

Four Western Cities Win All-America City Awards

Four cities in the far west—Anchorage, Alaska; Oakland and Torrance, California, and Tacoma, Washington, are among the 11 United States communities named today as the year's All-America Cities in the annual contest co-sponsored by the National Municipal League and Look Magazine. This is the largest number of western cities winning awards in any one year. In addition, Anchorage establishes another record by being the first city outside of the 48 states to win All-America city honors since the awards were started eight years ago.

The other winning cities are: Altus, Oklahoma; Brattleboro, Vermont; Elgin, Illinois; Laurinburg, North Carolina; St. Louis, Missouri; Springfield, Missouri, and Zanesville, Ohio.

Basis For Awards
The awards were made on the basis of alert, hard-hitting action taken by citizens to meet pressing community problems and to push for needed civic improvements. The winners were selected by a jury headed by Dr. George H. Gallup, director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, and past president of the National Municipal League. A total of 164 cities were nominated for 1956 honors.

In addition to the 11 award-winners, the following cities were cited for honorable mention: Bloomington, Minnesota; Denver, Colorado; Duluth, Minnesota; El Campo, Texas; Kalamazoo, Michigan; Oskaloosa, Iowa; Park Ridge, Illinois; Prescott, Arizona; Santa Fe, New Mexico; Springfield, Illinois, and Superior, Wisconsin.

The story on the winning cities, which will appear in the January 22 issue of Look (on the newsstands January 8), reveals major problems common to cities all over the country.

Torrance Named
For example, Anchorage and Torrance are among the three cities which won for successfully tackling skyrocketing population growth that threatened to swamp city facilities. The third city in this category is Altus, Oklahoma. Citizens of a fourth city, Oakland, fought a two-pronged battle, in which government lethargy added to the stresses of postwar growth.

In Tacoma, the citizens faced up to a spectacular problem of vice and municipal corruption. With the army threatening to put the entire city "out of bounds" for the 65,000 men stationed nearby, embattled citizens beat an underworld syndicate and voted in an honest government. At present, prostitution is virtually eliminated, the city is piling up surpluses instead of deficits, and major civic improvements are being made.

In the older cities, such as St. Louis and Zanesville, citizens banded together to change a do-nothing attitude on the part of city government and reverse the tide of seediness and decay creeping over their towns. The people of Elgin and Springfield were jolted awake by discoveries of bribery and corruption among city officials, and both towns put up a fight to clean house, vote in council-manager form of government and install many needed improvements.

Citizen Support
Brattleboro won its All-America city title for the overwhelming citizen support that went into creating the Brattleboro Living Memorial Recreation park. Honors go to Laurinburg for the citywide campaign that led to the North Carolina town's being chosen in a competition involving 17 cities as the site for a new Consolidated Presbyterian college.

The All-America Cities awards were inaugurated in 1949 by the National Municipal League, and for the past six years have been co-sponsored by Look.

Talking About The Weather

It will remain mostly clear through New Year's Day, with cool nights and no precipitation in sight.

The average temperature in the Torrance area for the period of December 17 through 26 was 53. The high for the week was 81 and the low was 31. On Friday, December 21, the wind reached 30 m.p.h. with gusts reaching 45 m.p.h. Within a half an hour it returned to a mild 10 m.p.h.

The normal amount of precipitation for this date is 2 inches. Last year at this time we had had 1.92 of an inch. So far this year we have had only .10 of an inch. One year ago today it was cloudy and raining.

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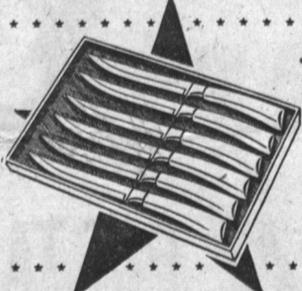
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Theatre Directory

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Enrollment Forms at EC Ready Jan. 7

Students not currently attending classes at El Camino college may secure permits for early enrollment in the registration office on January 7. Merl F. Sloan, director of student personnel, announced today.

Actual enrollment for these students will be conducted on January 15, 16, and 17 in the same office. "Only those new student who have obtained permits will be registered during this three-day period," Leo M. Christian, assistant director of student personnel in charge of records and registration emphasized.

With an enrollment of over 8000, students anticipated for the spring semester, it is imperative for every student to register as early as possible Christian said. "Classes in many areas will close before the end of the registration period."

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By LES KING



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