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## Another Link in Salton's Golden Chain Forged With Desert Gardens Ceremony



DESERT GARDENS MOTEL TO RISE HERE

### Ground Broken March 21; Completion Figured July 1

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held on Saturday, March 21st, for the building of a new motel, the "Desert Gardens" on the corner of Marina Drive and Hiway 99.

Consisting of 60 units, designed by Robert L. Ferguson, San Jose, the builder-owners are the Thomas brothers, James, Harlan and R. H. of San Jose, Calif. It will be along modern lines with desert landscaping, faced in native rock and have a luxury-sized swimming pool. Completion is tentatively set for July first.

The Thomas Brothers, well known for their San Jose contracting activities, are also constructing an 80 duplex tract in San Jose and their two companies, Thomas & Thomas and R. H. Thomas, General Contracting are in the million dollar a year contracting class.

Among other activities at the Sea, they have tentative plans for another motel, which will have a restaurant and cocktail lounge and is expected to be ready for construction on completion of their Desert Gardens project.

### NOT AN ENDORSEMENT:

## M. Bert Fisher Tells His Own Secret: 'Do It'

The following article is not, and should not be construed as an endorsement of any particular section or part of Southern California. Mr. M. Bert Fisher is a firm believer in all of Southern California.

Mr. M. Bert Fisher, noted hotel man, real estate developer, builder, expert numismatist and world traveler, is a man of dynamic personality and positive thinking. Now planning a trip abroad, he is justly proud of the "gold seal entry" sent him by the Secretary of State.

He terms his purchase of the Hotel del Coronado and the U. S. Grant Hotel his greatest thrill. After making up his mind in 1932 that he would own these historic landmarks, he acquired the Hotel del Coronado in 1948. He and his associates sold it in 1950. He became the owner of the U. S. Grant Hotel in late 1958 and is currently busy with a \$600,000 improvement program which will restore its former grandeur. He also is the owner of the San Diego Hotel, repurchasing it in 1955 after having

sold it in 1950; and has spent over half a million dollars in improvements.

An authority on coin collecting, he became interested when his grandsons, Randy and Ricky, asked his help in collecting coins. He now has a coin shop and a \$100,000 collection of U. S. Commemorative half dollars and others.

M. Bert Fisher believes that the way to get something done is to do it. He also believes that Southern California is the fastest growing area and the garden spot of the world, and that a sure road to success is to find land in the path of progress, keep it and it will keep you. His accomplishments are proof of his theories, and

### Penn Phillips Tells His Story in Time

News last month was Mr. M. Penn Phillips' story in Time Magazine outlining his many outstanding achievements in the real estate field.

the Salton Seafarer would like to thank him for taking time out of his crowded schedule to enlighten us on his interests and hobbies.

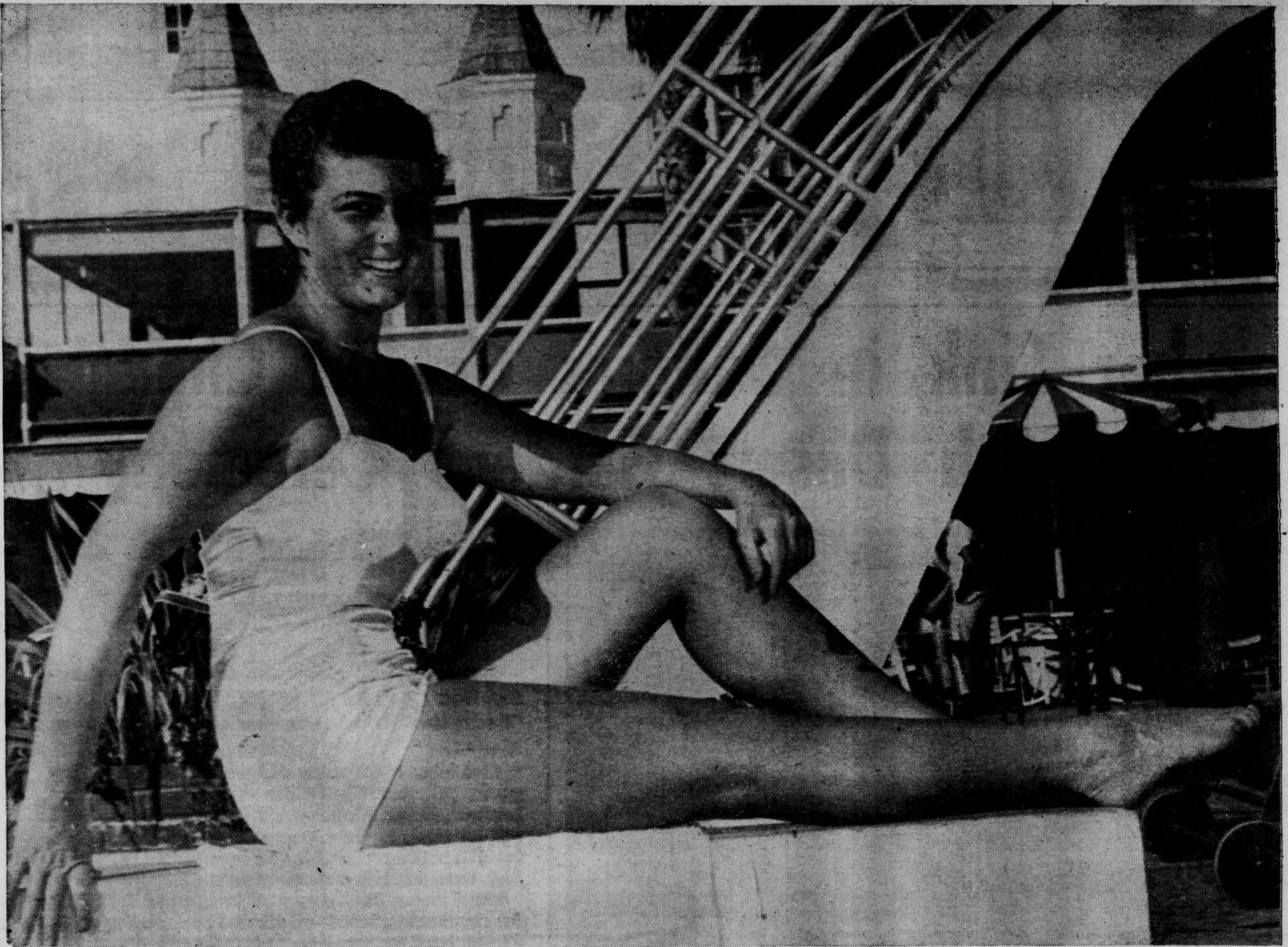
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M. BERT FISHER  
...Noted hotel man



Mary Margaret Ravell of Long Beach may return for this year's Salton Sea swim.

# Champ May Return for 1959 Salton Swim

A letter from Marti Engele and Helge Jensen confirms interest in the 1959 Swim at Salton Sea. Those wishing to help sponsor the swim meet by contributing cash prizes, offering boats, accommodations, etc., are asked to write to the Salton Seafarer. Here is the letter written to friends Marti and Helge made last year when at Salton Sea for the annual swim. Helge took

first place in 1958 and we welcome his return. Perhaps he will try the two-way 21-miler this time.

"Dear Helen,  
Twas wonderful to receive your letter and all the kids were glad to read it too and find out when the race would be in 1959!

I talked to Gene Perle, Myra, Joanne, Amy, Doc Slater, Mary

Margaret and two Cuban swimmers and here are some of the questions they asked:

- (1) Are there prizes for both men and women?
- (2) Will it be a single or double crossing?
- (3) Will boats be furnished?
- (4) Can one secure reservations at the motel there?

There are several races coming up this season so lots of the swimmers are training in the Bay already! Mary Margaret is here now and also two Cubans who competed in the race in Guaymas. So there will be lots of top swimmers coming down—and also this year the competition will be as never before!

That's all of my news now so we'll all be anxious to hear more details!

A big hello from all!

MARTI ENGELE  
HELGE JENSEN"

The course for this annual swim was set in 1954 when Ray Carmassi first swam the Salton Sea. Since then many others have completed the crossing, Tom Park still holding the record with his time of four hours, 9 minutes for the 10½-mile one-way and Amy Hiland, of Long Beach, with her two-way crossing and a time of 14 hours, 57 minutes. It is

hoped that both one and two-way records will be broken this year and that the contributions from newcomers in the area as well as the old-interested will make it possible to hold the biggest Salton Sea swim meet in history.

A luau at the Beach House precedes the meet, being held on Saturday, May 2, the swim to be the third. Trophy presentations are made Sunday afternoon or evening. This is the week-end of great festivities at the Beach and it is hoped that the many new residents and visitors to Salton Sea make their reservations early and join in this gala occasion.

