Rises Sought Under New League Pensions Plan

Solid rises in many categories of pensions paid under the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act are sought in the 1960 League Pensions Plan.

The plan was adopted unanimously by vote of the National Executive at its May meeting in Canberra.

Among the rises sought are:
- An increase in the war-pension general rate of 15/ weekly, bringing it to 46/.
- An additional 18/ on the pension of £1/15/6 weekly paid to the wives of war-pensioners.
- An additional 6/3 on for the children of war-pensioners, bringing that rate to £1 a week.
- A £1 increase on the £5/ a week pension for war widows, along with a 10/ rise in the domestic allowance (bringing it to £3/5/ a week) and an increase of £1/ for each dependent child (the present rate being £1/11/6 for the first child and £1/6/10/ for the second child). Also an increase of 7/ on the £3/3/ a week paid for “double orphans.”
- An additional £1/15/ on the pension of £2/5/ a week paid to widowed mothers.
- A 15/ increase in the special-rate war pension paid to T. and P.I. persons, bringing that rate to £8/5/ a week.
- At least a 15/ increase on the £4/15/ a week paid to service pensioners.

OTHER AIMS

The plan also seeks the automatic treatment in repatriation hospitals for service pensioners to ensure that the full amount of war and service pension adjutment shall be made available to the pensioner.

It aims to secure free medical treatment in repatriation hospitals for service pensioners and also for non-gazetted members and ex-service pensioners receiving a 70 per cent or higher disability pension; to obtain repatriation benefits for Boer War on the same scale as for other veterans; and to continue pressure for an increase in the funeral allowance to £50.

BASIS OF PLAN

The 1960 Pensions Plan had its genesis in a series of recommendations to the Children’s Pensions Sub-committee.

The recommendations were based partly on a study by the W.A. President Lonnie comparing the present rates of pension with that of the 1950 rates, and a comparison of the rates for the same two years expressed as a comparison of average weekly earnings. The formula for this comparison being a relatively new index referred to as the Average Weekly Earnings Per Employed Male Unit.

The C-series index measures the real money value of commodities regarded as necessary to maintain, and pays for average family, expenses. The index was prepared by National Secretary K. Newman.

SUBMISSIONS

The submissions based on the C-series index showed that the general-rate pension had declined by 7/5 a week in money value compared with the 1950 pension, the pension for wives had declined by 15/8, that for widows by £1/25/6, and the widowed mother’s pension by £1/7/5.

Rises that showed increased money value, included the special-rate war pension (up £1/15/6), the funeral allowance for war widows (up £1/18/5), and the service pension (up 11/2).
Moral Support For Chapel Appeal

A public appeal for £40,000 for the construction of an A.I.F. Memorial Chapel at the Royal Military College, Dunroon, is to have the moral support of the League.

This was decided at the National Executive meeting.

The appeal was launched early last month by Chief of the General Staff Sir Roderick Craig. Funds raised by voluntary subscription would be needed to augment an amount of £8,000 to be provided by the Commonwealth Government for the project, and an equal amount which Churches of all denominations and the Chaplains-General Service of the Australian Army would raise in association with the Chaplains-General Service of the Royal British Army.

General Garrett said it was proposed to erect the new memorial chapel building of a standard in keeping with the surroundings and now being erected at the college.

When completed the chapel would house the records of religious instruction and the regular attendance of church services, which were essential in fostering the moral qualities of discipline and character-development of future officers of the Australian Army.

The building would incorporate two chapels under the one roof, one for the preparation of Chaplains in England and Protestant denominations and one for Catholic chaplains. Each chapel would be completely self-contained and self-supporting.

The design would indicate a unity of purpose and would be more economic than two separate buildings.

Since the foundation of the college in 1911 no permanent chapel had been constructed and the temporary wooden ones now being used were quite unsatisfactory. It was hoped to make an early start on the chapel in order that its official dedication could be included as a feature of the ceremonial planned to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the college in March, 1961, but this would depend on the success of the drive for funds:

General Garrett hoped that all Australian families with present or past associations with the Army in the two world wars and in Korea, and ex-service men's organisations, would see it as the objective. The fund is now open and subscriptions may be sent to:

The Highlights Of Congress Week

The official opening of Congress this year by the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir John Dwyer) will take place in the Anzac House ballroom on the night of Monday, July 18.

This will be the first official function to be held in the ballroom since its re-modelling, and it will also mark the occasion for the official opening of the Anzac House renovations generally.

The combined opening view of the ballroom and of the official opening of the Anzac House renovations has been found necessary to shorten the usual programme of proceedings. The opening will be followed by the presentation of sub-branch trophies and the reading of the War Memorial and State Women's Auxiliary reports to take place on the Tuesday morning.

There will be an adjournment during the morning for the wreath-laying ceremony at the State War Memorial.

For the first time for many years there will be no Land Conference as such. Instead, the programme of the agenda will be debated at a time to be fixed.

To compensate for the inclusion of the land items in the general timetable the Agenda Committee has made provision for an evening session this year—commencing at 7.30 o'clock on the Wednesday.

BIG AGENDA

Of over 200 items on this year's agenda 76—the largest number ever—will be on the subject of the Anzac Observance. There are 11 items on land matters, 17 State constitutional matters, and 6 on the National Constitution.

New Anzac Stamp

Postmaster-General J. Col. Chas. Davison tells us that the Turkish Government has agreed to the issue of an anichronistic stamp on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Anzac land from Gallipoli. He also said that preliminary design work on the Australian issue is now in hand.

Peace Plan Proposal

The National Executive of the League has sponsored a proposal that the British Commonwealth Ex-Servicemen's League should adopt—and recommend to all constituent member organisations for adoption and promotion—a World Peace Plan.

At the May meeting of the executive in Canberra it was decided to submit the plan for inclusion on the agenda of the biennial conference of the B.C.E.L. to be held later this year.

The plan provides for:

- All military installations to be open to inspection by the United Nations Organisation officials.
- Each nation to be permitted to maintain only such installations as are approved by the U.N.

From Northam To The Top

A Northam-born boy rose to the high position of Sub-Branch President in the Australian Army from that post at the end of last month to take up a new post as principal of the Royal Military College, Mt. Eliza, Victoria.

He is Lieut-General Sir Reginald Gauvry, who attended Guildford Grammar School and was a Dunrobin graduate of 1921. Sir Reginald was farewelled recently by cadets of the Royal Military College, Anzac, His successor as President of the General Staff will be Lieut-General R. G. Pollard.

