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Research
Rohner Creek Flood Control Project
Bridges and False-Front at Main Street Culver
February-March 2015

Ownerships for lots 5 and 6, Little Court Addition, location of Main Street Feed Building at 1635 Main Street.

Deeds 88:178 (16 Aug. 1904) Elizabeth Shultz Jackson and David Jackson to Gratton and Stillman Little [Stillman was father of Gratton], beginning at a point 404 feet E of NW cor SW qt SE qt sec 35, 3N1W; th along subdivision line E 254.5 feet; th S 70.1 feet; th S 89 degrees 15 minutes W 180.5 feet; th N 5.5 feet; th 71.70 degrees 48 minutes W 16.8 feet; th N 48 feet to place of beginning, containing 39/100 acres. [can't locate parcel 2 below]

Deeds 227:122 (24 May 1937) Gratton D. and Stella Sankey Little to R.R. and Lloyd Smith for \$6000, in City of Fortuna

Parcel 1. Beginning at point 404 feet E of NW cor SW qt SE qt sec 35, 3N1W, th along subdivision line E 254.5 feet; the S 70.1 feet; th S 89 degrees 15 minutes W 181.5 feet; th N 5.5 feet; th N 70 degrees 45 minutes W 76.8 feet; th N 43 feet to place of beginning, containing .39 acres.

Parcel 2. All that portion of W half NW qt SE qt sec 35, 3N1W, which lies south of county road from Fortuna to Rohnerville, excepting strip beginning at SW cor of Parcel 2; th E along S line 404 feet; th N 41 feet 10 inches; th W 404 feet; th S 41 feet 10 inches to place of beginning.

Maps 12:4,5 (May 1937) Map of Little Court Addition; owners R.R. and Lloyd Smith; Main Street Feeds on lots 5 and 6, Block 2 in Little Court.

Misc S:134 (20 May 1939) Declaration of Restrictions by R.R. and Lloyd Smith for lots 2-7, Block 1; 1,2,3 and 5-13, Block 2; 1-8, Block 3; 1-11 Block 4; 2-3 Block 5.

Declarants intend to sell and develop tract and impose a general plan or scheme of improvements. Each lot shall be covered by conditions.

- a. all lots are residential lots except those specifically excepted in paragraph b. Only detached single family dwellings or one, two-family duplex; limited to two stories
- b. lots 1-5, Block 1 and lots 1-6, Block 2 may be for either residential use or commercial use and no business shall be conducted thereon until it has been approved in writing by committee [appointed by subdividers]
- c. set backs
- d. no residential lot less than 5000 sq ft.
3. no noxious or offensive trade
- f. no person of African, Asiatic, Mongolian descent shall own, use or occupy any building or lot except for domestic servants employed by owner
- g. no trailers, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn shall be used as a residence.
- h. no structure shall be moved onto lot unless it meets with committee approval
- i. no building erected until the design and location thereof is approved by committee
no dwelling less than \$2000 and 800 square feet
- k. conditions run with land until 1 Jan. 1965.

Les Pendens H:69 (19 July 1941) Bank of Loleta vs. R.R. Smith, Ida Smith, Lloyd Smith, foreclosure on deed of trust of 1 May 1940 by R.R. Smith. In Little Court Addition, lots 2-9, Block 1; lots 2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,11, 13 Block 2; lots 1-8, Block 3; lots 1-11, Block 4; lots 2 and 3, Block 5.

Deeds 273:418 (23 March 1945) Bank of Loleta to State of California. Parcel 1, portion of lots 2 and 3, Block 2; Parcel 2, portion of lots 5 and 6, Block 2, Little Court Addition, for public highway.

Deeds 273:483 (27 March 1945) Bank of Loleta to Francis M. Brown and Amelia C. Brown. Lots 5 and 6, Block 2, except portions deed to State for widening state highway and subject to conditions in Misc. S:134.

Deeds 276:481 (16 Oct. 1945) Bank of Loleta to George and Clara Head, Albert and Mary Nicholson and Vernon and Irene Nicholson, lots 7,8,9 Block 2; lots 2-8, Block 3; lot 2, Block 5, Little Court Addition, subject to conditions in Misc. S:134.

