

Talking About The Weather

The month of December saw only one rainstorm, December 5 and 6, when .09 of an inch was recorded. A high of 87 was recorded last Friday which was the high for the month. A low of 27 was recorded December 10. The mean temperature for the month was 54.

December 28, Long Beach recorded a high of 88 which was the highest temperature in the nation. Torrance was close on its heels with a high of 87.

One year ago today it was

clear and mild with a high of 78 which was the high for that month.

Unseasonably high temperatures accompanied by low humidity continues to create a high fire danger. So please be careful.

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The 10 Top Local Events of 1956

As the year ends and a new year starts, newspapers like to take inventory of the news highlights of the year. Here's our choice for the top ten stories on the local scene during 1956.

1. ALL-AMERICA CITY—The greatest honor that has come Torrance's way is being chosen the All-America City. Eleven cities were chosen for

this honor from among 164 cities entering the national contest sponsored by Look magazine and the National Municipal League. Torrance was chosen for intelligent and concerted citizen action leading to major accomplishments of community-wide significance.

2. NEW CIVIC CENTER—A civic center, approved by Torrance voters two years ago, was completed this summer. It was dedicated officially in August in a giant civic celebration including a colorful parade, rodeo, barbecue, water festival, open house, and dedication ceremonies. The center consists of a city hall, police station, and swimming pool with room for expansion. It is located at Torrance Blvd., and Madrona.

3. CENSUS—Torrance, due to its rapid growth, had its fourth special census since the general census in 1950. The new figure is 82,241. In 1950 it was 22,241. It has been estimated that residents moved to Torrance at the rate of 1000 a month.

4. SCHOOL TAX ELECTION—Voters overwhelmingly approved two school tax issues in October—a state loan and a 75 cents maximum override tax. The money will enable the district to build more schools, equip them, and improve teacher salaries to meet the needs of a growing community.

5. DOWNTOWN PARKING—The City Council moved into high gear on off-street parking. Ralph Dorsey, traffic expert, was hired to make a survey of conditions and make recommen-

dations. The old fire and police stations were leveled and the area converted into parking lots. An adjoining house was purchased, removed, and the area made into a parking lot. With the denial of bids for the purchase of the old city hall, chances are that it will be removed and the area used for additional off-street parking. There is also talk of purchasing property on Post Ave., next to the Bank of America parking lot and eventually setting up deck parking.

6. ANNEXATION—The Victor and El Nido areas joined Torrance this year through annexation. Whether Lomita will also do so is presently the big question. Lomita is faced with three possibilities: incorporation, annexation, or remaining part of the county as is the case now.

7. SHOPPING CENTER—Plans were initiated in June for the rezoning of a large area bordered by Sepulveda, Madrona, Torrance Blvd., and Hawthorne Ave., for shopping center purposes (except for some CCMO property). No official announcement regarding the shopping center has been made yet. The area is said to be large enough to contain 20 major stores and 200 businesses.

8. LOCAL COURT—The County Board of Supervisors approved a municipal court for Torrance upon recommendation by Burton W. Chace. The Tor-

rance civic center for such a court.

9. SCHOOL EXPERIMENT—Thorough analysis of the results of the "Little Red School House" experiment proved it to be a success. The plan originated locally with Walter Rehwoldt, former director of instruction, who was joined in the experiment, tried at Walteria elementary school, showed that youngsters learn more as a result of individual differences than similarities. Three different grades were combined into one classroom for the purpose of instruction.

10. NEW HOSPITAL—A drive for the construction of a new Catholic hospital was announced in August. It will be located on a 10-acre site on the northeast corner of Earl St., and Torrance Blvd. Construction on the 145-bed hospital is scheduled to start in spring.

Neighbors, after noticing smoke coming from the house, called the fire department and the home was saved from serious fire damages. Miss Chisholm was away at the time.

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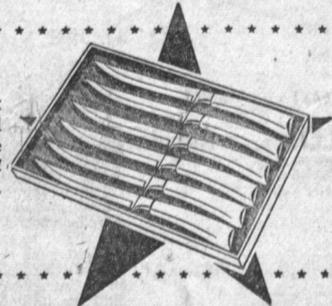
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