League May Establish New Building Society

Following its short experience of terminating societies the League is to investigate the possibility of establishing a permanent building society.

This was agreed to unanimously by Congress on the advocacy of Housing Committee chairman R. J. Stoddart.

The decision was made following a report by Mr. Stoddart on the success of the year's operations of the R.S.I. terminating societies authorised at Congress last year.

He said a permanent society would involve the establishment of a co-operative.

The society would provide an avenue for investment. Funds that could be diverted to the society were being used in all sorts of avenues of investment that did not bring the maximum advantage to people in this State.

With a permanent society some of those funds could be applied to the building of homes and the satisfying of applicants with other means of acquiring one.

Accommodation

The society could also be used for raising temporary finance as a bridge between people on the waiting list for service loans. There were current instances of such people having to pay up to 12 per cent interest for temporary finance, Mr. Stoddart said.

The motion before Congress asked for an investigation of the possibility of a permanent society.

Such societies, Mr. Stoddart went on, operated from day to day on very much the same lines as a savings bank. They provided people having money to lend with an opportunity of sound investment.

Permanent societies had shareholders who participated in dividends and profits. There was nothing to stop any member of the R.S.I. applying to the proposed new society, though anyone qualifying for War Service Homes assistance would be foolish to do so.

In general the society would be for the benefit of ex-service men and women.

Of the existing scheme Mr. Stoddart said the initial allocation of $40,000 had come from Commonwealth loan funds. That money had been used to provide housing for ex-Imperials in the main, but one or two nurses and a Polish ex-service man had also joined the society.

Since then a further $5,000 had been raised from the Commonwealth, $40,000 from the Victoria Insurance Co. and a recent sum of $50,000 from the Commonwealth Savings Bank.

A total of $55,000 had thus been handled during the year and most of this had already been advanced. Within the next two months the whole of it would have been disbursed.

Mr. Stoddart said the effect of the scheme on ex-Imperials had been remarkable; they felt that at last something was being done for them in the way of housing.

The only condition with the society was that its members must be ex-service people and not currently in receipt of assistance. The existing societies would terminate in from 20 to 30 years.

An application had been made to the Commonwealth for an allocation this year, and the League was hoping for much more.

The interest charged on Commonwealth money was 4 per cent and on funds from the Commonwealth at a slightly higher rate; the general period of the loan was from about 2 to 28 years.

The maximum loan from Commonwealth funds was $500. That from one of the other sources—an interest rate was $3,500.

Monthly repayments were provided for. Further details could be readily obtained from the manager (Mr. C. B. King) at 57 St. George's-terrace, Perth. With, terminating societies were to be made to the Commonwealth for an allocation this year, and the League was hoping for much more.

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A telegram has arrived from the sub-branch to set the record straight.

Congress Triumph For A Southern Sub-branch

The Albany sub-branch this year was presented with the Collett Cup for the first time.

Pictured receiving the trophy are (from left) sub-branch members Frank Gomm (president) and Brian and Clarice Phillips.

Donated about 30 years ago by former State President the late Col. H. B. Collett, the cup is awarded annually to the most efficient country sub-branch.

It had been retained for the previous five years by the Geraldton sub-branch.

Other trophy-winners were:

Newdegate Cup (most efficient metropolitan sub-branch)—Bellevue.

Mary Cornell Trophy (best Poppy Day figures on membership basis)—Floreat-City Beach.

Merv Williams Trophy (best Veterans' Home effort on membership basis)—Gutha.

Geraldton Shield (most efficient of smaller country sub-branches)—Gutha.

The trophies were presented by National President A. J. Lee.
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The League Role In National Matters

The League's traditional role—watching the interests of ex-servicemen and their dependants—had become a routine matter and the League was turning more and more to national problems, National President A. J. Lee told Congress this year.

He was replying, at the opening session, to welcoming remarks by State President Lonnie.

"I suggest," Mr Lee said, "that we should never allow the state of the nation's preparedness in 1939 to be forgotten."

There was no organisation in Australia with a greater right to express its views on defence matters than the R.S.L., he said.

The League was very pleased at the Prime Minister's announcement on increased defence spending and it could claim that its continued criticism had been a large factor in creating a public atmosphere that allowed the Government to embark on increased spending.

The R.S.L. Defence Committee had conveyed to the Minister for Defence its concern on the state of defence and made some recommendations. The committee chairman, Mr. Long, was to be congratulated on his handling of that approach.

The League had been campaigning by all available means for a much-needed defence overhaul.

Although it was pleasing to hear of increased national spending, it was significant that there was no provision for building-up a reserve of trained and semi-trained manpower.

"We want to stand on our own feet," said Mr. Lee. "We don't have to depend on

R.S.L. National President A. J. Lee is shown here at Anzac House declaring the 17th annual State Congress of the League officially open.
Support For Legacy Week

FOR THE first time, in Western Australia, Legacy proposes to conduct Legacy Week this year. The period decided upon is from Friday, August 30 to Friday, September 6.

ALTHOUGH the idea of Legacy Week has been in existence in the Eastern States for some years this will be the first time it has been used in this State. The main object of Legacy week is to place before the public the task which Legacy has accepted and is endeavouring, within its means, to carry out. Namely, the supervision of the welfare of the sons and daughters of deceased ex-servicemen.

DURING the week in question, publicity will be given through radio, newspaper and television services. In addition there will be a march of Service Cadets and Wards through the streets of Perth on August 30, and the annual Legacy street appeal will be conducted on Friday, September 6.

IT IS pertinent, however, that emphasis on the week in question is on educating the community and not on fund-raising.

THE LEAGUE has always supported Legacy and has assisted it in carrying out its obligations. In fact many R.S.L. officials also belong to Legacy and it is confidently expected that full co-operation will be given by R.S.L. sub-branches during Legacy Week.

THE MESSAGE which should be absorbed by all members of the community is: "Legacy continues to need your sympathetic help on behalf of the widows, sons and daughters of deceased servicemen who served their country in an hour of desperate need."

The P.O.W. Spirit A Matter For Pride

Repatriation Minister Swartz said recently that the story of Australian prisoners-of-war was a tragic one of hardship and heroism, but not of shame.

