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Sale Every Five Minutes As Thousands Buy Sea Lots



SCORES OF CARS JAM AT SALTON SEA AS SALES OF BUILDING LOTS OPENS WITH TREMENDOUS PUBLIC RESPONSE.

Phillips Building Sets Theme for Structures

Setting the tone for the architectural development of the new 19,600 acres Salton City resort will be a \$125,000.00 administration building designed by the architectural firm of Pereira and Luckman for the M. Penn Phillips Company, developers of the area. The building covers 7,300 square feet, will house the sales and engineering departments for the 6-mile shore line development on Salton Sea, according to Carlo Giuntini, executive vice president of the Phillips Company.

The Pereira and Luckman design features a raised base platform which elevates the entire structure above the desert floor. This, with extensive use of glass walls, provides a scenic panorama of the Salton Sea area. The building is in four foot modules, consisting of elongated colored lightweight blocks which creates an

overall atmosphere of desert-sea hospitality. Parking area covering 60,000 square feet will be provided.

The modern desert-sea styling of the building with its construction and design innovations, as created by Pereira and Luckman, will establish a new trend of desert-sea architecture, Giuntini believes. This styling, he predicts, will influence all construction of homes, business centers and recreational facilities for the multi-million dollar development. Completion is expected in the very near future.

CORVINA RUNNING

The Corvina are running at Salton Sea! Signs "Gone Fishing" are noticeable in Niland, "Calipat" and Westmorland business houses, and much excitement prevails fish-wise at Salton these days.

Sportsmen, Time To Get Those Guns in Shape!

Better be getting those guns in shape! Reports from the Fish and Game Department tell us that there will be an extra chance to bag pheasant this year in Imperial and Coachella Valleys.

In addition to the 16-day general pheasant season, the commission has decided to allow additional time until Dec. 14th on pheasant in the above areas.

Chukar may be taken from Nov. 1 to Jan. 1, in Imperial County—4 per day, 4 in possession.

Good catfishing is reported in the Coachella Canal near Niland.

Frogging is good in the Salton Sea area, license is reduced to \$3 and a basic sport fishing license is all that is required.

10,000 on Hand For Land Rush

A sale every five minutes was the record set last May 17th at the grand opening of Salton City, it was announced by M. Penn Phillips, largest and principal developer of America's newest resort on the shores of the Salton Sea.

Sale of property began at noon Saturday, May 17, when Phillips cut the ribbon at a ceremony attended by television and political dignitaries. Eighteen hours later at 6 p.m. Sunday night, May 18, sales exceeded \$4,500,000 with almost 10,000 people estimated to be present during the first two days of public sale.

Phillips, also the principal developer of Hesperia, said that the first day's sale at Salton City was over 4 times as great as Hesperia, which up to that time he had considered to be the greatest land

rush since the Oklahoma "strip" in the 19th century.

Phillips told the opening day crowd that Salton Riviera is destined to be the water sports capital of the world as well as one of the greatest planned developments ever seen in the nation.

Envisioned at this time is an extensive marina, a yacht club, golf and country club and many other recreational facilities under the planned direction of a Community Services District.

The Salton Riviera sales office is temporarily located in a huge circus tent while the ultra-modern administration building designed by Pereira and Luckman is being completed. Both the tent and building are on Marina Drive and Highway 99, main entrance to Salton City and Salton Riviera, about 35 miles south of Indio.

New Homes Up For Newcomers

New homes, duplexes and motels now gracing Salton's shores are a tribute to the scenery surrounding them.

Those building them are M. Penn Phillips (Ormat Investment Co.); Wagon Wheel Seabreeze Homes; and Scotch Construction of Palm Springs. Sixty houses are completed at Desert Shores; and Joe Coombs of Treadwell Engineering advises that 500 lots are provided with water and power.

The fine roads leading to them are superintended by Milo Le Blanco, working with M. Penn Phillips.

Treadwell Engineering has opened the offices at the Shores; and it's a fact those engineers do look well in pink!

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Johnson have recently moved into their new home.

HALF-CENTURY OF MARRIAGE CELEBRATED

Fiftieth wedding anniversary was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bilyeu last week, following the graduation of their granddaughter, Donna Burns. Mr. Bilyeu is the earliest developer of Salton Sea Beach, having purchased a section there 30 years ago. The first paved road through the property was completed and the second well drilled 11 years ago. Mr. Bilyeu still has considerable property there and makes his home with his family at the Beach.

Dottie and Joe Coombs are "at home" on Palm Drive, Desert Shores.

Carl Baker and Tommy Griffin, of Treadwell Engineering are new home owners at the Shores. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Torret, and Frances Attig are others who have joined in the community there, with new homes.

M. Penn Phillips' attractive Salton Riviera offices are now open at the Desert Shores.

New Duplex

At Salton Sea Beach, a new duplex is on its way to completion. Roofers, plumbers, electricians, painters, glazers, carpenters, each busily engaged in his own particular work, make the duplex a beehive of activity and assure its completion in 30 days. Scotch Construction have three more for immediate construction at the Beach, according to Don McKinney, contractor.

The Wards and Clarks do the Beach proud with their modern, attractive and colorful trailer-apartment homes.

Ted and Willa Mae Eaton are also joining in the program at Salton Sea Beach with the opening of their new Coffee Shop, Willa Mae's Whistle Stop and Ted Eaton's Boat Storage.

Neills Moving Firm

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Arthur Neill will be moving to the Desert Sea area in the near future. Mr. Neill very ably fills the position of Superintendent of Roads for Imperial County and it is always a pleasure to have Mr. and Mrs. Neill and their two boys visiting Salton Sea.



SEASIDE CHAT — M. Penn Phillips (left) pioneer Salton Sea developer, enjoys opening day at Salton City with friend Paul Fund of New Jersey.

Phillips Opening Makes Sea Development Reality

The sportman's long awaited development of Salton Sea as a resort area became a reality Saturday, May 17 with the opening of Salton City along a six-mile shoreline of the famed sea.

A multi-million dollar resort development for Salton City is planned by the M. Penn Phillips Company, California's largest real estate development firm.

Among the proposed facilities of the new recreational city is a yacht harbor, hotel, golf course, marina, airport and a complete desert-sea shopping center.

The 340-square mile sea, created a half century ago by overflow waters from the Colorado River, has long been a sportmen's paradise for boating, swimming and fishing.

