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# Flood Relief Supplies Swamp JCC

## Disaster Aid Drive Stopped

Junior Chamber of Commerce officials yesterday called off the emergency appeals for clothing and food for victims of the flooded areas of northern California when mountains of material were gathered in a one-day blitz throughout the state.

Phil Lisman, president of the Torrance Jaycees, reported that the response to an appeal here, published Monday by the HERALD, was so great that the local group almost reached the point of not being able to handle the material.

Nearly 150 large boxes of clothing, shoes, blankets, towels, and canned goods were turned in to the Jaycees here Monday, Lisman reported.

Two large National Guard cargo trucks were required to transport the material to International Airport where it was loaded on Air Force transports and flown to northern California, Tuesday, for distribution.

An additional 1000 loaves of bread were flown up later Tuesday after arrangements by State Jaycees President Dick Fitzgerald of Redondo Beach were made with a Long Beach bakery. Local Jaycees delivered the bread to the airport Tuesday noon.

100 Boxes of Clothes  
Following the appeal published here Monday, the Jaycees, who took over the Chamber of Commerce building as a collection station, sorted out 40 boxes of men's clothing, 30 boxes of women's clothing, and 34 boxes of children's wear.

In addition to these, the Jaycees collected 15 large boxes of shoes, two boxes of stockings and hose, five boxes of blankets, four boxes of towels and miscellaneous items, and 15 cases of canned food.

Worked All Day  
The group opened up the collection depot in the Chamber building at 8 a. m. Monday, and were not able to clear out the material until after 9 p. m. that night. The cartons were loaded directly from the two cargo trucks onto transports at International Airport, Tuesday morning.

Although the Jaycees have called off their drive for emergency clothing and bedding equipment, the Red Cross has issued an appeal for funds to continue the daily relief of the thousands rendered homeless in the flood.

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## Holiday Car Wrecks Injure Six Persons

Six persons suffered injuries in week end traffic accidents as a host of crashes were recorded in the city by Torrance police over the three-day Christmas holiday.

Rachel P. Heredia, 26, and David Heredia, 49, both of Gardena, suffered minor hurts shortly after midnight Saturday when the car in which they were riding was involved in a collision with two other autos.

Raymond J. Paranio, 29, of Gardena; Quinton R. McCain, 35, of Lawndale; and William A. Tassie, 35, of 20117 Berendo Ave., were drivers of the cars that crashed at 182nd St. and Hawthorne Ave.

Eileen Kirk, 40, of San Pedro, was slightly injured when cars driven by John A. Kirk, 59, of San Pedro; William J. Kane, 30, of Redondo; and Marion Fenly, 47, of Inglewood, collided Saturday morning on Pacific Coast Highway.

An eight-year-old Torrance boy, Howard Chapman, of 17002 Osage, was hurt while crossing the street at Prairie Ave. and 174th St. on Christmas afternoon. The youngster was hit by a car driven by Donald L. Shrum, 20, of Inglewood.

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## Joe Greene 'On Camera' Again Friday

Joe Greene, manager of the Harbor Drive-In Theater, will be "on camera" again tomorrow evening when he portrays a bank robber on the "Gang-busters" show on Channel 9 at 8:30.

Greene, who has been active for many years in motion picture and stage roles, made his latest appearance before the cameras when he was the genial film keeper, Mr. Culpepper, on the Ronald Reagan show Sunday evening, Dec. 18.

His portrayal of the southern gentleman in the production of the Sunday show "Rain," has brought several inquiries to his agent, the HERALD was told yesterday.

Torrance area residents may be hearing a lot of Greene in the near future.

## Gardena Boy Shot in Teen Age Gang Fight

Police in the Southwest area are taking precautionary measures to halt teenage gang warfare that erupted in armed violence Monday when a Gardena boy was gunned down by members of a local gang.

Police say that trouble between Gardena, Torrance and Inglewood gangs has been brewing for some time, but open aggression was averted until Roger Ybarra, 16, of Gardena, was shot in the leg Monday.

Ybarra was walking near his home at 714 W. 168th St., with five buddies when the incident occurred. He told police that three cars of Torrance boys drove up to the sextet and started shouting insults. Then a shot rang out and Ybarra went down.



(Herald Photo)  
SORTING FLOOD MATERIAL . . . Jaycee members Bob Curry (rear) and Bob Groves sort out material donated in the drive here Monday for clothing, bedding, and foodstuffs to be flown to the flood stricken areas of northern California. The Jaycees collected two large truckloads of material, then called off the drive.