OR 15:121 (23 May 1946) Bank of Loleta to George Head, Albert Nicholson and Vernon Nicholson, lots 2,3,4,5, Block 1, Little Court Addition, except portion deeded to State and subject to restrictions in Misc. S:134.

OR 135:160 (30 June 1950) Francis and Amelia Brown to Vernon and Irene Nicholson, those portions of lot 5 and 6, Block 2, beginning at a point on said line of said lot 5 located S 13 degrees 34 minutes W 14.18 feet from NE cor thereof; th S 13 degrees 34 minutes W 84.82 feet; th N 76 degrees 26 minutes W 82.80 feet along southerly line lots 5 and 6; th N 11 degrees 1 minutes E 82.23 feet to southerly line of State Highway right of way; th Easterly along last mentioned right of way 86.51 feet to point of beginning, three liens to Wassman, Grace Briggs and Langer and Kretner. [Brown mortgaged property in 1948 and mortgaged the personal property in the Fortuna Locker Storage including office equipment and equipment for business, i.e, meat grinder, lockers, cutting tables, etc.

1993:15193 (4 June 1993) Interspousal Transfer, Grant Deed to terminate joint tenancy. Miles M. Noah, joint tenant with Velna J. Noah to Miles M. Noah, as tenant in common with Velna Noah. In Fortuna. Those portions of lots 5 and 6 in Block 2 of Little Court Addition, beginning point on east line of lot 5, located S 13 degrees 34 minutes W 15.18 feet from NE cor thereof; and running th S 13 degrees 34 minutes W 84.82 feet; th N 76 degrees 20 minutes W 82.80 feet along the southerly line of lots 5 and 6; th N 11 degrees 1 minutes E 82.83 feet to the southerly line of the State Highway, as deeded to the State 23 March 1945 (273:418); th easterly along last mentioned line 86.51 feet to point of beginning.

Main Street Feeds Warehouse

1625 Main Street, 040-251-001 on Lot 1, Block 10, Eastern Addition

SBF33:6 Jacob and Andrew Starar [also Starrar] were the first settlers on the Rohner lands at Fortuna. It is said 12th street (which is an extension of the Sandy Prairie Road) was called First

St. and was the eastern city limit of Fortuna. Starrar Bros. came by boat to Humboldt arrived 22 Feb. 1851.

Deeds 51:307 (13 July 1894) Adelia Underwood to Wesley Underwood, Beginning at point 20.1 chains N from quarter section corner on S side sec 35, 3N1W; th S 89.5 degrees W 8.21 chains; th W 11.66 chains; th S 89 degrees E 8.23 chains; th S 7 minutes W 11.45 chains to place of beginning, 9.5 acres.

Surveys 3:47 (1 Jan. 1902). Survey 84. Eastern Addition to Fortuna, on south side of Rohnerville Road; western border Sandy Prairie Road, next street to east Underwood, next East, next Haight, next Herrick. Two cross streets running west to east, Myrtle and Willow. Original Lot 1 was about 97x100 feet. Note by surveyor Herrick, "said monuments are for all of the Underwood additions. This was only clue to who had the survey conducted. "

Deeds 78:102 (2 Jan. 1902) Wesley Underwood to Henry J. Bridges 9.5 acres.

Deeds 78:437 (14 March 1902) Henry Bridges to Stillman S. Little, lots 1,2,3, Blk 10, Eastern Addition.

Could not find deed from Stillman to Gratton.

Deeds 168:311 (5 Dec. 1924. Gratton D. and Stella S. Little to Hans P. Hansen, lots 1,2,3, Blk 10, Eastern Addition.

Deeds 175 :268 (3 March 1926) Hans P. and Elizabeth Hansen to Charles G. Offutt, lots 1,2,3, Blk. 10

Deeds 205:313 (16 Dec. 1931) City of Petaluma, Sonoma Co., Charles and Doretha Offutt, administrators of estate of Charles G. Offutt to John F [H]. Collins lots 1,2,3, Blk 10

Deeds 205:364 (11 Jan. 1932) John F. and Eva Collins to Fred P. Newell, lots 1,2,3, Blk 10

1907 Directory, Fortuna, John H. Collins, painter

1910 Census, Rohnerville, John H. Collins, 39, Oregon, Main Street, paper hanger

1930 Census, San Joaquin, Mantica, John Collins, painter

Died in San Joaquin 18 Dec. 1949, B 2 Oct. 1870.

