

# Stay The Night



Over the years, I have often been asked about the hotel on Race Street. If you read last week's column, you know about my going through old newspapers. Back in the days of only a business district of four square blocks, they rarely mentioned addresses. Addresses were not that important, since not even the post office used them.

Over the years, Fountain has had several hotels — strangely that I can find none were on Main Street. Now, you must remember that the main road from Denver to Pueblo was Main Street. Santa Fe did not become an important street until the "new" paved road was built in the late 1920s. The Race Street hotel had several names over the years, Link or Brunswick Hotel were used the longest. The Santa Fe station was one of the reasons for locating the hotel there — visitors coming in on the Santa Fe railroad only had to walk one block to reach it. If you came in on the Rio Grande, it was more of a stroll. It was on the north end of Walnut. The only remains of the hotel are the short wall around the yard on the block's corner at Missouri.

The first motels were built on Santa Fe in the 1940s, and were not the big grand postwar style. They were simple Mom and Pop operations with basic cabins. You could still see the remnants of them until just recently, and maybe some of you even can spot them now. Up in Colorado Springs and even Manitou, they started getting them in the 1920s. Most travelers went on into Colorado Springs to stay. When the interstate was built around 1960, we started to see the bigger motels, even a couple of national chains.

The old Brunswick Hotel survived several catastrophes including fires, but was torn down over fifty years ago. The big reminder seems to survive near by, the old livery building, built of stone. That is one of a couple livery stables that were here — the others were on Main Street, in the spot where the City Hall resides.

# Pages of the Past

(1958 - Present)



## Sixty Years Ago (1961) SANTA COMES TO SECURITY

(From left) Santa's helper Barbara Garrison stands by 4-year-old Jeannine Delgado, listening to Santa Claus talk about all the things he has in store for good little ones at Christmas. This picture was taken on Saturday, Dec. 3, 1961, when Santa was in Security meeting local children and passing out candy. (Fountain Valley News file photo)

## Fifty Years Ago (1971) MISS INTERCEPTER '72

Miss Carolyn Moen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Moen of Colorado Springs, was named Miss Interceptor '72 in 1971. Here, in a picture for the December issue of the Aerospace Defense Command safety magazine, she reminded everyone to be a safe driver this holiday season. Ms. Moen appeared at various other safety events that year, reminding people about safety aspects at home and on the job. (U.S. Air Force photo)



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## Forty Years Ago (1981) THE PLAY'S THE THING

Don Hainstock, Kathy Ridenour and Dan Furzi go through the script for the 1981 Christmas pageant, part of the fifth annual Yule Log Festivities held in Fountain. Hainstock played the Herald, and Ridenour played Lady of the Manor in the production. (Photo by Carl Wiese)



## Thirty Years Ago (1991) 'TIS THE CARING SEASON

Fountain Valley C.A.R.E.S. members and volunteers assembled care packages on Nov. 26, 1991, at the First United Methodist Church of Fountain. (Photo by Geof Clark)



## Twenty Years Ago (2001) WIDEFIELD RESIDENT NAMED BEST TEACHER IN THE COUNTRY

Actress Jamie Lee Curtis, Ben Wentworth of the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind, and Disney CEO Michael Eisner at the American Teacher Awards sponsored by the Walt Disney Corp. on Dec. 13, 2001. Wentworth won Teacher of the Year; Curtis received the "non-teacher award" for her children's books. (Fountain Valley News file photo)



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