New Chapter Written At Veterans’ Home

The R.S.L. had written a chapter in Australia’s history and its deeds and words were a part of the national heritage, the Governor, Sir Douglas Kendrew, said at the War Veterans’ Home on Thursday, July 22, when officially opening the E.C. Townshend Amenities Centre and the ten Darby and Joan cottages.

The new buildings were erected at a cost of about $40,000.

His Excellency said he was delighted to be present withLady Kendrew and thanked State President P. Pearson for allowing him to perform the ceremony.

At the home, said Sir Douglas, were the outward and visible signs of the efforts made by the League to look after those who had served their country and to provide them with contentment and happiness in their declining years, surrounded by friends with similar memories.

He could not imagine anything better.

APPROPRIATE

Sir Douglas said it was appropriate to have named the new recreation centre after the late Mr E. C. Townshend.

On arrival here from New South Wales in the early 1950s Ted had entered himself to the League and taken on many responsibilities within it. He had been an original Anzac and had lost a leg at Passchendaele, but that had not deterred him from serving his fellows.

Mr Townshend’s record of service had been remarkable. He had been chairman of the Veterans’ Home committee and board, and of the Membership and Staff committee, was Assistant General Officer for the State War Memorial, R.S.L. liaison officer with Red Cross; president of the Asian People’s Anti-Communist League and was honoured by the Queen with the award of M.B.E.

His life had been one of service and it was very fitting, therefore, that his name should be commemorated by the amenities hall.

£250,000 HOME

Sir Douglas said he understood the home was very nearly complete. It had cost about £250,000, and the new amenities centre should add much to the comfort and enjoyment of the residents.

He hoped that the family living in the cottages would enjoy their life there.

When welcoming His Excellency and Lady Kendrew to the opening the State President said that six years ago the home site had been part of a pine plantation.

He said the foundation-stone of the home was laid by the then State Governor, Sir Charles Gairdner, on July 21, 1950, and that the home as established was officially opened by the Premier, Mr. Brand, on March 11, 1961.

On March 11, 1963, the Lionnie wing—built to satisfy a growing demand for accommodation at the home—had been officially opened by the Minister for Health, Mr. Ross Hutchinson.

The new recreation centre and the cottages had put reality to a dream of the committee and board to do something for old couples, and to perpetuate at the home the name of the late Ted Townshend.

ANNIVERSARY

Before asking the Governor to perform the opening ceremony Mr. Pearson said it had happened to coincide with His Excellency’s birthday anniversary and called (for three cheers (lustily given) to mark that event.

Moving a vote of thanks to His Excellency the board chairman, Dr Alan King, said the March and July were months of great significance for the home for the reasons given.

He expressed the board’s gratitude to the Commonwealth Government for the provision of funds under the Aged Persons Homes Act for the building of the home.

The Commonwealth had contributed £159,000, he said, and the Social Services Department had always given the utmost help.

The board was also grateful for the help of the State Government, which had provided the land for the home and also funds for its furnishings—£10,000.

A.R.M.S. GAMES TABLE

(Position at July 31)

Team | Played | Won | Lost | POINTS | Table
|------|-------|------|------|--------|------
| City of Perth | 6 | 5 | 1 | 44 | 16 | 10
| Mt Hawthorn | 6 | 5 | 1 | 38 | 22 | 10
| Gloucester Park | 5 | 4 | 1 | 34 | 16 | 8
| W. L’ville-Wemb. | 5 | 4 | 1 | 34 | 16 | 8
| Floreat | 5 | 4 | 1 | 34 | 16 | 8
| Swagbourne | 5 | 4 | 1 | 34 | 16 | 8
| Nollamara | 6 | 1 | 5 | 18 | 42 | 2
| Claremont | 4 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 32 | 0
| Floreat/City B | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 0
| Nedlands | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 0

*The Governor, Sir Douglas Kendrew, seen on the balcony of the administrative block at the War Veterans’ Home, adds the gathering for the official opening of the new buildings.*

(Other pictures on Page 9)
Congress Names The New Executive

Mr. P. Pearson, who took office as State President early in March this year in succession to Mr. W. S. Lonnie, was re-elected (unopposed) by Congress last month.

He joined the State Executive in 1958, was made junior vice-president in 1963 and elected to the senior position the following year. He is a Justice of the Peace.

VICE-PRESIDENTS
In this year's vice-presidential election, contested by four candidates, the two retiring office-bearers—Dr. A. King and Mr. R. J. Stoddart—were chosen in that order.

LEAGUE TRUSTEES
Messrs. H. A. Leslie and S. Macnamara were declared re-elected as League Trustees.

EXECUTIVE
The 18 members chosen from the 20 candidates for office on the State Executive were named in the following order:

Mr. BUCKLE A TRUSTEE
At the State Executive meeting on August 4—the first of the new Congress-year—Mr. J. Buckle was elected to the vacant Trustee position.

The executive vacancy left by Mr. Buckle’s appointment, and another arising from the resignation of Mr. F. J. Newman through ill-health, were filled by the calling-up of Messrs. B. J. Flanagan and C. Dolg.

Aged Soldiers’ Fund Has Done Wonders

The R.S.L. Aged Soldiers’ Fund, which was set up with a transfer of £1,300 about the mid-thirties, commenced to function about 1946, has meantime disbursed about £30,000 and is still £12,000 “in pocket.”

The immediate-past State President, Mr. W. S. Lonnie, said this at the July executive meeting following a report from Mr. S. A. Macnamara, chairman of the Welfare and Relief Committee.

Mr. Macnamara said the committee had met seven times during the previous four weeks and rendered assistance in 76 out of 101 welfare cases investigated.

He also reported that at present 85 persons were receiving grants from the Aged Soldiers’ Fund, and more were waiting for assistance in 76 out of 101 welfare cases investigated.

Dr. H. Hanrahan, Dr. H. Hanrahan
Northern: Mr. M. Williams.
Great Southern: Mr. R. Messenger.

STATE AND NORTH-WEST:
Central: Mr. A. Badger.
Eastern Goldfields: Mr. J. E. Mitchell.
West Coastal: Mr. L. J. Nisbett.

Mr. Pearson praised the regional vice-presidents for the time and energy they were devoting to League purposes.

Mr. J. E. Mitchell was reappointed auditor.

