

Pension Payment Plan to Change

Widows and orphans of World War II or Korean-conflict veterans who are ineligible for pension payments under the present law should investigate the possibility that they may become eligible on July 1, 1960, S. T. Brannock, contact representative, VA Domiciliary, Camp White, said today.

Brannock pointed out that on July 1 the new pension system passed by Congress in 1959 goes into effect.

The new system does not require that a veteran have a service-connected disability before his dependents become eligible for pension following his death.

The new pension system does require that the deceased veteran must have had at least 90 days service on active duty, at least part of it during wartime, and be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, Brannock stated.

However, the new pension system has certain annual income limitations and sets up a specific definition of a widow for pension purposes.

World War II or Korean-conflict widows, orphans or their representatives should now contact the nearest VA office to see if they are eligible under the new law, Brannock said.

Little Rock, Ark. —(UPI)—A dynamite bomb Tuesday night blew a hole in the home of one of five negro students attending Central High school and police asked the FBI to help investigate.

'Unknown Girl' Seeks To Prove Identity As Grand Duchess Anastasia of Russia

Editor's note: Following is the second of three dispatches dealing with the mystery of Anastasia—whether she is a member of royalty or a Polish peasant.

By ROBERT MUSEL

Hamburg, Germany —(UPI)—Bystanders saw the girl jump from the Bendler Bridge into the Landwehr Canal in Berlin on Feb. 27, 1920. A police sergeant, who heard their cries for help, pulled her to safety. Later in the Elizabeth Hospital in the Lutzowstrasse she only stared dumbly as interrogators sought to learn her identity and why she had attempted suicide.

After a month of futile interrogation the doctors decided their patient must be suffering from "mental alienation" and had her committed to the Dalldorf Mental Hospital.

Now, almost 40 years later, the "unknown girl"—as the first police report described her—is engaged in another of a series of law suits to try to prove that she is the Grand Duchess Anastasia Nikolaevna of Russia, only survivor of the massacre of Czar Nicholas II and his family by the Bolsheviks and sole heir to the millions of dollars she believes is held in coded bank accounts in London.

Fighting for "Truth" Even more than the money, according to those who have spoken to her, she wants her "true identity" established and proclaimed to the world. In her own words:

"Without a name a human being is deformed as if by a distorting mirror." This is the story Mrs. Anderson has been fighting to

establish as the truth ever since 1933:

When the Bolsheviks executed Czar Nicholas II, last of the Romanovs, and his entire family—the Czarina, four daughters and Czarovich Alexei—in a house at Ekaterinburg on July 17, 1918, they were murdering in haste.

They failed to notice that the coup de grace given one of the girls—a smash to the face with a rifle butt—had not killed her. And two compassionate Red guard brothers, Alexei and Serge Tschaikowski, wrapped her in blankets and succeeded, in the confusion, in slipping her onto a cart.

Married Alleged Rescuer

Then began months when, says Mrs. Anderson, she was barely conscious on the jolting wagon as it crossed Russia and into Romania. Gradually she recovered part of her health. The fugitives lived on the proceeds of the sale of jewels which the Czarina had instructed her daughters to sew into their clothing when the Communist revolution swept over Russia.

During this period, wrote Mrs. Anderson later, "I had a child by Tschaikowski and afterwards married him. I refuse to judge him harshly or think of him with bitterness for he saved my life. A peasant is just a different sort of person from us and often does not know what he is doing."

Husband Shot Soon after the marriage her husband was mysteriously shot and killed in the streets of Bucharest. Mrs. Anderson believes Bolshevik agents were responsible. His brother, Serge, took her from there to Berlin. He disappeared after getting rooms for them in a

small hotel and in her anxiety and despair she went looking for him.

Then, wandering through the streets, she realized she knew neither the address nor the name of the hotel. She was abandoned, lost and did not dare—she says—to tell anyone her real identity. The suicide attempt followed.

In Dalldorf mental home there was another patient, a Klara Peuthert, who had been a dressmaker near the Czar's palace at Tsarskoe Selo. She apparently detected a resemblance between the silent girl and the Romanovs and after her release took Russian emigrants to the hospital to see her. One of them produced a photograph of the Czarina.

"That's my grandmother," blurted the patient, weeping.

Is There Proof?

But is Mrs. Anderson really the Grand Duchess Anastasia, or a hysterical who has convinced herself she is, or is she

a Polish peasant adventures named Franziska Schankowsky?

Is there any proof that one of the Romanovs escaped?

The Anderson adherents contend a widespread search was launched in Russia after the executions and that Count Carl Bonde, former head of the Swedish Red Cross mission to Siberia, said Red troops who stopped a train he was on said they were looking for Anastasia.

Then why did she not in Bucharest go to Queen Marie of Rumania, a close relative for help?

Why did she not openly recognize Princess Irene of Prussia, aunt of Anastasia, in Dalldorf? The princess used an incognito to test the patient.

"I felt so hurt, helpless and angry at her sitting before me under a false name that I could not utter a word."

'Signs of Life' Month Noted by Police Chief

February is "Signs of Life" month in the state's program for traffic safety. Medford's Chief of Police Charles P. Champlin pointed out today.

Police agencies all over the state will be concentrating this month on drivers who don't obey traffic signs and who don't give the proper traffic signals in a combined effort to gain compliance with often disregarded laws.

Public officials, citizen's groups and individuals are taking part in the state's action program, which is attempting to improve driver's recognition and obedience of existing traffic laws and improve the laws themselves when they are not adequate.

Champlin pointed out that left and right turn signals coupled with the signal to change lanes and obedience of stop signs are some of the most basic but most violated traffic regulations.

Although some drivers consider the violations "minor",

they often lead to costly and time consuming accidents, injuries and death, Champlin cautioned.

Even when he does signal, the expert driver remembers to keep a check on other

drivers by glancing in his rear and side view mirrors, Champlin noted.

Champlin issues a special warning to all drivers to remember to check the blind spots to the left and right rear of the vehicle before changing lanes.

The King James version of the Bible was published in 1611.

STICKY FINGERS!

Nashville, Tenn. —(UPI)—Postal worker Henry Gregory will lose his job because of the way he acquired materials for his hobby. Postmaster Lewis Moore said today. Gregory, 39, was arrested on charges of tearing stamps off letters to add to his stamp collection.

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