

This latest aerial photograph by Joe Rountree illustrates the rapid growth of Cal State Bakersfield, which will double its instructional capacity—up to 3,050 students—with completion by fall 1974 of a \$2.3 million classroom-office building now under construction, as shown at the lower right side of the photo. Looking northwest, other facilities already

constructed and in use since the campus opened include Science Building 1, directly to the left of the new construction; nursing building, directly across from the science building; the student-funded academic village dormitories at the top left corner. At the left are parking lot, tennis courts, shower-locker building and temporary buildings housing

financial aid and health center, all also new since 1970. Classroom-office building will be the single largest and most expensive facility on the campus. The newer facilities encircle the "skeleton" campus that opened in 1970, including administration, library, bookstore and classroom buildings, and multistory faculty towers near large holding pond.

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Freezing weather hits citrus areas

A general freeze, for the second night running, is predicted this evening and early Thursday morning for Kern County, the National Weather Service reported.

While the official low at Meadows Field was 32 degrees, in citrus areas of the county the mercury dropped to a minimum of 24.

The last time the official temperature dropped to 32 degrees or lower was Jan. 7 when it bottomed out at 27, the NWS reported.

No damage was reported—McFarland area used wind machines and heaters to drive off the bite. Similar procedures were employed in Edison, Lamont and Mettler areas to keep damage to a minimum, if there was any.

Another general freeze is anticipated tonight, and today's fair conditions were expected to disappear under clouds Thursday afternoon. The freezing conditions are expected to extend throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

Gusty winds are predicted in Owens Valley, Antelope Valley and the Mojave Desert area. Southern California, including Los Angeles, will have sun; Northern California and San Francisco will be fair . . . and cold.

'Waldie Walk' begins at Pumpkin Center Thursday

"I think," says Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Jerome Waldie, "a small town such as Pumpkin Center symbolizes the grass roots nature of my campaign."

Waldie, a U.S. congressman from the Contra Costa County community of Concord, comes to Pumpkin Center Thursday, where he'll begin the second leg of his "Waldie Walk" through California.

Pumpkin Center, population 400, elevation 347, has caught the Bay Area candidate's fancy.

"I really like the name," he says.

And that's why Waldie has chosen the agricultural town for the jump off point of a 275-mile, 18-day hike with his son

Jeff, 14, anticipated to conclude Jan. 21 in Sacramento.

Waldie's first walk, a much-publicized venture, covered 360 miles from Mexican border to Santa Barbara, a 33-day trip. Campaign officials say the event enrolled 8,000 supporters.

The candidate also accumulated 47 blisters and wore out three pairs of shoes. Daily workouts, he hopes, will solve further foot trouble. His schedule calls for a 20-mile-per-day pace.

Waldie's Kern schedule, subject to change because of weather and or sore feet, looks like this:

Thursday: 7:30 a.m., Pumpkin Center via Wible Road to Business 99 into Bakersfield (Chester and Truxtun avenues); 9:30 a.m., leave Chester and Truxtun to Chester and James Road; end day 4 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m., leave James for Highway 65; 9:30 a.m., Highway 65 to Lerdo see Waldie—page 12

2 youths, passenger plan taxi robbery

A Bakersfield cab driver said he was robbed at gunpoint by two male juveniles after he delivered a fare to the 700 block of South Brown Street early New Year's Day, police report.

Donald Gene Woods, 44, said he picked up a man at the Ace Cab Co., opposite the Greyhound Bus Depot, about 2:40 a.m. and when he arrived at the address given by his fare, he was held up by two persons 16 or 17 years old. One of the robbers had a small caliber revolver, Woods said.

