



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Gatlinburg has already experienced a couple of light snowfalls and the mountains have been covered with snow almost these last two weeks. The winterfest lights have been turned on in Gatlinburg and they are awesome as usual. We are finishing up our Christmas decorations here at the motel and the Christmas Parade is this weekend so we have no excuse to not be in the Christmas spirit!

When Hettie Johnson and Lura Porter were running Johnson's Inn Gatlinburg was strictly a summer resort. The season was from June through August and the month of October. Come November 1st and EVERYTHING closed in Gatlinburg. Most people in town went to Florida for the winter and Gatlinburg looked like a ghost town. I remember riding through town on Thanksgiving and not seeing another soul. Now Thanksgiving is one of the busiest times of the year. In the 80's Pigeon Forge only had a handful of traffic lights and from November to March they would turn the traffic lights off because there just wasn't enough traffic to merit having them on. Well every March Lura would get a traffic ticket for running a red light in Pigeon Forge because she forgot that the traffic lights had been turned back on!

Come visit us and do some holiday shopping in Pigeon Forge between now and December 25th (excluding December 5th and 6th) and we will give you \$10.00 a day off our regular published rates. If you really want to do some heavy duty shopping, come stay in a condo for 2 nights and get the 3rd night free (excluding December 5th and 6th and December 25th -31st). Make sure you mention the newsletter special rate.

From all of us at Johnson's Inn we wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May God bless you and your families.