Mr. Lonnie Enters His 10th Term Of Office

The State President, Mr. W. S. Lonnie, was returned to office unopposed at this year's elections at Congress to enter his tenth year of office.

A few days before Congress he had visited Dumbleyung on his 1,100th visit to a sub-branch as State President.

Congratulating him on his reappointment the State Senior Vice-President, Mr. Percy Pearson, said Mr. Lonnie had done much to elevate and maintain the status of the League in the eyes of Governments, the armed services and the public as a whole.

In reply Mr. Lonnie said he hoped the guiding star that had led State Presidents in the past would continue to lead him.

Vice-Presidents

In the vice-presidential election, with seven candidates contesting the two positions, Messrs. P. Pearson and R. J. Stodart were re-elected to the senior and junior positions respectively.

League Trustees

In the ballot for the three League Trustees Messers. S. A. Macnamara, H. A. Leslie and J. A. Rolfe were named in that order.

Executive

The 18 members chosen from the 25 listed candidates for election to the State Executive were:

ANZAC DAY FOOTBALL

The R.S.L. is to ask the Anzac Day Trust to approach the W.A. National Football League with a request that it conduct a normal split round of Anzac Day fixtures when that day falls on a weekday.

This was decided at Congress on the motion of the Murray sub-branch.

Congress also endorsed a Midland Junction motion urging metropolitan sub-branches holding services on the morning of Anzac Day to complete the service by 9.30 o'clock.

ANZAC Day next year falls on a Sunday.

Voice Of Congress

Another State Congress of the League has been held, bringing in its train those annual renewals of acquaintanceship that link members from all parts of the State, and beyond, in comradeship.

This year's gathering, the 48th, was typical in that respect; points as far north as Derby and as far south as Esperance—and all points in between—were represented there.

The business was comprehensive, but expeditiously handled, so that it was possible to avoid night sessions.

Congress was officially opened by the Premier, Mr. Brand, who is pictured below holding a framed State Warden's Certificate for presentation to Sir Frank Ledger, whose term as chief custodian of the State War Memorial expires on November 11.

Mr. J. E. Mitchell was reappointed auditor.

Central: Mr. A. Badger.

Eastern Goldfields: Mr. F. H. Meyers.

West Coastal: Mr. L. J. Nesbit.

All but the last-named were reappointed and the appointments were confirmed by Congress.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Organising For Success

NORMAN LOWE, Publicity Officer, Belmont sub-branch: Recently I attended the Auxiliary Social at Anzac House on July 14. A party of 42 was representing the Belmont sub-branch.

During the evening I and most of our members were repeatedly asked what was the success of our sub-branch why were so well represented and other branches were not.

To all we replied that at Belmont we all worked as a team and if the auxiliary put on shows and needed our support they got it, and the same applied with all our sub-branch functions.

Our meeting nights are also the meeting nights of the auxiliary, said husband and wife wish to attend they can do so.

Our membership at the July meeting was 200. Previous to this our members were a bit slow at rejoining so presented Steve Smith and secretary Harold Haines decided to apply the personal touch and visited a number of unfinancial members.

Within two weeks we had gained 18 members. This is the type of spirit that brings success to a sub-branch.

THE MOTTO
Our motto has always been to keep our membership busy and to this end I quote our calendar of events for July:
2nd and 16th—visit to Hamilton.
7th—Committee meeting.
14th—auxiliary social.
20th—general meeting.
22nd—party night, Anzac House.
25th—carnival dance.
26th—entertaining Lem brows and Edward Miller patients.
31st—social evening, War Veterans’ Home, Mt. Lawley.

All our committee have important jobs to do and when the call goes out for some function we each know what members to get in touch with to make the job a success.

To other sub-branches our advice is: try to keep your members busy. Fifty members all from Belmont sub-branch!

Sick Canadian Has Hobby

J. KEUL, 130 Cumming street, Port William, Ontario, Canada: I just came home from the hospital after my third heart attack. I am also a diabetic. I am 38 years old and an army veteran.

As I have no money to buy material for my hobbies and I will be unable to work for a long time could you please let me know who is in the hospital and asked them very much. Thank you.

I know a few Australians when I was in the army, and they were right guy and I admired them very much. Thank you.

I collect every kind of stamp and first-day covers. A fellow-Veteran in the hospital started me collecting these and it is an interesting pastime.

Bullet In Body For 20 Years

A soldier of the 11th Gurkha Rifles Regimental Training Centre, Dehra Dun, has just made what looks like a medical history.

A bullet that had remained in his right thigh for 20 years came out recently without surgical assistance.

Subedar Ganju Lama, who won the Victoria Cross during the World War II in the 7th Gurkha Rifles in Burma.

In June of that year, during an attack, he attacked and destroyed two Japanese tanks with an infantry anti-tank gun and was himself severely wounded by enemy machine gun fire.

One bullet lodged in his thigh and defied the doctors' effort to remove it. Last March Ganju Lama developed a swelling on the bullet scar and effectively treated what he took to be a boil with hot poultices.

The bullet, which popped out of his leg, is to be placed in the regimental museum.

WILDFLOWERS: The State Government has agreed to a proposal for holding a one-day wildflower tour for Eastern State visitors on next year’s ex-P.O.W. reunion.

Invitation to...

RSL Family Participation

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Settler (65) Hopes To Renew Friendships

A retired N.S.W. Circuit Judge who has just come to this State with four sons, with the idea of taking up land at Esperance is hopeful of renewing friendships he made with many West Australians during the Great War.

He is Frederick Witten Berne (65) of Mt. Colah (about 20 miles from Sydney) and he has supplied the following address:

For Registrator Esperance.

Judge Berne served with the 8th Field Battery. In a letter written about May, 1919, to a friend in W.A., he said:

“We have sold our out home here and are leaving for the west on Saturday. I will be making my home in Esperance and would like to contact any old war- pals of the 8th and 26th batteries.

“I am most enthusiastic about my new life and so are the family and a lot of my friends.

“All of us in N.S.W. Invariably have a high regard for the people of W.A., and so are friendly and so easily make a visitor feel at home.

OPPORTUNITIES

“If they all knew of the golden opportunities that exist in W.A. they would all be making a rush, like us, to get over there permanently.