Brig. Potts
One of the first acts of Congress this year was to arrange for a telegram to be sent to Brigadier Arnold Potts, expressing regrets at his absence and wishing him a speedy recovery.

Delegates were told that Brig. Potts had been ill for some months and was undergoing treatment at Hollywood Hospital.

He has been a regular attendant at Congress over the years as delegate from Koongup.

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League Reassured As To Vietnam Mail

Australian mail for servicemen in Vietnam should reach its destination in less than a week, the League has been informed by postal authorities.

Mail for members of 1st Battalion R.A.R. and other elements of the Australian forces in Vietnam should be addressed C/GPO, Sydney.

It is being air-freighted to Saigon, transit to which normally takes two days, and there passed by the local postal authorities to the U.S. Army field post office where it is collected by Australian Army authorities.

All 17 bags of mail dispatched from Sydney between June 1 and 28 had been received in Saigon by June 28, the League was told.

Back Again On Other Business

As briefly reported at Congress this year was Mr. R. H. Bandy, formerly Chief Commonwealth Electoral Officer in this State.

For the previous 18 years he was in attendance to conduct the election of officers.

This year he was present to receive a presentation on behalf of the League as a token of appreciation for his long and valued services.

The gift: an electric radiator. State President Pearson made the presentation.

Mr. Bandy's successor as returning officer is Mr. L. Human.

Popular Nedlands Man's Passing

Carlton H. Milbank, who served with the 11th Battalion 1914-18 and in the 1939-45 Wars and was a well-known personality, died on July 16.

A member of the Nedlands sub-branch, he took a great interest in League affairs, although his health prevented active participation.

Last year he presented the League with a large Union Jack which had been passed on to him because of its historical value.

The flag had flown over Admiralty Arch and the Cenotaph in London on various memorable occasions.

Contest: 1966 Slogan

Members are invited to submit entries for the League's 1966 Slogan contest, which carries the usual £5 prize.

Entries should be short and to the point, and on the following lines:

Keep Strength and Service as the core by wearing the Badge in '66.

The spirit of Anzac keep alive, upholding the League in '65.

Entries should be addressed to the R.S.L. State Secretary, Anzac House, Perth, and the envelopes marked "Slogan."

Mr. Bunning To Be The New Warden

Mr. Charles Bunning was named by the State President at Congress this year as successor to Mr. G. H. Baron-Hay in the wardenship of the State War Memorial.

The incoming State Warden will assume office at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the memorial on November 11.

Introducing Mr. Bunning to the delegates, Mr. Pearson said it was the custom to appoint an outstanding citizen.

He said Mr. Bunning had graduated in engineering at the Melbourne University, was at present a member of the senate of the University of Western Australia and chairman of its building committee, vice-president of the National Safety Council in W.A. and on the council of the Federation of Police Boys' Clubs.

The appointment was endorsed by Congress.

Mr. Bunning said he was proud to join the list of his very distinguished predecessors and hoped to bring humility and dignity to the task.

Honour For Women's Sub-branch

At the opening meeting of Congress President Miss Terry Korosky was proud to accept on behalf of the Returned Ex-Service Women's Sub-branch the Newdegate Cup—awarded annually to the most efficient metropolitan sub-branch.

A membership drive is one of the aims of the sub-branch this year and a number of new members have joined.

Members who have not already taken part in civil-defence instruction were enrolled for a course beginning this month.

On July 10 at the Anzac House clubroom an afternoon-tea party was held to farewell former secretary Mrs Cecile Hinton prior to her departure for Hong Kong for two years.
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Premier On Loyalty, Morale, When Opening Congress

The need for loyalty in tense times and for upholding the morale of servicemen on duty abroad were among the points made by the Premier, Mr. Brand, when opening the 49th State Congress of the League at Anzac House on Monday, July 19.

Mr. Brand spoke as follows:

We are met under the leadership of a new president and I take this opportunity of congratulating him on his election to this position.

I believe the leadership is in good hands, and it carries with it very challenging responsibility.

I cannot pass, Mr. State President, without mentioning our previous leader Mr. Lonnie. He held this organisation very successfully over a number of years, and he now advises me as Under-Secretary to the Premier's Department.

As a report I would say that he is settling down nicely. He continues to take a very real interest in civil defence, and we look to him for knowledge in that field.

This is the 49th State Congress, and this year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Australian Congress itself is almost 50 years old.

When I was a boy Anzac soldiers to a very present event, but now it has receded considerably. Man has come far; just the other day I heard a story that was sent to Mars to transmit pictures of that planet.

CHANGING TIMES
These are rapidly changing times, and there is more and more a responsibility on each to ensure that all the changes mean some advantage in improved standards for the human race and that they do not act as disruptive factors.

What of the future of the R.S.L.? No one can deny that the organisation has influenced the thinking of the community. We know its work for returned men; we know what it has done.

So long as it remains stable it will continue to be a force over those who make decisions affecting the future.

Do continue to seek out membership to attract those eligible and thus maintain the strength of the organisation and help it to play a part in the important responsibilities of the future.

There is no denying that we are living in very tense times in a turbulent period. Our men are serving overseas, something we have hoped and prayed would not happen again.

I will not go into the rights and wrongs, but I believe the time has come for someone to stand physically in the way of the onward march of communism.

Whatever our feelings we as a community should not let ourselves be caught up with the designs of propaganda, but should do our best to back up our young men in the vital work they are doing in the interests of our defence.

NO UNDERMINING
We must not undermine the morale of these undertakings.

You have taken a step unique in Australia with your Operation Stand-in, whereby League members and friends stand in as fathers-for-the-day, to the young naval recruits at Leuwin.

I am told that this has been a very successful enterprise, and that the links thus established are often maintained long afterwards.

It has been suggested that a new kind of operation, on a sub-brand basis, could be introduced for overseas families of soldiers serving overseas.

It is of great satisfaction to know that this organisation, which has been such a keen personal interest in these matters, is once again giving a thought to those left behind.

The League goes on. Today, particularly in Western Australia, there stands something to be very proud of: the War Veterans' Home, with the Darby and Joan cottages.

A sum of about £280,000 has been spent on the home.

I believe that sound management of the finances has enabled the League to engage in welfare work worth about £120,000.

I would pay tribute to the work of the Women's Auxiliary, whose members have made regular visits to the hospitals and done other fine work. I hope the younger women will follow the example they have set.

I want to refer to the very important role played by the League in the success of the Churchill Appeal.