He said every generation should read with pride the chapter P.O.W.s, which had been written into Australia's traditional history. He referred to the record of manhood and service.

He said that almost 35,000 Australians had been taken prisoner during World War I and World War II. About 8,600 of them had died in captivity.

In the first world war the majority of the 4,044 Australian P.O.W.s were captured during the relative static trench warfare in France and Flanders. The more mobile and fast-moving movements of the second war resulted in 8,600 Australians being captured in the European zone and 20,500 by the Japanese.

Mr. Swartz said that the spirit that had motivated prisoners-of-war during their wartime lives lived on after they were released, carried over to peacetime by the many thousands who had joined ex-service organisations to help other ex-servicemen and the dependants of their former comrades.

Fewer Committee Men In Coming Year

By a decision of Congress this year the number of committee members on the State Executive will be reduced from 24 to 18.

The decision was made by the adoption of a report from a Congress committee under the chairmanship of C. A. Potts (Kelvin Park) appointed on a uniqly proposal for reduction of the numbers to eight.

The other executive offices were left unchanged.

After the adoption of the recommendation of the State President, the report was referred to Congress for confirmation.

A Congress motion (from the Floreat-City Beach branch) seeking to have sub-branches abolished was lost (on the voles).

The trade unions provide the basic organisational framework for the movement of the branch.

Sir Frank Ledger is New Warden

Congress this year confirmed the appointment of Sir Frank Ledger as Warden of the State War Memorial.

This annual appointment, which rests in the State President, by tradition alternates between a distinguished ex-serviceman and a distinguished civilian.

Mr. Lonnie nominated Sir Frank following the report of the outstanding warden, Mr. David Freeborn.

Mr. Freeborn praised the keen interest shown by Assistant Warden E. C. Townsend in everything pertaining to the memorial.

Mr. Freeborn said there had been ten wreathlaying ceremonies, and 53 speeches delivered at the various ceremonies of office and that Mr. Townsend had been present at every one of them and all the sub-wards.

Mr. Freeborn will formally hand over the keys of the memorial to Sir Frank at the Remembrance Day ceremony (11 a.m.).
Removal Of Housing Act “Anomaly” Called For

Under Section 21 of the War Service Homes Act an ex-service man buying a home on rent-purchase conditions is required to put down £250 -£100 less than if he were building on his own land.

Housing Committee chairman Mr. J. Stoddart said that at Congress last month, Mr. Stoddart said that the position was anomalous; he could not think it was ever intended to discriminate in that manner.

He was introducing a motion for continued pressure to have the deposit on war service homes reduced to 5 per cent overall rate.

At present, he said, applicants were required to pay at a rate of 5 per cent on the first £2,000 and at 10 per cent on the balance.

There would be a sufficient margin if the rate both for mortgage and rent-purchase homes were reduced to an overall 5 per cent. The motion was carried.

PAINTING-COST
Congress also agreed to press for advances for the internal painting of war service homes—on a motion from the Cunderdin sub-branch of the Housing Commission rental homes.

Service Homes deputy-director Mr. Heilby said the conditions of the Act required purchasers to carry out their own maintenance at their own expense.

He said the comparison with rental homes was not a good one in that in the rentals charged for them allowance was made for maintenance.

To comply with the request would necessitate increasing the instruments on purchase homes.

There were special provisions to help widows to undertake maintenance.

The rental homes were attended to every five or six years, but where tenants bought the homes the department did not carry on with maintenance.

OBTAINING LAND
Congress reaffirmed its policy of having more land made available for war-service homes and for having it sold to applicants on a basis of cost.

Mr. Stoddart said the League was considering the purchase of 50 acres of land this year after year, but he was still not satisfied that there was sufficient land and that it was sold at a reasonable cost.

UNIT-HOME MOVE
It was agreed to seek State legislation permitting the issue of titles for unit homes to enable advances to be made to war-service applicants.

Mr. Stoddart said that in other States, and particularly in New South Wales, strata-titles conferred possession in respect of the area above a floor.

The N.S.W. director would lend money to each one so that the rate title for each part—or a group of people—could form a mortgage but procedures did not comply with the department’s requirements.

What was wanted was a form of title on which people could get a mortgage.

SECOND ASSISTANCE
Mr. Stoddart was also successful with a State Executive motion seeking facilitation of the War Service Homes Act to make war-service homes from one eligible ex-serviceman to another.

He said such transfers were being regarded as a second-assistance, which was given very sparingly at present, but he could not agree with it. It was only one amount of money was involved.

By regarding such deals as a second-assistance the department in effect, was depriving another market of his house.

Demography And The Sub-branches
The effect on metropolitan sub-branches of current demographic trends is not always fully appreciated.

Mr. J. C. Rankin (North Perth) told Congress last month that the membership in his area was very difficult. New Australians were not being accepted as members were leaving, he said.

Mr. F. H. F. Tonkin (Shenton Park) said new members were moving out to new suburbs and there was no new membership to replace them.

Despite this the League now boasts 530 sub-branches in W.A., and sub-branch representation at Congress is extended from Broome to Esperance.

Actually, all that the would-be purchaser was asking for was to assume the obligations which had been undertaken by the vendor.

OTHER DECISIONS
Other resolutions sought the following:

- To increase to £45,000, 000 in the annual Commonwealth allocation for war service homes (State Executive).
- Any Defence Department land released for housing to be made available to war service applicants at land-tax values (State Executive).
- War Service Homes financing to be made available to eligible ex-service men for discharging mortgages on homes they had purchased (Majmjump).
- Any building loan balance to be made available to an ex-service man who was transferred to another area (State Executive).
- War Service Homes Act benefits for ex-Imperials Sublicer.

A provision for eligible ex-service men who were not otherwise receiving war service under the Act (Cottesloe).

Levy Dropped
Congress decided last month to drop the car-levy of £1.11 per sub-branch annually that it imposed in 1960.

A motion for the purpose had its genesis in the State Executive, where it had served its purpose and was no longer required.

When the vote was taken only one voice was heard in dissent.

