

The Face of Fillmore

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The original purpose of the Face of Fillmore was to recognize residents of our town who have gone the extra mile to preserve the historic heritage of their homes or businesses. Some were remodeled carefully to highlight the original architecture. The original building is sometimes more difficult to recognize because extensive renovations have hidden some of the early architecture, but these have been remodeled to remain the attractive buildings they once were.

This week we take brief look at a business on Main Street that has undergone many changes throughout its history.

Recently the Signature Realty Office has received a much-needed facelift. With repairs to the building's façade and an attractive coat of paint, the building still has a touch of its original structure shape while being a great improvement to the neighborhood.

A view of the street in an older picture with an old car parked nearby would give a person an idea of the year the picture was taken if they were familiar with the model years of older vehicles. Unfortunately, I am not. Many will remember Swallow's Confectionary on the right next to a barber shop and then the white building where the realty is now located. If my memory serves me correctly, this was then the Progress Newspaper Office.

Other historic pictures show the location as a saloon and as a gas station, although these may or may not have been the current structure.

Molly and Lucas Stevens are to thank for the attractive building we are now seeing in this location.