## Father's Death First in 1955

A grinding crash which claimed the life of one man and seriously injured two other persons brought Christmas to Torrance in 1955.

Dead is Major Franklin Sells, 42, of 24458 Park St., a resident of this area for most of his life. He died less than a year after his father, Eugene A. Sells, was killed by a car driven by Brown after Sells had driven onto Hawthorne Ave. from Lomita Blvd., police indicated.

## Three Relatives Of Local Woman Drown in Flood

Tragedy came to a Torrance family this week as the swirling waters of northern California swept away three relatives of Mrs. Earl Wells, of 22528 S. Vermont.

Mrs. Wells this week received word from her nephew, John Filer, visiting near Baxters, Calif., that his wife, daughter, and mother-in-law had died in the raging torrent, and that he, another daughter, and his father-in-law had only narrowly escaped the same fate.

Fleeing Flood  
Mr. and Mrs. Filer and their two daughters, Millie Lou, 7, and Mamie Rae, 2, were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stroula, when from the flood waters forced them from their home. The Filers live in El Reno, Okla.

John Filer was leading his oldest daughter, Millie Lou, across a footbridge on the north fork of the American River near Baxters, about 35 miles from Marysville and Yuba City, which have been hardest hit by the floods.

He and the girl had gotten safely across and his father-in-law was following closely, carrying Mamie Rae in his arms. Mrs. Filer and Mrs. Stroula were on their heels.

Water Sweeps Away  
Suddenly a wall of water swept the bridge away, carrying the two women with it. Stroula was nearly across, but the impact of the water tore the little girl from his arms. Fortunately, his body was caught on a tree limb where he clung until help came.



MAJOR FRANKLIN SELLS  
... Dies in Crash

## Curains Set Afire By Vandals, Man Says

Vandals apparently set fire to his bathroom curtains, Harry Ernest Stellar, of 420 Harbor Hills, Lomita, told sheriff's deputies Tuesday.

He said he had come into the bathroom to find the curtains and shade blazing and doused it with a bucket of water. A match had been stuck through the window and several matches lay on the floor. Deputies blamed children for the incident.

Served On Guam  
He was employed by the Navy in a civilian capacity on Guam prior to World War II and was the last civilian to leave Guam when war broke out.

He served with the 91st Infantry Division during the war and saw combat throughout the Italian campaign.

At the time of his death he was employed as a bartender in a Gardena cafe. He had previously served as the steward at the Torrance American Legion Post and as a bartender at Daniel's Cafe here.

He is survived by his widow, Bonnie; a daughter, Linda; and a brother, William, all of Torrance.

## Economic Expert Predicts Eisenhower's Re-Election

President Eisenhower will be nominated and re-elected next year if no unforeseen event intervenes, Roger W. Babson, one of America's leading economists, forecasts in his special report published exclusively in the HERALD today.

Babson's 50-point report covers all phases of American economic life, including business, industry, agriculture, foreign affairs, and politics. For the views of the man who has reliably charted America's economic course for many years, which is published by the HERALD today, read the 50 points for 1956 which starts below. The balance of the report may be found on the editorial page, Page 8:

By ROGER W. BABSON

1. If no unforeseen event happens, President Eisenhower will be re-nominated and re-elected in 1956.
2. The Republican party has an excellent chance of winning in 1956 with President Eisenhower making a few key speeches and promising to be an active part of the Administration. He is trained to take responsibility and enjoys it; but the President should be relieved of speech making, entertaining, and much of the detail work which goes with being President.
3. Competition will be very severe in 1956, and with few exceptions will cause business profits to be less in 1956 than in 1955. Too many manufacturers, not satisfied with their present good business, are starting to make other products and undercut standard prices.
4. Higher wages may also be expected in 1956, and these could reduce profits. These higher wages, however, will largely be spent and should increase retail sales.
5. Increased advertising appropriations will be seen in 1956. In fact, advertising appropriations for newspapers, magazines, television, radio, and billboards have helped our prosperity, or it would not have lasted through 1955.
6. The recent policy of the money managers in the direction of "squeeze" will be shifted to "ease" sometime in 1956. This reversal could put a floor under any business decline that may start next year.
7. Liberal credits to the purchasers of houses, automobiles, washing machines, television and various other things have bolstered prosperity and will continue to be a strong support to many industries, through 1956 at least.
8. If the Republicans are re-elected in 1956, great sums will continue to be spent on research and new plant expansion. The effect could well be another "turn up" in the Babsonchart Index of Business.
9. Despite the decline in family formations, the baby boom will roll merrily on through 1956. The reason: More parents are willing to have four, five, and even more youngsters. The result: A tremendous, sustained demand for all kinds of necessities, — housing, food, clothing, new schools, etc.
10. All told, I look for 1956 to be the second best business year in history—just a shade off from 1955. Predicted declines in the key auto and residential building industries will largely be offset by rising expenditures for roads, sewers, and schools — and by increased demand for electricity, natural gas, and goods.
11. The main handicap to retail business in 1956 will be intensification of the parking nuisance, but this is getting

