

BRILLIANT CAREER OF WILLIAM GASCOIGNE ENDED WITH HIS DEATH MONDAY

The long, successful and happy career of one of Torrance's oldest residents and a "city official" long before the city was founded came to a sudden end at about 4:15 p.m. Monday when William Gascoigne, 68, city superintendent of streets, died at the wheel of his automobile parked in the driveway of his home, 1323 Madrid ave.

Final rites were held today at 2 p.m. in Stone & Myers chapel, and the City Hall was closed for the afternoon on orders of the City Council, out of respect for Mr. Gascoigne. The Rev. W. W. Jewell of the Christian church, of which Mr. Gascoigne was a deacon, officiated, with interment in Ingewood Park cemetery.

A native Californian, born in Marysville, March 1, 1876, Mr. Gascoigne became associated with the Dominguez Land Company in 1911.

"Handy Andy" — An all-around maintenance and improvement man, he early earned the nickname "Handy Andy," and it stayed with him throughout his career.

He was active with the drafting of plans for laying out of Torrance and for the incorporation of the City of Torrance, which he served as its oldest employee until his death.

After the town was laid out and well under way to its present day prosperity, Mr. Gascoigne in June, 1921, became a part-time city employee, a one-man crew, working both for the city and for the Dominguez Land Co. In December of 1922, he became a full time employee and was given the title of superintendent of streets, which he held throughout his career.

Flags in the city were raised to half-mast throughout the week as the city mourned the passing of the beloved official.

Liked by All — "Everybody liked Billy," said City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, himself one of the oldest city employees who worked with Mr. Gascoigne daily for a score of years, and who lived a few doors from his family for 15 years. "He was one of the finest men I have ever met. He was thrifty, kind and without a vice."

Ross Cooper, his brother-in-law, in a letter to the Torrance Herald, paid high tribute to Mr. Gascoigne. "Will was known by the entire city," he said, "having been street superintendent of our city for the past 27 years. He was square in all his dealings and tried hard to do his work satisfactory to every one, and was always a kind and understanding boss. I know whereof I speak, as he was my boss for 15 years, up until one year ago when I moved to Baldwin Park for my wife's health."

He was a charter member of Kiwanis club. He was the son of an English father and a Pennsylvania mother who came to California in the early days of the state, just as Mr. Gascoigne came to Torrance in the infancy of the community.

His father was the first missionary ever sent into the Yakima Indian Reservation in Washington, and the family traveled to that state when Mr. Gascoigne was a boy. He lived on the Indian reservation for many years and served often as an interpreter of the Indian language.

When he returned to California at the age of 15, Mr. Gascoigne drove a covered wagon team and herded wild horses into the state from Washington. His father, who resided in Torrance, died 10 years ago in Sawtelle Veterans hospital at the age of 91. He was a veteran of the Civil War.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Inez Clara Gascoigne; a daughter, Mrs. Maxine Fetherolf of 2111 Gramercy ave.; a grandson, Don William Fetherolf; a sister, Mrs. Mary Coiner of Santa Barbara; brother-in-law, W. E. Cooper, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Mabel Mothersole, both of Torrance, and a brother-in-law, J. Ross Cooper, of Baldwin Park.

At the services, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Babcock, whose singing Mr. Gascoigne always enjoyed, sang "Beautiful Isle."

Pallbearers are Charles Magee, Frank Cook, A. H. Bartlett, C. B. Kyle, Lester Fix and Jack Hudson.

CHARLES DEXTER BRODIE... a sergeant, serving with the quartermaster corps in Italy, this week advised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Brodie of 1504 Amapola ave., of his recent audience before Pope Pius XII.



FATHER OF CITY... William Gascoigne, superintendent of streets of the City of Torrance, who died Monday, virtually was the "father" of the city, as he built all the streets, alleys, parks and parkways of the beautiful community. In fact, Torrance is a memorial to the official. He was the first and only man to hold the position of street superintendent.