Deeds 205:365 (12 Jan. 1932) Fred P. Newell and Margery Newell to John H. Collins, lots 1,2,3, Block 10.

Deeds 220:87 (6 Feb. 1932) John and Eva Collins to B.F. Morgan, lot 1, Blk 10, 85x45 feet.

Deeds 273:421 (27 March 1945) B.F. Morgan and Francis and Amelia Brown to State of California for highway right of way, Portion of lot 1, Blk 10, Eastern Addition, commencing at NE cor lot 1, Blk 10; th S 85 feet; th W 45 feet; th N 85 feet; th E 45 feet to beginning, then description of right of way granted to State.

Deeds 273:402 (17 April 1945) Agreement to sell. B.F. Morgan to Francis and Amelia Brown, \$3000, lot 1, Blk 10, Eastern Addition, 85x45. The seller agrees that the buyer may make such alterations and additions to the building on the property as maybe necessary to adapt it to their use. The buyer agrees to maintain the building on the property in such state of repair as to permit its use for the storage of goods and chattels. The buyer agrees that when the building is occupied to carry fire insurance. Payment plan outlined.

OR 31:374 (1 Jan. 1948) Lease F.M. and A.C. Brown to George Head and Vern Nicholson, \$4,500 annual rent; lease of warehouse at 1625 Main for five years, beginning Jan. 1, 1948. Lessors agree to keep foundation, sidewalls and roof in good order; Lessees will make no alterations without written consent; Lessees have right to assign or sublet; if lessees put in windows, need consent of Lessors.

OR 56:104 (13 July 1948) Francis and Amelia Brown to Vernon Nicholson and George Head. Lot in Eastern Addition, that portion of lot 1 in Block 10, Eastern Addition to City of Fortuna, beginning at point on east line lot 1 located 2014 feet south of NE corner thereof; and running th southerly 64.86 feet; th westerly and parallel with N boundary of lot 1 45 feet; th northerly and parallel with E line 72.03 feet to southerly line State Highway (Deeds 273:421); th easterly 45.39 feet to point of beginning.

Also that portion of lot 6 Block 2, Little Court, beginning at a point on the west line of lot 6, located 82.77 feet N of SW corner thereof; th S along said W line 82.77 feet; th S 76 degrees 26 minutes E 6.35 feet along Sly line lot 6; th N 11 degrees E 82.23 feet to southerly line of State Highway; th Wly along highway right of way 22.3 feet to point of beginning.

OR 1994:12759 (22 April 1994) Trust Transfer Deed, Irene E. Nicholson to Irene Elenor Nicholson, Trustee, Nicholson Family Trust. APN 40-251-17, That portion of lot 1 in Block 10, Eastern Addition to City of Fortuna, beginning at point on E line lot 1 block 10, located 20.14 feet south of NE cor thereof; a running th Southerly 64.86 feet; th westerly and parallel with N boundary of lot 1, 45 feet; th northerly and parallel with E line 72.03 feet to southerly line State Highway (Deeds 273:421); th easterly 45.39 feet to point of beginning.

Also that portion of lot 6, Block 2, Little Court Addition, Beginning at point on W line lot 6, located 82.77 feet N of SW cor thereof; th S 4.5 minutes E along west line 82.7 feet; th S 76 degrees 26 minutes E 6.35 feet along southerly line of lot 6; th N 11 degrees 1 minutes E 82.23 feet to southerly line of State Highway; th Westerly along right of way 22.3 feet to point of beginning.

Tax Assessments

1904 S.S. Little W half NW qt SE qt south of county road sec 35, 3N1W, 10 acres \$1000 real estate; \$450 improvements

In Fortuna Eastern Addition lots 1,2,3, Blk 10, \$200; no improvements

1915 Gratton Little, Eastern Add. Lots 1,2,3, Blk 10, \$220; 0 improvements; Eastern Add. Lots 3,4, Blk 11, \$220; \$200; W half NW qt SE qt sec 35, 3N1W, lying south of County road; 10 acres; \$10000; \$550. Furniture, sewing machine, piano, farm utensils, auto.

