

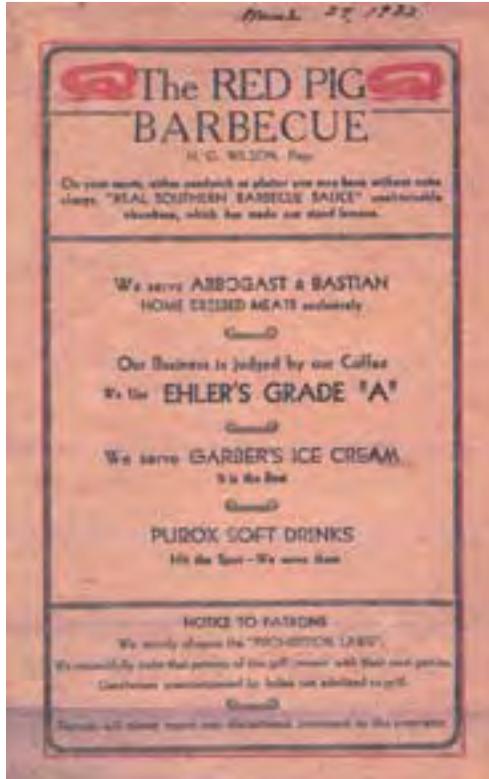
THE ROAD TO THE CHOWDER HOUSE

"MARBLEHEAD SITE AWASH WITH HISTORY" read the headline in Volume 2 of our Newspaper menu.

Many guests have related stories of their memories or escapades at 4101 William Penn Highway, an address rich with history from before its days as "old Route 22!" Its lineage as an eatery reaches back into the 1920's.

THE RED PIG (1920's-50), a roadside barbecue, got a four page spread in LIFE Magazine, February 13, 1939. See the article framed on our Main Dining Room wall.

FRANK'S TOP HAT in the 1950's and early 60's was owned by Frank D'Huyvetters. It boasted a block-glass bar bottom and also had this design feature in its entryway. Must have been a 50's thing.



SCANDINAVIAN INN (1963) followed the Top Hat and had three owners in a relatively brief period, the last of which was George Lowrie. After his Scandinavian chef quit, he changed the name.

LOWRIE'S STEAK HOUSE (1967) had an extensive fire, \$50,000 according to the newspaper. The account also mentions the landmark building having a 50-year history, which dates it back into the Roaring 20's.

CROSS TIMBER INN (1973-1995) was named by Charlie Chrin who bought and rebuilt it following the fire. Soon after that Tony, Teddy and Gus, "the guys from the Key City Diner in P'burg" took the reins and enjoyed a successful 25-year landmark run. In early '95,

a "cocktail conversation" led to more serious talks. In January 1996, Tony, Teddy and Gus retired and the rest is Marblehead's history!



LEFT:
A PARTY AT FRANK'S
TOP HAT RESTAURANT
IN 1948

