Remodelled Anzac House
Seen By Hundreds

The official opening of Congress this year by the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir John Dwyer, was made the occasion also for the opening of the overall renovations carried out at Anzac House since January.

Many of the delegates and guests present for the occasion availed themselves of the opportunity of inspecting the remodelled headquarters.

The contract price for the renovations was £54,000.

These have provided office accommodation on the top floor instead of in the basement, together with a new board room, committee rooms, staff room and office space for women's services, and extensive alterations and additions to the Anzac Club floor including a visitors' room and writing room.

The mezzanine floor has been completely modernised for rental purposes, and the remodelled ballroom has been re-tilled and provided with a modern supper room and kitchen, which can be hired for social occasions independently of the ballroom or otherwise.

The tasteful furnishings and fittings in the new board room were provided by the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary.

Because of the dual nature of the proceedings the formal part of the programme underwent considerable modification to enable the 400 people present to inspect the thorough-going changes throughout the building.

The speeches were confined to the State President's welcome and report, the opening address by Sir John and the vote of thanks by the Premier (Mr. Brand) supported by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Tonkin), and were followed by the Ceremony of Remembrance.

After supper the League's guests for the occasion were conducted in small groups on a tour of inspection of Anzac House.

To facilitate the inspection a lift-operator had been provided, and for the rest of the evening the lift was kept very much on the move—except for one bout of jibbing.

Executive members were all proud of their role as guides, and the visitors were loud in their praise of the new arrangements.

Items curtailed from the Monday night opening programme—such as the presentation of sub-branch trophies—were dealt with at Congress the following day.

For many years the League has looked forward to the day when it could provide a home in the metropolitan area for aged war veterans. That hope was realised on Thursday, July 21, when His Excellency the Governor, Sir Charles Gairdner, laid the foundation stone of the new War Veterans' Home on the 11½-acre site in the Scaddan Pine Plantation area of Mt. Lawley.

Delegates at State Congress left their labours temporarily to be present for the historic ceremony.

Sir Charles is shown placing the stone in position.
The Meaning Of Anzac
(to a teen-age girl)

Here is the text of the address given by Lesley Cohen (16) at this year's special pre-Anzac Day schools' service at the State War Memorial.

About 9,000 children from metropolitan schools attended the service, which was broadcast as usual to school-children throughout the State—about 150,000 of them.

Lesley is senior girl at the Kent-street High School.

"Boys and girls, I have before me an illustration which shows the figure of a soldier bent double under the weight of his wounded friend whom he is carrying away. The soldier is attempting to run, and against the background of dunes and clear sky, his 'digger' hat stands out; his face is happy, for he is joking with his comrade. Beneath the illustration are three words—'Anzacs'.

"I am not very old, only sixteen, but these three words 'Anzacs' Australians at Anzac Days immediately called up to me how I heard of the word Anzac first affected and how my ideas have changed over the years.

"I remember that every year my mother would stop dead and wounded soldiers on the way to hospital. But I was all about yet, becoming aware of a feeling of sadness and a strange sense of reality. But the thought of death overmeightened me with sadness, and I have had my difficulties in suppressing tears which I wouldn't shed because of the idea that I should think me sentimental.

"When I was about nine I learnt what the hat of an Australian soldier looked like, and I made the hat for the men who wore these hats. The spare, rangy, sun-burnt men with whose 'digger' hat became very real and lovable to me. I learnt that the men of Anzac possessed an unquenchable sense of humour, and one of the finest and most important of comradeship. It is a world which has ever known, and perhaps forever.

"I became proud of my forefathers. Then, on Anzac Days, my heart swelled with pride of belonging—belonging to the country which produced such men; and in it there are deaths in the two world wars.

"Perhaps I was beginning to understand the significance of Anzac Day.

"Over the past few years there has been a new threat to world peace and I have thought much about war. What is war? I ask myself. It is armed combat between nations. How can the World War? Every nation in the world is involved in the fighting. The men on one side have to pay their cost in lives? Think of the dead and wounded lying on the ground at Gallipoli.

"Think of your friends who suddenly become quiet when you ask them about their 'Dad.' Think of those Australians and New Zealand soldiers fighting in the thickest battle.

"I think of all these and I know that war is futile. Is there a solution to war? I often ponder this question, but I believe that there is a return to the cheerful Anzac soldier of this picture, carrying his duty for his country.

"I cannot feel as my parents do on this matter, for them and many others, the losses of these wars were very personal. How can you or I who have never faced enemy fire, and who have never fought for our lives, and who have never seen a drop dead or wounded beside us, expect to know the experiences of Anzac Day?

"Perhaps some of you may think Anzac Day is a custom which is now obsolete. To you, and to the children of today, who will form the adults of tomorrow, I say, forever cherish this day as a reminder of true courage, and of the true meaning of war, that it may never happen again, for if it does we shall be, and not our parents, who must make the major decisions, and fight for our rights and for what we believe in.
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Anzac Day Observance

AS MOST OF you know the 44th Annual State Congress of the R.S.L. was recently concluded at Anzac House, and as usual the items on the agenda covered a vast field.

THE GENERAL public will have been interested in a number of the items presented, but it is safe to say that the section dealing with the commemoration of Anzac Day has attracted most public attention.

FOR MANY years Congress has steadfastly refused to accept any suggestion of an alteration in the form of commemoration, and, by overwhelming majorities in the last few years has reaffirmed the R.S.L. decision to keep the day a closed one.

This year has seen a modification in R.S.L. thinking. It is not to be assumed that Congress has yet agreed to any change in what happens on April 25th; Congress has merely agreed to a referendum to decide if the members desire any change. This was the substance of a motion submitted by the Collie delegate at the Wednesday session and eventually carried by 163 votes to 70. This in itself was a striking tribute to Congress, which had 173 delegates present after two days of deliberations—probably the highest attendance at that stage of proceedings for any of the 44 Congresses yet held.

THE DEBATE on the Anzac Day issue was notable for one thing in particular, and that was the handling of the situation by State President Lonnie. It was a difficult task, but he handled the debate with a firmness and consideration that has probably been unequalled in the history of R.S.L. Congresses.

CONGRESS proceeded to appoint a committee to report back on the ways and means of conducting such a referendum, and after much discussion finally agreed on a method of procedure.

VOTES will be taken at sub-branches, in the near future, of all members of the R.S.L. who wish to vote, and nobody at this stage can say with any certainty what the result of that vote will be.

WHATEVER the result, it ought to settle in the minds of the general public and the Press, once and for all, that the decision is the majority decision of the members of the R.S.L. The matter doesn’t really finish there, because the observance of Anzac Day is subject to a State Act of Parliament. If, therefore, the majority decision at the referendum is in favour of the present form of observance, no further action will be necessary; but if the majority favours a change it will be necessary to make representations to the State Government for amendments to the Anzac Day Act.

