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The Assault Upon Preference

During the war years, when politicians were promising A.I.F. recruits, the earth, the sun, the whole solar system, and all that in them is, the catch-cry was "go ahead, boys, we will see that you are looked after when you come back." In the main, we were looked after, and we are grateful to the country for it. We were not subjected to the bitterness that returned men had to endure after the last Boer War. Our incapacitated comrades were not left to die in workhouses, as happened after the Crimea and Waterloo. Repatriation schemes, vocational training, war service homes, and the like, are institutions that are innovations in the history of modern war. In fact, as regards incapacitated, and partially disabled men, we have received better treatment than ever we dared hope for. But how much of this favourable treatment would have occurred had not a few bright spirits got together in 1916 and founded the League?

The returned man does not ask for charity. He does not demand recognition; history has accorded him that already. He is well content if the public at large is to his virtues very kind, and to his faults a little blind. But what he does desire, and is determined to secure, is the right to take up life where he left it; the attaining and the maintaining of that status which would naturally be his, had not his civilian career been interrupted by the war. This desire found expression in the League's enunciation of the principles of preference to returned soldiers, a principle which the Commonwealth Government has adopted, and which some of the States have given the force of law. In enunciating this principle, the League did not endeavour to secure any undue advantage for the ex-soldier. It merely tried to ensure that the digger's war service should not militate against his prospects of future employment, nor debar him from promotions he would have received in the ordinary course of events had he remained at home. The very use of the out of date saving clause, "all other things being equal," precludes any suspicion of pleading war service as an aid to personal advancement. Yet, this very saving clause has been a boomerang which has recoiled upon the League.

In abrogating the principle, Government departments, both Federal and State, have been the worst offenders. Specious arguments like "financial stringency," "efficiency," "policy of the department," "regulation soundso," have all been advanced ad nauseam, and when it becomes a question of promoting a slacker or retaining a cold-footer at the digger's expense, the men who fought the good fight finds all things very unequal. It was gallling enough to see persons gaining departmental advancement, conserving their health and refraining from impairing what red-tape officialdom calls their efficiency by remaining at home, without this state of affairs being tolerated.

Instances can be quoted by the yard. Take the case of the Defence Department itself. Before the war, under existing regulations, the Governor-General was empowered to grant commissions in the permanent forces for distinguished service in the field. During the war, many warrant officers of the instructional staff attained field rank. One, at least, commanded a battalion and was awarded a bar to his D.S.O. After the war, these men had to relinquish their rank, and remain junior to Duntroon boys, who had never smelled powder. Certainly positions were created for some of them, but these appointments carried honorary and not substantive rank, while the regulation whereby they might have obtained the latter was amended, and made to apply to the Citizen Forces only—not the permanent forces.

Two post-war military appointments reek to 'high Heaven. In one case a foreign-born gentleman was appointed consultant in physical training with the honorary rank lieutenant-colonel; in the other, a pre-war Citizen Force officer, who stayed at home, but who received promotion, the O.B.E., and eventually a knighthood, was appointed honorary consulting engineer to the forces. Of course, both these positions were honorary, but in each case there were distinguished A.I.F. officers with higher professional qualifications who were available. The two senior appointments in the West Australian Education Department were recently given to men who might have gone to the war, but did not. In the same department, two men were promoted to inspectorial rank who kept the home fires burning. As the Listening Post has stated before, there is an element of putrid hypocrisy displayed in recognizing the preference when appointing a yardman or a labourer, and ignoring it altogether when it becomes a question of promoting highly placed officials.

Mr. Hubert Parker's remarks on this question, and his castigation of the Public Service Commissioner, at a recent Executive meeting were timely and quite called for. These specious pleas of seniority and efficiency are largely a matter of my visual organ and Miss Elizabeth Martin. They deceive nobody.

But the Public Service Commissioner has one point in his favour. In removing a senior officer on the dubious plea of financial stringency, and in retrenching temporary employees, he has observed the principle of preference to returned soldiers—in reverse gear.
As matters are, and seeing that a general election is pending, we diggers should give our votes to returned soldier candidates, irrespective of party, provided those candidates pledge themselves to observe the preference principle.

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In the Queen of Charity contest initiated by the *Daily News*, Miss Mary Meares is representing the Maimed and Limbless Men’s Association. She has also been adopted by Boans Ltd., who are working very hard in her favour. Mary will have the influential backing of all diggers, who will put up a great fight for their favourite. There has been no more loyal friend to the soldier, both during the war and since, her services being of an outstanding character, particularly to men in hospitals, and the “Wingies and Stumpies.” She should prove a popular candidate. In 1921 Mary was awarded the League’s certificate of merit. The Perth Sub-branch and others have consented to co-operate in her candidature, and voting cards can be obtained from Secretary George Melior, or the secretary, Returned Maimed and Limbless Men’s Association, at 79 Colin Street, West Perth. The Masonic Club, Perth, is also assisting Mary.

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Apologies were received from Messrs. Constantin and Logie.

Condolence.—The State President, on behalf of delegates, extended sympathy to Mr. Parker in his recent bereavement.

Reports.—The State Secretary read a report of the operation of the office during the preceding fortnight. The report was received.

Finance Committee.—The report of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 20th January was received. It contained a recommendation for the payment of £117 7s. 6d., being the final account of the "Digger Book." This recommendation was agreed to and the report adopted.

Economy.—The State Secretary read a report in accordance with a resolution carried by the Executive on the 11th December, 1929.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Tozer, that the report be referred to the Management Committee for consideration and recommendation.—Carried.

Moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Tyler, that the report be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Philp, seconded by Mr. Cooke, that the recommendations contained in the report be made available to each member of the Executive.—Carried.

House Committee.—The report of the House Committee meeting held on the 10th January was received.

Pensions Committee.—Mr. Watt submitted a report of the Pensions Committee meeting held on the 21st January. The report was received and adopted.

Hospital Visiting Committee (Edward Millen Home).—Rabbi D. I. Freedman reported that, in company with Mr. Tozer and the State Secretary, he had visited the Darling Range Sub-Branch on Monday, 20th January, and, after discussion, the Branch had endorsed the Committee's action in connection with the Edward Millen Home, and had caused the resolution previously conveyed to the Executive to be deleted from their records.

A communication from the Darling Range Sub-Branch to this effect was also received. The Committee also reported having visited Edward Millen Home.

Maimed and Limbless Men's Association.—Mr. Philp reported having represented the Executive at the Annual Meeting of the Maimed and Limbless Men's Association.

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West Leederville.—The State President reported having visited the West Leederville Sub-Branch.

"W.A. Digger Book."—A communication was received from the Secretary of the Press Sub-Branch, suggesting that to assist in the sale of these books, the disposal within the metropolitan area be placed in the hands of Mr. J. F. Fitzgerald, Treasurer of the Press Sub-Branch, who was in regular contact with newsmen; the books to be placed with newsmen on sale or return on a 20% commission basis. Further, that six copies be sent to each sub-branch in W.A. on sale or return, and the same number to each Unit Association; 10 copies to each State Branch, 10 copies to the Canberra Branch, 25 copies to New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association, and 25 copies to the British Legion.

Moved by Mr. Longmore, seconded by Mr. Cooke, that the above suggestion be adopted.—Carried.

Federal Correspondence: Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch.—A communication was received from the General Secretary, advising that the Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch had regretted that, owing to not being advised of the delegates' return to the Eastern States, members were unable to meet the train.

Film Centres.—The Federal President advised that a war widow and two returned soldiers had been appointed to the Censors' Board.

Christmas greetings were received from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and Mr. R. E. Bush.

Returned Soldiers: C.P.S.—A communication from the Federal Executive in this connection, dealing with certain promotions, was received.

Advance, War Service Homes.—The Federal Executive advised that the Minister for Markets and Transport considered that at present it was impossible to improve the position of the War Service Homes funds and that, when financial conditions improved it might be possible to provide sufficient funds to erect homes already applied for.

Employment Grant.—Advice was received that the Employment Grant had been continued.

Employment Bureau.—The report of the Employment Bureaux throughout the Commonwealth for the month of November was received.