DOW PLANT MAY PRODUCE 100-OCTANE

Expenditure of \$1,796,000 at the Dow Chemical Company's Torrance styrene plant for the production of ethyl benzene, necessary component in the manufacture of 100-octane gasoline and synthetic rubber, has just been approved by the Los Angeles Area Production Urgency Committee, which also approved nine other 100-octane gasoline projects for a complete total of \$2,336,606.

The greater part of the money to be expended at the Dow plant here is for replacement facilities.

Installation of boilers was authorized at the Shell Oil Co., Wilmington, for the processing of aviation gasoline at a cost of \$80,000. The other eight projects granted government approval are at Bakersfield, El Segundo, Los Angeles, Maywood and Santa Maria.

FLETCHER WOUNDED
Pvt. Ted W. Fletcher, son of Henry C. Fletcher, 845 E. 213th st., was reported wounded in action in the European area in dispatches released from Washington Saturday.

1,000 Additional Seats for Big Torrance Rodeo are Provided

More than 1,000 additional seats are to be added to Torrance Municipal Park on Aug. 19 and 20 when the second annual Torrance Rodeo is staged. This announcement by H. C. "Curley" Callihan, the ex-Nevada cowboy chairman of the Torrance Rodeo association, is indicative of what is expected in the way of crowds for the big two-day affair.

Champion cowboys from all over the west will be here with prize rodeo stock Saturday evening, Sunday noon for the mammoth street parade and for the second performance Sunday afternoon to thrill the thousands who will witness the affair.

To those who saw the first annual rodeo show last year, a one-day affair, Callihan said that they can expect twice as much in the way of performers and action. Program sales will go to the benefit of the Torrance U.S.O., and this benefit feature is expected to raise a considerable fund for the organization.

While plans are being made to decorate the town in typical western rodeo fashion, tickets are selling fast at Beacon Drug Co. for the presentation which will feature every rodeo attrac-

Home Folks Can Do Nothing To Help Service Man Vote Except Urging Him to Write

There is nothing the home folks can do to help the soldier or sailor overseas or in this country vote, unless it is to write to him and tell him to get his application for a ballot into the office of the Secretary of State at once.

Applications must be over the service man's own signature, and no other person can apply for a ballot on behalf of a person in the service.

This information comes to the Torrance Herald and Lomita News direct from County Registrar of Voters M. J. Donoghue.

Application cards for ballots are available at most commanding officers throughout the home soil and foreign battle fronts. Signed by the person in service, they must be forwarded to be received prior to five days before the November election, Nov. 7.

The ballot applications are checked by the various registrars of voters, and if the person applying is not a voter, he is sent an affidavit of registration along with his ballot. This must be sworn to before any commanding officer, sergeant or above. The ballot must be voted on or before election day, Nov. 7, and the affidavit and ballot both returned together to county registrars.

The ballots must be received prior to midnight of Nov. 23, in the county office, to be counted, and any received after that date will be of no effect. Applications for ballots received after Nov. 1 likewise will be of no effect.

The county registrar of voters will start mailing out service people's ballots on Sept. 8.

The thing to remember is: 1. The service man or woman must apply for the ballot over his or her own signature.

2. The application must be received in the state in which the service man is desiring to vote in time for his application to be checked and his ballot mailed back so that the service man can vote on or before election day.

The home folks can help by telling the service men or women in their families to lose no time in getting the applications for ballots mailed to the secretary of state.

HARBOR DISTRICT GROUP BACKS PROPOSAL FOR NEW ALONDRA PARK COLLEGE

Harbor District Chamber of Commerce is now on record in favor of development of a Junior college in the Alondra Park and goes further with suggesting the expansion of the development to include an 18-hole golf course, swimming pools, tennis courts and an open air theatre.

All fit into the Junior college program, inasmuch as most modern colleges are so equipped and Torrance and Lomita interests immediately responded to the suggestion of the Harbor Chambers with generous support.