THE NEXT few weeks will be of the utmost interest, and ex-servicemen who are members of the R.S.L. should be well advised, if they desire to participate in this decision, to check their membership and ensure that they are financial and attend their sub-branch so that their opinion can be voiced.

THE CHALLENGE has been accepted by Congress, it is now up to the ex-serviceman to follow it up.

Keep Australia White
Says Sir John

“I hope you will hold fast to the doctrine of White Australia,” the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir John Dwyer) said when officially opening the 44th Annual State Congress of the League in the Anzac House ballroom on the night of July 18.

Sir John said it had been an ambition of Australians to keep Australia white, but the country was suffering at the moment from attacks of what he regarded as sentimentalism.

After all, he said, the whites came to Australia long after other races had had their opportunities. Close to our north were millions of aborigines who had had their chance to colonize Australia and did not stop.

This part of the world had now been made desirable to modern statesmen.

Though the first world war had been called a war to end war, said Sir John, the complete lack of sense that would be the result of any war in the future.

It looked as if the war of 1914 was only the beginning of the war that had not yet ended.

Describing himself as one of the pessimists who had predicted the present state of affairs as something more than a war of finance, Sir John said that if there were more suggestions for the return to the Dark Ages than there was to be seen in the world today he had yet to guess where it was.

WARING INFLUENCE

Sir John said: “We are part of the Western European civilisation. In the past ten years it has weakened considerably. All European power is being withdrawn from the main continents of the world.

It may be starting on its way to another 4000 years of Dark Ages. If not, well good luck.

He said he had joined in regretting the fact that National Service training had weakened considerably, and believed the country should guard its young men more carefully.

The League, Sir John said, was firmly of the opinion that “more guns, less men” was to be the future of the country.

Do no harm to remember that, in the last resort, it is the young men who are the most important item in warfare.

History had shown that Attila, Genghis Khan and Tamerlane had been pondered over. Central Asia and descended

Sir John Dwyer on France and other parts of the Western World, which was our heritage.

Mr. John Dwyer said he had been present at Congress openings a few years before and did not think he had seen so large a gathering. This year’s magnificent attendance was the greatest compliment the executive could have paid to the League.

One of the things that the League had been its rational approach to affairs; it had been sober in its demands and requests and not unreasonable in its representations.

He hoped Congress this year would be carried on in the good sense shown in the past.

“For 44 years” he said, “you have dealt with the veterans of the services concerning members and the general public and their rights in future. You have proved you are citizens of Australia and I would almost say the salt of the earth.”

League members had done their job in defending Australia and had offered any sacrifice that could be offered by any man or woman.

admiration, and if Congress could do anything further then he was sure it would have the support of people of League-membership.

Proposing a vote of thanks to Sir John, the Deputy-Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Brand) said he would like to refer to the presence of the girl, cap- tains of Government High Schools in the metropolitan area.

ATMOSPHERE

They had been invited so that they might get the atmosphere of an R.S.L. Congress. He thought the idea was a worthy one. Although he agreed that the abolition of National Service training was regrettable, he felt that all youth-training in the world would not defend this country unless there were dedicated youths trained to legs—represented by the R.S.L.

Mr. Brand said that when the time came to elect a new President in succession to Sir George Hol- land he hoped that Mr. Lon- nie could not in the same manner be recognised by the rest of the State. It would be a very good thing for the League to be led from the western third of the colony.

Supporting the vote of thanks to Sir John, the Deputy-President (Mr. Tongkin) said: “I was fitting that a man who had been filled with so much public service should be called on to open a conference of men and women who had carried their country faithfully.

Referring to the agenda, Mr. Tongkin said: “The observance of Anzac Day Mr. Tongkin said: “Who better than the men for whom it has been set aside.”

Repatriation Board Appointment

Mr. C. L. Howard, D.F.C., has been appointed ex-servicemen’s representative on the Repatriation Board for a two-year term as from July 1, 1960.

Notification of the appoint- ment was made by the League’s national headquar- ters, the W.A. State Execu- tive, at its meeting on July 13.

Immediate past president and member of the League (W.A. branch), Mr. Lance Howard in World War II, is now more familiar with the “Dambuster” squadron of the R.A.F.

His predecessor as ex-servicemen’s representative on the board was well-known Perth architect John Elia- harding.
A Welfare Effort Commended
From "THE CORD".

For a really amazing effort in welfare work, allow me to commend to you the Kenwick and Maddington sub-branches. Here is the story:

About May 1959, it was brought to one of our members, Mr. Dick May, who has been suffering from Parkinson's Disease for 25 years, could have a fair chance of being cured if we could send him to Sydney for the required treatment.

An immediate consultation was sought with Dr. Webb (now in Great Britain). After a lengthy discussion the doctor required an immediate answer whether we could raise sufficient money to send the patient by plane to Sydney. There and then I committed the Kenwick and Maddington branches to the task, assisted by the ladies of both branches.

In ten days there was £50 guaranteed, plus a $75 free-of-interest loan from the trustees of Anzac House. Mr. G. P. Wild, M.L.A., was contacted and secured a free-passage offer from Austett A.N.A.

In August it was learnt that the operation would not be possible until 1961. We were not satisfied to rest on our laurels, but we could not get the operation done until 1961. We were asked to see whether we could perform the operation at a deadlock, but for long.

I was informed at this time that two other men were suffering from this disease, yet there was the required equipment to perform the operation. An approach to one of them led to a discussion on costs, which ended satisfactorily for us, and to a visit to the St. John of God Hospital, which yielded an offer of a collection.

By this time it seemed that the amount of money could be raised with a special committee, the committee met for the first time on September 24. It was then holding an amount of £57/17/6. After this meeting a collection was performed on September 26. The Shl Hi Revue concert party put on two concerts for us, and the Commission permitted a goose club raffle. Support was derived from a cool drink stall conducted by the Goonellis R.S.L., an afternoon provided by the members of the Goonellis ladies at the opening of the R. S. Samuels Memorial Park. Then the Canning Vale Progress Association and from numerous other sources.

The appeal was officially closed on December 19 with a sum of $426/8/2 on hand. It was not possible to get the operation done in this State.

All donations from Kenwick and Maddington, and a big thank-you to all who helped. It is people such as these that warm your heart.

A War Widows May Build At Home
Negotiations are proceeding between the League and Legacy for permission for the Guild of War Widows to build an accommodation block at the new War Veterans' Home.

The R.S.L. State Executive was satisfied with a recent meeting that the guild had the money to contribute for the building of a block there.

