

**FOR IMPORTATION OF WATER** — Headquarters for the WISE Committee have been formerly opened in Suite 1 at 44820 Fern Ave., in Lancaster, the volunteer, non-profit citizens organization dedicated to meeting the water needs of people in Antelope Valley-East Kern. WISE is the nickname for "Water Importation for a Stable Environment."

Committeemen include, from left, Ben Oman, campaign coordinator for the approval of Proposition W on the Nov. 7 ballot; Mrs. Marion Jennings, treasurer; Mrs. Marian Sterk, secretary; and Virgil Weaver and Jerry Bigalk, membership committeemen.

—valley press photo

## AV water table dropping; local alfalfa quality good

Plant growth and maturity progressed normally during a near normal month, according to Ralph W. Lichty, Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner. Average temperature at Civic Center was 72.3 degrees F or 0.4 degrees above normal. Rainfall

was 0.02 inch or .21 below normal.

This continued deficit in rainfall has created some cultural problems but fortunately an abundance of irrigation water is available except in the Antelope Valley where some wells have had to be lowered to reach a dropping water table.

Most citrus plantings made good growth. The new set of fruit continued to size well; however, there was some splitting of young navels which will further reduce our crop estimates. Lemons responded to the mild September with an excellent bloom and are now setting young fruit.

In the San Fernando-Saugus area, harvest operations include sweet corn, walnuts, sugar beets, carrots and onions. Growers expect sweet corn to be available from local fields through October of this year. Pumpkins are beginning to show color, this is a sure sign of fall.

In the Antelope Valley, harvest of deciduous fruits is now complete. Fruit will still be available through

roadside stands as supplies are taken from cold storage. Alfalfa growers will soon make the final cut of the season. Quality has been good and prices have held up well.

Sugar beets will be readied for harvest which will take place later this winter. Production is expected to exceed that of 1971. Almond harvest

continues with production higher than any year since 1968.

In the Los Angeles basin, strawberry growers are fumigating their soil in preparation for planting late in October or early November. Harvested during the month were scattered plantings of leafy vegetables, squash, bush beans, cucumbers, cabbage and cauliflower to name a few. As the days grow shorter, field grown chrysanthemums are beginning to bloom and abundant supplies will soon go on the market.

## Daniel Stephens funeral services

Funeral services will be held in Phoenix, Ariz., for Air Force Sgt. Daniel M. Stephens, 23, who died Wednesday morning as the result of an auto accident in California City.

Stephens was an electrical power production specialist assigned to the Haves Air Force Station, east of Boron. He was dead on arrival at Boron Citizens Hospital after his car collided with a vehicle being driven by Dr. William Ballard, Boron, at the intersection of California City Blvd. and Redwood Blvd., California City.

Dr. Ballard suffered facial injuries in the accident but was not hospitalized.

Stephens, a native of San Diego, had been in the Air Force three years and was unmarried. Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Sheehan, Campbell, Calif., and two brothers, one a military man in Alaska, and the other a resident of Phoenix.

Local arrangements were handled by Halley-Olsen Chapel, Lancaster. In charge of arrangements in Phoenix is A. L. Moore and Sons Chapel.

## Cal-City Chamber to hear speakers on AVEK proposal

Guest speakers from the Antelope Valley-East Kern (AVEK) Water Agency will present an illustrated program at the California City Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting Tuesday, Oct. 10, at Holiday Inn.

Information on the proposed bond issue "is a timely topic of interest to all" and the meeting will be open to the public.

A no-host social hour at 6:30 p.m. will precede dinner at 7 p.m. and reservations should be made in advance. Call Tom Kempner, reservations chairman, at (714) 373-4861.

## Amateur Radio Novice course entry deadline

Final day for registration for the Amateur Radio Novice course will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11. Classes are held in rooms 820 and 821, at AV High School, Lancaster.

This is a beginners course for anyone interested in obtaining the FCC license.




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