

HISTORY QUESTION OF THE MONTH

During the mid to late 1920's, Butler Hill underwent some changes. What were they and what impact did they have for those in the area?

Answer: Butler Hill (the hill between 23rd East and 27th East on Ft. Union Boulevard) was an extremely steep hill. In the winter the kids would use it as a sleigh riding hill. Because of the steepness they would get going so fast that they could ride almost to Colebrook Corner (Highland Drive and Ft. Union Boulevard). Also because of the steepness of the hill, people who owned the old Model T Fords would have to turn around and back up the hill so the gasoline could flow to the carburetor. During the mid to late 1920's the top of the hill was cut down and the bottom was filled in to level out the steepness. This enabled people with cars to get up the hill without turning around and backing up the hill thus making travel to Butlerville much easier. Although the hill wasn't as steep as it had been, the kids still found it to be a good sleigh riding hill in the winter.

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