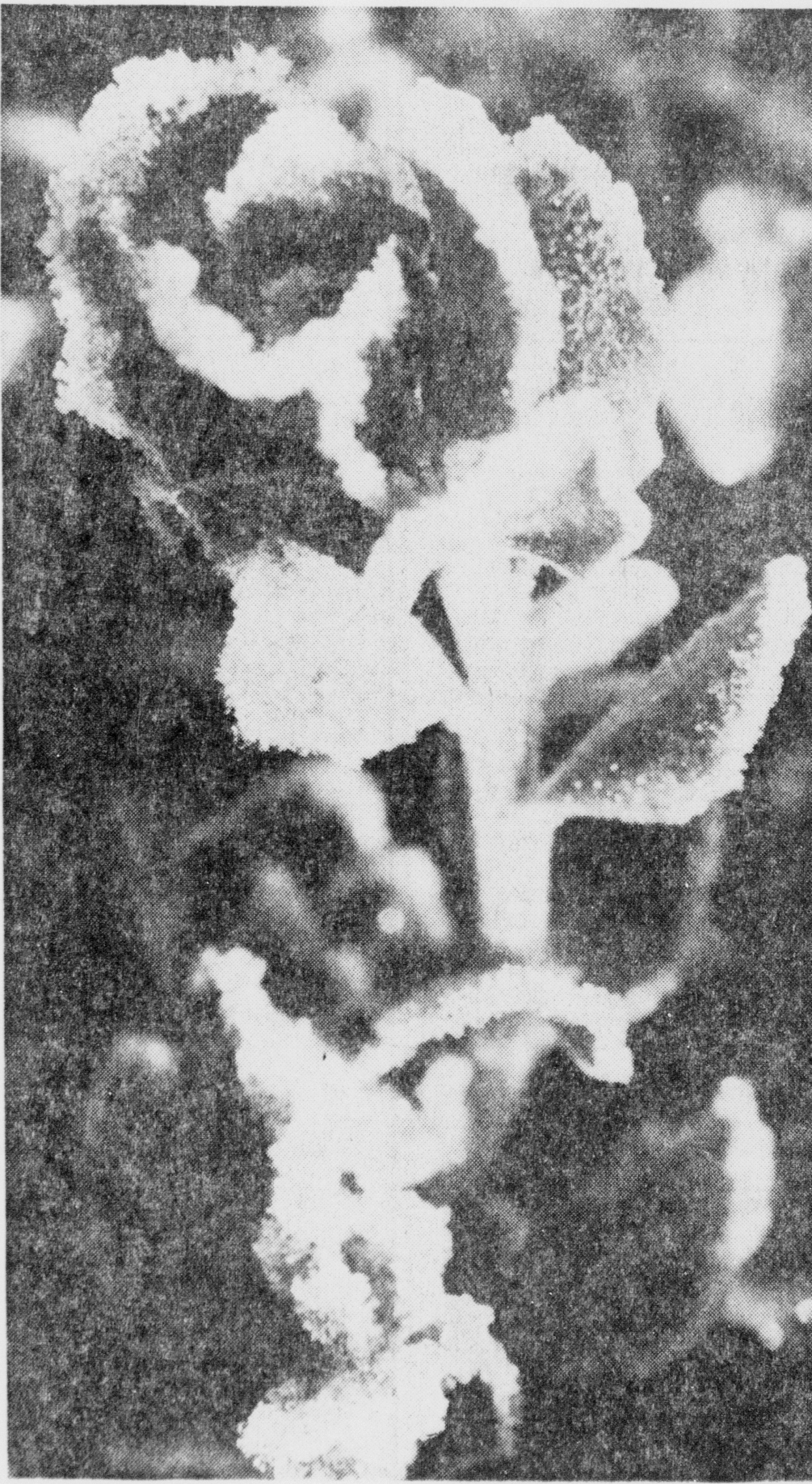
Amount of money taken was not disclosed.

Rubella tests for marriage required

County Clerk Vera K. Gibson warns applicants for marriage licenses that, commencing today women must prove they have been tested for rubella (German measles). The test should be scheduled at least two weeks prior to making application for the marriage license.

Miss Gibson said that the required blood test certificates will show only if the woman is susceptible to rubella and can warn her to obtain immunization. The inoculations are not required by law. Rubella contracted by a woman in the early stages of pregnancy is reported to cause serious defects in her unborn baby.