SUB-BRANCH
CITY OF PERTH
ANZAC DAY
REFERENDUM
NOTICE
A Special General Meeting will be held at Monash Club on TUESDAY, SEPT. 13th for the purpose of recording votes of members in the Anzac Day Referendum by a show of hands, or in writing by any member unable to attend this meeting.

The Question to be submitted will be:

ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF
A—Anzac Day in its present form?
B—Anzac Day Commemorations until 11 A.M. from when the day will be, free for normal holiday activities?

Inter-District Youth Work
Late in June the Hilton Park R.S.L. Boys' Club played the host-role in competition with the Goonells club. An excellent evening's sport resulted and competitors from both clubs showed their prowess in no uncertain manner.

Reporting on the occasion to the State Executive last month Mr. G. Gordon said the Hilton Park club had been in contact with the Canning Boys' Club for the purpose of arranging triangular contests.

Inagurated about 18 months ago by the local R.S.L. sub-branch, the Hilton Park club has made its mark on the youth of the district. The activities of the main club are gymnastics, and Gun Club, with plans to date in its recruitment of keen and efficient, youthful leaders.

The Hilton Park sub-branch maintains close liaison with the club.

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League Stewardship Accounted For

"It is customary on this occasion to give a report on the League's work for the 12 months just ended. Tonight we have varied the programme to enable guests to see something of the new building."

"The influence of the League in three spheres—international, national and State—continues to grow."

With these remarks Mr. W. S. Locke, who is president of the local branch of the Australian Women's Auxiliary of the R.S.L., urged the Brisbane League to continue its work. The League National President, Sir George Holland, had attended the recent Congress of the League of the Commonwealth and had brought the report from the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, London, for the Queensland Branch. The R.S.L. had a quarter of a million financial members, and these financial members, of the highest order, were members of the League. They had submitted some suggestions to the national headquarters, and they were able to handle the finance of the League with ease. It was the responsibility of the League to pass on the amount of money raised by the Brisbane R.S.L. to the national headquarters, and it was the responsibility of the national headquarters to pass on the amount of money raised by the Brisbane R.S.L. to the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League. The League had a quarter of a million members, and they had submitted suggestions to the national headquarters, and they were able to handle the finance of the League with ease. It was the responsibility of the League to pass on the amount of money raised by the Brisbane R.S.L. to the national headquarters, and it was the responsibility of the national headquarters to pass on the amount of money raised by the Brisbane R.S.L. to the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League.

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Congress Names The New Executive

By his election at Congress—unopposed—to the R.S.L. State Presidency Mr. W. S. Lonnie enters his sixth successive year in that office.

The immediate past State President is Mr. F. C. Chaney, M.E.B.

Declaring the result of the ballot for the two State Vice-Presidents the Returning Officer Mr. R. H. Banks nominated Mr. E. C. Townshend and Mr. J. A. Rolfe in that order.

By a determination at Congress two years ago the election result puts Mr. Townshend in the position of senior vice-president and Mr. Rolfe in that of junior vice-president.

The defeated candidates—Messrs. G. W. Gordon and E. MacLeod—offered their congratulations to the elected officers.

Messrs. H. A. Leslie, R. J. Giordano and E. MacLeod were elected to fill the vacancy in the ballot for the position of vice-president.

The Returning Officer announced the result of the ballot for the position of vice-president in the following order, and declared those nominated to be elected:


EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

The Returning Officer announced the result of the ballot for the position of vice-president in the following order, and declared those nominated to be elected:


The newcomers to the executive are the last two named—Messrs. Howard and Hall. The others were all re-appointed.

The supernumeraries resulting from the ballot in the order used by theReturning Officer were:


COUNTRY OFFICERS

Country vice-presidents nominated by the State President and appointed by Congress were:

State Country Vice-President: Mr. W. J. Hunt.

South-West: Mr. C. Forrest, Messenger (Fingal).

Great Southern: Mr. A. C. Kelly (Quairading).

Central: Mr. W. Williams (Coorow).

Kalgoorlie: Mr. M. H. Holland (Kalgoorlie), North-West: (To be appointed).

Mr. Kelly was re-appointed. Mr. Hunt (a former State President) returned to the position.

Mr. E. C. House, Mr. Messenger replaces Mr. H. Hartley, and Mr. Williams replaces Mr. J. R. Duncan (now residing in the metropolitan area).

No appointment was made for the Kalgoorlie region last year.

AUDITOR

Mr. J. E. Mitchell was re-elected auditor for the ensuing 12 months, and Mr. Lonnie was re-elected as League representative on the controlling body of the R.S.L.

STATE WARDEN

Mr. Justice Jackson was named as incoming Warden of the State War Memorial in succession to Mr. Latham, who will take up his duties in that office on November 11 (Remembrance Day).

Galant Soldier Passes

The last hush-call has sounded for Captain Robert Gee, V.C., M.C. and Bar, who passed away on August 2 at the Home of Peace, Subiaco, at the age of 85.

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His military career was characterized by skill and devotion, and he was noted for his personal qualities.

Captain Gee earned his V.C. at the battle of the Somme on November 12, 1917, when a German counter-attack was launched against the 3rd Army front of Cambrai and resulted in a critical position. He was then Staff Captain of the 8th Infantry Brigade, and at the time it was conceded that the successful outcome of the small battle of Ruis Verte was due to the skill, energy and leadership of Captain Gee, who led his men with a very limited force, organizing a defensive flank and holding the line.

The brigade commander officially declared his appreciation of Captain Gee's gallantry in the battle of Ruis Verte.

In 1918, he was appointed to the position of a general officer commanding the 1st Australian Army Corps in the Middle East, and at the time it was conceded that the successful outcome of the small battle of Ruis Verte was due to the skill, energy and leadership of Captain Gee, who led his men with a very limited force, organizing a defensive flank and holding the line.

While on active service at Gallipoli and in France Captain Gee suffered several wounds, and it was largely as a result of these that he had a complete physical incapacity.

The military career of Captain Gee ends, and the world is poorer in the passing of his memory.

A cession to the Indian Army in 1920 was conducted by his Grace the Lord Archbishops of Canterbury, Dr. Warneke, and assisted by the Dean of Perth, Rev. B. M. Donald, on August 11, the presence of a representative of the State attending the service.

It is especially pleasing to receive that three V.C.-winners—Messrs. J. A. Carroll and J. Gordon—were present.
Referendum On Anzac Day Observance

Hereunder are the recommendations submitted to and accepted by the 44th annual State Congress of the League on Wednesday, July 20, 1960.

1. The referendum to be held at each sub-branch special general meeting in September, on a date to be fixed by each sub-branch.