Before the introduction of the levy the League’s official visits throughout the State depended for many years on a car-levy “vintagge” that was becoming very costly to maintain.

The new policy is one of fairly frequent replacement.

Solution To A Tough Choice
Congress has appealed to all branches not to be doing so to appoint a treasurer as a secretary, each year where possible.

Though sometimes devolving on just one person, delegations were told, the two positions were of a somewhat mutually-conflicting nature. As secretaries,” a man might be strongly in favour of some proposition which as treasurer he strongly opposed.
League Now Owns Trading Company

At a meeting at Anzac House on July 31 the League—already a substantial shareholder—bought up all remaining shareholdings in the R.S.L. Trading Co. Ltd.

The old company has now been wound up and the business has been transferred to trading as The R.S.L. Shop. It is now wholly-owned by the R.S.L. and will be operated solely for the benefit of the War Veterans' Home.

The R.S.L. Trading Co. Ltd. was formed in January 1922 to take over the assets of a trading concern operated by the Perth sub-branch of the League.

Funds were raised by the issue of preference shares to Returned Diggers who used their gratuities in payment for the shares.

In all, 3,900 preference shares were issued to 491 members.

As well, 5,000 ordinary shares were issued to the League and sub-branches. By the rules of the company voting rights were confined to preference shareholders.

The company prospered under the direction of a board whose chairman, until 1930, was the late Mr. A. H. Priestley—a veteran of the South African War. The business was managed by Mr. J. R. Butler, D.C.M., who was State Secretary of the League in 1918.

During the thirties trading became tough and the question of winding-up was considered. In 1934, under the management of Captain M. Lewis, the business commenced to improve and continued to do so.

After the second world war a shortage of goods followed and the returns were high. Large sums were distributed in donations to League amelioration funds and in allowances to League members.

Mr. E. S. Whiteley became a member of the board of the League in 1924 and since 1958 has been chairman of directors.

Of the original 491 preference shareholders only 186 are now in receipt of dividends, and in view of the passing of so many in recent years the League has been taking up all shares that have become available.

State President Lonnie has been a keen exponent of this policy, and it has been largely under his direction that the assets now have become the property of the League.

J. R. Butler has now retired as chairman, and Mr. Alan Walsh, who has had a lifelong experience of merchandising men’s apparel, has been appointed in his place.

Sub-branch Has Plans For Beach Resort

As announced at Congress the City of Perth sub-branch has taken over the management of the Pt. Peron Caravan Park from League headquarters, and will conduct the resort for the benefit of R.S.L. members generally.

A plan of development, prepared by a qualified architect, incorporates all requirements of the Health Act and the local-govemment model by-laws.

The resort will be developed to cater for 40 caravans at first, and later for 60 vans.

This will require the construction of a new ablution block and new roadways, as well as further bull-dozing and grass-planting.

The swimming pool will be constructed by voluntary labour as much as possible, as at present there are only £250 in hand, but it is hoped to make an appeal for any surplus building materials, and members of the League may have lying idle around their homes.

President Pleased With Handling Of The Finances

Following the adoption by Congress of this year’s R.S.L. balance sheet and financial statement, the State President praised Mr. J. A. Rolfe, for the skill and industry he had brought to bear as chairman of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Lonnie said that the League's assets in this State were in excess of £1,250,000.

Mr. Rolfe, who did not stand for re-election to office, was recently appointed to the board of directors of Boons Ltd., of which he had been accountant since 1938.

R.S.L. Boys’ Club, which conducts a camp at Pt. Peron every year, will encourage sub-branches interested in the resort to be open to the benefit of their members.

Inquiries may be addressed to the Secretary, City of Perth Sub-branch, Anzac House, Beechboro, Swanbourne.

Auxiliary Reviewed

The R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliary today comprises 108 branches—32 of them in the metropolitan area—with a total membership of just under 2,000 said auxiliary State President Mrs. J. F. Ames in her report to the State Congress of the League last month.

Age had been catching-up with some members, she said.

The Country Cup had been awarded this year to Bruce Rock (23 pts.), with Gerplon (18) and Katanning (14) in the next two places, and the Metropolitan Cup to City of Perth.

That branch’s donations had made it a clear winner. Mr. Hawthorn and Swanbourne, respectively, had placed second and third.

Mrs. Ames said the R.S.L. Veterans’ Home was very dear to the hearts of Auxiliary members. A cheque for over £900 had been paid in as a donation to the capital and maintenance funds, and as well the auxiliary ran a clock at the home five days a week on a roster system.

MISSING PERSONS

Would anyone knowing the present whereabouts of Mr. or Mrs. A. Fowles—last heard of near Williams in 1938—please communicate at once with Anzac House.
Doing What Can Be Done About Nuclear Attack

"What is civil defence?" said Captain A. E. Buchanan, DSO, when addressing Congress this year. Formerly in command of H.M.A.S. Arunta, he has been for the last two years Commonwealth Director of Civil Defence.

Not so long ago, he said, bombs only killed people by the hundreds. The survivors threatened the very majority, and through the civil-defence services many were saved who would have died otherwise.

Today it was necessary to think in terms of nuclear warfare. Considering the distance, which was, in the case of Germany and Hamburg the effect of the new weapons was different only in degree; there were far more casual ties and far greater destruction.

With nuclear weapons only one or two would be necessary to do any damage. Australia was fortunate in having a scattered population, developing its territory. It was not surprising that the preparations here were not far in advance, but they were now going ahead.

The policy approved by the Commonwealth Government was to make ready progress each year so that, should the position change, it would be possible to develop civil defence rapidly.

Every State was organizing civil-defence services, such as rescue, casualty first-aid, fire-fighting and engineering requirements, and also services to detect fallout. These were necessary and important as they could not be created quickly.

The country must be organized in advance; no one could be sure what changes would bring. The services the State was creating were voluntary, and that was essential. The services were far too involving for only community effort could make them successful.

The community was often faced with the result of cyclones, floods or floods of volunteers to help unfortunate neighbours.

Civil defence was that sort of service planned in advance.

To help development of those services by the States, Capt. Buchanan said, the Commonwealth had provided equipment including items which were not readily available on the spot.

