

Tips on Speeding Up Veterans' Death Insurance Given by Service Director

On the death of a veteran, his survivors will want to file a claim for compensation or pension under new laws enacted by the last session of congress. Sara R. Evans, director, Torrance area Veterans Service Center, said today consideration of such an application can be greatly speeded up if survivors will follow four suggestions:

1. If the veteran's death certificate does not contain a statement as to cause of death, it should be accompanied by a certificate from the attending physician, showing dates of treatment and cause of death. If the veteran was suffering from a disability due to service and it contributed to his death, this should be included by the physician as a secondary cause of death.
2. The widow should furnish a record of her marriage to the veteran. If she or the veteran were previously married she should if possible furnish copies of death or divorce certificates to establish that the previous marriages were dissolved.
3. Birth or baptismal records of surviving minor children should be furnished, containing names of both parents and date of birth. If the children were adopted, a copy of the court order should be provided.
4. Parents filing a claim must establish their relationship to the veteran, by furnishing a certified copy of the veteran's birth or baptismal certificate containing the names of both parents.

Mrs. Evans pointed out that with reference to item No. 1, indemnity compensation may be paid to the widow, instead of a

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ACT PLAY AWARDS were presented Friday to Torrance High School students during the presentation of one-act plays written by the students. In rear are Richard Dacon, professional actor, Shirl Gordon, writer on Bob Cummings show; Ann B.

Davis, supporting actress and Emmy winner; Judge John A. Shidler whose wife, Rosemary DeCamp, sponsors the contest. In front from left: Ron Montelius, Sandy Rathbun, Mike Duhering, Pennie Voien and Bill Doty. —Press photo

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FRANCES DIMITRI AND GERTRUDE SCHWARTZ

Frances Real Estate and Insurance, 2276 Torrance Blvd., is owned and operated by Frances Dimitri, capably assisted by Gertrude Schwartz.

Frances has been in the real estate business since 1946 and in her present location since 1951. She loves her work and finds it very fascinating and interesting. This is reflected in the fact that she has had a terrific amount of repeat sales.

Only recently Frances resold the house which her first customer bought shortly after she started business.

Another interesting deal was that in which she sold a house for a man who had lived in it for 18 years, then resold the same house four more times. Each sale was for a legitimate reason, death, transfer, investment. Each customer was well satisfied with the house.

She handles property for those unable to care for the details personally. In one case she was hired to rent a home for a period of six months while the owners were in Egypt. The six-month stay turned into a five-year stay and then a permanent one. The owners decided to have her sell the property.

The company handles general insurance, fire insurance and specializes in residential property. Last year Frances handled a \$64,000 sale for an industrial acreage in the Torrance area.

Before entering the real estate business, Frances ran a 200-acre turkey ranch near Hemet. She was born in Dallas where her father was a prominent business man for 35 years.

Frances belongs to all the local real estate clubs, is a member of National Real Estate, the California Real Estate, an associate of the Torrance-Lomita board, and belongs to the Women's division of the Realtors.

Last week Frances attended the 11th annual educational and sales conference. She helped train for her work by taking a

special real estate course at UCLA.

She has been active in local clubs, is a past president of the Lioness Club, a past officer of the Torrance Woman's Club, the Soroptimist International, has been a member of the BPW and is now a member of the YWCA and the Altar Society of the Catholic church.

World Trip

One of Frances' most pleasant memories is of a trip she took in 1955 which combined a motor trip through the eastern United States and a flight to Europe. She was accompanied on part of the motor trip by the Oswald Jacobys of Dallas and they stayed for a few days with retired Rear Admiral Fletcher and his wife in their beautiful old farm house which was built in 1645.

During the European trip Frances took in eight countries but the highlight of them all was her trip to St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome.

Local Assistant

Gertrude Schwartz, who has been with Frances since 1951, has lived in the Torrance area for 35 years. She went to Torrance schools and is widely known through the area.

At one time she too raised poultry and just before entering the real estate business was in the grocery business as the Keystone Market.

She is married and has two children and two grandchildren.

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pension, if the veteran's death was due in part to a service-connected disability. The minimum compensation would be \$122 per month, while the pension would be \$30.40.

Further information and assistance in obtaining such evidence can be provided by Mrs. Evans in her office at 1622 Gramercy ave., Torrance.

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A 25-year study of autopsies reveals that alcohol was present in the blood of half of the drivers and pedestrians killed in traffic accidents, the New Jersey Bureau of Traffic Safety reports.

PTA Stages Quiz Program

"Do You Trust Your Parents?" a parody on the show, "Do You Trust Your Wife," highlighted the recent association meeting of Steele PTA. Scott Gray, 8th grade teacher, acted as moderator.

Panelists included Patty Moore and her father, Thomas Moore; Jinx Wright and her mother, Mrs. Robert Wright; and Leslie Robbins and her father, Fred Robbins. Each student was given the option of answering questions concerning the Constitution or trusting their parent. As might be expected, the students came out on top, but the parents did very well.

R. K. Petrat, Principal, conducted a Spelling Bee for students representing the fifth through the eighth grades. Words were selected from the list used in the State competition. Sharon Dohman and Timmy Moore were declared the winners. Runner ups were: Marilyn Baird, Claudia Barto, Rickey Browning, Pamela Christensen, Nancy Hamilton, Diana Moeke, Lyle Knight, Leslie Lane, and Carolyn Lansing.

The defeat of the recent park bond issue was discussed. Inasmuch as the local parksite has been placed on priority, a group will appear before the City Council and a letter will be submitted concerning our views on the matter.

The Little Red Schoolhouse program was discussed by the principal of Waleria school, April 30.

The Mothersingers and representatives from Edison and Carr schools provided a beautiful musical interlude with their renditions of "Challenge," "Let All My Life Be Music," "Let's Dance," and "Be Kind To Your Parents." They also sang the inspirational "Silent Sea."

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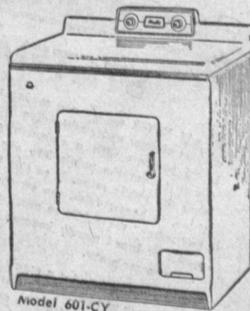
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