

Gage Canal Irrigators To Get Flow March 1

Unless Riverside's subnormal rainfall gets an added boost during the coming week, the Gage Canal Co. will begin delivery of irrigation water to its stockholders on March 1, John M. Mylne Jr. reported today.

This delivery date is in strong contrast to last year's schedule, when water was supplied through all of January and most of February. Growers recall that the canal was dry for only a brief time in February so that repairs and cleaning might be done and the supply renewed shortly after.

No definite date for delivery in the system of the Riverside Water Co. has been set, it was reported today. Requests for water have been few, and the delivery date is only tentatively set for about one week from now, thus it will be some time close to the March 1 date.

Rainfall figures for 1948 showed the season total at the end of February to be 3.75 inches. The total to date for this season stands at 5.95 inches, still below normal but substantially better than the parched days in '48.

Mylne, who is superintendent of the engineering department for the company, said, "during the past month for maintenance and repairs. We have covered 600 feet of the canal near Loma Linda and put new screen wire on every part in the entire system. This will insure every stockholder of trash-free water."

"Because of the lack of rainfall . . . and we are two inches below normal right now . . . we expect to have water back in the canal, and beginning March 1 we will start delivery to stockholders," he added. He pointed out that the water supply, although

Group Formed Tells How Stalin Curbs Writers

YELLOW SPRINGS, O. (AP)—A Russian-born radio correspondent who was thrown out of the Soviet Union as an alleged spy for America believes Soviet art never can be great until there is freedom from fear of reprisal for ideas expressed.

Robert Magidoff, former National Broadcasting Company correspondent whose Russian secretary denounced him as an American spy last April, wrote in the current issue of *Antioch Review*, a quarterly published here, that Joseph Stalin himself keeps a personal eye on literature.

The Soviet leader, he said, is known to have telephoned writers in the middle of the night to criticize them on a new book.

The cold war, Magidoff said, has intensified the Kremlin demand that all Soviet literature must be written in the light of the current party line.

The Russians respect the power of writing and art and insist that all artistic production be propagandistic, he added.

"Soviet artists must not create non-political works, show appreciation of anything foreign, criticize the party line or the leaders in the remotest way," Magidoff said. "They must be purely lyrical or pessimistic."

at a somewhat lower level than last year, is expected to be adequate throughout the season.

He also said that in the event of a large rainfall before the water is started through the canal on Feb. 28 the release plans would be changed since irrigation water would not be needed.

BOBBY SOX By Marty Links



"Look! While we're concentrating on movie stars, Pam went out and compromised on a local man!"

Walls, Romero Plead Not Guilty; Trial Date Set

John Romero and Myrtle Walls, both indicted for murder by the County Grand Jury, will go on trial together April 12 before Superior Court Judge Russell Waite.

Each says it was the other who shot and killed Mrs. Walls' husband, Earl Walls, in a wild night of argument, violence and flight in the Walls' cabin at Elsinore January 15.

Both appeared in court here Monday and pleaded not guilty to the killing. Romero asked for a separate trial and was denied.

Both went back to the County Jail where they are held without bail.

Law enforcement officers who investigated the tragedy said it was a love triangle and apparently a jealousy killing.

Romero, a neighbor of the Walls', was the subject of an all-day manhunt in the hills surrounding Elsinore after the killing before he surrendered the following day.

Mrs. Walls, who said she and her small daughter accompanied Romero to nearby Alberhill after the shooting, said she left him there, walked back to Elsinore.

The seven-year-old daughter told officers, "John and Daddy were arguing and John took out a gun and shot Daddy."

Atty. Harry M. Dougherty and Arthur Gediman are defending Romero. Former Riverside City Attorney Miguel Estudillo is defending Mrs. Walls.

Treasure Report Found Premature

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE NINE) Patterson defined his stand as to the probability of locating the loot as "conservative." He returned to Los Angeles late last night to participate in April City elections in which he is a candidate for mayor.

Forbes' junket, the fifth for the Riverisider, is the 44th to Cocos Island, 350 miles southwest of Costa Rica, in a century of futile search. The voyage is being filmed for television and major theater subjects by Paul Parry Productions.

In a week, the expedition hopes to have 150 tons of salvaging equipment in place where the treasure is believed buried, Patterson said. His ship and legal services have been employed by the expedition.



WALTER V. PITTMAN

Pittman Heads Suburban Division

Walter V. Pittman, former chairman of the county board of supervisors, will be chairman of the 1949 Red Cross fund campaign in Riverside suburban areas.