Until the M. Penn Phillips Company finalized the acquisition of the 19,600 acre site last year in one of California's largest land purchases, no major development of the Salton Sea area had ever been created.

It was the Philips Company who

in the last three years developed the 23,000 acre resort community of Hesperia. They also played a leading role in the growth of Azusa, San Fernando Valley, Clear Lake, Palmdale and Lancaster.

Firemen's Group Holds Sea Meet

The Los Angeles Firemen's Boat and Ski Club held its outing at Salton Sea Beach over the weekend of June 14th and 15th. There were 80 members and 13 boats out in all. A wiener bake was held Saturday night, and Sunday a Slalom Course was set up for practice and a Slow Poke Race was a feature of the day—a turnabout from the "who's the fastest!"

Catalina and Millerton are the next sites for club activities and they will be back to Salton Sea in October.

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Viewpoint As Seen by Irishman

By LINIM SEAMAS O'RIAIN

It has often been said, "There is nobody thicker than an Irishman." Most of the Irish when they hear this remark are ready for a donnybrook with anyone who mentions this truism in their presence. Being Irish myself, I have always felt that it is absolutely impossible, even for the devil himself, to say anything derogatory about the Irish. When someone says that an Irishman is thick, he usually means thick-headed or stubborn; highly complimentary to my mind. The Irish are unusually well-endowed with cranial matter and if they venture an opinion on anything they know they are right and naturally will oppose the errors of any dissenters. Lest the reader think that the above is a prelude to a wordy treatise on the merits of the Irish, let the mind be relieved; one must take the obvious for granted. I just want to write a few words about the Salton Sea area, the people I've met, and the places I've been. You can guess that I am Irish and therefore be assured that what I write is Gospel.

Strange Substance

It is unusual for someone like myself to write about water, that is, to write something favorable about it. It is essential for necessary ablutions and I've always thought that was the extent of its usefulness. Since time began creatures of the deep have performed all sorts of biological functions in it and that hardly makes it attractive or palatable to me. Even if I were stranded in the remotest part of the Sahara I believed that any thirst-provoked mirage would produce the fascinating outline of a brewery rather than a lake of water. However, my perspective in regard to water has changed since I came to the Salton Sea. Here I was introduced to water skiing and in the process of learning the sport I found myself swallowing gallons of the stuff and I know you can acquire a taste for it. Perhaps though, the Salton Sea is unique. Should a skier tumble the water seems to welcome rather than clobber him and the water is warm and comfortable to swim in. Anyway I like the Salton Sea and the facilities thoughtfully provided at Helen's Beach and at Desert Shores for the pursuit of water sports. For a reasonable fee you can be provided with a boat and skis and, if necessary, competent instruction. If you permit yourself to indulge in the lure of the Salton Sea I guarantee you will be hooked, as I was, and in short order you will have your own boat.

Many Fine People

There are many fine people living at the Salton Sea and the community feeling is strong. Take Phil and Betty Egstaff for instance, young, personable, and great enthusiasts of water skiing they are typically representative of the permanent residents of the Salton Sea area. I am indebted to them for the thrill of getting up on skis for the first time. By their patience, skill and encouragement they have proved that.

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Mullet Island Visited By Steeles, McClouds

Old Buildings Still Standing Though Riddled by Buckshot

Fred Steele, who has been Captain of the Beach House Summer Cruise this season, returned last week from his second annual trip to the south end of Salton Sea in search of Mullet Island—this time successful and with stories of a weird, yet fascinating island in those southernmost regions of old Salton. The Skipper was accompanied by his wife Carolyn and Pauline and Earl McCloud. The same trio accompanied Old Salt on his first voyage south, and from their southful tale of that trip the second try at Mullet took courage.

Last November the same crew departed from Salton Sea Beach on a warm sunny mid-morning, with the song "In the Middle of an Island" on all eight lips, but hours later, night and bleak cold over-

took them as they drifted to a clay mound in the marshes somewhere along the south sea. A poor island!

"Sure chilled in a hurry," said Carolyn. "We had wet bathing suits, one wet beach towel, one can of soda, one beer, a pickle and can of olives, which we tipped over in the sand." And the eight blue lips sang "No Island at all—." They tell of honking geese and the constant quacking of ducks all around them as they used a screwdriver to chip tar off a soaked log, throwing gas over it and becoming alternately cheered and depressed by the sudden flame then darkness, as the log refused to burn.

"The sun sure felt good next morning," according to Earl, "and after working on the carburetor we headed home amid rough water and a heavy roll."

The Skipper tells "On the trip northward we noticed B-47's flying overhead. Then we saw what we thought was a patrol boat coming from the Salton Sea Base to rescue us and headed for it only to discover the patrol boat to be a target. And what bothered me, 'they were missing the target!' But we quickly steered our course east and north out of the restricted area, then west and home safely after the hazardous journey."

Took a Year

After the second and more successful trip, Captain Steele grinned, "Took us a year to get there, but we finally made it." And about the Island: "It has a tricky shoreline covered with crazy rock formations, is located at the southeasternmost corner of the Sea and it is very difficult to get into by boat. Because of the rock and barnacles it is well to wear shoes; also bring water when visiting the island as it is especially hot these days. 'I felt like a man on the moon,' he said, 'It is so strange and silent. There is water bubbling out from the island which must be the old paint pots, which one time were in evidence. One climbs the slope of the island to find an old dance hall and restaurant, a small crumbling cottage (Hell's Kitchen) and an old museum. There were paintings of ducks and pelicans on walls of the old tavern. One can climb about 50 feet to the summit, the only place where there is a close bird's eye view of Salton Sea."

Cactus Plants

"We found birds' nests around the rocks, lots of spiders, night hawks, two cactus plants and lizards," said Carolyn. "There is something very fascinating about Mullet Island and we will go back a third time."

And in tune with the times, another song was brought to mind, as it seemed surely on that low black bubbling Island of Mullet there must be a Purple Eater of People.