“I am very concerned that you take all steps before it is too late to preserve your wildflowers; otherwise they surely suffer untill, in the twinkle of an eye you will soon that, like us over here, you will have nothing left to protect.

“Personally, I consider any person mad not to want to live in W.A. as opposed to any other State. You’ve heard every thing—Esperance has an assured rainfall and a simply marvellous climate.

“I am so enthusiastic about it that I wouldn’t mind helping a real estate agent for the W.A. land bureau.

“I hope to get a lot of sheep. I have had experience and love it. It is a little isolated and one has many discomforts, but he bore them and endure. One is not really isolated and certainly all ways has plenty of company of a weekend.

“The life generally is a pleasant holiday compared to the life on an outback property where all have real hardships to endure such as the heat, the dust and the flies and lack of good drinking water, and on a 200-square-mile station one is really isolated and never has any company, but for the next-door neighbour we weigh not be over 100 miles away.

“Many set at Esperance complains of his alleged hardships and lack of conformity of life. It is really a goldmine and the W.A. Government is very kind and good to get public buses and free education and a person would be very peculiar if he had any thought at grinding at his lot.

“Would be very hard to please and should see the life that the real farmers in N.S.W. and Queens—land had to put up with.”

The concluding paragraphs the Judge refers as follows to his former “sub-section O.C.” Sgt. Pologer of the Mudgee district: “I suppose like myself the old so-and-so is getting pretty groggy—and don’t alone from S.B.D. rum.”

BACKSLIDERS

By determination of Congress three years ago the League’s membership committee was required to send out its reminders of unpaid subscriptions during the month of September each year.

This year delegates agreed to a submission by Mr. J. Holland on behalf of the Suburban City sub-branch that the time of sending out notices to members should be left to the discretion of the committee.
Demand For Greater
Defence Readiness

Congress was in a demanding mood when debating national defence issues this year. It demanded, for instance, that the Commonwealth Government take all necessary defence action to enable Australia to comply fully with its treaty obligations and pledges to other countries.

A Mr. Barker sub-branch motion to that effect was carried unanimously.

Consideration of defence motions took up the whole of the first afternoon and night. The delegate, with the disturbed state of South-East Asia in mind, asked for a greater proportion of national defence effort.

Introducing a Coorow-Waddi Forest motion for full endorsement of the National Defence Committee's efforts to secure more adequate defence of Australia—with particular reference to the needs of W.A.—Mr. M. Williams said much was being made of the mobility of Australia's defence forces.

If mobility were to be the keynote, he said, any forces stationed in W.A. could be quickly moved away should the need arise.

Western Australia was a great disadvantage at present and something should be done about it.

DISTURBED

Supporting the motion, Dr. H. H. Harran (regional vice-president for the northern areas of the State) said that wherever he went in the north he found the sub-branches disturbed at the defence position: Mr. Flanagan was also fully endorsed. Referring to the proximity of the North-East and the North-West to South-East Asia, he called for the establishment of a naval base in W.A. and the stationing there of adequate naval, military and air forces.

Mr. Flanagan said no sane Australian could fail to be disturbed by the apparent impotence of the nation. The Australian defence vote (perhaps £100 million) had been compared with the United Kingdom (about £400 million) and the United States (about $1 billion). A close alliance with the United States was vital to Australia and in partnership the Australian contribution should be proportionately equal, he said.

THE NEED

The defence forces should be strengthened now, he said, and not strength that attracted enemies.

Mr. S. Power (Maidens) said that military and overseas service should be brought to bear on the Commonwealth and State Governments for a greater defence effort.

He said a Neptune squadron had been removed from the State of W.A. where there had been no naval personnel here to warrant its retention.

There were some extremely urgent requirements, he said, in all Australian Parliaments but it was about time they woke up to the present defence needs, particularly in W.A.

TRAINING PLAN

At the request of the State President a motion from the Baker's Hill-Clackline sub-branch seeking the introduction of National Service training was amended to read: "That the League continue to press for the introduction of selective national service training."

Mr. Lonnie said that for the last three years the League, at the national level, had been pressing for the adoption of a selective training system based on an annual estimate of the numbers required to maintain the forces at an appropriate level.

The selective principle was to operate numerically and not as between persons.

One of the weaknesses of the old training scheme, he went on, was that trainees were under no obligation to serve overseas if required. That weakness was being rectified.

The New Zealand Government about four years ago has press-ganged universal call-ups in favour of a selective system carrying the obligation of overseas service.

That principle was the present basis of the League's submissions on that the service be training. In mind was an annual training call-up of about 12,000 youths at a cost of about £12,000,000 annually.

Mr. A. Badger (North) and Mr. E. H. Hills (North) argued that increasing commitments that could involve sending servicemen abroad made the necessity for training adequate numbers all the more cogent.

Otherwise the mainland defence forces might be left undermanned.

TIME FACTOR

Mr. H. J. Sykes (Kondinin) said today's situation was the same as in the two world wars. It involved a time factor for getting men into training.

There was an obligation on youth of today to see that they were able to defend their country, he said.

The amended motion was endorsed.

Other motions supported sought:

- The encouragement of cadet training in high schools.
- To encourage high school students to consider the armed services as a vocation.
- Instruction in first-aid at all high schools.
- Closer Commonwealth-State co-operation for northern development.
- The continuation of Commonwealth assistance to rifle clubs.
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PRESIDENT REPORTS TO CONGRESS

Plans For Coming Year

A feature of the State President’s annual report at Congress this year was the outline he gave of State branch projects for the coming year. They are:

- The erection of ten Darby and Joan Cottages at the War Veterans’ Home to assist in the housing of aged couples.
- The extension of the scheme to major country centres, with sub-branch co-operation.
- To collaborate with the Fairbridge Society in the reception and accommodation of young widows from the United Kingdom with children.
- To seek Congress approval to raise and expend funds to intensify the League’s youth welfare work.
- The unveiling of the Desert Mounted Corps memorial at Albany.
- The laying of Regimental Colours in the State War Memorial.
- Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing.
- Attention to all the Good Samaritan activities.

