

Memorial Hall for Cunningham

Of some years standing is the proposal to erect a Memorial Hall at Cunningham to provide amenities to cover the area included by Cunningham, Pratten, Bony Mountain, Wheatvale, Leslie, Roger's Creek, Greymare, Thane, and adjoining places.

The proposal was set on foot when local selectors offered self-help—agreeing to provide log timber, to be sawn as required at the district sawmill. For years attempts have been made by a local committee to secure a building permit for the erection of the hall but on all occasions this failed. However, timber was donated and stacked, and at Cunningham there is a cottage that will be incorporated in the new building.

The Rosenthal Shire Council gave assistance to the promoters, but more than once its efforts to issue a permit failed to persuade the Minister for Labour and Industry.

At length, however, the services of the Minister for Local Government, Public Works and Housing (Mr. P. J. R. Hilton) were requisitioned as his electorate of Carnarvon now includes a part of the Shire of Rosenthal, and the C.W.A. likewise sought Mr. Hilton's assistance.

These combined efforts have at least met with success, as indicated by the following letter received by Mr. Hilton from the Minister for Labour and Industry and which has been sent to the Rosenthal Shire Council and to Mrs. Sterne, C.W.A. State International Officer:

"I desire to refer to your repeated personal representa-

tions made to me on behalf of the Q.C.W.A. with respect to the proposal to erect a Memorial Hall at Cunningham.

"This matter was recently considered by State Cabinet, and it was decided that permits for the erection of memorial halls may be issued where the local public amenities are not adequate to meet the requirements of the residents of that area, this to apply to isolated country districts only.

"In view of this and your pressing representations, I have pleasure in advising that I have approved the issue of the necessary permit for the erection of the Memorial Hall at Cunningham.

"This permit will be issued through the District Officer, Bureau of Industry, Toowoomba, at an early date."