1924 Gratton Little, Eastern Add., lots 1,2,3, Blok. 10, \$400; 0 improvements.

1925 Hans P. Hansen, Eastern Add. Lots 1,2,3, Blk. 10, \$400; \$200 improvements.

1935 John H. Collins, Eastern Add., 45x86 feet in NE cor lot 1, Blk 10. \$50; \$400 improvements. Eastern Add. Lots 2,3, and 1, less 45x86 feet, \$280; \$400.

1945 B.F. Morgan, Eastern Add. Beginning at NE cor lot 1, Blk10; th S 85 feet; th W 45 feet; th N 85 feet; th E 45 feet to beginning; \$110; \$450 improvements

1910 U.S. Census, Hydesville

Hans P. Hansen, blacksmith

1920 U.S. Census, Scotia [Rio Dell]

Peter Hansen, proprietor of garage

1930 U.S. Census, Rohnerville

Hans P. Hansen auto mechanic auto garage

1940 U.S. Census, Fortuna

Hans P. Hansen, stationary engineer, lumber

Toni Noah at Main Street Feeds and couple of guys. 3 March 2015.

She said a woman came into store with photos showing the warehouse next door under construction about 1946. Guys in store said Mike Corley had Dave's Auto Clinic there; Joe Toroni had Joe's Auto Glass there. Owner of warehouse: Marvin Nicholson, 3060 Della Waters Road; Medford, Or 97504; 541-734-0839 (H); 541-535-3889 (W). [phone numbers don't work]

References

FE (11 May 1906) Stillman Little, an old and well known resident of Fortuna committed suicide by hanging last Tuesday evening. He was missed from his home and upon search being made his body was found, hanging to a rafter in a barn on his son's farm near Fortuna. He had been in ill health for about a year....He is survived by a son Gratton Little, a well-known Fortuna resident, Stillman Little was a native of New Brunswick, aged about 67 years.

HB (24 Jan. 1908) Passing of Wesley Underwood; One of the First Settlers in this Section is no More—born in Indiana in 1824; family went to Illinois then Missouri; came to Calif. 1849 returned to Missouri, where he married in 1853 to Amelia Hanan. They crossed plains with oxy team on their wedding trip, 6 months on the road; settled at Cuddeback, living there until about 1859 (?) Came to Fortuna, they purchased of Andrew Star[Starar or Starrar] the 49 acres now owned by the Rohner estate south of town together with 24 acres from Jacob Starar, the last piece of land embracing in part what is now known as the Eastern or Underwood Addition to Fortuna.

Here he lived until six years ago when on Jan 1902 he went to Arkansas. The following year he returned to California going to Mayfield where his son Wm. Ned Underwood resided; remained there until his death; eight children, Pryor, Almer, Mary, Seth, Marzila, Wm., Matilda, Sara, all dead expect Sarah who lives with her mother in Fortuna; only brother living is John Underwood, Dows Prairie.

HB (12 Dec. 1924) Hansen to Build Garage in Fortuna—H.P. Hansen of Rio Dell, who sold his garage in that town, has purchased the Gratton Little property on the corner of 10th and C in Fortuna and expects to put up a garage and enter business in Fortuna.

RR (25 March 1940) New Furniture Store Opened in Fortuna...Fortuna Furniture Co....owned and operated by Geo Head, for the past 15 years connected with furniture houses in Humboldt Co., for past 2 years in Fortuna; Vernon Nicholson is employed as salesman for the new concern; carry complete line of household furnishings; across from Bank of Fortuna.

HB (31 March 1944) To Start Obtaining Deeds for Highway Through Fortuna.

HB (30 March 1945) New Cold Storage Plant for City Is Underway—Francis Brown and Ray Sandlin, well-known Fortuna butchers, have made application with government authorities to establish a food storage locker system in the City of Fortuna.

They have chosen the location across from the entrance of Rohner Park for their new enterprise. Before priorities may be obtained to go ahead with the proposed plans, the government regulations require that at least 410 of the possible 500 reservations must be paid in advance for one year. The locker equipment may then be released for installation.

In today's Beacon appears an ad with coupons which one may fill out and send to the Bank of America. Those who make first application will be given first choice to the location and space of the lockers.

