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Welcome New Members We would like to "Thank You" for becoming part of the Farm Bureau Family.

Lee Jonathan Anderson Jr.

La Quinta - January 14, 1929 - August 12, 2018



Lee Jonathan Anderson Jr. was born in the Coachella Valley to date farming pioneers Lee and M. Ruth Anderson in 1929. Lee Jr., along with his sisters Charlotte, Cathy and Adelene learned at a young age the value of hard work and perseverance. That was balanced with appreciation of nature learned by exploring desert canyons and mountains and spending some of each hot summer in the Hurkey Creek and Idyllwild areas, with their parents joining them on weekends.

While in school, Lee excelled in academics and sports. At Coachella Valley High School he played football, basketball, baseball and ran track. He was part of CVHS' undefeated Riverside County League Football championship team in 1946. He went on to play those sports at Palomar Junior College where he met the love of his life, Lois Love of Vista, CA. They were married in 1950 before continuing his education at Cal Poly in San Dimas. He then returned home to work on the family date farm.

Lee and Lois soon had a family of six children. As busy as he was with farming and family he was very involved in the community. He was a Deacon at Thermal Baptist Church and later in life served as Deacon at Family Heritage Church in La Quinta. He spent many years coaching youth baseball in Thermal and was an active member of the CVHS Athletic Booster Club. He was on the board of directors of Riverside County Farm Bureau for more than 50 years and served on the Thermal and Vista Santa Rosa Community Councils.

Lee is survived by his much loved wife Lois (with whom he celebrated 68 years of marriage just a week prior to his death), his sisters Cathy Kerby and Adelene (Jere) Allan and his children, Lee III, known as Jon (Florence) Anderson, Leslye Nishimoto (Mark), Lyle Anderson (Sheryl), Janice Harrison (Ken), Linden Anderson (Melissa) and Alan Anderson. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, all of whom enjoyed tractor or Gator rides with Papa Lee.

He leaves us with a legacy of love for God, his family and country.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions be made to Rancho Sordo Mudo (A school for the deaf in Mexico) C/O Berea Baptist Missions, Inc. P.O. 1376 Chula Vista, CA 91912 or to Coachella Valley High School Alumni Association, P.O. Box 3021 Indio, CA 92202.

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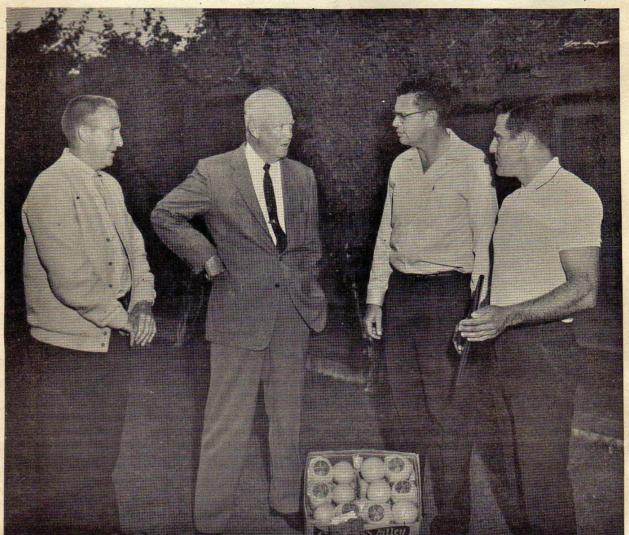
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GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, former United States President, and now a cattle farmer in Gettysburg, Pa., was made an honorary member of Coachella Valley Farm Bureau Center last month, a few days before he left his winter retreat at Palm Desert.

Participating in brief ceremonies at the President's office on the Cochran-Odlum Ranch near Indio were Center President Stuart Schlegel (right center), Lee Anderson Jr., (left) county membership co-chairman and vice president of Coachella Valley, and Robert (Bud) Melkesian, membership chairman at Coachella Valley.

The certificate of membership, which was presented by Melkesian, acknowledged Eisenhower's . . . "interest and

continuing efforts to preserve private property and free enterprise; foundations of a healthy agriculture."

President Eisenhower, who raises Black Angus cattle on his Gettysburg farm, discussed local and national farm matters with the Center representatives and commented on the admiration he had for American Farm Bureau Federation calling for withdrawal of government restrictions and supports in agriculture.

Gifts of dates, date products, pecans and citrus were presented the former chief executive.

Eisenhower accepted an invitation to tour farming regions of Coachella Valley next winter when he returns to this area.





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Coachella Center Asks Water District to Fund Fruit Frost Warning

Coachella Valley Farm Bureau Center has asked the Coachella Valley Water District to consider funding the desert fruit frost warning service if federal funding is eliminated.

