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Gas for 12 cents

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Our photo shown here was taken in the early 1930's of a gasoline station advertising gas at 12 cents. I believe this gas station was located at the corner of East Avenue and Platt Street in Albion.

A sign on the building indicates "Cities Service". Just imagine 12 cents as compared to over \$2 a gallon now.

The reason this picture was taken is because we see a fire underway beneath the model



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off its roof.

There is a good reason for turning off your engine while filling. Back then people were also more careless about

a fire hose appears in the lower part of the picture lying on the curb. It looks to me like the car must have been a total loss as smoke is coming

gallon is in black and white. Prices like this cause us all to say "the good old days."

smoking around gas pumps. Whatever its cause, the fire is undetermined but 12 cents a