Fortuna is indeed fortunate in having in its city such enterprising business men who are planning for the future needs of its citizens and those of the surrounding territory. To make this centrally located and modern plant available at a near future date, a quick response will be necessary. [ad "Reserve Your Food Storage Locker Now." With coupon.]

HB (23 Nov. 1945) Modern Freezing Plant Opens In Fortuna This Sat.—What is to be the most modern cold storage plant in northern California is Fortuna's newest business enterprise which opens this Saturday opposite the entrance to Fortuna's beautiful Rohner Park

The opening of this plant culminates a dream of Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Brown who have spent many months of planning and diligent endeavor to bring to Southern Humboldt the latest in refrigeration, which is fast becoming the most approved method of storing food.

This installation meets a large need in this community as all but a few of the 502 boxes installed have already been leased.

The owners, however, have looked to the future when Southern Humboldt expands in her population, making possible the installation of 1000 boxes as the need arrives.

The public will be invited to the opening Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. Brown, who will have full charge in the future, Mr. Brown himself taking care of the trade while Mrs. Brown assumes her duties in the office. Mr. Brown has placed Troy Sandlin manager of the A&B Market with Ralph Houch his able assistant.

K.D. Roberts of Ferndale has been responsible for the construction of the new stucco building which is modern in all its architectural lines. Inside space has been provided for 5,000 feet of commercial storage which will give restaurants, bakeries, etc., ample room to store their food stuffs.

There will be a poultry department where poultry may be killed and processed, also facilities for curing and smoking meats as well as rendering lard.

Space has been reserved where patrons may come and prepare fruits, berries, vegetables, etc. for quick freeze which seals juices and flavor instead of drawing them out. Vitamin content is preserved also by this method.

Brizards of Arcata are responsible for the complete refrigeration installation, directed by Ed Barker.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are to be congratulated and commended for their enterprising spirit which has made this plant possible. They both have had experience in the meat business.

Before coming to Fortuna, Brownie, as he is popularly called by his friends, was employed for five years by Russ at the abattoir, Spic and Span Market Eureka, and at Klamath where he was manager of their market, becoming familiar with each phase of the business.

HB (18 Feb. 1954) Obit Bert F. Morgan, died 11 Feb. 1954. Bertram Franklin Morgan, born Solano Co., 14 Feb. 1880; came to Humboldt County with parents and brothers Laurence C. and Charles, when a boy. Left area for awhile; when he returned his brother Laurence had graduated from Eureka Business College in 1899 and was associated with general merchandising firm of Newell and McIntyre. He had married Edith Newell; eventually Bert became associated with firm and in 1909 bought the junior interest in the firm. In 1936 L.C. Morgan died and Bert became general manager and co-proprietor until the firm was sold in 1945 and became Bistrin's Dept. Store. After 1945 and until his death, Bert was associated in the firm of Foley and Morgan, Inc. and the FOMO Corp. with extensive timber holdings, in Humboldt, Frinity and Mendocino counties; very involved in civic affairs.

HT (4 Nov. 1954) Obit Gratton D. Little, age 88, born Cooper, Maine 10 April 1866; came to Eureka Oct. 15, 1876 with family settled in Fortuna; worked in logging till 1887; then 2 years as clerk of Grand Hotel in Eureka; then Eel River Railroad as fireman and continued in railroading for much of his working career. Fortuna City Council 1910 for 4 years; then appointed receiver of public monies in land office; April 1922 bought candy store; Jan. 1938 built apartment house in Arcata; married Miss Stella Sankey in 1914; daughter Bernice Little; burial Ocean View

HB (3 Aug. 1972) Obit Hans P. Hansen, died at age 93; lived in Fortuna since 1924; native of Norway; resided at 982 I Street. Died 28 July 1972. He was a ship's carpenter for a number of years but for more than 40 years had been a blacksmith and machinist.

Father of Anne Kine of Eureka; Herman Hansen, Fortuna; Lillie Puckett, Santa Rosa; Charles Hansen, Alton; Elsie Nelsen, Eureka; Eunita Taron, Santa Rosa; Laurene Sherman, Lodi and Marilyn LaTour [?], Santa Rosa; many grand and great grandchildren.

