

# California Wins Cotton Rule Concession

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### Ranch Well Near Canyon Has Water

A rancher's efforts to get water to bring additional land under cultivation today appeared to have uncovered what could prove to be an important new source of water near the mouth of Kern Canyon.

Dave Anderson Jr. found the water in a well drilled into the Olcese sand, which produces oil in various Kern County fields but has not been tapped before for appreciable water production.

Anderson, who wanted water for citrus development on his 280-acre Canyon View ranch, located his well as close to Kern River as possible, working on the premise the alluvium adjacent to the river would prove to be water-bearing.

At a depth of 18 feet, he encountered a silt, later identified as the Round Mountain silt, which precluded the possibility of recovering water from alluvium or terrace material fed by Kern River.

The rancher decided to continue drilling in the hope of finding water in the Olcese sand. Using cable tools, he penetrated the Round Mountain silt to a depth of 294 feet, passing at that point into the Olcese. He took the well on to a total depth of 341 feet, penetrating 47 feet of Olcese formation.

Initially, Anderson had hoped for a well capable of producing 350 gallons of water per minute. Instead, he brought in a well that tested at a 525-gallon-per-minute rate. Analysis of the water indicated it to be excellent for domestic use.

After completing the well, Anderson wondered how thick the Olcese sand might be. On bottom, the well was still in the formation. Anderson sought the assistance of consulting petroleum geologists Jack Clare, his cousin, and Jim O'Neill, who projected findings of nearby oil tests to come up with a figure of approximately 800 feet for Olcese sand thickness. Thickness indicated the possibility of a substantial water reservoir.

The water discovery well is located one-half mile southwest of the mouth of Kern Canyon and three miles east of Kern River Golf Course, or more precisely, on the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Sec. 6, 29S-30E.

#### Trustees Want New Unification Law

The Kern County Union High School District board of trustees Thursday night voted support of the Kern County Committee on School District Organization in their request for special legislation to modify the Unruh Act.

The proposed legislation would permit the unification of Kern County along lines which are a modification of the original master plan drafted by the county committee.

### High School Swimming to Begin Soon

The Kern County Union High School District board of trustees has accepted from the city of Bakersfield use of its pools for the conduct of a swim program beginning in February.

The board's acceptance Thursday night followed action taken by the Bakersfield City Council earlier this week in offering the district free use of its swimming facilities.

While the city will not charge the district maintenance costs for use of the pools, the costs will be paid from a fund drive sponsored by a citizens committee.

George Day Enterprises volunteered to help the committee promote the fund drive. On the strength of the committee's fund campaign the Council agreed to open the pools. The city charged the district \$6,700 last year in pool maintenance costs.

Pools at Jastro and California Avenue parks initially will be used for a competitive swim program. It is hoped later to include other city pools for competition and for swimming classes.

District Superintendent T. L. McCuen emphasized the drive for free use of the pools was spearheaded by private citizens' groups, not the board of trustees. The board, he indicated, merely gave assent to these groups to request of the city free pool usage.

The swim program in the district was dropped last summer along with reductions made necessary in other educational phases because of defeat of the July tax override election.

#### Automobile Looted

Jeanne Gloria Cheney, 3860 Inverness Court, reported to police her unlocked parked car was entered and a blanket, a woman's hat, a cake and a pie were taken. The car was parked in the 1300 block of 20th Street.

### Rain, Snow to End Fair Weather

A break up of fair weather began with cloudy skies and rain may occur Sunday in most of Kern County with snow at the 5,000-foot level.

The forecaster said the storm which is bringing light rain to Northern California today is expected to reach Kern County on Sunday. Cooler daytime temperatures will result.

A high of 60 degrees was forecast today, down from yesterday's 64, and a low of 37 was recorded this morning. A minimum of 45 is expected in the morning. The normal temperature range is 59-39. In the citrus areas, all stations are expected to have readings above 32 degrees.

At Lake Isabella, the temperature range was 60-32 today and a high of 55 is forecast for tomorrow, when 10- to 15-mile winds from the northeast are expected with the showers.