Other points made by the State President included the following:

ANZAC DAY
The 49th anniversary was most impressive and attendance at all centres in W.A. showed an increase on previous years. The Education Department’s Anzac Day ceremony continued to be the outstanding service of its nature in Australia.

The number of ex-servicemen on parade was still increasing each year.

The presence of the Armed Forces was an essential part of the parade and must be maintained.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Remembrance Day has been observed in fitting manner by many people, though still good needed stimulating.

WAR MEMORIAL
W.A. was the only State branch in Australia which accepted responsibility for the memorial, raising all capital and running costs.

VETERANS’ HOME
The home continued to provide service, housing 88 aged Diggers and some 25 women. It was the greatest achievement of the R.S.L. in W.A. to date, $229,000 raised and spent—and was the finest of the kind in Australia and beyond.

Mr. Lonnie thanked Major Howes and staff for their services. A recreation centre was to be built as a separate building there.

CROWNING GLORY
The Miss Crowning Glory Contest was entered by its sixth year. Proceeds shared by Legacys and the R.S.L. to date totalled $27,000.

FINANCE
The finances had continued on a sound footing although the year’s expenditure in the General Account had exceeded income by some $500. Assets however had increased in value.

State branch assets now stood at over $500,000 and all of this without any increase in subscription.

WELFARE
Demand for relief was increasing and the Welfare Committee was one of the hard-working of the State Executive’s committees. Assistance had been given over the last ten years had exceeded $160,000—a remarkable record of service to those needing help.

ANZAC CLUB
Progress with the club had been satisfactory and the financial position sound. Good service was given to patrons although the advancement of club facilities were not available by many financial members.

Rentals continued to be satisfactory.

BUILDING SOCIETY
This had functioned efficiently since its inception, with $175,000 raised and advanced to home owners—mainly ex-service people not eligible for War Service Homes assistance.

LAND SETTLEMENT
Leaseholds were not required from the Land Committee as the number of cases submitted was decreasing sharply. Ex-service land matters were still being watched and representation made to Commonwealth and State Governments whenever the occasion warranted.

REPATRIATION
The activities of the committee and the Pension Officers, Mr. Harry Hall, were continually increasing.

Mr. Hall had handed 757 appeals during this year.

HOSPITALS
The work of the Hospital Visiting Corps was an amazing example of devoted service by a band of elderly men and women during this year.

Over 1,400 individual visits had been carried out. The Corps needed recruiting urgently.

AUXILIARY
The Women’s Auxiliary continued its good work and given splendid support to the raising of funds. Its Miss Crowning Glory and hospital-visiting efforts had been outstanding.

More members were required. The Auxiliary had been entirely responsible for raising the State R.S.L. quota in the Dunroon Memorial appeal.

MEMBERSHIP
Many eligible men and women were still not members, a situation difficult to understand.

Every member should become a one-man membership committee.

There should be personal pride in bringing in new-comers.

New fields of membership covered British, American, Dutch, Greek and Polish migrants and those already settled in the community.

There were new sub-branches at Exmouth and Williams, and that at Meekatharra had been re-formed.
Housing Questions Soon Dealt With

Only seven motions of the War Service Homes section of the Congress agenda came under discussion this year. Four were carried (two by way of reaffirmation of policy), two were referred to the State Executive for further consideration, and one withdrawn because the principle involved was already in operation.

Somewhat new ground was broken in a motion emanating from the State Executive. It asked that the owning of a holiday cottage be used solely for recreational purposes should cease to be a bar to eligibility for assistance under the War Service Homes Act.

The State Housing Commission officer representing the Director of War Service Homes, Mr P. P. Herlihy, who was present by request of the League, said that such a cottage would not be barred its owner from a loan provided it was deemed, upon permanent occupancy. If quite habitable and not sub-standard it was barred under the Act.

There were many cases in which a beach cottage had been accepted as security for a War Service Homes loan, Mr Herlihy said.

Mr H. G. HOLDER (City of Perth): There is a question as to distance of the cottage from the owner's place of employment. We want a complete review of the position.

The motion was carried.

Congress also agreed to a motion submitted by the State Executive and phrased: "That the War Service Homes Act be amended to include the right of members of the Dominions forces resident in Australia prior to enlistment to move to a cottage, if desired, under the Act."

Mr G. A. Stoddart cited the case of an applicant refused because, while serving with the British forces, he had not served outside the United Kingdom. He considered the Act should be adhered to as it stood.

The State President said he thought the annual review of the Act since 1918. But the interpretation given by successive Directors had been such that the service was to be service in a combat area.

R.S.L. Wins Shoot

This year's annual Triangular Shoot at Geraldton has been won by the R.S.L. with the C.M.F. second and the Police Force third.

Individual honours went to Lieutenant John Urwin (C.M.F.), with 90 out of 120 points, and Constable Bob Masters with three points less.

Identity Cards

A motion from the Mundijong - Jarrahdale sub-branch for the issue of membership cards on request was also accepted as reaffirmation of policy.

Surplus Funds Used At Veterans' Home

About £2,500 of surplus sub-branch money is at present earning interest for the War Veterans' Home.

The money has been placed on trust with League headquarters for the purpose of paying the costs of the meeting. The capital sums can be withdrawn by the sub-branches at short notice.

NGM RIFLE CLUBS

The Bedford-Morley Park sub-branch was successful with a proposal for reprinting the League's Rules, By-laws and Standing Orders.
CONGRESS OPENS: Portion of the gathering in the Anzac House ballroom for the opening of this year's Congress.

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Consideration Given To Repatriation Matters

Under Commonwealth repatriation legislation enacted about two years ago Australians who serve with the armed forces in special areas outside Australia qualify for repatriation benefits.

Delegates to Congress this year were told by the Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation, Mr A. H. Panton, during discussion of a Northamption motion for extending repatriation benefits to members of the forces in peacetime. Mr Panton said the benefits applied to anyone who had been engaged on warlike operations in a peace-claimed area, as well as operational.

The motion was withdrawn. A Tooday motion that the dependants of Voyager disaster victims be put on the same warlike sitation victims was referred to the incoming State Executive for inquiry.

