

Featuring Full-Lengths!

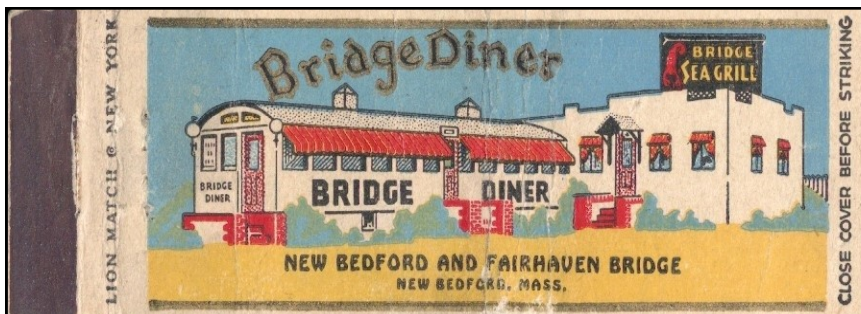
Diners



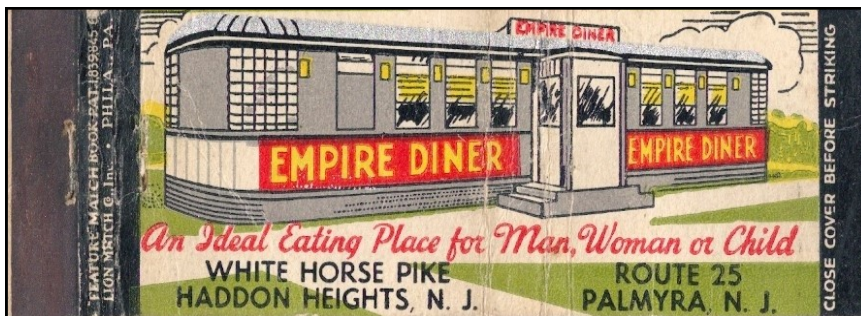
Full-length diners have been popular with collectors for decades, and you can readily see why right here!



Diners were prefabricated fast food restaurants. The first was created in 1872 by Walter Scott. He decided to sell food out of a horse-pulled wagon to employees of the *Providence Journal*, in Providence, RI.



Scott's diner can be considered the first diner with 'walk up' windows that were located on each side of the wagon.



Commercial production of lunch wagons started in Worcester, MA, in 1887, by Thomas Buckley. Charles Palmer received the first patent (1893) for the diner, which he called a 'Night-Lunch Wagon.'

Inspired by streamlined trains, and especially the *Burlington Zephyr*, Roland Stickney designed a diner in a similar shape in 1939 called the Sterling Streamliner. Production of the Sterlings and other diners was stopped in 1942 because of the war.



There are still two Sterling Streamliners in operation: The *Salem Diner* at its original location in Salem, MA, and the *Modern Diner* in Pawtucket, RI. In many areas, the diner was superseded in the 1970s by fast food restaurants. A number of restaurants today call themselves diners, but they don't meet the definition. [en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diners]

Dan Bitter, OK, had 158 of these beauties as of December 2005.