Center Chairman Lee Anderson Jr. sent a letter to the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District stating:

" At a meeting on May 6, 1981, the Coachella Valley Farm Bureau Center passed a motion to ask the Coachella Valley Water District to pick up the funding for meteorologist Carl Garczynski in the

The above article was first featured in the June 1981 publication of the Riverside County Agriculture and written by then Executive Director Robert Perkins.

LEE ANDERSON PRESIDENT AT C. V. FARM CENTER

Lee Anderson Jr., 34, Coachella Valley date and pecan rancher has been elected president of Coachella Valley Farm Bureau Center.

Anderson, formerly vice president for two terms, succeeds Stuart Schlegel, a major field and vegetable crop grower who served for two terms in the presidency.

Anderson is associated with his father, Lee Anderson, in the farming operation of Covalda Date Company, growers and packers of organically grown fruits. He was elected president of the local Farm Center at its last meeting of the current year, Tuesday night.

Other officers to serve for the 1964-65 term are David Mitchell, vice-president, and Cecil Larson, secretary. Directors for the term are Ron Jeffredo, Ben Vallat, Carl Vince, Sunny Kanlian, Stuart Schlegel, Bob Brannon, Harold Ensley and Bud Melkesian.

Anderson is a director of Riverside County Farm Bureau and has been cochairman of the RCFB membership committee for the past two years. He is also a former membership chairman of the Coachella Valley Center which has been the largest Center in California for the past four years.

The above article was first featured in the June 1964 publication of the Riverside County FARM & Agricultural Business NEWS by managing editor Arthur I. Ellsworth.

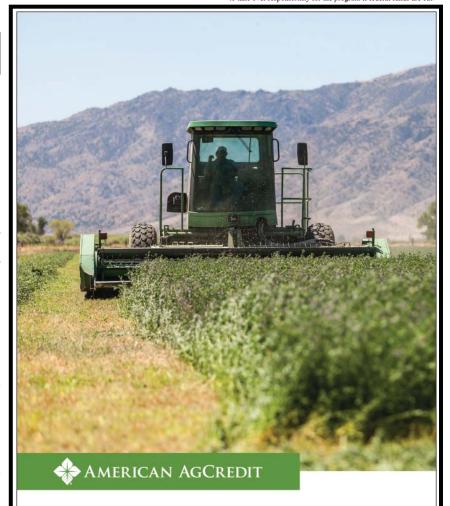
event that his US. Department of Commerce funding is cut from the budget.

"We feel that the water district would be the logical choice for this as the only taxing body that covers the whole area affected. We further feel that it would be an added benefit to provide year-round weather service.

"Representatives of the Farm Bureau Center would be available to meet with you to discuss all aspects of this proposal."



CENTER CHAIRMAN Lee Anderson. Jr. was interviewed by reporters from television and radio stations and newspapers when the Farm Bureau's Coachella Valley Center voted to ask the Coachella Valley Water District to consider funding weather service. The fruit frost warning service was expected to be cut from the federal budget under President Reagan's economic proposals. Of several alternatives for retaining the weather service, which is estimated to save Coachella Valley growers \$5 million a year, the Coachella Center decided to ask the water district to take over responsibility for the program if federal funds are cut.