A Second £100 For Home From Nedlands

The Nedlands sub-branch has made a second donation of £100 to the War Veterans' Home furnishing fund. Mr. A. Dodd to War Veterans' Home Committee chairman J. A. Rolfe.

At the June meeting of the State Executive a cheque for that amount was handed over by Mr. E. A. Dodd to War Veterans' Home Committee chairman J. A. Rolfe.

Expressing his thanks for the donation Mr. Rolfe moved that a letter of commendation and appreciation be sent to the sub-branch.

He said that quite a number of children had come to hand, but that this was the first time a sub-branch had provided for the furnishing of a room in the home.

Mr. Dodd said the sub-branch had decided that the room to be furnished by the latest donation should be known as the J. M. W. Anderson Room.

Mr. Anderson was formerly State President and president of the Nedlands sub-branch.

New Note Struck In Memorial Replicas

When State President Lonnie recently unveiled a war memorial replica for the R.S.L. Memorial Hall he found that the sub-branch had departed from the usual procedure by installing a replica of the local memorial instead of the State Memorial.

Most sub-branches, however, have miniature memorials or honour rolls which are used in conjunction with the Ceremonies of Remembrance held at 9 o'clock in the evening during their meetings and gatherings.

Narrogin president N. Powell welcomed the State President at an attendance of R.S.L. members and visitors which was beyond the available seating capacity.

Mr. Lonnie said he hoped the replica would serve as a source of inspiration to members of the sub-branch, now and in the future.

A memorial, he said, was intended as a constant reminder of the sacrifices made by so many so that Australia could remain a free land. The memorial should provide, for future generations, a message of high ideals and example.

The memory of Narrogin's foundation president, the late Mr. John Bar-ron, was honoured by the unveiling of his photograph, an honour extended to World War I veteran Sir John Dwyer.

At the gathering was Mrs. Vera Stockman (State President of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary) who was introduced by Narrogin auxiliary president Mrs. Ruwoldt.

A certificate of Service was presented by Mrs. Stockman to a rather over-whelmed Narrogin auxiliary treasurer, Mrs. Chatterley.

Pictured below at the unveiling of the memorial replica are (from left) Mr. and Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Stockman, Mrs. R. O. Ruwoldt and Mr. Lonnie.
Comment For The Month
— from “The Corp.”

- Starting a new feature which will help to keep members posted on League activities throughout the State.
- I want to tell you about one of the most successful yet one of the most modest and self-effacing sub-branches of the R.S.I. in Western Australia. With a membership averaging over many years, between 12 and 15—but generally about 100 per cent of the possible for the whole district—this sub-branch provides the most conclusive proof possible that it is not necessarily large numbers, but rather the proper spirit and enthusiasm, that accomplishes results. And the sub-branch thus depicted in this limelight deserves its Kununoppin.

Perhaps it is because Kununoppin has down through the years had the inspiration of chaps like Harry Leake—an original member of the 16th Battalion, a veteran of the Anzac landing on Gallipoli—that it can boast a proud record of service to mates in the League and, equally importantly, to the local community.

For instance, the district’s World War II memorial project, a splendidly-equip children’s memorial playground on the reserve.

Local ‘endeavour in every field confidently counts on, and receives valuable support from, the sub-branch. It’s for the hospital, a C.W.A. effort, the Parents and Citizens and so on, the local churches, sporting bodies, or whatever you wish Kununoppin R.S.I. members give their support.

- Harry Leake (mentioned above), whose regiment number was 161 in World War I, came home with two pips and ever since the 1920s has led the Anzac Day parade in Kununoppin.

The Kununoppin parade and service are always most inspiring and well supported by local residents. Incidentally, I happen to know that Harry has applied to Kununoppin for the re-equipment of Anzac Day next year so that he can meet and march with his old battalion mates on the service in Perth.

- Ross Clark, secretary of the Road-Palmyra, sub-branch, writes to say that a match box cover which may have sentimental value to the owner has been handed to the Repatriation League, won worn metal box, match box size, and the only inscription is “Pte. T. M. Wills 1945.”

I would say that the owner was a member of the 28th Battalion who enlisted in 1940 about the same time as I did (because my number was W-69105). The owner can have the souvenir on contacting Ross Clark. His address is 41 Piercy Street, East Fremantle.

Congratulations to Barney Quin, W.A. president of the T.P.I. Ex-Servicemen’s League, who proudly received the honour bestowed on him by Her Majesty the Queen. Barney was included in the Birthday Honours List and receives the M.B.E. in recognition of many years of self-sacrificing work on behalf of his war-disabled mates.

Reports arriving at Anzac Day on the attendance at meetings of the Kalgoorlie sub-branch have been very good, and the evenings most enjoyable. The meetings are being made attractive by including interesting talks from guest speakers on varied topics.

In conjunction with the women’s auxiliary sub-branch we have contributed, £140 to the War Veterans’ Home in Perth towards the cost of furnishing a new room.

Another visit has been paid to Kalgoorlie by officials from the Repatriation Department in Government House. Messrs. Nash and Hubble, and they spent a week between the Kalgoorlie and Boulder sub-branches.

They were guests at the meeting of the Kalgoorlie sub-branch.

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**YELLOW CAB CUP**

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Anzac Day In An English Village

Here is a heart-warming account of the way Anzac Day is observed in the English village of Harefield. It was received recently by the Australian State President in a communication from the Agent General in England for E.K. Hoar.

A squad of eightbuglers came smartly to attention In a village war cemetery about 35 miles west of London, and then the sad note of "The Last Post" followed by the stirring "Revelstoke" drifted across the English countryside. The little village of Harefield, for the 40th year in succession, remembered and honoured Australia's dead. What story lies behind this devotion to a memory?

Records show that Harefield had definite links with Western Australia - as far back as 1852 when Sir Francis Harefield Newigate was appointed Governor of our State. Sir Francis and his family had been Lords of the Manor of Harefield for some 300 years as the plaques and tombstones in St. Mary's Church testify. But the main reason for the close affinities of Harefield with our State was the annual services and ceremonies was the patriotism of Mr. Charles L. Egly, the then owner of Harefield Park at the beginning of the 1914-18 war, an Australian, immediately placed his house and park at the disposal of the Australian Government for use as a hospital.

