Bomber Program

at Sites 1 and 3, Plant 42. The work force will increase to 700 by the end of the year.

The workmen are fabricating the aft fuselage, the aft intermediate fuselage, and a part of the wing for the Design Verification Test section section. These parts will be

used in estimustive static tests, to be conducted at North American Rockwell's plant at Los Angeles International Airport.

Actual fabrication of the flying models of the B4 will begin in October at Plant 12. Challenged by Sen. Henry Jackson, General Ryan said that he could publicly assure the American people that under the SAL agreements the U.S. Minuteman force, in conjunction with the others legs of the strategic Triad concept, will continue as a credible force to deter any adversary.

The Triad concept includes land and sea based missiles as well as manner aircraft.

General Ryan and acting Army Chief of Staff Gen. Bruce Palmer, relievated aupport for the five-year interim SAL agreement permitting two-anti-ballistic missile sites each, in the U.S. and the

North American Reports Improvement in Sales

build its new B-1 bomber at and lower interest costs. Air Force Plant 42, Palmdale.

Sales in the third 1972 quarter were \$615,077,000 com-11 pared with sales of \$600,635, t 000 in the third quarter of last year.

During the past quarter the company adopted the equlty method of accounting for its investments in common stock of affiliated companies, owned 20 per cent or more by NR, in accordance with a recent opinion of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Income for prior periods has is hear restated accordingly.

Not earnings for the thirdquarter were \$26,609,000, or \$1.08 per common share, including an extraordinary credit of \$5,116,000 after taxes resulting from the sale of a portion of NR's common stock holdings of Envirotech Corporation.

Earnings for the third quarter before the extraordinary credit were \$21,493,000 up from \$18,472,000 a year ago, a rise of 16 per cent. Primary earnings per common share

North American Rockwell sales and earnings increases, Corporation (NII) last week. In addition to increased sales, reported continued improve other factors contributing to ment in sales and earnings in improved profits were effecits third fiscal quarter ended live cost control programs, June 30. The company will reduced effective tax rates,

> A surge in demand for heavy-duty truck axles and brakes, which began last fall, helped boost Automotive Group sales, the NR chairman noted, while the Industrial Products Group benefited from increased demand in certain of its product lines.

Increased development netivity on the B-1 strategic bomber contract was responsible for most of the sales rise in the Aerospace Group, Rockwell pointed out.

NR's Electronics Group is continuing to place strong emphasis on its commercial business, Rockwell said, as fewer deliveries of F-111 aircraft avionics and Minuteman missile guldance systems

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Board of Trade 🖊 To Hear AVEK **Water Report**

The Antelope Valley Board of Trade will hear an up-to-the minute report on plans to meet the area's water needs at its **regulat** board meeting on Tuesday, July 25.

Manager Wally Spinarski of the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) will describe how over-numping of groundwater is threatening the health and welfare of local people and costing the taxpayers more than it would cost them to solve the problem throughuse of State Project water.

Spinarski's presentation

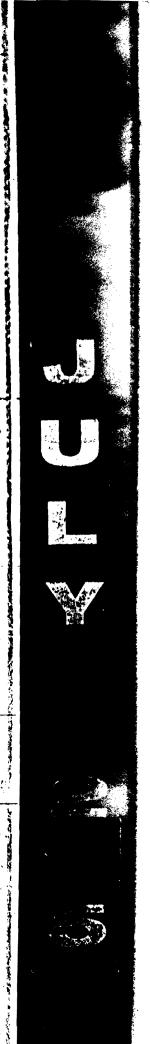
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National Economic Picture PWS-0146-0001 **Lancaster Speaker's Topic**

ident Nixon's economic sta- man. bilization program and trends

Anyone interested in Pres- terest to the small business-

Minton was an elected:



**Consists of insect killed ponderosa and Jeffrey Pine which has been felled and sprayed

Raker Hampton stated that most of the wood is hard to get, and must be cut; split and carried out to access roads where it can be loaded into a car or truck.

Firewood is sold on a first come-first serve basis. Persons criting wood in the National Forests must have a valid permit on his person.

Reception Set For Shuman

A reception to allow voters to get acquainted with Jack Shuman, candidate in the Aug. 1 Palmdale School trustce election, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 28, at the Sierra Vista Mobile Home Park 3255 E. Ave. R.

Sponsoring the reception will be the Citizens for Progress.

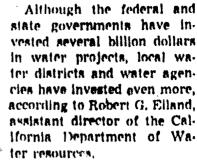
IDE THE CYCHE WELL INDERSO by three Courson Park staff members: Mrs. Angle Franklin, with the Misses Roberta Myers and Doris Culver.

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will be augmented with visual aids, showing how the average groundwater level in Antelope Valley-East Kern has dropped nearly 300 feet will explain how this groundwater overdraft is increasing the threat of water pollution.

The Water Agency report will also summarize the plan proposed by the Agency to build the system needed to make use if water available in the State Water Project aqueduct, now 'flowing through the Antelope Valley.

The AVBOT meeting starts at 7:30 a.m. in the Sand Sallor Motel, The general public is invited.



Eiland told the State Bullding and Construction Trades Council this month that Uncle Sam has spent three bilin recent years. Other sildes illon dollars on California water projects while the state has invested about \$2.5 billion, primarily in building the State Water Project. But he said local areas have spent at least that much on water development works and distribution systems to use water from state and federal projects.

> According to Elland, federal expenditures for Calltornia water developments are expected to decline further in the years ahead. He noted that the only federal construction now underway for water development in this state is for the Auburn Project, which was authorized seven years ago. No federal water projects in California have been authorized since then, he pointed out.

Referring to the economic benefits from construction of the State Water Project, Elland said it has been reamonable for nearly 50,000 man-years of employment in the construction industry. On top of this, he said, is the employment generated by 31 local agencies which must hulld distribution systems to use State Project water.

Thleves Get \$310 At Rusten House

William R. Rusten, owner and operator of the Rusten House Restaurant at 43548 N. 20th, Lancaster, reports that \$310 in currency and coins were taken from the establishment sometime between 2-a.m. and 10 a.m. Sun-

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