For the last two years this State's share of the civil-defence vote had been $250,000 and the programme for this financial year proposed that another $200,000 worth of equipment should be provided.

As well the Government bore the whole cost of the Mt. Macedon (Vic.) training school, including fares and board and lodging. The only candidates now being accepted at the school were those who were prepared to serve in their own regions.

Plans were being prepared by the Commonwealth and the States concerning such matters as transport, medical services and shelter. The plans would show what had to be done and how to do it quickly.

The assistance of organizations such as the League in the civil-defence programme was invaluable.

In reply to a question by Dr. A. R. Risseborn (North Melbourne) concerning the decontamination of waste supplies Capt. Buchanan said that information was now being sought in the United Kingdom where a special instrument for that purpose was being developed.

Mr. F. Gomm (Albury), who suggested the need for issuing of authority-cards to civil defence volunteers, said that regulations were ready to come into force at the Commonwealth level, but that natural disasters such as floods and storms were a matter for the States and there was never a lack of States.

Stock Proposal To Aid R.S.L. Veterans' Home

A Norseman proposal for cattle-owner members to donate to the League the annual proceeds of one head of stock was referred by Congress to the incoming State Executive for further consideration.

Introducing the motion, Dr. A. W. Risseborn said its prime purpose was to guarantee the running and future development of the War Veterans' Home at Mt. Lawley.

That question should not be left to chance, he said. At present there was only a limited number of D.A.S. veterans to be cared for at the home but by 1974, on retention Department estimates, the level would be at its peak.

"We are an ageing community with increasing responsibilities," Dr. Risseborn said, "and we have to plan for the future.

The scheme should provide a basic income for the home, but anything any other group of community would put in would of course be welcome.

There were many farmers whose stock were sold to the purpose. The appointment of a field officer was in order.

A further scheme proposed by Dr. Risseborn would be on behalf of the sub-branch membership. The money—war executive—was for the League to consider the establishment of a suitable leasehold property for development as a cattle station.

The two proposals could be regarded as complementary, he said.

The station scheme could be run on a line of boardable stock. The project would be free from tax, areas such as those envisaged would be taken up progressively and the opportunity would not remain indefinitely.

Mr. Savage (Augusta) said he thought it would be better for any League to envisage the putting-out system. Mr. S. B. Gumm (Northam) said that a scheme was being conducted by the Narrogin sub-branch which was very successful. Mr. S. B. Gumm (South Perth) said there were areas north and east of Laverton, and also out of Wiluna, that were suitable.

Admittedly costs, by present-day standards, were difficult, but it could be done provided the area remained in the vicinity of water and cattle properties remained without fences.

There were 1,800 natives in the area between the Warburton Mission and Kalbarri, and only 30 of them had any work.

Sub-Branch Aims At 228 Members

The Belmont R.S.L. sub-branch membership target for the year was 228, and Mr. B. H. Halley, secretary, held the previous year's subscription in his pocket.

The present membership was 180, including 25 new members, and there were 45 who had not paid the current year's subscription.

Steps taken by the sub-branch to produce its own newsletter had been successful.

Its continued success would depend on the cooperation of members implying publicity officer L. D. Day with other items.

At the sub-branch meeting on August 19, State R.S.L. President, W. J. Lonnie, would talk on her overseas trip to seek academic work in Western Australia.

On August 24, a back-clothing dance would be held in the R.S.L. hall.

EMERGENCY POST AT GERALDTON

A Geraldton solicitor, Mr. J. Walton, has been elected as chairman of the management section of the Geraldton branch of the State Civil Emergency Service.

Mr. Walton succeeds the headmaster of the Allen-Park School, Mr. J. E. Duncan, who said he would continue to take an active interest in the organization but it was considered desirable for him to be transferred from the school to be chairman of the management section. Mr. Walton and Mr. Duncan will attend an instructional course on civil emergency work in Geraldton on August 17 and 18.

Some local residents who have attended training school at Mt. Macedon (Melbourne) will be among the instructors, and a field exercise will be conducted later in the year.

Capt. Buchanan, Civil Defence Director
Completion Of Air-conditioning At Hollywood Is Asked For

A motion sponsored by the Millen sub-branch seeking the completion of air-conditioning at Hollywood Hospital received the support of Congress last month.

Registration Department representative J. H. Robertson told delegates that 14 or more women who worked at Hollywood Hospital had air-conditioned areas serving 76 beds. As well, Ward 8 had been equipped with ceiling fans which were very effective.

Air-conditioning in the remaining half of Ward 1 was to be undertaken in the next financial year at a cost of £6,500. It would be fully air-conditioned by June next year.

A further three wards were to be fitted with ceiling fans in the next three months.

Ward 8 was to be fully air-conditioned in 1964-65.

In addition to the operational theatres, the kitchen and other quarters were being air-conditioned, and the forwarding of plans would cover all requirements.

Concessions Sought

Amongst recommendations sought by Congress this year were:

- That disability-pensioners paid to age or service pensioners be excluded from taxation (Armadale).
- That the full T.P.I. pension be paid to people who as a result of war-caused disabilities are compelled to leave their employment for seven days or more (Scarborough).
- Free hospital and medical benefits for ex-servicemen who are suffering from war-caused disabilities (Midland Junction).
- District allowances for C.E.M. members living in the Kimberleys or the North-West (Derby).

Funeral Grants

A Boulter move to have the automatic grant for ex-service families raised from £25 to £50 was also adopted.

State President Lonnie said the League had been pressing for this for the last five years and he hoped for some result this year.

The amount paid by the State for any sort of indigent funeral was £25, he said.

Eligibility Question

Once again the viewpoint that the eligibility of membership of the League should be extended to ex-service men and women of World War II who volunteered for service but were not sent overseas service was supported.

And once again those who might be termed "the actualists" were left in possession of the field.

A point made by the "realists" was that National Congress had conferred eligibility for C.E.M. membership to U.K. Defence Medal—so what was the difference?

The motion was by the Senior Vice-President E. E. Townsend—that sets a precedent as a sub-branch in Britain during the last war was not vastly concerned with ex-service men in the front line a short while ago.

That, at least, had been the feeling at the League when eligibility had been extended to the medallists.

