

...a week as a guest of the  
 world Eskimo Olympics' com-  
 mitee.  
 Last year the World Eski-  
 mo Queen from Nome, 17-  
 year-old Mary Keller, was a  
 special guest of the Antelope  
 Valley Fair Board during the  
 week-end festival held annual-  
 ly in Lancaster over the L-  
 ancaster Day weekend.  
 The blond, blue-eyed queen  
 of the Antelope Valley Fair  
 and Alfalfa Festival will com-  
 pete the unique Eskimo  
 Olympics with the local Ru-  
 ral Day farm competi-  
 tion.

**Games Natives Play**  
 The Eskimo Olympics be-  
 ginning held in Fairbanks July  
 28 and 29, features the  
 games of the natives  
 for survival in the arctic.

...farmers who make their liv-  
 ing in the semi-arid Antelope  
 Valley on the edge of the Mo-  
 jave Desert.  
 Miss Keipe will see more  
 than 75 natives from Alaska,  
 Greenland and Canada com-  
 peting in muktuk eating, seal  
 skinning, ear weight carry-  
 ing, blanket tossing and other  
 events.

Traylor, contractor, as sec-  
 ond vice president; Soren  
 Andersen, of Rancher's Bank,  
 as secretary; and Leonard  
 Chant, of Tom's Orchid and  
 Flower Shop, as treasurer.  
 The new slate of directors  
 for the group are Pilar P.  
 Crockard, George M. Lane,  
 Perry Fuller, and out-going  
 president Henry Olson.

at Lake Hughes and Elizabeth  
 Lakes Roads, proceeds east  
 on Elizabeth Lakes Road to  
 the Recreational Association's  
 grounds.  
 Enroute, Judge William  
 Wright, of the Municipal  
 Court in Lancaster, will  
 form the ceremony  
 ding, according to  
 Oberg, of the Association.

prizes will be awarded to  
 lucky winners.  
**Sunday Schedule**  
 Sunday, 10 a.m.: the Days  
 open "with a bang"—an Open  
 to All Trap Shoot at the  
 Sportsmen's Club Range at  
 the Recreational Center.  
 There also will be game

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# Need More Water or Less People—Spinarski

"We've either got to get  
 more water or get rid of some  
 of the people living here."  
 This is one of the strong  
 statements about the valley  
 made Tuesday morning at the  
 Antelope Valley Board of  
 Trade meeting by the man-  
 ager of the Antelope Valley-  
 East Kern Water Agency,  
 Wally Spinarski.  
 Spinarski's organization,  
 AVEK, is the agency which  
 is daily collecting taxes from  
 local property owners to help  
 pay for construction and op-  
 erating costs of the mammoth

Feather River state water  
 project.  
 But AVEK won't be able to  
 draw this water from the  
 nearby California Aqueduct  
 because voters early in 1971  
 turned down a bond issue  
 that would have financed a  
 valley-wide distribution sys-  
 tem to feed smaller, individ-  
 ual community water sys-  
 tems.  
**Guest Speaker**  
 Spinarski, guest speaker at  
 the BOT breakfast meeting,  
 claims that the groundwater

level in most areas of Ante-  
 lope Valley is getting so low  
 that it is causing a water pol-  
 lution problem.  
 "We're fast approaching the  
 bottom of the barrel," the  
 AVEK manager declared.  
 "Our only hope is to bring  
 good water in, such as the  
 water being provided by the  
 state water project."  
 Spinarski says that over-  
 pumping is causing the pol-  
 lution problem because as  
 levels of good water are de-  
 pleted, bad water flows in  
 from other surrounding

areas. Also, he said, "used"  
 water from above ground  
 dumps pollutants into the  
 shrinking underground lake.  
 "If we don't build a water  
 distribution system the val-  
 ley will die a slow agonizing  
 death," claimed Spinarski,  
 "and the only answer is to  
 pass a bond issue to pay for  
 its construction."  
**Bond Issue**  
 A bond issue nearly 18  
 months ago failed to get the  
 needed 66 and 2/3 majority  
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## WEATHER