Federal Congress Resolutions.—A number of communications were received concerning resolutions passed at the last Federal Congress.

Resignation.—Colonel J. E. Dunkley stated that, owing to duties connected with the 28th Battalion Association, he was unable to give sufficient time to League duties, and tendered his resignation. It was decided to accept the resignation with regret, and ask Mr. Hunt, the next elected by Congress, if he would fill the vacancy.

Leave of Absence.—Mr. G. D. Shaw applied for leave of absence for three meetings from the 8th January—Granted.

York Sub-Branch.—Mr. L. Mahoney advised that it had been decided to re-form the York Sub-Branch, and the necessary subscriptions had been forwarded. It was decided that approval be granted for the re-formation and a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr. Mahoney.

Membership.—The Dongara Sub-Branch forwarded particulars of two ex-members of an Allied Army, asking if they might join the League.

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reply was left in the hands of the President.

Militia Forces.—The District Commandant, General Jess, requested the attendance of the League and its sub-branches in securing volunteers for the militia forces. Moved by Mr. Longmore, seconded by Mr. Farquharson, that this Executive endorse the appeal of the District Commandant, and instructs that all metropolitan sub-branches and Unit Associations, both senior and junior, be circularised and asked to assist in this direction.—Carried.

Marketing.—A communication was received from the Torbay Sub-Branch, dealing with the marketing of fresh fruit and vegetables within the State, and making suggestions which would benefit the grower. The letter was referred to the Land Committee, with power to act, and it was also decided that publicity be given.

Certificate of Service.—In connection with the certificate of service to be issued to members of sub-branches, as decided at last State Congress, it was agreed on the motion of Mr. Coke, seconded by Mr. Tyler, that the present form of Certificate for past Presidents and Secretaries be utilised.—Carried.

Collie.—Financial statement of the Collie Sub-Branch for the year ending 31/12/29 was laid on the table for the information of members.

R.S. Temporary Employees: Electoral Department.—A further communication was received from the Secretary of the Premier’s Department, advising that investigations into this matter did not disclose any unfair or unreasonable action by the Electoral Department.

Delays, X-Ray Department, Perth Hospital.—The Perth Sub-Branch forwarded a communication from a member, who had experienced unnecessary delay at the Perth Hospital when attending for X-ray. He was not a Repatriation Department case. The Secretary was instructed to interview the hospital authorities.

Cricket Match.—The Perth Sub-Branch challenged the Executive to a cricket match, to be held on the 2nd February. The challenge was accepted, and arrangements were left in the hands of Messrs. Tozer and Longmore.

Laying of Wreaths.—Perth Sub-Branch asked that an expression of opinion be forwarded to the passengers and crew of the s.s. Malolo for their kindly remembrance of Australian soldiers, so adequately expressed by the depositing of wreaths on memorials in Western Australia. The Secretary was instructed to take the necessary action.

General Hobbs.—The State President advised delegates that General Hobbs would shortly be leaving Western Australia on an extended holiday, and suggested that he be tendered a luncheon. On the motion of Col. Margolin, seconded by Mr. Philp, it was agreed that this luncheon be given to General Hobbs and the expense of the same be borne by individual members of the Executive.

5th February, 1930.


An apology was received from Mr. Parker.

Economy.—The State President submitted a report on behalf of the Management Committee in connection with the State Secretary’s recommendations concerning economy. The report was adopted.

X-Ray Delays, Perth Hospital.—The State Secretary submitted a report concerning his interview with Dr. Anderson in this connection. The report was received, and it was decided that a copy be forwarded to the Perth Sub-Branch.

Reports.—The State Secretary read the report of the operations of the office for the preceding fortnight.

Finance Committee: The report of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 3rd February was submitted by Mr. C. P. Smith and adopted.

House Committee: Mr. Philp submitted a report to the House Committee meeting held on the 29th January. The report was received and adopted.

Pensions Committee: The report of the Pensions Committee meeting held on the 4th February was submitted by Mr. Watt. The committee recommended that no action be taken in connection with resolution 16 of the 14th annual congress dealing with the King’s national roll. The report was adopted.

Wickepin Sub-Branch: Mr. E. S. Watt delivered a report on his visit to the Wickepin sub-branch and dealt with the question of amelioration fund, trouble concerning the control of which was being experienced by the sub-branch. A letter was also received from the Wickepin sub-branch in the same connection, requesting advice from the State Executive as to how to proceed. Moved Mr. Watt, seconded Mr. Philp, that the Executive obtain legal opinion concerning the Wickepin sub-branch amelioration fund and its control, and the matter be left in the hands of Mr. Watt and the State Secretary with power to act.—Carried.

Sub-Branch Amelioration Funds.—Moved Mr. Watt, seconded Mr. Yeates, that the trustees of the R.S.L. Relief Fund consider the advisability of formulating a set of rules to be forwarded to sub-branches for their guidance in administering amelioration funds.—Carried.

The request from the Wickepin Sub-branch for a set of rules for their guidance was referred to the trustees of the R.S.L. relief fund for action.

Sub-Branch Visits.—Moved Mr. Yeates, seconded Mr. Cooke, that it be suggested to sub-branches that visiting Executive delegates should be allowed to inspect the books of the sub-branch and inquire as to the working conditions so that reports may be furnished to the State Executive of the best report to be sent to the sub-branch concerned; confidential matters, of course, to be withheld.—Carried.

R.S.L. Co-Op. Ltd.—Mr. Tyler submitted a report concerning the R.S.L. Co-Op. He stated that it had been decided to embark on an extensive scheme of advertising, one form of which was the appointment of agents in various country towns.

Moved Mr. Longmore, seconded Mr. Tyler, that

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Moved Mr. Watt, seconded Mr. Tozer, that the matter be adjourned until next meeting.

Lemons Board of Visitors.—A report submitted by Colonel Margolin was laid on the table for the information of members.

R.S.L. Relief Fund.—The report of the R.S.L. Relief Fund for the month of January was received.

Employment Bureau.—Report of the Employment Bureau for the month of January was received.

Queen’s Park.—Mr. Wells reported having visited a meeting of ex-soldiers in Queen’s Park, in company with Mr. E. M. H. Fairbairn, for the purpose of re-forming the sub-branch. The report was received.

Toodyay.—Mr. Yeates reported having visited the Toodyay Sub-branch. The report was received.

Mt. Hawthorn.—The State President reported having visited the Mt. Hawthorn Sub-branch. The report was received.

Federal Correspondence.—Address Prime Minister: In response to a request by the State President, the Federal President advised that he would make representations to the Prime Minister with a view to him addressing ex-soldiers during his visit to Western Australia.

Trade within the Empire.—A letter from the Federal President concerning trade within the Empire, and Empire Shopping Week was received.

Expulsion.—Mr. S. J. Kelly, a communication was received from the Federal Executive advising that S. J. Kelly, No. 2161, 19th Battalion, A.I.F., had been expelled from the League owing to his failure to account for funds controlled by him whilst honorary secretary of the Strathfield Homebush and District Sub-branch.

Messages.—His Majesty the King: The Federal Executive forwarded a copy of a letter addressed to the Federal President by the Melbourne Secretary, Government House, Melbourne, advising His Majesty the King’s acknowledgment of the message of loyalty forwarded by the Federal Congress.

B.E.S.L. Delegates: Correspondence was received from the Federal President advising that they would have expunged from the minutes of the Federal Executive the resolution carried concerning the action of the W.A. Branch in this connection.

A letter was also received from the Federal treasurer withdrawing any expressions contained in his letter of the 16th July, 1929, to Colonel Collett, which may have been considered offensive.

Poppy Day, 1930: A communication from the Federal Executive concerning the manufacture of poppies was received and referred to the Poppy Day Committee.

Meeting—Federal Executive: The general secretary advised that a meeting of the Federal Executive would take place in Melbourne on the 27th March, at 12.30 p.m. It was agreed that the matter of the appointment of a delegate be adjourned until next meeting. The question of items for the agenda paper was referred to the Management Committee.

Constitution Amendments: Amendments to the Federal Constitution passed by the 14th Annual Congress were received.