Women over 50 years of age, women who have been surgically sterilized, and women who present laboratory evidence of a prior test declaring them immune to rubella are exempted from the new requirement.



Our photographer doesn't know if this is an ice plant, per se, but it was a real icy plant found among the chilled ground cover on the Crosstown Freeway at Beale Avenue off-ramp this morning. Monday night's low temperatures are expected to return again.—(Californian Photo)

Traffic fuel jams plague Ridgecrest

RIDGECREST — Extreme gas shortage conditions caused numerous traffic jams during the four-day holiday period.

The gas shortage was due to two factors—no delivery on holidays and abnormal numbers of visitors spending Christmas with relatives and friends in this remote desert community, needing gasoline to get back home.

The extraordinary drain on area fuel supplies resulted in a mixed condition. Few service stations were open all day or selling limited quantities. Some offered five gallons maximum, some more.

When the stations were open, there was a heavy demand and a lineup of 15 to 20 cars backed up out in the street. Motorists patronizing those stations on China Lake Boulevard and in downtown Ridgecrest area caused traffic delays

and several traffic jams in the backups onto main arteries.

Ridgecrest police made numerous calls to expedite traffic.

Portions of missing home put in dump

SPRINGVILLE — Parts of a missing \$3,000 3-room house were found in a county dump near here. Frank Wittick, Tulare County deputy sheriff, theorized workmen dismantled the wrong home. Investigation is continuing.

The disappearing of the home was reported earlier by James A. Hughes of Lancaster, who could offer no explanation. The home was located just south of the Sierra-Springville Rodeo Arena.

47 on highway get citations as 55 enforced

California Highway Patrol officers found most motorists driving along Kern County freeways were observing the new 55-mile-per-hour maximum speed law—and when they found an exception, officers said, a citation was issued.

CHP officers said 47 citations were issued Tuesday to drivers of automobiles violating the new speed law.

Contrary to reports out of San Francisco Bay Area (and in compliance to announcement of the CHP commissioner made days ago that enforcement would be strict) over the 55 mph speed limit citations were issued. Reports from San Francisco newsmen were the CHP there was issuing warnings. CHP officials had said there would be no warnings in statewide announcements weeks ago.

Reaction in Kern County to the new speed limit was varied.

Several complaints were received of truckers traveling in caravan ignoring the speed limit, even to the point of forcing passenger cars out of traffic lanes. But CHP officers said truck drivers, when found in violation, were being cited.

One CHP officer reported he got different reactions from three passenger car drivers he cited on Freeway 99 New Year's Day. One motorist explained he was from out of state; a second explained her instrument lights were out; and the third "was in a hurry."

Another cited on Interstate 5 (I-5) said he didn't realize he was going "that" fast in his '69 Camaro; another stopped on Freeway 99 didn't think the law was effective until Jan. 6; and another I-5 motorist explained he was going to sleep at 55 mph, but ". . . I could care less. I'm moving to New Zealand in a month."

Revamped welfare

Residents get federal checks

More than 12,000 new gold-colored U.S. Treasury checks were delivered today to needy aged, blind and disabled residents of Kern County under the new Federal Supplemental Security Income Program.

The checks represent a combined federal-state payment of up to \$235 a month for the aged and disabled and \$265 for the blind, and are the first to be sent out by the Social Security Administration, according to Art Matsuyama, district manager of the Bakersfield Social Security office. The amount of the payments people get will depend on other income they might have.

The Supplemental Security Income Program establishes a national uniform income floor of \$130 a month for the single person, and \$195 for a couple with little or no income and limited resources. This basic benefit is supplemented by the state. The new program replaces the public assistance programs for the aged, blind and disabled previously operated in each state by welfare offices.

"Despite the magnitude of the change-over from welfare to federal payment and the impact of last month's increases in payment amounts authorized by the California Legislature, we expect that, with very rare exceptions, the checks will be delivered on time and in the right amount," Matsuyama said.