T-S (13 Sept. 1998) Obit Francis Meredith "Brownie" Brown/ photo. Born 20 Sept. 1917 in Eureka; died 9 Sept. 1998, age 80; Raised in Bayside; 1939 married Amelia "Millie" Christensen, moved to Fortuna. He was a butcher by trade; opened A&B Market in White Grocery in 1941 and later built Fortuna Locker and Storage; then operated insurance and real estate business for seven years in Rio Dell; Retired 1979 from U.S. Postal Service in Fortuna.

Avid interest in nature, hunting, camping, gardening, beach combing, photography and shopping at farmers' markets. As a charter member of Nature Discovery Volunteers he spent years assisting the late DR. Doris Niles making nature presentations at area school and local

groups, as well as assisting her classes in Hawaii; gathered specimens for annual wildflower show in Eureka, which he helped establish.

Warm, caring heart, sense of humor, silently teaching us by the way he lived; two daughters Shella Brown, Astoria, Oregon and Clista and Jon Lewis, Fortuna; six grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren.; wife died 19 Sept. 1976 and infant twins 16 Feb. 1943.

HB (14 Oct. 1946) Obit Vernon Nicholson, died 4 Oct. in Roseburg, Oregon; age 73; native of Fields Landing; graduation of Fortuna High School in 1932. After graduation he operated Fortuna Furniture and then owned and operated Quality Hardware for 17 years before retiring. WW II veteran in U.S. Army Air Corps. Survived by wife Irene; sons Charles and Patty Nicholson, Sacramento; and Marvin and Denise Nicholson, Medford, Oregon; grandchildren....

Directories

1898-1899 Fortuna: Gratton Little, rancher, south side Main east of 1st

1898-1899 Fortuna: Stillman S. Little, rancher, south side Main east of 1st.

No Underwood

1902 Fortuna Gratton Little, farmer, r 1-4 m e County Road

1902 Fortuna Stillman Little, farmer, r 1-4 m e County Road

Adelia Underwood, carpet weaving r. Main near Underwood

1902 Fortuna Sadie Underwood, dressmaker r Main near Underwood

Harry Bridges apple buyer r 1 me Main Road

1905 G.D. Little, fireman, r. Eastern Addition

No Stillman

Miss S.E. Underwood, student r. East

No Bridges

1910 Gratton Little, Clerk

1948 Fortuna Locker Storage, F.M. Brown, wholesale meats and individual lockers, 1635 Main

1948 Fortuna Furniture Co. (Vernon Nicholson, Geo. Head) 13th and Main

1949-50 Fortuna Locker Storage, F.M. Brown, 1635 Main, Fortuna

1949-50 Nicholson, Vernon (Irene) Fortuna Furniture Co., 13th and Main

1952-53 Fortuna Lock Storage, George W. High and Arthur & Audrey Pleas, 1635 Main

1952-53 Vernon Nicholson, Quality Hardware, [uptown Main street]

1957 Vernon Nicholson, Quality Hardware complete line of hardware 1240 Main.

1959 no Dave's

1960 Fortuna Locker Storage Service (Dennis Swanson and Wm. Easley) 1635 Main

1960 Vernon Nicholson, Quality Hardware, [elsewhere]

1960 Dave's Motor Clinic was located at 899 Main

1961-1991 Dave's Motor Clinic (James and Linda Corley), 1625 Main

2002 no Dave's

Could not find Joe's Auto Glass.

1980 Feed Dealers, wholesale, Main Street Feed Store, 1635 Main

Phone Directories

1991 Feed dealers, wholesale, Main Street Feed Store (Miles M. and Velma Noah, 1635 Main St., 725-5565

2014 Main Street Feed, Miles Noah, president, 1635 Main St., 9 employees,

Bridges/Flood Control/Street Widening

HB (30 April 1948) Mercer Fraser Co. awarded contract for the new Highway 101 work from 16th St. in Fortuna south approximately three miles, bid \$521,000.

HB (14 May 1948) Activity on the widening of south Main St. and its continuation as Highway 101 started....Houses are being moved, brush cleared and burned and surveyor's busy along the three-mile stretch.

HB (31 Dec. 1948) 35 Initiate Flood Plan for Rohner Creek Area—Thirty-five property owners gathered at Odd Fellows Hall here Wednesday night to consider ways and means of protecting property along Rohner Creek and its tributaries from overflow damage such as that which hit the area earlier this month....committee appointed.

