

Worthing Pier in the News!



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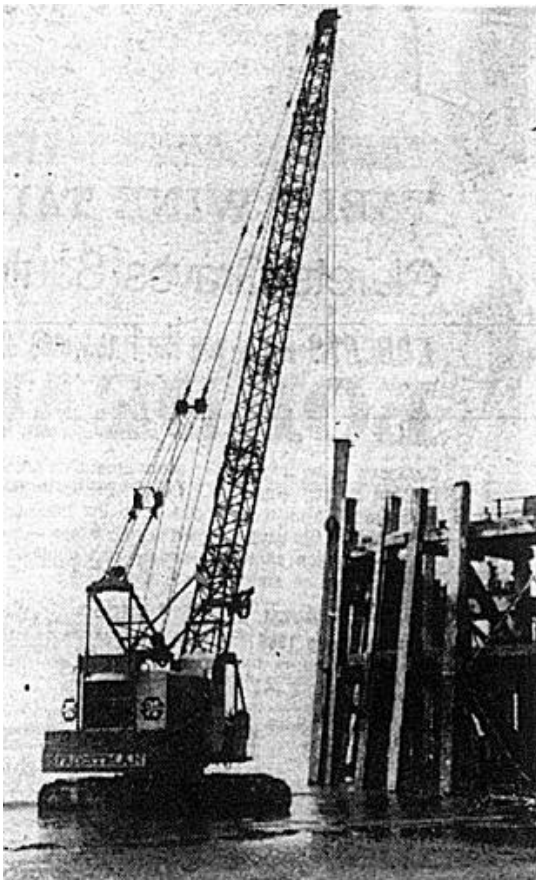
FOR the third time in three years some of the ironwork and timber piles which support Worthing's pier and landing stages are to be replaced.

Operations have started at the end of the pier replacing 24 piles supporting the stage and the criss-crossed ironwork beneath the pier itself. The work should be finished by July.

As Mr E. W. East, deputy

borough engineer, put it, "We are replacing the ironwork of the pier and the timber of the landing stages which have been worn away by the ravages of the sea and of which the tide has taken its toll."

Mr Charles Porter, general foreman for May and Gurney and Co. Ltd., civil engineering contractors of Norwich, told the *Herald*, "This is the third time I have been to Worthing to do this sort of work on the pier. Now I have come back to spend my summer 'vacation' here again."



Replaced

Three years ago the landing stage to the east of the Southern Pavilion was replaced and last year the firm installed new ironwork underneath the centre pavilion and the decking on top.

Now Mr Porter and his team of six are working on replacing the 24 timber piles—14 x 12in. in the front and 12 x 12in. at the rear. They have to be pulled up by a massive crane, which goes out to the end of the pier at low tide, and which pile drives the new ones into position.

"We are working 15 hours a day and as far down as the tide permits," said Mr Porter, whose team have caravans parked at the pier entrance.

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