

Rains Make Hay Crops Abundant

FORT ROCK—Better than average hay yields and a lush grass and weed cover are results of abundant rains in the basin this season.

January through June precipitation totals for the area, as recorded at three weather stations, varies 7 of an inch. Moisture at the lake station, which was reactivated in April, 1962, totaled 6.40 during the first half of the current year. The station is on the Jack Gillette ranch, two miles east of Christmas Valley Lodge.

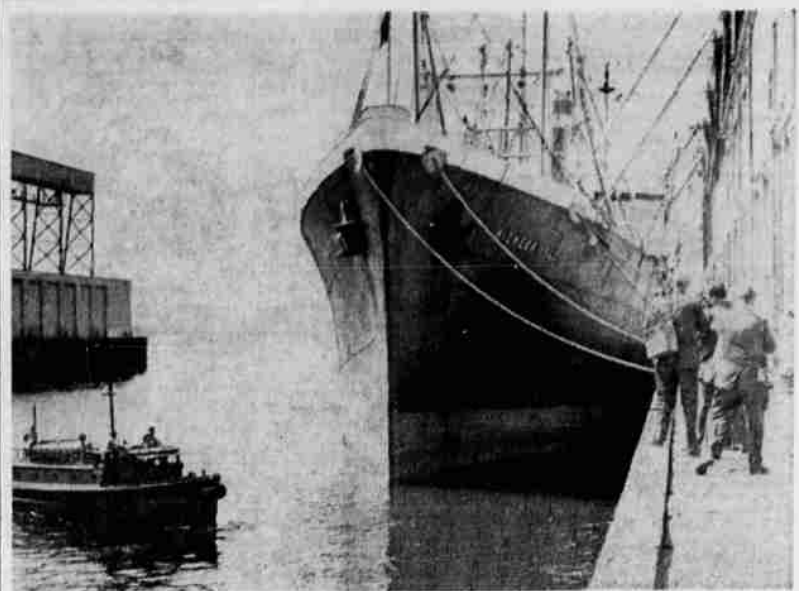
At The Poplars, where Bud Parks has kept records for more than 25 years, the rainfall for the period was 7.39 inches. This station is 16 miles from the Lake observation point.

Another 16 miles from The Poplars is the Fremont station, oldest of the three, where William Dehne recorded temperatures and rainfall for more than 40 years. His daughter, Mrs. Floyd Branch, recorded 7.10 inches for the six-month period. Warmest temperature so far was noted on June 18, with 89 degrees at two of the stations and 90 degrees at the third.

Ranchers in the area consider precipitation for the year's grass supply and dryland crops as beginning with the October rains. During the final quarter in 1962, rainfall at the three stations totaled 4.67, 5.81, and 6.17 inches in the order mentioned above.

Picnic Slated

Sunday, July 21, is the date set for the annual Swan Lake Oldtimers' Picnic. The potluck affair, beginning at 1 p.m., will be held at Janssen Springs in Antelope Valley.



PROBE MADE ON SHIP—Newsmen greet the freighter Pioneer Isle as it docks in Boston. Police boat, left, escorts the ship to its berth. Boston police opened a probe into the death of a passenger, Mrs. Norman Rylance of Brisbane, Australia. Mrs. Rylance's body was recovered from the waters of Charleston, S.C., harbor after she reportedly fell or was thrown over the ship's rail.

Mrs. Rugg Dies At New Pine Creek

NEW PINE CREEK — Mrs. Born July 27, 1888, in Oregon City, Ore., Mrs. Rugg was married there to Arthur E. Rugg, who survives her. After moving to Lake County, she assisted her husband with his jewelry business until his retirement five years ago. At that time they established a residence north of New Pine Creek.

Survivors include her husband; a brother, Henry Wilkerson, Tacoma, Wash.; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were scheduled July 17 from the Lakeview Baptist Church, with Rev. Gordon Griffin officiating. Interment will be in Sunset Park Cemetery.



Tide Rising Against Syria, Iraq Control

By RAY J. MOLONEY
United Press International
BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI)—Signs have appeared of a possible rising tide against the Baath party

Dance Set For Merrill

MERRILL—The Merrill Lions Club is sponsoring a dancing group to appear Aug. 19. The group, called the Yuma Country Cousins, consists of eight girls and eight boys.

The youths and their directors, Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Freestone, tour from coast to coast, Canada, and Mexico. They perform for any sponsoring organization, with a repertoire including seven foreign dances as well as many American square dances.

The Country Cousins raise money during the school year to finance their summer tours. They have purchased their own bus which the Freestones take turns driving.

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control in Syria and Iraq, both locked in a bitter ideological conflict with U.A.R.'s President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

Syria is now deep in a political crisis which has seen its Baathist government maneuver repeatedly to avoid an open clash with the non-Baathists.

Iraq recently announced the crushing of "a vile Communist plot," but the reports reaching here indicate that the plotters were by no means only Communist.

In both Iraq and Syria observers believe the trouble stems from Baath insistence on placing its own men — however inexperienced — in key positions.

This policy is claimed to be fostering a steadily increasing anti-Baath attitude in the civil service.

More than 200 agricultural plants are produced commercially in California.

The failure of the Baath to grant adequate representation to Syrian Nasserite elements in the post-coup cabinet sparked the crisis and put in doubt the establishment of the tripartite United Arab federation of Iraq, Syria and Egypt.

The reasons for the clash are complex. Both support Arab nationalism and Arab unity but they differ diametrically on who should lead this part of the world.

Factor in Uprising No such figure as Hariri yet exists in Iraq. But there the anger against the "Baathisation" of the army appears to have been a major factor in the recent brief uprising at the strategic El Rashid military camp outside Baghdad, according to reports received here.

In both Syria and Iraq there is also discontent among the business communities, whose activities have been virtually stalled as a result of future uncertainties arising out of the Baath-Nasser crisis.

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