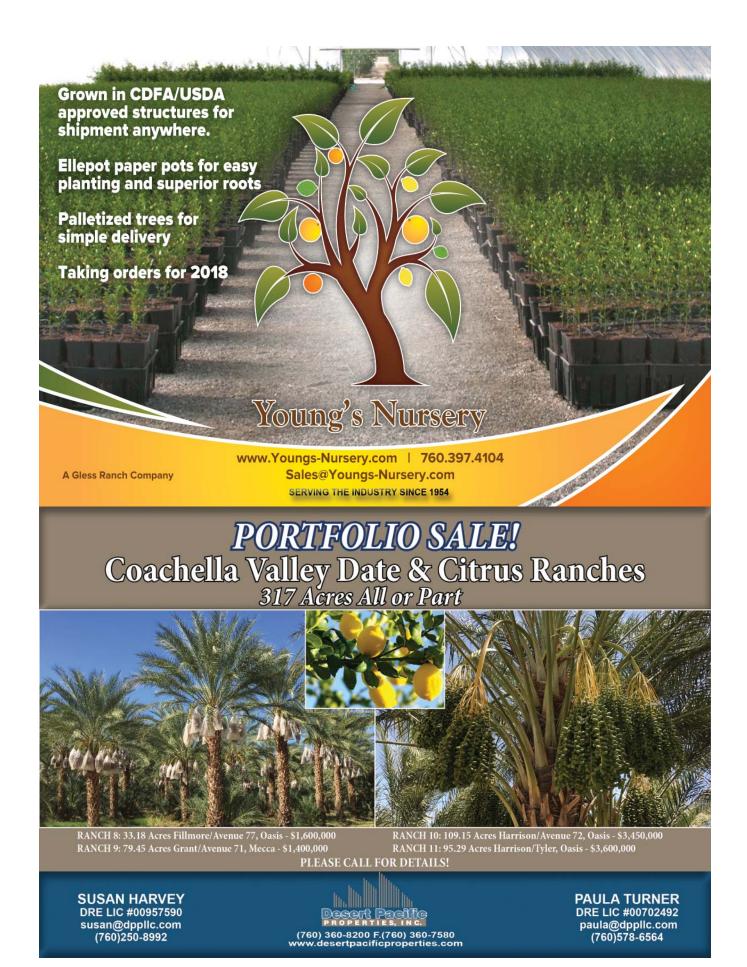


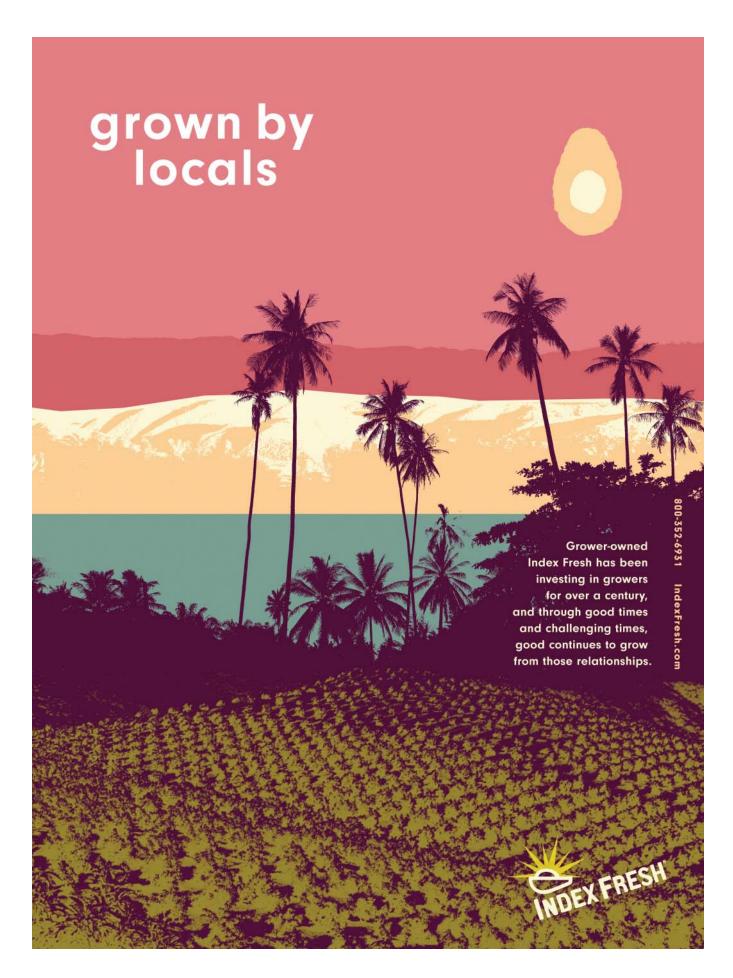
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Lee Anderson receives Howie Award at the 74th Annual Dinner Meeting

Lee Anderson, Jr., a Farm Bureau director for 32 years, received the 1991 Robert M. Howie Award for Outstanding Service to Agriculture.

In a presentation that came as a surprise to Anderson, Howie Award Chairman Neil Huether presented the Howie Award to him for his years of service as a farm leader, Farm Bureau director, Coachella Valley Farm Bureau Center chairman, Membership Committee chairman. Huether said Anderson had served on the county board longer than any other director.

Huether noted that Anderson was elected to the board on June 13, 1959, at the annual meeting held in Idyllwild. The president at the time, he said, was Albert Ceas.

"Tonight, Lee's son, Linden, is completing his second term as president." Huether continued, "When Lee became a director in 1959, the Coachella Valley Farm Bureau Center president was William Cook. Now Lee has held that post for 27 years. "Lee has served in many capacities and under the administration of 16 Farm Bureau presidents.

"He has served as a delegate to many state Farm Bureau meetings. He was cochairman when Riverside hosted the California Farm Bureau annual meeting at Palm Springs in 1965. He has served since 1962 as membership cochairman and later chairman.

"In more than three decades of Farm Bureau work, Lee has served on numerous committees. Typical of his service, he is seldom in the limelight but always there, doing work for the benefit of Riverside County agriculture."



The above article was first featured in the July 1991 publication of the Riverside County Agricultural and written by then Executive Director Robert Perkins.

**Sept. 12th - RCFB Board of Director meeting starting at 5:30 p.m., Russo's Italian Kitchen in Banning.

★ Sept. 20th - Progressive Farmers lunch meeting, 12:00 p.m., 290 N. Broadway in Blythe.