THE STALWARTS
We all pay tribute to those who have assisted on the way—the stalwarts—and I would mention two of the late Stan Watts, who died on duty as Warden of the State War Memorial, on Pearl Harbour, and also Jack Tozer, M.C., M.M. We miss them all.

I hope your discussions will be of benefit to the community, and I hope that you will meet again next year in a more peaceful atmosphere with some of the overseas problems settled to mutual advantage.

A vote of thanks to the Premier, was moved by Mr. J. J. Brady, M.L.A. (representing the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Hawke) and supported by the deputy Lord Mayor of Perth, Mr. A. Curlewis.

BOULDER MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Boulder Branch will be held on August 21 (7.45 p.m.). At the conclusion of the meeting the sub-branch will entertain the wives of members at supper. Harmony will be provided.
Mr Pearson Makes His First Annual Report

Mr. Percy Pearson, who assumed office as State President early in March this year, made his first annual report to Congress at the opening ceremony on July 19.

He made the following points:

Anzac Day: This year's ceremonies—falling on the 50th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings—had provided a fitting tribute to those who had given their all, and had also served as a reminder of the costliness and in some ways the futility of war.

The three branches of the armed services had been strongly represented, and a contingent of the R.A.A.F. had been on parade for the first time for many years. The Anzac Day Trust had set a new one-year record £22,000, of which the League's share was £7,600.

Remembrance Day: Over 200 wreaths, including those of wreaths and many cards, had been sold.

State War Memorial: This was the only State where the League had accepted membership and had paid for the raising of capital and maintenance costs of the memorial, and the State branch was grateful to the Kings Park Board for its cooperation.

The wardenship vacancy left by the death of Mr Stan Watt had been filled by the appointment of Mr George Barony for the remainder of the current term.

Veterans' Home: The staff of the home had been doing a fine job under the magnificent leadership of the superintendent, Major Owen Howes. The League had just spent £3,000 at the home to cope with the flood problem.

To keep the home cost about £8,000 a year. The League was indebted to the Federal and State Governments for their subsiding towards the capital costs.

With the new cottages there was now provision for 152 residents at the home. Their average age was 74 years, and the oldest being a woman of 92 and a man of 90.

One of the qualifications for entry was that a resident must be able to look after himself.

Crowning Glory: Over the six years of its current life the Misses Crowning Glory competition had raised money for the League and Legacy a total sum of £3,800.

There were 27 candidates last year and the Anzac Club entrant, Miss Gay Lonnie, raised over £1,000.

League Assets: They had increased by £27,000 over the year, an important factor being the high rate of new members joining R.S.L. Shop. All profits were reserved for the Veterans' Home.

Welfare and Relief: It was a great pity that not more people realised the League was an organisation that cared. There had been 478 appeals for help, and some had been successful. The majority of applicants were not League members. Over the last ten years over £200,000 had been spent on assistance.

Anzac Club: Anzac House and the club continued to provide excel lent facilities and, at no cost beyond that of annual subscription to the League.

Building: Society: The number of applications for membership in 1962 and since then had made £263,700 available to £326,000.

Land Settlement: Most of those allotted farms would be able to carry on independently by the end of 1965. The League could claim some sold achievements regarding the settlement of farmers' grievances.

Reparation: During the year 750 appeals had been advocated by the League pensioners, Mr Hall.

Housing: Assistance had been given in over 13,500 home service houses.

Hospital Visiting: A great tribute was due to the League's Hospital Visiting Corps, 1,328 individual patients in hospitals and institutions had been visited. Thanks were due to visiting auxiliaries, unit associations and to Mr S. Macnamara and others for their constant work.

Christmas Cheer: Some 900 parcels had been distributed last Christmas.

Churchill Appeal: With an Australian target of £1,000,000, the total receipts had reached £2,000,000, of which the League in this State had raised £3,600—a fine tribute to one who had served his nation and the world as the outstanding statesman of his time.

Membership: At the end of 1964 the membership figure stood at 16,903, but 664 deaths had left a net increase for the year of 1,399. A number of British migrants had joined the League.

Regional Colours: There had been much behind the scenes work for the laying of the Colours at the State War Memorial in Fremantle.

Desert Memorial: The long train of events relating to the restorations of the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial and its tangible items had been brought to fruition by the unveiling ceremony on October 11.

Youth Welfare: Activities in this field had been at a high pitch. At Operation Steak-in, Father's Day 248 junior recruits from Leewin and 38 sailors from H.M.S. Victorious, then at Fremantle, had been entertained for the day by stand-in fathers.

In June this year, under Operation Cuddle, 498 children from numerous institutions were picked up in 209 vehicles and taken out for the day. Thirty-five sub-branch were now assisting local youth clubs.

State Executive: Mr Lonnie, in his ten years as President, had made over 1,100 official visits to sub-branches.

The present year had seen an increase in public relations (visits) and two conferences as well as numerous functions outside the ordinary.

Messrs. J. A. Rolfe, G. K. Barony-Hay and N. Davidson, after some years of group war service, would not be seeking re-election.

Honours bestowed had included four Life-memberships and 27 Certificates of Service.

Four group conferences had been held over the full 12-month period.

NATIONAL FIELD

Repayment: The ultimate co-operation had been received from the new Repatriation Minister, Senator McKenzie. The State Commissioner, A. H. Panton and his assistant, Mr. J. Tomkins.

It was significant that the amount being paid in war and service pensions throughout Australia was currently £21,572,973 which, combined with the pension payments, gave a total expenditure of over £111,000,000.

War Service Homes: In Western Australia £3,240,000 had been advanced on 1,018 homes.

Membership: With 3,000 more Australians serving abroad a new field of potential beneficiaries had presented itself. Total membership of the League stood at 262,000—men and women.

OVERSEAS ANGLES

At the international level a prime consideration was that Australia's defence responsibilities had increased with her development as a nation.

We were pledged to give armistice to the group of nations within SEATO.

Under the ANZUS Pact we were committed, to help Malaysia in certain circumstances.

We were committed to the defence of New Guinea and to continue to support Malaysia.

..For strengthening Australia's defence capacity the League had recommended:

• Bringing at least one Regular Army division to full strength as rapidly as possible.
• A C.M.F. of at least five divisions.
• Acceleration of the National Service call-up.
• Abolition of the cadet corps, and to have the Cadet Corps activity.
• Greater priority for defence measures in Papua-New Guinea.
• Establishment of a naval base on the western seaboard.

