

# Trinidad Recreation Area Result Of Co-operation

## LUMBERJACKS HAVE DONE FINE JOB ON PLEASURE PROJECT

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Trinidad, with its sheltered cove, rugged seacoast, and head of land jutting out to sea, long has been extolled as one of the most inspiring and attractive places on the north coast. Nor is its background of redwood forests and hills to be overlooked in the final picture. In an empire famed the world over for its beauty, Trinidad offers an outstanding combination.

So it was altogether fitting that a group of men, interested in the betterment of Humboldt should get together to develop Trinidad's unique recreational setting. The place has possibilities limited only by the scope of men's imagination and effort. It is a prime natural.

The Lumberjacks' Association of Arcata, recently decided to see what they could do. Their treasury was not exactly overloaded, but they felt the time had come to open the long-dormant Trinidad beach and cove to the public.

They got together with Earl Hallmark, who owns much of the sheltered waterfront at Trinidad, and agreed upon a program. Hallmark granted easements to the beach, while the city of Trinidad agreed to maintain the new roads and the picnic grounds, once they were installed.

There is no commercial angle to the development of the Trinidad Recreation area, the Lumberjacks tell you. The work is all being done by voluntary contributions—from one dollar up—and there will never be any charge to pleasure-seekers who use it.

### WHO IS DOING THE JOB?

President of the Lumberjacks' Association is Brouse Brizard, of Arcata, with Ted Lightbody as secretary, and Otho Davis, vice-president. Director of publicity is Lee Browne, while Bob Hensel heads the Association's Trinidad Recreation committee, and is in charge of construction.

Bob is a former state highway engineer. He drew up the master plan for the entire development, and everyone agrees that he is the man of the hour when it comes to getting things done.

It has been quite a job to get the project started. The old whaling station "kettle" and brick chimney had to come down. Then it was necessary to blast a number of big rocks that stood in the way of the necessary new road. And after that, they got into there with bulldozers and opened a three-car width road straight to the beach. Many interested people donated machinery and labor.

That road is done now, and you can drive your car down to the beach and launch a boat any time you want—and there are no strings tied to the deal. It's yours to enjoy to the utmost. And there are few fishing spots that offer as much as Trinidad cove. For the place is well sheltered, and sportsmen can go out in rowboats and catch whopping salmon a few hundred yards offshore.

### PLANS FOR FUTURE

Much still needs to be done on the Trinidad Recreation job, Bob and Lee tell you. A larger parking place is to be levelled off—for crowds are coming there in ever greater numbers as the word spreads. "And," Lee adds, "we've got to put in fireplaces, stoves, tables, and general conveniences for the people who want to picnic."

"Take the case of the man who wants to go fishing, but also wants to take his wife and kids along. If there is a decent picnic place for the family, they can enjoy themselves while dad—and maybe the older boys—get out and troll for salmon."

The Lumberjacks' idea is an altruistic one—they want their project to be strictly a recreational area for fishing and picnics. And they have put in some hard licks and spent quite a bit of money to make that idea work out. Nor do they expect any material gain.

"Among other things, we want to show the county and state what can be done with just one recreation spot," Lee continues. "The south spit of Humboldt Bay, and Big Lagoon, are ripe for the same type of development now. If it isn't done—and soon—those places will be taken over by private clubs, and everybody else will lose out. Then, when it's too late, they'll wake up."

"If civic organizations, co-operating with the sportsmen, can do a job like ours at Trinidad, then the state and county can do the same with other areas. And not the least of the benefits that would come from such a program would be the tourist trade. The more Humboldt has to offer, the longer they'll stay."

### THE FINISHED PICTURE

When the Trinidad recreation job is done, the Lumberjacks plan to have not only parking and picnic facilities, but boat landings as well. There is no surf to speak of inside the cove, Bob points out, and "most anyone can come and

go by boat with little trouble. Boats, motors, fishing tackle, and bait, are available there now, on a rental basis, you're told—and more will be put in when circumstances warrant. Rentals are not a part of the Lumberjacks project, however—all they are interested in is getting the job finished and operating for the good of all concerned.

