

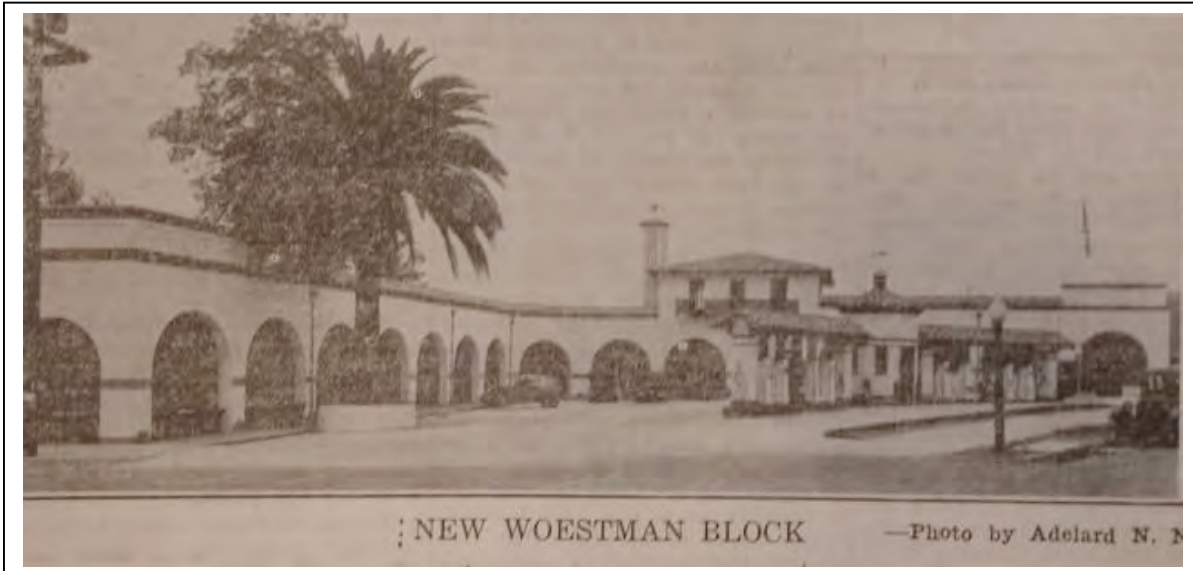
Andrew McNally House, 1887

# Altadena Historical Society

## From our Files

### Shopping

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If the above photo looks familiar it's because the building, now called Hen's Teeth Square, at the corner of Los Robles and Woodbury, is pretty much intact, except for the removal of the gas pump island. Designed by architect Theodore L. Plotsch in the "modified Spanish style," the drive-in market provided convenience for every shopping need. Woestman's offered a vegetable and fruit market, meat market, grocery store, delicatessen, bakery goods, radio store, gasoline station with ten pumps, grease racks, tire sales room and more. The opening was front page material for the July 10, 1930 edition of the *Altadena Press*. "Typifying the last word in superservice [sic] stations and drive-in markets, Woestman's Drive-In will welcome the public to the opening on Saturday. The combination of drive-in market and superservice is unusual, most superservice stations not having

sufficient space to permit the frequent entrance and exit of cars."

Prior to this type of innovative architecture, cars barely pulled off the road to get a fill up, as illustrated in the photograph below, depicting the traffic island at the intersection of Lake Ave, Altadena Drive, and Los Robles.



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