

January 9, 2011

Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary

The weather forecast for today is for sunny skies with temperatures in the 70s. However this week, in 1949, snow fell on the campus of Riverside City College! An attempt to verify the exact date this occurred led to the on-line Farmer's Almanac. As far as could be determined, this rare snowfall happened between the dates of January 10-12, 1949. Follow the link below to see the weather reports from those dates:

<http://www.farmersalmanac.com/weather-history/92505/1949/01/10/>

These reports were gathered from the March Air Force Base Weather Station. On January 10th the following conditions were reported: High Temperature 39°F; Low Temperature 24.1°F; Average Temperature 31.5°F; Observation: Snow/Ice Pellets. The following two days reported similar conditions.

The 2011 RCC Instructional Media Center animated holiday card gave a glimpse of this rare local weather event. The three photos used for the holiday card are worth a second look for the details they reveal.

The first photo was taken on Terracina Avenue. The north side of the Quadrangle can be seen. The structure on the right no longer exists. It's the Quad Auditorium, dedicated in 1932. The building stood for over three decades until it was torn down in the mid-1960s. This photo is from the 1949 "*Tequesquite*" yearbook.



The second photo is undated but was more than likely taken during the 1949 snowfall. The southeast corner of the Quad is seen. Look for the decorative elements in front of the second floor windows that are no longer there today. Also missing is the fencing above the second floor roof.



The third photo is also from the 1949 *Tequesquite* yearbook. In the background is the northeast corner of the Quadrangle. But it's the individual on the left of this picture that is of interest. The person being pelted with snowballs by the students is none other than A.G. Paul (RCC Principal-Director-President 1920-50).



It is 4 years and 9 weeks until RCC's 100th Anniversary on March 13, 2016.

The Riverside City College Instructional Media Center is bringing you this five year countdown to RCC's 100th 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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