

SPORTS FISHING CENTER NEAR BUHNE'S POINT TAKES SHAPE

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There's quite a job of work going on these days at the King Salmon Resort, by Buhne's Point. A huge dredge is scooping out channels for boats, a piledriver is thumping away on a sea wall, while bulldozers push mountains of earth into fills and carve out roads. For men with imagination and capital are laying out what promises to be a famed fishermen's resort in the near future.

What started it all was the fact that king and silver salmon come into Humboldt Bay to feed on anchovies and other small fish. And those salmon will bite!

These fish are not to be confused with spawners that come into the bay in late fall and early winter. They are prime salmon that come in from the sea and go out again, as they follow the schools of food fish. They are a great game natural.

Just since the war's end, the world at large has begun to discover Humboldt Bay is a sports fishermen's Eldorado — although that fact was known to local residents long ago. Thus the idea of a resort along the bay took shape. And the sheltered area north of Buhne's Point offered an ideal site for such a project.

IT'S A TWO-FISTED JOB

Getting King Salmon Resort dredged, filled, and laid out has had its engineering headaches, as LaMone Call can tell you. Call is president of Eureka Shipbuilders, Inc., owners of the land and project, and he's right there on the job every day.

There is no more familiar landmark on Humboldt Bay than Buhne's point—that place where Captain Buhne landed in 1850, and started Humboldt City, the bay's first community. Humboldt City has been a memory these many years, but the site of Captain Buhne's first settlement was well chosen. And it is on that site that King Salmon Resort is located — plus the help of modern machinery.

What most Humboldtians didn't know, however, was that Buhne's Point has been seriously eroded by currents and combers over the years. It faces directly toward the entrance to Humboldt Bay, and incoming rollers hit against it unchecked. Many acres have been washed away since Buhne's time, a hundred years ago.

This point acts as a buffer for the area north of it—a fact Captain Buhne noted when he started Humboldt City. Thus King Salmon Resort occupies a shelter of strategic protection.

The problem now is to stop further cutting away of Buhne's Point itself—which has loomed against the horizon as a half-hill since the white man first kept records.

That is why you see part of the hill-point cut away by bulldozers. It is being worked down to form a beach which will cause the waves to dissipate themselves harmlessly upon a shallow and rising bottom, instead of hitting the point full blast. This will stop the wave action which—if left alone—finally would have destroyed Buhne's Point. Hats off to Eureka Shipbuilders for a good job!

Elsewhere, above and below the point, Call and his crew have thrown up dikes and erected a pile-driven sea wall to complete the job. Thus the hand of mankind stays the destruction of nature.

But it has been a whale of an undertaking since dredging first started in February, 1948, although the worst is done now. In fact, in this, its second season, King Salmon Resort definitely expects to go places—for the days of pioneering are finished and it's time for the crowds to come in and enjoy themselves—and catch fish.

And so, another recreation center has been added to Humboldt's varied attractions—a summer colony that is destined to attract sports fishermen from all over the west.

PLANS FOR FUTURE

LaMone Call is an energetic man with imagination. "A lot of people either laughed or shook their heads, when we started this, he says. "Now, some of them are saying we have a million dollar project. They have to see before they can visualize what's coming."

"Needed soon will be a motel. And there are several good trailer camps here now, or developing. People from the interior valleys of California especially seem interested in Humboldt Bay, not alone for its great fishing, but for its coolness."

"I look for a number of people from San Francisco and Los Angeles to buy sites in the King Salmon Resort this summer. We are finishing dredging out boat channels so that people can moor their boats at the foot of their lots. And for those who do not want to bring boats, there will be plenty of rental craft available."

There are some thirty acres of property, Call tells you, but the company also owns over 400 acres along the bay, between Fields

Landing and Eureka. Much of this at one time comprised the old Buhne ranch, and is being held for future development.

Several houses already have been built on lots in the resort. Among these are places owned by Clyde Johnston, Charles Green, and Floyd Bagley. Construction is soon to start for Charles Smith, Felix Bisio, Bruce Simons, and a number of others. Most of these will be on lots that back against boat channels recently excavated.

BOAT OPERATORS

Pioneer sports fishing boat operator at King Salmon Resort is John Kinder, who bought channel frontage in January, 1948, and now has a landing dock, boats, and home. Kinder plans to lay out a trailer park this season, and will have a complete sportsmen's resort with tackle to rent, as well as a launching ways.