Further correspondence was received concerning resolutions carried at the 14th Annual Congress.

Invitations.—The following invitations were received: Denman, 15th March: referred to Management Committee. Southern Cross, 15th February: Mr. Cornell appointed. Quidirading: 15th March: referred to Management Committee. Boulder, Anzac Day: referred to the Anzac Day Committee.

Vacancy, Executive.—Mr. W. J. Hunt advised that owing to business responsibilities he was unable to fill the vacancy on the Executive caused by the resignation of Colonel Dunkley. It was agreed that the next on the list, Mr. Cattemore, be asked.

Watermain Over Causeway.—The Victoria Park Sub-branch requested the Executive to communicate with the Minister concerned regarding the practice of boys playing on the watermain over the Causeway. It was decided that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Minister.

Perpetuation of League.—Mr. W. C. Davis, of Sydney, forwarded a scheme for the perpetuation of the League. It was laid on the table for the information of members.

Charity Carnival.—The Daily News advised that they were conducting another charity carnival in April, and requested the League to nominate a representative to act on the committee. Moved Mr. Longmore, seconded Mr. Yeates, that the Executive co-operate in the direction desired.—Lost.

Amelioration Fund, Perth Branch: The Perth Sub-branch requested the State Executive to grant

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£100 from their next art union for the purpose of amelioration. Mr. Longmore gave notice of motion that the Executive endeavour to secure permission for a special art union each year, the proceeds to be allotted to sub-branches proportionately on the basis of membership, or on some other equitable basis decided by the Executive.

Identification of Members.—The Karridale Sub-branch suggested that a member identification card should be supplied to members. The matter was referred to the Management Committee.

Meetings, Anzac Day.—A letter from the 28th Battalion Association objecting to Unit Associations holding business meetings on Anzac Day was received.

War Trophies.—The 28th Battalion Association brought under the notice of the State Executive the uncared-for appearance of war trophies in the metropolitan area, and request that the subject of renovation be brought, under the notice of the responsible authorities.

Moved Mr. Watt, seconded Mr. Philp, that the sentiments expressed be endorsed, and that publicity be given to the matter, and that country sub-branches be requested to take steps towards the preservation of trophies in their districts.—Carried.

Flag from Cenotaph.—A communication from the Premier's Department to the State President asking that the League accept the custody of the flag which had been used for a period in the cenotaph in London, was received. The State President had accepted on behalf of the Executive. The question arose as to whether the flag should have gone to the B.U.S.A., and the matter was adjourned pending inquiries.

Financial Crowns.—The Upper Swan Sub-branch forwarded a communication concerning the issuing of financial crowns to members who pay only half-yearly subscription. The letter was received and the reply left in the hands of the State Secretary.

Camp Fire

Will Jack Turner, formerly sergeant in the 16th Battalion, who was taken prisoner in 1917, please communicate with F. J. Burgess, of Cudgewa Station, Victoria.

Mr. ALF. YEATES
Placing his services at the disposal of the electors for the new electorate of Middle Swan as the endorsed Country Party candidate is Mr. Alf. Yeates. His career has been a particularly interesting one. Born in Kent, England, in 1875, he enlisted at the early age of 17 years in the Royal Artillery, and served with the Mediterranean forces and later, for five years, at the North-West frontier of India. He was in the thick of the South African War and the Boxer Rebellion. In 1905 he resigned from the army and arrived in this State in 1912 and took up land at Millendon, Upper Swan. During the great war he served on the instructional staff at Blackboy for two years, and fought with the 44th Battalion, being severely wounded at Villers-Bretonneux, and later was invalided home.

He has pulled his weight in the returned soldier movement, having been a member of the State Executive for five years, and was president of the Upper Swan sub-branch for four years. His knowledge of land matters has been of great value to the Executive and soldier settlers generally, he being chairman of the land committee. Mr. Yeates has been W.A. representative on the Commonwealth Dried Fruits Control Board for over five years. He is a conscientious worker and an able debater and would make an excellent representative.

Mr. PETER WEDD
Mr. Peter Wedd, who is contesting the Maylands seat in the interest of the Nationalist Party, was born in Maryborough, Victoria, and came to this State over 35 years ago, being one of the...
pioneers of the Eastern Goldfields. At one time he was the owner, in conjunction with Dr. Laver, of the British Lion Mine at Laverton. He later entered the service of the W.A. Railways, and resigned from there later to go farming down the Great Southern line. He then took up business at Narrogin, and later purchased the Collie Mail, which he eventually sold. Eighteen years ago Mr. Wedd settled in Maylands, where his home still is.

He enlisted in 1917, and served abroad with the engineers. His son, Sergeant Gordon Wedd, of the 51st Battalion, was killed at Moquet Farm, in September, 1916.

Since his return in December, 1919, Mr. Wedd has been a staunch member of the League, being for a number of years a member of the State Executive. He also served a term of three years on the Perth Road Board, and has been President of the Maylands Progress Association for several years.

Mr. Wedd has lived a life full of varied experiences, and is the only returned soldier contesting the Maylands seat.

Mr. LINDSAY THORN

Mr. L. Thorn is contesting the Toodyay seat in the interests of the Country Party. He served abroad with the first D.A.C., both in Egypt and France, for 31 years, being badly gassed at Hill 60 during April, 1918, which put him in the care of the nursing sisters for five months.

Mr. Thorn is engaged in the viticultural industry and for the past five years has occupied the position of Common-wealth Dried Fruit Inspector, also that of official judge of dried fruit at the Royal Agricultural Show. He has taken a great interest in the progress of the Swan district, being a director of the S.S.A., also chairman of the Growers’ Country Distribution Association. He has been a good League member, was a delegate to the last State Congress, and is at present president of the Upper Swan sub-branch. His wide outlook generally and his special knowledge of the viticultural industry should appeal to the electors.

MAJOR HUBERT PARKER, D.S.O.

Major Parker is the endorsed Nationalist candidate for the newly formed N.E. Fremantle seat. Few returned soldiers need any introduction to Major Parker. He is resident in the electorate, and takes a keen interest in local affairs. For just on a century the family of Parkers has been prominent in political and public life. As a leading barrister in the Civil Courts, and as ex-Crown Prosecutor, Major Parker has given ample proof of his ability, and he has always been a keen student of politics. The candidate’s father, Sir Henry Parker, an erstwhile Chief Justice, was mainly responsible for procuring responsible government for Western Australia. Major Parker is an associate member of the Cottesloe sub-branch of the R.S.L., and president of the West Perth sub-branch. He is an ex-State president, and resigned his vice-presidency because he was an intending candidate at the forthcoming elections; taking up the stand that it was inadvisable in the interests of the League that a senior officer should be a candidate for Parliament, and having a strong objection to politics within the League. This view

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was emphatically expressed at a congress held in September last; and it was only under pressure that he allowed himself to be nominated as a member of the Executive, which position he still holds. In sport as in public welfare, the candidate take a keen interest as is evident by the fact that he is a vice-commodore of the Mosman Bay Yacht Club, and a member of the W.A.T.C. committee. As Crown Prosecutor, he has conducted many notable cases, and those of the Auburn and Kalgoorlie murders will readily come to mind. Major Parker's brother, Major F. M. W. Parker, won the D.S.O. in Africa, and was the first Australian officer to lose his life in the Great War. Major Parker was at Gallipoli from the landing until the evacuation, and his period of war service was from the outbreak of war until after hostilities ceased.

Mr. J. Mulqueeney

Almost too well-known in R.S.I. circles to need describing is Jack Mulqueeney, who is a candidate for the Mt. Marshall electorate in the interests of the Labour Party. Born in Brunswick, Victoria, he lived there for 30 years. He came to W.A. in 1897 and remained for two years, returning again in 1912. He enlisted in 1915 and was with Cliff Sadler when Cliff won his V.C. at Villers-Bretonneux. Jack was wounded during this stunt. He returned in June, 1919; and took up land under the S.S.S. at Lake Brown, being one of the first four men in the district. Being a public-spirited man he identified himself with all local movements, having for their object the well-being and progress of the district. Jack has been a member of the League since his return and has attended six State congresses, where he has at all times been one of the outstanding personalities and debaters. He is also a J.P., member of the Nungarin Road Board, president of a number of sporting bodies, and local representative of the New Settlers' League. Jack is a cheerful optimist, with a broad vision, and would be of great assistance to the returned soldiers on the land if he becomes the chosen of the electors.