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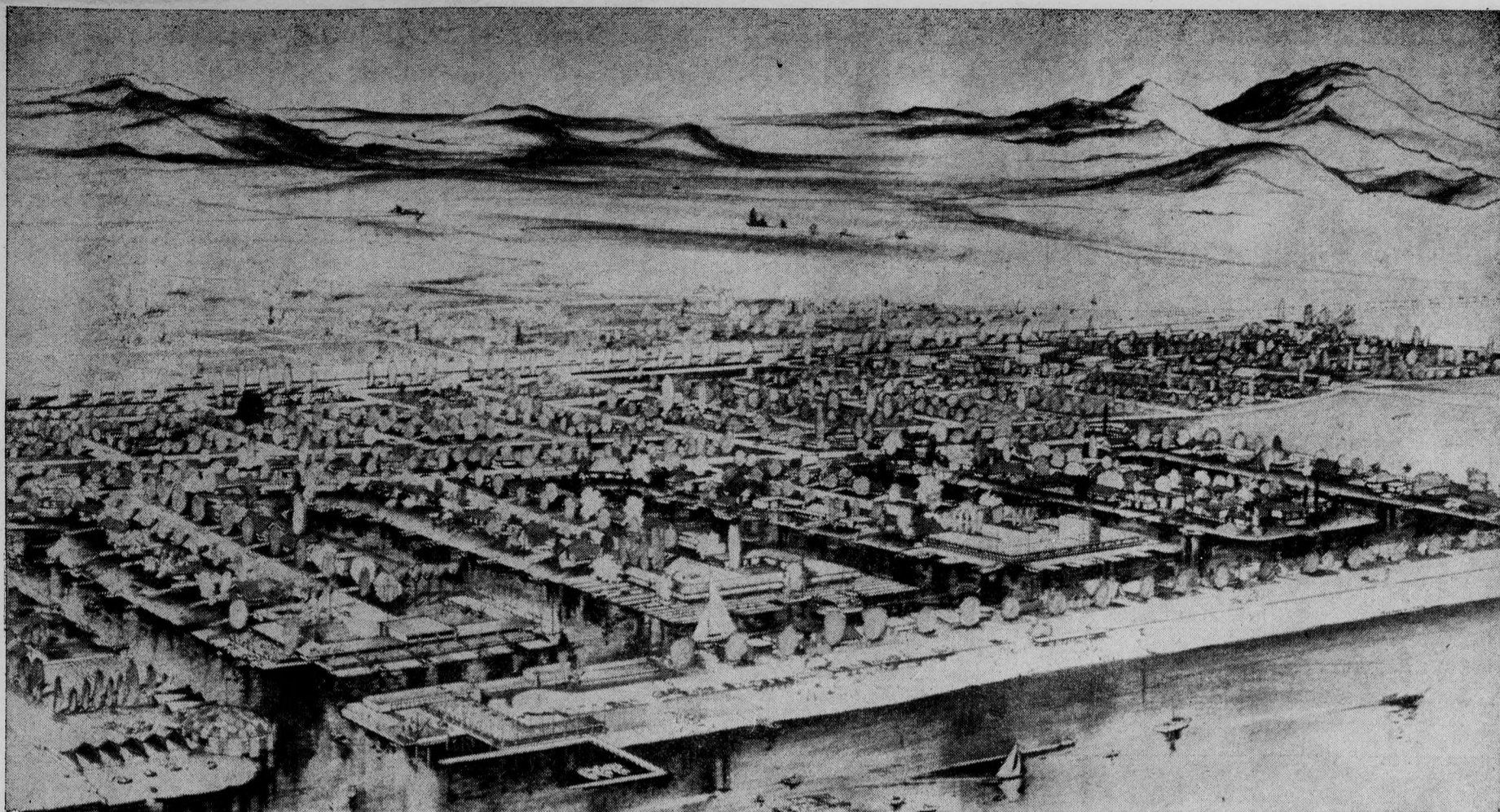
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## The Return of Fig Tree John

Several months ago the Seafarer carried several stories in a series of Fig Tree John, the famous old character of the Salton Sea Desert. We have until this time been unable to again obtain Edwin Corle's fascinating story of Fig Tree John but can continue now. Fig Tree John was an Apache who came across the Desert from Arizona to see the great lesson God had taught the white man by causing a huge sea to destroy his homes and his ranches. On traveling to its shores he was surprised to see the beauty of this desert sea and he and his young wife decided to make their home at the north-west end of the Sea, where their first child was born. They lived there very happily until the white man began to plague them, claiming they were on private land, molesting and frightening Agocho (Fig Tree), Kai-a and their small son. At times attempts at friendliness were often misunderstood by Agocho and he withdrew from the white men who began to settle in the country near him and to distrust them. He looked to the

south comforted as no white men were clearing there. That was a blessing to him. At times he thought perhaps the Gods would put a curse on the white men who continued to move closer. It would be a good joke, thought Agocho, if none of their crops would grow and they had all their work for nothing.

He was unhappy to see the white men encroaching upon what he called his property. In one instance he approached men working on a well and house a few miles from his home. His blunt "White man go way, no come here," brought both anger and laughter to their lips and they were rude and threatening. He knew they were ordering him away. He knew they were enemies. But the Apache did not fight then at the white man's challenge, he would wait when he was not expected and rode away disheartened as his home and family he knew were being jeopardized. To him this was his own land and the white men were

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## Bahia Del Mar Estates To Be Salton's Finest

### Bahia Del Mar:

The statement that there have been many beautiful locations offered to buyers at the Salton Sea has never been questioned, and with the announcement of the Thayer-Watson Sales Organization that they would soon release full details on the magnificent new BAHIA DEL MAR ESTATES also came their opinion that this will be the outstanding properties EVER to be offered at Salton.

Located at Desert Shores directly on the Sea Front, the following information was released by the developers, Jimmie and Boyd Thomas, industrialists from Pasadena. Each of the approximately 250 lots will have a fifty foot water frontage and 25 feet of deeded property in the sea, providing a private water way for each owner to use for boat and swimming.

For the five channels, which will be 120 feet wide and approximately 16 feet deep, a service and maintenance organization has been formed to insure clear channels.

There will be a complete sewage age system, eliminating the cost

and inconvenience of a septic tank system.

A recreational platform will be built approximately 500 feet offshore that will be used by owners of Bahia Del Mar for ski takeoff, diving boards, sun bathing, picnicking, etc., and they will also have about 2,500 feet of private beach for their private use.

Bahia Del Mar will have a carefully controlled architectural plan; the locations for yacht club, boatel and night club are especially selected for effective use of a sandy beach reserved for residents.

History has already been made at Bahia Del Mar. The \$300,000 dredge, now in final assembly stage, was moved from its Blythe location, completely rebuilt and hauled over the treacherous Chocolate Mountains to Niland, launched into Salton Sea and floated to Desert Shores in a seven and one half hour trip. Operated on Butane the completion of the work at Bahia Del Mar will find the dredge hard to work on the offshore improvements at Salton City.

The Thomas' estimate the dredge will move 800 to 1,000 cubic yards

of material per hour. It will be completely new except for the main hull and cutter. It will take from sixty to ninety days to finish the dredging and three and one half months to completion of the project. Fifteen men will be employed on the job. Eight homes have been purchased at Desert Shores for those working on the three-million dollar project.

Neil Fernald of Desert Shores is now employed as caretaker on the project.



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FOR OUTSTANDING ABILITY—Recipients of awards for outstanding sales ability during the month of February for the Salton Riviera are Karl Nelson, left, who was the outstanding salesman and Doris Hofdahl, right, leading broker. They are receiving their awards from Phillip L. Greig, sales manager, and M. Penn Phillips, "the boss," respectively. The awards were made at the sales rally held by the M. Penn Phillips' Salton Riviera company March 9 at the administration building. (Photo by Johnson Photo, Mecca)

## Baptists Plan Church

The American Baptist Convention, through the Rev. Kenneth G. Dunkelberger, pastor of the Atherton Baptist Church, Inglewood, have acquired through their broker-representative, Loyd McDonald of the Thayer-Watson Org., the one and a half acre in block one of Tract 562, fronting on Riviera Circle for the beginning of a community Church and Education center, part of a planned architectural design which will eventually serve a city of larger area than Palm Springs.

Sufficient land to insure the completion of their plans has already been optioned by the Convention.

On completion of this first unit, the sponsoring churches will supply leadership, the Atherton Baptist Church; the First Baptist Church of Brawley; and the First Baptist Church of El Centro.

Present plans call for services to be held each Sunday, possibly at 8:30 and 11 a.m., under sponsoring leadership until such time as residents in the area could organize and incorporate as a church.

## DIPPING IN SEASIDE:

# Views of a Housewife Living by the Salton Sea

By DOLORES

The prelude to spring is completed and now the overture can plainly be heard in this land of the Desert Sea. It can be heard in the sonata of the birds, as they busily prepare a home for their young. One can hear the gentle splash of the sea as it caresses the beach, the whispers of the bamboo and tamarisk.

Spring winds are accompanied by hundreds of nature's sounds, plus those of the world of man and invention. To a cautious ear the crescendo of a sonic blast or the purr of an outboard motor intermingled with nature's own tones is truly a syncopated desert symphony.

Where there is music there is usually dancing, and the desert and the sea have their dances to the background of the Desert Symphony. The winds cause the sand

to dance and whirl about. One of my favorite sights is what I call the "Fantastic Dance of the Diamonds." I am sure if you could witness a sunrise on the Salton Sea you too would revel in its beauty. The sunrise is glorious with a great profusion of color igniting the horizon.

The sun's reflection on the water causes it to appear like millions of sparkling diamonds dancing merrily about. This sight can only be seen in the early hours of the morning. I have often observed with delight this fantastic "Dance of the Diamonds."

