

Antelope Valley Asks New Crop Research Branch

LANCASTER, July 14.—In a new approach to water conservation, the Antelope Valley Agricultural and Conservation Committee today recommended that a branch experiment station be established here to advise farmers on crops which are not such high consumers of water as is alfalfa, now the principal valley crop.

Crops suggested include sugar beets and melons, which have been tried here. However, growers have been handicapped, the committee said, by the fact that because of the valley altitude, climate and soil conditions existing stations cannot provide dependable crop information for this area.

Water Report Cited
The committee recommended that a branch of the University of California's Meloland experiment station in the Imperial Valley be established here since the crops planned are similar to those that station has been studying.

The committee cited a report of the State Division of Water Resources to the effect that this year the consumption of water in the Antelope Valley will exceed the mean annual recharge of the ground water by more than 50,000 acre-feet and that the consumptive use is now increasing at a rate of 8000 acre-feet or more per year. This year an estimated 52,000 acres will be irrigated and an additional 180,000 acres of good land are available for use.

Members of the committee are Norman W. Bethune, chairman; William E. Moore, William D. Keller and Roy H. Barth. Co-operating with the committee are nine agricultural and business organizations of the valley.

Sports Fishing Events Listed

MANHATTAN BEACH, July 14.—The final review of sponsored contestants for the title of "Miss Manhattan Beach" as a highlight of this community's second annual Sports Fishing Derby, will be held Sunday, Aug. 10, Chairman Jerry M. Tugwell announced today.

Tugwell said the derby, a municipal pier event, will open officially on Aug. 1, continuing until the Labor Day fiesta, with competitive awards weekly to men, women and children contestants.

In addition to the bathing girl review, Tugwell has arranged an outdoor dance and entertainment for Aug. 16 and a series of musical and water sports carnivals during the derby season.

Civic organizations and clubs are sponsoring queen contestants and carnival events.

Ex-Navy Aide Gets Sales Post

Ross Barrett Jr., wartime naval officer on special assignment to Secretary of the Navy Forrestal, yesterday was named sales promotion manager of Foreman & Clark, clothing store chain, by Charles S. Thomas, president.

Before the war Barrett was sales promotion manager of a large midwestern paper mill, resigning to become assistant director of press, radio and advertising for the national War Bond campaigns. He was in the Navy three years, most of the time in public relations work for Secretary Forrestal.

M. W. Allerdings Dies at Monrovia

MONROVIA, July 14.—Milo W. Allerdings, 43, owner of a feed and supply store, died today at his home, 209 Sunset Place.

He leaves his widow Marie, a daughter Shirley, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allerdings of Riverside; two brothers, Harry of La Canada and Clayton of Los Angeles, and a sister, Mrs. William Franzier of Riverside.

Military Training Protest Released

Opposition to universal military training was voiced in a statement signed by 150 Los Angeles area churchmen and released yesterday through the Committee to Prevent Compulsory Military Training.

Benefit Dinner to Aid Children

A barbecue dinner for the benefit of the Spastic Foundation for Children will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday in the adjoining yards of Mrs. Harry C. Benson and Mrs. Seymour Sheldon, 514-518 W. Toluca Park Drive, Burbank.

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