

This Year's Rain Falls Below Last Year's Offering

Rainfall in Torrance from January 1 to Nov. 6, according to records taken at the Torrance fire station, show a total of 6.07 inches this year as compared to 7.54 inches for the same period last year.

The seasonal recording of precipitation which has its start the first day of July, is shown today on the Torrance weather record to have already attained the grand total of .48 inches.

Future weather records kept by the Fire department for the U. S. Weather Bureau and published in the Torrance Herald, will be based on seasonal rainfall rather than on reports of precipitation during the calendar year, it was announced.

Sheet Steel Shortage Hit By Chamber

One of the greatest material shortages threatening the industrial economy of the Southland is explained by the fact that steel production capacities on the Pacific coast are now leveled at 153,000 tons per year while the demand has soared to 700,000 tons annually, George J. O'Brien, chairman of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce industrial committee, reported yesterday.

"As we see the problem there are three ways of increasing the local supply of sheets: by developing further local sheet steel production; by securing an increase in the steel sheet allocations made by the CPA steel branch to Southern California manufacturers; and by stimulating recognition on the part of eastern mills supplying local jobbers and manufacturers with steel sheets of the growth of this market.

"Our industrial department has been active in the development of a new sheet steel mill to be built here, production capacity of which will be 50,000 tons of 9 to 26 gauge sheet per year. We have also played an important part in the establishment here of new steel jobbing companies," O'Brien explained. He said a Chamber service available to all manufacturers is that of helping to speed processing by CPA of requests for allocations of sheet steel and, in some cases, securing of adjustment of CPA inequalities.

Junior Red Cross Enrollment Drive Being Completed

Elementary, junior and senior high school students of this community today were winding up the annual Junior Red Cross "Enroll for Service" campaign, seeking personnel to carry on an ever-expanding list of projects to be completed during the 1946-47 school year.

One of the most active Junior Red Cross units in the country, Los Angeles chapter's membership goal is expected to exceed 400,000, according to John Martin, director. Already enroute to hospitals in the South Pacific are 7,500 individual Christmas gifts gathered from Junior Red Cross workrooms in this locale, part of the chapter's annual Yuletide project aimed to direct Christmas presents to the bedside of hospitalized veterans. The overall total sought by Red Cross is 19,500, including the 7,500 Junior Red Cross contribution.

The Juniors through the year will pack educational gift boxes and prepare letter albums for youngsters in wartorn European countries. They will also correspond with boys and girls in foreign nations.

Heading the Junior Red Cross council this year is Miss Betty Bell of John Marshall high school.

ITCHY FEET

It would appear from Department of Motor Vehicle accident records that the West has exchanged the bad men with itchy trigger fingers for drivers with itchy throttle feet.

MORE LIFE, LESS WEIGHT

A new 45-volt B battery with increased life but only half the weight and size of pre-war models has been developed through intensive war production.

STANLEY F. MARTIN, R. S. Chief, Section of Water and Sewerage, Los Angeles County Health Department

Sanitation of public water supplies is simply an attempt to break the chain of transmission of germs from their source to the mouths of well persons. This may be done by the sanitary disposal of all sewage so that it cannot constitute even a remote hazard to a water supply.

A second method is to provide adequate treatment for all water which may be of doubtful sanitary quality.

In order to determine the quality of a sample of water, the Los Angeles county health department has adopted the standards for drinking water approved by the U. S. Public Health Service for all water used by interstate carriers. These are

divided into three groups—physical, chemical and bacteriological. Bacteriological tests of water are examinations made in the laboratory to determine if the water contains any organisms of fecal origin.

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eration, filtration or chlorination, or a combination of these methods.

One of the most important endeavors of the Los Angeles county health department is to see that all of the 300 public water supplies in County health department jurisdiction are safe. The substitution of a safe water supply for an unsafe one in any community will save more lives than almost any other single public health measure.

People often speak of pure water, but actually there is no such thing as pure water in

180 MILES AN HOUR

According to a chart prepared by the American Museum of Natural History, the fastest bird is the duck hawk or peregrine falcon, which has been known to fly at a speed of three miles a minute or 180 miles an hour.

When a person mentions pure water, he really means a safe water supply. In addition to wanting safe water, the consumer demands that it be attractive to the eye and pleasant to the taste.

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