Mr Panton said those who had served on the Voyager came under the provisions of the Commonwealth Employees Workers' Compensation Act.

The usual dental benefit under that Act was £3,000, he said. It could be useful to inquire as to whether those benefits were adequate.

DEATH COVER

Congress agreed to a motion stemming from the Victoria Park sub-branch that repatriation benefits be made available in respect of members of the forces killed while on warlike operations.

A motion from Midland Junction for Service and Disability pensioners to receive a percentage of Federal basic wage increases was amended to read: "Congress requests the National Executive to investigate in detail the New Zealand system of a periodical review based on an index of "cost of living " and carried.

Mr Lonnie said the New Zealand system was introduced recently and involved a twocently and involved a two-yearly review.

League policy was reaffirmed by the adoption of a motion from the Merredin sub-branch seeking to extend service pension rights to ex-Imperial service men with a 20-year residential qualification. Mr Panton stated the motion which the department acted on as a British authority. Any ex-Imperial suffering from a war-caused disability should approach the department which could then negotiate.

When treatment was authorised the department here carried out any necessary War veterans and the granting of pensions was done on the same lines.

HOSPITAL CARE

The State President said the federation in the League's long-range plans was repatriation hospital treatment for Australian War service men when their injury or mental disability was war caused.

About £40,400 in honor payments was calculated by the British authorities for all Australian Goldwater's, with the Government to raise the estimated £19,000,000. The Federation was no point in wading the request at the moment.

In the light of Mr Lonnie's explanation that the state's hospital treatment were withdrawn and one or two others referred to the State Executive for examination.

Mr Panton said that Midland Junction sub-branch was successful in getting the hospital treatment paid for by the Government of about £19,000,000. There seemed to be a point in widening the request at the moment.

In the light of Mr Lonnie's explanation several motions for an extension of hospital treatment were withdrawn and one or two others referred to the State Executive for examination.

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OLD PEOPLE

In a submission by the Nllandans sub-branch the State Executive was asked to establish the establishment of a home for elderly pensioners requiring daily dinner care but not hospital care.

Moving its adoption Mr. G. K. Baron-Hay said the subject was involved, and concern in two groups two as large as 1,000 and service pensioners.

Service pensioners formed the larger group and were interested in having them get into a suitable establishment.

Mr Baron-Hay said it seemed advantageous from the viewpoint of companionship alone to think in terms of hospital care to fairly large groups.

A problem with existing institutions was how some beds available for service people. Both the State and the Commonwealth had been concerned in the general problem and there seemed to be a need for the two agencies to work together for the pensioners.

Mr PANTON: We have an agreement with this. There are over 150 aged service pensioners at Hollywood, and many others in C-class hospitals.

The motion was carried.

AIR-CONDITIONING

Congress agreed to a motion from the Milner sub-branch seeking to have all wards at the Hollywood Repatriation Hospital air-conditioned.

Recounting progress to date Mr Panton said Ward 1 had been almost completed. The estimated cost of £8,000 had been obtained for air-conditioning Ward 1, and the cost estimated for air-conditioning Ward 2 was £10,000. Mr Panton said the ward was due for air-conditioning and was not being given as an isolated operation in all other wards.

Contracts had been let for two new operating theatres to cost £50,000.

Sub-branch With Much To Offer

The City of Perth sub-branch provides its members with many amenities which, because its numbers are increasing steadily, will be shared by more members this year.

But there are still a few who have yet to renew their financial crowns.

The A.R.M.S. team can be congratulated on winning all games played up to the end of July and Mr W. Hood, the sub-branch sports director, is hoping this year to make them comfortable on top instead of playing second fiddle.

The sub-branch congratulates its acting temporary group on winning the McKeir Shield this year.

Two nice caravans, which have been purchased for the Cargy Park at Point Peron for use by sub-branch members at a weekly rental.

IMPROVEMENTS

More grass has been planted in that area, an ablation block is being built and electronic services are in the plans for the caravans.

All sites are occupied and the tenants appear happy.

Mr H. Holder hopes to arrange for more sites and Mr J. Hodgson, the caretaker, is keeping the place in a creditable condition.

There is a beach frontage with first-class swimming and boating facilities. Best of all is a safe beach for children.

The sub-branch holds a family day on the second Friday in October, catering for both young and old. Members are urged to attend and enjoy an excellent night’s fun.

Sub-branch meetings on the second Tuesday each month are well attended, though there is room for more.

The Saturday night dances in the Anzac Hall are well attended, and the expense heavy. There is a good benefit and M.C. who conducts old-time dancing.

Take your family or make up a party with your friends.

Support For Victims Of Flooding

The State Executive at its meeting on August 6 voted £100 as a donation to the, Lord Mayor's £200,000 Relief Fund for flood victims in the South-West.

The appeal for funds was launched by the Premier Mr Brand, the same night.

The executive also agreed to request the Collie-Cardiff sub-branch for prompt notification of any specific cases of distress among ex-service people.

In addition it resolved on an approach to the National Executive for further assistance.

The centre hardest hit by the floods at that stage was Collie, with losses estimated at £500,000.

Use For Spare Hearing Aids

The Welfare and Relief Committee of the League is receiving continuous donations from aged members for hearing aids.

Donations of unwanted aids, even if they are not in working order, can be put to good use.
**Good Headway Made With Defence Aims**

To people who asked what tangible results had been secured by the League's National Defence Committee the answer was that seven out of ten of its major submissions had so far been accepted by the Government, Mr Lonnie said at the State Executive meeting on August 6.

Mr Lonnie, who is chairman of the committee, was reporting on proceedings at the National Executive meeting in Canberra earlier in the week.

The Government, he said, had agreed to:
- Exempt C.M.F. pay from income tax,
- The development of two-race C.M.F. forces in New Guinea,
- Improve conditions of service,
- The amendment of the Defence Act to enable C.M.F. forces to be sent out of the country.
- An increased cadet quota.
- The establishment of training bases in New Guinea.
- Expand the Papuan Infantry Regiment from one to three battalions.
- was no longer a purely white unit.
- The new service conditions and rates of pay were the best in the world, and the cost of the Government of the recent increases was about $12,000,000.
- The Government was now building houses in all States for members of the regular forces.