ARMY HOSPITAL

The offer was accepted at once by the Australian Auxiliary General Hospital Service into being in 1915, commended by Captain M. V. Southey. The house itself was used as staff headquarters, and lines and fields were built in the park to accommodate the casualties from Gallipoli, France and Belgium, each major battle bringing convoys to Denham Station some three miles away.

All told 120 Diggers gave their lives during the 1914-18 war, and now lie in their own beautiful little churchyard in St. Mary's Parish Church in a delightful setting of trees and undulating pasture land typical of the English countryside. The man who at Harefield in 1850 lit the torch of Anzac that has burned so brightly ever since was Mr. E. Jeffery, the village schoolmaster, following his return from active service in the British Army. He felt that Anzac Day had special significance, and so taught the children under his care something of its real meaning.

It was he, together with the vicar of St. Mary's, who organised the annual services at the war cemetery and church which inspired the young girls and young sailors and vicar for 40 years to carry on this firmly-established tradition of the English community, which remembers Australians with affection and gratitude as it pays homage to the fallen on each succeeding Anzac Day.

LAST RESTING-PLACE

When the first Digger was lowered to his last resting place at Harefield, a little girl standing nearby felt she also ought to play some part in the ceremony. So flowers growing nearby and placed them on the grave.

Just the pattern for the future, because now, at an appropriate moment during the ceremony, 120 school children with their specially prepared posies, pay homage-as some of the girls who have been known to them-to Australians who at one time lived among them.

Owing to the interest shown by Australians and local people, a few years later a window was opened and the church was converted to an Australian Chapel of Remembrance in honour of our dead of two wars and other Australians who gave their lives in England during those periods.

This astonishing community also raised £8,000 in ten years in order to repair the church and maintain alterations to the Australian chapel.

MONEY NEEDED

Mr. Hoar goes on: "I specially want to bring to your notice the Chapel of Remembrance, and refer to the fact that this small community between them had raised £8,000 in ten years for the repair and decoration of this lovely old English church, which is now dedicated to the memory of Australia's dead, but they are still short of money to complete the work. "There is in fact about £500 worth of work still to be done in the chapel, and I have been so impressed with what these people have been doing over the years that I felt that it was my duty, as a member of your Parliament, to suggest that our own Australian ex-service men and women might like to contribute something towards the cost."

Referring to the comparatively small sum of money needed to complete the Australian Memorial Chapel, Mr. Hoar says that he believes that if an appeal were made to sub-branches and the whole network of the R.S.L. it would be no difficult matter to raise the £500 required and so assist the people of the little English village of Harefield who have already spent so much time and money to perpetuate the name of "Anzac."

He continues: "Harefield is well worth a visit by Australians, especially if in England on Anzac Day. They will see a devotion to their memory undiminished through long years. "They will not find a people who wonder each year if the spirit of Anzac is worth preserving, or whether the trouble taken to organise the ANZAC Day will be worthwhile. Harefield people decided that issue 40 years ago and nothing can change their mind now. "No one with any feeling for Anzac, and the memory will be fresh in their minds, will ever have any difficulty in understanding the reasons the residents of Harefield have for remembering their Anzac dead."

He asks you to put on your boots, dust off your hat, and bring with you a loyal Australian accent, and "Harefield village is a place where you can understand your traditions. "Harefield is a place you can understand willingness to help the neediest. "Harefield is a village where the ideal of a village publican has been achieved. "Harefield is a village where you can understand the meaning of Anzac Day."

Life-Membership to Pinelly Man

An application by the Pinelly sub-branch for an award of life-membership to Mr. S. F. Ford, was approved by the State Executive of the Council. The former president and secretary of the sub-branch Mr. Ford has been office bearer for 30 years as a member of the Pinelly Sub-Terrier. Certificates of Service have been approved for Mr. Fair, member J. C. Pearce, Rosa Brook-Ros trough of G. Hartnett and Nickolas of the Auxiliary member Mrs. M. Ferres.
Membership

The Membership Committee met weekly during the Congress Year 1959-60. Determined efforts by the Membership sub-committee, Membership Liaison Officers and State Executive members' visits to sub-branches have resulted in a healthy increase over the last year, and in spite of the regrettable loss of 438 members who have answered the Last Post. The trend in membership is buoyant and if pressure is maintained by all concerned the result should be that the second year is a drive towards a much larger membership, with consequent benefits to all.

Four new sub-branches have been officially opened during the period under review, namely Cocos-Kelieghi Island, M.T.I. (Metropolitan Transport Trust), Milng and T.M.O. (Transport-General Department).

Notable attempts have been made to form the following five sub-branches: B.M.A., Korean Veterans, Banks, British Ex-Officers and T.P.I., whilst efforts are still being made to interest eligible ex-servicemen in the S.E.C. Repatriation Department, Naval and Military Club plus a drive for membership amongst Legacy members.

Some ten sub-branches have been revitalised and/or received special help, and attention from Headquarters, including lists of un-financial members prepared from Headquarters records.

The cause of concern to your Committee and the Headquarters Staff is the failure by many sub-branch secretaries to conform with Rule 23 (6) and Rule 24 (4) regarding audited Balance Sheets etc. and monthly Capitation returns. This neglect on sub-branches' part means that Anzac House has not, at any time, authentic membership figures, and that the fact that the individual members concerned are not recognised as financial at Headquarters and their privileges—including "The Listening Post" issues each month—are lost.

Certificates of Service

Ninety-seven Certificates of Service were approved by the State Executive during the year, of which 49 went to members of sub-branches and 48 to members of the Women's Auxiliaries.

Life Membership

In recognition of outstanding services to their Sub-branches the following three members were honoured with the award of Life Membership during the year.

Mr. P. G. Hadley, Bicton-Palmyra Sub-branch.
Mr. M. Davis, Northam Sub-branch.
Mr. F. Stahl, Denmark Sub-branch.

Group Conferences

During this Congress year, five Conferences were held with the following as the host Sub-branches: Bellevue, Mandurah, Carlisle, Three Springs and Cottesloe.

Notable success attended the Three Springs Conference, this being fully represented, and interest was added by the attendance of the Hon. The Premier, Mr. David Brand.

It is desired to express appreciation to guest speakers from the Repatriation Department and Canzecns Trust Fund who rendered an invaluable service, and grateful thanks are due to those State Executive members who gave so freely of their enthusiasm and time.

