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### Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary

Women's sports have been a part of Riverside City College from 1916, the college's first year. In the early years, sports such as Tennis, Basketball and Field Hockey were open to women. Beginning in 1924, Riverside Junior College would occasionally field a Women's Rifle Team. The RJC "*Junior Colleger*" student newspaper of February 5, 1924 reported that the women had matches with the University of Michigan, Oregon Agricultural College, the University of Washington and the Utah Agricultural College. No transportation was involved because all competition was by mail. Each team would shoot at its home field and the results were mailed to their opponents. Competition involved shooting from three positions, sitting, kneeling and prone. Below is a photo of the 1924 RJC Women's Rifle Team that appeared in the "*Tequesquite*" yearbook.



WOMEN'S RIFLE TEAM

The Rifle Club was organized this year, and has done very creditably, considering the newness of the sport. The officers of the Club are:

<i>President</i> .....	HELEN TURNER
<i>Vice president</i> .....	HELEN SHARP
<i>Secretary-treasurer</i> .....	KATHLEEN MYLNE
<i>Manager</i> .....	ESTHER HOPPER

Matches have been shot with a number of schools. The result has been good considering that this is our first attempt, and other schools have been featuring shooting for several years. Lieutenant Field feels hopeful concerning next year's possibilities.

The RJC Women's Rifle Team continued into the 1930s. Below is a photo of the 1934 team from the "*Tequesquite*" yearbook of that year.



It is 3 years and 39 weeks until RCC's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on March 13, 2016.

The Riverside City College Instructional Media Center is bringing you this five year countdown to RCC's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Our intention is to give everyone a weekly glance at the many people and events that have been a part of the college.

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