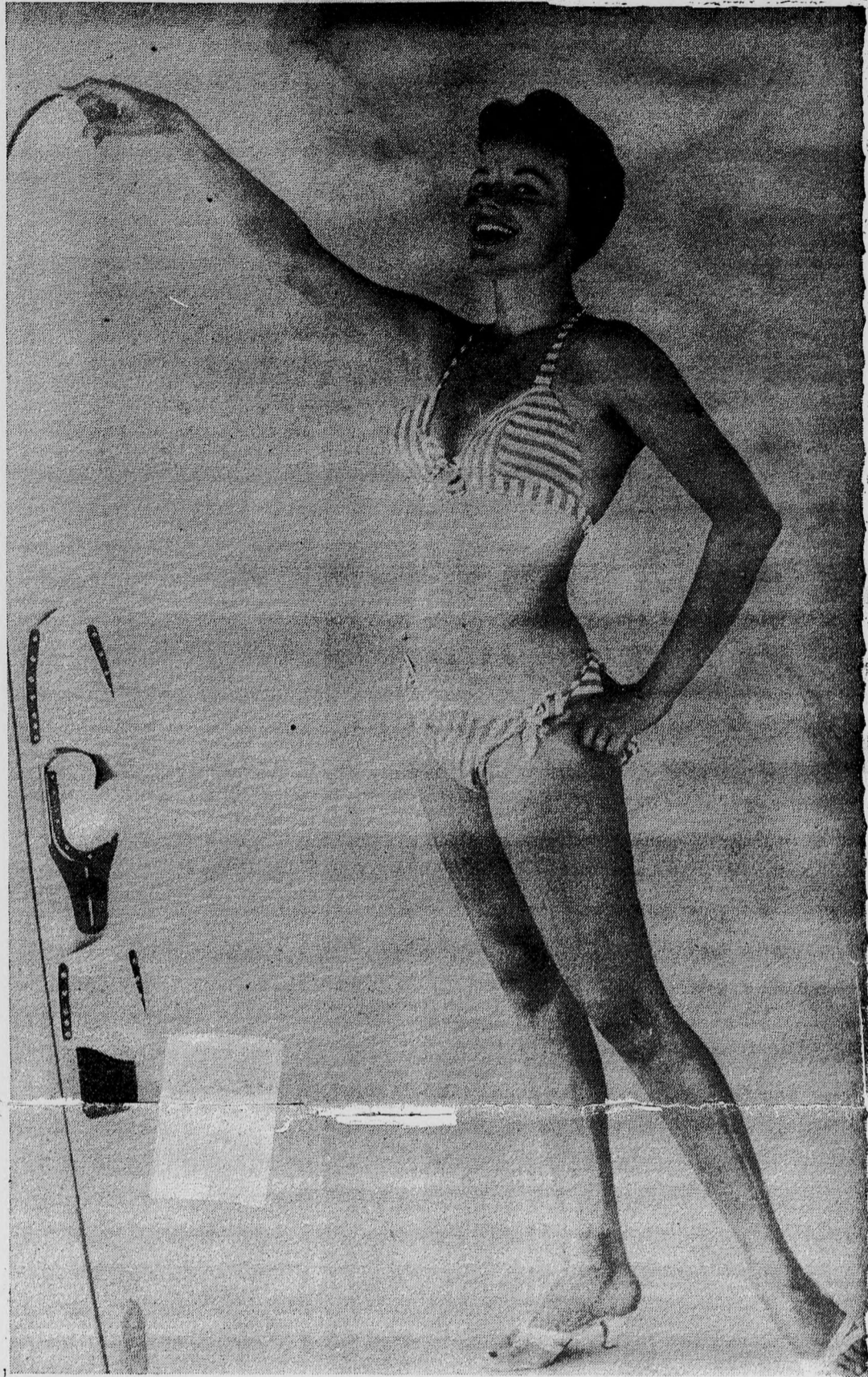
Irishman . . .

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is possible to teach an old dog new tricks. The community will certainly benefit from the presence in their midst of Joe Coombs, his lovely wife Dotty, and their two children. Dotty, currently reigning as Miss Salton Sea of 1958, is much in demand for pictures in connection with the various projects in the development of Salton City. As gracious as she is lovely she has complied with out being one whit less sufficient in her usual chores as wife and mother.

Joe, competent engineer that he is, is doing a magnificent job directing the subdivision of large areas around the Salton Sea to the gratification of the many thousands eager to take up residence. I haven't met everyone down here, but everyone I have met is wonderful and if they are any criterion of the rest of the people in the Salton Sea area the potential for Salton City is excellent. I am delighted with the friendship of Anne Aulgur, a gal engaged in selling Salton Sea properties. Anne threw a cocktail party last Saturday evening at her home in Desert Shores and a more charming hostess couldn't be found anywhere. Complete with the best of spirits and a variety of cocktail snacks Anne really outdid herself.

Later at Helen Burn's Beach House, amusing entertainment was provided for all with a version of the can-can complete with costumes. I wish I had the time and space to tell about all of the many friends I have made here, but there are too many other worthwhile articles to read in the Seafarer than this. With this I'll close, echoing an old Irish phrase, 'Ceide Miele Faltue,' which means 'a hundred thousand welcomes' in Gaelic, a phrase which truly applies to the attitude of those who live around the Salton Sea in their treatment of newcomers.



IN VOGUE — Dottie Coombs (Miss Salton Sea) admires the Vogue ski presented to her at the Beach House Saturday night by Tommy Griffin, Desert Shores representative for Vogue Ski Co. of Temple City. This fine ski is famous in sports for its smoothness and maneuverability, and skiers are pleased to learn of its availability now at the Shores.

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Kotlar. In back are Dawn Payne, John Tuchfarber, Myron Mueller, Carl Russell, Bud Lamkin, Don McKinney, Paul Meyers and Gil Cannon. Didn't catch the name of the fellow between Lamkin and McKinney.

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Film Shows Growth From Palm Springs to Salton City

Birth of a City, photographed and produced by Gene Horstmann for Salton Sea Vista Estates, was shown for the first time last Thursday at Desi Arnaz Vista headquarters.

This color movie is a travelogue covering scenes and activities from Palm Springs to Salton City. To indicate possibilities of growth Mr. Horstmann included present and 30-year past pictures of Balboa and Los Angeles. And one cannot help thinking what a picture taken 30 years from today will reveal at Salton Sea, the planned Riviera of the Desert. Anyhow, the film so ably done by Gene Horstmann will go down in history and is destined to be

shown and reshown with the years and progress at Salton. Congratulations, Gene and Salton Sea Vista Estates, for this fine contribution to the area.