HB (7 Jan. 1949) Rohner Creek Survey Started Here Thursday—County Surveyor Frank Kelly and Walter Selvage, Eureka contractor, were scheduled to start a cost estimate survey on Rohner Creek and environs to determine best methods and approximate costs of the proposed flood control and drainage program in the area....

HB (25 Feb. 1949) Rohner Creek Flood District Plans Delayed--....The matter which has been receiving close study could receive no assessment for funds to work on the creek until after it was approved by the Board of Supervisors and then forwarded to Sacramento for further study and approval.

HB (3 June 1949) Rohner Creek flood control committee will hold a special meeting of all interested property owners in Firemen's Hall Tuesday to discuss recommendations of the County Surveyor. It is proposed that a project be formed to clear Rohner Creek for flood protection, avoiding a repetition of the flood which last December endangered all of South Fortuna and the Highway 101 area.

HB (10 June 1949 [Fortuna Main Street Paving Completed, but not really still work to be done]

HB (15 July 1949) City To Clear Rohner Creek North of Main.

HB (22 July 1949) First Unit of Rohner Creek Debris Cleared—Citizens in the area of Stillman Way and further southwest of the highway arose early last Sunday to begin the clearing of that portion of Rohner Creek from Brown's Food Locker south to Fred Wolff's with other citizens to carry on from there to Sandy Prairie Road with the City doing the work from the north city limits to Main Street through Rohner Park.

As now handled, it is a project for all, with arrangements being made to clear the creek all the way and thus prevent recurrence of flash floods which swept the area last December....

HB (22 Jan. 1953) [Rohner Creek floods Trailer Village; water running down Highway 101]

HB (31 Dec. 1953) [Trailer Village flooded several times in past five years; being raised by three feet of fill; in previous flood the water flowed down highway; this will put village 12 feet above highway]

HB (10 March 1955) Rohner Creek Flood Control Meeting—Fortuna City Council...to consider establishment of a Rohner Creek Flood Control District....The Council has indicated its sincere interest in pushing the flood control project, considered by many advocates the most important issue now before the City to safeguard future development of the city....

HB (9 June 1955) City Seeks to Expand Flood Area council asked city engineer to redraft proposed Rohner Creek district

HB (4 Aug. 1955) New Rohner Creek Plan Ready for Petitions. City Engineer Paul Schmook presented a revised survey on the proposed Rohner Creek Flood Control District to the City Council. The Council requested City Attorney Joseph Buzza to prepare petitions for circulation to be presented to the Board of supervisors to call a special election on formation of the District. The City of Fortuna will guarantee election costs....

HB (8 Sept. 1955) ...City Attorney Buzza informed council he had just learned that Humboldt County consists of one entire flood control district divided into five zones completely under the control of the Board of Supervisors....could create subzone; recommends City continue with petitions..

HB (8 Dec. 1955) New Flood Protection Boundaries Approved...new district would include all of Fortuna plus all land outside city limits in Rohner Creek drainage area; to proceed with petitions.

HB (29 Dec. 1955) Raging Floods Maul County

HB (12 Jan. 1956) Petition Rohner Creek flood Control Zone for formation of subzone; going before Board of Supervisors.

HB (19 Jan. 1956) New Flood Control Aid Is Approved...Board of supervisors set up subzone 101 of Humboldt County Flood Control District to include all of City of Fortuna and the drainage areas of both Rohner and Strong creeks; qualifies area to be taxed for specific flood control projects to be set up under direction of the County Surveyor in the coming fiscal year [more]

HB (12 July 1956) Flood Work on Rohner Creek Set—Humboldt County Supervisors are planning tentatively to set a 10 cent tax rate on the environs of the Rohner Creek Flood Control District for 1955-56, which will raise \$3200 on the approximate assessed valuation of \$3,200,000. Engineering estimates of the cost of the ultimate project are \$65,000 so the sum raised this year will be used only for stream clearance between 12th street and the mouth of the creek, an area which has become clogged with trees, logs and other debris.

HB (11 May 1962) Twelfth Street and Rohner Creek Bid Opening May 29—Bids will be opened May 29 in Eureka for the Rohner Creek channel change and construction of a new culvert on 12th St. as part of the new middle approach into downtown Fortuna from the freeway....