One big aim remained to be achieved—selective national-service training.

The agreement to amend the Defence Act represented a major achievement. The C.M.F. would now become a front-line unit.

The increase in the cadet quota from 35,000 to 50,000 was again due to League persistence. The Government had been persuaded of the importance of the cadets.

Acceptance of the League's plea for more battalions in New Guinea had been encouraging. The forces there must also be supplied with all the supporting weapons that went along with the modern army.

Training exercises were constantly being held at the new island training bases. The C.M.F. there had agreed to front-line unit.

**DISPUTED RETURNS WERE NIL**

In 18 consecutive years' service as the League's honorary returning officer at State branch elections Mr R.H. Bandy has never had a disputed return.

State President Lonnie said this at the conclusion of this year's elections when announcing Mr Bandy's wish by Mr Bandy's return as returning officer and thanking him for his valuable service over a long period.

Formerly Commonwealth Electoral Officer in State branch elections Mr Bandy told delegates he was nearing the 35-year mark.

**MEMORIAL AS SYMBOL OF THE ENDURING**

The State War Memorial had become a symbol of all those enduring things, such as loyalty, freedom and service, on which lasting national pride could be achieved, Sir Frank Ledger said at Congress this year.

He was reporting on his term of office as State Warden, which will terminate on Remembrance Day, and thanked the Assistant-Warden, Mr G.K. Baron-Hay, and sub-wardens (members of the Public Service sub-branch) for their co-operation and assistance.

Further beautification carried out in the memorial surroundings by the Kings Park Board, he said, had tended to attract more and more visitors to the memorial and 40,000 in a weekend was added to the League's responsibilities for maintaining the structures.

The laying-up, the changing of the colours and the return of W.A. battalions had provided an opportunity for creating a beautiful sanctuary.

Sir Frank, who, last Anzac Day, was leading an Australian trade delegation on m.v. Centaur, told delegates that the ship's captain (Capt G. Williams) had readily agreed to his suggestion for holding an Anzac Day dawn service.

Just before dawn, about 1000 miles south-east of Bougainville, the ship's engines had been stopped and all aboard assembled around the swimming pool for the ceremony.

At a blast of the siren the service was read, the flag lowered to half-mast and a wreath of evergreen drooping overboard.

"A simple but most impressive ceremony," commented Sir Frank.

**NEW WARDEN**

Following adoption of the report the appointment of Mr E.S. Watt, O.B.E., as successor to Sir Frank, announced by the State President and endorsed by Congress.

**Visit the Anzac Club lately?**

**Encouraging Newcomers To Join**

A motion seeking the support of the authorities in encouraging eligible migrating to the League was passed at the Congress last month.

Submitting it Mr H. Holland (Applecross) referred to action already taken by the Membership Committee to gain newcomers.

A plan for distributing pamphlets at Fremantle had proved ineffective. Arrangements had since been made for contacting English migrants at the point of entry and it was hoped to do something similar regarding other European migrants.

**Shenton Park Ball Soon**

The Shenton Park sub-branch and the R.A.O.B. are holding a ball on August 21 in the R.A.O.B. Hall.

This Mirror Ball, if successful, could become an annual event and the tickets are-selling rapidly.

To avoid disappointment contact sub-branch secretary George Bringle (117 Herbert-road, Shenton Park—or ring 81973) and reserve your tickets.

Dancing is from 8 till 1 a.m., with novelties, lucky spots and excellent music.

Support your local sub-branch and the Buffs and enjoy a really good evening.
Reply To Approach On Civil Defence

The text of a recent reply by Army Minister Forbes to League representatives for the incorporation of civil-defence training in normal Army training programmes reads as follows:

Training in the A.R.A. and C.M.F. is aimed at preparing the Army for its role in war. While no formal civil-defence training is undertaken by all ranks it is considered that the Army is capable of providing assistance at short notice to civil-defence organisations.

To devote training time, particularly in the C.M.F., to civil-defence activities would be to the detriment of the primary aim of training, the preparation of the Army for war.

As you are aware, in the event of natural disaster the Army already plays a small but significant part in relief operations.

No particular training is required for this. The Army's organisation, communications, equipment and command structure are such that most emergencies can be met without special training.

It is considered that this would also be the case if Army units were required to assist civil-defence organisations in restoring order after a nuclear attack.

Help In The Payment Of Fees

For years the Marble Bar sub-branch has paid the membership fees of its service-pensioner members, and the procedure has proved worthwhile.

Dr H. Hanrahan, national vice-president for the North-West, said this at Congress during discussion of a motion for waiving the membership fees of old-age or service pensioners.

The Norseman delegate said his sub-branch was also subsidising service pensioners.

After other delegates had expressed the view that the question was one for the sub-branches alone the motion was withdrawn.

Stand-in Dads

To all "dads" Sunday, September 6, is Father's Day. To the R.S.L. it has added significance because being Operation Stand-In Day, the day on which home-loving metropolitan fathers become hosts to young naval recruits.

Because of the increased intake at H.M.A.S. Leeuwin, 200 youths from the Eastern States and outlying areas of W.A. must be found "foster parents" who on that day will undertake to collect them at the Leeuwin depot at 11 a.m., entertain them for the day and return them by 6 p.m.

Can you help? Volunteers are invited to contact J. Vaill at R.S.L. headquarters (telephone 22 2771). This appeal needs your immediate response.

Albany Has Trophy For Second Year

The Albany sub-branch has retained the coveted Collett Cup which it won last year for the first time.

The trophy was donated by the late Col H. E. Collett (a former State President) about 30 years ago and is awarded annually to the most efficient country sub-branch.

It was presented at Congress this year—along with the other trophies—by the Lord Mayor of Perth, Mr. C. J. B. Veryard.

The cup is shown below in the proud grasp of Albany sub-branch president Frank Gomm.

The other trophy-winning sub-branches were:

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

Gutha—Mary Cornell Trophy (best Poppy Day figures on a membership basis).

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

Rosa Brook—Rosa Glen—Geraldton Shield (most efficient of smaller country sub-branches).