In this land of the Desert Sea one only needs an eye for Mother Nature's beauty and an ear for her murmurings. There are so many things, sights and sounds to absorb and enjoy, I like the ones I have described above, and it is all admission free.

Come to the Land of the Desert Sea  
To the home of the Date Palm Tree  
Where the days are balmy and bright  
The stars in the sky are a beautiful sight.  
Come to the Land of the Desert Sea  
Swim or ski or restful be.  
Hike or fish or just lie down  
It's close to Heaven and a long way to town.

## Send Paper Not Martini

Hey, you readers! Got any friends or acquaintances who want to read about something besides atomic fallout, rockets to the moon, Mars, Venus or the Atlantic Ocean, murders, accidents and the usual amount of Homo Sapiens shortcomings? Good! Then, we've got a ready answer.

Send them a year's subscription to the Salton Seafarer! It has nothing but good news in it, lots of pictures of pretty girls, and tells how and why Salton Sea is rapidly becoming a major resort in Southern California.

The cost is a measly \$2.00, the price of two martinis. Or, if you personally don't want to give us the 2 martinis, have them pay for a subscription themselves.

## Along the Real Estate Channel---

By ANNE I. AULGUR

New addition to the Salton Sea Sales, Sunview Realty office is Fay Fifield, broker, formerly an assistant tract manager with M. Penn Phillips at Hesperia. With his proven sales record he will have a breeze at Salton.

Also of the same office, Earl Plumly has left for the San Francisco Bay Area to help establish offices and personnel in that area.

### Moved Location

Eddie and Helen Walgren have moved to their permanent location on Niland Street in Salton Sea Beach. Eddie is with Jack Seabern and Helen with San Souci at Desert Shores.

Art Detwiler, of Salton Sea Village, is off on a convention, he is very active in Realty and always willing to share his news.

New acquaintances, Ray Hoffal and Gordon Tripp, sales managers with Salton Sands, both formerly with Walker Lee in Long Beach.

## WATER, POWER, AND LIGHTED PALM TREES

According to Red Thayer and Bob Watson, of the Thayer Watson Sales Organization, exclusive agents for the Salton Sea Air Park Estates, application has already been made by the Thomas Brothers, Jimmie and Boyd, the developer for water and electricity to be installed at once, and that paving has already started.

Also to start in the near future, the planting of palm trees that will have night illumination along Air Park Drive. Several desirable applicants have placed their plans for the air park facilities, a fly in motel, restaurant, bar, swimming pool, etc., though to date no decision has been reached as to who will be the operators or owners of these much needed services.

One of my favorite Fly-boys, Lou Middleton, back to work at Salton. Haven't seen much of him lately and he is a nice guy to have around.

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**ALONG DESERT SHORES:**

# Termites Invade Community

We have crickets once in a while and even a bug or two, but . . . now we have termites!

Don't panic though, these are good termites. They range from five to 15 years of age and all males. Leo Brandon of the Desert Shores Market (also one of our favorite citizens), has taken the initiative to get all of our young boys together and form a club to keep young minds and hands busy. They voted to call themselves the "Desert Shore Termites."

The boys meet once a week and avail themselves not only for fun but work. Through the cooperation of the West Shores Volunteer Fire Department the boys and our firemen will have really cleaned up our community by the time you read this.

This morning, March 21st, 7 a.m., the boys were picked up at the Desert Shores Market in Salton Sanitation & Treadwell Engineering trucks and have already cleaned up any papers and cans along Desert Shores Drive and the adjoining streets. From what I can see they are doing a great job. We're all for you, "Group."

Life is certainly never dull around here! When out-of-town folks ask "What do you do all day?" I feel like poking them in the nose. On top of just the everyday tasks, there's water skiing, new people to meet, and the rescue work this past month has been quite predominant. Nothing serious, thank goodness, boats stranded out in the Sea without gas, cars stuck in the sand, and folks getting locked out of their houses—see what I mean?

And—what a ball we've been

## First 'Family' Subdivision Open

Tract 547, Salton Sea Village, is now open to the public for inspection, and with its two way view of the Sea and an excellent view of the Santa Rosas, is considered an outstanding family unit.

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# KIDS KORNER

Our Saturday-nite dance at the Island is really going big. "Kim and Johnny," who are in charge down there, know just how to get the kids to join in. They put a quarter in the juke-box, turn it on full blast, and then put the microphone in front of it.

During this Easter vacation the Island was open nearly every night for the kids. Some seen there were Jim, Dale, and Kathy Dozah, Paul and Karen Olah, Tom Ray, Jack Smith, Sam Emery, Jim Fomdre, Linda Smith, Judy Russell, Marylen and Donna Burns, Pam and Rita Dickson, and Jan Fadler, and Bill Lee.

At about 7:30 p.m. on March 25 the Beach House was bombarded by "Gardena Y.M.C.A." It seems that they didn't care for the chop suey made by their leaders, Bill Wells, Laurie Young, and George Chorin and wanted some good ole' hamburgers.

This group stayed at Salton Sea Beach from March 25 to 28. This information was collected with the assistance of Jesters Gary West and Dan Parker.

It's sure nice to see all the dune bugs down again. By these I mean Jonny Lee's blue one, Bill Lee's brown one and Walt Keeney's "Idiot," and his red and char-treuse sand buggy.

We are sorry to say that Helen and Wally Albright are leaving Salton Sea to live at Big Bear. Helen's "Salton Shakers," had their last lesson March 23.

## PAYING SOME COMPLIMENTS

### COMPLIMENTS!

Chuck and his club members, Lou and Chad of Fontana, were reclining on chairs at the Beach House one evening last week when strains from "In the Middle of an Island" floated dreamily through the room. One of our favorite remarks came quite spontaneously from Chuck just then. "Well, this is one time we don't have to wish we were here!" Thank you, Chuck, a true devotee to Salton Sea, as are Lou and Chad and all the other Fontana Club members.

### COMPLIMENTS?

Another remark amused us, from one of two women visiting the Beach House and Salton Sea for the first time — "We've traveled all over the United States and we have just been agreeing that we have never been any place that made us feel so much like we were someplace else!"

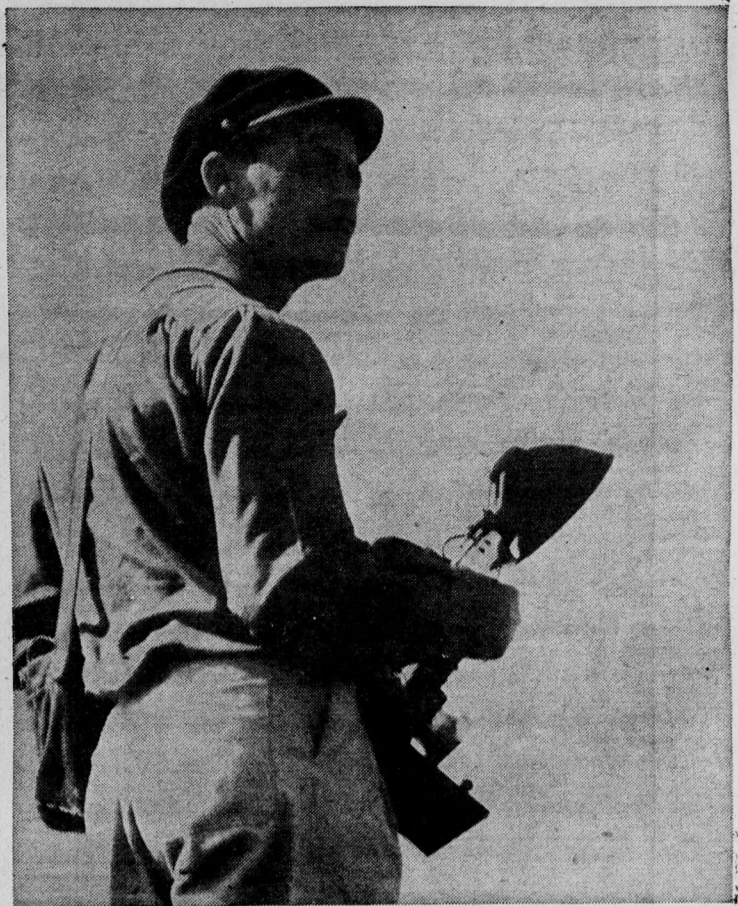
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**PLENTY ACTIVE**—Bob Ruskauff as most "seen on the scene" when boats are in action. Yes, boats are his favorite subject but they're better with people. Bob has spent many hours at Salton Sea before, during and after the regattas and his stories full of color and human interest fill the nation and circle the world. Here also is a picture of Rita Ruskauff (below) at work in their new offices, of Bob Ruskauff Associates in Long Beach, specializing in fine photography.



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With our temperatures ranging now in the eighties and the water in the seventies, all of our Salton Sea-ites have put away their full-length rubber suits for the winter, and donned the latest in resort and swim-wear.

Just a few of the fashions seen were, to the right; Dotty Coombs in a lastex swimsuit by John Weitz for Elon of California. The black and white design gives a "mermaid" effect. The suit comes in just the one color combination and is only \$14.98.

On next page, this lovely floral print bathing suit comes in two predominate colors. Orange and blue. The suit is beautifully draped and has a well-designed built-in bra. The suit is lastex and priced at \$16.98.

The cotton knit plaid Bermuda (at left) with matching top worn by Betty Peterson is smart and comfortable for any of our out-of-water activities. This cute set is \$11.98 and comes in orange plaid and blue plaid.

