

LOS ANGELES SNOW-CLAD FIRST TIME ON RECORD

Children Frolic and Farms Rejoice; • Deep Drifts Crown Mountains With Rain Due Today

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Los Angeles early yesterday morning was blanketed with snow when a storm swirled down the coast from the north and coated the city and environs with white. It was the first official snowfall recorded in the United States Weather Bureau's fifty-four years of existence in the city.

The storm was a genuine, old-fashioned Midwest snow flurry. It came shortly before 5 a. m., lasted two hours, clung to palm trees and lawns, coated the roofs with white and covered the walks and streets with slush.

Precipitation Totals Given in Tabulation

Following is the rainfall, in inches, reported yesterday from various Southern California points up to 6 p. m. (The two inches of snow which fell contributed .20 of the .45 of an inch of precipitation recorded in Los Angeles.)

City	24 hrs.	Since	Last Year
Los Angeles	.45	9.15	5.35
Alhambra	.23	10.91	5.24
Anaheim	.45	8.79	4.34
Arcadia	.39	11.57	5.65
Artesia	.45	9.23	3.21
Ash Mountain	.35	19.06	7.70
Arroyo	.33	11.99	5.74
Bakersfield	.38	4.67	2.70
Baldwin Park	.37	11.06	4.90
Beaumont	.37	12.56	4.62
Bel-Air	.38	11.37	6.95
Bellflower	.39	8.88	3.09
Beverly Hills	.51	9.93	6.66
Big Dalton Dam	.31	14.13	7.40
Big San Anita Dam	.33	14.17	6.44
Big Tujunga	.32	15.50	6.95
Buena Park	.38	9.00	3.51
Burbank	.34	8.91	4.56
Capistrano	.64	12.70	6.27
Carlsbad	.42	12.79	6.63
Chino	.32	10.85	4.92
Claremont	.39	11.31	5.34
Compton	.62	8.77	3.43
Corona	.32	10.99	3.67
Covina	.35	10.92	3.17
Craig's C. Club	.69	15.31	6.60
Dana Point	.35	10.43	3.93
Downey	.59	7.56	4.15
Duarte	.38	11.63	5.71
Edison Intake	.40	17.69	7.73
El Monte	.42	11.47	5.28
El Segundo	.60	8.37	4.40
Escondido	.31	14.05	5.22
Fillmore	.53	12.13	5.84
Fullerton	.54	8.88	4.52
Fresno	.49	6.25	3.06
Garden Grove	.52	9.27	4.80
Gardena	.48	8.66	3.53
Garvanza	.37	10.92	5.21
Glendale	.54	13.07	7.04
Glendora	.30	11.96	6.66
Hemet	.18	7.39	2.98
Hermosa	.37	8.42	3.64
Huntington Beach	.56	8.06	4.59
Huntington Park	.58	9.40	4.79
Inglewood	.70	8.83	4.35
La Brea	.50	18.92	7.04
Laguna Beach	.65	10.65	4.97
La Habra	.42	10.42	4.36
Leverne	.39	11.93	5.92
Long Beach	.64	10.02	2.99
Manhattan Beach	.72	8.04	3.18
Monrovia	.35	12.15	6.28
Montebello	.34	9.01	4.38
Monterey Park	.26	10.69	5.18
Mt. Wilson	.31	15.52	8.96
Newcastle	.54	15.08	6.61
Newhall	.45	10.05	5.04
Newport Beach	.60	10.47	4.23
Norwalk	.69	10.47	3.48
Oceanside	.35	10.30	4.42
Ontario	.38	10.81	5.12
Orange	.48	8.74	4.88
Opid's Camp	.65	23.35	9.82
Oxnard	.74	10.99	4.65
Palos Verdes	.76	8.39	4.46
Pasadena	.30	11.59	5.71
Pico	.42	9.27	4.67
Piacentia	.58	9.31	4.52
Pocoma Dam	.47	11.19	7.31
Pomona	.36	11.70	5.12
Porterville	.35	8.01	3.80
Puddingstone Dam	.24	10.33	4.46
Redlands	.34	14.25	6.72
Redondo Beach	.61	7.81	3.50
Riverside	.37	7.18	3.10

Tropical foliage hung heavy with an icy load; children started enthusiastic snow battles or tried sliding, and motorists drove carefully through slippery streets. Not until several hours later, when the sun broke through the clouds, reassuringly, did it disappear.

Rain is expected again today, according to the forecast, which reads: "Rain, followed by clearing Saturday. Local frost in the interior Saturday morning. Sunday clear. Moderate west and northwest winds."

Forty-five hundredths of an inch precipitation was added to the seasonal rainfall by the storm, boosting the total to 9.15 inches, as against 5.35 inches at this time last year and a normal of 5.77 inches.

