EDITORIALS

Hands are Joined

/ The man who slices steel with an acetylene torch; ties a severed artery; acts in Haison with God; masters the intricacy of a giant mechanism; takes the hand of a lost child; leads the leaders . . . The man with a badge, a microphone, a lantern or a lever. They are strange bedfellows on an ordinary evening, but all part of a powerful machine. on an ordinary evening, but air part of a powerful machine, suddenly born on a night of emergency. We have seen the birth of this great force after an earthquake, a flood, a fire or a horrible accident such as the one which shocked the city of Los Angeles on a recent Sunday night.

The grimy hands of mechanics, the soothing hands of priest, rabbi or minister; the hands that hold a scalpel, pour a cup of coffee or administer a sedative; black hands, white hands; hands that would normally never meet in a social handclasp are suddenly drawn together by the magnet of tragedy to form a chain of action and mercy.

It is gratifying and inspiring, and the most eloquent answer to the cynic who debunks his own kind as selfish and cruel. It is curious and discouraging that humanity needs the whip of tragedy to bring out its greatness. But, by the same token it is to the supreme credit of all that when the emergency is big, man is bigger.

Speed Kills

During the grisly hours following the Santa Fe train disaster recently, a sign painted on a passing freight car proclaimed: "Safety Is Everybody's Business." Floodlights illuminated the ironical slogan as pitifully mangled bodies of twenty-nine human beings were being carried away to the morgue.

The grim cavalcade of death was set in motion when an engineer, in the moments of an incredible mental lapse, gunned his train at seventy miles an hour into a dangerous curve. This accident, like thousands of others on our highways, was caused by too much speed. In every newspaper we read of motorists incautiously speeding automobiles into curves. The inevitable result is an overturned car at the roadside or a crumpled wreck mashed into a pole or tree. And the coroner pulls his white sheet over a face stilled forever, shakes his head and murmurs: "Too much speed."

A congressman introduced a bill the other day that would prohibit automobile manufacturers from building cars than can be operated at speeds exceeding seventy miles an hour.

There will be howls from the automobile industry. They are afraid that they may not sell so many cars unless they can brag about them "doing 120."

We would hate to see them lose business. We also hate to think of those white sheets pulled over battered faces in the chilled silence of the morgue.

The Squirrel Cage

BY REID BUNDY

The following news item was delayed in arriving here because of the heavy rainfall last week, but it is such an important thing for sportsmen that we'll run it anyway. It's a release from the Department of Fish and Game and was mailed to us on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

"Because of critically low water levels, the city of San Diego's lower Otay Reservoir will close to fishing this Sunday evening, Jan. 29 (last Sunday) and San Vincente Reservoir may be the only San Diego City lake open to angling during the coming spring and summer."

We don't know about the San Diego sportsmen, but se in this area will have Walteria Lake for some months

Milt Svensk is still looking for odd combinations on the new California license plates. Saw kim standing on the corner the other day where he had spotted a HUR tag. Said he was waiting for a BEN tag to show so he could get them together for a BEN HUR picture. Finally gave up, we're told.

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Mrs. Leland Campbell thinks we should teil the Navy that it is facing the possibility of losing all trace of some

of its personnel.

A story last week in the HERALD, received here divertily from the Navy just a day or two earlier, reported that her husband, a commissaryman second class in the Navy, was stationed at Sangley Point, Cavite, Philippine

"Taint true," Mrs. Campbell says. In fact, her husband:
has been at the couple's home, 16:11 W. 218th St., for some
time and has not been in the Philippines since September.
He is now stationed at the Pacific Reserve Fleet base in
Long Beach, and is waiting to go aboard the Tanker Cacapon when it comes out of dry dock Feb. 10. So there,
Admiral.

Bulletin Editor Charlie Gotts of the Lions Club was among those who attended a Lions Club convention in Long Beach last week. Commenting on the trip, Charlie wrote in the Jan. 27 Bulletin, "Before I left for the convention, my wife reminded me that the human body is 90 per cent water, and I should keep it that way until I got proce."

That's a gentle way to put it, isn't it?

Speaking of the Lions Club Bulletin, somebody may be unhappy with me, but I think I should point out that nameplate on the front of the printed bulletin claims that "Tor-Loin" is the official publication of the Torrance Lions Club, That's the way it is: Tor-Loi-n.

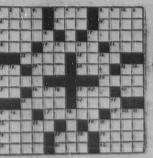


Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER

The Kitchen Sink





THE MAIL BOX

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The Freelancer

Editor, Torrance Heraldi
Please accept the thanks of
the Chamber of Commierce for
the Pzge 1 space you devoted
recently to the Chamber of
Commerce breakfast meeting
dealing with the importance
of industrial development to
Torrance.

Torrance.

I wish to assure you that the Chamber is working along lines that Mr. Hudsen outlined in his address.

I also wish to express my personal compliment to the HERALD upon your new distinctive name plate style. It looks very good to me.

TOM V. WATSON Manager
Chamber of Commerce

Disaster Aid Thanks

rupted their mode of living last week.

Volunteer women of Torrance, under the supervision of Victor Davenport of the National American Red Cross, stepped in and served meals, entertained and caref for chidren, and assisted people in every manner possible.

Thanks also is due the merchants who were so cooperative in opening their stores and generously giving the food and articles need ed. Among those helping were:

Jim Dandy, Safeway, Mayfair Creamery, Kraners Bakers, TV Studio, McMahans Fumiture, Southern California

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