All of these fashions shown were purchased at Manci's Resort Fashions, 400-402 North Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs.

Anyone interested in any of the items shown may drop a card to Ed and Manci at the above address and they will be most happy to accommodate. Sizes range from 10 to 18.

### Joe Pokorny Is Tract Manager

Moe Rukasin, of Sunview Realty, exclusive sales agents for Salton Sea Sales, announces the appointment of Joe Pokorny as Tract



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## 'Shot in Arm' Is Fine ---But Not in This Case

"A shot in the arm" is fine theoretically, but when it really happens it is a different story. Charles Jones of Salton Sea Beach suffered such an accident when a palm branch he stepped on flew up, striking his six shooter, pulling it from the holster and sending a shot through his most-used right arm. Charlie is well known for his great help at the Beach in keeping order as a deputy sheriff and his services are being greatly missed. However, the hospital doesn't go too well with that active Charlie and he'll soon be back again for we've a notion he'll find something to do, regardless.

We want to correct our error

in the March issue of the Seafarer and to say it is Sandy Doolley who is so pert, pretty, and popular, goes to the Coachella Valley High School and lives at Desert Shores!

And, also in the line of correction, Iris, please excuse us. It is Iris Smith at the Hospitality House on Marina Drive, north of Harbor Blvd. in Salton City. Iris and husband, Vern, are associated with Phil Yeager, of Salton City Realty. We all want to visit Iris and Vern in the warm, friendly atmosphere of the Hospitality House.

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# Sea Resorts Are Really Hopping This Season

We took some time off to visit the beaches on the northwest side of Salton Sea and were pleased to see so many old friends basking in the sun or back working out for this season's competition. First week of vacation brought storms in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys, but the northwest shores, nestled between the Sea and the Santa Rosa Mountains, escaped the severest winds, and skiers enjoyed hours of good ski time.

Morning at Salton Sea Beach brought spirals of smoke curling skyward from campfires putting forth aromas of coffee and bacon; shouts of children and drones of motors filled the air. Skiers were out early, not wishing to lose one moment's good water.

#### Johnny Riha

At the campsite we found Johnny Riha with his registration book. He checks camps and campers but also is helpful in filling their needs, for he has a small campstore there carrying the white gas, bread, milk, lotions, suits, towels, charcoal and many items one often forgets on the occasional camping trips.

There were many boats at the campsite but most outstanding was the "Hermaid," an amphibious trailer made by the Neptuna Company. Betty and Al Barney of Tucson showed us through the trailer-boat. It is owned by Mrs. Barbara Ross of Baldwin Park who was there with her four children Jerry, Sherry, Larry and Mary. Mrs. Ross has the Baldwin Park Transfer and Storage Company and was looking forward to spending some real comfortable time on the Salton Sea.

Among other campers were Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Mannes of Woodland Hills who spent two weeks at Salton Sea. Being a good housekeeper, Mrs. Mannes was sweeping the tarp used for one wall of their shelter. "We love it here," she said. "It is so restful and the scenery beautiful and the air so good. And I never knew there was so many stars in the sky."

#### Kim From Hawaii

As the campsite was nearly empty by this time, we followed the others to the Beach where Kim was registering boats, renting skis, selling bait, soda, and providing beach needs to visitors. Kim is from Hawaii and feels right at home here.

It was good to see Hope and Al Stafford with their children Gary and Denise. They are from La Puente and skied over from State Park to Salton Sea Beach.

The Lees and Keeney's, Pam and

#### Air Park Bay Flights Approved

A second flight, aboard a DC-3 and planned by Dudley Watson, Jr. son of D.D. Watson, former Real Estate commissioner and part of the Thayer-Watson Sales Organization, proved as successful as the first one from the San Francisco Bay area several weeks ago on March 15th.

Residential lots in this subdivision have met with enthusiastic acceptance.

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FOR SALE: R-1 lot in Salton City, (Riviera) close to Marina, opening day price, my equity: \$550.00, payments \$36.00 per month; Owner, J. Wiener, 638 S. Placentia Ave. Anaheim, Prospect 4-0876.

Rita Dickson, Clyde Jones' were there.

Back up at the Beach House the usual friendly atmosphere prevailed, with visitors eating, relaxing and visiting on the palm-sheltered lanai, enjoying the first days of spring vacation at the Salton Sea.

As we left the Beach we met many cars on their way down with boats and trailers for a holiday of outdoors and fun ahead.

We cut through to Sundial where Max and Jeanette Fadler were there to greet us. Bill Crystal and Lee Henzel, of Indio, along with many others, were having a wonderful time skiing on smooth waters. Max had some beautiful boats on display and was planning and looking forward to the many events of the season, being especially interested in the local boat club which is being formed.

At Desert Shores the first person we talked to was Bill Lehman at the cafe. Carl was at the Beach. Virginia Stearns told us of the many national skiers here again this year to practice for coming events. One of the most important is the Invitational Meef held in June at Chipley, Georgia, where the Nationals were held last year. Only the nation's proven skiers are invited to this meet, an invitation is considered a great honor, and to place is a real achievement.

Virginia also informed us that Chuckie and his students do exhibition jumping at the Shores every Sunday afternoon. World-champ-Chuck, a privilege to watch his performances!

Aliene Williams was out skiing with daughter Martha Ann, the child ski wonder; Digger Kotlar was practicing his tricks while Del, his mother, sunned on the Beach. Here we met Gordon Dodge of Sacramento also enjoying a relaxing morning while daughter Colleen, 15-year-old Sacramento skiname, was also working out—practicing her trick skiing.

Lillie Neill and Arthur Jr., Desert Shores residents now, were at the beach—their first picnic of the season, said Lillie; and she's all enthusiasm over the forming of the Boy Scout Troop at Salton's northwest shores, as we all are. She and her husband Arthur are the instigators!

And next we discovered Irene Darrrough of Mecca visiting with Bob Boren and Bertha Parker at the Dahl's Sea Realty Booth. We

confirmed the news we had heard by grapevine that a museum at the Caravansary Area in Mecca is being planned. The property encompasses ten city lots and will have various shops in conjunction with the museum, according to present plans. Irene is with Standard Building Specialties at the corner of Date Palm and Highway 195 in Mecca, offices now open.

Rae Vincent was also vacationing with her daughters Janice and Diane, whom we met at the Shores.

Out on the highway and traveling south we saw cars from Hawaii, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Texas, Kansas, Washington and Oregon all in six miles of driving.

In taking this fresh look at the northwest shores we were delighted all over again to see the many accomplishments and increasing activity. Salton Sea Land Co. signs point to beautiful gradual slopes to Salton; signboards direct us to the Golf Club Estate Office and sites; the Salton Sea Oasis property stretches from the highway seaward, a neat rock wall bordering its entrances; telephone company trucks and men work on the new line running from Desert Shores south; signs announce our proximity to Salton Riviera.

We see at the outskirts of the planned City Salton Paving with its busy plant sending up clouds of smoke; Gretsch trucks are seen carrying their heavy loads of asphalt from the plant; Don Oakes' thriving little lumber yard appears; Salton Sea Sales new offices are a great addition to the City, the impressive Hofbrau restaurant now open and lined with cars comes into view; the Mobil Gas station on the corner we see is near completion; we see the towering stately palms and the beautiful M. Penn Phillips administration building, the new "Welcome to Salton City" sign; the many homes completed and many more along the northwest shore highway the Salton City Airport. Yes indeed, a city was born, it is one year of age and shows a marvelous growth!

#### Ronnie Dandliker

Friends at Salton Sea are also looking forward to seeing Ronnie Dandliker. And on skis. We hear he has been off the ski list lately. You're getting back just in time, Ronnie. The Salton Sea is warming up!

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## Ski Spot For Beaston Brothers

The Beaston Brothers, Clyde and Lawrence, owners of the six unit "Beaston's Motel" at Desert Shore where they reside with their families, purchased the location in their first burst of enthusiasm for water skiing.

Water spots in and around Los Angeles were so overcrowded that they were thrilled with the space at Salton Sea. Here, at Desert Shores there was room to grow and play, both on the water and on the land.

Desert Shores had already shown its progress with paved streets and palm plantings when their site was purchased. With skiing the primary interest and purpose for their land purchase, big crowds of relatives and friends joined the Beastons on their week end trips from their homes in El Monte to Desert Shores. Their first building, now the office-home, was built during the off-ski hours, up at 5 a.m. in order to get the early morning work accomplished before the water was right, evenings spent the same way, but the necessary hard work was considered fun by all.

The motel building was accomplished in the same manner. Constructed of natural colored pumice brick, they blend with the natural beauty that surrounds them, with aqua, red and white trim to accentuate them. The interiors are furnished in a simple manner with cool shades of mint green and brown, the windows face the mountains and furnish an ever-changing scene of color and beauty. Near future plans call for twelve more units.

Mrs. Lawrence Beaston, Barbara and their two children Myra and Larry reside permanently at Desert Shores. Mrs. Beaston is the secretary-treasurer of the newly formed Property Owners Association, the children attend the local grammar school and are active in community youth activities. City life has lost its flavor and the desert has claimed another family for its own.

