

FELLOWS

Fellows first appeared on the map as a railroad terminal in 1908, when the Sunset Western railroad was extended from Pentland Junction, near Maricopa, to the northern portion of the Midway field. Nothing but a growing or diminishing pile of lumber and oil well supplies marked the spot, however, until the rival of interest in oil development in 1909 began to make it an important point for the unloading of supplies for the oil companies that began about that time to venture out into the upper part of the Midway valley. Then the Santa Fe, operating large oil properties in North Midway as the Chanslor-Canfield Oil Company, established headquarters at Fellows and made the place noteworthy by sparing enough of its expensively obtained domestic water to grow a row of Cottonwood trees on the barren mesa. As the field developed Fellows became a modest trading point. James & Dooley established the first store in the place in 1910. Lawton & Blanck followed soon after with a similar establishment, in which was located the post office, and by the beginning of 1911 Fellows boasted two stores, a drug store, a billiard room, a livery stable and a liberal supply of saloons.

In the last two years Fellows has taken on an air of greater stability by the erection of better buildings, among which is a grammar school building that would do credit to a place of several times its age and number of inhabitants. The Fellows Courier, an enterprising weekly, has been established recently [1914].