"I drove stakes here in the mud when everything was still in the blueprint stage," he recounts. "This year, we plan to go places."

Next to Kinder, along the same channel, are Helen and Gerry Coddling, of E-Z Landing fame on lower Eel river. Experienced sports fishermen, the Coddings have boat berths, all manner of tackle, and are laying out a trailer park, complete with newly planted trees. They also have an electrically operated launching ways, and plan to build a concrete boat storage house for the winter months.

"We'll have everything for the fisherman—even to a hot dog stand," Gerry says with a grin. "Word is spreading all over the state about Humboldt Bay, and I think we will have a big rush this season, with more to come."

On a separate channel, nearer to Buhne's point, Hugh Graham is completing what promises to be a fine layout. Already two dozen new boats are tied in neat order to his dock, and he is finishing a boat and tackle repair shop nearby—as well as building his home.

Hugh operated from the foot of Murray street last season but—like many others—feels that King Salmon Resort is a comer. He has a line in the fishing boat game since 1922, and has operated both at the Klamath river, and Big Lagoon, as well as Humboldt Bay. For a number of years, he managed the county park at Big Lagoon.

"We'll probably hold a salmon derby out of this resort during the summer," he says. "And I've brought in a large boat to handle fishing parties when they want guide service. You watch us go!"

TRAILER VILLAGE

On the easy slope of Buhne's point hill, near Highway 101—but not too near—is the King Salmon trailer village. This is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Jordan, and already fishermen are there. The village has a pleasant recreation room with radios and card tables, nearing completion. The Jordans are recent arrivals from Southern California, where they had lived for many years.

"Humboldt is the place for us," they both aver. "We only wish we could have come here sooner."

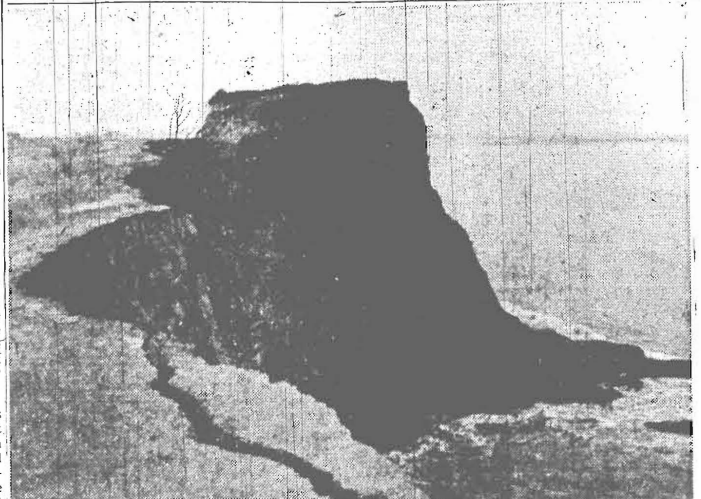
Harold, who is an experienced deep sea fisherman in Southern California waters, says the Humboldt Bay salmon match or beat the best he has battled in yellow-tails and barracuda around Catalina Island's famed fishing grounds. "And," he adds, "you have a cool green countryside here the year 'round. You can't beat it. We've just bought several more acres, looking ahead to the future."

"Looking ahead to the future" is right, for King Salmon Resort is developed enough now that anyone can see at a glance what is in store for it. Roads, water, and electricity are in; most of the boat channels are dug, and it is beginning to attract attention far and near. Let them start catching the big ones—and they will—and the gold rush will be on!

LOCAL PEOPLE DID JOB

Here is an enterprise that has been promoted and developed by Humboldt people. They saw the opportunities—and acted.

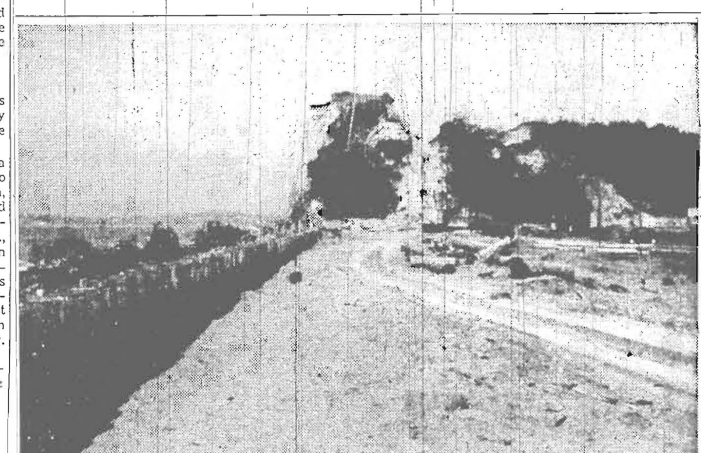
On the directorate of Eureka Shipbuilders, Inc., in addition to Chairman Call are Jim Pemberton, George Cousins, C. M. Gould, and Felix Bisio; while Dr. Bert McCreeley and Frank Breeden, Sr., also hold interests. Well known local names, every one of "em—and they and the several sports fishing boat owners had the fortitude to start King Salmon Resort from scratch, and back their faith in the idea with time and money. They deserve success.