### Dolphins Form

The Dolphins, a new Gardena Ski Club, has just been formed. Members seen recently at Salton Sea with their families were Cliff and Carol Jeffries and children, Jackie and Bob Harrison, Neila and George Gregory, Bill and Mary Haultin, Barbara and Joe Thomberg, Earl Connolly and Konrad and Pat Schwance.

## Roy LeCroy Derby Winner

The Desert Shores Derby held at the Salton Sea Sunday, March 22, was sponsored by the Western Outboard Association, Desert Shores Restaurant, Desert Shores General Store, and Beaston's Motel at Desert Shores.

### Northwest Shore Resorts Sponsor Boat, Ski Club

Northwest Shore resorts are sponsoring a local boat and ski club for outboards and ask that those interested send in any recommendations and suggestions.

The new club will host Salton Sea events and suggested affairs to be scheduled are ski-races, get acquainted meets, fun meets, practice meets, round the sea cruises, barbecues, beach parties, holiday parties.

Some of those who have so far shown interest in the formation of the new club are Kirby Hester, Bob Castille, Bill Crystal, Roy Burton, Ed Murphy, Jack Jones, Billie Jo Dickson, Chuck Stearns, Whitey Jones, Charlie Booth, Pete Kotlar, Lee Wenzel, Gil Munson, Jim Campbell, Jim Newell and Bill Knights.

Long Beach, Palm Springs, Imperial Valley and L.A. Boat and Ski clubs have offered their assistance in the organization of this group.

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"Everyone had a wonderful time," according to Doug Jones, who took fourth place with his single engine catamaran. Copilot was Ivan de Busk. Doug has the popular House of Cats at Imperial and Bloomfield, Santa Fe Springs. The wind began to blow before the races were over but Doug says he can take the wind; and "at Salton Sea," says Doug, "you can have five kinds of weather in five minutes."

Overall winner at the meet was Roy LeCroy of Norwalk, with his Powercat. His time was 48 minutes.

#### Bob Florian First

Fastest in the time trials was 53.6 with Bob Florian, of the Long Beach Police Department. Bob McGee, President of Premier Boats, was his co-pilot. They took first in the "X" unlimited class.

Bill Williams, who is the national advertising salesman and retail advertising salesman for boats, motors, trailers, boat resorts for the Mirror News, took a first this year in the UM Class. He scored a real victory by beating his next opponent by nine minutes! Bill owns property at Salton Sea and remarks with enthusiasm "I love it! Back at the office they say, 'Golly, you got a real nice tan.' 'I tell 'em I got it down at Salton Sea. I'm going to spend a lot of time there this season. Will bring the family next time.'"

We questioned Bill about so many of the boats being without names. He explained that manufacturers are improving boats so fast you don't have time to keep them long enough. He says everytime somebody gets a boat faster than yours and you can't beat him anymore, you have to go out and get a better one and it's like a passing parade.

#### Dean White

Dean White, of Riviera, furnished the excitement of the day by flipping his twin-engined Powercat. This was Dean's fourth race at Salton Sea. He took first last time in the MM Class. Dean was a bit worried after spending 45 minutes in a search for his sunken Cat. In the choppy water it was impossible to find. But Monday morning's calmer waters permitted a view of the craft and Dean was in better spirits after the rescue. Bud, Dean's stepfather, copilot, and when asked why he didn't jump out he said, "Not me, I just hung onto the seat until I was looking at fishes, then came out from under." When questioned as to whether he had ever flipped a boat before he replied, "Gosh, yes, I spent eight years in the Navy. I flipped a cruiser in there!"

George Bristol, manufacturer of Bristol Boats in Long Beach and Treasurer of the Western Outboard Association was present and in charge of registration; Earl Palmer, who has a boat shop in Maywood, and Joe Harvick, of Los Angeles, were also at the Derby. Complete results were as follows:

WESTERN OUTBOARD ASSOC. DESERT SHORES RACE (List of winners by places)		
Driver	Class	Place
B. Hambro	CP	1st
W. Horan	BP	2nd
C. Shinn	DP	1st
E. Lesley	DP	2nd
E. Cardinal	EP	1st
J. Dean	JP	1st
Steven Ruston	JP	2nd
J. Hinman	JP	3rd
R. LeCroy	MP	1st
D. Krake	AM	1st
L. McPhie	CM	2nd
D. Bonanno	CM	1st
H. Welborn	CM	2nd
B. Westbrook	CM	3rd
G. Stacey	DM	1st
Eckis	DM	2nd
F. Hiatt	DM	3rd

## Six Out of Gas—And a Storm Brewing!

Six in a boat and out of gas late on a Friday afternoon between Salton Sea Beach and the Salton City Marina, with a storm brewing! This was the plight of Johnny Johnson, his wife Thelma, boys Lyle and Lance, Carol Williams and Eddie Orr. Many took part in this drama staged on Salton Sea two weeks ago.

The boys at Sandia's Navy Department claimed the average boat would have swamped with that weight in a heavy storm. We think its performance merits mention, that Holiday Ski Flight. James Caswell is the Sales Representative for the Salton Sea area and it was his boat Johnny was sailing! They were only about one-fourth mile from shore when the gas gave out. Carol and John jumped in the water and tried to swim but the waves were too much for them.

Johnny climbed into the boat but Carol donned his life belt and tried again, disappearing in the darkness toward shore as the winds increased and the water became more turbulent. It was three hours before they found him, nearly exhausted and pulled him back into the small craft so helpless without fuel in the storm. Johnny burned one shirt in an effort to

attract attention as there were no flares aboard. They attempted to wrap the shivering Carol in a piece of an old rug and shirt but his cramps continued.

By mid-morning Saturday many had joined in a search for the lost party and at noon they saw a plane fly overhead. At about 1:45 the plane found them beached in the mud several miles below Sandia, for sometime in the early morning the wind had shifted sending them south. They walked up a country road and met Ace Rall, foreman for the 7,000-acre Desert Elmore Ranch owned by John Elmore. He kindly took the party to Heise Station where they got food, water and coffee. Hall told of John Elmore and his coming to the Valley in 1905, settling there, acquiring the land gradually and breaking ground on the first fields in 1930.

"Take plenty of gas and provisions when going out on Salton Sea, and don't forget the flares," is Johnson's advice to sportsmen.

Johnny wishes to express his thanks to Tommy Griffin, Carl Baker and Bob West for their part in the rescue, and to Jack Seabern who offered his plane to the Sheriff's Department, and to those responsible for and manning the helicopter, and to Ace Dall of the Desert Elmore Ranch and those from Sandia who were so kind and helpful in getting them safely back home.

Upon their return to the boat Carl Baker, Tommy Griffin and Bob West of Desert Shores were on the scene, filled their tank and took the weary, water-soaked Carol and Johnny to their cars.

J. Hartley	EM	1st
J. Albright	JM	1st
J. Flowers	JM	2nd
G. Trevett	MM	1st
R. McGowan	MM	2nd
R. LeCroy	MM	3rd
Bill Wallace (only)	UM	1st
Florian	X	1st
E. Palmer	X	2nd

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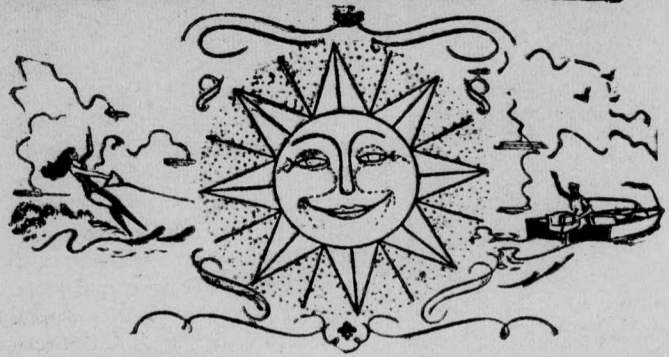
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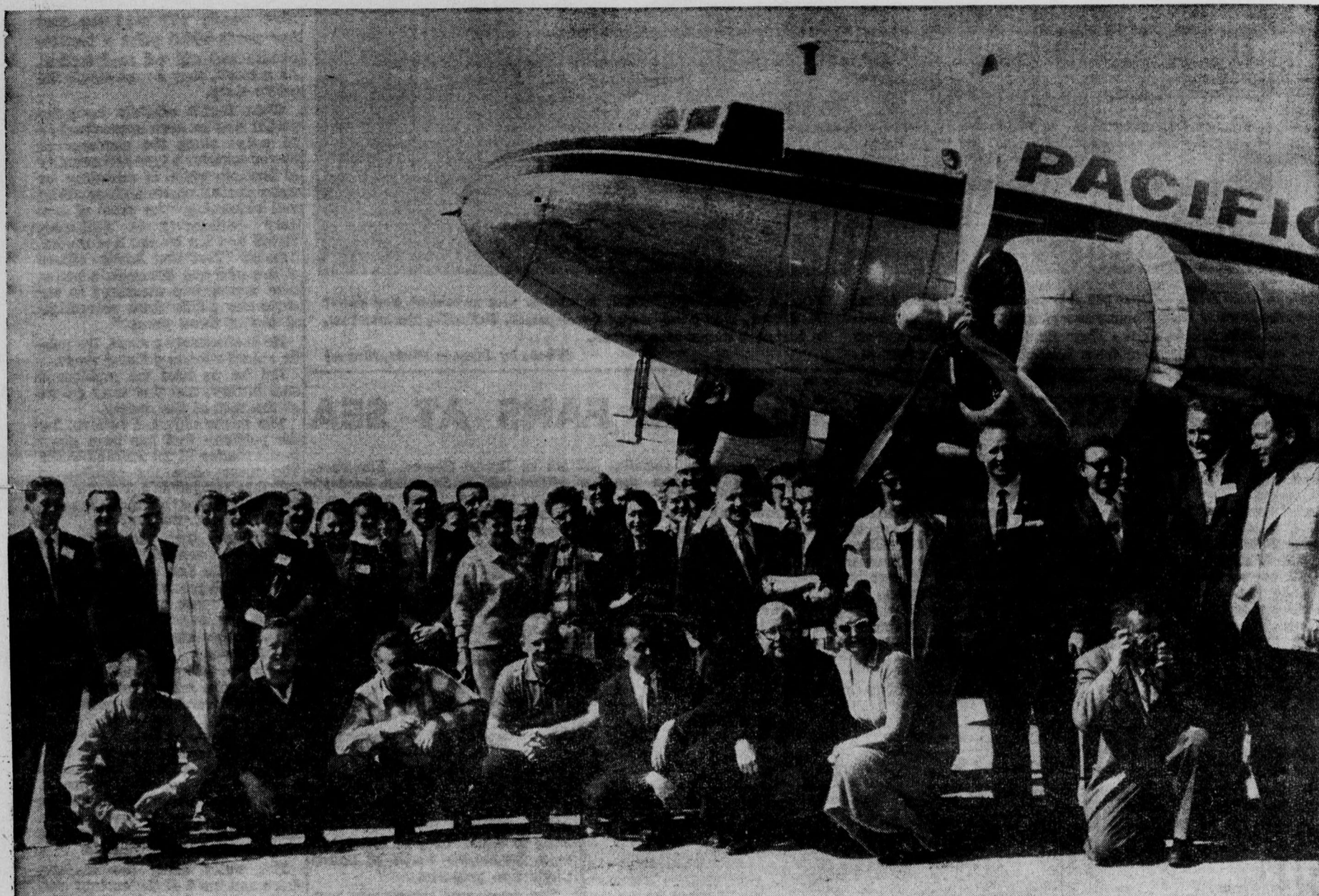
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# Sea Breeze