## License Renewal Cards In Mail for 5,300,000

License renewal statements were mailed Tuesday to 5,300,000 California automobile owners.

The statements, in the form of pre-punched cards, contain the owner's name, make and type of car, and the amount of the 1956 registration and license plate fees.

Operators license examinations will be suspended at the Torrance office of the Department of Motor Vehicles from Jan. 3, 1956 to Feb. 4, 1956, it was announced here yesterday by Manager Leavitt Tudor. The rush of motor vehicle license renewals does not permit the office to handle operator licensing during this period, Tudor said. The service will be resumed Monday, Feb. 6.

The 1956 renewal period will be from Jan. 3 through Feb. 4, both for applicants who send in their license renewals by mail and those who renew in person at the more than 200 permanent and temporary offices of the State Department of Motor Vehicles. The pre-punched fee statements for private autos were used in California for the first time in the 1955 renewal period, "white slips" of former years. As in the 1955 renewal period, vehicle owners again are being cautioned by Motor Vehicles Director Paul Mason to:

- 1—Fill in the stub, or right-hand portion of the card to correspond with the name and address printed on the left-hand portion, typed or printed. When an error has been made in the printing, correct the error and fill in the stub properly.
- 2—Do not detach the stub, either when mailing fees to the Department or when presenting the card and fees in person to a Motor Vehicles office. In every case, the entire card must be submitted.

Similar statements of fees due on commercial vehicles and trailers, numbering more than 1,250,000, were mailed from Sacramento, Dec. 1.

"A surprising number of commercial and trailer owners are doing the very thing we keep asking them not to do," Director Mason reported. "Many are detaching the stub and mailing in only the larger, left-hand portion of the cards."

Delays Processing  
"This means a delay of up to two weeks in processing the cards and returning the stubs to the owners. It is especially difficult in the case of owners who remit their fees by personal check. Collection procedure requires the Department to wait 21 days before forwarding registration certificates of persons who pay by personal check. The reason for this is to give the Department time to deposit the checks and clear them through the banks."

12. Cities will condemn old buildings and provide thousands of parking lots in 1956. As this is done, city property will again come back. Until then we see no real improvement during 1956 in city business.
13. Building costs will average higher through at least the first half of 1956. This means that fewer new homes may be built next year.
14. With demand falling and money more expensive, speculative builders of new homes will have to watch their step more closely in 1956 than in any year since the ending of World War II.
15. Duplex dwellings will probably continue in demand through the whole of 1956 if they are well located. The limiting of rents will probably be totally abolished during 1956.
16. With the trend of vacancies showing a tendency to rise, owners of the newer and more costly apartment buildings will find their profit margins squeezed harder in 1956 than at any time in recent years.
17. Commercial farms need not suffer during 1956. Increased efficiency and new machinery should offset price declines.
18. Owners of small scattered farms will suffer during 1956. They have not the volume or capital to cut their costs to offset the reduced prices for their crops.
19. Farmers within 10 or 15 miles of a city can "beat the game" by selling out at the increased prices which their

## Mary's Little Lamb Damaged; Man Pays \$105

Hitting Mary's Little Lamb can be an expensive proposition, James W. Watson, 23, of Gardena, found out Tuesday. Two Torrance police officers, Sgt. J. W. Maestri and Don Harrel, were having coffee in Mary's Little Lamb, a cafe at 3801 Torrance Blvd., Tuesday, when they heard a crash outside and saw that a car had backed into a brick planter and damaged the wall of the place. The car sped away.

The officers hopped in their car and sped after it, at speeds up to 75 miles an hour, but lost him in traffic. They related the information to the Redondo Beach Police, who picked up Watson, his wife, Judith, and a passenger, Tos Hrelz, at 174th and Hawthorne Ave.

In South Bay Municipal Court, Watson pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident involving property damage and paid a \$105 fine. Damage to the building was estimated at \$200.