There is a feeling that the new "state" metropolitan area would best be served by occasional Presidents and Secretaries' meetings, with Group Conferences confined to country areas. A tentative programme for 1960-61 includes the following venues: Kalgoorlie, Bridgetown, Northam, Narrogin, Merredin, Geraldton and Albany.

Excellent service was given by Mr. W. Ferrier as the organiser of Group Conferences for the past year.

Sub-branch Visits

The State Executive have been indefatigable in their efforts to maintain the close contact so desirable, and another heavy programme of 141 Sub-branch visits have been undertaken. A detailed report of these visits will be published in a later issue of "The Listening Post". It is amongst these visits that the State President in person at their functions, but there is no one who would dare to suggest that Bill Lonnie does not give to the limit of his capabilities in this and other respects and what is more he enjoys it.

One factor, which must be kept in mind, is that of the expense involved, and it is rather surprising to find that most sub-branches are averse to playing the role of host, except within strict limits, and this applies especially with overnight visits and the resultant hotel bills. To keep this in perspective, it should be realised that in the face of spiralling costs, League income from Membership fees has remained more or less static.

Blackboy Hill Camp Commemoration

In July of last year, Congress was unanimous in the acceptance of this project and empowered the special Committee to proceed with the raising of the required funds and the construction of the Memorial.

At that time two other appeals were current, but in view of the enthusiasm generated by Congress the committee expected Sub-branches to make the Blackboy Appeal their next priority, but the results to date have not reflected that enthusiasm.

The Members of the Sub-committee, led by Mr. F. G. Hadley, Bicton-Palmyra Sub-branch, arranged to officially launch the Appeal with the very successful "Back to Blackboy" Ceremony, when His Excellency, the Governor, Sir Charles Gairdner, turned the first sod on the site of the proposed A.I.F. Memorial, and Chaplain-General Bishop C. L. Ridley dedicated the site.

With the knowledge that the Memorial would require approximately £5,000 in cash or kind the Government donated £500, and a cheque for this amount was presented to the Chairman by the Minister representing the Premier at the above Ceremony.

So far no appeal has been made to the general public as your committee feels that before doing so, a substantial amount should first be forthcoming from ex-A.I.F. personnel.

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To remind you again of the significance of this historic project: "To commemorate all units of the 1st and 2nd A.I.F., Korea and Malaya, on the Blackboy Hill Camp Site, the Birthplace of the A.I.F."

Receptions

Opportunities to welcome important visitors to the State have been considerably curtailed during the Congress year, mainly because of the extensive alterations to Anzac House, and the resultant lack of accommodation for official guests.

Since the partial completion of the new Board Room, on the top floor, we have been honoured to entertain Admiral H. G. Hopwood, C-in-C, Pacific Fleet, Chief of the U.S. Navy in the Pacific, and Lieutenant-General Sir William Oliver, K.C.B., O.B.E., U.K. High Commissioner to Australia.

Our distinguished Naval guest was in Perth for the Coral Sea celebrations and was accorded a warm and friendly welcome by the State Executive on Tuesday, 17th May.

On Thursday, 18th May, an enthusiastic reception was given to Lieutenant-General Sir William Oliver. Sir William has a most distinctive record as a soldier, and his appointments have included: Chief of the General Staff; General Headquarters, Middle East, from 1948-49; Chief Army Instructor at the Imperial Defence College, 1949-50; High Commissioner, Malaya, 1953-54; and G.O.C. Berlin (British sector) in 1954-55. He was knighted in 1956.

His Excellency was an excellent choice for host as his recent important posting and impressed us greatly by his friendly and cordial approach.

State War Memorial

In November, 1959, the custodianship of this impressive and significant edifice was transferred from Sir Thomas Meagher, K.B.E., St. J., to Sir Charles Latham, M.L.C. We are most indebted to Sir Charles for the experience gained in his duties as Warden. Mr. E. C. Townshend maintained his well-deserved reputation as Deputy Warden and attended most efficiently to the details of ceremonial procedure.

The Air Force Association proudly accepted the duties of Assistant Wardens for the ensuing year, and may be relied upon to uphold the high standard displayed by the Highgate Sub-branch, their immediate predecessors.
Grateful thanks are due to the King's Park Board for their close and friendly co-operation in connection with the various ceremonies held at the War Memorial and to Mr. J. E. Waring, Manager, for his kind assistance to the Board. Clear evidence of the Board's keen interest is manifest by the manner in which the environs of the Memorial are maintained.

Sub-branch Memorials, etc.

Encouraging reports have come to hand from time to time regarding the introduction of new halls and other indications of buoyancy in Sub-branch affairs. Surprisingly enough we are sometimes kept in ignorance of major projects sponsored in particular by branches, but the details come to light only as a result of other investigations. It is, however, gratifying to be able to report the following meritorious achievements:

TRAYNING AND DOWERIN—Opening of two Bowling Greens which had originally been sponsored by the League.

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WAROONA—Unveiling of Memorial.

ESPERANCE—Opening of the Memorial Hall.

DARDANUP—War Memorial.

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Remembrance Sunday

Members of the State Executive attended various Church Services in the various branches in order to pay tribute, on behalf of the League, to those who so fully gave their all in the cause of freedom.

Fund Raising

The following report is submitted on this phase of activities:

Parade to Victory—On Saturday and at the 1969 Appeal was a record, the relevant figures being 117,830 poppies and 720 wreaths, with a gross return of $4,690. It is regrettable to report that in spite of such a large return, the poppy and wreath returns are somewhat disappointing in comparison with the achievements of previous years.

On the more favourable side, 17 sub-branches and the Air Force Association remitted the sum of $106.00 to the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Alumni’s Relief Fund. and six sub-branches donated a portion of their own share. These, together with special donations from two sub-branches, brought the Fund balance to a figure which, in view of the increased cost of the items will be available for the current year.

Services Appeal: This was conducted for the first time on Friday, 1st April, of this administration successful, showing a net return of $907. The appeal received general support from branches, Women’s Auxiliary, and in particular to the general public, Miss Crowning Glory. The Fund Raising Committee are now making preparations for the 1960 Miss Crowning Glory and it is sincerely hoped that all Sub-branches will sponsor at least one candidate to enter the contest.

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All meetings held in Canberra during the year were attended by the State President, and this Branch was able to maintain close touch with the many items dealt with at National level. It is of interest to report that the first official function in Australia to be attended by the Prime Minister, Mr. G. H. Menzies, was at the National League Headquarters in Canberra. Members of the National Executive were formally introduced to the Prime Minister and Mrs. Menzies. Another notable visitor on this occasion was the Right Honourable the Prime Minister, Mr. G. H. Menzies.