2. Voting on the question to be by show of hands, or in writing, ad the votes cast to be forwarded to League headquarters by October 15.

The decision to be arrived at on the total votes cast for and against.

The question is:

Are you in favour of:

A. Anzac Day in its present form?

OR

B. Anzac Day commemorations until 1 p.m. from when the day will be free for normal holiday activities.

3. ACTION TO BE TAKEN

If majority favour A no further action by State Executive.

If the majority favour B representations be made to the State Government to have amendments made to the Anzac Day Act.

If the majority favour B negotiations be entered into with various sporting bodies to seek their financial assistance for Ex-Service Relief Funds.

Sub-branch Arrangements

By resolution of Congress all sub-branches will be holding meetings in September for the purpose of conducting the referendum on the Anzac Day issue.

The particulars of these meetings, as notified to headquarters up to the time of going to press, were as follows:

METROPOLITAN AREA

ARMADALE—R.S.L. Hall, 8 p.m., 14/9/60.

BASSAUL—R.S.L. Hall, 8 p.m., 15/9/60.

BAYSWATER—MELTHAM—R.S.L. Hall, Railway-pde, 8 p.m., 13/9/60.

BEDFORD-MORLEY PARK—Memorial Hall, 346 Beaufort St, Inglewood, 8 p.m., 13/9/60.

BELLEVUE—Furton Place, Bel-levue, 8 p.m., 14/9/60.

BICTON-PALMYRA—Edinborough Forest, Bicton, 8 p.m., 13/9/60.

BLACKBOY HILL—Swan View Hall, 7.30 p.m., 13/9/60.

CANNING—Cnr. Wafer and Crypt Sts, Queens Park, 8 p.m., 14/9/60.

CARLESL—Bickford Soldiers' Hall, 8 p.m., 14/9/60.

CLAREMONT—R.S.L. Hall, 9 p.m., 14/9/60.

COMO—R.S.L. Hall, Cr. Coode and Park Sts, 8 p.m., 7/9/60.

COTTESLOE—Civic Centre, 8 p.m., 6/9/60.

DARLING RANGE—R.S.L. Hall, Canning-rd., 8 p.m., 12/9/60.

FREELA-CITY BEACH—Shenhaven Community Hall, Beach Dr, 8 p.m., 20/9/60.

PANTALE CITY—The office, 81-83 High-st, 8 p.m., 6/9/60.

COUNTRY DISTRICTS

MUNDUNGU—Serentine Hotel, 8 p.m., 1/9/60.

JARRAHDALE—R.S.L. Hall, 8 p.m., 15/9/60.

NAREMbeen—R.S.L. Hall, 8 p.m., 14/9/60.

NARROGIN—R.S.L. Institute, 8 p.m., 6/9/60.

NORTHAM—R.S.L. Hall, 8 p.m., 20/9/60.

NORTHAM MEMORIAL—R.S.L. Hall, 8 p.m., 16/9/60.

NADAL—KALYIOOKE BROOK—Clubrooms, 8 p.m., 15/9/60.

NARROW—Narriwa Hall, 8 p.m., 13/9/60.

NYABING—Nyas Hall, 8 p.m., 30/9/60.

PEMBER—R.S.L. Hall, 8 p.m., 6/9/60.

PICKERING BROOK—Sports Club, 8 p.m., 2/9/60.

PINGELLY—R.S.L. Hall, 8 p.m., 16/9/60.

PINDIAN—Avonhead Hotel, 8 p.m., 20/9/60.

ROCKY GULCH—WlDIN—R.S.L. Hall, 8 p.m., 30/9/60.

SHACKLETON—KOYMIN—R.S.I. Hall, 8 p.m., 14/9/60.

WlUMS—Newnham Hotel, 8 p.m., 19/9/60.

WANDERING—C.W.A. Hall, 8 p.m., 15/9/60.

WOOLGOO—HAMILTON—R.S.L. Hall, 8 p.m., 15/9/60.

WOLUMO—Woodall Hotel, 8 p.m., 14/9/60.

WUNIBUN—Wunibun Hall, 8 p.m., 14/9/60.

YALEING—commercial room, York, 8 p.m., 29/9/60.

YORK—Memorial Hall, Avon-ter, 8 p.m., 15/9/60.

Diggers Render Good Service

The Commander-in-Chief, Field, East Land Forces (Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Hullic has awarded Distinguished Service Medals for Good Service in Malaya to two Australian soldiers.

This has been announced in the Australian armed forces newspaper, The Army (Mr. Craper).

The recipients were Warrant Officer 2nd Class Ronald F. S. Richardson and Lance-Corporal E. H. Crump of West Australian Infantry and the 2/11th Bn, Royal Australian Regiment, in anti-terrorist operations in Malaya.
North Starving For Visits: Townshend

There was a move afoot in the North-West to bring closer League contacts with the south, State Vice-President E. C. Townshend told the State Executive recently.

The idea, he said, was for sub-branches in the north to combine under one membership basis for at least one official visit a year from headquarters.

Mr. Townshend was reporting on a tour of northern areas, where he had been stayings with his wife recently.

"My abiding impression," he said, "is that the North-West is starved for executive visits."

Derby had been in the grip of a cold spell during their visit with the temperature at a minimum of 41 deg. Celsius.

At a sub-branch ball they had held in the RAS Hall, no galloons drums played with wood were blazing merrily, and it was still cold.

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Trade Training In Navy

A career as an artificer with the Australian Navy will begin this month for four West Australian boys.

Among 36 boys from all parts of Australia, they entered the Navy's apprentice training at Quakers Hill, near Sydney on July 10. They are Robert John Abbott, of Hiltont Park (educated at John Curtin High School); Colin Alexander, of Malville (John Curtin High School); John Edward Godbold, of Kent (Kent Street High School); and Jack Snell, of Medcalf (Armadale High School).

After a five-year apprenticeship, they will give the Navy's ranks of skilled artificers and shipwrights a rate equivalent to that of petty officer.

Well-known Names For New Units

The Army has approved territorial titles for companies of the new 1st Battalion Royal Western Australia Regiment, to retain historical connection with old units in W.A.

Commanding Officer of the new battalion, Major D. Jolliffe, has announced that "A" Company will be named after the State of Perth Company; "B" Company, the Cameron Company; "E" Company, the Swan Company; and "D" Company, the West Australian Rifles Company.

Previously these territorial titles were held by the 25th and 44th Battalions, "A", "B" and "C" companies.

It was a tribute to the status of the sub-branch that it had been invited to be represented at the meeting of the local council and road board.

The sub-branch in Carnarvon was, however, very old, Mr. Townshend said. At his visit he had learnt that of the £100 donated by headquarters for flood relief on the Gascoyne earlier this year, £42 had been dispersed, and had suggested to the local executive that the balance of the grant be retained.