Membership Pennants were presented to the Albany, Applecross, Busselton, Calingiri, Millen, M.T.T. and Southern Cross sub-branches.
Their Work Appreciated

Among recent deaths of great concern to the Football League were those of Miss Mary Meares, M.B.E., and Mr. C. R. Collins.

Miss Meares, who was 74, was widely known to ex-service men and women of four wars.

She joined the Red Cross in 1914 and was one of the early members of the Volunteer Aid Detachment in this State. She was familiarly known to the troops as "Mary."

Two years later, at the first Anzac Day commemoration in Perth, she organised transport for disabled soldiers and continued as secretary of the organising committee for that service for well over 40 years.

In 1936 Miss Meares was made an M.B.E. in recognition of her services to the Red Cross. She held four World War service ribbons, received the R.S.I. Certificate of Merit and was entitled to wear the King's Coronation, King's Jubilee and Red Cross 25 Years Service ribbons.

Her service to the League was outstanding. She was a member of the Ex-servicewomen's sub-branch for many years and its president from 1949. In that year, also, she was elected to membership of the R.S.I. State Executive and thus became the first woman in Australia to join the governing body of a State branch.

She was a staunch supporter of Torchbearers for Legacy.

"THE SKIPPER"

A soldier, journalist and author, Clarence Richard Collins died on June 3. He was a former member of the State Executive.

In 1929 he terminated his appointment as supernumerary of physical training with the A.M.F. in this State to engage in journalism.

Numerous contributions from his pen have brightened the pages of this and other Australian journals since 1926.

He was at one time associate-editor of "The Listening Post" and his "Did You Know?" column was a widely-read feature until quite recently.

Among his numerous pen-names were "The Skipper" and "Pip Toc."

In the 1950s he turned to broadcasting and became well-known throughout the State with his half-hour Friday afternoon programme "Aid Detachment." Later "Dugout Anecdotes" became equally popular.

For some years before and after the World War he gave the Anzac Day parade commentary.

More Flying Of Flags Wanted

Eleven hands were raised at Congress this year when the State President inquired whether any delegate would recognise the State flag.

"This was during debate of a motion submitted by the Manning sub-branch of the Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen of Australia (Western) at the recent meeting of the State branch."

Mr. LONNIE: You cannot go into any public office in the United States without seeing the national and State flags flying together.

Mr. F. STAHL: We are a Commonwealth, now let's have the national flag.

The motion was carried as it stood.

Congress reaffirmed its resolution of 1962 for flying the League and the national flag daily at Anzac House.

Scouts Given Use Of Beachside Resort

Following is the text of a letter received from the City of Perth sub-branch from Group Scoutmaster D. H. Rubery:

Thirty-two Scouts of the 1st Como Sea Scouts, under the guidance of their Scoutmaster, enjoyed a wondrous week from May 9 to 17 camping on your holiday-resort land at Point Peron.

It was the most enjoyable time the boys had ever experienced in camping with the prospect of sailing on a Sea Scout group—ample opportunity to indulge in necessary sailing and boating.

The complete troop engaged in a number of hikes encompassing the Point Peron Peninsula—extending to Shoalwater Bay, and also an adventure to and on Penguin Island.

Within these nine days all the boys had ample opportunity to display their various badges so necessary to the ideals of preparing and training Scouts to be a useful part of the nation and be the future parents and citizens of whom we can all be proud.

City of Perth sub-branch has shown a generosity to 1st Como Sea Scouts of which this sea-scouting group is most grateful.

Being also a member of the sub-branch, may I also say how pleased I am of the courtesy extended to my Scouts, who are part of my life.

How I regret that my fellow sub-branch members were not able to see happy faces.

Your previous president, Mr. Henry Holder, honoured us with his presence at our final parlour meeting and addressed the troop.

May I request we be permitted another camp in the future.

Ideas For Youth

Several ideas for consideration by the incoming Youth Welfare Committee were put forward by the State President at this morning's meeting. They included:

- The holding of a seminar for the children of other organisations to work out a programme for the year.
- The holding of a street appeal for youth activities.
- The appointment of a committee to control Father's Day activities with the aid of the recurrs at H.M.A. Leeuwring, and consideration for extending the day's outing to a full day outing.
- Arrangements for orphaned girls on similar lines to those for junior boys made by the Commonwealth.
- A migration scheme, with Fairbridge Farm in consideration, for young widows and their children.
- Exchange visits for orphaned children of the country and country for young people.
- An Anzac essay competition for the coming jubilee year.

Boomerang-throwing A Feature of Festival

A boomerang-throwing exhibition is to be given at Geraldton on Saturday, August 22, as an opening-day feature of this year's Sunshine Festival.

The thrower is to be local electrician Ron Edwards, who learned the art when a lad of 14 in New South Wales.

The sub-branch, which is usually arranging the recreation and entertainment at the recreation ground, procured three boomerangs at Derby for £3.

A Geraldton firm has donated a reconditioned washing machine as the prize for a throwing-the-boomerang competition. Another feature will be a performance of "Besting the Retreat" by the Royal Australian Naval Reserve band from Perth.

Bigger prizes are to be given for the floats this year and the festival committee has agreed to contribute £15 towards the prize money of £60.

The sub-branch has decided to honour the Anzac Day wreaths placed on the Birdwood House memorial in Geraldton, and following the ceremonies to the graves in the war cemetery at Utakarra.

B.J.B.

Building Site For Ballot

Applications are invited from eligible ex-servicemen for the allocation of Lot 544, Edgar Street, Mt. Pleasant.

As this land is to be made available at a cost substantially below the market price, a ballot will be made subject of a ballot to be held on the 17th September, 1964. It is expected that inspections must be held by registered post with the State President, and ballot papers will be distributed by the Department of the Environment.

All applications must be lodged by the 30th September, 1964, and the ballot result will be announced on the 17th September, 1964.
Position

Needs

Watching

With the past year's expenditure £304 in excess of income the League's finances must be watched closely, warned at Congress this year.

He was moving the adoption of the audit report and balance sheet.

There had been a rise in the number of claims, Mr Rolfe said, and the League's finances had been hit by rising staff costs in the Home, the War Veterans Home had been put at over £230,000, and the operating costs of the Home at £11,565, the combined Home and office expenses representing nearly half of the total asset value.

