MEMBERSHIP GOING UP

PENZANCE LEGION

Mr. A. C. Goddard, secretary of the Penzance branch of the British Legion, said at the annual meeting on Friday at the Legion Club in Chapel-street, Penzance, under the chairmanship of Mr. W. J. Hichens (president) that the membership of the branch now stood at 481 – an increase of 53 new members on the previous year.

Mr. Goddard went on to say that the balance banked and in hand amounted to £39 0s. 10d. The balance in 1944 was £48 10s. 8d. and the decrease this year was probably due to extra donations given to other organisations.

The Pensions appeal tribunals were now functioning and at every court there was a Legion representative who was willing and prepared to assist any ex-Serviceman or woman who needed help with their case.

The old Benevolent Committee is now the Services Committee to undertake branch work in connection with pensions, employment and benevolence. Exservicemen and women who desire to take advantage of their rights under the Reinstatement Civil Employment Act must apply in writing to their old employers for re-instatement within four weeks of their completion of service in the forces.

Mr. Hichens said he hoped that the Penzance Legion would soon be able to acquire suitable premises to house the men and women leaving the forces.

Elections were: Mr. W. J. Hichens president; Chairman, Mr. J. K. Hill; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Meek; chaplain, Rev. C. H. S. Buckley; standard bearer, Mr. W. Goldsworthy; hon. secretary, Mr. A. C. Goddard; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. G. Turner; subscription secretary, Mr. C. Delabertouche.

Legion Committee: Messrs. C. Richards, S. Drew, W. Goldsworthy, Phil Symons, J. Wallis, F. Richards, W. Marks, F. Hawkins, J. Meek, G. Burroughs, A. Goldsworthy, B. J. Nicholls, W. H. Daniel, H. Bennett.

Services Committee: Chairman, Mr. J. Meek; Vice-Chairman, Mr. S. Drew; Secretary, Mr. H. Bennett; Treasurer, Mr. C. Delabertouche; Pensions Officer, Mr. A. C. Goddard; Employment Officer, Mr. J. K. Hill; Mr. M. J. Kenna, Mr. Phil Symons, Mr. G. Ford, Mr. A. Goldsworthy, Mr. W. Goldsworthy, Mr. W. Marks, Mr. F. Hawkins, Mr. B. J. Nicholls, Mr. F. Richards, Mr. C. Richards, Mr. G. Burroughs.

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