The average Digger, he added, was pining for a visit to Uluru. He was a visitor at a State Executive meeting a few months ago. He had been a visitor at a State Executive meeting a few months ago.

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Another Letter Of Thanks

On many occasions the League has been able to help in the tracing of missing sons. It is to a recent quest of this nature that the following letter—received at Mandurah, from Boyd of 3 Woodsedge-road, Mt. Eden, Auckland—refers.

Thank you very much for your letter giving information for your kind sympathy for my mother and myself.

Also, thank you for writing to the secretary of the Australian Repatriation and personally, for you have done in helping us in our sorrow.

United Sub-branches Mean Business

As a result of keen interest by several returned ex-servicemen, Kalannie and Pithara sub-branches of the R.S.L. are now a formidable body.

Judging by the large attendance at, and the enthusiasm displayed by, a meeting at Kalannie on July 1, the new sub-branch is going to be something to be proud of, not only as returned serviceman and veterans, but the community generally.

The sub-branch, it is known, was formed as a charitable-mindedly making a very substantial contribution towards the construction of the War Veterans' Home in West Kalannie.

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This account of the 1960 Anzac delegation to New Zealand has been received from ex-Country Vice-President Norman Maw of Wyalkatchem who made the trip with fellow West Australians Jerry Dally and Roger Price.

The party of 41 left Sydney on the Monowai on April 15. Although Wellington four days later were met at the boat and taken to the R.S.A. clubrooms by bus. A wreath-laying ceremony at the Citizen's Memorial at 11 a.m. followed by the taking of official photographs.

The councillor to His Excellency the Governor of Queensland, Mr. C. Lee, entertained the delegation at the Royal Oak Hotel at 11 a.m.

At 12.30 p.m. the delegation assembled at the Grand Hotel Wellington and was welcomed by the President of the N.Z.R.S.A. at a buffet luncheon.

At 3.30 p.m. the Acting Prime Minister extended a welcome at the Social Hall, Parliament House. The party was then taken on a tour of Wellington, 11 going to Auckland, 10 to Paremata and ten to Christchurch.

Jerry Dally went with the Dunedin party, Roger Price to Auckland, and 1 to Christchurch.

The Christchurch and Dunedin parties left by the ferry March 16 and on the 17th they had a half-mile trip to Lyttleton, arriving at 7 a.m. the following morning.

We were met by R.S.A. members and conveyed by car to Christchurch for breakfast after which ten of the party went to the War Memorial and another ten to Christchurch. The Christchurch party was further entertained and before going to Ashburton, two to Timaru, one to Otaki, and two to Timaru.

Dick Davis from Taranaki (who also flew with us) and myself went to Timaru by car arriving there at 3 p.m. in time for a civic reception by the Lady Mayoress and councillors and the president and executive officers of the South Canterbury R.S.A.

At Timaru

At 5 p.m. we met members of the Timaru branch at the R.S.A. Club and at 8 p.m. visited the home of Mr. R. C. Parker. The president, J. W. Morse, met members of the executive.

On April 22 we were entertained at morning tea by the Pleasant Point branch, the Geraldine branch, and afternoon tea by the McKenzie R.S.A. The farewell evening was spent at the Hermitage Hotel at the base of Mt. Cook.

On April 23 we were shown over the hydro-electric schemes at Benmore and Waimate and given an opportunity to join the members of the Dunedin party for a tour of their accommodate in the palace. We were once more entertained by the Waimate branch.

On April 24 we were entertained by the Milford-Clan- dasyo and Temuka branches and inspected a porcelain illustrator factory at Temuka.

In the afternoon we visited the Beverley War Veterans' Home and were shown around Timaru, and spent the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dawson. On April 25 (Anzac Day) we attended the impressive service and the morning Anzac service in St. Andrew's, and were guests of the Pareora-St. Andrews branch.

On April 26, returning to Timaru at 2 p.m. for the Anzac parade to the Royal Theatre Royal for the service at 2.30 followed by a lunch to the war memento for the laying of wreaths.

We were guests of the South Canterbury R.S.A. for an afternoon tea and at night attended the Anzac Night Concert—a Diggers week was very well received.

We were entertained later at the home of executive committee member J. C. Keightley.

On April 26 we proceeded to Christchurch and the next day arrived back in Dunedin and Wellington parties and commenced a road bus, one party travelling up the west-coast and the other party up the east coast.

On the west coast route we spent the night at New Plymoutheach stop at Paekakariki, Otaki, Wanganui and Hawera. An impromptu concert was provided at New Plymouth by Maorion women.

The full delegation was received by members of the London branch on the evening of April 28 and was entertained by the R.S.A. at a civic reception and social including a Mr. Lyttleton. We sailed for Sydney on April 29 after a good look round New Zealand.

New Zealand tour though strenuous was most enjoyable, and the hospitality we received was overwhelming. I would like to express my thanks to South Canterbury R.S.A. for their efforts for our entertainment and for their kindness.

16th Battalion Association Honours A Member

A member of the 16th Battalion Association who was blinded on war service was honoured during the month when the president of the association presented him with a life-membership certificate.

A man who had been made a life-member of the Mt. Yorkle, North Parth and Osborne Park sub-branches was pleased to be similarly honoured by the 16th Battalion Association.

The members were visited at their homes by members of the committee.

At the July meeting preliminary arrangements were made for the meeting to be held on October 6.

Personal: Mr. W. Maryott had left on an excel lent Mr. Bill Cornelius wrote to the Home, and Mr. H. Forbes at the junction of the State Executive Committee F. Maher celebrated his 80th birthday recently, and was presented with a wonderfully richly-tinted presentation album by Mr. F. McErlane's daughter.

Alert Doorkeeper Recruits 160

In his capacity as a doorkeeper at thezac Club during the first six months of this year Membership Committee Chairman, H. F. McErlane, in policing entry to the club, recruited 160 members.

This was said by Anzac Club Committee chairman J. J. Serfis in his report on activities at the July meeting of the State Executive Committee.

The executive put on record its appreciation of Mr. McErlane's services.

Barunga Survivors Hold Second Annual Dinner

An account of the second annual dinner of survivors of the troopship Barunga—held at the Criterion Hotel, Perth, on July 23—has come to hand from Mr. Norm Stenh, of Como.

The Barunga was torpedoed in the Bay of Biscay by a U-boat in the Bay of Biscay on April 25, 1918. After the war, survivors returned to their homes.

Two Nominees For Contest

At an R.S.L. dance at Northamton on July 16 two candidates were nominated for this year's Miss Crown-

Nurses Meet In New Quarters

Miss Burgess presided at the first meeting of the Returned Servicemen's sub-branch in its new quarters Anzac House on July 7.