Readings reported from various Kern County points were: Delano, 69-32; Taft, 64-38; Arvin, 69-31; Edison, 66-40; McFarland, 68-32; Lebec, 56-25; Frazier Park, 54-19; and Edwards, 55-31.

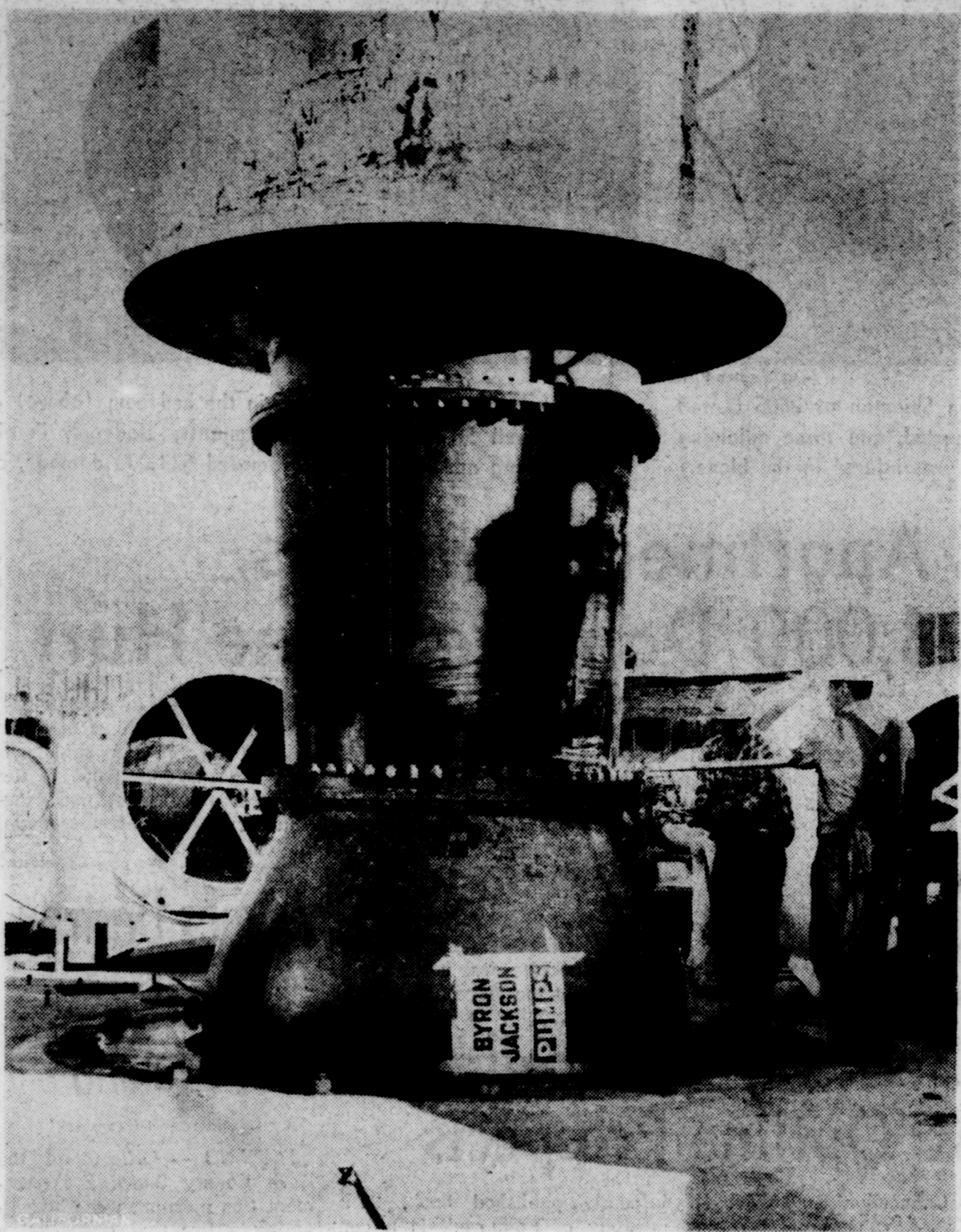
Rain was falling early today from Santa Cruz and Chico northward, and it was expected to reach Santa Maria and Fresno late tonight or Sunday.

