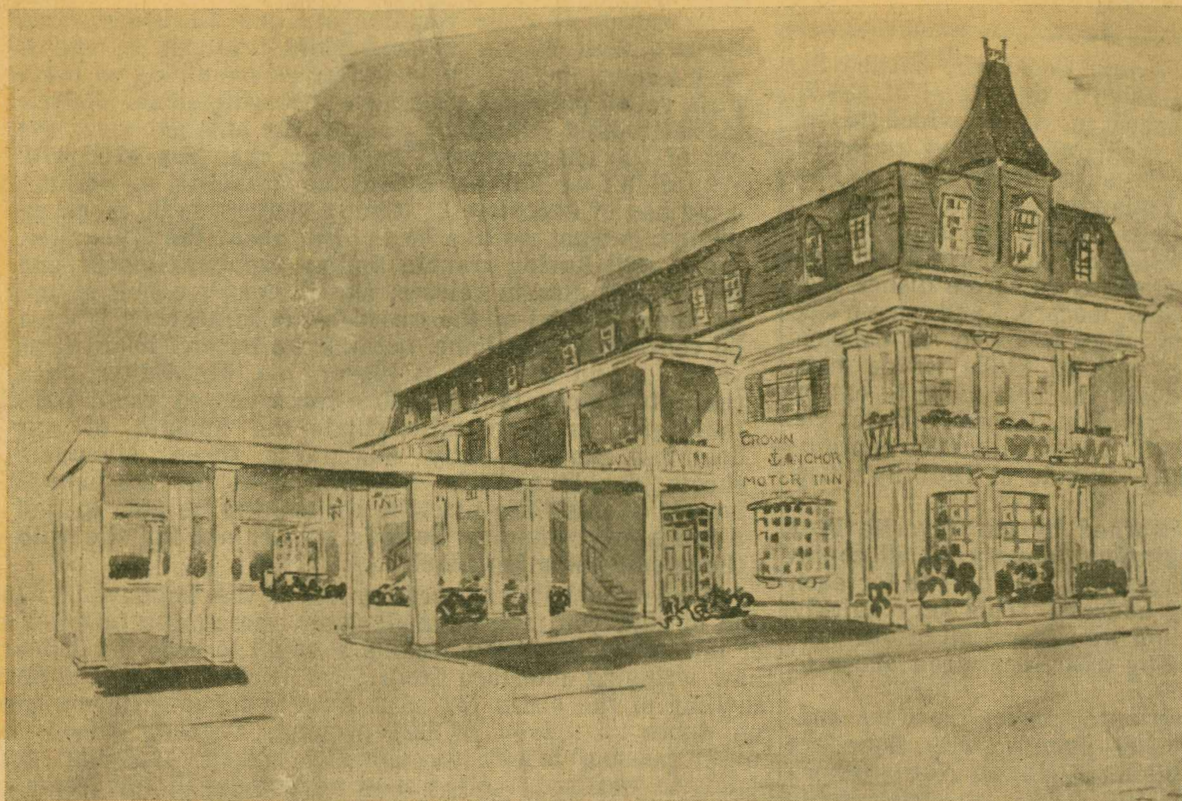


Central Inn Figures In Year's Largest Property Transfer



Late in the year the Sorrentino Realty Trust acquired the well known Sea Horse Inn, formerly the New Central House and Towne House, in the most important property transfer of the year. A rough sketch of some of the proposed improvements are shown above and the new owners have applied to the Zoning Board for permission to construct a building housing eight shops on the property to be known as the Crown and Anchor Motor Inn.

Feb. 15, 1962

PROVINCETOWN FIREMEN were called out shortly before noon Monday to cope with a blaze started by workmen using paint remover in the Sea Horse Inn renovation. However, the damage was confined to less than \$100. Recently the new Inn owner, Staniford Sorrentino, had the small, ancient shop building at the Northeast corner of the property completely removed and with it went many memories. For a time it was occupied as the office of The Advocate, but it served many other uses during the distant years. Under the floor was found a strong box containing a great many telegrams, souvenirs of the time when the shop was used as the office of the American Telegraph Company. These are dated with the year 1861 and are cryptic messages about fishing vessels and sea affairs. Back there when the Civil War was breaking over the country, lobsters were offered at two cents apiece. Mr. Sorrentino plans to use a number of the telegrams as a wall decoration on the new Crown and Anchor Motor Inn.

- March 15, 1962 -

CONSTRUCTION has been started on a long one-story cement block structure on the east side of the parking area at the new Crown and Anchor Motor Inn, the former Sea Horse Inn. The building will be divided into eight small shops which will enjoy proximity to the busy part of Commercial Street, but which will be away from the traffic and crowded pavements of Commercial Street. Staniford Sorrentino, new owner of the Inn property, has a large force of men employed in making drastic changes in the main building, including private baths for each room and other improvements which will be welcomed by guests.

