



One of the Chicago area's best examples of a car culture-era drive-in restaurant is still thriving at 6031 West Ogden Avenue in Cicero, as seen above. When it opened in the 1950s, Henry's was a small food stand with a walk-up window and no indoor seating. The slogan, "It's a Meal in Itself," refers to the classic way of serving Chicago-style hot dogs in the same bag with French fries and pickle spear. The Henry's menu is extensive and their clientele faithful. Snuffy's 24 Hour Grill (below) on Joliet Road west of Riverside Drive in McCook is a perfect highway eatery, and little has changed from its 1964 opening. Booths with vinyl-covered seating and walnut-grain Formica tabletops line the east wall, with classic diner-style stools at the counter along the west wall. The fare is typical diner food made well.



Ogden Avenue became a state highway in 1919, and by the start of Route 66 in 1927, the Chicago city directory listed 14 filling stations, eight automobile supply and towing companies, and a half-dozen automobile sales concerns along the thoroughfare. The 1933 photograph above shows the service department of Buresch Motor Sales, a Packard dealership, which was located at 4038 West Ogden Avenue. Other brands of automobiles available along Ogden Avenue included nearly forgotten nameplates such as Gray-Dort and the familiar rolling stock sold at Emil Denmark Cadillac. Ben Geller Chevrolet was located at 3651 West Ogden Avenue from at least 1957, when its first advertisement appeared in the *Chicago Tribune*, until 1979. Ben Geller Chevrolet billed itself as "Chicago's Fastest Growing Dealer" on the back of the early-1960s postcard, seen below.