Student Incident Closed: Lonnie

"I think that closes the incident," said State President Lonnie at Congress last month after State Secretary W. Webb had read correspondence with the University Senate and the Guild of Undergraduates concerning League complaints as to certain matter published in this year's "Prosh" newspaper.

One of the matters complained of was the caption: "This has to go" used in conjunction with a picture showing the State War Memorial.

The Senate conveyed its regret and regarded the matter as not serious. It was asked whether the League would object to the picture and would they say that there was no intention of making fun of the war dead or suggesting disrespect for the war dead.

Mr. Lonnie declared that the League would accept the apology in spirit.

Corrigan Group Conference

Following is a precis of the account—by League stalwart Jim Greaves—of the Corrigan group conference held on June 22:

The whole day's business went with a rhythm notable for its good humour, friendship, co-operation, hospitality, goodwill between the University and the students due to the efforts of Dr. Janes and John Hale, president and secretary respectively of the Corrigan sub-branch, and of the State Executive, Lonnie, Townshend, William and Sherrington.

The conference was officially opened by Mr. Turner, the shire president.

Delegates were guests of the university at a luncheon prepared by the staff of the Corrigan Hotel.

After lunch the conference was adjourned at the Corrigan Club.

Questions were asked and answered; suggestions were made; quibbles were put forward.

The aim was to make the League known in all its spheres and activities, and particularly in rendering to it the support of its dependants.

Among the matters discussed were election, the war veterans' home and the Guild of Undergraduates. Problems were answered and explained by visiting executive members.

A discussion on the defence of Australia led to the conclusion that much remains to be done in which they were offered.

He told delegates that in England last year he had been greatly impressed with the assistance rendered to British ex-servicemen by university students—particularly with the sale of poppies on Poppy Day.

He was hopeful that this year he would arrange for similar discussions with the guild in the hope that the League would become warm allies of the League in the future.

Congress gave its approval to this approach to be made to the undergraduates.
STATE EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

Mr. Lonnie Starts 9th Term

State President W. S. Lonnie was re-elected as State President for the ninth successive term of office.

His first appointment was made in 1915. His only opponent in this year's ballot was State Senior Vice-President E. C. Townsend.

Following the announcement of the election result, a meeting was held at the local hotel to elect the Senior Vice-President and Vice-Presidents. The returns were as follows:

Bandy was elected to the Senior Vice-President position on the following day: A. E. Angell, C. E. Bailey, and J. W. Roberts.

COMMITEEMEN

Mr. Bandy named a committee of six to advise him on the annual report for 1955. The committee consisted of Mr. A. S. Bell, Mr. J. A. Boyce, Mr. J. W. Clarke, Mr. J. F. Doherty, Mr. J. E. Egan, and Mr. J. W. Jones.

SUPERNUMERARIES

Messrs. B. L. Williams, J. A. Brown, L. Pfeffer, and A. Snibben were named as supernumeraries on the senior list.

Delegates Missed a Colourful Figure

Although the business of Congress was discontinued with the customary dispatch this year, delegates were agreed that the proceeded lacked some of their usual colour—through the unavoidable absence of Mr Fred Staahl (Denmark). Congress this year was the subject of a motion (introduced by Mr. H. J. Sykes of Kondinin), having the following day. It was carried unanimously that the motion be referred to the standing committee of the Civil Defence.

The annual wreath-laying by delegates was followed by the Mayor's civic reception, which was followed by an adjournment made on the Thursday morning for an inspection of the new office of the War Department. Delegates rose from their labours in the conference room at 2 p.m. that day.

Sub-branch Magazine Starts At Victoria Park

Sub-branch magazine is the new magazine has been circulated to members and it is intended to dispatch the second in December.

The editor, Mr. G. Chell, is now working to supply him with items for publication. The sub-branch has been planning a popular magazine competition with the intention of getting it started some time this month.

This will be a very successful and helpful to sub-branch finances.

Members will be interested to hear that energetic secretaries have been established at the local sub-branch in preparation for the new year.

Mr. G. Chell, treasurer, and Mrs. M. Hine are co-operating with Mr. H. S. Newman of the Armistice Hunt and were also interested in the work of the Veterans' Home.

Youth Camp Proposal

A proposal for the establishment of a camp on leasehold land, held by the League at Poolton Park, was made by Mr. J. G. Chell, and the proposal was accepted by the Executive Council.

The camp, which will be known as the Poolton Park Youth Camp, will be held on the first weekend in June each year. It will be open to boys and girls of all ages and will be conducted by the local youth groups.

SAFARI

For the uninvolved, Mr. Lonnie said it was hoped to arrive at the safari by 1 p.m. It was not until the safari had been completed that he decided to return to the city.

Delegates from all over the State were present at the meeting, which was held in the hall of the Victoria Park sub-branch.
Big Defence-vote Lift Urged

For security reasons Australians must accustom themselves to thinking in terms of a vast increase in the amount being spent on defence, Brig. A. Potts (Kojonup) told Congress last month.

He was supporting a Broome sub-branch motion calling for the establishment of naval facilities at a West Australian port and for the setting-up of regular naval and aerial patrols of the northern coastline. The motion was carried unanimously.

Brig. Potts said Australia could not afford to turn a blind eye on the instability in some regions to the north. There had been raids on Broome and Darwin in the not-too-distant past when there was little in our north to attract an enemy beyond the means of obtaining a foothold, he said.

But now the north was on the move in every way. Great progress was being made with the production and the potential of iron and other minerals was huge. Roads, water schemes, aerodromes, piers and railways were being constructed, and these were assets which could be regarded as considerably attractive.

"We should make ourselves as strong as possible and repair the weak spots," Brig. Potts said.

The story was that there were mobile forces to deal with any eventuality, but the people in the North were being left to feel that they were somewhat expendable.

The stage had almost been reached where Western Australia must do what it could to defend itself, but it was for the nation to support such efforts.

It might be worthwhile to consider the appointment of a committee embracing not only the R.S.L. but also men and women of many backgrounds, to drive this matter home.

He believed the feeling at Broome was against any sort of Brisbane-line concept. Regular naval and air patrols were a must.