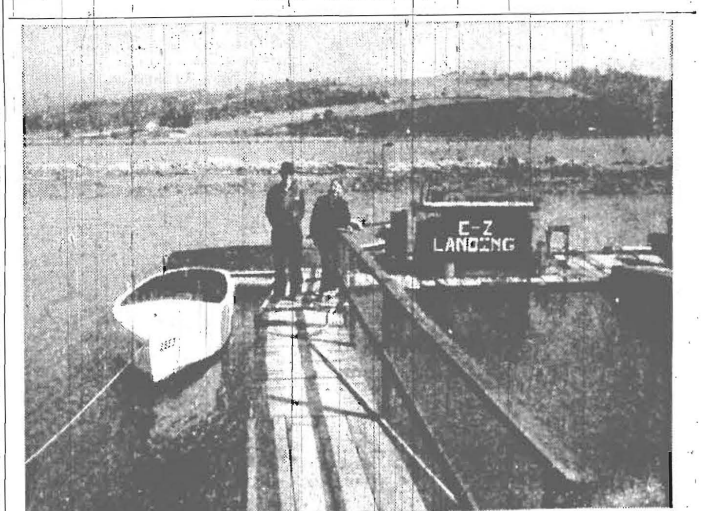
The Eureka side of Buhne's Point, showing effects of erosion by tides.



Panoramic view of part of King Salmon Resort, taken from peak of Buhne's Point, shows new boat channels.



Fields Landing side of Buhne's Point, showing sea wall and cuts in point taken to stop erosion. A successful job.



Gerry and Helen Coddling are proud of their new landing and fine boats.

Washed up long since as a fighter, he remains something of a hero to the German in the street. In his last fight, against one Richard Voight, who beat him, he hardly threw a punch. But the people were (and remain) in a forgiving mood.

Max is an oddity in Germany; he has more than enough money. Right now he is thinking of starting a moving picture corporation based in Hamburg, with the assistance of Mrs. Schmeling, the

former German film star, Anni Ondra.

Another familiar German athlete who weathered the tempest is Baron Gottfried von Cramm, one of the finest tennis players anyone saw in the middle and late 1930s. He was good enough to press Don Budge to five sets twice!

Von Cramm, who was jailed by the Germans on charges similar to those which put Bill Tilden in the clink, still plays

good tournament tennis. Whenever possible he plays exhibitions on the U. S. press center's court in Berlin, and currently is playing in the revived Berlin championship.

His German Davis Cup team doubles partner, Heinrich Heinkel, was killed during the war, flying with the Luftwaffe. Von Cramm has adopted Heinkel's son.

The Philippine Islands were ceded to the United States in 1899.

News of 25 Years Ago

HIGHWAY TO SACRAMENTO

Fred Shaffer, secretary of the Yolo County Board of Trade, disclosed that a highway panorama, visualizing a combination of practically all the varied scenic splendors of California and linking the great Northwest of the state with the capital at Sacramento will be presented as one of the plans for consideration by the committee appointed by Governor Richardson by virtue of legislative action.

NEW NAME FOR TRANSIT COMPANY

The West Coast Transit company will hereafter be known as Redwood Highway Stages following the announcement at the forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce at the Eureka Inn.

CITIZENSHIP GRANTS

Department two of the superior court heard 22 applications for papers of admission to citizenship rights of the United States. Naturalization Examiner Richard Wright of San Francisco examined the applications, 12 of whom were admitted.

NORWEGIAN CELEBRATION

The Norwegian lodges and the Normanna Literary society held their annual celebration in honor of the Norwegian independence day, May 17. A capacity crowd attended the event and an elaborate program prepared by the members included songs, recitations, and the location of the evening by Hans Trollnes.

