CHAPTER 6

Calm Before the Storm: 1930 to 1939

Though the United States was faced with the Great Depression in the 1930s, Dunedin did not feel too deep of an effect. The Hotel Dunedin and the Fenway Hotel were open for business and received great numbers of vacationers.

Clinton Washburn opened Honeymoon Island to couples who were selected by national contests, and this brought a lot of interest and publicity to the area. The Dunedin golf course, which had fallen into disrepair, was fixed up and repoened.

The Mease Hospital Building was constructed, and was equipped with nineteen beds. The Chamber of Commerce was located across from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad station, and a local shuffleboard club was organized for residents.

Top: Early Mease Hospital facility; Middle: Chamber of Commerce building; Bottom: Dunedin residents enjoying a game of shuffleboard (Source: DHM)