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# Water to be discussed at AVBOT seminar

Can the Agriculture Industry survive in the Antelope Valley with out supplemental water? This is one of the subjects that will be discussed at the

Board of Trade sponsored seminar to be held on Jan. 29, in the Palmdale Holiday Inn Hotel.

Information received in the Board of Trade office from questionnaires mailed to 150 farmers in the valley indicate an average water level drop of about 10 feet per year in wells used by farmers for irrigation.

It is becoming economically impossible for farmers to pump from the deep wells and new wells are not always productive.

A complete report on the feasibility of using California Aqueduct water for agriculture will also be presented at the January 29 seminar.

Roy Hampson from the Lahontan District Water Quality Control Board will review state water quality requirements and report on any problem areas that exist in the Antelope Valley.

Representatives from the AVEK Water Agency along with other water companies and districts will report on present and future water needs in their areas.

Bob Elland, deputy director California Water Project, will report on the costs of aqueduct water for consumption in the Antelope Valley and long range plans for supplying

future overall water need.

Water is a resource that is vitally important to the future of the Antelope Valley community and decisions must be made today to insure that we have an adequate supply in the future.

The public is invited to at-

tend the Board of Trade sponsored seminar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 29, in the Palmdale Holiday Inn Hotel.

Seminar tickets are available in the Board of Trade office at \$4.50 each which includes an all you can eat buffet luncheon.

## Lancaster CofC guest speaker is Chris Lee

Chris Lee, manager of the Antelope Valley Board of Trade, is slated to be guest speaker at the Wednesday, Jan. 23, noon business meeting of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce.

Lee will discuss the upcoming water seminar here Jan. 29, sponsored by the AVBOT, and his talk will include a review of what he calls the need by farmers of aqueduct water.

Also expected to be covered is the financial situation confronted by AVEK in its attempts to bring local water agencies water from the nearby California aqueduct.

The Lancaster Chamber business session featuring Lee will be held at the Antelope Valley Inn, Lancaster, beginning at noon and is open to the public.

## Tony Rigoni appointed Lancaster postmaster

Assuming the duties as the Lancaster Postmaster has been Anthony J. (Tony) Rigoni, a veteran with the postal service since 1937. He succeeds Earl Masters, recently promoted to be the Sectional Center manager at Mojave.

Rigoni had been the assistant Lancaster postmaster and on Sept. 24 last year was named Officer in Charge. His appointment followed civil service merit selection procedures.

He's a native of Lime Rock, N.Y., born Aug. 3, 1913, and came to Antelope Valley in 1956. His brother, Charles, was the postmaster of Palmdale until his retirement four years ago.

The new Lancaster postmaster is the father of two daughters, Mrs. Nancy Arm-introut, 25, of Sandy, Ore., and Mrs. Jean Buck, 22, of Lancaster, and a son, Anthony, 19, also of Lancaster. Locally, Rigoni is a member of the Lancaster Elks Lodge and the chamber of commerce.



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with Mrs. C. H. Meyerholtz, President of Antelope Valley Republican Women's Club, Federated, as Installing Officer.

Committee chairmen reports will constitute the program. For reservations call 947-7081, 947-1174 and 947-5431.

### Wildflower Preservation unit to meet

The Wildflower Preservation Committee will meet Tuesday, Jan. 22, 7:45 p.m. at the Lancaster Woman's Club. Member organizations will present their proposed projects for 1974 in the continuing fund raising for the Poppy Park. All interested persons are wel-

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