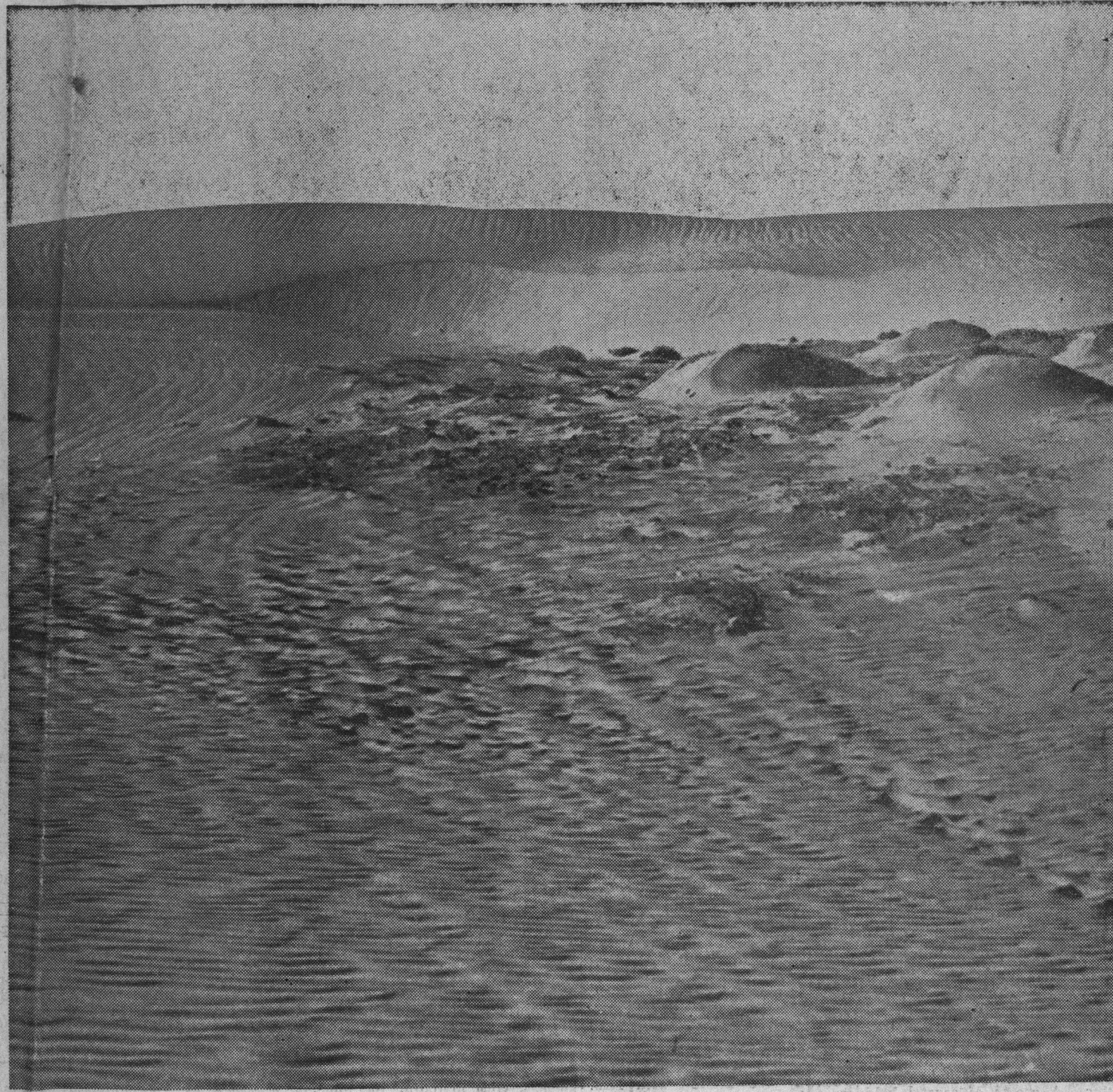


It **COULD** be the Mediterranean,
but within a few miles
of home you'll find...



Genoese fishermen

Cottardo "Trub" Ghio at 68 is the senior member of the now small clan of Genoese fishermen who came here around the turn of the century, finding the setting, climate and fishing opportunities much like those of the old country. After a 55-year career, he finally sold his boat

This could easily be taken for a section of the Arabian desert but

out. He continues to go down to the wharf each day to lend a hand—here he's mending a trawl basket used for cod fishing. His grandfather was Cottardo Stagnaro, patriarch of Italian fishermen in this area.