Pittman has appointed vice-chairmen in his division to conduct the annual drive in the outlying communities and districts.

General solicitation begins March 1 to raise funds to operate the county Red Cross chapter's extensive services in welfare, disaster, health, and safety work, during the coming year.

Elmer Gubruerge was named vice-chairman for West Riverside, Crestmore, Mira Loma, Glen Avon, Pedley and Belletown. His committeemen will be Don Schroeder, George Skotty, Mrs. W. V. Engelauf, Mrs. Smith, Ina Ar buckle, Mrs. Stobbs, Mrs. A. C. Parks, Mrs. Crosley, Mrs. L. A. Muller, Mrs. Cotton and Mrs. Stover.

Other vice-chairmen were named as follows:

La Sierra—Dr. W. J. Airey.

La Cadena—L. S. Barton, vice-chairman, and George R. Kemp.

Susan Handler and Fred Mahlman.

Canyon Crest—Walter Cadd, Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Hahn.

Woodcrest—Gertrude Odell, D. H. Russell.

Edgemont—Alta Boles.

Sunnymead—John Cook, J. L. Ward.

Alvord—Mrs. Hugh McMillan.

Theodore Watje, Mrs. Floyd Ellis.

Anza Village—Rev. A. C. Stahuke.

Public Asked to Help Catch Bootlegging Fertilizer Men

The City Council today asked the public to help catch bootlegging fertilizer peddlers.

Council members said unlicensed fertilizer peddlers are bilking people here.

The peddlers come to your house, the Council members said, and persuade you that their fertilizer will do wonder for your garden at a reasonable cost—about \$10.

After they spread their fertilizer, they come back and say they were a little off in their estimates and it's going to cost \$45.

Councilman Hugh S. Rawlings, who described himself as "chief detective of the fertilizer peddler complaint bureau," said his investigation showed that there is one fertilizer firm operating here legitimately, licensed by the City.

But, he said, there is also evidence that bootleggers are also selling the stuff and causing the trouble.

He said Riverside citizens should ask to see City business licenses when fertilizer peddlers interview them and call the police whenever they have reason to suspect a peddler may not be on the up and up.

The other Council members supported him in this.

Rawlings said police in patrol cars had been notified to be on the alert for the peddlers.

Speed Sometimes Safer, Outboarders Contend

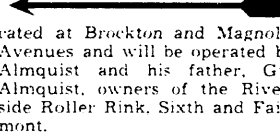
CHICAGO (AP)—The safest speed for some boats is fast, not slow, the Outboard Boating Club of America contends.

That is one of the points in the model boating code that the club is putting up to the legislatures of 44 states as they convene this year.

The wake created, not the speed of the boat, is the determinant of reckless driving on water, according to OBC headquarters here. A high wake is dangerous if small boats are near, but it is pointed out that the wake of boats of modern design is minimized at higher speeds.

New Roller Rink To be Opened In Magnolia Center

Construction of a \$65,000 skating rink in Magnolia Center is scheduled to start within a week, Don L. Almquist, co-owner of the project, announced today. The new roller rink will be located at Brockton and Magnolia Avenues and will be operated by Almquist and his father, Gus Almquist, owners of the Riverside Roller Rink, Sixth and Fairmount.



NEW MAGNOLIA ROLLER RINK—A new \$65,000 roller rink will be constructed at Brockton and Magnolia Avenues within 90 days, according to Don L. and Gus Almquist, owners of the Riverside Roller Rink at Sixth and Fairmount. The present rink is now closed. Construction is scheduled to start within a week.

150 At Hearing On Valley Zone

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE NINE) and County Health Officer Dr. Robert Westphal opposed uncontrolled industry as a possible menace to health and agriculture.

Leonard Miller, chief sanitarian of the Health Department appeared to speak against establishment of the zoning asked by Guberson and said other objectionable industry might set up within the area. He said Los Angeles industry could use such an area as an industrial dumping ground.

Some of those present criticized the basic zoning ordinance in general and asked that it be repealed.

The detailed plan suggested by the Planning Commission staff did not come in for much comment except from the Guberson spokesmen who opposed it because it did not include the zoning they asked for.

Ticked to Sleep

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—E. T. Sullins uses an alarm clock to permit him to sleep at night. Sullins had a whimpering puppy which kept him awake. Now he puts his clock in the box with the pup and the ticking lulls the animal to sleep.

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