Bill Newell is president; Glenn Farr, vice president; Joe Brown, financial advisor of Salton Sea Vista Estates, located on the Beach at Salton Riviera.

Rattlesnake Recipes

MARINADE YUMA

Soak a lard pail of ironwood beans overnight in Salton Sea water. Boil until done, seasoning lightly with more salt if necessary.

Cut one yard of fileted rattlesnake into 12 pieces, wrap in elephant tree bark, fastening with barrel cactus spines and marinate with white wine, scorpion oil and desert croton. (If wine isn't white enough add a dollop of milk of magnesia—you will probably need it.)

Let stand overnight. Drain. Place Dutch oven over hot coals and grease well with fat. Brown rattlesnake in this until elephant tree bark is crisp. Add the marinade, 2 wild onions and judicious touches of quinine bark and arsenic. Simmer for two hours or until about dry. Drain beans and line mesquite batea with them and fill with the tempting meat dish. Nothing like it. (Famous last words.)

MOVING NORTH

Wally's Landing, heretofore at Desert Shores, has moved north for the summer and friends and neighbors are a little sad at their departure, possibly somewhat envious too, as a July, August and September at Big Bear's Fawn-skin on the North Shore sound inviting even to desert rats.

Digger Kotlar Off to Boulder

Among others from Southern California, 12-year-old Digger Kotlar, of Burbank, will fly to Boulder, Colorado next week for the American Water Ski Sanction Meet there held by the Denver Water Ski Club.

Digger will enter Tricks, Jump and Slalom. He spent last weekend at Salton Sea with his parents, Pete and Del, working out for the big meet just ahead. Good luck, Digger!



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Landscaping Can Be Accomplished

(Editor's Note: With the many persons planning to build, or in the process of building, we have asked help from the local nurseries who are qualified to advise on plants and planting from actual experience in the area. Yuhas Nursery have placed their time at your disposal and Waikiki Nursery in Indio have given us the following article to help you with your landscaping problems.)

By VELMA WALDRON

In the first place, let us thoroughly understand just what is meant by landscaping. I am constantly amazed by the number of people who still believe that landscaping means planting a lawn! That can be a part of the landscaping, but it need not necessarily be in the whole picture. Landscaping is the art of beautifying a given locality by the artistic arrangement of trees, shrubs, flowers and other natural features. Just how successful the landscaping is, depends usually upon two things. How imaginative and artistic is the designer, and how correctly the materials are chosen and maintained. In different growing areas both of these features are hard to obtain, but they can be achieved.

Big Problem

The saline soil and water conditions in the Salton Sea area, are, of course, the most outstanding problem, with the shallow water table and the heat also contributing to the difficulty of owning an attractive garden. Also if one is not skilled in design, construction and at least some knowledge of plant life in the area, it is easy to make many and costly errors and end with a discouraging overall picture.

How should you begin to landscape your grounds?

In my fifteen years of experience in the Coachella Valley, the most practical plan for the small home owner with a somewhat limited budget (or even with a generous budget) is to look over your property carefully, and decide what main features (i.e. lawns or fences or hedges, walks, etc.) you would like to see in the garden and decide how much can be spent to obtain the type of garden desired. Then before anything else is done go to the best person you can find whose line of work is landscaping and design and discuss your problems. Remember discussions are free, and they may save you much time and

money. Don't take the neighbor's word for it, he may not know. And there is much misinformation concerning methods in gardening.

May Do Own Work

Now with sketches or plans made and advice on correct plant materials, the owner may wish to do some of the work himself or even hire the construction done one section at a time. With a good detailed plan the work may go slowly, but the final result will be an attractive, easily maintained garden.

For the Salton Sea area, I would advise raised beds, tubs, planter boxes, ornamental planters, etc., instead of planting directly in the ground. Good top soil and mulches may be used in such beds and containers, and it is readily seen that the water will hold longer and take less. There is the added advantage of being able to move tubs about, placing them in the sun during the winter and moving to more shaded areas during the summer. Large planting beds and large containers are preferable to the smaller ones, so that the water will hold for a longer period, and the landscape will not appear cluttered by too many small objects.

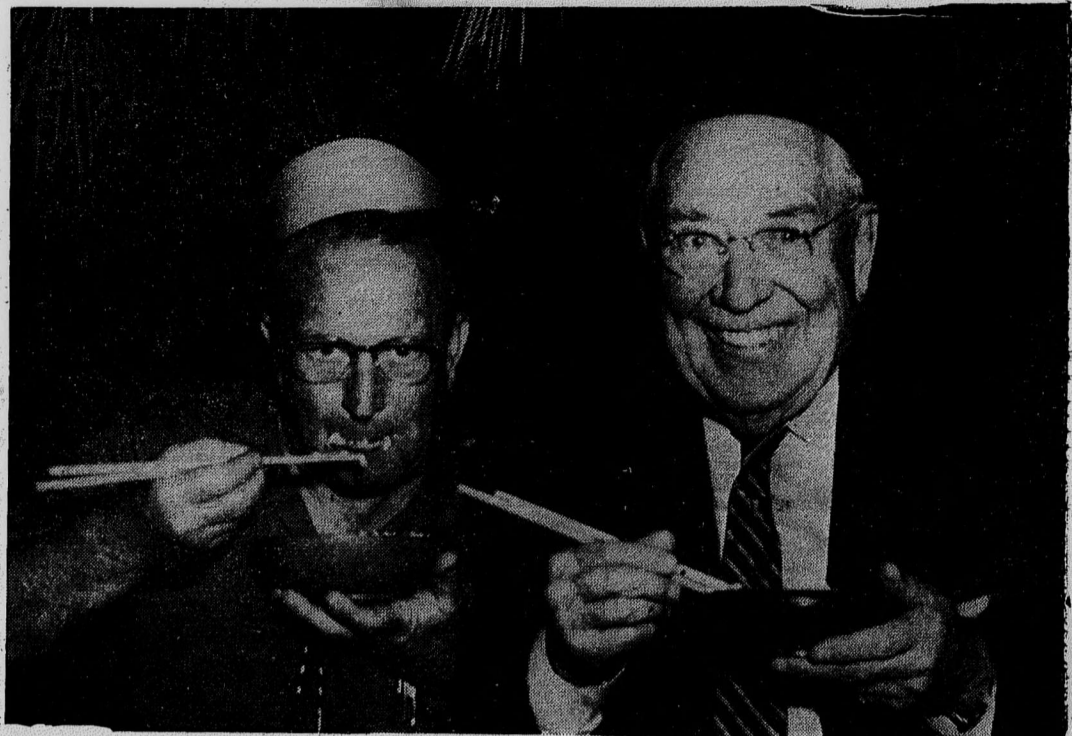
Several Materials

Raised beds may be constructed from a number of materials. Stone, concrete block, redwood lumber of two inch thickness or heavier, depending upon the building materials used in the house. The size and height of the raised bed depends upon the design and the material to be planted therein. Many varieties of shrubs, small trees, bedding plants, etc., may be grown most successfully in this kind of gardening. A very modern, easily maintained garden, may be worked out without planting anything directly in the ground where the salt and water are located.