"It is just exactly the type of development which should be carried out at the park," Executive Secretary Harry B. Lewis of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce said in regard to the Harbor chamber's suggestions.

There is plenty of room there for the junior college, airport and the recreational developments proposed, Mayor W. H. Tolson declared.

In fact, the Harbor chamber directors are in favor of even more expansive development of the area, it was said.

Likes Plan
W. J. Crook, official of the Harbor group and also of Compton Chamber of Commerce, said that the 5,000-foot length and breadth of the park would give ample space for an air field long enough to accommodate the biggest airliners and still provide room enough in its 315 acres for a junior college site, for the golf course, the swimming pool, tennis courts, open-air theater and perhaps an auditorium or such other facilities as the supervisors might deem desirable.

The Harbor district directors will appeal to the county board of supervisors to allocate funds to make Alondra Park one of the most attractive public centers in this area. He said that the park already has been improved with about 5,000 shrubs and trees and with rustic bridges.

Favor Independence
Questionnaires being conducted in the 12 cities of the area west of the Los Angeles shoeing show a startling desire for an independent Junior college to serve the district.

Torrance results continue to come in, more than 15 to 1 in favor of divorcing the Junior college district from Los Angeles to establish an independent college.

The meeting of the Junior college steering committee has not yet been set, to further discuss the plans, but will be held probably during the third week of August, it was said.

Driving License Bureau Dates
Motor Vehicle Department operators' license inspectors will be in Torrance City Courtroom each Saturday morning from 9 until 11 o'clock, starting Aug. 26, according to Chief of Police John Stroth.

No operators' license examinations will be given until that date and then the visit of the inspectors will be a regular feature each Saturday, the chief said.

VAN DYKE IS SECRETARY AT LONGREN

Philip Van Dyke has been elected secretary of the Longren Aircraft Co., it was announced by Franklin H. Wentworth, president, and the board of directors following a meeting of the board on Saturday. Van Dyke formerly was a director of public relations and postwar planning for the company, and will continue in those positions, it was said.

The secretary became associated with Longren about two months ago, and formerly was director of transportation at Doak Aircraft. He is a member of Torrance Rotary club and vice president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

A Yale graduate, Van Dyke was in business in France and England for some years prior to the outbreak of the war.

The Longren company, an old established firm reincorporated in Torrance in 1939, is now engaged in 100 per cent war work, using its own "Stretch-Form" process in shaping metal aircraft parts. Another plant is operated at Hermosa Beach.

The company has a big post-war program.

League Stands Nip and Tuck; Final Friday

It's nip and tuck between Doak Aircraft, National Supply and Northrop Aircraft to decide the winner of the second half of the Torrance Industrial Softball League. Tomorrow night tells the tale.

Doak is on top with seven wins and three losses, at 700, with one game to play with the Medico Commandos of Torrance Army Hospital.

National and Northrop will battle out for a second place, or for first if Doak should lose to the hospital team. Each has six wins and three losses. American Barbers are eliminated with six wins and three losses, but no games to play.

Doak won over the 37th Brigade 9 to 0 on July 28; National beat Bohm Aluminum 11 to 3 the same day.

Dow Chemical has five wins and four losses, beating Bohm 6 to 3 on July 31. Bohm stands three wins and eight losses. The same night Goodyear beat Columbia Steel 9 and 6. Columbia has six wins and four losses and Goodyear five wins and four losses.

Last night National beat the 37th Brigade 9 to 1 and Northrop the Medico Commandos 11 to 0.

Eight Torrance, Lomita Men Enlist in Navy

The following is a list of 17-year-olds who enlisted through the Navy Recruiting office at San Pedro from this area in the month of July. If a boy prefers the Navy he must enlist before his 18th birthday. Men between the ages of 38 and 50½ may also enlist.

Clarence William Sano, 1842 257th st., Lomita.

Creed Harold Jenkins, 917 Acacia st., Torrance.

Thomas Frank Nuckles, 2115 Arlington ave., Torrance.