The sale of furniture was discussed and the efforts of the committee was much appreciated.

The members were pleased to find that the hall would be up to the standards of the new room and placed in a prominent position.

The furnishing of the room is nearing completion and when it is finished the sub-branch will have something to be proud of. Miss Burgess reported that the hall was ready for use on August 27, and any other gifts interested in nominating for the sub-branch should contact Mr. M. H. Charlton at the Northampton road board office before August 27.

Two contests will be held next year for the sub-branch, one being a charity ball to be held on August 27, and the other a dance to be held on September 26.

Another feature is a $75 prize for both the contests, which the sub-branch will have in mind in raising money. B.B.P.
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Monty, on TV, Tells Of Six Famous Battles

In a B.B.C. series of eight half-hour programmes which commenced on Channel 2 at 8 p.m. on Sunday, August 7, famous field Marshal Viscount Montgomery gives his personal account of the six major battles he fought and won during World War II.

The series—a scoop for the A.B.C.—is called "Command in Battle." In it Monty recounts the course and development of each battle which marked his progress from Alamein to final victory.

It covers three years, between the late summer of 1942 when he arrived in the Western Desert to take command of the Eighth Army, and 1945 when he received the surrender of the German forces on his front at Luneburg Heath.

It is a personal story of a general who carried the responsibility for the lives of hundreds of thousands of fighting men, and whose decisions during the three critical years under review helped mould the course of the conflict.

Command in Battle has a prologue and an epilogue, with six programmes covering the Battle of Alamein, the Battle of Mareth, the invasion of Sicily and Italy, the Normandy campaign, the winter of 1944, and the surrender on Luneburg Heath.

Civil Defence Preparation At Busselton

During the past year a number of members of the Busselton R.S.L. and auxiliary have received first aid as part of a civil defence project. Mr. M. Wells and Mr. John Jones (officials of St. John's Ambulance) and Dr. R. McIlhinnen have been the instructors.

Recently Mr. Jones under- went a six-week course of training, and the July meeting gave an interesting address supported by slides, ideas, experiences and impressions by Secretary Tom Davis was sub-branch representative at Congress.

TIME OF CONGRESS: A Congress motion from the Federal Conference for the month for holding Congress should be changed from July to February or March "to allow a larger participation by the South-West" was lost.

Youth Organiser Sought For Geraldton

At its July meeting the Geraldton sub-branch decided on an approach to the Education Department—through League headquarters—for the appointment of a full-time Youth organiser in the town.

Initiating the move Mr. W. J. Cunningham said that at present there was no R.S.L. to sponsor efforts in the interests of youth. Mr Cunningham praised the work done already by Mr. F. Drysdale and pointed out that this was being done in Geraldton already by the local Associated Youth Committee.

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The value of having a full-time organiser had been proved at Fremantle and at Manjimup, he said.

There were 24 members at the meeting, President A. T. Brine of the sub-branch, John Jones and two other representatives.

In his report the president announced that the caretakers residence had been completed and expressed hope that the payment for the building would be authorised by the meeting. Mr. Lock was thanked for his efforts in preparing plans for the quarters and a minute of appreciation was recorded.

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State President Lonnie said this at the conclusion of the final meeting of the outgoing executive on July 18.

Mr. Lonnie went on: "We have had a tremendous year—beyond doubt the most momentous in the history of the State branch since the building of the new Anzac House and the construction of the new War Memorial Buildings. The year's deliberations had thus indeed been fruitful, and it had given the League something to look forward to for the years to come where it would be able to make the most of the fruition of its early dreams, to be followed in the years ahead by many more achievements."

Mr. Lonnie was referring to the completion of the new Anzac House, the completion of the construction of the new War Memorial Buildings and the close of the year's meetings with the ceilings almost literally falling in on their heads.

Staff officer George Sherington had endeared himself to the members by referring to the important work done during the year, and by thanking executive members generally for their untiring efforts throughout the year.

At Wittenoom Gorge

State Executive member C. G. Pearson took advantage of his presence in the chair at the meeting of the Wittenoom Gorge sub-branch to speak on the subject. He had discovered a sub-branch in the town of which the meeting had been attended by seventy members and thirty-one visitors.

The sub-branch had held its annual dinner a month previously, with twenty members and thirteen visitors present. The guests included the Rotary Club of Wittenoom and Onslow sub-branches, and the sub-branch had cost members five guineas a head.

Nedlands Woman Honoured

At Congress this year the State President presented the Nedlands Woman of the Year Award to Miss Elizabeth King-Rowell, a member of the Nedlands branch, with a Certificate of Merit—the League's highest accolade in recognition of her outstanding service over many years on behalf of the League.
Service To The End
(TrIBUTE TO A FORMER STATE PRESIDENT)

The passing of former State President Alfred Yeates in his 86th year on July 19—the Tuesday of Congress Week—was like the passing of an epoch for Congress delegates, who observed a short silence in memory of the man and of his work for the League and the State.

It can truly be said of him that his life was useful to the end and that he contributed much to the welfare of his community and his times.

Born in Kent Mr. Yeates joined the Royal Artillery in 1881, served in Gibraltar, north-west India, the Boer War, and the Boxer Rebellion in China, and came to Western Australia in 1914.

In the early stages of World War I he trained troops and later saw service in France, and was severely wounded at Villers Bretonneux.

After the war he developed a vineyard at Upper Swan, and was making his presence felt in the League from its inception in 1920.

For many years he was a member of the Swan Road Board, the State Fruit Advisory Board, and the Primary Producers' Association.

For years from the mid-twenties he was chairman of the R.S.L. Land Committee, and then appointed chairman of the Royal Commission of inquiry into the immigration settlement in this State.

HARD YEARS
In World War II Mr. Yeates became chairman of the Volunteer Defence Corps. Those years meant the hardest work of his life, for besides his V.D.C. duties he was a censor, chairman of a R.A.A.F. recruiting committee, State representative of the Commonwealth Dried Fruits Board, and also found time to work on two vineyard properties.

When reappointed in 1941 for a further two years' service as an active representative on the Dried Fruits Board he held the position continuously since 1935.

Mr. Yeates will be remembered for a long time to come in League circles for his sterling work as Land Committee chairman during the heart-rending depression years and as State President from 1931 to the late Col. Collett—for nine years, during which time he had a stamp on the manner of Congress proceedings which is still in evidence today.

He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1938, and was presented to the Queen during her Perth visit in 1954.

Interviewed in his 78th year Mr. Yeates admitted three black marks in his life—he had put forward his age two years to join the Royal Air Force; he had put back two years for World War II, and had found from a newspaper that he had been his father's age when they presented a few years previously.