"Earl Hallmark has made much of the Trinidad development possible," Bob states. "We very much commend his public-spirited attitude. And the Lumberjacks have done a big job without outside support. We need a hand now to get her done—though the worst is over, thanks to the efforts of many a volunteer."

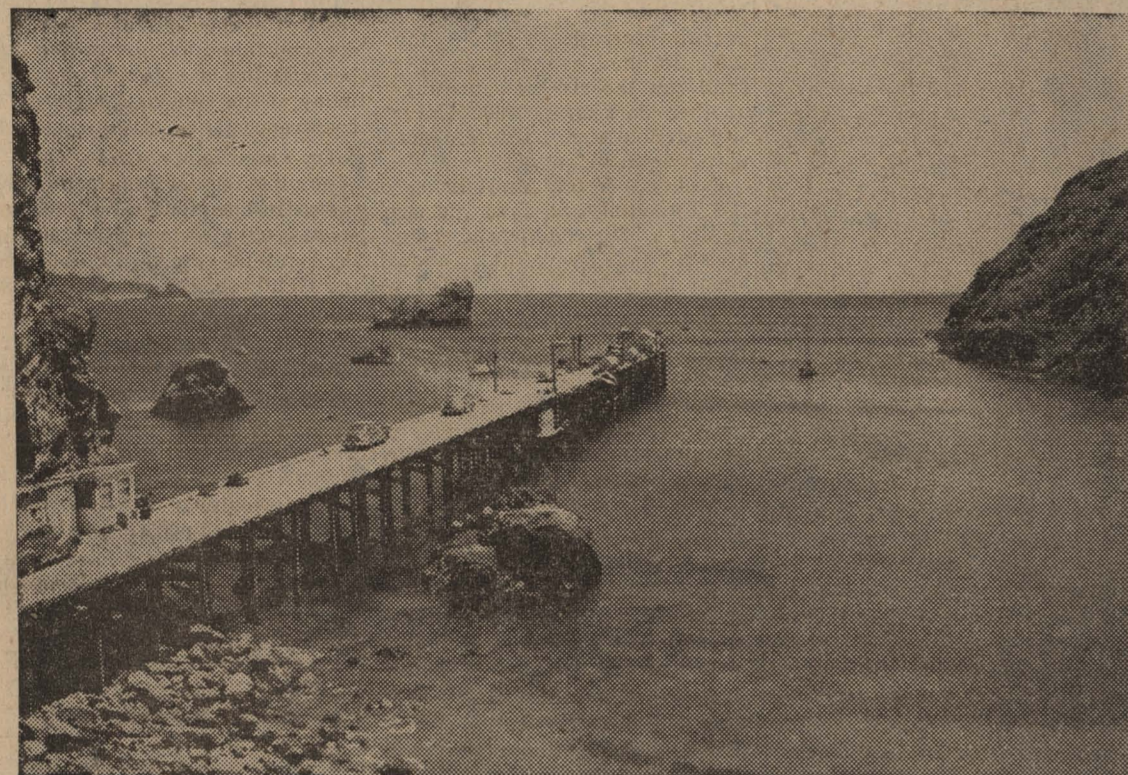
"Our county needs a unified effort to develop its recreational facilities, we think, for many big possibilities here are untouched."

### A VISIT TO TRINIDAD

To the person who remembers Trinidad of days gone by, the work that has been done—and is being done—there, is a revelation. The town itself never looked better, with its pretty homes and work being started on a new school. And for views, it is out of this world.

As you drive out toward Trinidad Head, the results of the Lumberjacks' work fairly rise up and steal the scene. It is a matter of moments to drive down to the beach, where the picturesque Hallmark dock offers a chance to walk a ways from shore and look back. The entire effect is most pleasing, and you find yourself agreeing wholeheartedly with the Lumberjacks' enthusiasm. Here is a project that will last indefinitely, with pleasure and good fishing for all.

