



## The Face of Fillmore

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The Face of Fillmore this week looks at a building on Main Street that has been neglected in past years, but holds the records for many firsts in our community.

Looking quite forlorn, empty and unused for many years, the Fillmore Drug has not welcomed customers in the recent past, but was once a bustling scene.

Built in 1915 by R. Erven Day, pictured here, the Fillmore Drug Store was the first business on the west side of Main Street between Center Street and First North. The land was purchased from Christian Anderson. Hans Rasmussen did the construction work on the building with the help of his sons Harrison, William and Lewis. Henry, Lorenzo and Grandley Hanson helped with the carpenter work, as well as laying the tile floor which was the first of its kind in Millard County. The pavement in front of the building was the first ever laid in Fillmore. John and Park Smith were the plumbers and also installed the furnace.

Fillmore Drug Store was operated by Erven Day who was the first registered pharmacist in Millard County. He began his business in the north corner of the Huntsman Hotel, which was located on the corner where the monument about the old fort now stands. Mr. Day was assisted later on by his daughter Belva, who took over the business following his passing.

Very soon the doors of the Fillmore Drug building will be open once again to such popular items as soda fountain drinks, sandwiches, ice cream and other treats as well as flowers and other gift items. It will be great to see this historic store once again in operation.