STATE AIMS

The State Executive's programme for 1966 included inquiry into the War Veterans' Home.

2. Suitable arrangements for the Centenary of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the League in W.A.

3. Youth welfare.

4. The possibility of building a chapel at the War Veterans' Home.

5. The possible need for a new head office.

6. Keener awareness of the part played by the League in the community.

7. Looking to an extension of the good work being done, and to continued comrade-ship.

MEMORIAL UPKEEP IS COSTLY

The State War Memorial had reached a stage where something more must be done. Mr. G. K. Barony-Hay told Congress that his year as State Warden.

Its upkeep was a costly item, he said.

During the past year about £400 had been spent on repairs.

But the King's Park board had been doing the best it could to help. Mr. Barony-Hay said that the late Mr. E. S. Watt, as Warden, had been busy preparing a report on Memorial Day.

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Mr. Lonnie's reply:
Second Thoughts Prevail On March-past Order

A resolution providing for ex-service personnel to take precedence over the service contingents in the Anzac Day march-past was withdrawn after recommittal of the question at Congress last month.

The issue had been raised by the Applecross sub-branch at the morning sitting on the last day of Congress. Applecross delegate M. Wilson said the city parade was an occasion primarily for ex-service men. He believed it was they who should lead the march-past. That was done in Queensland and Tasmania, he said.

New South Wales the services did not take part.

In W.A. over the years the word "protocol" seemed to have stood in the way of change. Opposing the motion Mr F. Stahl (Denmark) said it had been a tradition that the services should march in front. This was a compliment to the young men concerned and indicative of respect to other young people.

W.A. had the best service of all and there was no need to copy other States. The motion for a change was carried emphatically on a show of hands.

Late in the afternoon sitting Mr L.Phillips (City of Perth) was successful, with a motion that the whole question (item on the agenda) be re-submitted.

A Posthumous Award Made At Congress

A State War Memorial Warden's Certificate, awarded posthumously to the late Mr. E.S. Watt, O.B.E., was presented on the opening night of Congress this year to his son, Mr. Stan Watt.

Making the presentation the State President, Mr. Percy A. Bower, said that the late Mr. Watt had passed away on May 10 at a wreath-laying ceremony in the undercroft of the memorial during Coral Sea Week. He had spent many years on the State board, and his appointment to the wardenship had been well merited by the service he had rendered to the League.

Mr. Janssen, Mr. Pearson said, "who encouraged me to join the State Executive. Mr. Watt said he felt it a great honour to receive the award and paid tribute to his father's sense of responsibility to his country.

UNIT ASSOCIATION NOTES

Ex-P.O.W. Reunion

A reception to the visiting interstate ex-P.O.W. group from the R.S.L. State Executive on Thursday September 23 (5.30 p.m.) at Anzac Hall.

Four buses will take the visitors on an all-day wildflower tour and barbeque.

Numerous V.I.P.s and guests at the reunion dinner will include the governor, Sir Douglas Kennewick.

The Air Force Band will play at the wreath-laying ceremony on September 26 (11 a.m.) at King's Park.

At 2.30 p.m. there will be an ascension wildflower tour of the park, and in the evening a special service at St. George's Cathedral.

Transport is a problem; 150 visitors will be arriving, and anyone who can assist with a car should contact secretary J.H. Brown, 122 The Strand, Bedford Park (71 5831). There are a few tickets left for the dinner.

50th Anniversary

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UNIT ASSOCIATION NOTES

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A reception to the visiting interstate ex-P.O.W. group from the R.S.L. State Executive on Thursday September 23 (5.30 p.m.) at Anzac Hall.

Four buses will take the visitors on an all-day wildflower tour and barbeque.

Numerous V.I.P.s and guests at the reunion dinner will include the governor, Sir Douglas Kennewick.

The Air Force Band will play at the wreath-laying ceremony on September 26 (11 a.m.) at King's Park.

At 2.30 p.m. there will be an ascension wildflower tour of the park, and in the evening a special service at St. George's Cathedral.

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Lonnie: Look To Future

An exhortation to the League to project its thinking into the future was made by Mr. W. S. Lonnie at the testimonial dinner given by the League in his honour on July 22.

Mr. Lonnie spoke as follows:

One would be less than human not to be impressed by the comments made by the very distinguished speakers tonight. Sometimes words are inadequate, but one's feelings on such occasions, I would express appreciation not only those who thought of and worked for this function, but also to the State Secretary, Mr. Webb, for his most efficient arrangements for it.

The gathering here tonight must be more than 15,000 miles to be here; there are guests from Marble Bar, Kalgoorlie, and every part of the State. On such occasions does one think of the past? I would express, henceforth, heartfelt thanks to former State Presidents W. H. Hunt and T. S. Edmondson for their presence here tonight.

ENDURANCE

I should like to express some thoughts on one or two aspects of League activities. This organisation has endured firmly, steadfastly and efficiently for just on 50 years. This is fundamental to an appreciation of the League's activities—things good in the Commonwealth will endure.

So with the R.S.L. its principles and application of them has been just and temperate. We have maintained our place in the community for 50 years.

It is not put of place to recall the League of 1916, when a handful of Diggers from Gallipoli and Suez first met together. From this has emerged one of the finest bodies Australia or any other country has ever had in its midst.

We recall the struggles of the early days when we consider that all the things we today enjoy as the result of the sacrifices of the Army will be found to be very small.

In the depression years between the two wars the League found 68,000 jobs for Diggers.

From that start has sprung a network of 282,000 members, but the number is still not so good as it ought to be.

There are 300,000 members and $200,000 persons eligible for membership of the League. In our midst are 282,000—about 40 per cent of those eligible.

New Zealand has 50 per cent, but Canada appears to have 10 per cent respectively. It is probably more to the future of the League that we must now look. We today are at the beginning of a new phase from the time of the year 1915 as from the stalwarts of 1915 who projected the League today.

The League is too valuable, important, and vital to be allowed to fade away. The time is now ripe for the League to be on the top level of planning to project itself into the future.

Would it be wrong or right to suggest that we have a look at ourselves in the new context of today's armed services, National Service of youth of today, of some of them, will serve overseas. The League will be called upon to give service in its truest sense. If so, any personal inconvenience is of no great consequence.