It is for the 1960 regret that Sir George Holland has announced that he will not be seeking re-election as National President for the coming year. The League as a whole is indebted to Sir George for the splendid service of ten years, and for his constant vigilance in the maintenance and improvement of benefits to ex-service men and women.

44th Annual National Congress

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On Saturday the delegates boarded a special train to Perth, where a dinner was held. The following day a special train was provided into Perth Railway Station, a dinm-k service reception was held on the R.S.L. Band playing numbers dear to the heart of all concerned, and our guests were quite overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of Western Australia. The reception at the Council Chamber made a most successful, showing the general public, Miss Crowning Glory. The Fund Raising Committee are now making preparations for the 1960 Miss Crowning Glory and it is sincerely hoped that all Sub-branches will sponsor at least one candidate to enter the contest.

The overall organisation of the week’s activities was described by the National Secretary as being faultless, and this was entirely due to the hard work of Miss Young, State Secretary, and the great co-operation of the Western Australian hosts.

An item of particular interest to members of this State Branch was the meeting with the Governor, Sir John Dwyer. It was a fortunate post of Deputy National President, of State President W. S. Lonne.

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With the holding of the 54th National Congress in Perth, in 1939, an opportunity was given for a first-hand appreciation of the valuable services rendered to our cause by the National Secretary, Mr. K. V. Newman. The relationship between the National and W.A. Head-quarters is most friendly and harmonious.

State Executive

Owing mainly to the structural alterations at Anzac House there was a decrease in the number of meetings held during this Congress year. It was decided that the meetings should be held monthly instead of fortnightly, and there has been no evidence of detrimental results. Personally, I work with regret from Messrs. W. G. Allen and M. V. Walker in February, the former owing to business and health reasons and the latter because of a transfer to the country. In addition, a number of officers have suffered the loss of a stalwart member when Mr. George Ferrer, M.C. died suddenly in January. George had endeared himself to us all and his passing to Higher Service is recorded with the deepest regret.

Emergency members Messrs. J. Walmsey and B. Flanagan were invited to fill two of the vacancies, and the third choice was Dr. Alan King. All three received the warmest welcomes to the Executive Table, and I have no doubt that their presence has made it possible to furnish this imposing room in a manner befitting its importance.

Women's Auxiliary

In compiling this comprehensive report on League activities it is impossible to place too much emphasis upon the value of the sterling services rendered by our lady helpers. The closest co-operation exists between the Executive and the Women's Auxiliary, and this harmonious relationship is obviously desirable. The untiring efforts of the Auxiliary State President, Mrs. S. Stockman, and State Secretary Mrs. Ames, and their band of willing workers, are fully appreciated and we would be sadly remiss if an expression of our grateful thanks failed to appear in this report. During the period under review there have been many instances of the practical support rendered by the Auxiliary and these may be highlighted by the generosity of donations received in connection with the War Veterans Home Fund (£3,379) and the Anzac House Fund. It is gratifying to note that the Auxiliary has been extended to the League in the shape of assistance in catering requirements.

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Contributions from Sub-branch publicity officers has been much better in recent years, and as this adds greatly to the reader-interest of the Brotherhood, it is hoped Sub-branches will continue, and even improve, on this co-operation in the coming year.

**Repatriation**

Regular meetings of the Committee were held during the year and work was progressed in many cases. The best result was the opening taken where necessary. In addition, many individual cases and problems of ex-servicemen and their dependants were dealt with.

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**Repatriation**

Repatriation medical treatment for other than accepted disabilities.

Service pensions for Imperial ex-servicemen.

Repatriation benefits for all cases of ex-servicemen suffering from cancer, or mental sickness, whether due to war service or otherwise.

Increased funeral grant, and other benefits for ex-servicemen and their dependants.

**Increased Benefits**

During the year under review, Leaguerepresentation was effective in securing, in addition to the Budget pension increases:

- Extension of the benefit of hospitalisation and lifting of certain restrictions relating to admission to country hospitals for war widows and dependants.
- Increase in the amount by which the assets of a married ex-serviceman's estate may exceed liabilities, increased from £200 to £400.
- The 1969 Federal Budget provided for:
  1. Increase in war pension allowances.
  2. Increase in "means test" pension, service and war pensions.
  3. Grant of clothing allowance.
  4. Increase in subsistence allowance, travelling expenses and payment for loss of salary or wages.
  5. Increase in sustenance allowance.
- Admitted to the League is seven of them members of the Cabinet, received the National Executive of the R.S.L. (comprised of State R.S.L. Chiefs, the National President, and the National Secretary), at Parliament House, Canberra, to discuss the Leagues claims for increased Repatriation benefits for inclusion in the 1960 Budget.
- During the meeting the Ministers studied the Leagues 12-point plan and discussed the same in detail.
- One of the main requests made by the R.S.L. was for free treatment in Repatriation Hospitals for service pensioners.
- The Plan is quoted below with added notes in brackets.

**Treatment Not Due to War Service**

1. That the increased pension benefits for ex-servicemen and their dependants, whether or not due to war service, be increased as follows:
   - (a) Increase for each year of pensionable service up to 30 years at the rate of £1 per week (current rate £65/6d/week).
   - (b) That the domestic allowance where payable be increased to £5/15d/week (current rate £5/10d/week).
   - (c) That the pension payable in respect of each dependent child of a pensioner be increased by £5/15d per week (current rate £5/15d/week).
   - (d) That the pension payable in respect of double orphans be increased from £5/15d/week to £4/15d/week (current rate £5/15d/week).

**Widowed Mothers**

1. That the pension payable to a widow mother be increased from £2/10d/week to £2/5d/week (current rate £2/10d/week).

**Service Pensions**

11. That the pension payable to service pensioners be increased by a maximum to £4/15d/week (current rate £4/10d/week, same as the Old Age pension).

Allied Lewis, as a result of the change, has again been throughout the year by members of the medical profession to applicants in preparing and submitting appeals to Tribunals.

**Hospital Visiting**

With the ageing of ex-servicemen causing increased admission to hospitals and institutions, hospital visiting has become one of the most important work of the League, thereby assisting all ex-servicemen, particularly the friendliness of the ex-servicemen from the country, are visited.

The work has been undertaken by the members of the Leagues Corps of Hospital Visitors who for many years have been engaged in the work in the various hospitals and institutions.