Travelers in the Sierra Nevada were warned snow is expected to spread south to Yosemite tonight, with heavy amounts in the north portion.

The forecaster said the rains also will spread over Southern California Sunday including the Mojave desert sections which may have only light showers.

#### Woman Tells Beating

Mattie Hailey, 208 South Owens Street, was treated early today in Kern General Hospital for head lacerations she told police she received from her "boy friend" wielding a two-foot length of two-inch metal pipe. The attack, she said, followed a day-long argument in her home.



One of the world's largest vertical pumps towers over workmen as it is readied for installation in the Fairfax Road pumping plant of the Arvin-Edison water project. The big pump will lift water from the project intake canal—which stretches 14 miles from the terminus of the Friant-Kern Canal—into the higher elevations of the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District. The \$46 million project received a federal appropriation last week of more than \$7 million to continue construction during the coming year. Initial water deliveries are expected next year.

### Construction Crews Move In at \$17 Million Cement Plant

Giant bulldozers, trucks and platoons of men today are constructing Kern County's newest industrial plant. This is the Pacific Western Industries \$17 million cement plant on Tejon Ranch property east of Gorman and north of Highway 138 near the county line.

Kern County officials joined executives of the ranch and Pacific Western in a groundbreaking ceremony yesterday. When completed sometime late this year, the facility will employ more than 100 persons.

President John M. Kinard of Pacific Western told Board of Trade officials the estimated payroll will amount to \$1 million a year. Following a tour of the site and a briefing at the Tejon Ranch headquarters, the executive explained why his company had selected Kern County as a site for the installation.

"It is true that you have immense deposits of limestone here, but it is also true we could have located 100 yards further south and been in Los Angeles County. We chose not to because we wanted to be a part of Kern County.

"We felt that the economic impact of our being here is important to you. And we also felt we wanted to be a part of Kern County."

He said he was "highly pleased with the reception we have been given... the friendly feeling and the desire to cooperate on the part of Kern County's officials and business leaders."

David A. Johnson, vice president in charge of engineering and operations for PW, arranged the tour and luncheon that followed at the Caravan at Gorman. He especially commended the Board of Trade and Tejon Ranch executives for their assistance.

Supervisor John Holt, in whose district the new plant will lie, and Alan Pettit, president of the Kern County Board of Trade, welcomed the industrial leaders. Both

pledged the cooperation of their organizations to the development of the industry. Holt said he sees in the location of the plant in Kern County "a fine omen for the beginning of this, our county's Centennial year."

Under the direction of Pacific Western's engineers and

the Bechtel Corp., a plant has been designed which will utilize the most modern equipment and the most advanced process control techniques, Johnson said. The plant will utilize one of the largest deposits of limestone known to exist in California. In addition—see Cement—page 12

#### AMATEUR STARS

### Officers Get Into 'Hood' Act Again

When it is finally released, the motion picture "Hood of Violence" may have a number of for-real Kern County deputies, highway patrolmen and policemen dashing in and out of scenes in a most realistic manner.

Several days ago the film company was on location in Kern Canyon utilizing a burning cross and a large number of Negro actors garbed in white sheets when excited sheriff's deputies roared in to halt what was reported to be a Ku Klux Klan meeting.

This morning it happened again—and police and highway patrolmen insist it isn't because they're hams demanding equal time before the flicks: it was for real again, they said.

Shortly after 6 p.m. yesterday Orin P. Boening, 2300-A Dracena Street, called police to report his 1963 beige-colored Cadillac Coupe de Ville missing from the parking lot of Denny's Restaurant, 1310 Union Avenue.

Police took a proper theft report, then broadcast the information and at 12:15 a.m. today Highway Patrolmen James Eastman and Robert Tormohlen—without so much as one smidgen of stage makeup—stopped the car in the 500 block of Union Avenue.

Inside were the film officials, Ted Mikles, Hollywood, and Gary Kent, Manhattan Beach, and the star of "Hood of Violence" Maureen Gaffney. The exact dialogue isn't re-

### Hagen, Two Others Tell of Change

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Three California congressmen representing cotton-producing areas said today the Department of Agriculture has clarified and modified its regulations to relieve a major portion of the difficulties which have faced California cotton growers.