Mr. J. Mulqueeney

Perhaps the most promising of the younger generation of politicians in Western Australia is the sitting member for West Perth, Mr. T. A. L. Davy.

"Tal," as he is known amongst his associates, was born in 1890, and was educated at Hale School, Perth. He proved to be a brilliant scholar, winning
the W.A. Rhodes Scholarship for the year 1909. On the outbreak of war, he joined up with the Royal Field Artillery, and served right through, retiring with the rank of captain.

He was elected to Parliament in 1924, and for some years has been Deputy Leader of the Opposition. A keen student and an able debater, it is predicted that Mr. Davy will in his time be the Premier of the State.

For a few years Mr. Davy was a member of the State Executive of the R.S.L., and has been honorary solicitor of the League since 1922. He is a member of the British United Services Association, being its auditor.

Mr. Davy is contesting his electorate of West Perth in the forthcoming elections.

Colonel J. S. Denton, D.S.O., V.D.

Colonel Denton, who is contesting the Irwin-Moore seat, in the interest of the Nationalist Party, arrived in W.A. in 1896, and joined the staff of the Government Railways, resigning after the war to go farming at Berkshire, Valley.

He joined the volunteer forces in 1896, and served continually in militia and citizen forces until the outbreak of war, when he was mobilised and started the first German internment camp at Rottnest. He left with the 11th Battalion as a captain, and was promoted to major in Egypt, in 1915. The Colonel was at the Gallipoli landing, and later saw service in France and Belgium. He commanded the 10th and 11th battalions in 1916, the 49th in 1917-18, and the 3rd Training Brigade Codford and Herd cott from July, 1918, until the Armistice.

Colonel Denton represented the Moore electorate in the Legislative Assembly from 1921 to 1927, being defeated at the last general elections. He was appointed organiser to the New Settlers' League in 1927, and later in the year was promoted to Secretary. Last year the Colonel was President of the Netherlands Sub-Branch, when it made its wonderful membership drive. He is a member of the State Executive of the League, and a valued member of the Land Committee. He has a thorough knowledge of the agricultural districts of the State, and understands the farmers' disabilities.

Mr. H. E. Wells

Mr. H. E. Wells, the endorsed Nationalist candidate for Canning, is a native of Ballarat, Victoria, and came to this State as a young man in the goldfields boom days, and worked on the mines on the Murchison goldfields for some time; was in business in Coolgardie in '96, and Leonora '97. In '99 he went to Collie, where coal mining was then in its infancy. Mr. Wells at once took an active part in the progress and development of the district, and was elected a member of the newly-formed Road Board, and later filled the office as chairman, and for several years was a member of the executive of the West Australian Road Board Association. As Collie emerged into a municipality, he was elected as a councillor, which office he held for many years, and was later elected to the Mayoral chair for four terms.

Mr. Wells held commissioned rank in the Commonwealth Military Forces, and was mobilised on the declaration of war. He served overseas with the 44th Battalion, and returned with the rank of captain. He immediately started business in Perth as an auctioneer, and again became actively interested in public affairs, and was elected to represent Victoria Park on the Perth City Council, and established his ability as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, and did exceptionally good work for his ward and the city generally.

He has been a member of the State Executive of the R.S.L. for a considerable time, and was President of the Vic-

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Presentation to Mr. A. E. Anderson

At the conclusion of the business of the last ordinary meeting of the Collie Sub-branch, Mr. A. E. Anderson, who has been appointed general manager for Geraldton Newspapers Ltd., was presented with a gold wristlet watch in recognition of his services to the Sub-branch. Knowing the presentation was to be made, a larger number of diggers than usual attended the meeting. Four past presidents of the branch were also present. The newly-elected president (Mr. A. E. Rolfe) occupied the chair, and the immediate past president (Mr. Harry May), in making the presentation, paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Anderson's services to the League and to the town. The recipient suitably responded. Mr. Anderson, who had been president of the sub-branch for two consecutive years, has the further distinction of being the only country member of the Press Sub-branch.

28th Battalion Association Notes

The February luncheon will be held in the Soldiers' Institute from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, the 27th. The departure from the usual date has been made because many members find it impossible to attend on a Friday.

The annual river trip, held on the 14th, was, from the social point of view, a great success, but once again the Weather Man treated us unkindly, and Treasurer Moss is not as well pleased with the financial results as he would like to be. Mr. Partridge's band added to the gaiety of the trip with a programme of excellent music. A host of youngsters, whose dads soldiered with the old unit, gave their attention to the bass drummer, and when that gentleman was not employed they peeped through the engine-room gratings and were absorbed in the marvels of pistons and crankshafts.

The forward companion-way was a popular promenade when the three-mile limit had been passed and investigators found it possible to splice the mainbrace in an atmosphere of "don't-you-remember..." President Sammy Jones, recently recovered from an illness, rested about the binnacle swapping yarns with John Tozer, who, by the way, is looking very fit. Secretary Mervyn Davies beamed on all what time he listened-in to Colonel Collett's latest digger story. Lack of space prohibits naming all of the old familiar faces seen on board, but we are safe in saying that everyone present was quite satisfied that the trip was a great success.

We regret to learn that "Young" Tom Molloy has found it necessary to attend at the hospital and we trust that he will soon recover his old-time form. Tom Rowe, who underwent repairs a few weeks ago, has again resumed duty and is keen on the trail of new members. We are pleased to learn that Digger Bowman, of Orchid Valley, Koonganup, is doing well and that his interest in the association is becoming keener. If your better half requires a good recipe for rissoles, see Joe Chivers, down from Yandanoopa for a holiday.

Snowy Ridley disposed of a dozen copies of the battalion history last month. How about someone trying to beat this record?

In order to assist one of our invalided members, now resident in Tasmania, to complete his pension appeal, statements are required from Light. Ellis, Lewis Gun Sergeant Jack Fox, and Private Carter. These members are requested to get in touch with the secretary so that matters can be finalised. If you can call their attention to this paragraph, or if you can advise the secretary of their whereabouts, your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

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Complaints are received from time to time from sub-branch officials and members regarding the non-receipt of The Listening Post. Our procedure is to take the names and addresses from the financial member card cabinet at the State Executive office monthly, and if sub-branch secretaries would send their returns to head office regularly, every month, and written legibly, there would be little cause for complaint. New members are not always aware of the fact that their subscription entitles them to this journal without further expense to them, consequently we are often returned the journal marked "not ordered" by members who, no doubt, think that we are trying to "put one over them."

A digger who was tramping the country looking for work applied to the rector for assistance. "What sort of work can you do?" inquired the rector, who had been a padre during the war years.

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The digger spent two days writing letters to parishioners who were behind with their pew-rent, and subscriptions to the sustentation fund. The padre was gratified with the sequel. Every reply came with a cheque enclosed. He was enlightened, however, when he received a curt note from a retired colonel, with cheque enclosed, and apologies for remissness.

"In conclusion," wrote the colonel, "I am surprised that you, as the minister of religion, and a university graduate, should be so slipshod in your spelling. For instance, the word 'lousy' is not spelled with a 'z,' and may I be permitted to point out that there is only one 'r' in 'basket.'"

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J.S.Y. writes:—The announcement of the death on January 22nd, of Mrs. J. H. Watson, of Kalamunda, marks the end of a war-time romance, none the less interesting because of its wholly Australian flavour. Jim Watson, born in Mt Gambier, S.A., and Dene Piesse had spent her life in Wagin, W.A., where their acquaintance commenced. At the outbreak of war, he was entering on a commercial career, and she was mid-way through her training for the nursing profession. Both families were represented in Australia's early war efforts, and in each a son paid the price of Empire with his life. Unafraid, both Jim and Dene took up the burden of their country's obligation and their family honour, and offered their services.