RAIN HITS COLD

"It was a case of a rainstorm running into an area of low pressure and cold," said Col. H. B. Hersey, Los Angeles government weather observer, explaining the source of the snowstorm. "We had temperatures of 34 deg. at the Weather Bureau office and higher above the city was a layer of freezing cold. The result was snow."

"Officially we never have had a snow recorded at the Los Angeles Weather Bureau before this one. This covers a period of fifty-four years. We have had white hail, especially during thunderstorms, but it immediately rolled from the roofs and did not cling like this, the genuine article. Snow may have been seen in the air, but never before in the history of the bureau has it been present in measurable quantities. It may have fallen in the outskirts of the city and in the higher regions, on rare instances, but this is the first official snow and will be so recorded."

SPANKING CITED

The official record, however, is taken to task by several old residents of the city, one of whom has his memory sharpened by a spanking he says he received in 1882, when he lived on Alpine street and ran away to go sledding. He is John McKay, who came here from Ireland that year. Claude E. Luce, a resident of this county since 1875, says that in November, 1879, there was an inch of snow which covered the Whittier hills and the Pomona and San Gabriel valleys. He also declares that in 1880 snow whitened the territory that is now Los Angeles proper.

The snowstorm was received with various degrees of enthusiasm. At Pasadena, Albert Einstein, German physicist, expressed his distaste for it. His wife said they left Germany for sunshine and that they had plenty of snow back home. However, at the University of California at Los Angeles campus in Westwood, the snowfall was received with wild acclaim by the student body.

SNOW BATTLE ON CAMPUS

A snow battle followed in which three co-eds were knocked down by wildly thrown missiles. Students in the Pasadena Junior College also engaged in a snow fight. Snow men arose like magic on a thousand lawns. Sleds, brought out from the East and almost museum pieces in many garages, were given their first west coast workout by enthusiastic children. There was a great rush for camera films and many stores soon were out of photo

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SNOW MANTLES ALL SOUTHLAND

Campus Antics and Games of Children Add Comedy

Five Feet Fall at Mammoth; Heavy at Playgrounds

Coyotes Driven From Hills in San Fernando Area

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supplies. Everywhere there were snowball fights.

Autos, drove slowly and battled against snow-covered windshields but no serious accidents were reported by the police. At Van Nuys one girl autoist, equipped her car with a string of sleigh bells. In San Fernando Valley the coyote population was disturbed greatly by the storm and police shot several of the animals as they came out into the foothill areas.

At Ontario, Victor O'Bryant, 25, of 718 San Antonio avenue, reported critical injuries when his car skidded into a Pacific Electric train during the snowstorm.

Miles of palm-lined avenues and flower gardens were covered with a mantle of the white. Children slid down terraces or lodged slush flung from the wheels of automobiles. It was an event for everyone and great gatherings of the "I remember" club were conducted all over the area. Orange trees, golden with fruit, bent low in many yards with the extra burden of snow. Banana plants, their heavy leaves covered with white, were near to breaking.

CONSTABLE BOMBARDED

The city of Alhambra was unable to force a citizen to keep his walks free of snow, it developed when complaints were registered with the police against snow not being moved. Children at Compton bombarded Deputy Constable Allen as he came to work.

Outside of breaking limbs on citrus and avocado trees the snow did absolutely no damage to Los Angeles crops, according to Harold J. Ryan, county agricultural commissioner. He said the snow was equivalent to a good rain and was welcomed by orchardists.

"Besides the breakage on citrus and avocado trees, weakened branches of cypress and eucalyptus trees were damaged in some instances," he said. "In the vicinity of Chatsworth where a five-inch fall of snow was recorded, citrus packing-houses put men in the field shaking off the snow from trees to keep ice from forming should the weather turn colder. Brittle limbs of old avocado trees in North Whittier Heights fell from the combined effects of snow and wind. Temperatures accompanying the snowfall were above the freezing point and no frost damage need be expected. No smudging was necessary yesterday morning anywhere in the citrus belt."

NO CROP LOSS REPORTED

County Farm Adviser M. B. Rounds said there had been no damage to Southern California crops reported to him.

Officials of the Department of Water and Power reported tremendous snowfalls in the Sierras, five feet of new snow being recorded at Mammoth, giving a total of eleven feet of snow on the ground. Snow now covers over 1,000,000 acres of land with a 30 per cent water content. Five inches of snow fell at Independence. The Southern California Edison Company reported seven and a half feet of snow on the ground at Huntington Lake.

City and County playgrounds at Camp Seeley and Big Pines, respectively, report from six inches to a foot of new snow. At nightfall it was snowing hard at both places. Big Bear, Lake Arrowhead and other mountain resorts report from a foot to eighteen inches. Snowcrest Camp reported fourteen inches of new snow.

VENTURA WHITENED

Towns along the coast also were visited by the snowfall. Ventura for the first time in fifty years saw its streets and homes coated with white. Pioneers said the snow was much heavier than in 1882, and that the light fall of flakes in 1922 was nothing to compare with the fall yesterday.