Congressmen Harlan Hagen, B. F. Sisk, and John Tunney, representing San Joaquin and Imperial Valley cotton areas, said simplified instructions will be issued to state and county ASC committees early next week.

The committees will be authorized to establish conserving bases for individual farms based on 1964-65 planting patterns if the farm has no conserving base from an earlier year.

If a farmer has a conserving base, set on the basis of 1959-60 acreage, he may request an adjustment if he has additional sugar beet acreage or some similar change in his farm operation.

#### Hagen, Sisk and Tunney said:

"In our opinion this realistic approach is workable, fair and practical and will enable growers to obtain cotton acreage allotments and establish planting patterns which will be to their advantage under the provisions of the 1965 Farm Act.

"We are assured that simplified forms and procedures will enable the county committees to handle the work load in time to meet planting requirements.

"In our view, the department's decision is in accordance with the requests made by California growers and should resolve their difficulties almost automatically in many cases.

"Exceptional cases involving hardship will be handled on an individual basis.

"We recognize that the Department of Agriculture has a complex and difficult task in administering not only the cotton program, but the feed grain and other programs as well.

"We greatly appreciate the fact that they have found a solution of our local problem without upsetting national farm policies."

On a majority of farms, the conserving bases will be established on the basis of 1964-65 farming patterns on that farm. The community average will be used only in the rare cases in which the producer is seeking an adjustment in a base established on the 1959-60 history on the farm.

Hagen, Sisk and Tunney emphasized no farmer should prepare land or plant without first clearing with his county committees. They said simplified forms and instructions will be available from county ASC committees next Tuesday morning.

The new rulings followed conferences with committees and growers arranged by the three—see Cotton—page 12

### Ivy Priest Visits City in Campaign

The Republican party's state blonde candidate for state treasurer, in real life more glamorous than her campaign photos, believes she's handled more currency than any woman in the world's history.

As U.S. treasurer during the Eisenhower administration, Ivy Baker Priest claims she handled a billion, five hundred million pieces of worn-out currency a year.

She was in Bakersfield yesterday to plead for party unity before the California Republican Assembly.

Now the wife of Beverly Hills realtor Sidney W. Stevens, Mrs. Priest—who's holding fast to her old name for campaign purposes—says she's re-entering politics for the state's benefit.

"I sort of feel I shouldn't let that experience (as U.S. treasurer) go to waste," she said in an interview. "If I can bring benefits to the office and improve it, I should try to do it.

"There may be many ways we can effect savings in the operations of the state treasurer's office," she said, adding, "I'm certainly well-known in financial circles of the country."

Born 60 years ago in a Utah gold-mining town that's no longer there and reared in a Utah copper town since eroded out of existence by an ever-widening open-pit mine, Mrs. Priest feels age is no barrier to the furtherance of her career.

"Speaking of this age business, I can do as much as I did 20 years ago," the attractive candidate said. "I feel all right until I pass a mirror."

The Kern County California Republican Assembly last night elected its 1966 board of directors, naming Dr. James Leaver, Marvin Stanton, Mrs. Eleanor Varney, Mrs. Margaret Ackerman, Tim Howell and Dr. Howard Grove.

The directors will meet next—see Ivy Priest—page 12



John M. Kinard, president of Pacific Western Industries, heralds start of construction of a \$17 million cement plant his firm is building at the southern end of the Tejon Ranch. Flanking him, from the left, are President Alan Pettit of the Kern County Board of Trade; President James Starr of the Antelope Valley Progress Association; Kern County Supervisor John Holt; Duncan Patty, Tejon Ranch vice president in charge of oil and mining. Behind them is the low range of hills which will be the backdrop of the plant, to be completed in about a year.



Hillcrest Lions Club will be the recipient of proceeds from the presentation of "Threepenny Opera" Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in BCT Playhouse. Judge Walter Osborn is shown purchasing tickets from Jim Vizzard and Dick Long. The presentation is by Bakersfield Community Theater. Persons wishing to participate in the Lions' project are to call 831-8114 and specify Sunday evening.