Gravel and native stone are good materials to use with moderation, and in connection with the raised beds it is very satisfactory. But a complete spread of gravel over the entire garden with a few tiny cacti here and there, neither solves your problems, nor artistically landscapes the property.

Indigenous Plants

Plants indigenous to the area are excellent to use providing they are well chosen and correctly placed to enhance the building and grounds. Palo verde, grease wood, encellia, ocotillo, smoke tree, etc., are good to use with stone for a native garden.



Champs Flock to Open Ski Event

Southern California Water Ski Club held its fourth annual Open Ski Meet at Hanson Dam June 7th and 8th. There were more national champions competing in this meet than any meet on the west coast since 1937 nationals. Ten thousand spectators thrilled to the fine skiing. There were 88 contestants. Winners were:

Men's Jump, Slalom and Tricks — First, Chuck Stearns; Jr. Girls' Jump, Vicki Van Hook; Jr. Girls' Tricks, Vicki Van Hook; Jr. Girls' Slalom, Martha Ann Williams; Women's Tricks, Elva Swoffer; Veteran Men's Slalom, Bill Morris; Veteran Men's Tricks, Dale Roberts.

CHOPSTICK SYMPHONY — Frank Shallue (right) clicks out a stirring symphony as a popular participant in a rice eating contest at Helen Burns Beach House. He is president of Western Dredging and Construction Company whose equipment is afloat and ready to begin development of Salton Sea's marinas.

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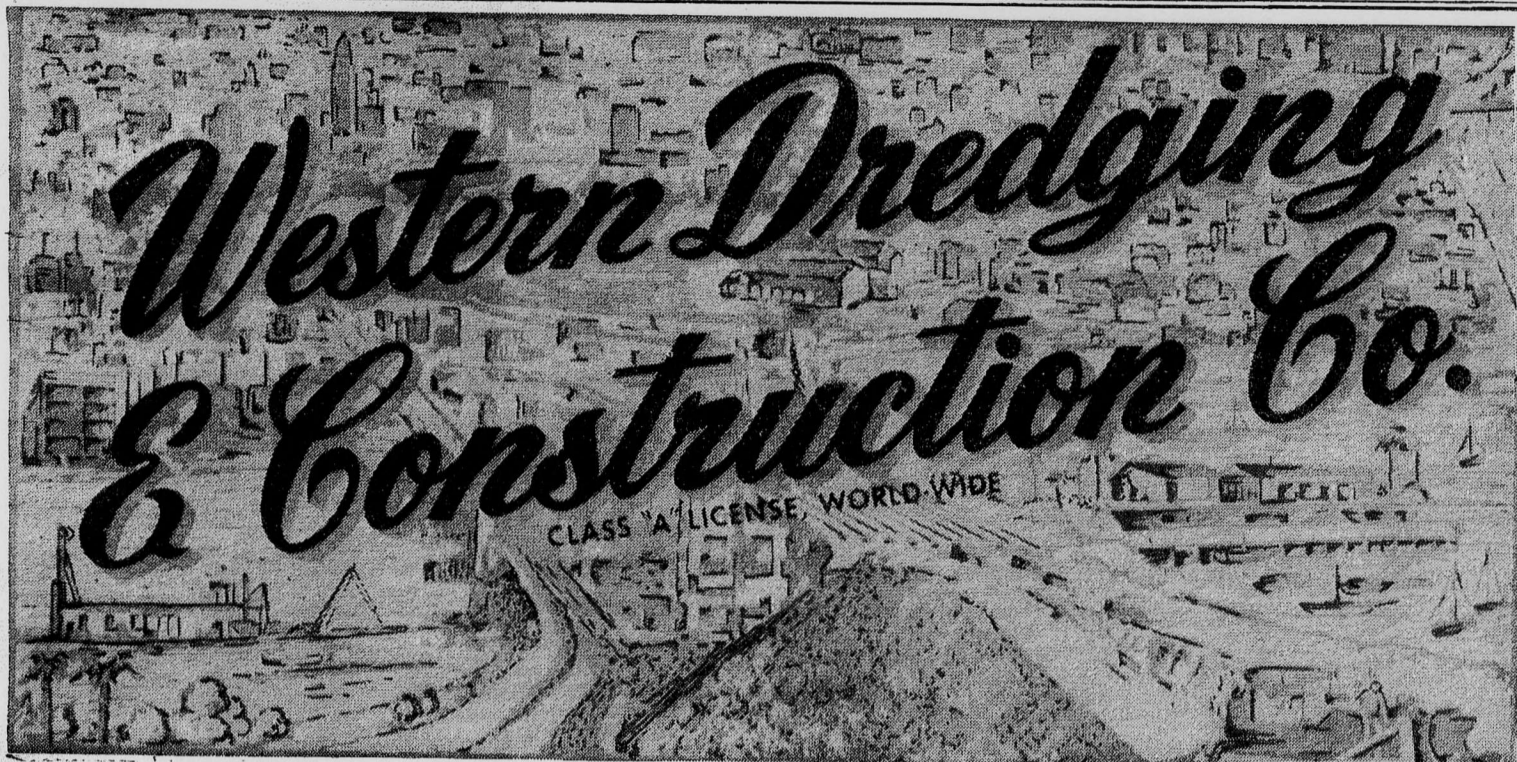
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Dredgers Get Busy on Marina at Sea Vista

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So with the launching of this roaring, earth swallowing craft, Western Dredging also launches

on its 2½-year project immediately ahead at Salton Sea. Many jobs await following completion of the marina, according to Dick Naylor, Frank Shallue, and Frank Smith, owners. Other work is now being carried on by the dredgers at Ensenada, Mexico, Huntington Beach and San Francisco, Calif. Included in the long line of harbors, marina, and coastline developments accomplished by Western Dredging, this famous Company can boast of: National City, San Diego Harbor, San Francisco Harbor, Newport Beach, Balboa, sections of France, Spain and even part of Moscow. In fact, any part of the globe where extensive developing has taken place, Western Dredging and Construction has had some part in it.

