors, American Refrigeration.

Remember; the Blue Shutter Rest, Bertrands Piccadilly Inn, D'Angelos Rest, Hillside Rest, the Melody Lane on Harrison Ave., the Blue Rose Rest, the Copper Kettle on Meriden Rd. Mario's on Wtn.Ave., the Hickory House, Franks Log Cabin (later DePrimios Rest.), the Trio Rest. (Later Gunthers), Rudys Roseland Rest, Russells Barn Hot Dogs, Burgers and they even had TV., Waterbury Roofing co., Ted Jostedt Roofing, Reliable Roofing, Globe Carpet & Rug cleaning, Par Screw machine products, Ledoux Swiss screw machine Products, Eddys Sea food Mkt, Al's sea food, Ace sewing machine co., Rite-way Shoe repair, the Olympia shoe parlor, American sheet metal works, Hertzmarks Shoe store,

Manning-Armstrong shoe store, Buster Brown shoes, Don Neon sales Inc., Independant Cab co. in Naug., George Pelzer & Sons House of Television, O.K. Rubber Welders Tire Specialists, St.Louis service Firestone Dealer, Rose & Morton Typewriters, Atwood typewriter exchange, Stocker Typewriter serv., Ace-O-Matic sales, Vending machines.,

Bond Venitian Blind Co., the Lebon Venitian blind co., American shade & Blind co., State Vacuum cleaner co., Pernatozzi Corset shop, Kay Curtain shop, Windsor Curtain shop, Bedford Curtains, Draperies.,

Remember ringing the bells on the Good-Humor ice cream truck when it came around?

Remember the Tranquility Farms shops & Dairy, The Litchfield farms shops, Cronins Dairy, Willobrook Dairy, Sholti's Dairy., Sullivan Electrical Enterprises, Naug., Tower Home Appliance, Suburban Supply co, Hanlons east end service sta., Sportsmans Serv. Sta., Homer Street Garage, Speedmotor Garage,

Remember; Bobby southland School of Dance, Arthur Murray dance Studio, Jo-Ed Studio inc, Merideth Studios, Sterling Studios, Gualtieri Studio, Dick Wood Photography, Rossi Photo, Gebhardt Photo Service, The Curtis Art Co. Passport Photo serv., Stockman Studio., Adrian Studio., Allens Perfumers, Cameo Cut rate Cosmetics, Breens, Naug.

Remember great Parades in Downtown Waterbury at Thanksgiving time and other

Remember When....

Holidays, or even the St. Patricks day parade that started at Washington park?
Come on Waterbury, What happend to these wonderful events?

Remember how proud you were when one of your kids scored the winning run at a little league Game? Remember Family Picnics, Falling asleep on a blanket, then You woke up and it was time to leave.

Remember those picnics at Quassy or Lake Compounce and bringing your own food?

Remember The Rose gardens at Hamilton Park & Fulton Park, and you could always find a park bench to sit on?

Remember when it took only an Ice Cream cone to make a child happy?

Remember going on long walks with that special someone?

Remember ; Picking Blueberries in the City Parks? Fishing in the park ponds only to throw them back if you caught any, Or picnics in those parks? Or trying to catch frogs?

Remember swimming in those big round wading pools in Fulton or Washington park?

Remember waiting half an hour after eating before going into the water because you were told you might get cramps if you did?

Remember all those good times at the Drive-in's, the Amusement parks, Going to the Circus, Bowling, Playing Badminton, Just going out and having Fun? What ever happend to those wonderful times. Are we so involved with TV, Computers, Electronic Video Games, Partys, The Neighbors, Our Cars, Our Beds, Walkmans, CD's and other involvements that we tend to forget real meaningful things in our lives? Get out of the House and start enjoying life and your family,.. Create some wonderful NEW Memories. Before its too late.

I Am sure you can think of many more wonderful memories of the past then what I have written here. Think back, Way back. See how many you can remember and write them all down,..and Share them with someone you love!

Thank you, Chuck Lund

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