John Andrew Wendt, 2289 243rd st., Lomita.

Harold Francis Scott, 24517 Narbonne ave., Lomita.

Robert Lewis Perkins, 1920 254th st., Lomita.

James Edward Burris, 1541 W. 216th st., Lomita.

Gerald Dan Mosher, Torrance.

Mike R. Duarte Promoted to Corporal's Grade

Pfc. Mike R. Duarte, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Duarte, 1157 225th st., Torrance, has been promoted to the rank of corporal at the Kearney Army Air Field, Kearney, Neb. Cpl. Duarte has been in the service 20 months.

DEMOCRATIC MEET
Democratic County Central Committee and the Democratic Clubs of the 68th District will meet Monday, Aug. 7, at 8 p.m. at the Ship Carpenters' Hall, 602 Broad ave., Wilmington.

23 Gold Stars On Torrance's Service Flag

There are 23 Gold Stars on the Service Flag of Torrance now being completed and soon to be installed in a place of honor at the Civic Auditorium. The latest to be added is the name of Lt. James Daniel, reported lost July 31, 1943, in a plane crash in India. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Daniel, have received official War Department confirmation of the death of their son, one year after the first report.

The other 22 are listed below, furnished through the efforts of the Torrance Herald and Mrs. Marie Morgan of the Torrance branch of the American Red Cross.

Any person knowing of possible additions to this list is asked to contact either the Herald or Mrs. Morgan.

Earl Wellington
John Fess, Jr.
Raymond Pennington
Clarence Theodore Scheibler

Claude Bruce
Arthur Thomas Parker
Dario F. Chavez
Kenneth Brooks
George Herbert Coburn
Royce W. Tidwell
Earl Wellington Watson
James Newton
Louis T. Sorensen

Jack Charles Hornell
John W. Foster, Jr.
Ernest P. Coburn
Fred Quaglin
Douglas L. Crawford
James F. Proxten
Walter C. West
Francis Dietlin
John Foley, Jr.
James K. Daniel

Irvin Borders Will Address Rotary Club

Irvin Borders, president of the Advertising Club of Los Angeles and a member of the Public Relations Group of Los Angeles, the American Council on Public Relations and several other civic and professional organizations, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Torrance Rotary club at its weekly meeting tonight.

Borders has spent more than 20 years in newspaper work and advertising, in branches of reporting, editing, publicity and advertising. He has worked in every section of the country and while he spent his boyhood here, he has lived continuously in Southern California since 1931.

He will speak on "What Good Is Wheat in Kansas," a discussion of the distribution problem of food after it is grown, involving advertising and selling of all products from producer to consumer. This talk, recently given by Borders before the domestic trade division of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, won much acclaim.

Harry Abramson is program chairman who arranged for the speaker.

CRESTLINE VACATION
Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Tomkins are vacationing this summer at Crestline.

George Thatcher Takes Chair Of Waleria War Memorial Group

The Waleria War Memorial committee met at the home of Mrs. Birdine Tuttle and was attended by Mrs. Mary Riggs, Mrs. Helen Connors, Mrs. Tuttle and Geo. P. Thatcher. Mrs. Riggs tendered her resignation as committee chairman due to her health. She will remain a member of the committee, acting as book review chairman. Geo. P. Thatcher was elected committee chairman.

So that all concerned would become more familiar with the aims and purposes of the Waleria War Memorial, the following outline was given by Mr. Thatcher.

It is proposed to purchase one book in the name of each man from Waleria in the service of his country. These books are to be purchased by the committee, through the Los Angeles County Library, and donated to the Los Angeles County Library to be kept permanently in the Waleria Branch for local distribution. A special case for the books will be provided, above which a large plaque with the name of each service man thereon will be hung. A name plate will be pasted on the inside cover of each book with the service man's name and name of donor of the book. A

GREATER TORRANCE DOLLAR VALUE DAYS TO ESTABLISH LOCAL SHOPPING CENTER

With an eye to the future, Torrance merchants are taking a step next week end which is designed to firmly establish this city as a first-class shopping center.

