

Low Little Photo

Melvin Alsip, Imperial Irrigation District employe, checks water content in tests on seepage losses on Coachella Branch of All-American Canal.

**IMPERIAL COUNTY NEWS**

**Canal Seepage Problem Studied**

IMPERIAL — An experiment under way in the All-American Canal may revolutionize methods of preventing water seepage, George Tank, general superintendent of the Imperial Irrigation District, said yesterday.

**HIRE L. A. FIRM**

The Imperial district and the Coachella Valley County Water District are sponsoring the experiment in the southernmost eight miles of the Coachella branch of the canal near Gray's well, just north of the Mexican border.

The districts hired the Brown Mud Co. of Los Angeles to conduct the experiment after studies showed that from .7 to 2.4 cubic feet of water were lost daily through seepage last year in the eight-mile sector.

**OCTOBER REPORT DUE**

For periods of from eight to 12 hours the company treats the water with a sediment made according to a secret formula. The sediment is designed to form a lining on the canal bank and bottom. After the study, the company decided to apply 300,000 pounds of the sediment to each 400,000 acre feet of water. An acre foot is 360,000 gallons.

Tank said results of the experiment will be checked

**Tomato Fete Dates Listed**

NILAND — The Eighteenth Annual Tomato Festival of the Imperial Valley will be presented here from Feb. 7 to 9, inclusive, Montie J. Rosanbalm, president of the Niland Chamber of Commerce, announced yesterday.

Rosanbalm said members of the Niland Woman's Club will have charge of festival booklet advertising.

The festival will include a world's championship tomato packing contest, a queen contest, a barbecue and other events.

**PERMITS LAG IN BUILDING**

EL CENTRO — City building permit valuations for last month totaled \$289,485, or less than half of the October 1956 total of \$683,575, according to the monthly report of Building Inspector J. W. Tidwell.

Tidwell listed total building permit valuations for the first 10 months of this year at \$1,673,549, compared with \$2,583,487 recorded for the corresponding period of 1956, or a loss for the current year of \$909,938.

for possible clues to solution of, seepage problems in the Coachella branch and other earth-lined canals.

He said the Imperial Valley test was the first extensive field experiment with the Brown company's formula. A report on preliminary studies, laboratory and field tests, the experiment itself and follow-up analyses will be made next October, he added.

**Dog Show Set By Valley Club**

HOLTVILLE — About 600 dogs will be entered in the eighth Annual Imperial Valley Kennel Club all-breed show Dec. 8 in Holt Park, R. R. French, secretary, predicted yesterday.

French said 50 breeds will be represented in the show, which is licensed by the American Kennel Club.

Judges will include Robert Waters of Vancouver, B.C.; Lewis H. Starkey of Pasadena; Mrs. Eva Hill of Encino; Mrs. Myrtle Twelves of Woodland Hills; Mrs. Rosa Jemmer of El Monte; Ralph George of Los Angeles; C. S. Kazek of Los Alamos and Robert Davis of Covina.

Entry blanks must reach Jack Bradshaw, 1412 W. 12th St., Los Angeles, by Nov. 25, French said.

**Coast Guard Cadet Examination Slated**

EL CENTRO — The next competitive examination for appointment of cadets into the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., will be held on February 24 and 25, Postmaster Harry B. Woodbury said yesterday.

Woodbury said the examination is open to unmarried, qualified men between 17 and 21, in civilian or military life, who are in good physical condition.

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**Chamber Studies Sewer Complaints**

CARLSBAD — A Chamber of Commerce committee headed by Matthew Jarvie is investigating complaints of odors from the \$100,000 city sewage disposal plant at Buena Vista lagoon.

City Mgr. Nelson said \$800 worth of equipment has been ordered for installation at the plant to control odors. Byrl Phelps, consulting engineer and plant designer suggested the improvements. A recirculating pump and water line to the lagoon will be added.

The city public works department has received protests about the plant since its construction 18 months ago with bond funds. It replaced a sewage disposal plant built in 1929.

**Gas Funds Allocated**

OCEANSIDE — State gas tax funds totaling \$16,327 were allocated to Oceanside in the quarter ending Sept. 30, city officials learned this week.

George T. McCoy, state highway engineer, said the allocation was lower than in the same quarter last year despite a \$291,035 increase in gas tax revenues.

The decrease was caused by a population increase in existing cities and the formation of seven new cities in California. The funds are apportioned to cities on the basis of population.