Brig. R. L. Good (Brunswick) said he would like to see any additional money available put to increasing the forces.

The use of those forces, he considered, was best left in the hands of the Government’s service advisers who were competent to deal with the matter and had information that most people did not have.

With sufficient threat there was little doubt that forces would be stationed in this State. But it was the League’s job to try to get more money for defence.

At the close of the debate the State President said the motion was one of the most important to come before Congress. The public must become accustomed to think in terms of more defence spending.

Other defence motions adopted had the following aims:

- The basing of additional Air Force squadrons in this State (Fremantle City).
- Increased defence-spending over the next five years "in accordance with the situation" (Bellevue).
- Wholehearted support for the American communications station at North-West Cape (Moorman Park).
- The re-introduction of National Service training (Corowa-Waddi Forest).
- The League is to continue to press for the sealing of the Eyre-highway.

ABOVE: Air Marshal Sir Frederick Schurger is seen addressing delegates on aspects of Commonwealth defence. At left is National President A. J. Lee and at right State President Lonnie.

BELOW: Seen relaxing during a tea-adjournment are, from left, Miss S. White (Returned Sisters), Mr. F. Gomm (Albany), Miss S. Perry (Returned Ex-Servicewomen) and Dr. A. W. Riseborough (Norsemann).
DID YOU KNOW . . . .
(asks C. R. Collins)

- SARAWAK, the Borneo territory which will be included in the federation of Malaya, is the only part of the federation to be ruled by white rajahs. The first of these, James Brooke, had served in the first Burmese War as an officer and was a British Government purchased the neighbouring islands of Labuan, Brunei and Sarawak in 1841. In 1877, the British Rajah was appointed Governor and Chief Consul in Borneo and the Rajah became a British protectorate ever since. Brooke revisited England and in his absence in 1877 and £30,000 when his father died, he bought a yacht and returned to Borneo. There he helped the Sultan of Sarawak to suppress a rebellion. In 1883, he became the third white rajah. He named Brooke his heir and hereditary rajah. The latter capacity Brooke put down the firing squad. They were.

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- Michel Ney, whom Napoleon called "the bravest and most generous of the French army" and whose first abdication Ney took service under the restored Bourbon. When Napoleon escaped from Elba and reentered France Ney was appointed to re- fuse to recapture him but then, when they came in sight of Napoleon, Ney and the whole force deserted to the Bourbon. Ney had distinguished himself in command of the rearguard during Napoleon's surrender to the Allies after the water. In 1815, the thrones were occupied by Bex and they are a wonderful product. Last week I woke during the night with the most fright- ful pain and throbbing in my big toe. I thought I had a gout in it. However, after three hours with no sleep, I got up and took just one Bex powder and within ten minutes the pain had eased and I don't remember going to sleep, it was so quick.

Plan For Laying-up Of Famed Colours

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custody of the colours and if the units were re-activated was to hand them back immediately.

Information on the preservation was being sought in Sweden, which with Russia was among the few countries with much knowledge of the colours of the 3rd Light Horse, 11th, 28th and 49th Battalion Associations.

Brigadier Arnold Potts (Kogonup) said the units concerned were to be laid at the disposal of other troops where they would carry on the story told on the plaques in the "under- ground telling room".

The record of the units would be made much more secure by the laying-up of the colours there, he said.

They would then be seen by people from all over the world as a great many of the people passing through the State each year visited the memorial.

He raised the initiative with the State officers of the council and its chairman, Mr E. MacLeod, in the matter.

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New Safeguard In Benefits Claims

In future any claimant's statement on repatriation benefits claims will be verified: continuous.

As a result of Resolution No. 102 of the 1961 National Congress have resulted in additional safeguards for applicants.

The Repatriation Department will shortly amend the medical history sheet to ensure a correct record of statements made.

The resolution in question asked that, to provide a safeguard for any applicant for repatriation benefits from the misattribution of any statement given to a clerical or medical officer of the department on any form in connection with an application, the statement be read back to the applicant, or repeated by the officer concerned, and then correct, signed and dated by the applicant, and countersigned by the officer concerned. As is done when an applicant supplies a statement on Repatriation Form "D." In his letter, agreeing to the revised form, Repatriation Minister Mr. Backhouse said: "I note that the resolution distinguishes between statements given to departmental officers, and those made to medical officers, presumably during clinical examinations.

"In the first category, where the normal practice of my department is to seek the applicant to complete, in his own handwriting, a claim form, I am satisfied with support of an application for benefits.

"There is an exception where the applicant, because of infirmity, physical disability, or for some other reason, is prevented from doing so. In such a case, the statement is recorded and read over, and the member is asked if he wishes to alter it.

"In the case of medical examinations associated with repatriation, a provision already exists for ex-service men, if they wish, to make statements.

"In practice not all ex-service men take advantage of this, but it is there. It is made partly because, in the past, as appears from earlier correspondence, some branches of the League have encouraged ex-service men not to make statements in support of their claims."

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Annual Shoot
Won By
C.M.F. Team

The annual triangular shoot at Geraldton for the H.V. Mountfort Memorial Trophy has been won by the C.M.F. for the second consecutive year. The C.M.F. scored 320 points, to win from the R.S.L. and the police, who scored 381 points each. Stan Edwards (R.S.L.) scored 80 out of 100, while Capt. R.G. Bohan (C.M.F.) was next best with 77. The shoot perpetuates the memory of the late Mr. Hubert Mountain, who was a life member of the R.S.L.

Beltmore Helps
In Tragedy

The Beltmore sub-branch is to the fore again. Just after the shocking tragedy in Mouse, Constable Hazel and Mr. McDougall lost their lives, the sub-branch was the first to suggest to the Belmont Shire Council the organising of a public appeal for the widows. The sub-branch itself raised £60 for the appeal. This effort was made on top of several other amelioration commitments, which only goes to show what an energetic sub-branch can do. There is no such word as "can't" in the Belmont sub-branch lexicon.

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Annual Conference Highlights

This year's annual conference of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary was opened on July 8 by the State President, Mrs. E.A. Ames, who said that the spirit of the branches in general was exemplary.

