

What Are the Top Ten Events Of 1955? -- Here's Our Choice

Newspaper people, like other individuals, like to take a backward glance with the coming of the New Year, and take inventory of the year's highlights and milestones.

What, for instance, were the ten top events of the year? Members of the Torrance Press staff, after some independent surveying and evaluating, agreed on the following stories as the "Top Ten":

1. Passage of the rabies law requiring the vaccination of all dogs against rabies. This law finally passed, becoming in the process one of the most heated issues ever to affect this community. The law was first defeated and later approved. Torrance's initiation of the issue had far-reaching effects on other cities.
2. Polio shots start for children in this area in April. Local parents view with anxiety, hope, and anticipation the promised and promising effects of the Salk vaccine.
3. May co. announces location in the new multi-million dollar South Bay shopping center to be constructed at Hawthorne ave. and 174th st. Announcement was made in December.
4. Torrance signs a lease with Store Properties, Inc., for construction of a multi-million

swimming pool. The money comes from a number of bond issues approved by the voters.

8. Nation-wide search locates a mother and child—rabid dog victims. The six-year-old girl and her mother left Torrance for Morgantown, West Virginia, and were located in time to start Pasteur treatment to avoid the fatal disease (July 21).
9. In an unprecedented move, Nick Drale, mayor, resigns, and Councilman Albert Isen is elected mayor (April). Drale explains that the post of mayor is an honorary post and that it should be made available to the rest of the council membership. Drale served one year as mayor. Prior to that, mayors served two years.
10. Twin girls are born to a 15-year-old Lomita teenager and her 23-year-old husband. She is the state's youngest mother of twins (March). The mother is Mrs. Doris Jean Ridge, Jr., 2436 W. 255th st., Lomita. (One of the twins died toward the end of this year).

Other Important Stories

A number of other stories proved significant and outstanding.

For the first time in Torrance

Children Give Gifts To Hospital

It is better to give than receive was the thought in mind as the boys and girls at El Retiro park brought gifts for the children in Harbor General Hospital.

The following children contributed gifts:

Steven Dale, Dane and Corey Christopher, Brian Cocks, Marcie Mudio, Lanny Ropke, Edward Elliott Berry Chreighton, Beth Ann Waite, Trudy and Gary Mull, Lindy and Nancy Kelly, Dennis Rummell, Richard Sylvester, Mike Montgomery, Carol Minech, Debra and Geoffrey Hamada, Barbara O'Kain, Kay and Karen Mikelson, Ann Johns and Marleen Johns, Nicky and Barbara Sinclair, Noreen Moier, Terry and Bobby Lush, Jane and JoAnn Robinson, Carol Bonnette, Gere, Kurt and Scotty Stokoe, Kathy Jones, Susan Harrick, Dennis Kummel, Carol, Ronnie, Diane and Bobby Hill, Donna and Linda Anderson, Mark Tolar, Patsy and Tommy Baskus, Dana Perry, Kim Wright, Myron Galry fell flat on its face as the principals involved left Torrance in the lurch and eloped with the county of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Pagac, Sgt. Cook Given Praise

Letters of appreciation were sent last week to Mrs. Mary Pagac and Sgt. D. C. Cook for the role they played in making this year's Christmas celebration in downtown Torrance a success.

Extending expressions of appreciation were the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

Talking about Mrs. Pagac's work as chairman of the entertainment committee, the board stated:

"Your imagination, dreams, creative ability and long hours of tedious work have resulted in this outstanding Santaland display and the Christmas program coming from the park.

"You can take personal satisfaction in the knowledge that you have this year been the driving force in the presentation of a Christmas program never before seen in Torrance."

Referring to Sgt. Cook's role as coordinator of the Christmas parade, the directors stated:

"Your personal efforts resulted in the large number of entries from out of town which contributed to making the parade a very beautiful and interesting spectacle."

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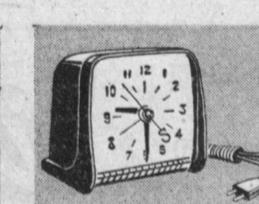
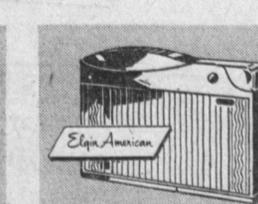
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