

for blind people; pensioners who live alone; and pensioners living in a household each member of which is also entitled to the concession or has an income not exceeding \$1,196 a year.

Reduced rate radio and television licences (free for blind pensioners) are also available to pensioners in the abovementioned categories.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A PENSION

Claim forms may be obtained from any Post Office and from all offices of the Commonwealth Department of Social Services.

People living in metropolitan areas should send their claims to the Director of Social Services in the capital city of the State in which they live. Others should send them to the nearest Registrar of Social Services.

If both husband and wife wish to claim a pension, a separate form should be used by each.

A person cannot receive an invalid pension as well as an age or widow's pension, a tuberculosis allowance, a sheltered employment allowance, or a service pension (except one for pulmonary tuberculosis).

People with pulmonary tuberculosis may be eligible for tuberculosis allowance at a rate higher than that of invalid pension. Information about the facilities for the treatment of tuberculosis and about tuberculosis allowances may be obtained from the State Director of Tuberculosis in the capital city of each State.

Correction

The article on Widow's Pensions in *Dawn*, July, 1967 (pages 7 to 9), was prepared from a pamphlet since superseded. The new edition incorporates minor changes in pension eligibility and the increased pension rates. People interested in obtaining the new guide to entitlement to widow's pensions should write to the Commonwealth Department of Social Services, 50 Carrington Street, Sydney. 2000; branch offices of the Department at Armidale, Bankstown, Broken Hill, Gosford, Lismore, Lithgow, Newcastle, Orange, Wagga Wagga, and Wollongong; or to the Aborigines Welfare Board, 121 Macquarie Street, Sydney. 2000.

Smoke Signals

TIP FOR THE MONTH You can usually get a good shine on shoes wet by rain the day before by adding a few drops of paraffin to the polish.

► Fifteen-year-old Arnold Ulamari is the first full-blood Aboriginal to win an English prize in a Northern Territory school. Arnold is in First Year at Darwin High School and had only two years of primary schooling. Few of his adult relatives can read or write.

► Motorists in Perth (W.A.) have been asked to give way to long-necked tortoises crossing Herbert Road in the suburb of Shenton Park. Mr R. Flood, a signwriter, erected the appealing sign after several tortoises had been run over. Each year the tortoises leave a nearby lake to lay their eggs in the warm, dry soil of house gardens up to a quarter of a mile from the lake.

► Canadians, like people of many other nations, are greatly interested in boomerang throwing. Mr Robert Edwards, a young Tullamore farmer recently returned from Canada, said that he had given scores of lessons in the sport there. Members of many farming clubs he visited were interested in boomerang throwing.

► Arnhem Land didgeridoo player so impressed Mr Ken Davis, a schoolteacher who was once a brass bandsman, that he inspired the Northern Territory Administration to buy the players six cornets from Adelaide. Mr Davis' school is on Elcho Island off Arnhem Land, and his friends say that he plans to teach tribesmen the finer points of cornet playing. He hopes that Aborigines with a natural talent for rhythm will eventually learn to play bassoons, trumpets, and other brass band instruments. Pity, but I don't think I'd like to hear the weird, whooping drone of the didgeridoo replaced by the crashing cymbals and blare of a brass band.