

ley Amends Court Case

It is probable that a hearing may be set for Jan. 22 or 29 in Judge Arthur Marshall's court.

Representing the State Department of Aeronautics for the Attorney General's office is Dan Weston.

Principal focus in the case relates to the respondents' contention that the Palmdale Homeowners case was filed after the Statute of Limitations had expired and that the homeowners association is not a property owner and not subject to damage from the airport.

The respondents contend that Nolan Negaard was not identified as a property owner who would suffer damage.

Lascher said: "Petitioner Negaard is an individual property owner and resident of the City of Palmdale interested and concerned in the well-being of himself, his family, his neighbors and the City of Palmdale itself and its environs in all senses, including without limitation environmental and life quality, together with economic welfare.

Lascher contends: The agency has waived the right to rely upon any defense of statute of limitations.

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Six Army test pilots are being trained at Yuma to conduct the Cheyenne trials.

In May, 1968, Lockheed announced that post-final assembly work and flight testing on the Cheyenne would be conducted at Palmdale. Subsequently, the Army cancelled the AH-56A production contract. Since that time, Lockheed has been conducting extensive evaluation tests, with some modifications, to prove the worth of the Cheyenne.

received a report the Christmas decorations were down and stored, with a critique to be presented.

President "Chapple" Davis conducted the meeting which followed the breakfast at Howard Johnson's and called for reports from committees. Among these were plans for the installation dinner Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Antelope Valley Country Club.

Early tickets are available at the Chamber Office at \$7.50 per person, or may be purchased from any Chamber member. The guest speaker and master of ceremonies will be announced at a later date.

About 75 spaces are yet available for the tour to Don Knotts taping of his show, tomorrow (Friday), with tickets available at \$6 per person at the Chamber Office, it was reported.

As incoming president, A. S. Harry Alfeo issued his

PIA Appraisal Contract Opens Acquisition Way

Action by the Airport Commissioners Board, Wednesday, opened the way for acquisition of property required for the Palmdale Intercontinental Airport. The Board approved a contract with William W. Abelman covering the appraisal of the Retlaw Enterprises, Inc., property required for the airport.

Under funds available in Airport Construction Fund No. 3, the appraiser will provide a fully documented appraisal report, suitable for eminent domain purposes, setting forth the market value in the Retlaw property.

This report is to be completed by April 1, 1971, at a cost not to exceed \$4500. Additional services, including court testimony will be at the rate of \$150 per day.

To date a total of 1279 acres have been acquired from 108 property owners, in the PIA acquisition program.

Approval at Wednesday's meeting was the acquisition of 27 additional properties, ranging in price from a high of \$105,000 to a low of \$6250.

Alfeo also said he was reported for his committee "looking for volunteers" to and said several proposed

School, Water Items Discussed by C of C

Members of three committees of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce met at noon yesterday to obtain information on three important issues that will be put to Antelope Valley voters beginning next month. The information committee members gathered will be studied to determine the chamber's stand on each.

The chamber's water committee, chaired by Norm Rough, heard the manager of the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency Wally Spinarski explain the economic factors to be gained with a successful bond election Feb. 16.

The agency proposes to finance a system to bring into the valley supplemental water from the California Aqueduct beginning in January 1972. The \$49 million bond issue would be used to construct the feeder system linking the aqueduct with existing water districts throughout the valley.

Spinarski said a successful bond issue, and subsequent construction of the AVEK system would create an additional 149 million manhours of work throughout the valley between the years 1972-80. The follow-

ing decade will see this figure rise to one billion man-hours of work, he said.

This, Spinarski said, means additional revenue throughout the valley and an increase of retail sales in the neighborhood of about \$760 million in the first eight years alone.

Agency officials say the aqueduct water is necessary due to decline in the underground water tables and increased need for water with development in the valley.

A Los Angeles County water and power official at the session said the Feb. 16 election is a "day of reckoning" and called the AVEK project the only solution to solving the water needs of the valley, and the only source of supplemental water that valley districts could draw on.

Chamber directors are expected to support the AVEK bond election with a resolution supporting the issue at their Feb. 15 meeting.

The superintendent of Antelope Valley Union High School District, Raymond Barnes, explained to the chamber's educational committee the need for passage of the minimum tax rate election Feb. 23.

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Skelton, Cooper Renamed To Top AVEK Positions

Al Skelton was re-elected president and Dan Cooper was re-elected vice-president of the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency at a special meeting held at 4 p.m., Monday.

During the meeting, four of the seven directors were given the oath of office. They were Skelton, Cooper, Ruel Williams, and C. D. Smith.

Skelton, who represents Division 3, and Cooper, who represents Division 1, were re-elected to their seats in the Primary election last June.

Williams, director for Division 2, had no opposition and did not have to run for re-election. He was renamed for

the position by the Kern County Board of Supervision.

Smith ran successfully for the Division 5 post, which had been vacated by Forrest Godde before the end of his term. Smith was appointed to fill the vacancy till Dec. 31, 1970, and on Monday was officially sworn in for a four-year term.

The directors debated for about 45 minutes on the language of a rebuttal argument to be included in the sample ballot for the Feb. 16 bond election.

At 5 p.m., the board approved the argument, with several alterations from the original statement.

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