This has been brought about by staging of Greater Torrance Dollar Value Days, Aug. 11 and 12, as a result of a number of meetings attended by the Torrance business and civic leaders.

It is the final answer to the question "What can Torrance do now to maintain its present peak retail volume in the post-war period?"

It was a worthy question. A question that needed to be answered now honestly and frankly by some definite and concrete proposal rather than by vague generalities and pretty speeches.

After a number of meetings, where various ideas were explored, the merchants committee finally decided that this question could best be answered by a demonstration of quality, variety and value of Torrance merchandise today. Proof, itself, they said, was the best evidence of the tremendous strides Torrance stores have made in the last few years in supplying all the needs of the people of Torrance.

While it was agreed that the majority of the people do most of their shopping here, Torrance stores should not be satisfied with their present record breaking volume, while even one person thought it was necessary to go out of town to supply his needs.

Hillman Lee, chairman of the committee, said, "I think it is important that the people of Torrance know why we are staging Greater Torrance Dollar Value Days at this time. I think that they should know that in spite of scarcity of clerical help and limited stocks of many items, Torrance is saying, 'We want your patronage today just as we will want and need it after the war.'"

"I am convinced that this is the most constructive thing we have ever done. Certainly I know that, with the talks that I have had with many of our merchants, folks are going to see values they haven't heard of since long before the war."

At the meeting of Torrance merchant committee yesterday, it was decided all windows would be trimmed on Thursday evening next week, but that the values displayed would positively not go on sale till the following Friday morning. The usual opening and closing store hours will prevail.

WAR CHEST GROUP WILL MEET FRIDAY

Torrance War Chest advisory board will meet Friday at 6:30 p.m. with Ralph Shaw, assistant secretary of the Los Angeles Area War Chest, to discuss plans for the coming drive and the budget for the Torrance area.

Hillman R. Lee is chairman of the board and will have charge of the local drive, and on Friday evening the group will meet in the Chamber of Commerce office to ask for more funds for Torrance, especially for the following:

U.S.O., operations, furniture and funds for the snack bar.

Full time Y.M.C.A. worker to work with local youths and form and operate a recreational program.

A visiting nurse for home calls on both adults and children.

13 New Family Units to be Built Here

Housing units for 13 additional families are being constructed in Torrance under government authority, the Torrance War Housing Center has announced.

Priorities have been granted to Samuel H. Goldstein for seven family dwelling units located on Martina, Acacia, Beech and Crenshaw, 222nd and Sierra streets, and six family units on the northwest corner of Beech and Carson sts., Torrance.

"S.O.S." for Food For U.S.O. Brings Big Response

Enthusiastic response to the "S. O. S." for food for the U.S.O. published in last week's Torrance Herald was noted and Mrs. W. L. Laughon, chairman of the committee in charge, extended thanks to the following for their generous contributions, and to others whose names may have not been determined:

Mrs. A. F. Stevenson, Mrs. C. B. Ruppel, Mrs. Eva Mae Kasper, Five Point Cafe, Mrs. E. R. Gunn, Mrs. William Jolley, Mrs. Henry Ulbricht, Mrs. Ed Schwartz, Mayfair Creamery, Kimmel's Market, Raymond Rogers, Kiwanis club, Mrs. Louise Losini, Mrs. Otto Kresse, Mrs. Henry Wetzell, Mrs. G. M. Jain, Torrance Hardware, J. C. Penney Co., National Paint Store and Hollywood Decorative Studio.

"The service boys greatly appreciate the service we are rendering at the club, so let's keep up the good work," Mrs. Laughon said. "We also need home made cakes or cookies." Those who expect to come baking for the boys are asked to call Phyrne Laughon, Torrance 31.

AT MOUNTAIN RESORT
Mr. and Mrs. John Guyan, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dolton of Wilmington, were vacationers last week at Big Bear.