A riseing from the visits, 56 major cases in respect of pensions, business or other matters, were dealt with in addition to all given in response to numerous requests for minor assistance in respect of the varied problems that face ex-servicemen admitted to hospitals.

The hospital visiting corps, at present in its infancy, has come through the voluntary task undertaken with great credit to all members. Much has been learned from the initial phase, and it is expected to further develop the activities of the Corps, thereby ensuring a comprehensive coverage of the task with all ex-servicemen sick in hospitals.

With this aim, continued financial support of Sub-branches and further enrolments in the Corps is necessary.

The work of the Corps is recommended as being worthy of support, and any volunteer is assured that his services would be welcomed by the Repatriation Department.

To the members of the Corps and Sub-branches who have assisted financially, and in other ways, the thanks of the League is due. In addition, representatives of Sub-branches are extended to the Women's Auxiliary and Sub-branches (metropolitan and country) who have throughout the year visited the sick, thereby alleviating the sufferings of many and continuing to maintain the strong bonds of comradeship.

**Rockingham**

This facet of League activity has shown a very encouraging advance this financial year. In what might be termed the initial testing year, the Holiday Resort has carried all running and maintenance costs and has expanded on roads and footpaths.

Owing to lack of interest by Sub-branches, the State Executive recommended that the first area to be developed as a Caravan Park and Holiday Resort, at Rockingham, be extended to 200 feet on both sides of the present site. The site plans for this area are complete and the site will be ready for next summer.
Anzac House

After prolonged investigations over a period of years, the much-needed renovations to our historic building commenced on January 15th. Despite many inconveniences, the programmer is now completed.

It would be quite impossible to give an adequate coverage of the modernised rooms, operated to record its approach to return services of Mr. Ken Gray, our honorary Caretaker. Without his energetic labours, the excellent results of this first year would not have been achieved.

That the Rockingham Resort will be a success is beyond doubt, and there is every prospect that in the near future, it is destined to become a substantial earner of revenue for the League.

Finance for Year Ended 31.12.59

It will be noticed, the Financial Accounts have been submitted in a similar form to that of last year, although it should be pointed out that it is intended that a further simplification in presentation is likely to be practised.

Instead of the consolidated balance sheet being presented in its usual form, the modern and simpler narrative form will be used and also the manner in which the several trust funds are being held will be shown as part of the statement of the movement of such funds.

It is very pleasing to report a marked improvement in the financial position of the League as compared with the two previous years. The year ended 31/12/57 revealed a deficit of £5,003 14/8 and this year ended 31/12/58 a deficit of £5,700, whereas for the year under review a surplus of £1,261 is revealed after providing a stabilisation reserve to meet any future contingencies, particularly for the Commonwealth Development Grant. The increase is mainly due to the gross profit earned by the Club in the year, 1960, due to a large extent to the building alterations.

Club figures showed a small net profit of £28 4/11 as against a loss of £1,534 last year. Unfortunately this position has not been brought about by an increase in trading, but rather by stringent economies and a reassessment of administration charges.

The various accounts connected with the R.S.I. War Veterans' Home have shown an overall increase of £10,047, details of which appear in the published accounts.

Once again it is revealed that "The Listening Post" provides perhaps our greatest single item of expenditure, the cost to the League for the year being £3,127 1/1 as against £2,920 for the year ended 31/12/58.

The considerable reduction in car-running costs has revealed in no uncertain manner the benefit to be derived from the present system.

Corps of Commissioner has shown a cost to the League of £197 as compared with £462 in the previous year.

In the June 1959 meeting of the League's upper house of representatives, a close watch will need to be exercised over all our financial activities. All sub-branches and members are asked to give wholehearted support to the various fundraising efforts planned for the coming year.

Youth Welfare

Throughout the year steady progress has been maintained in this important new branch of the League's activities.

Many Sub-branches, realising their responsibilities in this direction, have paid the necessary subscriptions to the Commonwealth Department of Social Services for a subsidy of £36,531 towards the total cost. This amount was based on our estimated cost of £25,028 and the subsidy is subject to variation in accordance with the final figures.

The Architect to the project is Mr. Ken Broadhurst, in whom the Western Suburb's Home Committee have complete confidence. Arrangements have been made for its construction under the Government, at Mt. Lawley.

It is of interest to note that fifteen winning tenders were received and the lowest was accepted for £242,900. A special meeting held on 21st April, Your Committee accepted the lowest tender (subm!tted by Messrs. Greenhalgh Hewitt Pty Ltd.), and the Commonwealth Department of Social Services for a subsidy of £36,531 towards the total cost. This amount was based on our estimated cost of £25,028 and the subsidy is subject to variation in accordance with the final figures.

The Home will consist of a general administrative, a recreation and general purpose block, with the addition of the dormitory buildings for men, and one for women, and initially there will be provision for 60 men and 24 women.

Future expansion allows for additional two buildings for either sex. The model of the Home has been prepared and is available for inspection at Anzac House.

Staff

Although the first half of the period under review presented a number of problems, it is pleasing to report that the office staff position now appears stable and reasonably satisfactory. Since January of this year, the only replacements found necessary were for a jubilee celebration. The appointment of Mr. W. G. Rider, to the position of Secretary to Mr. K. Glyde, who resigned just before Christmas after a comparatively short period of 12 months. We were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Rider, who has shown that he possesses the necessary qualifications for a responsible and competent Staff Officer.

It was imperative that careful consideration be given to the financial aspects associated with staff requirements, and drastic action was taken to reduce expenditure, not only on salaries but also in general administration. A number of economies have been effected, relative to postalages, telephone calls and stationery, and although these have unfortunately been offset by the recent rise in charges, it is considered that a worthwhile saving will result. The fact that the staff has been reduced to the extent of one Staff Officer, one senior typist and one junior since July, 1958, is a significant pointer to the improvement of the League's financial stability. Unfortunately, this is of necessity throwing a heavier burden on the present staff who are to be commended for their loyalty and willingness to share the extra duties imposed.

New names on the payroll are Miss Yvonne Poole (who took over the important duties of senior stenographer in December and has since adapted herself to the many facets of League Administration) and a new junior, Miss Beverley Murphy.

Anzac Club

With re-designed Club premises incorporating all that is modern in design and equipment the Anzac Club Committee can face the future with confidence, after a very difficult period. Late closing of hotels and the general disorder and noise caused by the builders had a most detrimental effect on the Club. However, we are confident that now that the building is completed, a period of normal trading will be the result. Without it the Club can provide amenities equal to any club in Perth, with particular attention given to visitors, honorary members and country members.

