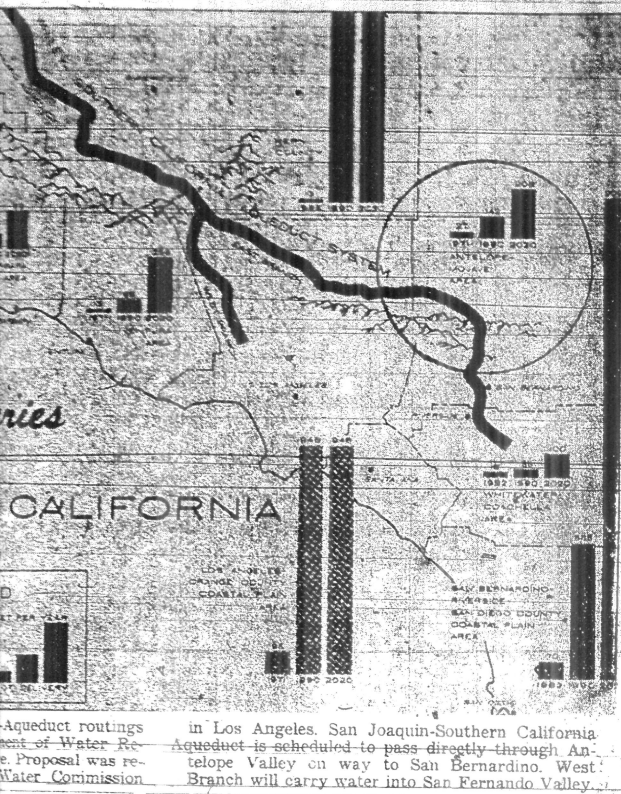


ANTELOPE VALLEY PICKED BY STATE FOR WATER ROUTE



in Los Angeles. San Joaquin-Southern California Aqueduct is scheduled to pass directly through Antelope Valley on way to San Bernardino. West Branch will carry water into San Fernando Valley.

Space-Age Passenger Chamber in First Move For Hospital

Prospects for building a hospital in Palmdale were reviewed yesterday by the Board of the Greater Palmdale Chamber of Commerce.

Five Crashes Reported by Patrolmen

Only five injury accidents were reported at the local California Highway Patrol office for the past week, with seven persons injured. There were no fatalities.

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This word of encouragement was given a delegation of Antelope Valley civic leaders last Thursday when they met with state highway officials in Los Angeles. The conference was arranged by the Highway and Transportation Committee of the Antelope Valley Progress Association and was called to enable local leaders to spur the state highway officials into action on the proposed freeway between Golden State Highway (U.S. 99) and Mojave.

First section under consideration for construction is a 11-mile stretch between Solamint Junction and Red Rover Mine, reported R. E. Chase, assistant district engineer for design. Two years will be required for construction, it was indicated, and with the best of luck and an appropriation for construction funds this fall by the state Highway Commission the route could be opened by late 1961 or early 1962 to tie in with the Golden State Highway, which is being pushed between Buena Vista and San Fernando.

Highway officials, including Lyman R. Gellis, district engineer and state highway engineer E. T. Telford, assured the present no problem and that the necessary land will be acquired as the project progresses. They added that the formal step of presenting a freeway agreement to the county would be taken early in the year.

Attending from the valley were R. J. Valenta, Martin Nelson, H. A. Lennox, Lamont Odell, Roy G. Vogel, A. A. Kambetta, I. L. Mahar, H. B. Sergey, Joe Polhard, John Valentine, Clifford L. Rawson, and L. A. Parker.

In connection with the current "Big Push" for AV Freeway, Assemblyman Allen Miller introduced an Assembly Concurrent Resolution to the state legislature on Feb. 23 asking the Highway Commission to include construction funds in the 1959-61 budget.

YOUTH OF THE MONTH

Pianist Wins Honor At Council Luncheon

Miss Sharon Clinger, 16, an accomplished pianist, and a member of the junior class at Palmdale High School, has been named Youth of the Month.

Sharon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theron Clinger of 37901 N. 11th Street, East, was presented to 31 South Antelope Valley Coordinating Council luncheon guests Tuesday by Mrs. Florence Wood of the Palmdale Woman's Club. She will be awarded a trophy when she appears as honored guest at the club luncheon meeting on Mar. 12.

An honor student since entering high school, Miss Clinger is a member of the Mormon Church in Palmdale where she has served as pianist for three years. She plays the piano at the Sunday school regularly and is a member of the church youth group.

A conscientious student, Sharon has been a member of the California Scholarship Federation for two years. She is a member of the Rep. Club, Newspaper Club, Spanish Club, in addition to assisting in the student store.