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REALTORS VISIT SALTON CITY**—A flight to the sunny southland and a tour of Salton City proved to be an exciting and inspirational experience for a group of 40 realtors on a recent Sunday. Two commercial airliners were utilized to fly members of the Berkeley Realty Board and the So. Alameda

County Realty Board directly to Salton City Airport, where, as guests of Dudley Watson and the Thayer-Watson organization, they were taken on a bus tour of Salton City and saw at first hand the improvements and exciting developments that are taking place.

## 300 Attend Sales Rally

Over 300 sales people attended the sales rally held by the Salton Riviera at its administration building Monday, March 19. Purpose of the giant meeting was to acquaint the sales force of the company with the executive and administration heads of Salton Riviera.

MC of the event was Phillip L. Greig, sales manager for the company, who introduced for short talks the following: M. Penn Phillips, president; Carlo P. Giuntini, executive vice president; Arthur Z. Seltzer, vice president of development; Laurence Boothe, a director of the company, Dr. Gause Cov-

ington, financial advisor to Phillips; Lorne B. Pratt, vice president of public affairs; Ellis H. Flint, advertising director; Jack Shanks, housing division sales manager; James Nicholson, assistant sales manager to Greig; Albert Cross, special sales consultant to Greig; and Neil Elliott, of Neil Elliott Advertising, Inc., the company's advertising agency.

Following the talks a question and answer period lasting an hour was highly informative to the sales personnel. Awards were then distributed to Karl Nelson as the outstanding salesman for the month

## Country Club Estates Hits Final Stages

Plans for the club house and golf links on the Country Club Estates have now reached the stage where the financial program must be considered with first chance to acquire this magnificent spot being promised to some of the charter members and several other reliable parties eager to accept, it is expected that actual building will soon be under way.

The club house, designed by Leo Raphaeli, is extremely modern in design and will be among the most beautiful in California with the Santa Rosas for a background.

## TRIPS TO SEA MUCH BETTER THAN BATAAN DEATH MARCH

Week-end jaunts which Vista Realtor Robert N. Miller makes to the Salton Sea are a lot different from the journey he took nearly 17 years ago.

Then, he was a captured American soldier on the infamous Bataan death march in the Philippine Islands.

The treks Miller makes nowadays with North County residents interested in the Salton Sea area are by bus and auto. The bitter Bataan trek was by foot, with Japanese soldiers who watched for stragglers to punish.

Miller is one of the few survivors of that cruel march. Many Americans fell along the way. The health of the many who did survive the march and subsequent years in Jap prison camps was broken, and they have since died. Miller was more fortunate. A rug-

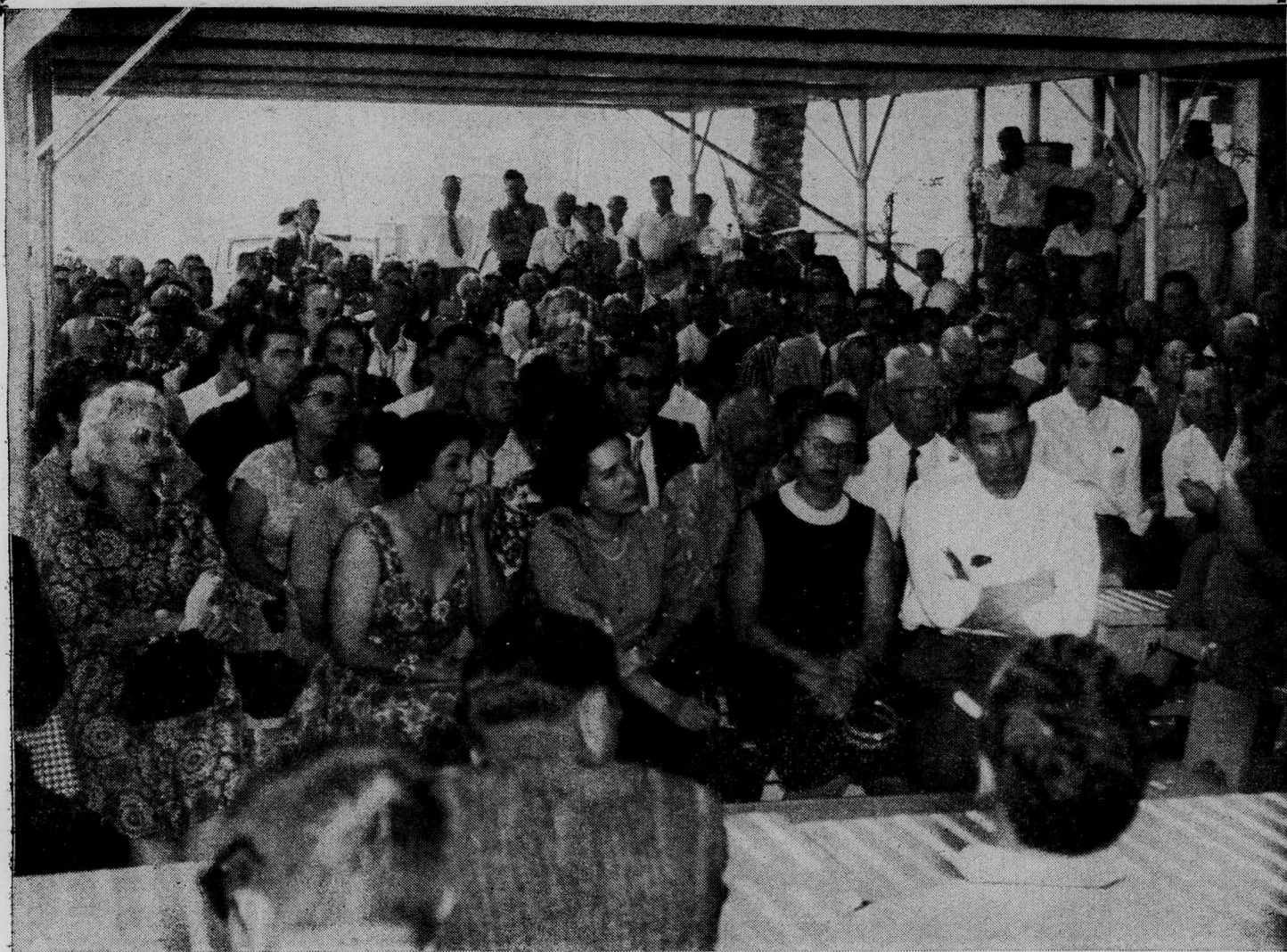
ged constitution saw him through the march and three more years as a prisoner.

Miller, now a sales agent for the Salton Sea Village plots, part of the Salton City development, was in business in the Philippines when war broke out. He was vice-president and general manager of an import firm.

However, he had taken ROC while at Rutgers University and was in the Army reserve. Activated after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, he became a Captain with General Wainwright at Corregidor. After its fall in April, 1942, he was one of the thousands subjected to the brutal march through the Bataan Peninsula to the Japanese prison camps.