	High	Low
July 21	98	56
July 25	97	57
July 26	99	59

## WATER PACT TABLED

# AVEK System to Cost \$69 Million But No Higher Tax Rate Foreseen

First, the bad news . . .  
 The new projected cost of  
 the Antelope Valley-East  
 Kern Water Agency system  
 will be \$69 million.  
 Now, the good news . . .  
 The system—despite a \$20  
 million increase in cost—can  
 probably be built for about  
 the same tax rate because of  
 soaring assessed valuations  
 in the agency. It is believed  
 that the tax rate could be  
 held to a 90-cents per \$100  
 assessed value maximum.  
 These high-rising facts  
 were revealed Tuesday night  
 at the AVEK board meeting.  
**Emergency Pact Tabled**  
 During the meeting, a pro-

posals to permit the Elizabeth  
 Lake Mutual Water Company  
 to purchase agency water  
 from the California aqueduct  
 on an emergency basis was  
 tabled pending further study.  
 In February, 1971, voters  
 within the agency failed to  
 approve a \$49 million bond  
 issue to build the AVEK dis-  
 tribution system.  
 Tuesday night, Tom Mad-  
 dock of Boyle Engineering,  
 consulting engineer for AV-  
 EK, orally presented a pre-  
 view of an updated engineer-  
 ing report.  
 The published report will  
 probably be available for dis-  
 tribution at the agency's Aug.  
 8 meeting.

Only substantial change in  
 the facilities would be to add  
 capacity in the line that will  
 go to Mojave and Boron to  
 serve a lateral feeder to Cal-  
 ifornia City.  
**Timing, Capacity**  
 A number of changes have  
 been made in the timing and  
 allocations of capacity in va-  
 rious turnouts and lines.  
 Of the \$20 million increase  
 in the project cost of the  
 system, only about \$2 mil-  
 lion relates to changes.  
 About \$18 million of the  
 increase will be caused by  
 inflationary factors.  
 Maddock says that an \$8  
 million increase has occurred

in the year and a half since  
 the bond election failed. An  
 additional \$10 million in in-  
 flationary costs will occur  
 before the system can be  
 built.  
**Three-Stage Program**  
 The plan calls for a three-  
 stage construction program,  
 with stages starting in 1973,  
 1975, and 1977.  
 In order for such a time-  
 table to be met, an election  
 would have to be passed  
 sometime in the early part of  
 1973.  
 AVEK General Manager  
 Wally Spinarski said that  
 about 90 days would be re-  
 quired to advertise for con-

struction bids and bonds. Con-  
 struction time for the first  
 stage is estimated at 1 1/2  
 years.  
 The system could be oper-  
 ational by late 1974.  
 Tuesday night, the direc-  
 tors discussed at length the  
 proposal to solve the Lake  
 Elizabeth Mutual Water Com-  
 pany's emergency needs.  
**Letter of Agreement**  
 The meeting agenda includ-  
 ed a letter of agreement out-  
 lining conditions for the wa-  
 ter sale.  
 The letter states that:  
 "The health, safety, and  
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ing, but there was little they could do save anything. Loss was estimated \$5000 by fire officials. There were injuries. Battalion Chief Gus Whist was in charge of fire fighting operations.

—valley press photo by dave miller

# Rate Policy

the In- effort to the District as a member of the Land Committee. Other Directors concurred.

**Master Plan Proposal**

In the rather lengthy discussion on ways and means to accomplish a truly projected master plan of development for the District's water system, Dr. Sloan observed the need to study basics in development within the District. A "who's going to do what, and how is it going to progress", as well as problems of personnel needed to accomplish the in-depth study.