CHALLENGES

To paraphrase a statement of Winston Churchill's, we should be meeting any challenge of the future with all the vigour of our organised League, as we have brought the League to it today.

What is the meaning of our branch title? It means that we have a branch that is the League to its title. What is the meaning of the word "S"? It means that the League, sovereignty and all things that are good in the community.

What other organisation can maintain in their hearts and minds the memories of loyalty and patriotism in which they will be in indelible? I would commend to the Branch a recommendation from the National Executive appoint a sub-committee of the future of the League in respect of the modernaph and Australia's armed forces.

I support the Premier's plea that sub-branches should adopt a degree of responsibility for the family left behind in Australia. I see no reason why this should not be done.

Let us get down to practical cases and have a word of encouragement and help for those who have a long road to travel.

Thank you Mr. Premier, Mr. State President, Mr. National President and Mr. Hunt, for all you have said. Mrs. Lonnie and I have had many friendships within the League. This is an intangible factor, but one feels better for having been privileged with the friendship of so many. "Thank you " is an underexpression.

Thank you, Mr. Lee for your visit and for your efforts for the League. My philosophy is very simple: whatever your vocation, give service in its truest sense.

No man should accept a job in the League unless he feels he is the right person for the job. The League is not for a job to give service in its truest sense. If so, any personal inconvenience is of no great consequence.

PADDY MAHER'S PASSING

The death of Paddy Maher as a result of a road-accident on July 31 came as a profound shock to members of the Bellevue sub-branch.

Paddy was one of the very early members of the sub-branch and was well known for his very generous contributions to charitable organisations, particularly those caring for children.

Paddy, himself an orphan, was brought up by his Broth who was a widower and later at Bingley and Tardun. He was a very kind-hearted man and had a large number of friends.

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R.S.L. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Support Sought For Work Of Auxiliary

In her annual report to Congress this year the State President of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. J. F. Ames, appealed to delegates for greater support for the organisation.

At March 31 last, she said, the auxiliary comprised 96 (21 metropolitan and 75 country) branches with a total of about 1,300 members.

The strength of the organisation had declined during the previous 12-month period to the extent of three branches representing about 100 members. Age was catching up with the delegates.

R.S.L. sub-branch members could help greatly by encouraging young wives to join the women's organisation, Mrs. Ames said.

The social committee had been active. The auxiliaries had been encouraged to help their League counterparts.

Hospital visiting had continued as a main measure and had included visits to numerous City of Perth hospitals.

A Successful Conference

A most successful Conference has been concluded, with Mrs. Ames (State President), Mrs. Rowe (Hon. State Secretary) and all executive members returned to office unopposed.

Conference was opened by the League State President, Pearson, before a large audience of delegates, members and distinguished guests.

Speakers at Conference included Miss R. Hutchinson; M.L.C. (on the Epilepsy Association), J. K. Healy (on Legacy), Srg. Ethel Scott (Police-women and youth) and Mrs. Healy (wills and probates).

The Conference social on Tuesday, July 13, one of the brightest ever, with items given by the Millen and Belmont auxiliaries.

Country Delegates visited Lemnos on Wednesday 14th and the patients enjoyed dancing and singing.

On the Thursday afternoon delegates visited the War Veterans' Home and saw the new auxiliary room and the Darby and Joan cottages. They were then entertained by Mal and Hoys at afternoon tea.

Extending The Home

A contract has been let for painting and renovations at the War Veterans' Home to cost 55.55 at £250.

This was reported to the State Executive last week by the chairman of the Home Board, Mr. A. King.

A maintenance fund for the purpose had been built up over the years, he said.

Dr. King said the flood problem was being held in check with the new pump and that a new pump of much greater capacity would be installed shortly.

Numerous Visitors At Rocky Gully Dinner

The annual dinner at Rocky Gully this year was highlighted by the attendance of many visitors, particularly from Koornong, Mt. Barker and Albany.

Country vice-president Frank Gomm once more represented the State Executive.

The dinner, provided by the auxiliary and led by president Carmel Millar, was attended by many of the names of the members who have passed away this year. The evening was a fitting tribute to those who have given so much of their lives to the auxiliary and sub-branch.

At present there are over 40 members, many of whom are noticeable by their absence at meetings. The last attendance figure was about 12, which was very poor indeed.

This gives the impression that the R.S.L. is being taken for granted, but members should remember that as they get older the assistance and services the League can render in regard to pension and other matters will be needed all the more.

The next meeting will be held on August 25 at 8 p.m. Rocky Gully members, please be there!
**REPATRIATION MATTERS**

**The Private-Income Rights Of Service Pensioners**

Should a single pensioner be allowed as much income over and above his pension as a married pensioner? This was the principle behind the West Leederville-Wembley-Floreat Park motion at Congress.

The sub-branch spokes- man said that as from July 1 this year the allowed total income for a service pensioner whose wife was an age pensioner was £15 a week, compared with £11 pension plus £7 of additional income.

If the wife died the widower was left with pension and an additional-income entitlement of only £3.10/ a week. If the £7 of other income went behind interest, he would have £13 a week to live on.

The motion was carried.

**MEANS TEST**

Congress adopted a Midland Junction motion for the additional-means-test for returned service men and women at the age of 65 and 60 respectively.

A Fremantle motion seeking repatriation-hospital treatment for all ex-service men at the age of 60 or more was lost after Mr. H. A. Leslie had explained that while the League had sympathized with the request it had to consider those with war-caused entitlement.

There must be accommodation in the hospitals for those people, he said. A Maylands motion aimed at lowering by five years the age at which ex-service men and women and their widows would be allowed to enter homes for the aged was carried unanimously.

The present age of 65 and 60 for men and women.

**UNDER REVIEW**

A Midland motion objecting to the service pension being a bar in some cases to medical treatment entitlement found support following an explanation by the Deputy-Commissioner of Repatriation, Mr. A. H. Panton (present by invitation). He said the matter was under review by the Government.

Margaret River was successful with a motion seeking removal of the medical treatment grants by the Centenary Trust.

Congress endorsed a Returned Sisters request for extending the medical-treatment rights of Great War nurses—re-}

**Manjimup Request On Conduct Of Quest**

The Manjimup sub-branch will ask the local Torchbearers for Legacy branch to select an entrant for the 1965 Miss Crowning Glory quest and conduct her.