Beach Activities to Climax

The Fourth of July brings the last of the planned activities for the season at Salton Sea Beach. Palm Springs WaterSki Club, will put on an exhibition of torch skiing, the first on Salton Sea, as a prelude to the parade of fireworks which follow.

Because of the great expense involved in a complete show of fireworks, it has been the custom in the past for families camping at the Beach to join the parade

of fireworks held in front of the Beach House where all may enjoy them. Following the display, those children who participated are invited to the deck for a special Fourth of July party.

All those skiing across Salton Sea and return on the Fourth of July become Helldivers and receive their emblems and club cards again this year. This will be the fourth year for the Helldivers.

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Angling Pair Grab Corvina From Seashore

Corvina hard to catch? Not when you know how, and Shorty McGee and Darrell Ramey of Brawley are the ones with the proof, including an eight-pounder Shorty.

All the fish were taken from shore with a red and white wobbling spoon about 2½ inches in length, and a surf type rod for casting and retrieving.

Although Corvina are caught in most parts of the Salton Sea, best luck so far has been on the east shore, along Highway 111, around the Salton Creek area.

Salton Sea Fishing calls for a \$3 basic angling license plus a \$1 license stamp. Fishing is permitted year around, 24 hours a day, but the limit on Salton Sea Corvina is six fish.

Several bag limits have been reported, one by Darrell Ramey, who has a total of 11 to his credit, and a total of 42 has been reported this past week.

Would be nice to start a Corvina Derby, even if you lose there is always good eating and good sportfishing.

Amateur Crosses Sea Twice in Sunday Workout

Miss Irene Ewing, 20, of Walnut, Calif. who has been skiing only a year, decided to give herself a workout June 1, when she made a non-stop ski trip from State Park to Desert Shores, then back to State Park.

Pulled by a 30 h.p. outboard, she made the entire trip without spills or rest. This would be an excellent record for a professional, and we will make odds that she will be competing in some of the ski meets this year. Good luck, Irene, we think you are terrific.

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Classes Over at Oasis But Plenty of Activity Yet

School is out! Graduation exercises were held Tuesday evening, June 3, at the Oasis School. Graduates were: Carrigan R. Brown, Donna Ann Burns, Alfonso Caballero, Gloria Delgado, Nellie Esquivel, Luisa Garcia, Ramon Garcia, John Heredia, Paul M. Mackay, Ronnie Matsuishi, Javier Perez, Henry Ramirez, Sylvia F. Rivas, Holanda Rivas, Roger Totten, Gary Wiley, Emma Villareal and Geraldene Zinn.

The graduation program was as follows: Processional, "Pomp and Circumstance" by Mr. Martin K. Brown; Flag Salute, Mr. Mike Dean, president, Oasis School Board; Invocation, Rev. James Arnold, pastor, Presbyterian Church, Cathedral City; Welcoming Address, Roger Totten; Oasis Alma Mater, by former teachers Norman Peters and Ross Smith, sung by the graduating class; the American Legion Awards were presented to Tonnie Matsuishi and Donna Burns by Mr. Eric Walters; Merry Pine, Alma Mater, and Rhythm Rascals, musical selections played by the Oasis School band under the direction of Mr. Martin K. Brown; Class Flower, Geraldene Zinn; Going into Orbit, Johnny Chavarria; "Lombardy Poplars" and "El Caballero" piano selections played by Donna Burns.

Luhman Gives Awards
Mr. Robert P. Luhman, superintendent-principal of Oasis School, presented the Class Awards Certificate to Donna Burns, for music; Johnny Chavarria, art; Geraldene Zinn and Alfonso Caballero for handwriting; Corrigan Brown, Emma Caballero, Nellie Esquivel, Roger Totten, and Gloria Delgado, athletics; Emma Caballero and Emma Villareal, health and nutrition; safety award certificates to Alfonso Caballero, Emma Caballero, Johnny Chavarria, Gloria Delgado, Nellie Esquivel, Luisa Garcia, Ramon Garcia, John Heredia, Javier Perez, Henry Ramirez, Gary Wiley, and Emma Villareal.

Wednesday, June 4th, the "Good Riddance Party" was given by the 7th graders for the graduating class. It was held at Salton Sea Beach. (They really had a ball!)

Thursday evening the Graduation Class held their Graduation Dance in the Oasis School multipurpose room. Friends were invited by the honored class. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Douglas were the chaperons, refreshments were served and the American Legion and Scholastic Award winners were asked to cut the cake.

Oasis School's summer recreational program is in full swing. The hours are from 4:00-10:00 during the week except for Fridays, 5:30-10:00. Monday night is reserved for movies. "Lili," a color picture, delightful story of a waif who joins the carnival, was one of the recent films shown. A summer baseball league is also under way.

Ronnie Matsuishi received the Audio-Visio Award.

Sylvia Rivas was presented with a Scholarship award pin, Donna Burns with a Journalist Award pin, Emma Caballero with a student Nurse pin, Ronnie Matsuishi, Geraldene Zinn, Sylvia Rivas and Donna Burns with Future Teachers of America pins. Band pins presented to John Heredia and Alfonso Caballero, Executive Council pins were given to Ronnie Matsuishi, Donna Burns, Roger Totten and Geraldene Zinn.

Miss Rivas Speaks
Near the close of the program, a talk "I want to be a teacher," was given by Sylvia Rivas; Ronnie Matsuishi spoke on "What Education Means to Me;" the Oasis Girls Glee Club sang "These Things Shall Be;" Reverend James W. Arnold, the guest speaker, with "Stars in Your Eyes;" Mr. James Newell, clerk of the Oasis School Board, presented the diplomas; Mr. Ray Douglas Davis, eighth grade teacher, gave the Farewell Address to the class; the Farewell Address from the class was given by Emma Caballero. The Recessional, "Pomp and Circumstance" was played by Bartin Brown. Master of Ceremonies was Alfonso Caballero.