**Water Rate Policy Need**

The need for a policy establishing procedures in setting District water rates "came in the back door", when Dr. Bourne reported his findings on other agencies using availability charges. Dr. Bourne stressed he was not in favor of increasing District water rates, but scrutiny of the District's 1971 Annual Report . . . prepared for presentation as of June 30, 1972 . . . disclosed cost of "manufacturing" the water far exceeded income for water delivery, especially in the smaller well site areas.

# Charges Planned 4 Accident

with in- and Richard. Leland is still

posal to supply water on an emergency basis, they expressed concern about problems relating to any permanent arrangement.

# Water . . .

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to pass. Money from those bonds would have paid for a distribution system to pump Feather River water from the new aqueduct of communities as far away as Boron and Hill Vista.

When asked why voters turned the plan down, Spinarski said it was probably due to the increase it would mean in taxes.

"They don't have an emergency yet . . . they're not thirsty enough yet."

Board of Trade vice president Virgil Weaver took exception with AVEK's plan and said it will cost some users up to 10 times as much for water than it does now.

In other BOT news, it was announced that Paul Gaskins had been named as a replacement for Leon Ford on the Industrial Development Committee.

BOT secretary Bill Montamble disclosed that the terms of nine directors are expiring and nominations were open to fill out the ballot for the election to those positions.

Directors who will be up for reelection are Virgil Weaver, Bill Montamble, Lee Dore, Dr. M. Brakemeyer, Steve Chaudet, Abe Loewen, Ron Sipherd, Wally Spinarski, and Vern Ward.

# Lake Hughes . . .

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booths and prizes to winners. The Annual Art Show will open its doors at 10 a.m. in the Recreational Center Hall.

A third event at 10 a.m. will be the Nakaton School Horse Show, located approximately one mile east of Lake Hughes on Elizabeth Lake Road.

The Youngsters Pet Parade



**VALLEY FEDERAL GROUNDBREAKING**—Ceremonies were held Tuesday afternoon to mark the start of construction of a new Valley Federal Savings and building near 22nd St. E. and Palmdale Blvd., Palmdale. Participating in the groundbreaking ceremonies were, from left, Lamont Odett and Judge

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year's contestants include Stan Klein, Club entry; Jack Murphy, running on the auspices of the Lancaster Elks Lodge; and Roberts, the AV Jaycees choice.

## AV City Of Hope Chapter Installation

The annual installation of new terms for the Ray B. Edwards Chapter 819, City of Hope, will be conducted following a 6 p.m. service on Saturday, July 29, in Sir George's, Lancaster. City of Hope Area Coordinator Matt Mann will serve as installing officer at the ceremony, which will be open to the public. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Edwards at WH 2-9906.

## 'Burger-N-Brew' Night Set for Saturday

Saturday, July 29, is the date of the Juniper Hills Community Association's Fourth Annual "Burger-N-Brew" night. The event will be held between 6 and 11 p.m. in the Juniper Bowl, McKee, chairman. (Tuesday's Valley Press erroneously reported it would be Friday).

Juniper Bowl is located on the west side of 106th St. E., three miles south of Pearblossom Hwy., with plenty of free parking.

# OK Lock, Key Change

Trustees of the Southern Kern Unified School District have approved an expenditure of \$1800 to replace all locks and keys throughout the district.

Although Kern maintains Glendora and a portion of the bus road entrance need of repair.

# Chamber . . .

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ponic farming project being constructed and Ave. E-8.

The project, which would eventually include a 210 large building on a 40-acre site with a high level of ab-

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### AVEK...

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welfare of the inhabitants of the service area of Lake Elizabeth Mutual Water Company is endangered due to the serious deficiency in local groundwater supplies, and will remain so endangered unless water is made available by the installation of emergency facilities."

The letter sets forth a list of conditions relating to supplying untreated water to the company.

The company would provide temporary pumping facilities, metering devices, and appurtenances.

About 1000 acre feet per year would be delivered, at a cost of \$50.60 per acre foot in 1972 and \$52.55 per acre foot in 1973.

Although directors generally were favorable to the proposal to supply water on an emergency basis, they expressed concern about problems relating to any permanent arrangement.

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