R.S.L. members will be prepared to help. This was decided at the sub-branch meeting on July 15.

Members felt that they had done most of the work connected with this contest in past years. The proceeds were divided equally between the R.S.L. and Legacy if it was fair. The Torchbearers should take the responsibility this year.

**Geraldton Recovers The Collett Cup**

The coveted Collett Cup—awarded annually to the most efficient country sub-branch—has been restored to the Geraldton sub-branch.

Brigadier J. B. Roberts handed over the cup to Geraldton delegate J. P. Print, when presenting the trophies for the year at Congress last month.

The cup had been held by the Albany sub-branch since 1963, but before that in Geraldton's possession for five years in succession.

The Newdegate Cup—for the most efficient metropolitan sub-branch—this year went to the Returned Ex-service Men's sub-branch. Last year's winner of this trophy was the Belmont sub-branch.

**Flag Keeps Flapping At Upper Swan**

One of the older sub-branches, Upper Swan, celebrated its 45th anniversary on July 3, its charter having been granted on that date in 1920.

Over the years the sub-branch has kept the flag flying, sometimes drooping a bit but mostly now, flapping strongly.

It has taken an active part in district affairs and has made its contribution to the League, including officers to the State Executive.

Upper Swan provided a State President in the late Alf Yeates, and other members who have served on the executive include Jim Craig (now Chief Secretary and Minster for Police), Ken Robinson, and Alan Crow who is just compensating his fourth year of office.

Bob Lowson was president for a very long term between the wars and established what must be close to a record in being a foundation member and then attending all successive annual general meetings.

The sub-branch has been holding its annual dinner during the month of June, or near its birthday, for many years. The cost of the dinner this year was a few pounds.

Last year's function, with the added advantage that the Saturday night chosen fell on the actual anniversary date.

There was a record gathering, including members, visitors and wives, in the former fruit-packing shed at the time.

The flag was kept at bay by a variety of games and some good natured banter, all of which was carried out considerably by some excellent vintage—local product.

A very gratifying feature was the 100 per cent attendance of invited guests. Visitors probably outnumbered members.

It was a very nice compliment to the sub-branch that representatives from all other sub-branches in- vited saw fit to brave inclement weather to attend.

The evening was largely provided by twice-groomed President Hughie de Burgh, a man of few words himself, was not afraid, however, of the oratory, or of the subtitles for his speeches. They were few and short.

For the first time for many years the proceedings were held by professional caterers. This gave the ladies a welcome break.
Great Home-shortage in Some Towns

The League's housing committee had found a very pressing need in some country centres for homes, Mr. R. B. Morris said at Congress this year.

He was supporting a State Executive motion asking for the continuation of more State Housing Commission homes in country towns. At Bunbury, Mr. Morris said, there was a deficiency of 120 homes and the position at Geraldton was even more critical.

Mr. P. P. Herlihy, officer in charge of the commission's War Service Homes division, told delegates that there had been an upsurge of applications in some towns. At Bunbury there had been 50 applications. Forty-five homes were now being built there, with others scheduled for later in the year.

Almost $11,000,000 had been provided under the Commonwealth Housing Agreement last year in W.A.—the usual amount for some years.

Country requests represented 21 percent of the total applications, but 39 percent of available funds was spent in the country. It cost more to build in the country.

Most rental homes were financed under the agreement.

Mr. F. Stahl (Denmark): Are there concessional rates in case of sickness?

Mr. Herlihy: There is provision for that; the cost of rebates is about $150 per year.

The State Executive was successful with a motion calling for additional funds to be provided for discharging existing mortgages where the mortgagee was eligible for war-service assistance.

The executive again found support for a request that the waiting period for finance for home-purchase be abolished.

GIFT PARCELS: Recent correspondence from R.S.L. national headquarters in Canberra underlines the probability of a large increase in the number of Christmas parcels this year to be sent to troops serving overseas.

Victoria Park Selects A New President

A Maylands motion asking for the lump-sum re-payment of principal to be allowed was withdrawn after Mr. Herlihy had explained that this was done to avoid disqualification. About 16,000 out of 23,000 clients had a credit in their accounts, he said. Such repayments reduced the amount of interest due as this was assessed on the net liability.

A Collie-Cardiff motion for the immediate grant of war-service loans to those entitled to them was carried.

Mr. Herlihy said the waiting period now was one or 17 months relating to the purchase of existing homes. Mr. R. H. Stodart (Chairman of the League's housing committee) said that about $17,000,000 was being repaid in the same way by home purchasers. It seemed wrong to claim that the scheme required an annual outlay of $38,000,000.

It was about time to attend to those who had waited 20 years ago and still had no war-service home.

More Names For The Memorial

A plaque commemorating those who lost their lives in the Korea and Malaya fighting is to be affixed to the State War Memorial.

This was decided at Congress following the advocacy of Mr. L. Phenni (City of Perth), who served in the World War and later in Malaya, said he had been asked more than once why there was no such plaque here.

A Korea and Malaya plaque had been unveiled in the Victorian War Memorial in February of this year, he said.

State President Pearson said the executive had considered the matter and approved of it.

A Geraldton Report On Visitori

One of the R.S.L. hospital visitors at Geraldton, Mr. Bill Heath, told the July meeting that during the past month he had visited 36 ex-service patients.

Mr. Heath said there had been eight deaths since January and he had been able to attend seven of the funerals.

A visit to Nazareth House had disclosed nine returned men among the inmates.

They had been given the best wishes of the sub-branch and also some cigarettes—made available from the $2 donation from a member for comfort purposes.

Building Cost

The ten Darby and Joan cottages at the War Veterans' Home cost £3,500 to build, and the E.C. Townshend Recreation Centre £5,500.

State Secretary Webb was told at the meeting that the cottages had been built on a cluster basis, and all occupants had expressed their delight with them, he said.

Newcomer Wins Shoot

On the night of July 21 in the Victorian House 18 shooters from eight sub-branches battled for the indoor ranges to decide who would be this year's champion.

After six rounds each were fired at the target without missing a "bull", and the main prize was taken off by a newcomer to the competition in the person of R. N. völl and A. Robertson, the League's welfare officer.

In his next, and missing out by only one bull", was Mr. Hawthorn's Tony Ericson. The plate was won by J. J. Williams (Gloucester Park), and the runner-up was Eddy Morris (P.M.G.).