DESERT SHORES DEVELOPMENT SHOWS ORDERLY PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

'AIRBORNE WITH SEABERN'

Aerial Trip Reveals Splendors, Potential of Salton Sea Area

Transportation problems? However many others Jack Seabern may have, this is one he has overcome; and he proved this conclusively to the Seafarer staff in a flight to El Monte last week. "Short of time? Well, come with me—" and we did. We not only saved time but benefitted greatly

RAY HURDEL FASTEST IN 48-MILER

Choppy waters made going tough in Sunday's 48-mile race sponsored by the United Stock Runabout Association, but 60 boats entered the race and it was a big success according to all reports. Ray Hurdell, Inglewood made the fastest overall time with 46 minutes for the 48-mile course.

Bill Wallace, of the Mirror News, whom we often see at Salton sported a new XXX 3 "Fraidy Cat" and took tops in his class, the largest boat in the

The event attracted much attention and many were out as spectators. It is to be an annual affair and when the marina is completed the race will no doubt stretch from there to Desert Shores, a distance of about ten miles.

Chili powder gives good flavor when used in flour seasoned with salt and pepper for coating meat or poultry to be pan-fried.

from the great slow-moving panorama spread 6,000 feet below.

We first noted the neat rows of palms, new homes and roads now at Desert Shores; the huge pile of rock at that old historical landmark, Travertine; looked for a school of corvina in the clear shallow waters of Salton's north shores; traced the Whitewater Channel from Salton Sea north through Thermal and now know the significance of the name as the stream is bordered by the white alkali in the soil.

Lush Carpet

Before us then spread the lush carpet of garden crops, vineyards, date, tangerine and grapefruit groves, the date palms appearing like big fields of pineapple plants. There were the neat outlines of fields and the highways and county roads, beautifully paved banks of the Coachella Branch of the All-American Canal, like a stream of gold flowing into this fast-growing agricultural section. Sparkling roofs and inviting blue pools greeted us at Palm Springs; then, through the pass, while hob-nobbing with San Jacinto and Old Grayback there was a little roughness. Jack's caution and assurance of the safety of the trusty little mile-eater, a 4-passenger Tri-Pacer obviously in tip-top condition, made our trip free from worry.

Cool and Friendly

As we watched the highway and traffic melt away behind us, the school axiom "a straight line is the shortest distance" came to mind and we felt indebted to our

pilot. In El Monte he parked the plane and a few minutes' drive found us at our destination: the cool, orderly, efficient, attractive and friendly offices of the Omart Investment Co., in Azusa.

Tropical plants grow throughout the interior of the offices. Salton Sea maps, statistics, literature are evident on bulletin boards, ornamenting walls, and covering desks of those who are to contribute so greatly to the progress and growth of Salton City. There are photographers, artists, writers, accountants, architects, contractors, engineers, salesmen, journeymen now directing their talent and

ability to Salton Sea. And we at home on the Salton Sea know the weight is lifted, the burden of enlightening the world of this unbelievable desert by the sea is in good hands and on broad shoulders; and the peer of them all, Mr. M. Penn Phillips, will accomplish through his name and great ability what has been awaiting him at Salton Sea.

With Mike Halperin

Again the color map spread far below us comes to mind and we wonder what changes and additions these men and women at work will have made when next we "fly with Seabern!"

The shores of the Salton Sea seemed just "around the corner."

We spent a few moments with Mike Halperin working with Mr. Ellis Flint, who then introduced us to Mr. M. Penn Phillips. His friendly smile and great interest in the Salton Sea made us comfortable and at home immediately. And his calm, orderly mind and surroundings in the midst of so much new activity seemed amazing. He discussed with enthusiasm skiing, boating, fishing, climate plans, sales and news of Salton City. A seven million dollar sales figure has been set by his subdividers, brokers and salesmen since May 17th. Mr. Phillips drew back the sliding panel of his office and disclosed an architect's drawing of the fabulous Marina now being done by Western Dredging and Construction Co., for the Marina Villas at Salton Sea.

We know how much of Mr. Phillips' waking time must be spent on plans for Salton Sea but from the many telephone interruptions we were also made aware of his other projects being carried on at the same time. We very much enjoyed and appreciated his time spent with us on behalf of the Seafarer.

The Seafarer welcomes his fine support and is pleased to include in its pages "The Sea Breeze," which will carry last-minute news of Salton City direct from headquarters.

Also we are grateful to Jack Seabern for his trip "around the corner."

AFTER OPENING DAY:

More Homes Planned Within Next 90 Days

The Dick Thayer-D. D. Watson Sales Organization's Salton City Office was completed in time for opening day. The structure was designed by Carl G. Lans, AIA, prominent Los Angeles architect. "Dick" and "Dean's" office is dominated by their caricatures which stand 16 feet high at either end of the air conditioned 60 feet long building. Included in the building design are offices and storage room and other facilities for the comfort of prospective

buyers and sales personnel. A patio has been added to the rear of the building facing the sea.

Homes are planned for construction in Tract 530 of Salton Sea Village within the next 90 days. These homes will be two and three bedrooms, ranging from 976 square feet to 1233 square feet. Because of low electric rates in the Imperial County, these homes are planned as "all electric." Typical of most desert homes, they will be the much talked about "Post and Beam" design.

Grand Opening For 4th of July

The \$125,000 Salton Riviera Administration Building, designed by the world-famed architectural firm of Pereira and Luckman will hold its Grand Opening dedication ceremonies on the Fourth of July.