After three years of meager ex-

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**BIG SALES MEETING** — Over 300 salespeople attended the Salton Riviera's sales rally held Monday morning, March 9, at the company's administration building. They obtained much information from the company's executive team headed by M. Penn Phillips,

president; Carlo P. Giutini, executive vice president and Arthur Z. Seltzer, vice president of development. Following the meeting, a barbecue dinner was served.

(Photo by Johnson Photo, Mecca)

*"Penn" Lines*  
Penn

I think that it is high time that I devoted a column to discussing the problem of sewage being channeled into the lower and upper ends of the Sea. Many newspapers throughout Southern California have been printing articles on this problem within the last month.

The newspaper story goes on to say that "no major residential development is presently underway in either of the contaminated areas . . . the residential development is taking place on the opposite shores between Highway 99 and the water"; but this mitigating paragraph, if used at all, is located down in the body of the article. Most people will read the first few words which paint a horrible picture and will not read further. As a result, they do not obtain the entire story.

State health officials have reported that an area approximately 15 miles along the southeastern shores contains a type and quantity of bacteria which is unhealthy for water contact sports such as skiing and swimming. The chief of sanitary engineering in California stated that his bureau had recommended "that the health offices of Imperial and Riverside counties take appropriate measures to exclude the public from recreational use of those areas."

He is absolutely correct, the public should not use polluted areas.

But let us take the problem a step further, and that may get us at the root of the matter.

The major object, I believe, for the publicity that has been given to the matter IS TO REMEDY IT! The more often the problem is called to the public's attention the faster will come that which is needed to solve the problem!

I believe that ultimately the cities which are now pouring sewage into the Sea will eventually, under public pressure, be forced to build treatment plants and, of course, the longer they wait to do this . . . the higher will be the overall cost.

Actually, only a small part of the whole Sea is involved and much of that is marshy land unsuitable for either skiing or swimming. An apt simile would be to say that since the Pacific Ocean has sewage pumped into it, the entire ocean is polluted. No one would make such a statement! Yet, it is just as ridiculous to say that the entire Salton Sea is polluted just because a small segment is!

The water along the western shore and most of the eastern and northeastern shore is absolutely safe for water contact sports, according to government officials. I can see no reason why it will not remain so forever.

The problem is a serious one certainly; but let's keep the proper perspective in dealing with it. In time, it will be remedied and the time may be sooner than anyone believes.

In the meantime, let's all of us push for the building of sewage disposal plants where needed and at the same instance, push for adequate publication of all the facts.

Penn  
M. Penn Phillips

## NEWS OF INTEREST OF SKI CLUB FANS AT SEA

News from the Ski Line, Long Beach Boat and Ski Club publication.

Officers of the Long Beach Boat and Ski Club are: Commodore, Bill Stearns, Bellflower; Vice-Commodore, Bill Morris, Lomita; Recording Secretary-Treasurer, Kay Gordon, Long Beach; Corresponding Secretary, Betty Morris, Lomita. Those on the Executive

Board are Bud Dansby, Long Beach; Elva Swoffer, Santa Ana; Rudy Ramos, Gardena.

Following are the committees and their chairmen: Membership, Mabel Dandliker; Publicity, Aliene Williams; Race, Rudy Ramos; Tricks, Glen Dandliker; Entertainment, Joan Pearson; Welfare, Virginia Stearns; Ski Line, Kay Gordon; Planning, Frankie Ramos.

Mike Dixon, now spending all vacation and week-end time at Salton Sea's Desert Shores, is a new member of the Long Beach Club. Mike is 13 years old and the Club calls him "pretty sharp" on skis. They, along with the rest of us, are expecting great things of Mike this year.

The first open ski races of the year will be held on April 4th and

5th at Desert Shores. Fun races will be held on Saturday. Sunday's races are scheduled as follows: Small fry, twelve and under, three laps; Veteran Men over 25, five laps; Veteran Women over 30, four laps; Mixed Doubles, four laps; Hot Boat Races, three laps; Race across sea and back, conventional race for men and women with first, second and third places for each class.

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### C of C Booth Put at Marina

A Salton City Chamber of Commerce Information Booth has been installed at the Salton Sea Vista Marina, according to William E. "Bill" Newell, newly elected head of the Chamber.

Designed to help tourists and those interested in knowing more about Salton City, the booth will be under the supervision of the Chamber, Newell said.



WILLIAM E. NEWELL

## Newell Heads Chamber

William E. Newell, Salton Sea Associates, has been elected to the presidency of the Salton City Chamber of Commerce to replace William Dehn, who resigned due to personal business reasons.

Newell was elected to the position in the rapidly growing chamber by the directors at their March meeting. The vote was unanimous with Newell taking over his duties immediately.

Newell has served as a director of the chamber since its inception in September of last year and will retain that post together with his new position.

Newell, executive vice president of his firm, has been one of Salton City's most persistent and avid boosters since the entire development was initiated in 1958.

His firm completed the first marina on the Sea, opening it with gala ceremonies attended by state and county officials in which Linda Darnell christened the marina.

The directors of the chamber of commerce were unanimous in saying that his dynamic drive and devotion to work will be a great factor in helping the chamber of commerce to further its goal of making Salton City the finest resort area in the United States.



OPENING CROWD — First patrons of the brand new Hofbrau packed the place and it's been like that ever since. Just what the community needed!

## Hofbrau Open, Doing a Land Office Business

The new Hofbrau Restaurant in Salton City opened at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, March 14. The opening was a huge success and approximately 3,000 people were fed in the first two days.

The principal owner and operator of the Hofbrau is Mr. Edward G. Thrasher. Mr. Thrasher moved from Tulsa in 1949 to Santa Monica, where he first went into the restaurant business on a large scale. In the past ten years, Mr. Thrasher has owned and operated many well known restaurants, such as Fat Eddie's Restaurants, Goodie Goodie Restaurant, Jack's Drive-Ins, Goggles in Hollywood, Tweedies in Whittier, Stonewood Restaurant in Downey and others. He presently owns and is actively operating the Blue Dolphin on Lido Isle, Valley Ho in Panorama City and Stopps Coffee House in Lynwood. The beautiful Pam Pam Restaurant in San Francisco is also owned by Mr. Thrasher.

The Hofbrau Restaurant features outstanding food at very reasonable prices and features tap beer from the Anheuser Busch Breweries. The bar is so set up that thirty barrels of beer can be tapped at one time. The restaurant is equipped with the finest

and most modern equipment, including a radar oven. This oven will bake a potato in less than three minutes and will cook a thirty-pound frozen turkey complete in less than forty-five minutes.

Mr. Thrasher is proud to have with him head chef Leonard Blankenship. Chef Leonard has been with Mr. Thrasher for over eight years. He was schooled at Heidelberg University in Germany.

The restaurant will at present conveniently seat over 100 people and plans are already under way to expand the restaurant to seat an additional approximate 100 people.

The new signs painted on the roof of the chalet-type restaurant can be seen for a great distance from both directions on Highway 99. The restaurant has been so designed, in cooperation with the new Mobil Gas Service Station directly adjacent to the south, that while people are having their cars serviced at the new, modern station they can conveniently be fed at the Hofbrau.

## NUTS TO SMILES, JUST GIVE ME THE TICKET, MAC

San Francisco policemen who hand out tickets to errant motorists have been instructed by their leader to smile pleasantly while giving out tickets.

Frisco papers have even printed

## Derby Sponsors Waiting With Scales, Rules

Salton Sea set bag limit of six gargo; and has anybody caught a fish? Derby sponsors await with scales and rules. The corvina are still spawning but are due to move north any day. So, fishermen, register your catches with any of the following:

Oasis Garage; Sundial; Salton Sea Beach; Desert Shores; Country Club Estates; Salton City; Salton Riviera; Administration Bldg., Salton City; Salton Sands; Salton City Marina; Sandy Korner; Conchita Cafe, Mecca; Leon's Market, Mecca; Nite Spot Cafe and Hi Ho Cafe, Niland; Salton Sea State Park; Paul's Post; North Shore Yacht Club Estates; Don Hughes Sporting Goods, Highway 99, Indio.

## Ed Thrasher Says Thanks

Mr. Ed Thrasher, of Salton City's new Hofbrau, wishes to express his appreciation for the overwhelming reception given his new enterprise, and to thank the many local residents who made it possible to open and serve those who live around and visit the Salton Sea.

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We're old-fashioned enough to believe that when a motorist violates a law such as using Marina Drive as if it were the Riverside Speedway it's no laughing matter. It doesn't rate a smile, to say nothing of a laugh!

## Chicago Snowed In

About a couple of weeks ago it was reported that more than 1600 Chicagoans had to be treated in over 60 different hospitals for injuries received on icy, snowy streets and sidewalks.

Any folks coming to Salton City from the Windy City should be forewarned in advance that we don't have anywhere near that many hospitals here. But then again, we haven't noticed any icy, snowy streets and sidewalks, either.