If there were fewer participants this year it was a fine night's sport helped out, in a small measure, by those who helped with the marking and judging.

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Congress Asks For Filling Of W.A.'s Defence "Void"

Four out of seven of the listed defence motions debated at Congress this year stressed the unpreparedness of this State and called for effective redress of the situation.

Speaking to a Returned Sisters' sub-branch motion for "bringing most urgently before the Minister for Defence the need for adequate defence measures for Western Australia and northern Australia" Mr. H. Holder (City of Perth) referred to reports, from time to time, of unexplained appearances off the Australian coastline of foreign ships and submarines.

Such sightings had been made in the waters off Geraldton and Albany and other parts of the West Australian coast, Mr. Holder said.

Naval defence here seemed to consist of the Diamantina with a very small cannon.

Mr. Holder warned the armed forces stationed here adequate to defend the State.

CIVIL DEFENCE

There were also the questions of civil defence and subversive activities to be looked at. In time of hostilities subversive elements could create havoc in the service.

Mr. R. B. Marris, chairman of the League's State defence committee, after outlining the League's submissions at national level said that the liaison at present was particularly good.

At State level his committee was behind any group which could help to promote defence preparations.

It was strange, Mr. Marris said, that there was probably not a fighting ship within 2,000 miles of Leston.

Perhaps there could be some missile defence for Pearce.

The Federal Government's defence vote included about £18,600,000 for buildings throughout Australia—£12,000,000 of it Queensland and the bulk of the rest in New South Wales and Victoria—W.A. about £750,000 was being spent at Swanbourne.

The two aspects constantly before his committee were overall defence and the defence of W.A.

State President Pearson said he thought it true to say that in the past few years R.S.L. submissions on defence had been most successful and that the Commonwealth Government had been following them.

Possibly the Government at the moment was spending as much on defence as it could consistent with its other financial commitments.

State Vice-President Dr. A. King said West Australians were entitled to feel uneasy about defence.

He would like to see a naval base foremost, and also perhaps some reconnaissance aircraft in the North-West.

On the motion of the Bunguburra sub-branch Congress reaffirmed League policy for a naval base on the western coastline, and then adopted a motion from the Fremantle City sub-branch for seeking the establishment in W.A. of a sufficient aircraft and personnel to cover any emergency.

Congress also agreed to a Maylands sub-branch motion for an approach to the State Government concerning claims that some Government departments were refusing leave to employees to attend training-camps.

Sub-branch delegate S. G. Power said it appeared that some departments were merely paying lip-service to the leave-for-training idea.

He said that a C.M.G. senior non-commissioned officer who had been attending regularly for a number of years had this year been refused leave for that purpose by his department on the grounds ofstaff shortage. Other defence motions resolved on called for;

- The doubling of the armed forces and the provision of missiles in strategic locations in northern Australia (Floreat-City Beach).
- An expression of alarm at the continued bellicosity of Indonesia towards its smaller neighbours and the enlarged threat Australia and its territories” (Maylands).
- A tighter screening of Indonesian nationals desiring to visit Australia, or the refusal of visas to them (Maylands).

NATIONAL SERVICE

Discussion of items listed under the agenda heading "Defence—National Service" resulted in the following resolutions:

- That all service personnel on overseas service should be entitled to vote in Commonwealth and State elections.
- That the Congress press for the abolition of the "no conscription for natives" regulation.

Now it was told that existing legislation debarring Aborigines from service was liable to review.

Shenton Park's Second Ball

So successful was the ball conducted at Shenton Park last year by the combined forces of the R.S.L. sub-branch and the R.A.O.B. lodge that it has been decided to make it an annual event.

This year's ball will be held in the "Buff" hall on Friday, August 20. Tickets can be procured from the secretary of either organisation for 17/- (single).

The sub-branch appeals to members for their full support; last year's "effort assisted the funds considerably.

The sub-branch's monthly dance is retaining its popularity but there is still room on the floor for more dancers.

The annual raffle is now in swing and members have not already done so are requested to obtain books from secretary G. Fringle, of 101 Herbert Road.
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Flats and Homes For Ex-Service People

By the endorsement of a Midland Junction motion last month Congress directed the State Executive to consider the building of flats for aged ex-service men and women on a basis similar to church ventures in that field.

The League’s Darby and Joan cottages at the War Veterans’ Home are let on a tenancy basis. The occupant of each home normally requires down-payment of a lump sum.

A Carlisle delegate said he did not think the average ex-service man could provide the down-payment required, which was generally about £1,000.

The Executive is also to consider the issue of building extension at the home—the building of homes for aged ex-service men in major country towns.

This was decided by the adoption of a Geraldton motion.

Geraldton delegate A. McDonald said there was a limit to the extension of the Darby and Joan cottages at Mt. Lawley.

In any case, he said, country people usually reluctant to leave their lifelong associations, and the proposal was on the lines of decentralisation.

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QUICK DECISION ON ELIGIBILITY MOVE

A motion from the Maylands sub-branch asking for eligibility for League membership to be extended to cover all volunteers for overseas service was rejected by Congress last month within seconds of its submission.

No one rose to discuss the motion and its rejection was most emphatic.

A Nollamara motion for admittance to membership or associate membership of home-defence personnel such as those who served in garrisons, munition factories or on the servicing of aircraft, lapsed for want of a second.

A Darling Range motion asking for the annual subscription to be raised by 5/- with that amount to be retained by sub-branches in addition to the present share, was ruled out of order, as was an Applecross motion seeking the election of State Executive officers by the sub-branches by ballot annually.

A Midland Junction move for the cost of life membership awards to be debited to the State or National Executive was defeated.

The only constitutional item adopted was one sponsored by the State Executive and providing for the League trustees to be elected for a three-year rather than a one-year term.

The new rule will take effect as from next year's elections.

Corps Wants To Expand

During the past year members of the Hospital-visiting Corps have made 1,328 individual visits to patients in metropolitan hospitals and institutions. Their untiring efforts have earned them respect and a welcome at the bedside.

But as ex-service men grow older the demand for hospital-visiting increases and the work of the Corps grows more onerous.

Is anyone prepared to help the Corps? If so, contact Mr. H. Hall at Anzac House (23 2271).

OPERATION STAND-IN ONCE MORE

- Volunteer "fathers"—and many of them—are wanted for this year's Operation Stand-In, to be conducted on Sunday, September 22.

