



**REDMAN HONORED** — A special, framed resolution was presented Tuesday night to W. M. "Bud" Redman, fourth from left, commending him for his 11 years of service as a director on the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water

Agency board. Redman recently retired. From left are, AVEK directors Carl B. Hunter Jr., Ruel Williams, President Al Skelton, Redman, Marian Sterk, and C. D. Smith.

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## AVEK to encourage use of water from aqueduct for agriculture

A "resolution of encouragement" to explore the possibilities of providing California Aqueduct water for agricultural use was approved by the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency board Tuesday night.

The directors met at 7:30 p.m. in the agency headquarters, 554 W. Lancaster Blvd.

The resolution was submitted to the AVEK directors by the Antelope Valley Board of Trade, which approved it Tuesday morning.

The resolution urged that the AVEK board "adopt a policy that would authorize and encourage an Antelope Valley farmer group to finance a water distribution system or systems using California Aqueduct water."

### Understanding Included

The resolution said that the policy should be adopted with an understanding that:

"1. Water would be delivered in a raw state;

"2. It would be purchased as surplus water at a price considered economically feasible for irrigating agriculture crops in the Antelope Valley.

"3. That the AVEK Water Agency could participate in

the utilization of the system for the distribution of water for domestic or industrial uses."

Urging the board to adopt the resolution were Ed Schramm, chairman of the Board of Trade water and agricultural committee and an Eastside rancher, and Ralph

Ritter, a member of the BOT water committee.

The BOT recently circulated a questionnaire among Antelope Valley farmers to seek information on the demand for water.

In a memorandum summarizing the questionnaire's

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## FOR AGRICULTURE

# Lee discusses water proposal at Lancaster C of C meeting

Lancaster Chamber of Commerce officers and members were briefed yesterday on the plan being developed which could bring valley farmers water directly out of the California Aqueduct.

Antelope Valley Board of Trade manager Chris Lee told the noon chamber gathering at the Antelope Valley Inn that the plan, being pushed by the AVBOT, had received a favorable endorsement from

the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) board of directors Tuesday evening. (See separate story elsewhere in this issue.)

The proposal to bring aqueduct water to participating farmers, in it materializes, would see them finance development and construction of their own water distribution system and purchase the water, untreated, from AVEK right out of the aqueduct.

tioning and electrical installations.

Ward said the successful bidder will have 180 days to complete the job. Advertising for bids on the project will commence immediately.

## Contract let for Lancaster parking lot

Fifth District Supervisor Baxter Ward reported that on Jan. 22 the County Board of Supervisors awarded an \$11,513.12 contract to Asphalt Construction Company, Inc., of Lancaster, for installing curbed bumper stops and resurfacing the Date Ave. parking lot located between Kettering Street and Lancaster Blvd. and the Beech Avenue parking lot at the Beech Avenue-Kettering Street intersection.

Supervisor Ward stated that the cost of this project, which is set for completion in March, will be paid for by the Lancaster Parking Meter Development Fund.

AVEK can take water from the aqueduct, but failure of bond issues in the past has prevented the tax-supported organization from developing a water distribution system for not only farming, but commercial and residential use.

Financing of the agricultural water distribution system would be the responsibility of the participating farmers, and

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## Sun Valley rites for Mena Spirer

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Mrs. Spirer was the wife of former St. Stephen's pastor, Dr. Edward Spirer, who served the Palmdale congregation during 1968-69 prior to his transfer. Dr. Spirer, who survives, is now pastor of St. Michael's.

The couple came to this country from Europe, where Mrs. Spirer was born during 1900, and were converted from Judaism after then Architect Spirer had spent a number of years designing Lutheran churches. She worked side by side with her husband after his ordination and was devoted to service for her church community until illness forced her retirement.

A Memorial Fund has been established at St. Stephen's and friends wishing to do so may make a memorial contribution by sending it to St. Stephen's of the Valley, P.O. Box 261, Palmdale (93550).

Chamber vice president George Estok, who heads the community promotion committee, said this year's Wildflower Queen Contest will be held Mar. 13 and the show itself, which draws thousands of tourists to Lancaster, will run from Mar. 8 to May 5 at the Fairgrounds.

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### Main Interest

"It would appear that the principal interest is on the Westside. The interest is greater at a price of \$25 per acre-foot delivered within ½ mile of the property under pressure. The majority of ranchers would contract for a period of 10 years under those conditions.

"A substantial interest also exists for provision of water at the State Aqueduct for a price of \$14 per acre-foot under a 10-year contract."

