



Thursday, September 3, 1936

SAY "YES" ON OL BUDGET BOOST

In the Special election by the Palmdale District last Tuesday to approve an increase of some \$3,000 in the budget for the year of decided almost unanimous favor of the raise. The vote was 75, with 14 "Yes" and 4 "No." Plans that work on the approved W.P.A. project the construction of class room buildings or improvements can be at once.

Biscailuz Is To Receive Flag from Legion

Presents Sheriff's Substation with Colors

Active patriotic services Tuesday noon jointly by Antelope Valley Post No. 1, American Legion, and of the Sheriff's department, a beautiful flag was presented to sub-station No. 11, located near the Legion men, Gene Biscailuz and several others, as well as prominent men of this district, were present on the occasion.

Under Vern Freeman presided the flag to Sheriff's department, who made a short acceptance in which he told the history of the growth of the Sheriff's department in the district and expressed his appreciation of the thought and purpose of the gift. He in turn presented the flag to Captain J. W. Kelley, in charge of the sub-station. The flag was raised to its place on the flagpole above the station by Lt. Chas. Kelley. The Sheriff's department in the Valley of the Antelope is the services. The occasion were the following:

Mr. J. B. Fox, in command of Area No. 2; Captain J. W. Kelley, in charge of Fairfax Station No. 1; J. H. Housack, captain of the Sheriff's office; J. H. Guasti, commander of No. 200 of the American Legion; Marshall Zeno, Adjutant of the Sheriff's office; and Ed A. Lynch, also in Star Post.

MEETING OF THE WANIS CLUB TUESDAY

Regular Kiwanis Club meeting Tuesday evening at the Elks Inn, with Emory Kidd in the absence of Dr. J. who was called to Mojave. Mr. Adam gave an interesting fishing talk, "Antelope Valley San Joaquin Valley," in which he gave Antelope Valley all of it, and backed his argument with proof. Rev. Wilson told about fishing trip up north, according to his story the fish are just as well as all else, as there are no more up there. Mrs. Scroggs read beautiful songs.

Club Board Work of Coming Year—

An important date to "red" your calendar! Thursday, September 10, 2:30 p.m., the Palmdale's Club will open its account for the 1936-37 season by its initial meeting at the home of Mrs. H. P. Schoeller.

Monday, August 31st, the Executive Board gathered at the Elks Inn of the Frahm-McBrides all-day outing and pot-luck dinner. There, plans for this coming year were completed and the program, a most interesting one, was read and approved.

Committee chairmen have many summer hours working plans and plans, and everyone to a highly interesting and ahead—don't miss it! A and sincere welcome is extended to all members and their families. Antelope Valley women to attend the opening meeting.

Frank A. Stemmons, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, suggests that all members bring their Clubhouse on opening day. — Mrs. Wilson, Publicity Chairman.

Bank Holidays

Bank of America will be closed Monday, Labor Day, and Tuesday, September 7th, and closing Wednesday, which is Labor Day, September 8th.

Press Publisher Is At Rest After Long, Active Life

Judge H. L. Loft Dies Monday Night
—Burial Tomorrow

Judge H. L. Loft, publisher of the South Antelope Valley Press, passed away Monday evening, August 31, 1936, at seven-fifteen o'clock, at his home in Palmdale, thus bringing to a close more than half a century's active participation and achievement in legal, judicial and journalistic fields. He was seventy-nine years, four months and twenty-two days old at the time of his death. He had suffered with a heart ailment the last five or six years, and since last Thanksgiving had been unable to carry on his work, being confined to his home most of the time. Three weeks ago his condition was pronounced critical, and death came Monday night to relieve him from his brave and patient fight to "keep on living."

Funeral services, in charge of the Mumaw Funeral Home, of Lancaster, will be conducted at 10:00 Friday morning, at the Loft residence on Pacific Ave., Palmdale, with Rev. Harvey A. Hood officiating. Interment, at Judge Loft's request, will be in the Palmdale Cemetery.

Judge Loft became a resident of Los Angeles County in January of last year, when he came here following the end of his service for three two-year terms as County Judge of Union County, South Dakota. In March of that year, he and his youngest son and daughter, Henry and Bonnie Loft, came to Palmdale and purchased the South Antelope Valley Press, which he has published with their assistance since that time. He immediately became attached to the desert, and his greatest regret has been that he had not located here many years ago.

Of English Parentage

Henry Livingston Loft was born April 9, 1857 at Beaver Dam, Wis., the son of Wm. and Ellen Loft, who came to that state a few years before from their native England. He received his education in schools there, and at about fifteen years of age, moved with his family to a homestead near Cherokee, Iowa. From then until he was about twenty-five, he worked at various trades, painting, carpentering, and farm work. Filled with the desire to attain an education, he went to Indianola, Iowa, where he worked his way through the academy and Simpson College, graduating from there in 1887 with a B. S. degree. He was, at Simpson, one of the five charter members of the local chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, the first chapter of that fraternity to be established west of the Mississippi. He later was given an honorary Master's Degree from that school. He then took up the study of law, and was admitted to the Iowa bar. He was married November 13, 1889 to Marcia Phebe Cook, and they became the parents of five children, all of whom are living.

He first practiced law in Sioux City, Iowa, later moving to Alta, Washta, and finally back to Cherokee, Iowa, where he lived until 1915. For several years in Cherokee, he was owner and publisher of the Cherokee Republican, and later he served as Clerk of the Courts of Cherokee County.

Moving to Sioux City in March, 1915, he again engaged in the newspaper and printing business.

In 1926 he joined Bonnie and Henry in the publication of the Alcester Union, Alcester, South Dakota. After a few years there, he was elected to the office of County Judge of Union County, South Dakota, remaining in office until the first of January, 1935, living during that time at Elk Point.

Active In Community Affairs

From his early days he took an active part in Church work. When he first lived in Sioux City, he was one of the founders of the Knox Presbyterian Church, of that city. Later, while at Elk Point, he was a member of the Congregational Church there.

Mrs. Loft was taken in death in March, 1931, while the family lived in Elk Point. The five children are: Mrs. E. Arena Rodman, recently arrived in Palmdale from Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. Phebe Clow, now of Los Angeles; Wm. H. Loft, of Beverly Hills; and Bonnie and Henry C. Loft. Six grandchildren: Lorne and John Rodman, Bonnie Rose Clow, and Shirley, Billy and Richard Loft, one brother, Seth V. Loft, of La Mars, Iowa; and two sisters, Mrs. Chas. Graves of Cherokee, Iowa, and Mrs. Wm. Ogilvie of Larabee, Iowa, also survive.