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Rousselot, Russell to speak Saturday

Congressman John Rousselot and Assemblyman Newton Russell will speak before residences and guests at a reception at Mayflower Gardens, 6570 W. Ave. L-12, Quartz Hill, Saturday, Oct. 14, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. A question and answer session will follow. The public is invited to attend.

Water table declining costs rising, BOT told

Water resources in Antelope Valley are rapidly declining and cost of extracting it from the ground is increasing.

That was the crux of a talk by Kenneth Putnam when he addressed the Antelope Valley Board of Trade Tuesday breakfast meeting at the Sand Sailer. For the last three years, he's been the Division Engineer, Waterworks and Utilities Division, for the Los Angeles County Engineer.

At the outset, Putnam noted there are only 18 waterworks districts located in the entire Los Angeles County and nine, or half, are in Antelope Valley. Largest is Lancaster, District No. 4, which has been in operation since 1917.

Seven Feet per Year

The water in the Lancaster area has been dropping at a rate of about seven feet a year for the last 10 years, Putnam reported, and we're continuing to drill wells, with two new ones to be drilled in the next year.

"We lose a well about every two years."

Putnam pointed out that while the level continues to drop, water usage at the same time is climbing, due to increased population.

For an example, Putnam told the group one day in

July this year, 25,000,000 gallons were pumped for Lancaster for improvements and just meeting the increased demands for water."

Continuing, Putnam said "there's no answer to the question 'when will we run out of water'." In fact he wouldn't hazard a guess.

And while the County Waterworks District officials can't become involved in politics, can only state the facts, Putnam is hopeful that Valley voters will approve "Proposition 'W' in the November election, which would provide for supplemental water for this area.

Putnam reported the county has already contracted to purchase at wholesale prices, the first 8000 to 20,000 acre feet of Feather River water delivered to AVEK.

Committee Member

In the absence of AVBOT Water Committee Chairman Jerry Bigalk, Putnam was introduced by committee member Bob Kieffe.

During the business meeting conducted by President Virgil Weaver, directors agree to postpone action on the 1973 budget until the next meeting, Oct. 17. The preliminary budget calls for expenditures and income of \$39,625.

TV's Ed Asner to speak at 'Beaars' Banquet'

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Though enveloped by flames, Englert was able to pick up the car, free Cathy and drag her to safety.

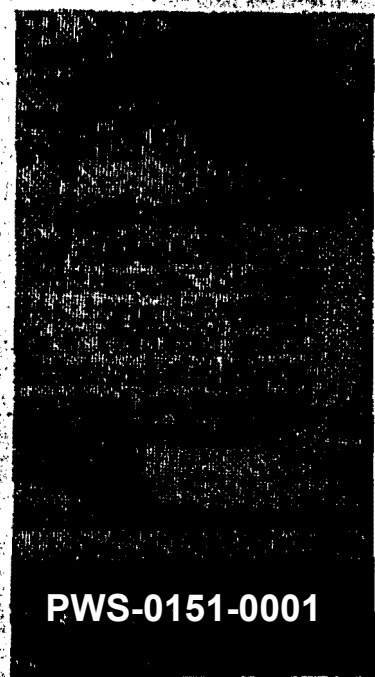
Flames singed his arms. The other two victims were trapped inside the burning vehicle.

Englert could hear their screams but was powerless to assist.

Englert was remorseful he hadn't been able to save the other two victims but Cathy owes her life to his quick and valiant efforts.

News of the tragedy spread quickly at the Quartz Hill High School 60th St. W. and Ave. L campus and stunned the 2000 students.

Mother of the Nelson sister is Mrs. Patricia Nelson, a Leona Valley postal emplye. Their father is Kenneth Nelson, 16544 W. Elizabeth Lake



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CATHY NELSON

Rd., Lake Hughes, a fireman stationed at Lake Hughes Station No. 78.

He wasn't on duty Tuesday.

Miss Garey was the daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Max (Bill) Garey. A former Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department officer, Garey retired from the AV Sheriff's Station about three years ago.

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