At the conclusion of the meeting, the AVEK board presented a framed resolution to W. M. "Bud" Redman commending him for his 11 years of service as an AVEK director. He resigned from the board last month.

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## Mojave church annual potluck

MOJAVE — Members and friends of the Mojave Community Congregational Church will enjoy a family potluck dinner Sunday evening, Jan. 27, at the church located at the corner of Belshaw and K St., Mojave, Bill Deaver reports.

Following the dinner, at approximately 6 p.m., members of the church will hold their annual business meeting. Approval of the budget for operation of the church for 1974 will be asked, and discussion will be held concerning the business of the church. Reports of activities of the church during 1973 will be presented by church officers.

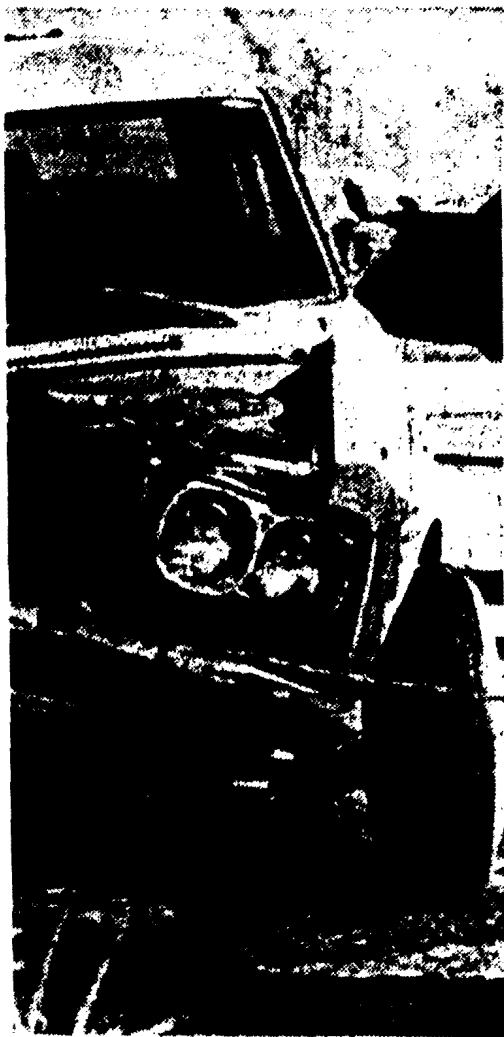
## Visitors . . .

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tle, and Houston, in addition to Southern California.

Another group of about 20 will be arriving late in February and ISS/SC is hoping that Antelope Valley can be included again as a host area, this time with several families involved.

Antelope Valley families who would like to take part in the foreign visitor program should contact Dr. or Mrs. Mercer, at 942-4936, or Miss Starrock, in Los Angeles, at (213) 380 - 0427, for further information.



## Chamber...

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would not involve a public bond issue.

Lee told the chamber members and guests, gathered for the organization's regular noon luncheon meeting, that the proposed plan is being developed following results of a survey taken by the AVBOT which showed that at least 40 out of 150 farmers or ranchers contacted favored the purchase of aqueduct water to supplement their needs.

### Need Growing

Lee said the need for additional water by farmers and ranchers is growing greater by the day because of increased pumping costs, greater residential and industrial demands on the underground water table, and even the presence of bad water here in the valley.

The underground water source here in the valley, Lee said, is not being replenished fast enough and more water is being used than is available.

This, he says, lowers the water table out at the wells within the farming and ranching areas and sends drilling and pumping costs skyward.

Lee went on to say that the farm water plan would be discussed in detail at the upcoming water seminar Jan. 29, sponsored by the AVBOT.

The seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn, Palmdale, and will draw local, regional, and state officials together to present a complete picture of the valley's water needs now and on into the future.

Chairman of the session will be Ed Schramm, who also chairs the AVBOT's Agriculture and Water Committee.

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### YOUTH OF MONTH AWARDS TO FOUR BY SAVCC

—South Antelope Valley Coordinating Council honored four outstanding Palmdale High School seniors at Youth of the Month, Wednesday, at the January general meeting in Oasis Center. Introduced by YOM Chairman Mrs. Jane Suppona were, from the left, Marvin Rees, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rees, sponsored

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Saluted by chamber president Denver Cook, presiding over his first meeting since taking office from John John Ritchie, who resigned, were Woman of the Year Marjorie Leithliter, and Unsung Hero Phil Newharth.

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