



Face of Fillmore

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It's that time of year when the travel brochures and maps cover the kitchen counter and plans are made to explore a new area. Our home is no exception to this and the itinerary this year is filled with Indian ruins, early Spanish exploration sites, visiting favorite friends and beautiful mountain scenery, some of which we have enjoyed in years past.

It will surprise no one to know that plans also include a visit to a cemetery where some ancestors are buried. Having been close to the cemetery in the past we were amazed when we learned that we had passed by the graves of family members. That will soon change.

Travel from place to place has been part of our heritage since the early days of Fillmore. Several early hotels dotted Fillmore's business district: The Huntsman on the corner of Center and Main, the Wixom about two blocks north of that which was later owned by the Huntsman family, the Robison Hotel on Main and First South, and later, of course, the Stevens Hotel just north of the Millard County Courthouse.

With automobile travel arriving on the scene, "autels" sprouted up. (An autel is a combination of the words automobile and hotel.) The first was the Spinning Wheel and later the Arrowhead Motor Court north of the present drug store.

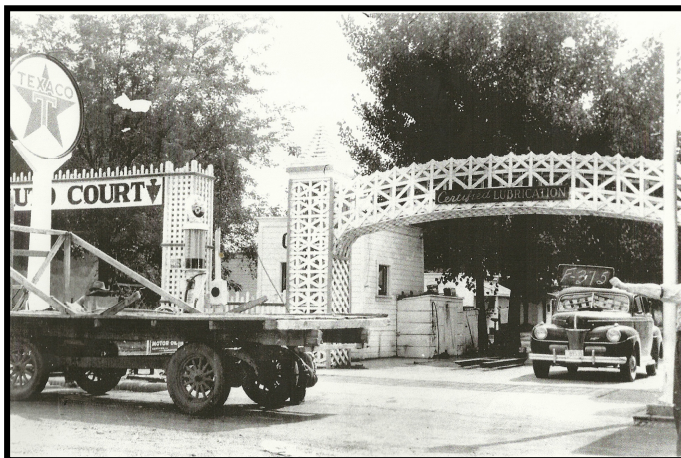
Before the construction of I-15, all of that traffic came right through town and summer because a busy time for everyone. Now

that traffic seems to congregate at the freeway exits where food, gas and lodging are readily available.

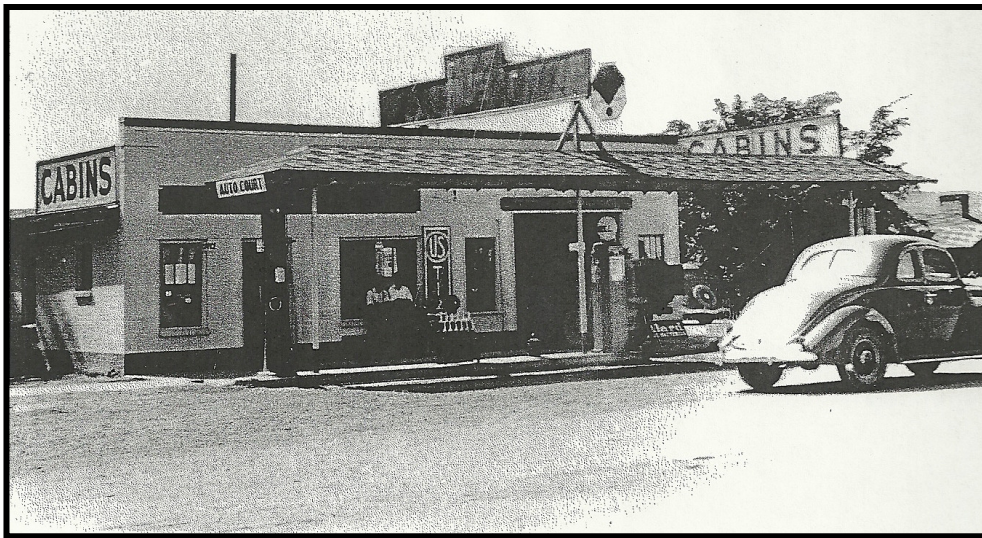
Prices and modes of travel have changed over the years, but it is still part of our way of life. As we travel on our summer vacations, it is hoped that everyone will have an exciting and safe adventure.



Hotel Advertisement 1939



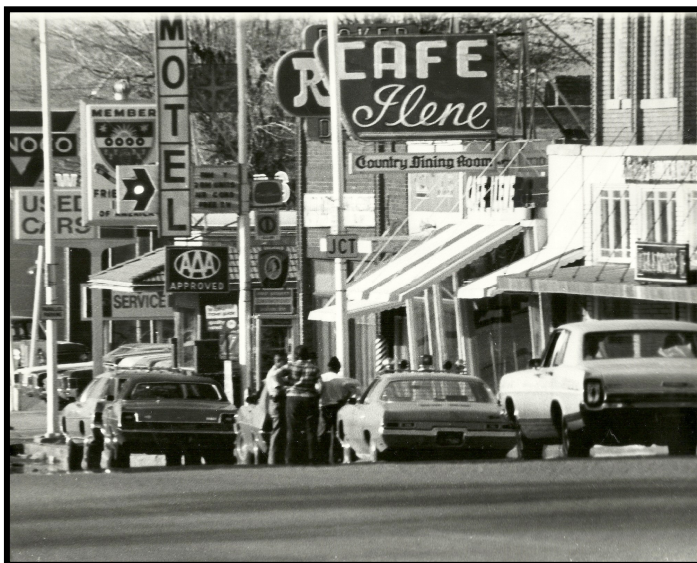
Early Auto Court



Early Motel



C.H. Biglow's car on the Arrowhead Highway circa 1920



Fillmore's Main Street before I-15