

KAPUNI WAR MEMORIAL

£10,000 PROJECT

Kapuni residents have decided to continue with their plans for a £10,000 war memorial hall. When the scheme was first mooted it was decided that half of the money would be raised in the district and half from a Government subsidy of £1 for £1.

The committee set up to raise funds have £1600 and residents met recently to discuss the question of raising the remainder by 1953 to receive the subsidy.

The chairman, Mr. H. P. Gibson, asked the meeting to decide whether it wanted to continue with the project, because, he said, there was no sense in planning for a £10,000 building if the money could not be obtained. He added that it appeared ridiculous that Kapuni should attempt to erect a £10,000 building when Hawera was preparing to spend only twice as much on a similar project, but no other district had the same ambitious outlook as Kapuni.

Two estimates had been obtained, said the secretary, Mr. G. Harrison. One was by a Manaia resident and the other by Mr. H. C. D. Somerset, Victoria University College. Both placed the cost at over £10,000. Mr. Somerset suggested that the hall be squarer in shape so as to cut down on wall space, and to retain an atmosphere of sociability.

The hall should cater for all uses, said Mr. J. S. Gamlin, who urged that the committee should make sure of its application. He suggested that some of the money could be raised by a large art union. Although an earlier application to hold one had been declined, he felt that if the facts were made known to the department in charge, the application would be granted.

A number of canvassers were selected to approach residents and business firms during the next three years for donations. Mr. W. Ingram's suggestion that the donations could be guaranteed and not necessarily paid in one sum was adopted.