HANGS SELF

Charles Gustafson, woodsman, who applied for accommodation at the city jail last week, hanged himself in the padded cell by the bandages wound around the wicket bars of the cell door. Twice previously he had cut himself with strips of tin from a snuff box which wounds were dressed by Dr. J. N. Chain.

CLOTHING DRIVE

A call has been sent out by the local Associated Charities for a donation of clothes and household goods for the purpose of carrying on the good work being done at the What-Not-Shop on Second street. Articles are sold in the shop for a nominal price and the proceeds buy bread and milk for needy children.

LEGION BESTS TIMES

The American Legion baseball team defeated the Times-Army nine here by a score of 8-0 on the high school diamond. Joe Shelley, winning pitcher, gave up but one hit for the evening as the Legion team cleared another obstacle on its way to the Twilight League championship.

STILL DISCOVERED

William McKay and Steve Hash, members of the local dry squad, uncovered a still near Jacoby creek. Investigation showed that two men who were captured, had established a distillery at the foot of a huge redwood 20 feet below the surface and had two kerosene stoves cooking up the moonshine in a 50-gallon still. Nearby were 200 gallons of mash.

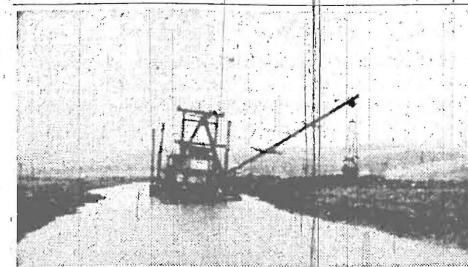
STREET BATTLE

The Northwestern Pacific railroad company filed a protest against the improvement of Commercial street which belongs to the city of Eureka and the property holders want it properly paved and opened to general traffic from Fifth street to the waterfront. The railroad bases its protest on the fact that the public may be endangered through crossing its tracks to the waterfront.

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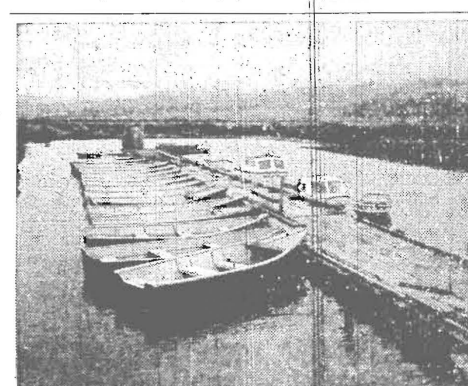
1945 Max was in trouble with the British for presuming that he could have as much gasoline as the conquerors. He got out of that, was cleared as a former Nazi leader—which he was after he kayoed Joe Louis—and is well thought of here today.



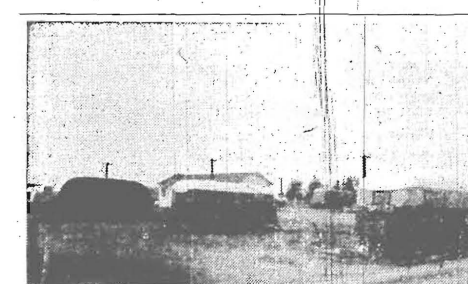
They're dredging new boat channels full speed.



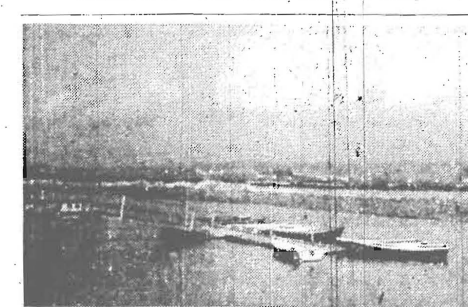
Inside the Graham boat repair and tackle shop; (left) Hugh Graham, Angelo Torretta, E. A. Rice.



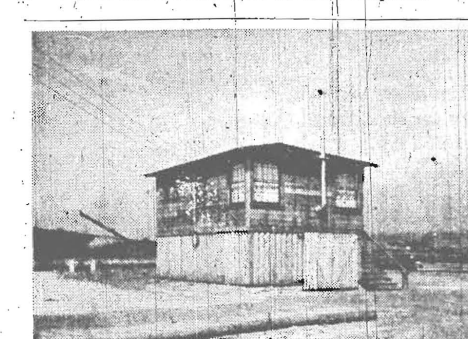
Hugh Graham's boats are lined up for action.



King Salmon Trailer village already is filling.



John Kinder's boat docks are about completed.



The Bagley fishing lodge is a clean-cut job.