Before delivering her report as Auxiliary State President, Mrs. E.A. Ames introduced the Auxiliary State President, Mrs. L. Morgan, who served the sub-branch for the conference and who presented the trophies. Mrs. Morgan brought greetings of entertainment from the N.S.W., Victorian and South Australian auxiliaries.

Also present was Mrs. R. Hutchinson, M.L.C., representing the Leader of the Opposition.

Cheques for $850/5/3 were presented by the National Allied Workers' War Veterans' Home maintenance Fund and for $100 to the Melbourne branch of Canadian Housekeeper endowed Home. The donation, by Mrs. Ames, of Mesdames Fuchsia and Boyd of Yarloop as Country Vice-Presidents was approved by the conference.

Attendance at this year's conference social was the highest ever. The evening programme included dancing to excellent music provided by the Ballarat band, arranged by Mrs. Brown, and the Unit Coordination, who presented a ballet from the Beltmore sub-branch.

The following day country delegates were transported by bus—provided by the Red Cross—over to潮流 Hospital where they entertained the injured personnel of war. A home-cooked luncheon was supplied by auxiliary members.

Mrs. G. Whittemore, representing the Mrs. Blombye, of the Department of Government Insurance, outlined the current contestive policy on offer to the auxiliaries.

Proposals were for the policies to be operated through the State Executive with all premiums to be paid by it and all claims to be made through head office.

Members would have insurance cover whenever on auxiliary business or at public meetings.

Arms And The Man

A motion calling for a ban on the display of arms in future Anzac Day marches was carried at the annual meeting of the Australian Women's Auxiliary. The State President said the display of arms was not in keeping with the spirit of the Anzac Day parade. Mrs. Webb, speaking on behalf of the Auxiliary, said the display of arms was not in keeping with the spirit of the parade. Mrs. Webb, speaking on behalf of the Auxiliary, said the display of arms was not in keeping with the spirit of the parade. Mrs. Webb, speaking on behalf of the Auxiliary, said the display of arms was not in keeping with the spirit of the parade.

The motion was passed by a show of hands.

Making Lists of War II Men

The League is to endeavor to have district lists drawn up of all personnel who enlisted for service during World War II and in Korea. This was decided by Congress on the motion of the Boulder sub-branch.

The preparation of the lists is to be made available to enable the listing of suitable memorials in shire and municipal halls throughout the State. Secretary Webb said the committee was impressed by the number of people who had volunteered to work on the committee. She said the committee was impressed by the number of people who had volunteered to work on the committee. She said the committee was impressed by the number of people who had volunteered to work on the committee. She said the committee was impressed by the number of people who had volunteered to work on the committee. She said the committee was impressed by the number of people who had volunteered to work on the committee.

Men From "Sunset"

Entertained

On July 31 the Kenniwick club entertained a squad of veterans from Sunset Home.

The party was well received by the Kenniwick members and back to Kenniwick for an enjoyable night, being supplied by the ladies, with a social to follow in the evening.

The weather remained fine for the outing.

A number of them had enjoyed visiting Kenniwick and were looking forward to a repeat-performance next year.
The RSL State congress last month unanimously rejected recommendations by two of the League's national leaders aimed at improving relations with Indonesian ex-service men.

Representatives of various sub-branches were invited to the 13th Australian Memorial Gates at the White Gum Valley School of Arts on Saturday July 7.

The ceremony formed part of a parent's day program in which were presented an interesting and enjoyable concert and display of entitled trees for Arbor Day.

A delay in the completion of the memorial project which was caused by Government-freezing of funds during and after World War II, was explained.

Speaking at the opening of the gates Mr. F. Lavory, recalled the stirring character of Captain James Morgan who was a teacher at the school prior to World War I, and as headmaster afterwards on excursions to his children, their parents and local citizens.

Mr. J. A. Faulkner, of the Bathurst Volunteer Association, said Captain Morgan was an original officer of the RSL and had been severely wounded at Gallipoli and in hospital but later joined the British Army for further service.

The State Executive was represented by Mr. A. May; Capt. Morgan's daughter (Penny and Claremont) were represented by Mr. Ern McDonald and Mr. K. J. Jones respectively.

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ated or undecorated.

All stand shoulder to shoulder in that great spirit of comradeship which has inspired 2,500,000 ex-service col-
leagues throughout the Commonwealth to unite in the League to fight for all that is good in the democratic community at large, and thus lending weight to the common efforts of the League as a whole.

This is the factor which places the real importance of the individual, the men and the women, who compose its membership. It is a fostering of opinions in all things, but yet wholly united with their common cause.

The League has divided itself into affiliated members of a commonalty of freedom and faith, whose one aim is to a common effort to develop Australia and the British Commonwealth on the lines of individual and national liberties.

It is a significant tribute to the purpose of the League that it has never needed to raise widespread public support in its policy of national development.

The only opposition with which it has ever had to contend is that inherent in all human action, or more aptly. But although the loudest voices are at any time, the insistent demands of the League have remained firm.

The R.S.L. is not an organisation simply to accept sub-
missions and demands from its members in return for a badge with which they wear in the public eye the fact that they served overseas.

It is an instrument to be used for the enlightenment of all Australians.

The problems of widows and orphans are members today because they have come to appreciate that their sacrifices in previous wars were not in vain.

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It is a fact that there are many millions of Australians who have had nothing to do with R.S.L. sub-branches, many of whom are long-suffering and without a voice in the society.

The League enjoys democratic control of its affairs, which is a condition of its existence.

The sub-branches formulate resolutions, the Imperial League, the State Executive, and the Federal Congress. The State Executive of the League is controlled by the State Congress, composed of delegates elected by Congress and charged with administering the pol-

having the right to have one's voice heard. This system confers on every member a right to have one's voice heard. The delegate system is a new development in recent years.

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"I appreciate greatly the friendship that was ex-

tended to me.

Yours sincerely,

A. E. Buchanan.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEMBER

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Perth. President: W. L. Marks. 21 Chalmers Avenue,
Florence Park 8.30 p.m. President: S. M. Johnston, 48
Sutherland. Secretary: O. C. Young, 43 Bargon Road,
Subiaco.