At the age of 80, when still representing the League on the War Service Land Settlement Classification and Allotment Board, still president of the South Metropolitan R.S.L. branch, and a member of the African Veterans' Association, vice-president of the War Fund and the Y.M.C.A., he was still working one or two days a week on the vineyard he had established. Mr. Yeates said: “It is not much work, but it is good socially; you must grow old usefully.”

The service was represented at Mr. Yeates's funeral by Immediate-Past President Mr. J. P. O'Leary, Mr. Stanley H. Craske, H.R., and several Congress delegates.

During the simple ceremony in the Round House, Mr. Yeates was remembered—never more touchingly it is said—by veteran life member and stalwart George Gilmour.

Tourists See Pageantry And Regalia

During their stay in London in June R.S.L. world headquarters and House of Commons barrackships were shown to the Qantas representatives at the invitation of the Minister of Social Welfare, Mr. J. Nellist.

There they saw the famous drum horses and those used on Royal Escort duties and other ceremonial duties.

In the Q.M. store they were shown the State uniform, silver-Gold Stick and the Silver Stick and regimental standards.

As their inspection was ending a Mounted Guard paraded, and its duties at the Horse Guards, Whitehall, the grand finale of their tour in the United Kingdom was a visit to Earl's Court for the Royal Tournament.

City Of Perth Band Now In Full Swing

The City of Perth sub-branch S.S.L. Band (formerly the Swan District Volunteer Band) is now in full swing after overcoming many initial difficulties, and re-equipped and engaged to borrow sufficient instruments to keep practising, and receive such practical assistance from the B.P. Band.

In its army days the senior band of 30 players formed a junior band with 40 players, and reduced from eight years—and the juniors too have managed to buy and borrow sufficient instruments to keep active. They have taken strong support from the PR Road Band.

At the last inter-band competition at Anzac House 26 prizes were won by members of the City of Perth sub-branch.

Tourists have been able to enjoy the Haywood at Surf House, Perth, when the band can be hired in whole or in part.

Free Lectures At The Museum

A series of four free monthly lectures whose subject matters range over activity (animal and human) in the Antarctic, inland Australia and the depths of the ocean is to commence at the Perth Museum (Beaufort-street); this Thursday, September 19.

The lectures are being held on the third Thursday of each month, commencing at 8 p.m., and the programme is as follows:

Thursday, September 5th: "The Antarctic with special reference to the Discovery and Discovery II_at the Vanishing Prairie—Walt Disney's film as an educational aid by well-known West Australian naturalist, Mr. E. H. G. Mahony, of the Wildlife Service Section.

Thursday, September 19th: "The Vanishing Prairie—Walt Disney's film as an educational aid by well-known West Australian naturalist, Mr. E. H. G. Mahony, of the Wildlife Service Section.

Thursday, October 2nd: "The Vanishing Prairie—Walt Disney's film as an educational aid by well-known West Australian naturalist, Mr. E. H. G. Mahony, of the Wildlife Service Section.

Thursday, October 16th: "Vanishing Prairie—Walt Disney's film as an educational aid by well-known West Australian naturalist, Mr. E. H. G. Mahony, of the Wildlife Service Section.

Associated with the series of lectures has been in the Fremantle Town Hall by Dr. J. W. Shelford on "Starvation and the Population Problem in Man and Animals."
Did You Know...
(asks C. R. Collins)

- THAT distinguishing uniforms for British soldiers were first mentioned in the Ordinances of War of Henry VIII, in 1541. The act of Parliament which followed. The colour prescribed was 'Sadd green or russet.'
- THAT the red coats long worn by many infantry regiments, and some cavalry regiments, of the British Army, were the recognition of the entire units of the New Model Army, as the parliamentary forces re-organized by Cromwell during the English Civil War were called.

Three uniforms were first worn by the Navy in 1747, and then only by officers. The coat, in which taffeta navy blue was selected by George II. The story goes that the King, taking an early morning ride, met the Duchess of Bedford, who was wearing a spot of blue face with white. The King admired the costume so much that he selected the colour for his sailors' uniform. Navy blue was first worn under fire in action against a French fleet off Cape Finisterre (Spain) on May 3, 1747.
- THAT the peaked caps worn by huntsmen, jockeys, gosh-bellars and others are of the same shape as the helmets of the ancient Britons.
- THAT two British Field Marshals served in the Royal Navy before they became soldiers. The first, Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., saw active service as a goldsmith in the Crimean War. His autobiography was published with the title, "From Midshipman to Field Marshall." The other was Field Marshal French, first Earl of Ypres. He joined H.M.S. Britania as a cadet in the Navy and remained in the Navy for four years. He joined the Army in 1774.

Gallipoli League Holds Its First Meeting

The newly-formed Gallipoli League of Western Australia held its first meeting in the Y.A.L. Hall, Perth, last month with a membership strength of 106, of whom 55 had actually participated in the historic landing on Gallipoli on April 25, 1915.

Services represented in the membership at that stage were the Royal Navy, Australian, New Zealand and European infantry battalions, Australian light-horse, naval units, field artillery, A.A.S.C. and field ambulance as machine gun companies.

In a recent Press statement the secretary of the organization (Mr. R. C. Yeldon, of 38 Congdon-street, Swanbourne) said it had been found that the Gallipoli campaign of 1915, the membership of the league as approved by the general committee from time to time.

- To preserve the memory of those who served their lives in the service of their country during the Gallipoli campaign of 1915.
- To perpetuate the close and kindly ties of friendship created by mutual services by men who were in Gallipoli or who were directly associated with the Gallipoli campaign of 1914-1918.

Last Heard Of At Cue

Does anyone know the whereabouts of Mr. John MacLean, a member of B Company, 28th Battalion, 7th Brigade, A.I.F., in World War I?

Inquiries have emanated from his sister (Miss A. MacLean) in New Zealand, who will be in Perth this month.

It is believed that Mr. MacLean paid a subscription to the Cue R.S.L. sub-branch in 1951, and that if he is still alive he is likely to be on the Goldfields.

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Would anyone with knowledge of the whereabouts of Mr. L. H. Chitty, formerly of the 4th Light Horse, please get in touch with Constable O'Ball of the Missing Persons Bureau. Mr. Chitty's last known address was c/o G.P.O. G.P.O., Perth.

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**Auxiliary Leadership Changes**

In a comprehensive report to the 44th annual Congress of the League on the year's activities of the R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliary, Mrs. V. Stock- min, retiring State President, advised that Mrs. J. F. Ames had succeeded her in the leadership.