Santa Cruz

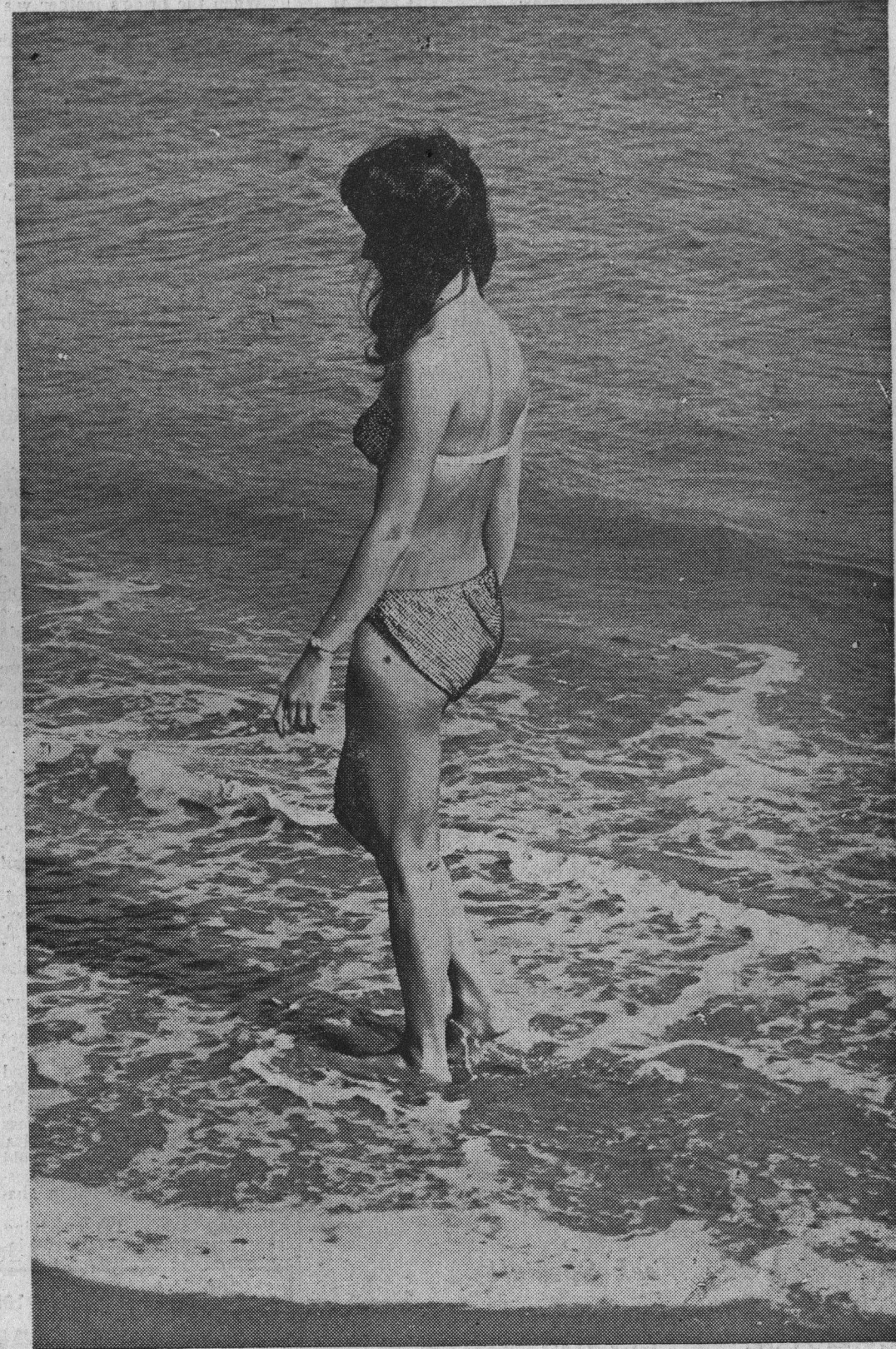
park on the point of land reaching out toward New Year island off Highway 1, just over the line into San Mateo county. The area is still undeveloped for park use.



Spanish charm

Built by the Santa Cruz area's first Spanish settlers, and in the style of their homeland, was this white-washed adobe, a treasured landmark on the Deloss Wilder ranch, four miles north on the Coast road. The original tiles remain on one end of the long, low building now used as a storeroom, the other end of which fell years ago. It is believed to have been built around 1820 and later was the home of Jose Antonio Bolcoff, a Russian who was one of the earliest foreign settlers in Spanish California. His wife was Candida Castro, daughter of Joaquin Castro, who had one of the first land grants in northern Santa Cruz county. This adobe, once much larger, housed them and their 11 children.

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The Riviera

While the water may be a few degrees warmer and the color a little bluer, Riviera scenery can't be any better than that found on Santa Cruz beaches now that summer's approaching. Even the bikini no longer is an exclusive feature of the foreign scene.