The eligible persons who do not get a check, or believe their check amount might be incorrect should get in touch with their Social Security office rather than their local welfare office, Matsuyama said. Social Security and county welfare offices have special emergency procedures to help those persons who have not received their Supplemental Security Income check and are in dire need, Matsuyama added.

Matsuyama said eligible persons who do not get their Supplemental Security Income check should wait until the end of this week. If the check is not received by then, they should call their Social Security office, which is geared up to handle problems by telephone.

Oil expert to address Kern's Outlook meeting

Dean Laudeman, district manager, exploration, Union Oil Company of California, will assess future prospects for Kern County's \$481 million mineral industry at the 1974 Business Outlook Conference, Jan. 23.

President John E. Logan of the conference-sponsoring Kern County Board of Trade said the energy crunch accentuates the importance of the mineral topic at the "Outlook" session.

"Laudeman's appraisal of the mineral outlook will have timely significance in view of the fuel shortage," Logan said.

Kern County is California's leading mineral-producing county and one of the foremost oil-producing areas in the nation, Logan noted.

From his vantage position as exploration chief of one of California's largest oil companies, Laudeman will present an authoritative assessment of the county's possible minerals in the ground, Logan noted. It is from these areas of possible mineral deposits that reserves are added as a reaction to new technology, favorable economics and industry or consumer demand, he added.

Laudeman will speak on "Kern's Mineral Resources for the Future."

Laudeman is in charge of Union Oil's exploration and development activities from the North Coastal and Central Valleys to the northern part of California. Union has been actively exploring in Kern County since 1910 when the famous Lakeview Gusher, the world's greatest, "blew in."

A graduate of geological engineering from Colorado School of Mines, with graduate study in mineral economics, he has worked in oil and gas exploration and development in Kern County for the last 15 years, interrupted by other assignments in exploration, development, long-range planning and economics with Union Oil in California, Alaska, the Rocky Mountains-Mid-Continent areas.

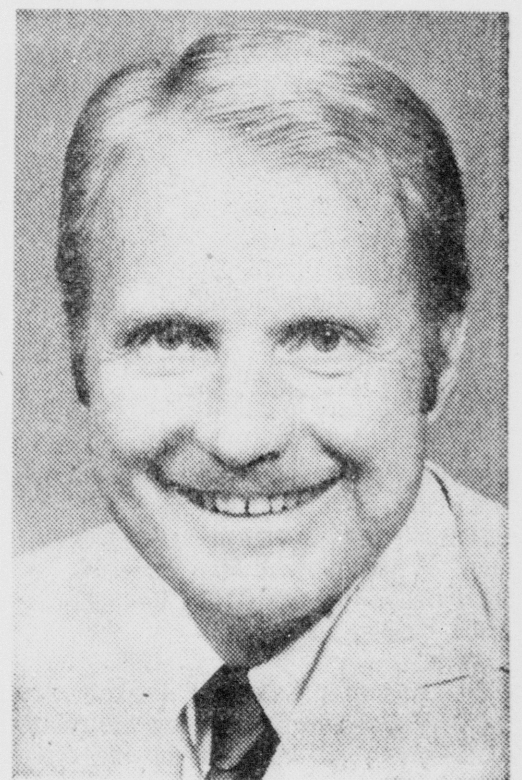
Laudeman is active in the Society of Petroleum Engineers, American Association of Petroleum Geologists and the American Petroleum Institute.

Conference General Chairman Donald H. Fritts said the half-day "Outlook" session in the Bakersfield Civic Auditorium will draw business, industry and governmental leaders throughout Kern County for an exchange of opinions and expertise on upcoming economic trends.

The conference will start at 9 a.m. with panel speakers who will discuss various aspects of the county's economy.

A keynote luncheon session at 12:30 p.m., featuring a nationally renowned speaker, will conclude the parley.

Advance reservations for the conference are necessary and may be made at the Board of Trade office, 2101 Oak Street, telephone 861-2367.



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