On the sporting side our billiards representatives have overcome such difficulties as limited opportunities for practice and having to play all their first round matches away, and have retained a good showing in the Inter-Club competition with every possibility of being in the final four.

The Anzac Dart Club A-grade team won the premiership, and the A reserve team the pennant, while the B-grade team reached the final of the tournament.

Indoor bowls will come into its own this year, with keen players and a new carpet.

Every facility is offered to members for billiards, snooker, darts, bowling and cards. Hot and Cold showers are available, which are of advantage to country members who make rush trips to Perth. The whole tone of the club has improved and now offers to members entertainment in an atmosphere of friendship and conviviality.
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Looking to the Future

The past year has been notable for its endeavours and achievements, and these are anticipated to be repeated in the future. The League's concern is the acceptance of cance as a disease of men, and the development of efficient treatment facilities is one of the major tasks in this direction.

Onus-of-proof Move By Executive

The League is to press for a re-drafting of Section 47 of the Repatriation Act “to put its meaning beyond doubt.” This was decided by the National Executive at its May meeting.

A GAVEL FOR DWELLINGUP

Len Warner, publicist of the Dwellingup sub-branch, tells of a brief but pleasing ceremony at the June meeting when foundation member Bill Bagland, on behalf of a well-wisher, presented a presidential gavel to the sub-branch.

Memorial For Morawa

Discussion at the last meeting of the Morawa sub-branch centered largely on the proposal for erecting a war memorial in the town. The Gutha sub-branch is combining with Morawa on this project and was represented at the meeting by Messrs. A. W. Johnson, W. Webb, and W. S. Lonne. So far Gutha—mainly through the d.d. of Mr. Johnson—has had a lead over raising $16 of the $1,000 cost of the memorial committee.

The meeting decided on increased publicity for the appeal and on an intensive fund-raising campaign. Donations at Morawa can be made at a commission to Messrs. L. Flood, A. Torrent, and V. Townsend, and at Gutha to Messrs. A. W. Johnson, W. Webb, and W. S. Lonne. As most country centres of Morawa's size have contributed to a memorial, the committee hopes for a response generous enough to enable it to achieve its aim in time for the next Anzac Day service.

School Hours From 5 to 9

At the Civil Defence School at Morawa, Victoria, the school day starts at 5 a.m. and finishes at 1 p.m.

Mr. R. B. Marris, who recently attended the school, said this at the last State Executive meeting.

Other West Australians who have attended the school as League nominees are Messrs. H. G. Holter and E. A. Dodd.
Southern Tour Finds Support For Home

When State President Lonne, Senior Vice-President Jack Rolfe, Country Vice-President Bob Duncan and executive member Mick Dodd made a hurried weekend trip to the south recently they met members of seven sub-branches and arrived back in Perth delighted at the excellent League spirit encountered.

It was the first "Miss Crown Glory" trip this year, and apart from this being a most successful outing to raise funds for Legacy and the R.S.L. War Veterans Home, the idea of "crowning glory" could be used to describe the encouraging enthusiasm displayed by all sub-branches.

War Veterans' Home chairman Jack Rolfe had this to say of the trip: "We have now got 28 followers who will have a month's home now being erected, and while we explained features of the buildings, it stressed the problem of maintaining the home."

The official party found the opinion general and emphatic that the maintenance and control of the home must remain a League responsibility, and that the League must raise the necessary funds for this.

Action On Flood Disaster

The State branch of the League has voted $100 to assist in the relief of Tasmanian Diggers who suffered heavy losses from the floods in the Huon Valley area.

The State Executive was told that the combined losses of 26 homes had been assessed at $51,000, and that the loss in one instance had been assessed at over $12,000.

It was reported that $200 had been contributed towards the relief of the settlers from League headquarters, and that donations from other State branches included $250 from New South Wales and $100 from Papua-New Guinea.

The West Australian contribution will also be added to the State Relief Fund.

Gift From Outback

The recent sale of a bullock from Mt. Clere Station, Meekatharra, for the Aged Sisters' wing at the new "War Veterans' Home" is a big "thank you" to Mr. Alan Bain and his brother, Mrs. A. A. Bain, for assisting a very worthy cause.

A similar donation was made last year to the home by Mr. E. Bain, owner of Woodlands Station, Meekatharra.

Dunsborough's Doggedness

For a sub-branch not yet three years old, Dunsborough is certainly striding ahead in achievement, and it is steadily moving to the forefront of the enthusiasm of the members.

The local Press recently paid sub-branch members the tribute of referring to them as the town's most active body, because the Dunsborough sub-branch has undertaken the task of erecting a hall—with characteristic thoroughness and organisation and generosity.

The preparatory ploughing of the block of land was carried out by Mr. Bill Baillie. The sub-branch has raised the funds for purchase of the hall with a Certificate of Service.

They put their heads together and naturally chose the only permanent roof with permanent colour—Bristile! Send a plan of your home to H. L. Brisbane & Wunderlich Limited, Lord Street, Perth; and they'll send you a free roof estimating service.

Invitation To Luncheon

Delegates to Congress are invited to the monthly luncheon of the Public Service Union branch in the Great Hall Reception Hall (second floor) on Wednesday, July 20 at 12 noon.

Guest speaker will be Lieut.-Col. G. W. Kelly, M.E. During the 1939-45 war Colonel Kelly served in India, Burma and Malaya with a Gurkha Regiment.

He came to Australia in 1948 and joined the State Civil Service until returning to Malaya in 1952 to participate in the anti-Communist terrorisations.

The title of the talk will be "War by Committee." Delegates intending to be present are asked to inform the State Secretary at Congress before 10 a.m. on July 20. The luncheon costs 5/-.

Sports Department: Ground Floor
**Did You Know...**

**asks C. R. Collins**

- **THAT** the first type of submarine to navigate English waters was the 'Ketty' class. It was described as 'a submersible galley', built in the 17th Century by a Dutchman named Cornelius van Dreebel, for 12 rovers, with a breathing-tube to the surface. The crew got into it 12 feet deep in the Thames.

- **THAT** efforts to ban nuclear warfare follow a pattern which was first tried in the Middle Ages. In 1139 A.D. the Lateran Council, an ecclesiastical meeting held in the Lateran Palace, Rome, condemned the use of the crossbow, "except against infidels."