Santa Barbara had one of the heaviest storms of the winter. Snowfall ranged from a few inches to a foot or more in the mountains and a strong wind pushed in a heavy surf. At Santa Paula for the first time in the memory of the oldest inhabitant snow fell in sufficient quantities to cover the ground. A. H. Call, county agricultural commissioner, said there had been no damage to crops.

SNOW ON BEACHES

Snow covered the beaches of the Santa Monica Bay region. This was the first snow since 1878, according to Guy and Frank Bundy, pioneer residents. Santa Monica children made snow men and waged snowball battles on their own front yards. An inch of snow covered the ground in the Wilshire Boulevard district. No snow fell in the Palos Verdes district. At Long Beach an inch of snow fell in the northern section but none in the business area. Compton saw the first snow in forty-nine years, according to H. Jeff Mayo, pioneer resident and banker of that town. Farther south no snow was reported, though a heavy fall covered the mountains back of San Diego.

In the Pomona district the second flurry of snow to visit this section in the past few days spread a soft blanket of white over the entire district. According to J. E. Adamson, local government representative, this is the first real snow since December 30, 1915, when one inch fell. No damage was reported. To the north in the San Antonio watershed, E. C. Eaton, chief engineer of the county flood control district, reports eight feet of snow.

Snow fell in Redlands and near Riverside and the Yucaipa Valley was covered. Near Anaheim half an inch of snow was on the ground at daybreak. Hemet, Montebello, El Monte, Ontario, Chino, Beaumont, Huntington Park and Bellflower reported two inches of snow.

Circuits in the San Joaquin Valley of the Southern California Telephone Company were thrown out of service temporarily as the

SNOW SAGS ROOF OF AUTO SHOW

Weight on Tent Cause of Section Closing Doors for Afternoon

Tremendous weight of melting snow on the 60,000-square-foot canvas top of the west tent of the Auto Show, Wilshire Boulevard and Fairfax avenue, yesterday morning caused the covering to sag in the center and close the display during the day.

Workmen immediately lifted the giant canvas back to place, however, and the show was able to open again at 6 p. m.

Decorations in the west tent were knocked out of place as the heavy roof slid down three of its eight supporting poles.

Cars on display were not damaged.

result of the snowstorm. Approximately 450 phones in Los Angeles were temporarily out of commission, according to telephone officials. Southern Pacific trains were running slow on the Coast line due to storm conditions. Showers during the night removed the snow from Porterville. Bakersfield reported snow in the higher levels and rain on the lowlands of Kern county.

SIX INJURED IN MISHAPS BLAMED ON SNOW

As a result of mishaps attributed to slippery pavement in the wake of the freak snowstorm yesterday morning a school-teacher broke his arm, a mail carrier and three pedestrians were injured in traffic and a traffic officer slipped and fell in front of a street car. All were given emergency treatment at the Georgia-street Receiving Hospital.

The officer, Ewell C. Beall, was not hurt seriously. He was treated for head injuries. The accident occurred at Seventh and Figueroa streets.

TEACHER SLIPS

T. J. Whitehead, 33 years of age, school-teacher, of 10584 Bradbury Road, fractured his right arm when he slipped on the steps of the Belmont High School.

Slipping when she got off a street car at Ninth street and Broadway, Mrs. Lulu Smith, 52, of 5133 South St. Andrews Place, received a sprained ankle.

NONE SERIOUSLY HURT

Victims of the traffic accidents were William S. Keel, 34, mail carrier, of 1328 South Hope street; Esther Rothenberg, 45, of 2617 Pennsylvania avenue, and A. S. McGowan, 69, of 441 West Sixty-seventh street. All were struck by automobiles.

Keel was hurt at Ninth street and Broadway, Miss Rothenberg at Seventh street and Broadway and McGowan at Sixty-ninth street and Broadway. None of the injuries suffered by the victims was reported as serious.

RAINFALL FIGURES

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San Bernardino	.54	10.93	5.32
San Clemente	.78	10.89	4.68
San Diego	.34	6.56	4.26
San Dimas	.40	12.65	6.52
San Fernando	.43	11.80	6.74
San Gabriel	.34	10.31	4.74
San Marino	.30	10.56	5.09
San Pedro	.86	10.07	3.71
Santa Ana	.44	5.18	5.04
Santa Barbara	1.25	14.57	6.74
Santa Monica	.72	9.51	4.91
Santa Paula	.81	13.75	6.50
Sequoia Park	1.74	31.90	10.62
Sierra Madre	.30	11.64	5.33
South Pasadena	.37	10.36	5.06
Torrance	.74	9.53	3.04
Tustin	.51	9.04	4.15
Van Nuys	.41	9.41	5.25
Venice	.72	9.51	4.91
Ventura	1.12	11.55	6.44
Whittier	.58	10.06	3.99
Yorba Linda	.35	9.00	4.18