The total value of State branch assets was over £500,000.

The War Veterans Home capital account had been put at over £229,000, and the operating costs at £11,565, the combined expenses representing nearly half of the total asset value.

There were reserves in hand of £23,547 relating to the home.

Planning For

Poppy Day

A special meeting of metropolitan sub-branch representatives was called to deal with the matter of allocation of Poppy Day stands in Perth — a matter which is normally left to the state delegates.

The State President told the delegates that the whole purpose of Poppy Day was to sell the maximum number of poppies and that there had been a marked drop in the disposals last year.

Invitation To

Employers

Employers with labour shortages are invited to contact the League's Employment Officer (23 2271).

The League is continually helping unemployed ex-servicemen to find jobs and is thus often in a position to assist employers.

TRUST OFFERS HELP

IN EDUCATION

The Canteens Trust is inviting applications for its Education Awards for 1965 and has supplied the following particulars:

Applications close with the General Secretary, Canteens Trust Fund, Victoria Barracks, St. Kilda-road, Melbourne, on October 15, 1964.

ELIGIBILITY

A child, one of whose parents served with the Australian Armed Forces between 1939 and 30th June 1947, who attains 12 years of age before the end of the year, or who is still a minor at the end of the year, is eligible for an award if he

(a) The child of a deceased ex-serviceman, who will attain 12 years of age or over during 1965.

(b) The child of any other ex-serviceman or ex-servicewoman, who may be granted an award if he

(c) Is in exceptional circumstances, for example, a child of a member of the Children's Welfare and Social Service Department, who is entitled to receive the required education, or children of deceased, divorced or separated families, where the mother is in receipt of social security benefits.

The Canteens Trust is also offering a scholarship (valued at £1,000 per year) for overseas study in any approved course.

In the case of the student's mother is regarded as a dependant.

Other awards

The Canteens Trust is also offering a scholarship (valued at £1,000 per year) for overseas study in any approved course, and Education Awards (value to be determined) for postgraduate studies in services ancillary to medicine, welfare and science.

Further information on these awards is obtainable at Anzac House.

Benefits Not

Confined To Members

A Congress motion asking that notification to sub-branches of admissions to the Home should be confined to League members was withdrawn at the request of the State president.

"This is quite contrary to the policy," Mr Lonnie said.

"The League's aim is to help ex-servicemen, whether they are members or not, if they are much the better."

Still Keen On

The League

At Congress this year Mr McCreery (93), of Borden, was referred to by the State President as the oldest delegate.

At Mr Lonnie's bidding he rose to his feet to receive a sustained round of applause from his colleagues.

Mr McCreery is still a member of the Borden sub-branch.

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The Good Work Is Well Sustained

The R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary now comprises 99 sub-branches (30 metropolitan and 69 country) with a total membership of about 1,900.

This was said at Congress last month by the Auxiliary's President, Mrs J. F. Ames, in her annual report.

As with the League the passage of time was having its effect on the Auxiliary which had lost 100 members during the past year, Mrs Ames said.

The Auxiliary had continued its fund-raising work for League activities.

Though disappointing in its result last year, the garden fete at the War Veterans' Home had yielded £113 for the home funds, and a further £40 had come from the jumble sale held at Anzac House in May.

The Auxiliary's hospital-visiting work had been kept up, with visits to all institutions housing returned ex-service men and women in the metropolitan area.

During the year £249/6d had been raised for the Voyager appeal and £19/14/ for the Dunroon Chapel appeal.

Voting Was Close On Amendment To Constitution

A motion for a constitutional amendment relating to sub-branch awards was carried by 53 to 51.

Introduced by Mr J. Buckle on behalf of the Bellevue sub-branch it provided:

"In the event of a past-president's or past-secretary's Certificate of Service being presented to a sub-branch, the Executive has the power to refuse it on the ground that the service is not reaching the standards set by the League.

No Set Term For Presidency

Mrs. Greyden, M.L.A. (South Perth) had said that if an organisation was in a position to retain the services of an outstanding leader it ought to do so.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NOTES

Conference Success

Another successful conference has been held and the usual measure of resolutions referred to the State Congress of the League for confirmation.

Executive elections resulted:

State President: Mrs. J. F. Ames.
State Secretary: Mrs. A. Rowe.
Vice-President: Mrs. G. Rolfe (Bellevue), M. Boucher (M. Mensa), J. Mathews (City of Perth).
Secretary: Mrs. J. Young (formerly Mudge), N. E. Fremantle.
Editor: Mrs. J. Fraser (Shenton Park).

Committee: Mesdames Cottrill (City of Subiaco) and L. Young (Shenton Park).

No Set Term For Presidency

A Victoria Park motion seeking to put a three year term to the office of State President was roundly defeated at Congress this year.

Presenting it, Mr C. C. Chell said it was felt the arrangement would give capable men an opportunity of proving themselves.

Opposing it, Mr W. Grayden, M.L.A. (South Perth) said that if an organisation was in a position to retain the services of an outstanding leader it ought to do so.

GIFT FOR NEW SUB-BRANCH

At Congress last month a model Cenotaph offered to the League was reserved for the Exmouth Gulf sub-branch.

The offer was conveyed on behalf of the donor by Mr H. J. Sykes (Kondinin).

"Let this go to our new sub-branch," suggested the State President.

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AWARD FOLLOWS LONG SERVICE

A recommendation from the Victoria Park sub-branch for an award of the Certificate of Merit to Mrs. E. Coleman was agreed to at Congress this year.

Delegates were told that Mrs Coleman had given 37 years of continuous service with the Victoria Park auxiliary and had held high office many times.

The League's Certificate of Merit is an award reserved for members who give meritorious service.

The award can be made only by the recommendation of a sub-branch.

ANZAC CLUB the home of friendship!
Camp For Corrigin Youths

With League assistance, the City of Corrigin Youth Club will be encamped at the Claremont Showgrounds from August 22 to 26. The camp is conducted under the banner of the Corrigin Police Boys’ Club. Members of the club have handled all arrangements at the site, and have been assisted by Mr. B. J. Flanagan, who has been a member of the club for many years. He said that the camp had been approached earlier in the week by club officials for assistance.