- **THAT** Montluc, a French marshal and military historian of the 17th century, described the cumbersome fore-runner of the musket and the rifle as "the Devil's invention to make man un-rid of another." He wished to God that this cursed engine had never been invented.

- **THAT** the weapon was made in different calibres, and the bullets fired were of different weights, varying from one to four or five ounces.

- **THAT** in the days of Crey and Agincourt the lance was the weapon of the horse-soldier. The "furnished lance" consists of the man-at-arms (a soldier below the grade of knighthood or squerre) and the four or five attendants who accompanied him in the field. The leader of these attendants was called the lance-corporal, hence the origin of that rank.

- **THAT** the name "colone" was applied originally to a close column of troops from the flanks of the column protruding towards the enemy. It was also the designation of the column commander. The word is derived from the Spanish "corno," horn, and the formation was continued ed the "coronel." The French used the word "colone" and the Italians, "colone." The English preferred the Spanish name, though the adherence of the Crown later. The Spanish pronunciation, however, was retained, and that is why "colonel" is made to rhyme with "kernel," from which we must not infer that the Colonel is a bit of a nut.

- **THAT** martinet is the description applied to one who insists on harsh discipline and rigid adherence to regulations. The word commemorates a French general of the 18th century, Jean Martini, who helped to reorganise the arm of Louis XIV. He introduced the brigade to replace the clumsy columns of that era, and insisted upon constant and uniform discipline for the men.

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**Two £3,825 Jobs To Be Filled**

Lists of names in accordance with Sub-Section (3) of the Licensing Act 1920 and Sub-Section (4) of Section 6 of the Licensing Act 1920 or 1932 for appointment to positions of "Hairdresser" (two positions) of "Excise" may be obtained by writing to the Licensing Authority, City of London Corporation, Free Church Hall, 21-29th Street, Perth. A fee of £2.50 is charged. The positions selected must be prepared to take up duty on either 21st October, or 1st December, 1960, or such other time as may be determined by the Minister. No appointments may be made, however, without the prior approval of the Minister of the Crown. The London will operate principally in New South Wales. Salary, for both positions, will be in the range of £3,825 to £4,250 per annum plus travelling allowance. A necessary qualification is that each nominee shall be a "Member of the Forces" within the meaning of the Licensing Act 1920, or 1932, or who has been admitted to practice as a Barrister or a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of a State. The list submitted by any organisation must contain not less than three names for each position. The "forces" and persons whose names are submitted shall have, for the terms of their appointment, the same protection and penalties as those of the "forces" who may be accepted.

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**Hush, Hark To The Experts**

**Hitler**, June 4, 1940; By August 15 England will be forced to sue for peace before eight days are up.

**Goring**, August 23, 1940; We shall deliver up the Ruhr to so much as a single bomb dropped by an enemy plane.

**JosepH F. Kennedy**, US Ambassador to Great Britain, November 10, 1940; Democracy is finished. In a few years, the workers, the men of the Forces, will be thrown back again. What we have we hold.

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**16th Battalion Association**

Despite a cold night the June committee meeting of the 16th Battalion Association was well attended.

A letter was received from the Chief of the Staff, who had seen the regulations sent by the association on his speech on Anzac Day.

Though well over the eighty mark he said he was well. He is president of the Benevolent Patriotic Fund. The Committee is always ready to give assistance to soldiers' returns to Victoria, and has been so for thirty years, which will be remembered to all in W.A. He also forwarded a poem written by himself.

Messrs. G. White and J. Courtney are reported out of hospital and Mr. W. Payne reported to be at St. John of God, Subiaco.

Thanks were extended to Mr. Norman Stenn for placing his car at the disposal of members unable to march on Anzac Day.

The family of the late Mr. Fox, John of God, Subiaco.

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The committee discussed the possibility of a hall for the annual Anzac Day. It was decided that after the State Parliament might be persuaded to provide a hall for the purposes of the association.

Members of the association were asked to think about the matter and to report.

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**Pensions Plea For The Unemployable Fails**

At the 44th annual National Congress of the R.S.I. held in Perth last year it was decided to request the Commonwealth Government to provide that ex-servicemen who are permanently unemployable through ill-health and not in receipt of the war pension be granted a 100 per cent war pension and full entitlement to all repatriation benefits.

Repatriation Minister Senator Walter Cooper has replied to a League approach on the question that it would not be practicable to give special recognition to the provision of pensions for ex-servicemen in such wide terms.

The Minister said:

"With the increasing cost of living and the desperate needs of public service, the Government has been compelled, as it is compelled, to provide pensions for ex-servicemen in two ways: firstly by a war pension in respect of death or incapacity due to war service, and secondly by a service pension in respect of age or disability due to war service."

"That policy, as expressed in the Repatriation Act, has worked satisfactorily to provide for the needs of ex-servicemen and their dependants in so far as it is applicable to those who have suffered because of death or incapacity attributable to war service."
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18 Sub-branches Took Part
In Group Conference

The last group conference of this Congress-year was held on May 27 at the Cottesloe Civic Centre, with the Cottesloe sub-branch as host to the State Executive party and 40 representatives of 18 sub-branches.

Councillor Harvey, Acting-Mayor of Cottesloe, introduced the sub-branch's President and gave a brief history of the Cottesloe Sub-branch.

The main topic of the conference was hospital visits, especially by hospital representatives to the Claremont Mental Hospital.

Hospital Visiting Committee chairman J. B. White explained the work of the branch also in visiting hospital and its many problems.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Townshend, chairman of the League's Membership Committee, spoke of the various methods and efforts being made to increase membership in the League.

Mr. Townshend said that membership figure was 300 above that for the same time last year.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. White, chairman, and Mr. Black, and the City of Perth sub-branch was chosen to prepare the delegates thoroughly for this year's meeting. Mr. White said that the idea of division of the State was introduced for this purpose.

Mr. Black, chairman of the sub-branch, gave a detailed report of the work of the sub-branch and its auxiliaries.

Restriction On Use Of Word

National headquarters of the R.S.L. told the Commonwealth Attorney-General recently that the League strongly opposes the use of the word "Anzac" to describe any kind of sports gathering or fixture, whether for ex-service funds or otherwise.

The Attorney-General, from whom permission to use the word "Anzac" was sought, said in reply that the attention of all his ex-service officials had been directed to the attitude of the League, which he appreciated.

Help them to help us.