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Rain Fizzles Out as Heat Wave Begins

There was a trace of rain, last Saturday, but it wasn't even enough to record, according to Torrance Fire Department statistics. However, there was a decided change in the weather. Local residents actually began to wipe their brows, on Tuesday. In some circles, it was actually believed to be hot. The total rain inches from July 1 through Feb. 5 was 12.33 inches. Here are the maximum and minimum temperatures for the week, beginning, last Friday.

Date	Min. Temp.	Max. Temp.
Feb. 1	45	65
Feb. 2	49	64
Feb. 3	47	71
Feb. 4	45	75
Feb. 5	44	80

Al Malaikah Ceremony to Be March 15

Shriners of this city and environs were today in receipt of notices from Potentate Charles T. Reichert of Al Malaikah Temple that Saturday March 15 has been chosen for his first ceremonial. It will be held in Shrine auditorium, and nobles of this vicinity were urged to contact Knights Templar and 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Masonic friends and urge them to petition for membership in the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine on that occasion.

NEW POTENTATE
 In tribute to the newly elected potentate, a top executive of the National Supply Company, manufacturers of oil well equipment, the initiation will be known as the "Gusher Ceremonial" with an oil field as background for the second (fun) section staged under supervision of Ceremonial Director Joseph Wade Briganal.

I know not what course others may take, but, as for me, give me liberty or give me death.—Patrick Henry.

Walteria School Eyesore to Be Eliminated Soon

Residents of Walteria who haven't liked some of the old wooden dilapidated school buildings in their area one which has been in existence since 1894—may soon find some relief.

Board of Education members learned at a regular meeting, conducted Tuesday evening, that C. L. Mackey has made an offer to clear all of the buildings off and give the Board \$150 for the salvage materials.

Board members unanimously went on record requesting Assistant Superintendent of Schools Emmett Ingram to call for bids on the property.

Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull pointed out that the school board was still paying taxes on the old buildings, and it would be a real blessing to get rid of them.

"Besides," said Chairman of the board, John Shidler, they are an eyesore in the community and should be eliminated as soon as possible.

Board Will Purchase School Bus for Fall

A new Crown school bus of the transit type able to carry 80 students, was recommended for purchase by Assistant Superintendent of Schools Emmett Ingram, at the regular Board of Education meeting, Tuesday evening.

The Board approved the request. "I think we need two if the budget can stand it," said Judge John Shidler.

Ingram pointed out that buses have to be ordered in advance and that the delivery might not be made until the Fall semester.

He emphasized that the purchase would be made out of the fund reserved each year for equipment that depreciates.

It was also pointed out that the Board expects to receive \$28,625 more from the Federal Aid to Education program, which could be applied toward

"Y" Kickoff Campaign to Start Feb. 13

Kickoff campaign for the YMCA fund campaign drive opens February 13, Roy Peterson, field chairman, revealed today.

He said that nearly 10 workers have taken the field. The group will symbolize various military organizations. Represented will be the Army, Air Force, Marines, Seabees, and Waves.

At present the school system has nine buses. The new one will bring the total to ten.

Mill Isbell, executive secretary for the YMCA, pointed out that \$12,500 is needed to carry out the current year's program. Isbell said that even before the campaign opens up, \$2,000 has already been pledged by business and industry. In all, according to Isbell, 35 contributions have been received. These include \$350.50 by the Torrance Education Association and \$150 by the Lions Club.

Shultz Given Combat Medal For Rifle Duty

PFC William C. Schults, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe W. Schults, 17416 Falda ave., Torrance, a member of the 1st Cavalry Division, is helping set up defensive positions on Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island.

His division was added to the security force in Japan recently following 17 months of front-line service in Korea.

On Hokkaido, only three and one-half miles from Russian territory, the cavalymen are learning techniques of Arctic survival and how to fight on skis and snowshoes.

Schults was a rifleman in the 5th Regiment's Company I. For his service in Korea, he was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Korean Service Ribbon with one campaign star.

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Food Robbers Visit Verburgs

Food seemed to be more important than cash to one burglar who entered the Verburg Dairy storage plant at 182nd and Crenshaw Blvd., last week.

Chief of Police John Stroli's records show that while \$13.18 in currency was stolen, the big items were 10 dozen eggs, five pounds of butter, 10 pounds of bacon, four pounds of lunch meat, three pounds of sausage, five pounds of wieners, five pounds of sandwich spread, and one gallon of ice cream.

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Methods for Drainage in Early Stage

Since the recent floods, two flood control projects have been recommended to Colonel Hedger of the County Flood Control District, City Manager George Stevens, reported today.

They are a storm drain tunnel at Walteria where the lake occurred during the recent floods and a large drain for central Torrance.

He claimed that this was proposed by the Flood Control District, many years ago. It is also the recommendation that former City Engineer Jacob Joseph made to the City Council while he was on the job.

He pointed out that all of the plans submitted to the county would give no relief for the smaller drainage needs.

Postal Receipts Jump Nearly 17%

Postal receipts for January, 1952, took a decided jump over January, 1951.

Figures for the past month on file at the Post Office today showed that \$20,691.00 in receipts were collected. During the same period in 1951, the top figure was \$17,695.56.

The total receipts for January, 1952, increased by 16.9% over January, 1951.

Postal officials pointed out that a larger flow of letters is responsible for the increase in receipts.

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Violator of Parole Nabbed

Parole violator Reuben Avila Sepulveda was captured Monday here while sitting in a stolen car by sheriff's deputies assisting an officer of the California Adult Authority.

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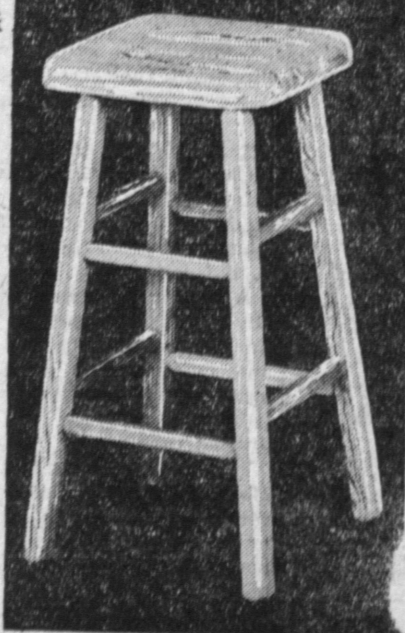
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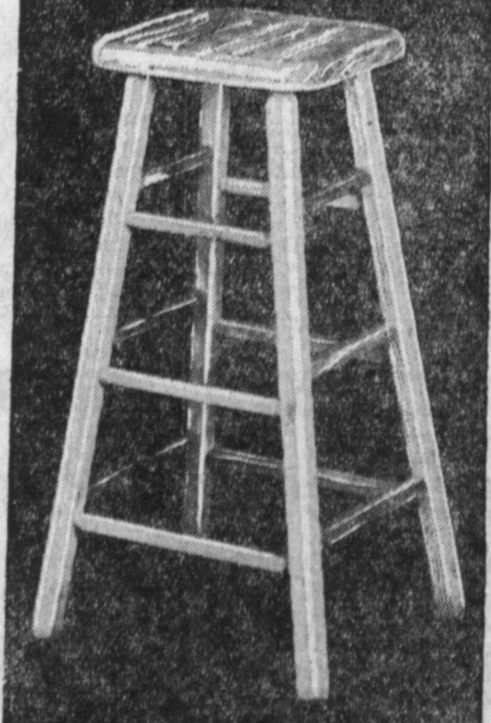
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