



## The Face of Fillmore

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The Face of Fillmore this week looks at the home of Max and LaVoy Martin on the south end of Main Street near the point where it curves. This white brick and siding home is very well kept and in the summer months, beautifully landscaped taking hours of meticulous care.

The home itself demonstrates years of hard work by Max himself with help from his wife, children and friends on occasion. It represents every home owner's dream of never having a house payment. Using recycled materials and only building when the money was available to buy what materials they needed, this home was a work in progress for many years.

When Max and LaVoy were first married they lived in a section of her parent's home. Albert Day was the town plumber and lived in the home north of the Arctic Cat dealership. After a couple of years, in 1947, they bought the property on south Main Street from Martha Maycock and construction on their own home soon began.

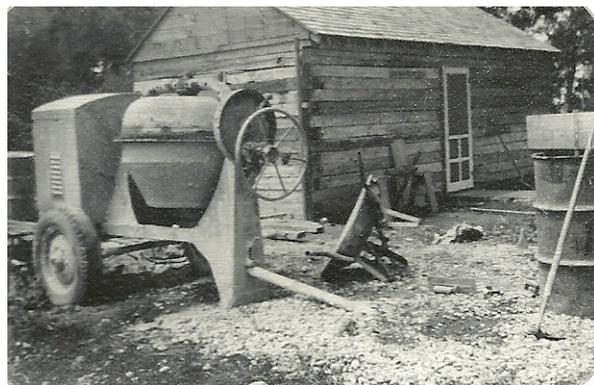
The first section was built from logs brought to Fillmore from a spot south of Scipio known to locals as "The Gap". This is the place on a hill where an American flag now flies. There had been an old cabin there which was falling down, so Max helped the process along by taking it apart log by log and building their Fillmore home from those logs. This is the section that is now the garage.

An addition was added to the original home on the north near the back of the building.

The third part of the home to take shape was the north wing. It was made from an old motel unit that was given to them by LaVoy's uncle, Carl Day. This motel was located where the Fillmore Motel now stands. The second addition now became the connection between the north and south wings.

The final major change was completed in 1980 and necessitated changing the roof line as the connecting section in the center was added toward the west to make a large living room and porch.

A great many changes and modernizations have been made to the interior of the home, as well. It is now a very modern, spacious, comfortable home with four bedrooms, three baths, a kitchen/family room, a large living room, an office, a storage room and a carpeted garage which doubles as a dining



room for larger family gatherings.

The Martin's are to be congratulated for their hard work, creative ideas, and great example to all of us. Their home certainly adds to the beauty of the Face of Fillmore.