16TH BATTALION A.I.P. - President: Mrs. Ketter.
190 Adelaide-terrace, Perth. Secretary, Mrs. F. Gray
Bartle, 42 Camden-street, Mount Lawley.

2/16TH BATTALION A.I.P. ASSOCIATION - President:
J. Plozza, 48 Royal Albert, Tuart Hill. Secretary, L. R.
Chalmers, 11 Keppel Street, South Fremantle. Phone 8-7195.

69 Alexandra Road, Como: "Pigeon Post" quarterly with notice of
meetings. President: R. W. G. Westfall, 16 Gravel Place
(Melville. (21) 0161. 29 2709 private.

28TH BATTLESHIP ASSOCIATION - Committee meets
Anzac House, when called. Secretary, J. Plozza, 48 Royal
Albert, Tuart Hill. Secretary, L. R. Chalmers, 11 Keppel
Street, South Fremantle. Phone 8-7195.

28TH BATTLESHIP-24TH ANTI-TANK COY. ASSOCIA-
TION - Committee meets Anzac House Retirement, when
called. Secretary, B. Goggan, 17 Elizabeth-Bay Waters
(71 3745),

Annual Re-Union 1928 Sunday 9th Week.

2/22 BATTLESHIP ASSOCIATION (W.A.) - President:
I. R. Hamilton, Var-a-street, Morley Park. Secretary, R. N.
Chalmers, 11 Keppel Street, South Fremantle. Phone 8-7195.
Secretary, I. R. Hamilton. 2nd Avenue, South Fremantle.

4/22 BATTLESHIP ASSOCIATION - Meetings at Anzac
House Retirement, when called. Annual Re-Union Show Week President, S. Powell, 2nd Avenue, South Fremantle.

1ST BATTALION A.I.P. ASSOCIATION - Meetings when
called. Secretary, R. A. Wood, 35 Tarragota Street,
Nedlands (86-5594),

President: J. O. Lloyd. Secretary, W. S. Lewis, (71 1925).

2/40 BATTALION A.I.P. ASSOCIATION - President, E
Fraser, 3 Alexander-street, Wembley (87 1544),

Secretary, E. Fraser, 3 Alexander-street, Wembley.

32ND BATTALION (A.I.F.) ASSOCIATION - President:
R. H. Deacon, 64 St George Street, Cambridge Street.
Secretary, C. L. Shaw, 11 Clive-road, Perth, (71 3111).

32ND BATTALION A.I.F. - Committee meetings as called.
Annual Re-Union nearest Friday to last Tuesday.

GALLIPOLI LEGION OF ANZACS - Meets second
Tuesday. Campbell Street and Murray Street. Perth, 6 p.m.
President, J. M. Mason Secretary, D. Black (859-3258,

COUNCIL OF UNIT ASSOCIATIONS - President, E. MacLeod,
55 McLeod-road, Applecross (64 1033) Secretary, T. C. C.
Hart, 5th Avenue, Cockburn. Committee meetings are called.

ROKAIAN VETERANS' ASSOCIATION - president,
W. H. Stobie, 109 Hennessy-street, Subiaco (18 2334) or 30
1185. Secretary, J. Boxall, Flat 7, "Monterey", 120. Canning-
highway and Arndale-street. Annual Meetings held at Gage-street
Claremont third Tuesday.

GALLIPOLI LEGION OF ANZACS - Meets in Y.A.L.
Rooms, Perth, 9 p.m. President, M. E. McMillan, 11 North
Road, Bassendean. Secretary, G. D. Shaw. (71 715).

BATTLESHIP ASSOCIATION - Meetings are called.
Secretary, W. Q. Ellinor, 5th Avenue, Cockburn. Secretary,
W. G. Morrison, 16th Avenue, Claremont. Secretary,
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Some Candidates Have Come Forward, But More Are Wanted

Although considerable interest is being shown in this year's Miss Crowning Glory quest only 20 organisations so far have nominated candidates.

Last year 41 candidates were nominated, and by August the names of over 20 candidates had been submitted.

It is confidently hoped that this year's effort will raise at least as much as last year—£6,436—and sub-
branches and other interested organisations are urged to hurry along their nominations.

The R.S.L. War Veterans' Home and Legacy rely to a
very large extent on the returns of Miss Crowning Glory competitions and the past four years the amount raised has passed the £250,000 mark.

Of the candidates nominated up to date six are from outside the metropolitan area and five from the country. Usually the list works out to 60 per cent from city areas.

A distribution of this sort has the effect of spreading the revenue over a wide area of the State, with
nothing too much responsibility on any particular section.

Sub-branch executive officers are urged to make every possible effort to nominate a candidate at least every second year, if that practice could be properly organised it would guarantee the success of the competition for many years to come.

A Further Account Of Richthofen's Death

The following account of the death of Richthofen comes from Mr John R. Blossome (of Turrnup) who served in World War I with the 44th Battalion, A.I.F.

The July 10 issue of The Western Australian contained an account by George Leslie Dunn of the fall of the "Red Baron Richthofen" in 1918.

Then this happened, the 44th Battalion was back near Corbie for a rest, and was dug in on the face of a steep hill.

Richthofen appeared, flying south along the hill, low down, until he reached the southern limit of our encampment where a rocky spur made it unsuitable for

camping. Then he made a sharp left turn, almost grounding at A Co's trench half-way up.

He then turned left again, back to his starting-point at the base of the hill, then left again and continued straight up the hill until he grounded, near the cement factory.

Richthofen was found dead under his left arm pit, showing under his right shoulder.

Richthofen could not have received that wound while flying west up the hill, but only while making a turn from any other angle, and since he did not fire a shot on his west-east runs it is reasonable to conclude that he was already dead.

New Sub-branch Being Formed

It is intended to form a new sub-branch of the R.S.L. to cater for eligible ex-servicemen and women in the Karrinyup and Innaloo districts.

The sub-branch will be known as Karrinyup, and the creation of a women's auxiliary is also contemplated to work in conjunction with the branch.

Those interested are invited to contact Mr L. P. Chaffey, 21 Murray-way, Karrinyup.