



Miss Gwen George was 96 last week.

A former matron of Parramatta Girls Industrial school, now Kamballa, she is greeted by the present matron and staff.

They are (l. to r.) the superintendent Mr Brian O'Brien, deputy supt. Chris Egan, Miss George and Matron Miss Jo Canley.

Miss George was a resident of North Ryde for many years before residing in a Strathfield rest home.

She commenced a long and industrious nursing career at Gladesville Mental Hospital and was later a sister at the convalescent home which is now Ryde Hospital.

Kamballa staff presented Miss George with a birthday cake and party where she caught up with developments since her retirement in 1946.

## Garry defends pensioners

**LOCAL MEMBER of State Parliament, Mr Garry McIlwaine, again has criticised the Federal Government for its continued refusal to increase the amount that invalid pensioners may earn before their pensions are affected.**

Mr McIlwaine raised this matter in State Parliament during the last session.

"The Commonwealth Government refuses to reconsider the matter despite continued representations from all State Governments and organisations connected with handicapped people.

"In 1972 handicapped people who received a full invalid pension

report on compensation and rehabilitation in Australia said the present allowances were inadequate and were subject to qualifications which in fact discouraged handicapped people from seeking work."

Mr McIlwaine said when a handicapped person works in a sheltered workshop or other place of employment for every 50 cents he earns over \$20

minds occupied.

"One of the greatest benefits to the handicapped person is employment.

### Independence

"It gives them a certain amount of independence, assists in their rehabilitation and improves their attitude in their everyday living activities.

"If handicapped persons

## BOYS' BRIGADE HISTORY IN NEW BOOK RELEASE

A book outlining the history of the Boys' Brigade in Australia and Papua New Guinea was launched in Sydney on March 18.

The official launching of the 275 page book, entitled "Boys, Urchins, Men" was performed by Youth and Community Services Minister, Mr Rex Jackson.

"The book," Mr Jackson said, "was an in depth look at the work of the Boys' Brigade from 1883 to 1976 and was written by well known historian, Dr M. E. Hoare."

Brigade member, Corporal Lee Arundel presented a copy of the book to Mr Jackson, accompanied by State President of the organisation, Mr Les Bingham and Mr John B. Gowan, the State Secretary.

Mr Bingham is a resident of the Carlingford area where he has been active in the brigades district activities for many years, while Mr Gowan resides at Mount Colah.

Following the presentation, Mr Jackson said that he had the highest



MR JACKSON receiving the book of Brigade history of Parliament House from Lee Arundel and State President, Mr Bingham.

admiration for the fine work undertaken by the Boys' Brigade which at the present time had 4500 members in NSW and 10,000 members throughout Australia.

"The organisation has been responsible for many initiatives in working with children and young people that had provided life long benefits," he said.

At the launch, Mr Jackson also presented Mr Bingham with a cheque for \$1000 to assist with the organisation operational costs.

Copies of the new publication can be obtained from the Boys' Brigade State Headquarters at 103 Queen Street North Strathfield.

## TRANSITION PROGRAMMES

Over \$2½ million is to be spent by the Commonwealth Government in

termed 'at risk' in regard to employment difficulties they are likely to encounter

## COMMUNITY ART SHOW

PUTNEY Community Club, one of the oldest Community Clubs, will be holding their fourth Annual Art Exhibition in conjunction with members of the Ryde Municipal Art Society, at the Putney-Tennyson bowling Club. The exhibition

at 8 pm April 11 and 12. Paintings will be on view daily from 10 am to 7 pm.

A wonderful display of paintings will be exhibited by members of the Art Society. Proceeds will benefit the club.