

## AVEK Officials Addressed Mojave C of C Thursday

Two top Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) officials, manager Wally Spinarski and director Dan Cooper, told Mojave Chamber of Commerce members Thursday that about one-third of the \$49 million the agency is seeking through next month's bond election would be spent in Kern County.

The AVEK bond issue, if passed by valley-wide voters Feb. 16, would finance a water distribution system to feed California Aqueduct water to existing water districts from Leona Valley to Boron.

About \$16 million would be used to construct feeder and reservoir systems for Kern County communities such as Mojave, Rosamond, Boron and eventually California City, if the agency reannexes that area. California City withdrew from AVEK several years ago, but is now seeking to rejoin the agency.

If reannexation is approved by directors, it wouldn't be in time for California City to take part in the election, however.

Spinarski said passage of the bond issue is necessary for smaller eastern Kern communities to receive the benefits of the aqueduct because the smaller water districts cannot afford the expense of bringing supplemental water into their areas alone.

The purpose of the agency, he said, was to allow smaller communities throughout the valley to have supplemental water by formation of a body that could handle such a large undertaking.

The supplemental water is needed, both AVEK officials said, due to declining water tables brought on by increased usage.

In answer to a question by Dick Poole, they said that while the aqueduct water

would not be soft, it wouldn't be any harder than water presently pumped from most areas of the valley.

Treatment in the seven plants planned in the first construction phases would remove all suspended particles and contamination, but would not soften or chlorinate the water.

In other chamber news, President Helen White announced that Vern Reichard is slated to be at next week's

meeting of directors and members to explain the personnel situation within the county's sanitation department.

Reichard is director, Environmental Health Division, Kern County Health Department, and was requested to speak to the chamber following word from county sources that the number of sanitarians serving the eastern Kern County area was being cut back.

### College Council Approves Chicano Student Group

The Inter-Club Council of students at AV College recently approved the Chicano Students Association (CSA) as an official campus club, with membership open to all Antelope Valley College students.

At the first official meeting, Rubin Morando, temporary CSA spokesman observed about 200 Mexican-American students attend the college, and orientation will be geared primarily toward Americans of Mexican descent.

The non-sectarian club's basic intent is to enhance the image of Mexican-Americans in the Valley, Morando said.

Specific club goals discussed by members included volunteering help to the recently initiated Project Outreach, a federally-funded program to air minority peoples in attaining basic employment skills and up-grading educational levels for greater job opportunity.

Also discussed was maintaining chicano material in the ethnic culture center at the college.

### Miss Palmdale Contest Opens For Candidates

The Palmdale Woman's Club is now taking applications for the 1971 Miss Palmdale Contest. Judging will take place at the annual Lilac Festival Dinner, April 1, at the Antelope Valley Country Club. The Queen will become Palmdale's entry for the Miss Antelope Valley Crown at the Antelope Valley Fair later this summer.

In order to be eligible, girls must have been born prior to Aug. 29, 1954, and not exceed the age of 19 as of Aug. 29, 1971. They must not be married or ever have been married and must have lived in Palmdale for one year prior to Aug. 29, 1971. Deadline for entries is Saturday, March 30.

To enter, simply fill in your name, address, age and telephone number on a card and mail to: Palmdale Woman's Club, Miss Palmdale Contest, 38218 N. 6th St. East, Palmdale, Ca. 93550.

## Tourist, Convention Unit Takes Stand on Bed Tax

After three years of "wait and see" the Tourist and Convention Committee of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce has taken a firm stand in its request for a bigger slice of bed tax revenue being handed out to communities by Los Angeles County officials to promote tourism.

At a Friday morning meeting of the committee, a letter to Arthur G. Will, county administrative officer, was approved which the chamber group said justifies its request for \$15,500 to promote tourist and convention business for Lancaster.

Last year the chamber requested the same amount but received \$2,500 instead.

This past week, Will was ordered by the county board of supervisors to make a study of contributions for

Last year, total collections amounted to \$350,000 with \$70,000 stemming from Antelope Valley. About \$141,000 was returned to communities for local tourist and convention promotions. Lancaster received \$2,500 while other areas such as Santa Monica got over \$20,000.

The letter to Will called Lancaster's low percentage "an extreme imbalance."

Chamber manager Warren Harwood, attending the Friday morning meeting, said for the past several years the chamber has been told by county officials to "complain to your supervisor" and if the request is turned down, "try again next year."

Harwood claims that distribution of the money was accomplished on a political basis and said there has

### Ida A. Morgan Services Held

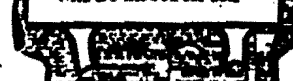
Private funeral services for Ida A. Morgan, 70, were conducted Friday, Feb. 5, under

PWS-0136-0001

**"THE MIGHTY MIDGET"**

THE WANT AD

WILL Do the Job for You



Antelope Valley Press  
Feb 9, 1927  
p. 3

Antelope Valley 2 pdf 18