Perhaps love crept in here, since when he went away, it was as an engaged man, and thoughts of an early meeting probably filled her mind when later the call to service reached her. But Fate was unkind; Lieut. Watson joined up with the old 16th in France, and Sister Piesse went to Egypt, and later Salonika; and three long years passed before they had one fleeting day of re-union in England. And three years of anxious waiting it proved, for on the black day at Bullecourt, he was wounded and taken prisoner, and later, another brother of Sister Piesse was killed in action. So not unseathed in body and soul, they saw the end of their period of probation, married shortly after arrival back in Australia, they had ten years of ideal happiness before the end.

Called up for service in November, 1916, she sailed by the "Kaiser-i-Hind" the following month with a party of nurses from the base, which included Sisters Russell, Eastwood, Fleming, and Roberts. On arriving in Egypt, in January, 1917, she was attached to No. 14 A.G.H., at Abbassia. Then she volunteered for Salonika, where she remained until the war ended. After her return to Australia, she married Lieutenant James H. Watson, of the 16th Battalion, and went to Kalamunda to live.

The deceased lady was a full member of the Darling Range Sub-branch, and secretary of the local Women's Auxiliary. An energetic worker, who was always assisting those in need, her bright personality and cheery disposition gained her the respect and admiration of the whole district. Her loss will be felt by all who knew her, and our sympathies go out to our bereaved pal and his two little sons and daughter.

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G. H. Arnott, formerly sergeant in the 8th Battalion, is now running a saddlery and general leather business in the new markets. He won the D.C.M. for conspicuous gallantry at Harbonnieres in 1918.

Charlie Wake, one of Perth’s best-known insurance men, was formerly in the Grenadier Guards. The other day he went into the Criterion for a drop of cough mixture and the barman who served him is an ex-digger named Charlie Sleep.

After what must have appeared to him as a surfeit of farewell functions, Lieut.-General Sir Talbot Hobbs left a few days ago on a tour of India, Gallipoli, and Europe, which will take him about eight months. While in India he will be the guest of Sir William Birdwood, and will see his brother, who is also a general, and his son, who is a colonel, commanding a Gurka unit. The little general is one of the most lovable of men and his closest friends are men of all ranks who served with him in the Great War. He had tremendous responsibility during the war and his peace-time efforts have been almost as strenuous, so it is little wonder that his medical advisers have ordered him away for a holiday. We know that we echo the sentiments of all ex-service men in wishing the general a pleasant holiday and a complete restoration to health.

In the pleasant little town of Toodyay, which nestles in a sunlit valley between beautifully wooded hills, the digger spirit is very active. The returned man gets a very good hearing from the townspeople. Mrs. James, whose only son was killed at Messines, is an indefatigable worker on behalf of the boys, and is a tower of strength to the local hospital.

Another great hospital worker is a tall wiry gentleman with a pleasing Scots accent, one Robinson, who fought the good fight with the 32nd, and was knocked-out in September before the Armistice. "Robbie" still carries out the noble ideals of service of digger comradeship. At present, in addition to working his own farm, he is looking after the property of a neighbour, who is down with appendicitis.

Mr. Pearce, the tall genial boniface of the Freemason’s Hotel, Toodyay, is an ex-service man. He soldiered in the Sussex Regiment, Sir Walter Campion’s old corps. In fact, he was a near neighbour of His Excellency in the Old Dart.

A consistent but quiet worker for the League is Fred Shand, secretary of the Subiaco sub-branch for a number of years. He has also served a term or two on the State Executive. Fred earns his crust as accountant of the progressive “digger” business that manufactures the Swan Brand Products. By the way, this firm has made such a success of its pickles, sauces, and vinegar that J. T. Tandy, the proprietor, informed the writer a few days ago that he is going to place jams on the market at an early date. It is to be hoped that diggers, at least, will support this enterprise.

Dave Kirby, the secretary of the Wickepin sub-branch, was a member of “that contemptible little army,” being in the second boat to sail from England with troops after the declaration of war. He was at the battle of Moos but was captured by the Germans at the first battle of Ypres, and was a prisoner of war for over four years. He came to Australia in 1921. When the Wickepin sub-branch was re-organised last Anzac Day, Dave was appointed secretary, which was a fortunate choice.

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A good League worker, who served with the 11th Battalion, in Rod Hough, had the bad luck of having his home at Wickepin burnt down last month. Unfortunately, the home was not insured, the loss being about £700.

Perhaps the youngest lad in the State who went on to virgin land to carve out a farm for himself is Clarry Russell, vice-president of the Wickepin sub-branch and late of the 10th Light Horse. The writer had land at Geetabin, in 1912, then 30 miles from a railway, when Clarrie, as a lad of 13 years, arrived with a team of horses and material to work an adjoining block. Clarrie holds prizes won last year for the champion sheep of the State.

We regret to announce the death of James Hughes, who collapsed while bathing at Scarborough on Saturday afternoon, February 15th. He and a friend, Mr. A. Halliday, were swimming together, when the latter, becoming exhausted, made for the beach, which he reached with difficulty. Soon his attention was directed to his companion, who, apparently unconscious, was being washed ashore. The body was recovered, and all attempts to restore animation were in vain.

The late James Hughes was an ex-British regular, and came to this country to join the Australian Instructional Corps, in which he became a warrant officer. He served with distinction throughout the war, winning the Military Medal and a mention in dispatches. In addition to his other qualifications, the deceased was a very capable F.T. instructor.

**War Service Homes' Re-Valuation**

The following is a copy of a letter received from the Hon. Parker Maloney, Minister for Markets and Transport:

"I am in receipt of yours of the 4th inst., conveying resolution No. 88, which was adopted at the recent Federal Congress of your League, and which reads as under: 'A re-valuation of War Service Homes where structural defects can be shown sufficient to justify such re-valuation by an independent valuator.' Where the War Service Homes Commission accepts liability for repairs due to faulty construction the works necessary to remedy the defects are undertaken without cost to the particular purchaser.

The suggestion in the resolution has been noted, and if any such case occurs in the future and the purchaser does not desire repairs carried out but a payment in lieu thereof, the proposal will be carefully considered in the light of all the facts and endeavour will be made to meet the wishes of the purchaser."

**Repatriation Employees**

The following communication was recently received from the Prime Minister's Department: "I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 4th December, embodying resolution 94 passed at the 14th Annual Congress of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia, in which it is urged that redundant employees of the Repatriation Commission be absorbed into the Commonwealth Public Service or compensated on the basis of a month's pay for each year of service, and that compensation, on a similar basis be paid to officers who may be retired on the grounds of ill-health. The views of the Congress have been noted."

The Federal Secretary, commenting on this reply, stated that the Federal President discussed this matter with the Prime Minister during his visit to Canberra recently, and Mr. Scullin indicated that he would give the matter his sympathetic consideration.

**Cricket**

A cricket match was played on Wellington Square on Sunday, the 9th February, between teams from Perth and Maylands Sub-branches.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent and a very exciting game ensued, Maylands winning outright by seven wickets, within two minutes of time.

Maylands, after being behind six runs on the first innings, had twenty minutes to compile forty-one runs to win, and despite a valiant effort by Perth, with Vic Angel bowling at his best, they just managed to squeeze home. Maylands' best were Leo McCosh, batting and bowling; and Preston, bowling.

The Perth Ladies' Auxiliary provided afternoon tea, which was much appreciated, and a small keg and soft drinks were subscribed for by the players.

Maylands are naturally proud of winning their first game, and are confident of a good showing in the future.

Digger's Kid: "Dad, teacher told us that the Vikings discovered America centuries before Columbus was born."

Digger: "Ah, yes, my boy, but those
A Congress in Tophet

(Relayed on Heat Waves, and Recorded by Pip Tok)

The Tophet Branch of the League is holding a special congress in the asbestos-lined board room of the Tophet Institute. Almost transparent in the glow, the walls permit a dim view of leaping flames. From without comes the sound of groans, like the noise of a monster hearse mourning for its first-born... The delegates have arrived and taken their seats. Ivan the Terrible, who has been re-elected president for the ensuing years, opens the proceedings.