The boys will be led by the Lord Mayor and will also play a visit to Anzac House.

A Good Time To Expand

The years 1965 and 1966 are historical ones for the R.S.L., for it is the first time that the jubilee of Anzac and the second jubilee of the R.S.L. itself have been celebrated in the presence of the club officials for assistance.

It is hoped that the special effort from branches, sub-branches and members throughout Australia and New Guinea, these years can provide further substantial increases in League membership. There could be no more appropriate way of commemorating half a century of the service and comradeship.

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UNIT ASSOCIATIONS

Ex-Imperials
The Old Contemporaries Association is holding its annual dinner on Saturday, August 22, at Anzac House, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

As the following day marks the 50th anniversary of the retreat from Mons this should be an event to remember.

There is to be a hot dinner, the large-bag of each for member and wife and 17/6 each for extra guests.

This year's wreath-laying on the Sunday will be observed at 10 a.m. at the State War Memorial and followed by a church service at St. George's Cathedral at 11 a.m.

Sufficient transport will be available following the wreath-laying.

It is hoped that His Excellency the Governor and Lieut.-General Sir Henry Willcox will be available to read the lessons. Canon Horsley will give the address.

The standard will be received by the Dean of the Cathedral and placed near the altar.

It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend the Jubilee Service.

16th Battalion
At the June committee meeting the secretary was instructed to apply for an allocation from the Anzac Day funds, as in previous years. Some £500 was spent on amelioration last year.

A donation has been given to the laying-up of the colours, and to the H.M.A.S. Perth fund at Leeuwin.

Mr. N. Stehn attended the annual dinner of the 1/16th, at which Brigadier Arnold Potter paid a vote of thanks to the late Colonel Margolin. In a response to a toast Mr. N. Stehn made reference to the assistance given to the association by Mrs Margolin.

The secretary recently spent a few days at Bunbury where he saw Harold Birch, local R.S.L. Secretary, who is in touch with Bunbury members of the 16th Battalion.

Miss C. Young was married to Mrs Rene Mudee at St. Peters, East Fremantle, on July 1. The couple toured the South-West after the wedding.

Secretary C. Young will appreciate a reply to the circulars members will receive for the annual reunion held on Thursday, October 1. The Committee is making arrangements for a successful event.

The annual meeting will be held at the Railway Institute on Tuesday, September 6, and be made an effort to attend.

Returned Soldiers Monumental
Arrangements for the 1964 anniversary reunions are well in hand.

The reunion, which will not coincide with Royal Show week this year, will be staged on October 9 and 10. The football grand final is to be played on the 10th.

Members who have not received a questionnaire may obtain details from Keith Dusions, III. Reymond, and M. P. Yeates.

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ROYAL ARMY LEGION ASSOCIATION OF W.A.—Meetings at Anzac House when called. President, L. J. Horrocks.

16TH BATTALION and 4TH BRIGADE ASSOCIATION—Committee meets second Tuesdays at Rainbow Inn, Perth. President, W. L. Liddleman, 52 Chandler-avenue. (87 4050), Secretary, O. C. Young, 28 Oakover-street, East Fremantle.

2/16TH BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION—President, E. MacLeod, 55 McLeod-road, Applecross (64 1053). Annual Reunion and Show Week Friday.


COUNCIL OF UNIT ASSOCIATIONS—President, E. MacLeod, 55 McLeod-road, Applecross (64 1053). Secretary, B. Smith, 16th Battalion Memorial House, 155 William-street, Perth. Secretary, G. Piesley.

SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS ASSOCIATION—Committee, third Monday at 2 p.m. President, A. Glass, 93 Main-street, Bibby Park. Secretary, R. A. McDonald, 38 Morley-street, Bassendean (79 1064).

KOREAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION—Meet on Monday and each month in Anzac House basement. President, K. C. Bowden, 11 Valley-road, Kalamunda. Secretary, A. L. MacHugh, 6 Valentine-ave, Fremantle (21 6873).

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CENTRAL AND SUBURBAN BIBBY PARK ASSOCIATION—President, E. MacLeod, 55 McLeod-road, Applecross (64 1053). Secretary, B. Smith, 16th Battalion Memorial House, 155 William-street, Perth. Secretary, G. Piesley.
Rifle-shots Were Dead On Target

Over 400 "bulls" were scored before a decision was reached in this year's R.S.L. Indoor Rifle Shooting Championship, contested in the Anzac House basement on the Wednesday night of Congress Week.

Gathered to do battle over the 25 ft. range were 24 members from 10 sub-branches. In the first round eight of the 24 missed possible to be placed on the Plate, and it was not till the seventh time through that the field narrowed itself down to three.

They continued unfalteringly into the ninth and round and it was not then that they faltered. Ron Miller (Wembley West Leederville-Floreat District) moved, first to go down by dropping two points to record a 23. George Bayliss (Nollamara) became runner-up with 24.

The man who made no mistakes was George Brooks (Swanbourne), a recent newcomer to A.M.S. games competition. He needed a helping hand to carry his trophies, which comprised the Perpetual Trophy (a cup to be held by his sub-branch for a year), the Phillipoff Cup (to be held by himself for a year) and a magnificent electric clock (his for keeps) donated by Jack Phillipoff.

The Plate was not such a drawn-out affair, the decision coming after the third round: Joe Peel (P.M.G. sub-branch), who shoots for Gracetown Park in the A.R.M.S. games, was runner-up to the evergreen Tony Ericson (Mt. Hawthorn).

Tony relented in his job the other day at the age of 65—no doubt about the old Diggers! May next year's contest be as keen!

Flag-flying Involves Protocol

The flying of flags involves international protocol, the B.C. President said at Congress.

He was speaking on a motion from the Victoria Park sub-branch that at Anzac Day commemorations the New Zealand Flag be flown alongside the Australian Flag both at Anzac House and at the saluting base on the Esplanade.

Mr. Lonne said the question had been looked at in the past. To fly the flag of one country could make it difficult to refuse to fly that of another.

An endeavour had been made to get a compromise by flying the NZ flag at Anzac House only. Congress referred the motion to the incoming Anzac Day committee.

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