On Posting Price Information

The most important item facing Antelope Valley businesses today, in the wake of Phase II wage and price guidelines, is the posting of base price information according to the Internal Revenue Service.

"Prices may not be raised the allowable percentage until the base price signs are posted," IRS agent Brian Doane told members of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce yesterday during their luncheon meeting. "The signs are required and must be posted under the rulings of the Economic Stabilization Program."

According to Doane, the following requirements are applicable to all retailers:

**Firms with sales over $100,000 annually must display prominently the base prices for the 40 products which during the preceding fiscal year had the highest dollar sales-volume, or those products which accounted for 50 per cent of the total dollar sales, whichever is less.**

**Firms with sales over $100,000 must also display prominently signs with the base prices on all food products and the 40 non-food items accounting for the highest dollar sales in each department during the past fiscal year, or those non-food products which accounted for at least 50 per cent of total dollar sales in each department during that fiscal year, whichever is less.**

The signs, with a minimum size of 22 by 28 inches, must be readily seen by customers. In addition, retailers must display on each floor of their store at least one sign announcing the availability of base price information for all items that are not required to be posted.

Doane said the base prices (Continued on Page 2)

**AVEK Directors OK First Sale of Water**

Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency directors Tuesday night approved the agency's first sale of water and held a face-to-face debate with one of AVEK's most vocal detractors — Jack Ashworth.

The board approved an agreement to deliver approximately 20-acre feet of State Project water per year at the agency's Quail Lake turnout on the West Branch of California Aqueduct.

The agency will charge George Kinsey, who made the request, $51 per acre foot.

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who was in the audience, to outline what he would have done if he had been a member of the AVEX board.

Ashworth, in a debate with directors that lasted nearly a half an hour, repeatedly contended that "we have so much alfalfa that we're raising alfalfa".

Ashworth's contention was that there is "plenty of underground water" to serve the domestic needs of people in Lancaster and Quartz Hill.

He said that 85 per cent of the Valley's water is used for agriculture. He contends that, if alfalfa ranches went out of production, there would be plenty of water for domestic use for years to come, without bringing in supplemental water.

AVEK directors and General Manager Wallace Spinarski on several occasions disputed Ashworth's figures.

When Ashworth said that there are 10 million acre feet of water in the Valley's underground Spinarski read from a report which said that originally there had been 10 million acre feet but that at least 6 million has been used up.

Ashworth contended that AVEX could buy water from ranchers for $5 an acre foot, if the agency would pay the pumping costs.

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are those that were effective 30 days prior to establishment of the August Phase I freeze.

Also included in the rulings concerning the signs and base price information are doctors, health care units, and medical clinics.

Retail prices, he said, can be raised as long as they do not affect the overall net profit percentage of the firm and as long as the increases due to increased costs to the retailer.

Fees asked by physicians and health care units he said, are limited to 6 per cent raises without IRS approval.

Conducted

Services were held yesterday for Charles Samuel (Sam) Farmer general manager at the H. W. Hunter automobile agency.

The funeral was held in the Mumaw Funeral Home with the Lancaster Elks Lodge officers officiating. Interment was in Joshua Memorial Park.

Born Nov. 30, 1915, in Madrile, Okla., he had been resident of Antelope Valley since 1935. He died Sunday in Lancaster.

Originally he was an alfalfa farmer on the Eastside, but he later became employed at various automobile agencies.

He was married Oct. 29, 1936, in Yuma to the former Mary Margaret Britschgi who survives. The Farmans lived at 44503 Second St. E.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mary Charlotte Larsen; Shoshone, Wash., and Marjorie A. Jones, Palmdale; a brother, Manuel, Round Valley; an uncle, Dennis McKinney, Quartz Hill; and six grandchildren.