Ivan the Terrible: The first thing on the agenda paper is this application for membership. Who is this fellow Judas Iscariot?

Lenin (the Branch Secretary): Oh, surely you must have heard of him.

Ivan the Terrible: Oh, yes, I know all about him, but I did not know he had ever fought.

Cesare Borgia: Fighting is not always necessary. There are cleaner and more expeditious ways of removing people than by the sword.


Cesare Borgia: Point of order. I am not an American.

Iago: Who accused you of that?

Cesare Borgia: You did. Calling my escutcheon the banner of the bulliah.

Ivan the Terrible: Order, order. Now about this application.

Benedict Arnold: I oppose it. What's the fellow ever done? He's not bad enough for this stuff.

King Herod: He betrayed his Lord.

Benedict Arnold: Yes, but he repented.

I betrayed my country and...

Lenin: Oh, for the matter of that, you have nothing to boast about. I betrayed civilisation. Still, I support Comrade Arnold's objection.

Ivan the Terrible: Alright, Mr. Secretary. I won't put it to the meeting. Let this Iscariot fellow get back to earth. He's not a returned man, is he?

Voices: No.

Ivan the Terrible: Well, give him thirty bob and tell him to go and get a job in the West Australian Public Service. (Applause.) Well, that's that. Any more business? By the way, how is it that we never see any of those Australians down here?

King Herod: All the good Australians go to Paris when they die, and the bad ones go to Melbourne.

Iago: You got that out of Oscar Wilde.

King Herod: Shut up thou varlet. They got you out of Shakespeare. Oh, that I'd met you when you were two years old.

Cesare Borgia: Poor, silly old man! You're dated. Wait till Kaiser Wilhelm comes down here. He's forgotten more about baby killing than you ever knew.

(Cries of order!)

Benedict Arnold: What's this financial stringency?

Iago: It's what the British Government felt after they brought you over from Washington. Put money in thy purse. Gadzooks, but you took my well-known advice alright.

Ivan the Terrible: Order, gentlemen. Speaking of financial stringency, I think we ought to send our congratulations to Simpson.

Cesare Borgia: Superfluous lags the veterinary on the page.

King Herod: Simpson's not a returned man, is he?

Lenin: No. We ought to send him a double congratulation.

(Here, owing to static, our receiving apparatus got out of gear, but from what we could make out a resolution was carried conveying Tophet's congratulations to the West Australian Public Service Commissioner for the able manner in which he differentiated against returned soldiers, by the use of the word "efficiency," in favour of stay-at-home, and for his adroitness in pleading financial stringency when retiring a highly-placed and eminently capable official from office.)
Women's Auxiliary Doings

A successful social was held by the United Auxiliary branches at the Soldiers' Institute, on February 10th. Supper arrangements were carried out by the Bayswater Women's Auxiliary. Mrs. Power (Bayswater), and Mrs. Fucase (Victoria Park) won the prizes for the missing letter competition. Affinity cards distributed by Mrs. Coleman (Victoria Park) caused some amusement, and served to impart friendliness to the gathering.

Mrs. T. C. Wilson (State President) invited members of all auxiliaries to visit her residence (Caversham), on March 15th. The invitation was received with acclamation. Mrs. H. Hoppeton (State Secretary) arranged a musical programme, in which items were contributed by the following:—Mrs. Graham (Bassendean), Mrs. Mulgrew (Perth), Miss Tess Smallpage (Perth), Mr. H. Hoppeton (Perth), and Messrs. Richardson and Geo. Webster. The accompanists for the musical items and dancing were Messrs. Power and Mulgrew, Miss Graham, and Mr. Charles.

The monthly meeting of the State Executive took place on February 17th. Regret was expressed at the resignation of Mrs. I. Jose (Leederville) on account of ill-health. Mrs. T. Lennon (Perth) steps into the vacancy.

A very nice letter was read from Mrs. Edith Smith, Secretary of the RavensThorpe Branch, in which she reports that there are no cases of distress amongst soldiers in their district; they, therefore, offer assistance outside. The Ladies' Executive are sending wool for the ladies to make up into tiny garments; we wish Ravensthorpe every success. Several cases of distress were dealt with, but the majority had to stand over pending collection of clothing. New auxiliaries have been formed at Kalamunda and Mundaring and Districts sub-branch.

Mrs. Faul, of Leederville Auxiliary, is leaving on Thursday, 20th inst, for England on an extended holiday. Mrs. Snashall, also of Leederville, accompanies her; bon voyage to both ladies.

Mrs. T. Lennon (Perth Auxiliary) is convalesing at Lucknow after a serious operation.

Members of auxiliaries desirous of visiting the vineyards and Caversham on March 15th, should notify Mrs. Hoppeton, Soldiers' Institute, Perth, as early as possible to facilitate transport arrangements.

The usual monthly meeting of the Perth Sub-Branch Auxiliary will take place at 8 p.m., on Tuesday, 4th March. Business: Election of new president. Will all members please attend.

A Tragedy

When Tommy tickled Lily’s ribs, He was a fool to risk it; Right on poor Tommy’s brisket. It was not outraged modesty That made her thus break Cupid’s rule; But Tom was in the A.S.C.— And Lily was a transport mule.

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Sub-Branch Notes

BUNBURY

The first general meeting for this year was held on the 22nd January, with President Gillett in the chair. In the past it has been customary to hold a general meeting every alternate month, but members considered that the time was now opportune to get together more often; consequently it was unanimously decided that a meeting be held on the third Wednesday in each month. (Will neighbouring sub-branches please note this, for each meeting has its social side, and a hearty and permanent invitation is extended to all members.)

On this occasion Messrs. Denton and Bunt were present, representing the Brunswick sub-branch, and were greeted with “cheerio” from about fifty throngs.

Congress having approved the formation of a District Council, the President, with characteristic energy, set the machinery in motion, and all sub-branches communicated with have signified their intention of joining. Arrangements are now being made for the first meeting of the delegates.

The life-size statue of an Australian soldier, which was ordered from England to finish off the memorial in Anzac Park, is expected here in April, it is hoped to hold the unveiling ceremony in conjunction with the Anzac Day service.

General Jess has signified his intention of visiting Bunbury near the end of March. A social evening has been arranged, and Bunbury diggers are looking forward to the occasion very keenly.

The Rev. Hardy, who was not a padre, but a fighter, during the war, entertained the meeting with an address on aviation, and his point of view gave rise to many keen and humorous arguments, whilst the mess orderlies circulated the floating bowl. (Don’t forget, we have the Newdegate Cup with us.)

A pleasant and profitable evening closed with some of the visitors remarking that if this were the way Bunbury conducted its meetings, they would endeavour to be present every time.

DENMARK

On January 1st the local sub-branch organised a gift evening in aid of an ex-Imperial soldier group setter, A. Spencer, of Group 58, who was completely burnt out during the recent bush fires. To Mr. C. Ward, one of the oldest members, and his wife, falls the credit of suggesting this evening, at which about $14 in cash and over $20 worth of household effects were donated. Mr. Spencer was also made a member of the sub-branch.

The annual reunion dinner will be held on March 11th, when a good time to all attending is guaranteed.

MIDLAND JUNCTION

The annual meeting of the above branch took place in the Town Hall Buildings on Thursday, 6th February. The reports of both Secretary and President showed the branch to be in a flourishing condition, both numerically and financially. Assistance had been given in a number of distress cases to the extent of twenty pounds. Also a number of pensions cases have been dealt with during the past year. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, F. R.

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Jameison; vice-presidents, Messrs. Marsh and Bateman; secretary, Ed. G. N.; treasurer, J. Joyce; social secretary, A. M. Hunt; auditors, F. Doig and J. L. Wilson. The meeting was going to endeavour to form a ladies' auxiliary this year, also to get every returned digger in the district to wear a financial crown in his badge.

DOWAK
At the meeting held at Dowak on February 2nd the question of a fixed day for selling poppies in country districts was raised. The secretary pointed out that the Friday preceding Popping Day was undoubtedly the best day in this area. It was resolved to ask the Executive to allow country sub-branches in future to nominate the day nearest Popping Day most suitable to their particular districts.