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# Third Chapter in the Saga of Fig Tree John

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trespassing. A great number of moons went by and three times the Pleiades made the circular journey since Agocho had decided to stay awhile in the desert beside the inland sea. The mare had had a colt and now the colt was big enough to ride and was more than twelve moons old. Agocho's son was big enough to walk and could speak a few words and he had been on this earth for thirty-three moons. Agocho and Kai-a had stayed in one place for twenty-seven moons. Kai-a was growing tired of the desert and longed to return to the White River country where there were mountains and creeks and Agocho listened to her pleas. But here the land was his, at least most of it, while there the white men had made it a reservation and it didn't belong to anybody. He thought it would be nice though to see old friends again. Long Ears and Alchise and Datilye who said all white men would kill each other and die off in time because they all really hated each other and were afraid of each other and spent their whole lives planning ways to get the best of each other. Datilye said the white men were doomed and didn't know it because each one was too busy trying to get more than the other and couldn't see beyond his covetous desire and thus learn that this very desire was making him do everything wrong. Datilye was very wise. It would be nice to hear him talk again. Perhaps the white men were already killing each other back there. It might be a pleasant surprise to go back and discover that. So he and Kai-a decided to return to their country. Kai-a had been weaving many baskets and thought it would be well for Agocho to trade them in Mecca for supplies to take with them. Although Agocho did not want to go to this town he needed so many things, among them cartridges for his gun, he gathered the baskets and started toward Mecca.

Enroute he encountered two white men who eyed him strangely from behind the smoke trees. Agocho was startled to see them, watched them carefully for awhile decided they were afraid of him, then rode on. The two men were criminals and trying to escape the law. They had planned to hop a freight train near Mecca but when Agocho saw them they knew he would mention two white men on foot and the Constable would search for them. So instead after Agocho was out of sight they turned to the south, unconsciously following his footsteps. They would go to Niland and take a freight there, soon be out of California and safe. They were making slow progress and cursed at the soft sand as at times they would sink into it ankle deep. They finally reached dense growth and a clearing and were at Agocho's home. Joe, the older man, saw the horses and immediately saw the possibilities. When he determined that the child and Kai-a were alone he attempted to saddle and leave

with the mare and colt. But Kai-a was aware of their intentions, took her knife and attempted to stab them. In the skirmish which followed Joe struck her with an ironwood club and she fell to the ground. In the meantime, Agocho reached Mecca and waited all morning for the return of the storekeeper. His return brought much excitement and fast talking and Agocho couldn't understand very much of it. But the white men were speaking of the two criminals who had clubbed someone and stolen \$100 in Coachella and headed this way. The Constable was there and a search was being planned. "Like make trade for baskets?" said Agocho. "Sure — you bet your life," said the fat man, feeling very happy and important and quite willing to make a gesture now that he was an authority on crime and had been made a deputy sheriff. Agocho had 26 baskets closely woven. They were of many sizes and shapes. He offered \$3 for the entire load. "Need bullets," said Fig Tree. "Rifle got no bullets." "Well, guess that's fair enough," he said. "Rifle's no good without cartridges no matter who fires it. Two boxes ought to be enough to last you awhile. Now let's see. How would you like some flour?" "Sure," said Agocho. "Well, I'll give you some flour. Do you know what to do with can-

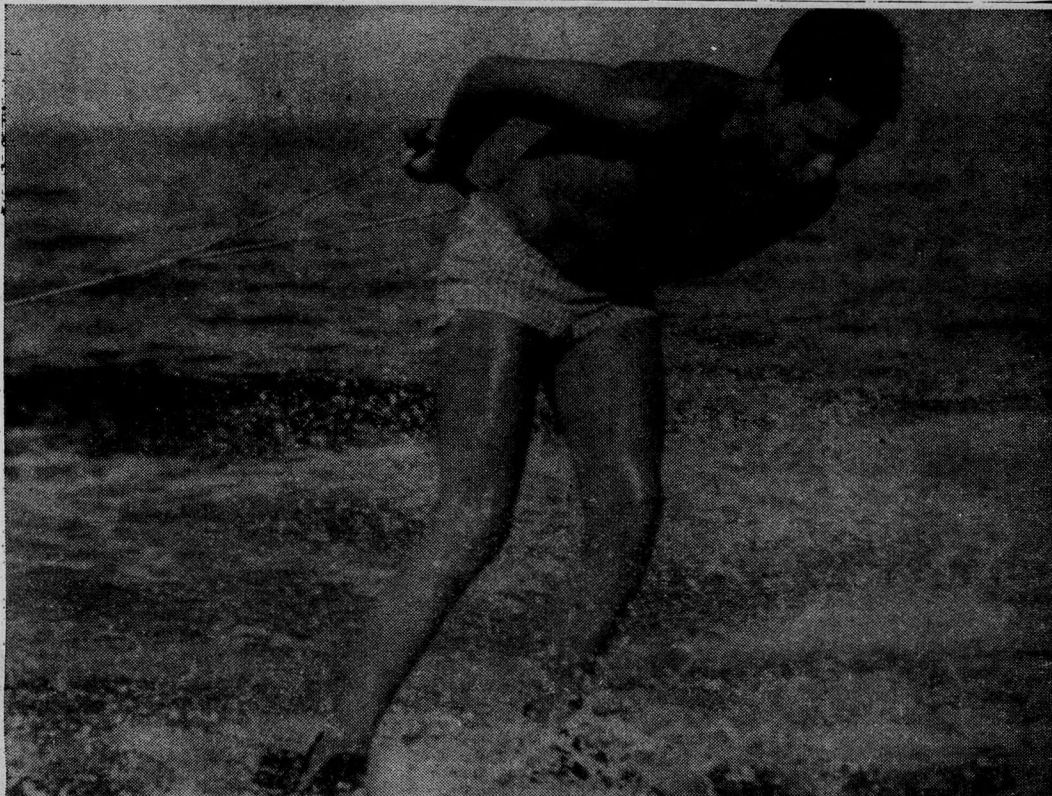
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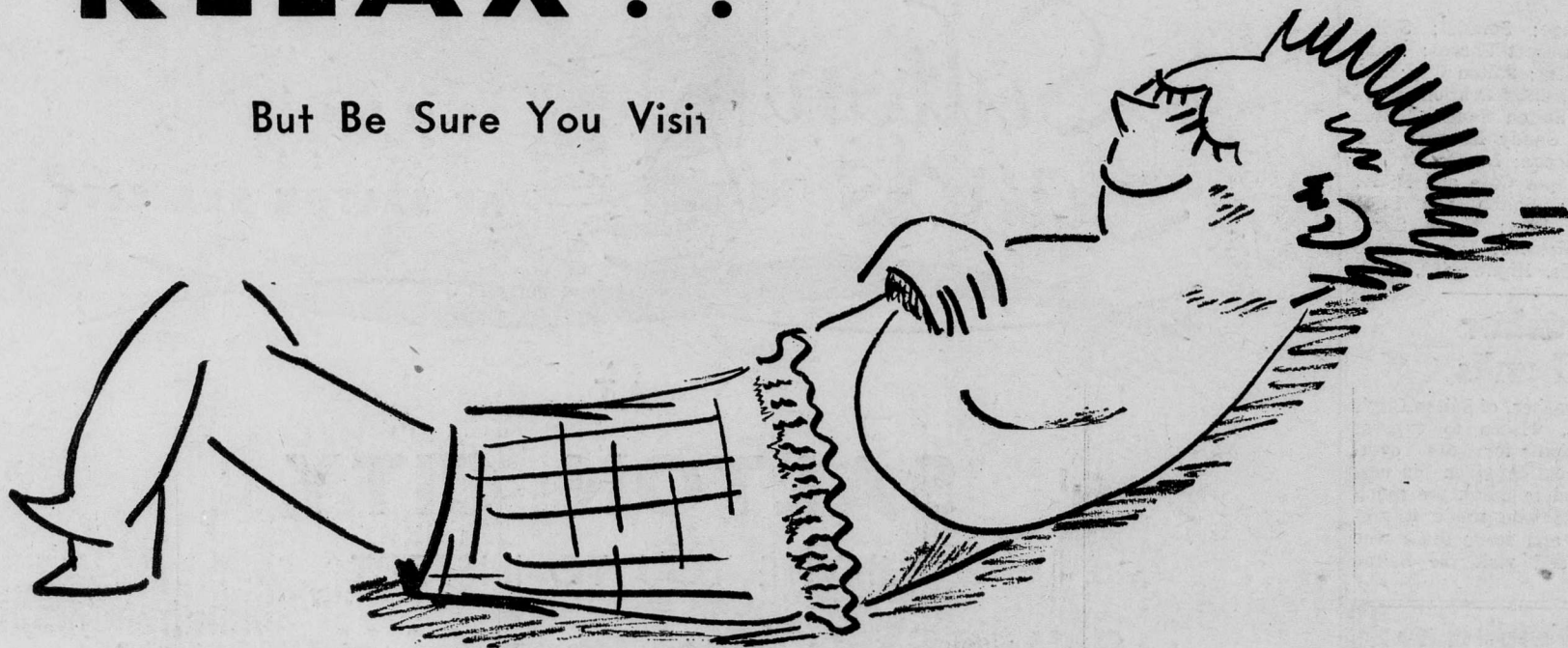
istence in various prisons, along with other prisoners, Miller was liberated and with his wife and son, who had been in the dreaded Santo Tomas prison, came back to the United States for rehabilitation. Later Miller rejoined his import company and succeeded in restoring Far East operations. A few years later he settled in Vista and entered the real estate business which he enjoys because "I have been a salesman all my life." Now a reserve Lieutenant Colonel, he taught for several years an Organized Reserve Corps class in San Diego. Miller has also been active in civic affairs. He has served as Chamber of Commerce president, Realty Board president and recently as head of the North County Chapter of Residential Appraisers.



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