



The Face of Fillmore

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The Face of Fillmore this week points out a tradition that is enjoyed by many of Fillmore's residents.

As the Halloween season approaches, the "Halloween House" once again comes alive. While the only human residents are Darlene and Phil Russell, they are not alone at 385 West 100 South when Halloween comes along. The display of witches, ghosts and other assorted supernatural creatures is well worth driving by and enjoying. The graveyard on the west side of the lot appears to have enlarged this year, and dozens of other weird creatures make one a little nervous even in the light of a warm afternoon.

Mrs. Russell told me she has been decorating for Halloween for over 40 years. She pointed out some of the original decorations which they put up each year as a sentimental remembrance of when the display only covered part of their front yard. As we talked she suggested I clap my hands. When I did a large spider dropped out of the tree I was standing under and as I jumped from the scare, one of the ghosts picked up the movement and began laughing.

A group of school children were there visiting as well. Mrs. Russell says she enjoys their company and their suggestions when it comes to decorating the yard. She says, "After all, holidays are for the children." Visitors are always welcome. Last year several school busses stopped for their passengers to enjoy the yard and get a treat.

Halloween is not the only holiday to enjoy their yard. They also decorate for Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, and others throughout the year.

With Mother Nature doing her best to add color to the fall leaves and autumn blooming flowers, we enjoy and appreciate those who get into the mood of the season and help decorate the Face of Fillmore.