And even as this is written, fishermen report Trinidad cove swarming with small food fish that the salmon come in from deep water to get. Not far offshore, the commercial fishermen were catching them by the hundred. So they're there—and it won't be long until you'll hear about the boys knocking 'em over at Trinidad. A salute to the Lumberjacks' Association.



The Hallmark pier in one arm of Trinidad cove makes a pretty picture as you look down from the hillside by the new recreation project road.



Looking down the newly cut road toward Trinidad beach. The old whaling station "kettle" used to stand near this spot.



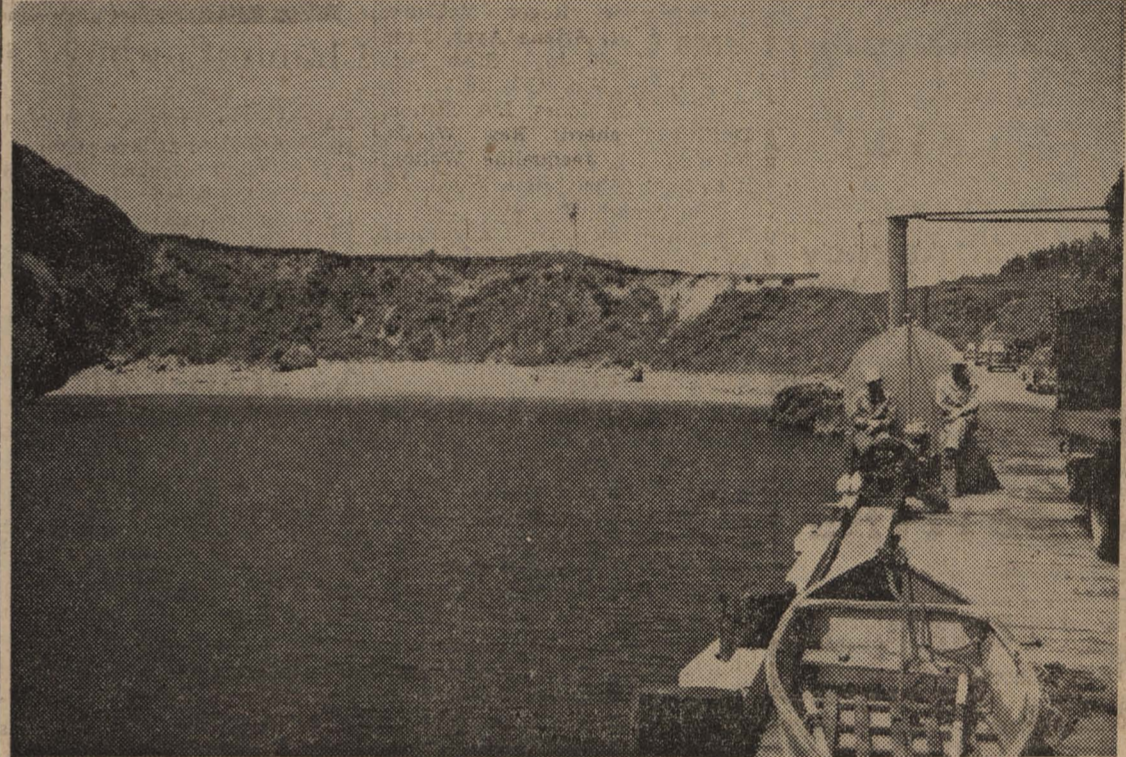
A nice job. The recreation project road is shown where it joins the beach. You can drive your car right down to the water.



The Trinidad Civic Club has done a nice job with their lighthouse replica. Construction is now under way on a stair from road above.



E. Mathewson and Denny Shaffer are carrying a load of salmon taken out of Trinidad Bay. Photo courtesy of "Butch" Wilson, Arcata.



View toward shore from Hallmark pier—and fishing's good!



Looking out to sea from end of Hallmark pier. Fishing vessels at anchor add final picturesque touch to an old-world setting.