**Postponed Rites Reset At El Centro**

EL CENTRO — If rain stays away from this desert city tomorrow twice-postponed ground-breaking ceremonies will take place at the site of the new municipal sewage treatment plant.

Mayor Turner is scheduled to turn the first shovel of earth at the construction site. He was scheduled to perform the function Oct. 21 and again last Tuesday. Rain washed out both appearances.

Emil Krall, a Yuma contractor, expects to build the \$600,000 plant within a year. It is to be located a mile north of U.S. Highway 80 on Dahlia road.

**Sailboat To Be Shown**

CARLSBAD — The first sabot class sailboat constructed by a member of the Agua Hedionda Sailing Club will be exhibited at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in Pine Ave. School auditorium.

It was built by Paul Chalmers, club vice commodore. The club is encouraging members to sponsor construction of the 14-foot boat to participate in planned events next summer at Agua Hedionda lagoon.

**Held In Tab Theft**

OCEANSIDE — A marine accused of displaying a stolen 1957 license tab on his car has been arraigned in Municipal Court on a felony charge.

Leon Bone, acting municipal judge, set a preliminary hearing Nov. 13 for Pfc. James Andrew Corsaut, 18, of Camp Pendleton.

Detective Donald Mobley signed the complaint. Mobley said the state Department of Motor Vehicles indicated the license tab was stolen from a motorcycle Oct. 12 in Lomita. Police impounded Corsaut's car here for lack of a 1957 auto registration certificate.

Conviction is punishable by one to 14 years in jail.

**Seminar Planned On Juvenile Laws**

EL CENTRO — Sheriff Herbert H. Hughes has announced a seminar session on the juvenile laws of California Wednesday at the court house.

The seminar will include juvenile procedure and investigation of crimes in which children are victims, Hughes said.

Russell C. Campbell, president of the State Juvenile Officers' Association, said similar seminars have been scheduled throughout California by the state Youth Authority. Hughes urges all law enforcement officers and juvenile officers of the area to attend the local seminar.

**Gem Society Schedules Display In Calexico**

CALEXICO — The Imperial Valley Gem and Mineral Society will present a show Nov. 8 to 10 in the De Anza Hotel, Grier Darlington, president, said yesterday.

Hours are noon to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 10, Darlington said. The show will include desert gems, minerals and artifacts, he said. Materials for cutting and polishing gems and making jewelry will be available.

A chuckwagon dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the hotel.

The show is dedicated to the late Sam E. Robinson of Imperial, an organizer of the society. Robinson's widow, Emily, will display his collection of hundreds of desert gems and minerals.

**Loopers Peril Lettuce Crop**

EL CENTRO — Cabbage loopers and salt marsh caterpillars are threatening Imperial Valley lettuce fields, George D. Peterson Jr., a county farm adviser, warned yesterday.

Peterson said as many as 20 looper eggs have been found on one lettuce leaf. This indicates heavy population growth, he said.

He advised growers to spray lettuce with a dust containing 15 per cent toxaphene, 5 per cent DDT and 40 per cent sulphur at a rate of 30 to 40 pounds an acre.

After heading he recommended parathion at half a pound an acre or malathion at a pound an acre.

As for the salt marsh caterpillars, Peterson suggested a band of benzene hexachloride outside a barrier.

