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Feather River Advocate in Showdown in Sacramento

Aikins Representing AV In Attempt to Save Plan

Robert J. Aikins, manager-director of the Antelope Valley Feather River Project Association, left for Sacramento Tuesday night to wage a renewed campaign to salvage the California Water Plan, on which the state Legislature had failed to reach agreement during its deadlocked budget session.

The Antelope Valley water representative said before he left for the state capital — his fourth trip in little over a month — that he would "carry the word" of the people of Antelope Valley for immediate action on portions of the water plan to Assemblyman Allen Miller and Sen. Richard Richards, whose districts include Antelope Valley.

The local association has been fighting for appropriations to permit furtherance of the Feather River Project, which Antelope Valley advocates have viewed as the answer to water needs resulting from the area's continuing growth.

During the budget session, which ended Sunday night without producing a state budget, Aikins had made a presentation before the Senate Budget Committee and had been hopeful that differences between north and south factions in the Legislature would be ironed out to permit work on the water project.

The lawmakers continued in extraordinary session this week to adopt a budget.

Aikins said he would continue (Continued on Page 2)

'Home Rule' Meeting Set For Monday

Meeting to assemble "home rule" information will be held at the Park View School cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. next Monday.

The meeting has been called by the 20-member Citizens Committee of Antelope Valley for Home Rule.

William G. Kraber, acting chairman of the group, said this week that because of "county government's behavior in matters vital to the growth of Antelope Valley in recent years, local citizens have formed the committee to investigate means of obtaining greater home rule."

Kraber urged that all citizens in Antelope Valley contribute information on the matter to the committee.

All Valley organizations are invited to the meeting. Kraber suggested that each organization should designate a representative to attend.

George Goldman, Palmdale attorney, is assistant acting chair-

Governor's Speech in AV Awaited

Governor Goodwin J. Knight's remarks on the plight of the California Water Plan are being eagerly awaited today as a result of the deadlock in the state Legislature over budgeting funds for the project.

The governor is scheduled to speak at 7 p.m. next Wednesday, Apr. 9, at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds in Lancaster. The speech will be delivered in front of the grandstands and a capacity crowd of 5000 is anticipated.

The speech will precede the opening of a two-day conference of directors of the Feather River Project Association in Lancaster, Thursday and Friday.

The governor's appearance is being sponsored by the local branch of the association, explained Robert J. Aikins, manager-director. The public is invited to hear the address without charge.

Beginning the Wednesday night program will be an hour-long concert by the Antelope Valley High School band. The program will start at 6 o'clock with the National Guard also participating in the ceremonies.

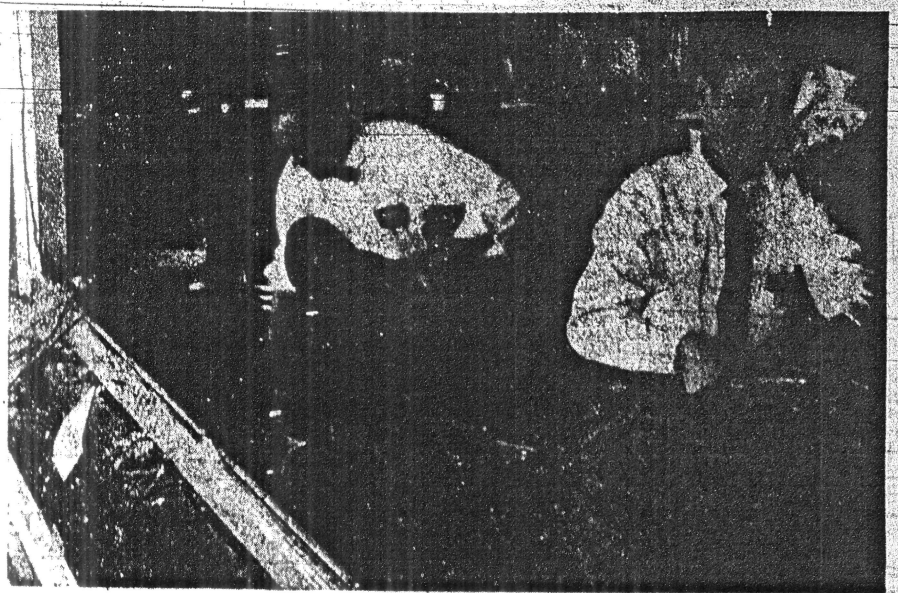
After the governor's address two motion pictures on water will be shown to the grandstand crowd. Films will include "The Other Side of the Mountain," starring Will Rogers Jr., and "California Waterways."

A dinner for FRPA directors and the governor's party is scheduled for 7:30 in Exposition Hall at the Fairgrounds.

The two-day directors conference will take place at the Antelope Valley Inn.

Palmdale Man Drowns in Reservoir

Drowning when his boat was swamped and sunk in Palmdale



STORM DAMAGE — Paul Russell (left), manager of Cornet Store in Palm Knolls Shopping Center, Palmdale, and P. S. McKenzie, district superintendent, clean up broken glass from 18-foot plate glass window, which was shattered by strong winds during rain storm Tuesday morning. —Valley Press Photo

Churches Plan Special Services For Holy Week, Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday will be observed by special services in churches of Antelope Valley. The Rev. Sydney W. Wyma will speak at the 8:30 a.m. and 11 o'clock services at the First Baptist Church of Palmdale. His text will be "Echoes of the Resurrection." A musical concert by the Chapel Choir will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Ivan George, director of music, will sing a baritone solo, "The Unveiled Christ" by Herrick. Following the musical pro-

gram, Pastor Wyma will speak on "The Necessity for a Risen Saviour." Nursery care is provided for all services. Holy Communion will be (Continued on Page 3)

MAN ON THE STREET

Mental Health Clinic Proposal Advocated

By LOUELLA MURNANE

Present controversy before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors over establishment of mental health clinics under provisions of the Short-Doyle Act, which was adopted by the 1957 session of the California Legislature, forms the background for this week's "Man on the Street" discussion.

A number of Antelope Valley residents were asked to express their opinions on the desirability of establishing such a clinic in the Antelope Valley.

They were asked if they favored such a clinic and if they felt existing facilities in the county were adequate for the care of mentally disturbed persons.

Their answers:

MRS. LEE R. WILSON, 1623 Palmdale Blvd., Palmdale, property owner:

I am in favor of the act which would provide for the establishment of mental health clinics. Los Angeles county's existing facilities are inadequate.

We need a mental health clinic here in Antelope Valley. I understand, too, there is a definite shortage of such clinics throughout the nation.

The clinics would prevent serious mental illness before it develops, and would therefore reduce admission to State Hospital and other

SUNRISE RITES AT BOWL, ROCK

Easter Sunrise services will be held at Vasquez Rocks at 6 a.m. The Rev. Sidney W. Wyma, First Baptist Church of Palmdale, will be the speaker. Mrs. Irma Dotson of Agua Dulce will be guest soloist. Music will be under the direction of Ivan George.

Juniper Bowl will also have Sunrise services, starting at 5:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Richard McMillan, district youth director, Christian and Mission Alliance of the Southwestern States.

Guest ministers are the Rev. Jack Arnold; the Rev. Leonard Hillstrom; the Rev. Charles Reed and the Rev. Alonzo Moore.

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