

Hopes Raised On T-38

Northrop Aircraft officials said this week they could not "speculate on the activation of facilities" at Palmdale Airport for the T-38 jet trainer program, but repeated previous sentiments of wishing to return to Antelope Valley.

Awarding of a \$16 million contract for production of the Northrop trainer last week indicates that the T-38 program will be brought to Air Force Plant 42 sometime in the not too distant future.

This week, a Northrop spokesman issued this statement:

"When we left Palmdale on completion of the F-89 program we expressed the hope we would some day return there to again work with the fine people of the Antelope Valley.

"Our new supersonic trainer, the T-38 appears to be a solid and valuable contribution to the U. S. Air Supremacy.

"However, it is too early to speculate on the activation of facilities at Palmdale for this program."

The Valley Press this week also attempted to check out rumors that Lockheed Aircraft will be rapidly phasing out at Palmdale Airport and that Northrop would be taking over some of the Lockheed facilities by February.

A Lockheed spokesman reported that the F-104 contract extends into 1961. The present T-38 trainer contract will end about mid-year, 1959. It has, however, been renewed about 15 times in the past.

Lockheed does final assembly work and flight testing of both the F-104 and T-38 at the Palmdale Airport.

Present employee count at the local Lockheed facility is 989, he said.

Lockheed To Build In Saugus

Lockheed Aircraft Corporation's California Division today announced purchase of a 198-acre site near Saugus for a multi-million dollar advanced scientific research center to explore problems of flight up to 10 times the speed of sound and at altitudes where man has never flown.

Resulting from three years of planning study, the new facility will be known as Lockheed Research Center and will be located near U.S. Highway 99 in Bye Canyon, about five miles east of Castaic Junction and approximately five miles from Saugus.

Firemen Battle Haystack Blaze

Fire broke out in a haystack containing 150 tons of baled hay at the ranch of Elias Gorrindo, 9667 W. Avenue H, Lancaster, at noon yesterday.

Three fire companies and a patrol unit battled the blaze under direction of Battalion Chief Swallow, who reported that the firemen did not expect to extinguish it until Thursday morning.

The Sheriff's office quoted Gorrindo as saying that the fire started from sparks blown by the wind as he was burping a field near the haystack.

AV LOOMS LARGER IN STATE WATER PICTURE

Town to Decorate For Yule

Signs of Christmas are in evidence throughout Antelope Valley this week and to help foster the Christmas spirit three Palmdale civic groups have joined forces to announce plans for the annual home decorating contest and the store window painting project.

In charge of the community-wide "Let's Decorate for Christmas" program are the Women's Division of the Palmdale Chamber of Commerce, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the Palmdale Garden Club.

Serving on the committee are Mrs. Roxie Najarian of the Women's Division, Murray Pond, junior chamber president, and P. H. Bourne, D. C. Garden Club president.

Residents wishing to sign up for judging in the home decorating contest should contact the Chamber office by 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18. The office is located at 924 E. Palmdale Blvd., Windsor 7-3101.

Merchants wishing to have their windows painted by students at Palmdale High School also should contact the chamber.

Four prizes will be awarded for the best decorated homes, based on originality and beauty, it was announced. Judging will take place on the weekend of Dec. 19-20.

Window painting will take place on Dec. 16 under the supervision of Mrs. Catherine Jones, art instructor at the high school.

Three trophies will be given for the best window scenes. Judging will follow the painting on the same day.

Judges for both contests—home decoration and window painting—will come from the three sponsoring groups.

The Women's Division, the Junior Chamber, and the Garden Club also are providing prizes for the winning residents and students.

Five Injured In Accidents

In a light week, the California Highway Patrol reported only five serious injury accidents, with six persons hurt.

Belle Daley, 44, and Peggy Daley, 17, of Granada Hills were hurt on Highway 6 about 1/4 mile south of Nadeau road Tuesday.

Pablo Pena, 34, of St. Andrews Priory, was hurt at 7:45 a.m. Sunday in Valyermo.

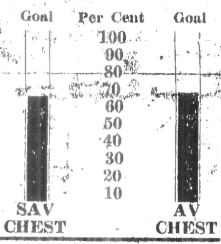
Richard Green, 41, Lancaster, was hurt in a car-truck crash Friday on Highway 6 near Avenue E.

A three-car crash last Wednesday injured Cornelius Ullman, 52, Ventura. Scene was Highway 5 near Newgrove.



WELCOME EXTENDED—J. Shelton Gordon (left), chairman of industry committee of Palmdale Chamber of Commerce, greets E. D. Thompson (second from right) while Smith Swords Jr. (right), retiring committee chairman, welcomes Clarence D. Knowles at meeting of committee last Friday at Antelope Valley Country Club. Thompson and Knowles have announced formation of new industry in Palmdale to manufacture covered industrial trailers.