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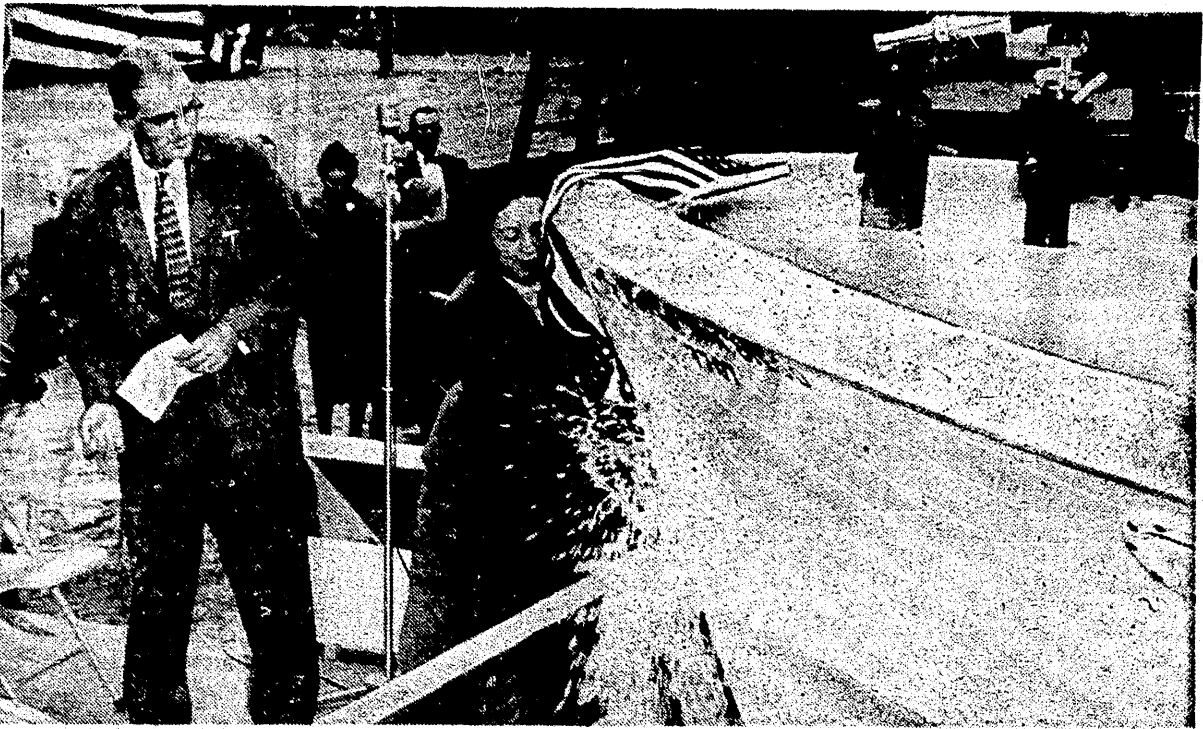
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John Bate, port director, keeps his distance as Mrs. Lucian Small christens a \$32,000 service and rescue craft for the harbor patrol. The boat has three engines, radar and other special equipment.

**Harbor Patrol Boat Launched**

A \$32,000 harbor patrol and rescue boat was christened yesterday at the Koehler Kraft Co., 2303 Byron St.

Mrs. Lucian K. Small, wife of a marine products company president, broke a bottle of champagne on the bow of the specially equipped craft before it slid down the rails into San Diego Bay.

The 32½-foot, 30-knot boat is equipped with three engines, two of 275 horsepower each and the third of 125 horsepower.

The equipment includes a two-way radiotelephone permitting the crew to keep in touch with patrol cars of the harbor security force, radar and pumping equipment.

Anderson Borthwick, chairman of the Harbor Commission, said the radar will help the boat maneuver in fog. The craft will carry equipment for fighting boat fires until Fire Department units arrive.

**'The Wizard Of Oz' Opens New Season**

By CONSTANCE HERRESHOFF

The San Diego Junior Theater opened its new season yesterday afternoon in Roosevelt Junior High School Auditorium with a spirited performance of "The Wizard of Oz."

West was a loathsome figure as played with venom by Glenna Duistermars. There were also plenty of Mutchkins and Winkles, Ethel Swanton was heard as the voice of Aunt Em in Kansas.

Mike Hoffer, 15, was the pianist in the incidental music he had composed for this large-scale production.

Leading roles were played yesterday by Rusti Bartell as Dorothy; Francine King as Toto, the faithful dog; Paul Cherry as the scarecrow without brains; Don Barlow as the Tin Woodman who longed for a heart, and George Harter as the Cowardly Lion who yearned for courage. These wishes were all granted in

**U.C. Extension Position Filled**

The appointment of Mrs. James R. Bowle Jr. as extension representative at the University of California extension in San Diego was announced yesterday by C. A. Lewis, director.

Mrs. Bowle will direct enrollment and the extension U.C. business office. Increased enrollment required creation of the position.

Lewis said enrollment went up from 1,788 in 1956 to 6,000 students this year.

Mrs. Bowle formerly was a teacher in Kansas City, Kansas and San Diego city schools. A resident 13 years, she lives at 1456 Froude St., Ocean Beach.

**Jolly It Up**

LONDON, Nov. 2 (AP)—Britain's Home Office has noted an upswing in the number of arrests of drunks in the early evening hours. The reason, it says, is that the boys are stopping off for a jolly few after work.

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