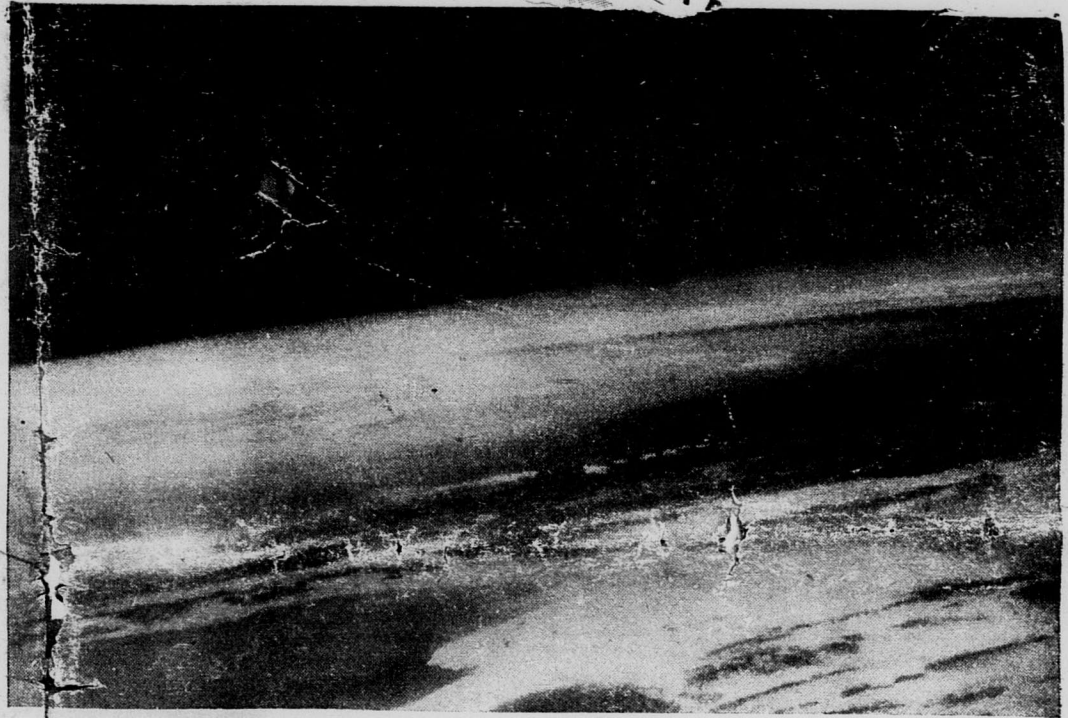
The 7300 square foot resort development, situated on the west side of the Sea at the corner of Highway 99 and Marina Drive in the Commercial Center of Salton City. Space has also been set aside in the building for an office for the Imperial County Sheriff's Department.

The design features a raised base platform which elevates the entire structure above the desert floor. This, with extensive use of glass walls, provides a scenic panorama of the Salton Sea. The building is in four-foot modules, consisting of elongated colored lightweight blocks which creates an overall atmosphere of desert-sea hospitality. A 60,000 square foot parking area has also been provided.

Decoration and interior design has been under the direction of Phil Burns of Hollywood. The lobby will feature many modernly designed display boards for colored photographs and maps of the Salton Sea area. A plastic model of the sea and the general area is also scheduled to be displayed in the lobby of the ultra-modern building.

The modern desert-sea styling of the building with its construction and design innovations, as created by the designers, will establish a new concept of desert-sea architecture, and it is hoped that it will influence all construction of homes, business centers and recreational facilities for the multi-million dollar development.

Attending the ceremonies will be M. Penn Phillips, guiding hand and Chairman of the Board of the Salton Riviera development; Carlo P. Giuntini, president of the company and Joe Karbo, vice-president of sales for the company, as well as other dignitaries.



ROCKET'S EYE VIEW—This aerial photo of the Salton Sea, desert area was taken from a rocket at an altitude of 150 miles. (Gene Hoistman Aerial Photograph)

\$2 Million Mark Gained In 4 Weeks

Over the two million dollar mark in less than four weeks! The Dick Thayer-D. D. Watson Sales Organization has passed all expected sales forecasts. One of the most active sales groups at Salton City, their success is attributed to the many old established brokers associated with them. Mr. Watson believes that the organization is going to be tops from now on.

is now being engineered so there will not be a lag in selling when this tract is gone.

More brokers from cities throughout Southern California are being added to the sales organization every day.

"Dick" and "Dean" are striving to form a tightly knit organization made up of well known and progressive brokers from San Diego to Eureka.

Hathaway, Russell Win In Ski Meet

Palm Springs Water Ski Club held its first Open Ski Meet at Salton Sea Beach recently. It was a 21-mile course, across the Sea and back. Winners were Carl Russell, skier, Fred Hathaway, driver, first place for outboards under 50 h.p.; Paul Meyers and Gil Cannon, first in the V Bottom Inboards; John Tuchfarber and Dawn Payne, first place for the Unlimited Outboards; Myron Mueller and Jim Gill, first, Flat Bottom Inboards.

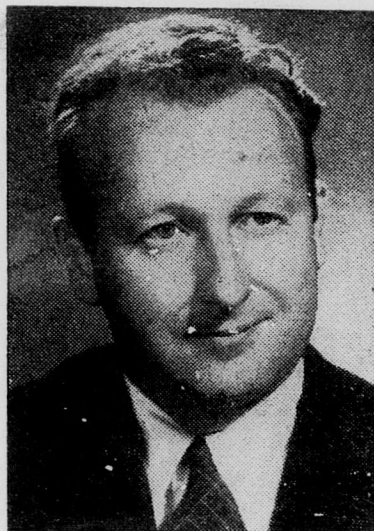
Second place trophy winners were: Bud Lamkin, Don McKinney, George Paulsen, Dan Ott. Sharon Russell was the first woman in. A tough luck award was presented to 12-year-old "Digger" Kotlar, of Burbank.

Officers of the Palm Springs Club are Bud Lamkin, Commodore; Marie Tuchfarber, secretary; Virginia McKinney, treasurer.

WALLY MOVES NORTH

Wally's Landing, heretofore at Desert Shores, has moved north for the summer and friends and neighbors are a little sad at their departure, possibly somewhat envious too as a July, August and September at Big Bear's Fawn-skin on the North Shore sounds inviting even to desert rats.

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D. D. WATSON, former Real Estate Commissioner of California and until recently Vice President of the M. Penn Phillips Enterprises, has joined forces with DICK THAYER to form the DICK THAYER-D. D. WATSON Sales Organization. The statewide organization will be directed by Dean Watson and Dick Thayer. F. W. THAYER will be in charge of office administration and ROBERT WATSON will direct land development. The Thayers and Watsons have purchased substantial land interests in the new M. PENN PHILLIPS development Salton Sea City.

The THAYER-WATSON Sales Organization has already appointed old and established brokers throughout Southern California to handle their sales. It is predicted that sales during the first year will be in excess of \$12,000,000.00.

For Further Information, Brokers and Investors Are Invited to Contact

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