CHEST THERMOMETER



Chests in Gains on '58 Goal

Reports from two Antelope Valley Community Chest fund-raising campaigns show that both north and south groups are neck-and-neck percentage-wise and both are making substantial gains on their goals for 1958.

Latest figures from the Community Chest of South Antelope Valley show returns of \$35,238.84, which amounts to 62 per cent of a goal of \$57,000.

Antelope Valley Chest, serving the northern portion of the valley, reports little change from last week's total, which represented 62.9 per cent of a goal of \$38,000.

It was announced by Chairman Ward Cobb.

"South Valley Chest drive chairman, Adm. William H. Standley Jr., announced that due to difficulty in obtaining workers to contact merchants he has asked persons interested in the welfare of agencies of this Chest and who wish to accept their responsibility in this regard to mail in checks to the Community Chest of South Antelope Valley at 38128 N. Sixth St.

Manager Hired by Palmdale Chamber

After a period of six months without a full-time manager, Palmdale Chamber of Commerce directors voted yesterday to hire Mike Moroney, 32-year-old personnel director from Dallas, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Clifford L. Rawson last June.

Moroney is a native of Norman, Okla., and was employed for four years as director of personnel and safety for the Continental Baking Company in Dallas.

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma where he received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1952, Moroney was active in the college campus in the American Legion, the Masonic order, and the Society for the Advancement of Management.

While attending college he continued to farm 100 acres at the family home in Oklahoma.

From September 1944 to April 1947, Moroney served in the Marine Corps.

While employed at Continental Baking he was a member of the Personnel Association of Dallas.

He and his wife, Hervelee, have a 4-month-old son, Mark Scott.

A brother, Art Moroney is a well-known builder in Pearblossom.

Members of the chamber board of directors met yesterday noon at Antelope Valley Country Club to act on the proposal to hire a new chamber manager.

Many duties of manager have been handled for the last six months by Mrs. Ruth White, chamber secretary, who will continue in her post as the chamber office.

In other action the board voted to keep chamber offices in the present location because a rent reduction made it possible to do so. heard a report from Joseph M. Pollard, ad-

(Continued on Page 2) Coordinators



MIKE MORONEY, vacancy filled

Five Directors Named to Board

Results of the election for five members of the board of directors of the Palmdale Chamber of Commerce were announced at the annual meeting of the chamber in the chamber offices Monday afternoon.

The five elected to three-year terms include Ray Jones, Pacific Telephone Company; Lamont Odell, Valley Press; Joseph Shreve, Shreve Real Estate; Elmer Spicher, Antelope Valley Florist and Thomas Thornburgh, Thornburgh Construction.

Holder directors are Hank Anthony, Don Hertel, Jerry Chase, C. Virgil Davis, Murray Pond, Earle Fleming, Dr. Oliver Nichols, Charles Colby, L. E. Rampton, John Reeves, Tom Brown and Martin Neal.

Startling Gain In Population Cited in Report

Antelope Valley's stature in the state water picture loomed larger this week following a report of the State Department of Water Resources.

Local water leaders hailed the report as highly significant in emphasizing that the Antelope-Mojave region will experience the "most startling increase in population between now and 1970.

The report should greatly influence the routine of the Feather River project and point up the rapidly growing need for supplemental water in the local area, leaders pointed out.

The report predicted that the Antelope-Mojave area would increase in population from 217,000 in 1960, to 865,000 in 1980, and 2,797,000 by the year 2020.

Bob Alkins, spokesman for the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Basin Association, said that Antelope Valley supplemental water leaders were jubilation when the DWR people during a "most startling increase in population in all the Southland, urged that the Antelope-Mojave area should receive water."

Tentative timetable submitted by Robert M. Edmonson, principal hydraulic engineer, calls for bringing Feather River water to San Joaquin Valley by 1965, to Southern California by 1970.

According to the Department of Water Resources report, the Kern County and the Antelope-Mojave area would be among the first to receive the benefits of the "product as it is built south of the so-called "high line" route over the Tehachapis is used.

The controversial issue of the route will be dealt with in the next phase of the report in January.

Alkins Pledges Water Services

Bob Alkins, manager of the Antelope Valley East Kern Water-Basin-association, for the last two years, will continue to perform managerial services for the group despite its lack of financial support.

Two weeks ago it was announced that Alkins had been retired from the post because of lack of funds.

In a statement issued this week, Alkins said:

"I can not, and will not, believe that the Antelope Valley-East Kern area can afford this organization and the work it has been doing."

"We have driven off with the quest of putting over our story for supplemental water for this area to the point of nearly ignoring the cold, hard fact we should have been out hustling dollars."

He said he will continue in the post for as long as possible without compensation, "believing that the board, membership, and the Valley will come up with an answer for continued financing of the association's Valley- and state-wide supplemental water efforts."

Civic Calendar

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