The conditions governing supply of chaff from outside the district were discussed. Individual members stated that chaff purchased as prime quality was often quite the reverse, and the weights hopelessly wrong. The amount of weeds introduced by means of imported chaff showed there was room for more care and supervision. The sub-branch has already acted in the matter, and it is hoped the Executive will be prevailed upon to support the effort to obtain a standard quality, free from weeds, etc., and with weights marked on the bags.

COTTING
Jack Horne, the local stationmaster and good League worker, has been transferred to Donnybrook. His position in the sub-branch can now be filled by Tom Savoury, late president of the Bridgetown sub-branch and now the local barber.

Our correspondent wishes to thank Mr. W. Flannigan, president, and C. S. Smith, secretary, Karridale sub-branch, for the dexterous spirit displayed and help given on the occasion of his being in their district, and promises these gentlemen a royal time if they should visit Corrigin at any time.

MAYLANDS
The annual meeting and election of officers of the Maylands sub-branch was held on Thursday, 23rd ult. The secretary presented the annual report and balance sheet for the year, which showed the sub-branch in a prosperous condition. The membership is 180, made up as follows: financial, 130; unfinancial, 46; affiliated, 4. The branch has a credit balance of $112, as follows:—Held in trust, Trustees’ Account, £93; cash in bank, £6; stock in hand, £37; fees (proprietors); organ and furniture, £17. The secretary, in his remarks, thanked members for their whole-hearted support during his term of office, and also desired to record the appreciation of the branch for the good work done by the Ladies’ Auxiliary in the interests of less fortunate brother diggers and the branch in general. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, A. L. Hallett; vice-presidents, R. Cooke and S. Davenport; secretary, R. Waddington (unopposed); treasurer, R. Little (unopposed); committee, J. McGurn, W. A. Clowes, T. Hollings, P. E. Wedd, R. A. Williams, and E. Spencer; auditors, L. G. Butcher and R. A. Williams (unopposed); Friendly Societies’ Hall delegates, T. Hollings and P. E. Wedd; publicity officer, A. Hallett (unopposed); social committee, J. McGurn, S. Davenport, E. Spencer (unopposed); Mr. W. S. White, on behalf of thanks to the retiring President, Mr. L. G. Butcher, eulogised his excellent work for the branch, and it was unanimously endorsed by the members present. Mr. Butcher suitably responded and warmly welcomed the incoming president, Mr. Hallett, and thanked him for his loyal sup-

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These notes go to press too early to permit the presentation of a report of the general meeting held on the 17th, but we anticipate that big things will be announced as a result of that meeting and we advise members to watch for the publication of details.

Reinforcements have arrived at the homes of Messrs. Atkinson and Sinclair. We trust that the newcomers will do nothing which will prevent their dads from attending forthcoming functions.

Unless the editor of The Listening Post inaugurates a "Late News," or "Stop Press" column in his valuable paper, we will have to postpone recording the result of the Nedlands-South Perth cricket match (23rd February) until next issue. A keen match is anticipated, but Skipper Hanley hopes to bring home "the ashes."

MOUNT BARKER
District Commandant's Visit

Early in the month General Jess (Commandant, 5th Military District), accompanied by Major C. A. Kelly (Staff Corps), spent a crowded day in Mount Barker. On their arrival they were met by Capt. J. M. Jones, of the local rifle club, and Mr. H. Simper, also of the rifle club; Mr. T. G. Souness, president of the Mount Barker Sub-branch, and several other prominent members of the R.S.L. After breakfast the party motored out to St. Werburgh's, the property of Mr. and Mrs. Grey Warburton, where the visitors were shown the cork tree, the old mill stones, and the letter signed by Lord Nelson. Then the Pardelup Prison Farm was visited. The party returned to Mount Barker for dinner, after which, under the guidance of Mr. Fred Allin, they had a run through Kendenup and district, visiting various orchards and forming a very favourable estimate of the natural beauty and resources of the district. Moving through Kendenup to Cararup, a halt for tea was made at "Thomaston," after which the general returned to Mount Barker, in order to proceed to Albany.

COLLIE

At the last fortnightly meeting of the sub-branch Mr. H. Mowday was appointed as delegate to represent the sub-branch at the district council meeting to be held in Bunbury this month. Arrangements were made for the holding of an old-time dance on the 15th. It was resolved at the instance of Messrs. Giblett and Patterson to forward a cheque to the soldiers' Park Committee towards the purchase of a motor lawn mower. The main condition in regard to the donation was that the sub-branch would have reasonable use of the machine.

Mr. F. Woods was deputed to make arrangements for the holding of a social and dance at Worsley on the 22nd inst., the function to take the form of a farewell to Mr. Mark Payne, who is leaving the district. The secretary (Mr. H. S. Cramer) and members generally were requested to endeavour to make transport arrangements.

ALBANY

The annual re-union of the Albany Sub-branch was held on Saturday evening, January 16th. The arrangements for the evening, were in the capable hands of the secretary (Mr. Robert Thorn) and the old army veteran, Harry Hiscox, was responsible for the catering. Among the many guests present was His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Campion). Messrs. Wanneroo and Wren are near the district. Mr. T. Barnett and Mr. W. L. Day, who has recently returned from a pilgrimage through the

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The annual meeting of the Mount Lawley Sub-branch R.S.L. was held in the Lyceum Theatre on Tuesday evening, February 4th. The attendance was 100, and all who were present had the pleasure of listening to the report of the committee, which, in summary, was as follows:

The branch has doubled its membership during the past twelve months, and as there are still many diggers in the district who have not enrolled, high hopes are held to again double the criterion strength this year.

Before the election of officers, Colonel Collett proposed a vote of thanks to the hard-working retiring officers. This was carried with acclamation. The election of officers was quickly disposed of, all the retiring ones being unanimously re-elected, with an additional vice-president (Rev. H. V.) and nine names added to the committee, which has been greatly enlarged, and is being split up in various sub-committees, to deal with different aspects of the sub-branch’s activities.

The ensuing year should see big strides made, and numerous social and sporting meetings being arranged, also a ladies’ auxiliary has been formed. It will give back to the district the pleasure of finding the kids while mother arranges her children’s work, read, and various activities that may prove interesting to the members of the branch.

Mt. Lawley Annual Meeting

This sub-branch is blessed with a vigorous secretary, who has completely turned the tide, which, at one time, threatened to carry away the local Soldier’s Institute. He has changed debts into substantial credits, and under his influence, the handful of members has increased to over 100, with an additional 200 Institute members, some of whom have donated as much as £1/1/1 each to help decrease the debt on the Institute.

Mr. Hogg, who soldiered with the 11th Battalion, declared that before relinquishing office, he will hand over an asset worth £1,000. Everyone agrees that the secretary is an ‘egg for work.

The billiards table has been invested with a new green shirt, well ironed, at the cost of £40. Still, the money has been well spent, for “Dusty” and “Webby,” who are always arguing with each other, are agreed that the table is now first class.

Mr. Harry Gill has been putting noble work into the beautifying of the Institute, and the gardens is looking splendid. May the good work continue, Harry.

RAILWAY WORKSHOPS

The annual meeting of the above sub-branch was held at the Soldiers’ Institute, Perth, on Friday, January 24th. The secretary’s report for the period ending 31/12/19, showed the sub-branch to be in a fairly healthy position. One item that may be picked out is in reference to sick visiting. Four hundred and forty-two visits were paid during the year to different members, and on each occasion that patient was the recipient of a small donation in kind, to show that he was not forgotten by his fellow members.

Mr. R. Cooke, of the State Executive was present, and acted as one of the scrutineers during the election of officers. The following officers were elected:

President, Mr. R. Gibson (unopposed); Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. Greer (re-elected), and L. Tichbon; Secretary, Mr. W. J. Lovell (re-elected); Treasurer, Mr. W. F. Langdon (re-elected); Auditors, Messrs. W. M. Reid and G. Breckenridge; Committee, Messrs. C. A. Wells, A. H. Major, W. R. Hughes, T. Summerton, and R. Weatherill.

