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Mickey Marty works the pump at his Standard service station, at Dodge and Bluff streets, in 1953.

According to the 1955 Dubuque city directory, filling stations located in the downtown area — from lower Dodge Street to 14th Street — numbered no fewer than 24. Nearly half of those were along Locust Street. Ten years later, the number was similar. As more commerce was established on the city’s west side, gas stations began disappearing from the downtown landscape. By 1975, only a dozen were in operation, nine of them on Locust.

Here are some of the sites where, many years ago, motorists could say to the attendant, “Fill ‘er up.”



Arnie Noel updates the gas price at his Eighth and Locust streets station in 1957.



Straub Conoco Service, Jones and Locust (1954).



H.J. Nachtman Co., Seventh and Bluff (1955).



Fischer Skelly Station, Fourth and Locust (1955).



Wagner's Standard Service, Ninth and Central (1956).



Julien Dubuque Gulf Service, Dodge and Locust (1957).



Clemens Standard Service, Second and Locust (1958).



Cahill's Cities Service, Fourth and Locust (1959).



Clemens Standard Service, Dodge and Bluff (1963).



Martin Oil Service, Third and Locust (1965).



Don Plumley's Conoco, Fifth and Locust (1965).



Holiday Derby Station No. 2, Dodge and Bluff (1966).



Arnie Noel Standard Service, Eighth and Locust (1973).