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The Black Lantern Restaurant and Guest House on Route 12 in East Swanzey, circa 1950. (Photo courtesy of Historical Society of Cheshire County)

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