At the conclusion of her address Mrs. Stockmin handed over a cheque for £121 towards the War Veterans’ Home furnishing fund, this amount bringing the total provided by the auxiliaries for this purpose to £3,546/7/9.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Stockmin for the services she had rendered to the League during her 11 years in the presidency, and earlier was moved by Brig- adier A. Potts (Kojonup) and supported by Mr. F. Stahl (Denmark) and Congress received the expressions of rising and giving three cheers.

On behalf of Congress Mr. Lonnie presented Mrs. Stockmin with set of crystal tumblers on a chromiun tray.

Supporting a welcome by R.S.L. State President Lord and Mrs. Ford (who succeeds Mrs. Ames as State Secretary of the Auxiliary) and assisted by Mrs. Holder (City of Perth) said he was satisfied that both ladies were capable of carrying on the highest traditions of the Women's Auxiliary.

Mr. Bowell (Narrogin) supported Mr. Holder's remarks.

Replying to the expressions of appreciation Mrs. Ames said she would do her utmost to measure up to the heavy task set by Mrs. Stockmin.

Mrs. Ford, in a brief response, paid a tribute to the big heart and kindness which she had shown to all in the State Secretariness and said she would do her best to maintain it.

**Tribute To Retiring Auxiliary Leader**

The following tribute to Mrs. V. Stockmin on her retirement from the State Presidency of the R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliary is taken from a League broadcast talk by R.S.L. executive member Hugh Leslie on the official opening of the 31st annual State Conference of the auxiliary in the Anzac House ballroom on June 27.

(Conference was opened by R.S.L. President Lord and Mrs. Ford.)

“Mrs. V. Stockmin, M.B.E. and holder of the R.S.L. National Award of Merit, was in her chair but as usual the evening was one of delightful formal informality—I think that best describes the mood and fulness of interest. Mrs. Stockmin has an exceptional capacity for making everyone feel welcome and comfortably at home on occasions like this.”

**Crowning Glory Ball**

**At Cottesloe**

The Cottesloe sub-branch is holding its fourth annual ball on Friday, September 16. Ticket are £1/1/ each, and there will be dancing from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Proceeds will assist the Miss Crowning Glory appeal, the sub-branch candidate for which is Miss June Bodenbank.

There will be novelties, refreshments and an excellent supper.

**Burden Grows Heavier, Auxiliaries Told**

With each passing year the self-imposed burden of responsibility of members of the R.S.L. and the Women’s Auxiliary for the care and welfare of needy Diggers and their dependants was growing heavier and heavier, R.S.L. State President Lonnie said when officially opening this year’s auxiliary annual conference.

There was an imperative necessity, he said, to plan now for the future when, with death the grim reaper of the ranks of the League, the demand and need for the services of the League would increase.

When the League’s own economy was stable, he said many who had been helping were needed as well. There was need for strength and effort today to build for that connection were directed towards providing for the needs of those about to leave. Attention might well be given in this respect, he said, to the need of providing facilities for other auxiliaries, in particular girls and perhaps the women’s auxiliaries could plan visits to other auxiliaries.

Distinguished guests at Conference included the Rev. Mr. Stockiel (Bown), who represented the State Government, Senator A. B. Bown and Mr. A. L. Nobile, Mayor of the City of Perth (Mrs. Howard) and Mrs. L. Nobile, a member of the Victorian R.S.L. Auxiliary State Council.
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Direct Challenge To League

(Message from STATE PRESIDENT)

In my address to Congress at the official opening on July 18 I made reference to one jarring note in an otherwise highly successful year of League activity.

This was the very inadequate response of sub-branches and League members generally, to the Blackboy Hill campaign appeal—a project which had been instigated by the 1958 Congress, and on which the report and recommendations of a special committee had been unanimously endorsed by Congress.

With such enthusiasm shown the committee went ahead with the appeal for the necessary funds, feeling that the League was behind it and that sub-branches, having manned their War Veterans' Home funds, would want to make Blackboy their first priority.

But, however, has not been the case, the response from 29 sub-branches re-

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The Government, in the person of the Premier, has enthusiastically approved this project and made a generous request to all members of the community to support such a worthy object. The project was successful at the ‘Back to Blackboy’ challenge, and in a cheque for £500.

Such a practical demonstration of the League to all ex-service men and women that we do the best in making this A.I.F. memorial an accomplished fact.

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League Finds £500 Grant Embarrassing

A State Government grant of £500 towards the Blackboy Hill Campsite Memorial project has placed the League in an embarrassing position.

State President Lonnie said this at Congress when reporting on the progress of the appeal to date.

He told delegates that the support from sub-branches for the project had been most disappointing so far.

Stressing the overwhelming support of Congress for the proposal in 1958 and the unanimous endorsement of it in 1959 Mr. Lonnie called for full support for the project.

It was imperative, he said, that the balance of the £6,000 required to build the memorial should be subscribed at the earliest possible moment.

New Naval Training Scheme In W.A.

The opening of a junior-recruit training school in Western Australia last month means that the Royal Australian Navy will have the best training facilities in its history—and among the best in the world.

The West Australian school will mark the introduction of junior training in the R.A.N. for the first time for more than 30 years. The last school was the Boys' training ship H.M.A.S. Sydney on Sydney harbour, but was suspended in 1928.

The junior-recruit school will be the last link in a chain of basic training centres that cover all aspects of training from officers to apprentices.

The school is for boys aged 16 and 17, and has been established at HMAS Leedwine (Freman tie), the first 160 or so from all States entered the centre on July 13 for a 12-month course.

The school marks the return of major Royal Australian Navy activity in Western Australia for the first time since the end of the Great War.

GAMES APPEAL VOLUNTEERS BADLY NEEDED

The League has received the following letter from Mr. A.W. Bloomfield, appeal director for the fund-raising committee for the British Empire and Commonwealth Games to be held in Perth in 1962:

Volunteers may notify the League Secretary, Anzac House, Perth, of their willingness to participate in the appeal.

Your generous offer of help made in June 1958 has been carefully filed for use at the appropriate time.

Various committees are now planning for the Games. The Fund Raising Committee has the formidable task of finding £250,000 in the next two years.

The first major fund-raising activity will be a street appeal on Friday, 22nd October, when we plan to have badge sellers with collecting tins at every shopping centre in the metropolitan area. In addition we hope to have street appeals in many country towns.

We need help from 500 volunteers workers in the city and suburbs on Street Appeal Day.

Would you please canvass your members for volunteers? Relatives or friends of your members who are willing in help will be equally welcome.

The enclosed roster sheet can be used to record your commitments. Additional sheets are available for the asking.

It is hoped and suggested that your organisation might be prepared to accept responsibility for the continuous "manning" of a street corner.

Any further information may be had by telephone 23-3082 during office hours.

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