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## Water Group Renews Efforts to Form Authority for Entire Basin

### Study of Plan Now Under Way By Committee

Efforts are being renewed to form an overall water authority for the Antelope Valley and East Kern County water basin.

Directors of the AV - East Kern Water Basin Association adopted a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee to study the problem of forming such an authority at a luncheon meeting last Friday at the Antelope Valley Country Club.

Named to the committee were Les Schwalger, chairman; Jane S. Pinheiro, R. G. Lunt, R. J. Atkins, Lowell Felt, and Warren O. Wagner.

Recommendations of the committee are to be returned within 45 days.

The resolution calls for formation of "some type of water authority to represent the entire Antelope Valley and East Kern water basin."

The authority would be a political subdivision formed to "obtain supplemental water from any source reasonable" to serve water to the area.

Other actions of the water association directors included adoption of a resolution calling upon the state Department of Water Resources to conduct a detailed study of the underground water conditions in the local basin and adoption of a resolution asking the department to continue construction on the Feather River project and to continue engineering studies on other projects of the California Water Plan.

The resolutions are directed at individual water purveyors in the Antelope Valley - East Kern basin and ask the individual water companies and districts to send similar requests to the state Department of Water Resources and to the state Legislature.

The detailed study of local underground water conditions would provide an up-to-date indication of the amount of wa-

### Three Parcels Left in State Park Purchase

All but three parcels of some 4000 acres comprising Joshua State Tree Park are reported acquired by the state Department of Beaches and Parks.

Clifford L. Rawson, president of Civic Groups, announced, reported for Mrs. Jane Finckley at a luncheon meeting Tuesday at Mira Loma of the three remaining parcels, one is in escrow and condemnation has been ordered on the other two.

Mrs. Finckley was quoted as obtaining her information from Assemblyman Allen Miller in Sacramento when she attended the Democratic state convention there recently. The state park is located in



**VALLEY PRESS OWNERS** — Four new owners of the Valley Press last Thursday posed with officials from the California Newspaper Publishers' Association at the Valley Press luncheon at AV Country Club. Standing (left to right) are Lamont Odett, publisher and secretary-treasurer of the newspaper corporation; Ralph Markham, vice president; Arthur Polz, president; and Maurice Markham, vice president, the four owners. Seated are Richard Miller, left, assistant manager; and John Long, manager of the CNPA.

### NEW FORMAT ANNOUNCED

## Press Entertains at Luncheon

Forward-looking plans of the Antelope Valley Press were revealed at a get-acquainted luncheon last Thursday at the Antelope Valley Country Club.

More than 100 civic, governmental, and military leaders were guests of the newspaper at the luncheon and heard Publisher Lamont Odett outline a three-point plan for increasing the effectiveness of the Valley-wide newspaper.

Starting Sept. 4, announce-

ed Odett, the Antelope Valley Press will take on a new format and will be readily distinguished by the use of peach-colored stock.

The newspaper — the new Antelope Valley Press in pouch will be delivered by carrier boy to each and every home in Antelope Valley.

And the paper will bring its readers complete coverage of the entire valley in expanded departments emphasizing women's news, church news, real estate, sports, service clubs, and general news events.

Hosts at the luncheon were the officers of Antelope Valley Newspapers, Inc., new owners of the Valley Press. They include Arthur Polz, president, of San Fernando; Maurice and Ralph Markham, vice president, of Van Nuys, and Odett, secretary-treasurer.

Among distinguished guests were Assemblyman Allen Miller, Maj. Myron Hurlbut, assistant project officer, Palmdale Airport; Col. Frank Mears and Col. Charles Brown of Edwards Air Force Base; Joseph

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## Hospital Director Filing Due

With the filing deadline set at 5 p.m. Friday, two candidates, both incumbents, had filed at press time as candidates for the Antelope Valley Hospital Board of Directors.

Names of the candidates will appear on the November general election ballot.

Candidates who have filed are R. B. McNutt, presently serving as president of the board, and Joseph G. Oliver who, like McNutt, has been a member of the board since it was formed.

The director's term is for four years, beginning next January.

