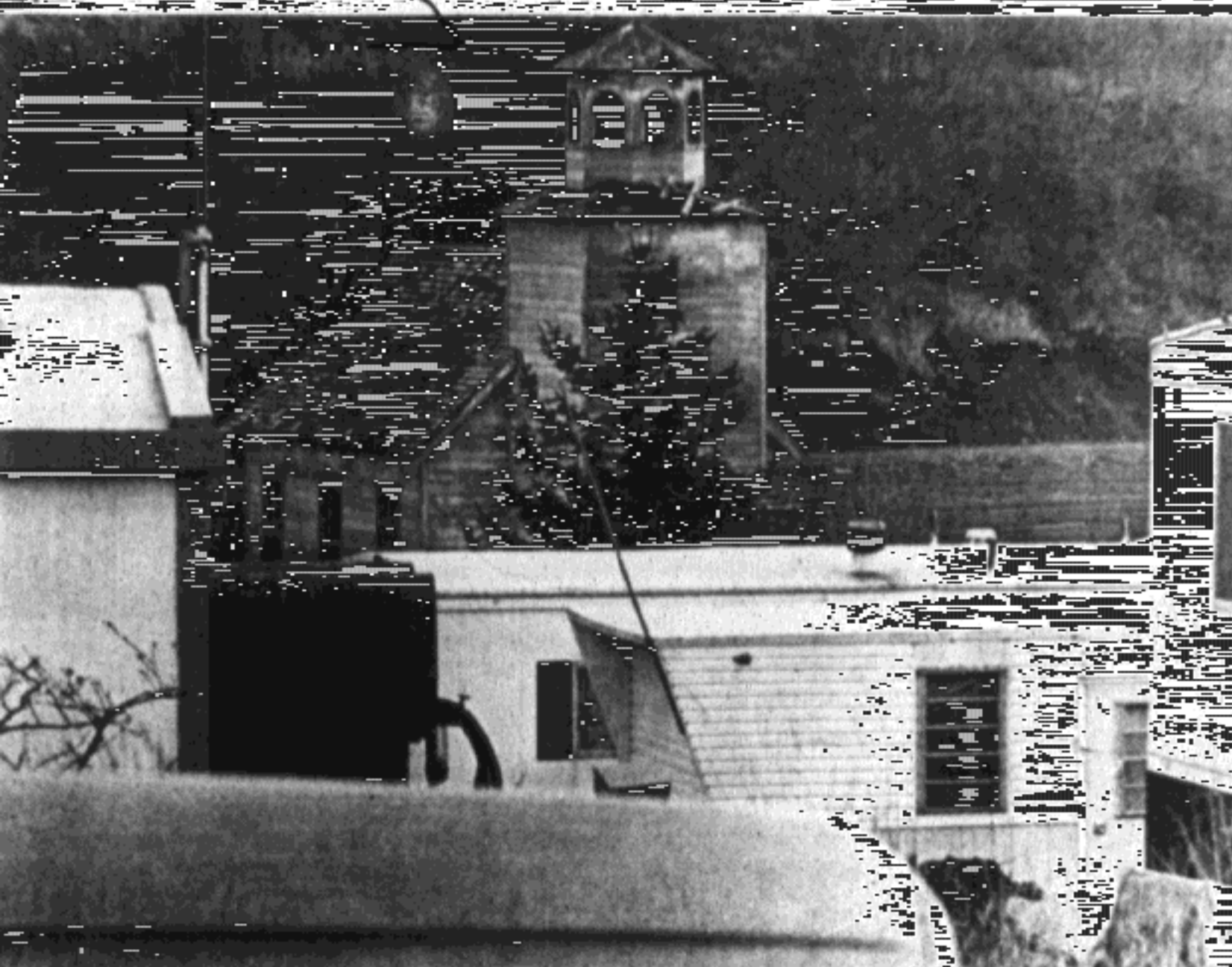


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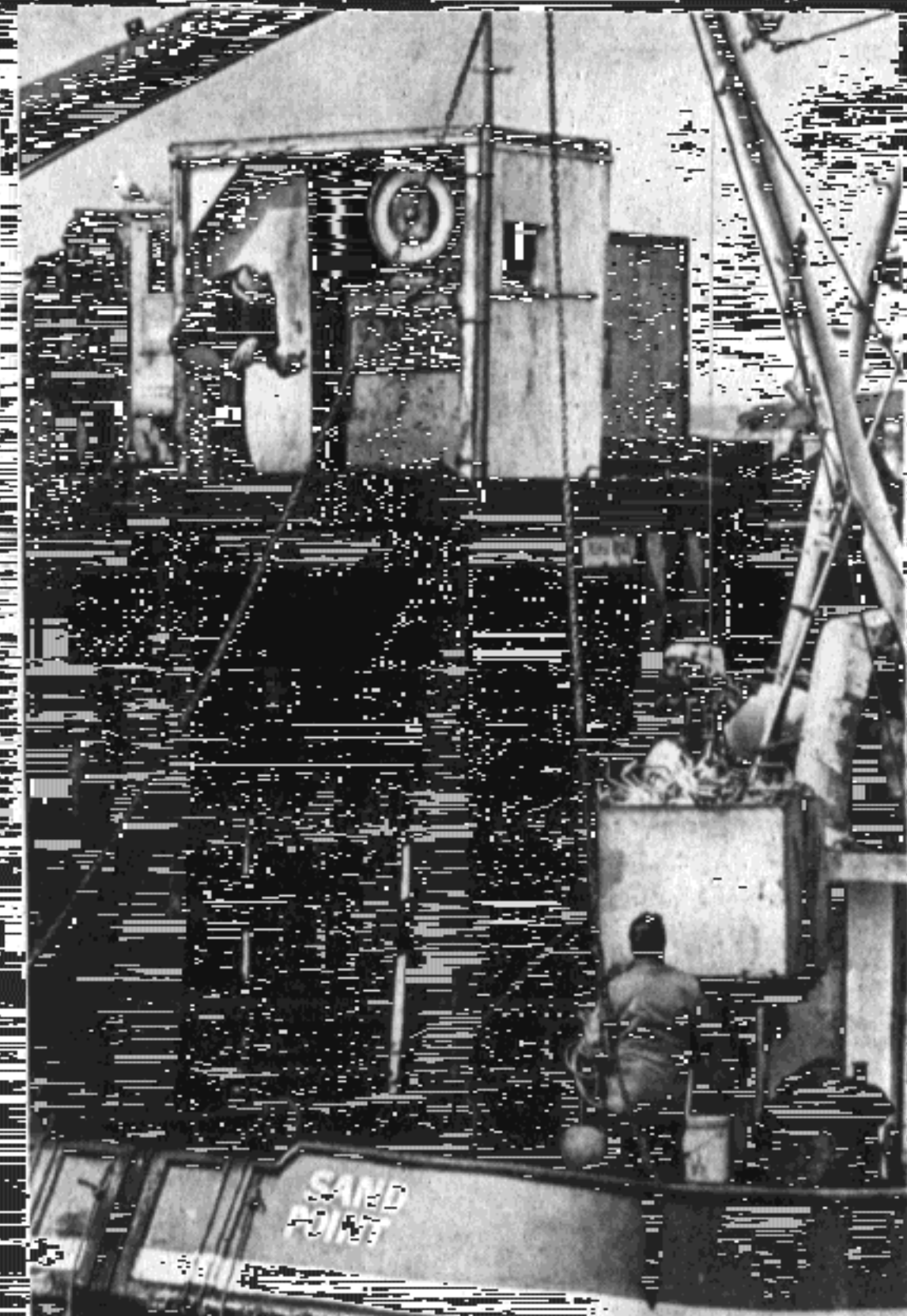
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MAIN STREET, SAND POINT: The busy town has one store, a hotel, a bar, cafe, post office, a tiny city office and a jail that doubles as a library and headquarters for the visiting public health service dentist. The city council is searching for ways of raising revenue without alienating townspeople or driving away the key to city prosperity—the cannery.



OLD AND NEW IN SAND POINT: A city-owned trailer court overlooks the now-deserted Russian Orthodox Church. Orthodox services are held in private homes and there has been talk of restoring the old church. Established in 1887 as a trading station and supply center for salmon and cod fishing, Sand Point is now a second-class city and boasts a home fleet of 540 boats, a population of about 500 people and one of the highest levels of per capita income in the state.



SAND POINT thrives on the crab industry. The Pacific Pearl Wakefield plant sometimes processes nearly 24 hours a day, receiving the catch of its fleet of boats. Pictured here is the Sparrow-Castle unloading tanners. The boat holds about 35,000 pounds of crab.

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AN EAGLE takes flight from the Sand Point cannery dock.



LITTLE LUKE LUDVICK strolls on the plank sidewalk that Sand Point sits on. His father, Peter is a fisherman and builder, his mother Rosemary, a member of the city council.