Mr. Cooke then gave an address on co-operation and what it means to a sub-branch. During the evening the secretary sold nine copies of the "Digger Book," and would like to inform members that more can be obtained at the price of five shillings each, with order.

The annual picnic, held at Point Walter on February 1st, was a most enjoyable outing; over 400, including members, their relatives, and some deceased soldiers’ children, attended. Each child under the age of six received a trophy of some kind, and with the races, not to mention the liberal issues of ginger beer, fruit, and ice cream, the youngsters had the time of their lives. The most amusing items of the adults’ sports programmes were the nail driving competition for ladies, and the wheelbarrow race for men. In the unavoidable absence of the President (Mr. R. Gibson), Vice-President J. Greer presented the prizes. The Secretary (Mr. W. J. Lovell) eulogized the work of the Women’s Auxiliary of the

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sub-branch, and appealed for more members. The raffle, organised some weeks ago to raise funds for the Women's Auxiliary, was then drawn, the winning numbers being 1st, 410; 2nd, 247, and 3rd, 170.

The committee who worked so hard in organising this outing are to be congratulated on the well-merited success that crowned their efforts.

PRESS

Farewell Luncheon to General Hobbs.

The last gathering of the Press sub-branch took the form of a luncheon for the tenant-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs, who leaves for a world tour, which will include India, Gallipoli and England. The president of the sub-branch (Mr. C. P. Smith), who occupied the chair, referred to Sir Talbot's distinguished military career and his long association with newspaper work in Perth.

"We all like the General," said Mr. Alex. Hood, in support, and "we all join in wishing him a thoroughly enjoyable holiday. He requested the guest to convey to General Sir William Birdwood the remembrances of Australian troops who had served under him during the war. I have been closely associated with General Hobbs in military matters in this State for the past 25 years," concluded the speaker, "and I am convinced that the good name which was earned abroad by West Australian soldiers was due in great measure to the soundness of the military training carried out under his direction in pre-war days."

In responding, Sir Talbot expressed his gratitude for the compliments paid him, and said that his association with the profession of journalism was a source of considerable pride to him. During his tour he would spend some time in India, where he would stay with General Birdwood at Delhi. He would also visit his brother and his son, the latter being an officer of the 7th Royal Gurkhas stationed on the North West Frontier.

It was a curious fact that on New Year's Day, when he received his K.C.B. at the hands of the King, among other recipients of decorations were the brother and son whom he was about to visit. (Applause.) From India he would go to Suey, and thence to Gallipoli, where he would "see the old wartime positions, and inspect the memorials and cemeteries. He had been the first president, and was still a member of the commission formed soon after the war to deal with Australian memorials and graves. He was also instrumental in the construction of a number of Australian memorials erected in France and Belgium. He also selected the site for the Australian National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux, on the historic spot where the 13th Battalion held their ground against the German onslaught, and averted what would have been, in all probability, a disastrous break through. The memorial, made of material specially shipped from Australia, would be on rising ground commanding a magnificant panoramic view of the whole Somme battlefields where the Australians were engaged.

General Hobbs served on Gallipoli from the landing to the evacuation. "Gallipoli has a peculiar fascination for me," he said, "despite the fact that our campaign there was the most tragic, and the hardest to bear, of any operations with which I was connected in any theatre of the war. The pathos and tragedy of Gallipoli were extreme, but, of course, there were some of us, who, while under severe mental strain, were yet able to extract some humour from the situation." To illustrate this, the General told several amusing anecdotes, some of which were typical of the digger's ability to find humour in even the most gruesome incidents.

GERALDTON

The annual meeting of the Geraldton Sub-Branch R.S.L. was held in the Soldiers' Institute, on Monday, 10th February, when the President (Mr. A. Salmond) presided over a well attended meeting of returned soldiers. The president, in outlining the activities of the sub-branch for the past twelve months, mentioned that nearly £10 had been expended for amelioration purposes. A brief resume was given of the transfer of the Soldiers' Institute from the old committee to the present trustees, and the position of the branch with reference to the Institute at the present time was given.

The secretary (Mr. F. Dunn) presented the annual balance sheet, which showed that the funds of the branch are in a flourishing condition. Members are to be congratulated on having a secretary who handles the finances so judiciously. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. A. Salmond; vice-president, Mr. W. F. Haig; treasurer, Mr. W. E. Dennehy; secretary, Mr. J. E. A. Wystay; vice-secretary, Mr. W. H. Bawden; honorary treasurer, Mr. Muncie; committee: Messrs. Smith, Mow, Walsh, Bagshaw, Phillips, and Francis.

"When the meeting was declared open for general business, a suggestion was made that a donation be made to the Geraldton Relief Fund, as it was stated that returned soldiers were applying to that fund for assistance. A considerable amount of discussion took place, it being pointed out by several members that genuine returned soldiers in distress always made their way to the Sub-branch of the League in whatever town they were in, for assistance. The secretary also mentioned that he had repeatedly requested members of the Relief Fund to send all returned soldiers on to the branch as the branch has its own fund to assist cases of distress. It was finally resolved that the secretary interview members of the Relief Fund again to request them to send all diggers in distress to officials of the sub-branch.

It was decided to make a drive for increased membership during the coming months as that is still short of 100 per cent. The annual smoke social will be held on Saturday, March 1st, when it is hoped all unfinancial members will roll up with their subs.

At the close of the meeting the new committee met and appointed the various officers for the successful carrying on of the sub-branch's work during the next twelve months.

VICTORIA PARK.

Gala day at Victoria Park was held on Monday, the 27th of last month, at the Recreation Ground. The Business Men's Association, Uglies, and R.S.L. Sub-branch joined in a combined effort to raise funds for the newly-formed band and to augment the funds of the Uglies and R.S.L. A strong committee from all got to work, in Messrs. Hammond, Harrison, Canute, Read, Quinn, Tolmie, and Barker. Most of the local tradesmen in Albany Road joined in the prosecution with their motor lorries, which were gaily decorated and displayed various wares en route. Mr. Ashbolt, grocer, was awarded first prize for best turnout, while the R.S.L., in a sketch, "On Our Selection," secured a prize from Mrs. Smith, Shadbolt, Lyons, Barker, and Gilroy, in various humorous garbs, were very prominent on the grounds; especially Joe Lyons, an artist of merit, well known in town, in his "dress reform," and Gilroy, as "Kate," must have found his feminine attire irksome before the day was over. A sports programme was held, when various races were hotly contested. Motor cycling was held in the afternoon, and a "gold rush," in which the kiddies participated. The various stalls and side-shows were staffed by members of the ladies' auxiliary, Mrs. Hodgkiss, the president of the ladies' auxiliary, was very busy with the popular queen contest. The R.S.L., with Miss Goodwin, were successful in carrying off the coveted honor. Mr. Basham, the conductor of the band, pro tem., rendered instrumental items throughout the day.

In the evening a concert was held in the Town Hall, when the band rendered various items assisted by local artists. Mr. Hammond spoke on the results of the day's effort, and in a happy strain eulogised all for their splendid efforts and the response from the public, at the first attempt of this kind. Next year he hoped that things would be conducted on a much larger scale.
## R.S.L. SUB-BRANCH AND UNIT ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

**NOTE.—**The State Executive issued a circular to Sub-Branches and Unit Associations, inviting them to advertise in a Directory to be included in the LISTENING Post at a cost of £1 ls. per annum. The following is obviously far from complete.

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<td><strong>BUNBURY</strong></td>
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<td>R. Urquhart, Box 129, Bridgetown</td>
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<td>Theo. Brennan, Forthgill St., Fremantle</td>
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<td><strong>DENMARK</strong></td>
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<td>2nd Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
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<td><strong>DOWAK</strong></td>
<td>Salmon Gym, 1st Friday, Dowak, 1st Sunday</td>
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<td>Colin Edwards, Campbell St., Kalgoorlie</td>
<td>T. C. Fairley, 49 Campbell St., Kalgoorlie, Tel. 290,</td>
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<td>Capt. E. W. Edmonds, 251 Railway Parade, West Leederville</td>
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<td>Executive at 229 Charles St., North Perth</td>
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