Oliver said this week: "It makes me very happy when I realize the tremendous interest all these people have shown in the progress of their hospital."

"Being a member of the Board of Directors from the time the District was formed, I would like to help to make it the great medical center that we need to care for persons who must have hospital care and insure them a bed when they need it."

McNutt stated: "The job of providing a complete medical center for Antelope Valley is what we have set out to do and I would like to be able to continue active participation in this project until its completion."

## Deposit Rule Unchanged at AV Hospital

Policy of Antelope Valley Hospital requiring deposits for admission remains unchanged today following a special meeting of the Board of Directors Tuesday morning.

The directors met at the call of President E. B. McNutt to consider eliminating the requirement that a deposit be made by each patient prior to admission to the medical facility.

No action was taken on the proposal and the matter was placed under study. It was reported following the meeting.

The deposit schedule was placed in effect in November of 1956.

The schedule requires a deposit of \$250 for accident cases, \$150 for major surgery, \$100 for pediatrics, \$100 for minor surgery, \$100 for medical cases, and \$110 for obstetrics.

## Girl, 18, Found By Search Party

A through-the-night, 8-hour search for a missing 18-year-old girl in the mountains near Big Pines ended Sunday morning when she was found by two sheriff's possemen.

About 8 possemen, 10 deputies, and 20 Forestry men combed the hills, assisted by a forestry helicopter, between 1 a.m. Sunday and 9:20 a.m. when the girl was found.

Hiking with a group on the Silver Mt. Massin-Fran, the girl Edwina Cockrell, Los Angeles, developed sore feet and told the others she would follow them later. The group was of-

## Delegation in Sacramento to Request Funds

State Highway Commission is to be asked today to include funds in the 1959-60 budget for construction of the first link of the Antelope Valley Freeway between Solemint Junction and Vincent.

Assemblyman Allen Miller, Supervisor Warren Dorn, and an Antelope Valley delegation will appear before the Commission at 2:45 p.m. in Sacramento.

C. Virgil Davis, chairman of the Palmdale Chamber of Commerce Road committee is heading the Palmdale delegation.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to urge prompt action on the freeway project.

Dorn, in asking the supervisors' support on the project, noted the inadequacies of existing routes into Antelope Valley for transporting aircraft parts and equipment and added that a new freeway is "an economic and military necessity."

He pointed out that with the growing aircraft industry in Antelope Valley, as well as the military air bases and residential growth, the present Mint Canyon and Angeles Forest Highways "are too narrow and winding to handle the amount of traffic and trucking."

The new freeway, he said, would also prove important as a civil defense measure, as there is now only one escape route north from the San Fernando Valley.

"It's impossible to move large aircraft frames and bodies over the Mint Canyon and

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## New Share Sale Plan Endorsed

Plans for a special day to emphasize the sale of certificates for a share in the future of Antelope Valley were announced by Clifford L. Rawson, executive director of the Antelope Valley Progress Association, at a dinner meeting Tuesday at Mira Loma Sheriff's facility.

Rawson, who also served as president of Civic Groups, said that the date tentatively had been set for Sept. 19.

The "Share Sale Day" plan was endorsed by resolution of the community representatives attending the dinner.

Funds from the sale of certificates, which were originated by a special woman's committee earlier this year, will be used to finance promotional literature and brochures to attract industry to Antelope Valley, said Rawson.

Other Civic Groups action included adoption of a resolution urging the state Highway Commission to appropriate funds in the 1959-60 budget for construction of the first section of the Antelope Valley Freeway between Solemint Junction and Vincent.

Mrs. Harriet Stebbins, chairman of the CGG exhibit at the Antelope Valley Fair, reported that this year's display will feature the Civic Groups' annual tree planting campaign.

Lt. John W. Haugen, assistant commander of the Mira Loma facility, addressed the group and outlined plans for improving the rehabilitation program of the Sheriff's correctional institution.

H. B. Scroggs, retiring president of Civic Groups, was presented with a gavel on behalf of the organization by B. P. Glenn, secretary-manager of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce.

Scroggs acknowledged the

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