Old Historic Hotel Given Face Lifting Crown And Anchor Plans Its Opening

April 26, 1962

For almost two centuries Provincetown has had in its midst a structure of colonial beauty and elegance. Visitors strolling down its unique Commercial Street have stopped and looked and admired this old hotel, but now they are stopping, looking and watching,—watching the tremendous effort being put into it to restore its original beauty and lines, adding a touch here and removing old eyesores which were added in later years.

Sidewalk engineers are saying, "Who is doing this? What is it going to be?" The credit for the first part must go to Staniford Sorrentino, music lover, school teacher, art critic and motel owner in Provincetown, who originally came to this quaint and charming old town some seven years ago from Arlington. He was at once accepted by the townspeople for what he really is, a charming, pleasant and progressive young man of great foresight and intestinal fortitude.

What is it going to be? It will open the latter part of May as the Crown and Anchor Motor Inn with 33 delightfully appointed rooms, freshly decorated, each with separate bath and telephone, furnished in the style of the Edwardian era, each room having its own motif and character, including a suite of rooms which will be called the Presidential suite, overlooking Provincetown and the superb Christopher Wren tower of the Universalist Church, the monument dominating the skyline and busy, bustling Commercial Street below. Beyond the delightful lobby, with its low ceiling and quaint charm, is the cocktail lounge, to be called the

Edwardian lounge, decorated for the most discerning guest with period furniture and baby grand pianos to support the entertainment, which will be in keeping with the elegance of this old historic hotel.

It will house the most exclusive of dining rooms, serving the most tasteful dishes, continental style, including Chateaubriand, crown roast of lamb for two, "shiskabob" on a flaming sword and other choice morsels to tempt the taste. Tables set with choice china and glittering glass, cut glass chandeliers and efficient waiters in royal red vests with long, black silk sleeves, will add to this old world charm.

John Alden Smith, Cdr., Ret. R. N., known far and wide as "the host of the Cape," will be the host



Steve's Own Corner

June 21, 1962

By Steve Barrie

THE CROWN & ANCHOR INN IS A GEM: Sparkling like a diamond in the center of Commercial Street, in the heart of town, is Provincetown's oldest and newest resort—the **Crown & Anchor Inn**. The former Sea Horse Inn is a thing of breathtaking beauty, thanks to the imagination and flawless taste of the Inn's genial general manager and owner, **Stanley Sorrentino**. The top-to-bottom face-lifting job of the Old Sea Horse has to be seen to be believed.

The crimson colored wall to wall carpeting that greets the eye as you step into the delightful lobby keynotes the "new and lush" feeling of the place, as it runs up the stairways and into the hallways, ending at the harbor-side entrance to the inviting, huge sundecks. Operated on both the European plan that includes accommodations only, and the modified American plan that includes accommodations with breakfast, afternoon tea and dinner, the Inn offers harbor front deluxe rooms, single rooms, two room suites, among others. **The traditional charm of the Presidential Suite is carried through in every nook and corner of the Crown & Anchor Inn.**

The ingratiating host and manager with the All-American name of **John Alden Smith** and the continental manner was born in England. He oversees the delightful dining room with a knowing experienced hand; all dishes are prepared to the gourmet's taste. The impressive Edwardian Lounge, with its soft lights and king-sized cocktails invites one to linger long in the lovely, leisurely atmosphere.

All in all, Sorrentino's Crown & Anchor Inn, a handsome edifice dedicated to fun in the sun, fine food and delicious libations is enhanced with a fine-looking, happy-to-please group of employees that include the charming and refreshing **Barbara Bamford**, desk clerk,—congenial **George Ross**, front desk manager,—pretty-as-a-picture **Elaine Stening**, cocktail waitress, and friendly **Ray Cormier**, the master mixer behind the stick in the Lounge.

and manager of this establishment. Mr. Smith is an English-born American who came to this country in 1950 after serving apprenticeship with the Savoy Hotels of London, England, chef and majordomo to the late Aga Khan and also in the service of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, now the Duke of Windsor. Chef de cuisine and gourmet in his own right, he is a member of the International Chef's Institute and Arts Culin-
aire.

From the bay terrace, this Hotel is a sight to behold with the sun deck adjoining colonial balconies bordered with flower boxes and planters with flowers in the brightest hues offsetting an entirely white building like one huge bridal cake with an 18th century cupola as its center piece.

All in all a welcome addition to both residents and tourists.

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