The operation consists of providing about 300 junior recruits (most from the Eastern States) at HMAS Leander with a stand-in father and family for the day.

Hosts are to collect their guests at Leaview at 11 a.m. and return them by 10 p.m.

The form of the day's outing is left to the discretion of each family.

Members and others who have assisted in the past, and those who helped with Operation Friendly (for underprivileged children) on June 20 last, have all agreed that this work is a rewarding experience.

Volunteers for "Stand-in" are asked to phone the League (23 2271) giving their name, address and phone number and also the number of guests they are prepared to entertain.

Act promptly, please!

Shield A Reminder Of League Stalwart

During Congress last month a handsome shield—to be presented annually to the runners-up in the A.A.R.M.S. Games competition—was presented on behalf of the City of Perth sub-branch to State President Pearson.

It is to be known as the Bill Holder Memorial Shield.

Making the presentation, City of Perth delegate L. Pheena said the late Mr. Holder had passed away 12 months to the day previously.

For many years Mr. Holder had been an active member of the League. He had been the sub-branch secretary and for some years was a keen Games enthusiast. Just before his death he had expressed a hope that a special sub-branch would win the games-shield. It had won.

The sub-branch was presented with the shield to perpetuate the memory of Bill Holder, who had done so much for the League and for people in general.

The shield had been made by Mr. Dick Hummerson, who had also made the miniature memorial shield used by the State Executive regularly for ceremonial purposes.

In reply the State President said that many of the delegates would remember Mr. Holder who was always a gentleman and was always ready to assist.

Geraldton Man Selected For U.K. Anniversary Role

Geraldton sub-branch member Frank Kruta, who as an Air Force pilot in the World War escaped from prisoner-of-war camps four times, is to leave for England next month to take part in the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Battle of Britain.

He is one of three West Australians who will be representing the Air Force Association on that occasion.

Mr. Kruta, who runs a dry-cleaning business at Geraldton, migrated to Western Australia 14 years ago with his wife and family.

He was a pilot in his home country, Czechoslovakia, until it was occupied by the Germans and then served in France until the collapse of that country.

Mr. Kruta then joined the R.A.F. and flew Hurricanes in interception work over England and later Spitfires in bomber-escort operations over France and Holland.

He was shot down over Hungary when flying a Russian fighter plane as a member of the Czech Air Force in 1944 and spent six months in prisoner-of-war camps.

He escaped twice from Hungary and twice in Austria.

On his third escape he was accompanied by a member of the A.I.F. and Mr. Collie, Mr. Reg Feast, who now lives in New Zealand and with whom he still correspondeces.

They were caught near the Czech border after travelling four days and covering about 80 miles.

A little later he managed to escape again and was soon reunited with the Royal Air Force—B.S.B.

New Quarters For Pupils

Although the Greenbushes school was destroyed by fire last February its pupils are going to school just the same—In the Greenbushes R.S.L. Hall.

The Education Department will continue to use the League premises during daytime until the school has been rebuilt.

The sub-branch, meantime, is benefitting from the rental paid.

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Associations of Ex-Servicemen


SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS ASSOCIATION—Meets fourth Tuesday each month. President, P. C. M. Secretary, W. J. M. Treasurer, J. H. M. Meetings called. President, P. C. M. Secretary, W. J. M. Treasurer, J. H. M.

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HONORARY LIFE-MEMBERSHIP FOR VICTORIA CROSS MEN

At Congress life-membership badges were presented by State President Pearson to holders Jack Axford and Group Captain L. H. Trent, ex-R.A.F. This was in accordance with National Executive policy to make all V.C.s life-members.

Goldfields V.C. Jack Carrol was not present to receive a similar honour, and Jim Gordon V.C. received his badge at the opening of "V.C. Corner" in Canberra last week.

"With these awards we of the League are expressing our indebtedness to these men," Mr. Pearson said.

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The Port Hedland Sub-branch busy

Port Hedland, the sub-branch scribe tells us, is these days a scene of intense activity with most aspects of the construction projects being pushed ahead, around the clock, six days a week.

If you stand in the same spot for too long he says, you may be built on or bulldozed over, and although there is a greater potential of members the long working-hours prevent many from attending the regular meetings.

But the sub-branch has not been idle. The Jubilee Anzac parade and service was very well attended with 52 ex-servicemen falling-in for the march.

The service in the Gratwick Memorial Hall was conducted by sub-branch President Jack Hunt in the presence of a very large gathering.

A choir of students from the Port Hedland Junior High School led the hymn-singing and added a delightful facet to the dignity of the occasion.

As in previous years, many wreaths were laid at the Honour Board by various organisations.

A Sunset service was conducted by the president and a group of members who tossed the wreaths from the morning service into the outgoing tide while they recalled the Ode of Remembrance.

Over the Foundation Day weekend the sub-branch organised a sports meeting which featured foot races over 75 yards. The net result was a profit of £620 of which £150 was donated to five local community organisations.

The three main races were won by Rod Blair (under 35), Dave Noonan (over 35) and Ernie Bracken ("buffers" race).

Recently a Debutante Ball was conducted, principally through the efforts of the ladies’ auxiliary.

The 11 debes, beautifully trained, were presented to Mr. Jack Hunt for the North-West. H. L. McGulgan and Mrs. McGulgan in a "hall setting" which justified the hours of work entailed.

The Veterans’ Home and similar organisations will benefit from the profit from the function.

The annual reunion dinner, held on July 3, was well attended—36 members and visitors and six official guests.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a Certificate of Service to Mr. Harold Ward by President Jack Hunt, who described the recipient as Great War veteran who had done the uniform again in the World War and had occupied an executive position in the sub-branch.

Three Springs Meeting

The gathering for last month’s meeting of the Three Springs-Anrino sub-branch, with president Ivan Russel presiding, consisted of ten members and a visitor from New South Wales—Jack Bal-again.

Jack was in the West for the first time since joining-up at Geraldton early in the World War. Jack Thorpe reported on current matters affecting the work of the committee in the district. Discussion centred on the possibility of a change of meeting-time from the third Friday, but no action was taken.

In future members who fail to attend three consecutive meetings, or offer apologies, will not receive notice-of-meeting cards.

A small committee has been appointed to meet the District Hospital Committee to discuss ways in which the sub-branch can help the hospital.

After the meeting sub-branch and auxiliary members met for an enjoyable supper.

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