She was recipient of bronze and silver pins in a typing contest and she serves as secretary of the Junior class and treasurer of Future Teachers Club of America.

Active in community affairs and youth groups, Sharon is a member of Job's Daughters Guild No. 228 where she served as chaplain and musician. She assisted in dressing dolls for children at Juvenile Hall and presided as a hostess for a Republican Women's Club luncheon.

Reports on what member organizations are doing to serve youth in Antelope Valley were given by delegates to the luncheon. The discussion was led by Vice Pres. John B. Albright.

The meeting was presided over by Pres. Warner Briggs. Visiting the Council was Dick LeBaron, president of the Pasadena Coordinating Council.

Meeting of the council's newly created Youth Recreation Center Fact-Finding Committee headed by Chairman Wilbur C. Gish vice president of the Palmdale Lions Club, was scheduled for Tuesday night.

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Antelope Valley emerged today as a sure bet for supplemental water.

The vast desert region was selected by the state Department of Water Resources for the route of the proposed San Joaquin Valley-Southern California aqueduct system. The department's report was presented this morning to members of the California Water Commission in Los Angeles.

The aqueduct will carry water from the Feather River to Southern California and will make it possible for Antelope Valley to share in the new water supply. Completion date for the valley was set for 1971.

The route through Antelope Valley was termed the "most feasible route" to transport surplus northern water to the southern area of the state. The supply is said to be adequate to meet water requirements until the year 2020.

The project would pick up Feather River and other water at the Sacramento-San Joaquin River delta, deliver part of the supply to Kern County by 1965, and continue to Pearblossom in the Antelope-Mojave area and to a San Fernando Valley distribution point by 1971, from which Ventura County can also be served.

It would be extended to a terminal reservoir near Riverside by 1982 for delivery to San Bernardino, Riverside, and San Diego counties.

It would also convey water via a coastal aqueduct to San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties by 1977. Once completed to initial capacity, these terminal points, additional pumps and other facilities to increase the capacity would have to be added from time to time to meet southern California's growth, said state water engineers.

In his special message to the Legislature on January 22, Gov. Edmund G. Brown recommended appropriations to start immediate construction of the aqueduct system.

Construction of proposed physical works and the costs cited include a joint venture undertaking with the United States Bureau of Reclamation calling for a federal investment of about \$100,000,000 in the San Luis Reservoir and canal facilities in Western Fresno County.

The Department's proposals were presented by Harvey O. Banks and Ralph M. Brody, director and deputy director of the State Department of Water Resources, who described them as the result of almost three years of study in the Department's Southern California District Office headed by District Engineer Max Bookman. Commenting on the route, C. Virgil (Continued on Page 8)

Valley Press Wins Acclaim From Turkey

Winning international popularity is the Antelope Valley Press.

This is reaffirmed today by a request for two subscriptions to be forwarded to Col. Newton D. Lesh of Ankara, capital of Turkey, and to Lt. Col. Irvine F. Harlan of Samsun, Turkey.

The two men, former Palmdale residents, are currently associated with the Tumpane Company Inc. in Ankara.

Quoting from their letter, "The only way we can really keep abreast with things in our home country is by reading the Antelope Valley Press. It is one of our few pleasures we have."

At the end of their tour of duty in 1961 they intend to return to Palmdale.

Man Cut In Half By Train

The severed body of a man between the age of 30 and 35 was found early yesterday morning alongside the Southern Pacific railroad tracks near Vincent Crossing at Angeles Fort Highway.

An engineer on a north bound train spotted the dead man about 6:10 a.m. It was reported by the Antelope Valley Sheriff's station.

Two pictures of the same person were found on the body. The pictures bore different inscriptions, one identifying the man as Keith Rolton Price of Plainview, Tex., and the other naming him as James E. Bain of Houston, Tex., the Sheriff's station reported.

Homicide officers theorized that the man probably was riding a freight train and fell off, bouncing under the train.

Local investigation was made by Dennis Walker of Canton and Leroy Crawford. The body was taken to Chapel of the Valley Mortuary in Palmdale.

Moving Firm Picketed

A picket line was placed in front of the Keltner Van and Storage business at 4122 N. Tugwa Avenue, Lancaster on Tuesday by members of the General Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen, and Helpers Union No. 102.

Owner Frank Keltner told Sheriff's deputies that the action was taken to bring about his signing a contract with the union. Keltner reported that (Continued on Page 8)

Valley Press Classifieds Sell Land Fast

Realtor Harry Shimp of Junior Hill knows what Valley Press Classifieds can do to sell property. He placed an ad in last week's paper for a two-bedroom house in a desirable (Continued on Page 8)



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