RAINFALL IN 1953 WAS THE MOST, TO SAY THE LEAST

In case anyone has been wondering about it, 1953 was the wettest year on record with 37.16 inches of rain for the twelve month period in the lower valley and unofficial records of into 40 inches in the upper valley. Officially the rainfall was 8.37 inches more than normal.

In direct contrast to 1952, which was the driest year with just half the amount of 1953 rainfall, last year received most of its dampness in January and December.

The pattern is already set for another wet year with the first six days of 1954 being almost continuous rain with up to 1½ falling in one 24 hour period.