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As with Anzac Day, no vainglorious spirit characterises the celebration of Empire Day. In these days of standardised thought, when history is studied in cross-section instead of in perspective, it has become fashionable with a certain type of ass, usually of foreign extraction, to disparage what he calls British imperialism. The inference is that Britain is ever laying greedy hands upon other people's lands; but the chief objection to the British Empire, as an institution, is that it is a homogeneous commonwealth of nations whose instincts of decency and whose political and ethical ideals are diametrically opposed to the aspirations of the astute international criminals who shape the destinies of Russia.

The British Empire is not an empire in the original sense of the word. Older empires came into being as the result of direct conquest. The name itself means sovereignty, and the title emperor is derived from the Latin title imperator, which means commander-in-chief. The great empires of antiquity were won by the sword, and they fell by the sword. With the exception of lower Canada, South Africa, Ceylon, and some of the West Indian islands, few British possessions have been acquired by direct conquest. Even India, where the English went to trade and remained to govern, became British by the logic of circumstances. Alliances and concessions have played a greater part in the acquisition of this empire within an empire than battles and sieges. Australia, New Zealand, Newfoundland, the greater part of Canada, and much of South Africa became British as the result of ordinary colonisation. Of course, we British have no right in these places, and we should immediately hand them over to less idealistic peoples, who would then show us how native races can be exploited in the interests of the almighty dollar.

Even when Great Britain has stripped her maritime rivals of their overseas dominions, in time of war, she has handed them back with reckless generosity upon the conclusion of peace. The Peace of Amiens, and the settling-up after the final defeat of Napoleon, when Java was given back to the Dutch, are cases in point.

Fortunately for herself, as the results proved, England was a very late starter in the race for colonial expansion. Spain and Portugal had partitioned the New World to their mutual satisfaction before Drake and his merry men had found their sea legs. The lure of gold attracted other nations to parts of the world which were thickly populated, and where an older civilisation had already been established. The only portions of the globe open to English settlement were the more sparsely populated and less hospitable lands. However, if the mineral wealth of these places was not so apparent, there were no teeming alien populations to subdue. The development of these lands demanded a harder type of pioneer. Their emptiness allowed for the absorption of surplus population, so that these lands to-day are substantially British, and not hybrid. Even peoples like the French of Canada and the Dutch of South Africa, who have been incorporated within the Empire, are people of kindred races and culture, who will eventually be assimilated, just as the older England was able to blend Angle, Saxon, Dane, Celt, and Norman, and to assimilate Flemish weaver and French Huguenot.

The first British Empire came to an end with the loss of the original American colonies, an event which was mainly responsible for the colonisation of Australia. In winning their independence, the Americans actually won the freedom of all British dominions. The lessons so sharply learned by the British Government have not been forgotten, and since the Eighteenth Century Great Britain's colonial policy has been extraordinarily liberal. Some measure of self-government has been granted to colonies as soon as their development has made it desirable. The progress from Crown colony to self-governing dominion is only a matter of time and development, with any portion of the Empire. Nor are the dominions denied a voice in the management of imperial affairs, or even world affairs. All the important dominions are members of the League of Nations and are represented at the Imperial Conference. In fact, the British Commonwealth of Nations is not really an empire at all—it is a league of nations, and the only league of nations that is likely to remain permanently.

A Wave of Publicity

Some few weeks ago, The West Australian published a communication from the President of the irregularly constituted Federal Capital Territory Branch (Mr. F. Rowe), in which he accused the Western Australian Branch of fomenting a personal campaign against the Federal President (Mr. G. J. C. Dyett), and of using the pages of the Listening Post to poison the minds of local diggers against Mr. Dyett. Mr. Rowe went on to say that this branch raised the question of the status of the F.C.T. Territory Branch, only as an excuse for attacking Mr. Dyett, and that he, Mr. Dyett, retains the confidence of the majority of the branches.

If the columns of the Listening Post have been the medium for poisoning the minds of diggers of Western Australia against Mr. Dyett, what is the medium of inoculation in South Australia and Victoria? Both these States think as we do. Mr. Dyett was born in Victoria, served in a Victorian unit, and lives in Melbourne to-day. Personally, the Victorians know him well. The Victorian Branch, representing 10,000 members, will not vote for Mr. Dyett as Federal President, but 25,000 ex-soldier men will follow Sir John Monash through the streets of the capital city on Anzac Day. Mr. Rowe, whose branch numbers only some three or four hundred, and is, therefore, numerically smaller than sub-branches like Perth and West Perth, is one of those persons who cannot differentiate between criticism and attack. The Listening Post has criticised the Federal President’s action at the last Federal Congress, but has studiously refrained from making personal attacks upon him. It is our right and our bounden duty as editors of a diggers’ paper to let diggers know what is going on in the League. Mr. Dyett apparently does not like public criticism of his actions. We advise him that the best way to avoid adverse criticism is to regulate his actions so as not to deserve it. The League is a democratic organisation, and will not tolerate an imitation dictator. When a man has been so long in office that, in his public
Any individualistic "I," we may assume that he is afflicted with a distorted sense of proportion. Inspired articles, such as appeared in a popular weekly in November last, and one of three months ago in an organ of the Queensland Branch, together with the circulation and publication of personal testimonials, are in the worst possible taste. The ex-service man is no fiend.

Testimonials, written by Mr. Dyett's personal friends, were sent over for publication in the Listening Post. As they had no bearing on the questions at issue between the Western Australian Branch and Mr. Dyett, we did not consider them worthy of publication. Mr. Rowe probably had this in mind when he accused us of attacking Mr. Dyett, and denying him an opportunity of replying. Testimonials of the "He's a jolly good fellow" variety are no reply to criticism of individual actions. As Lord Macaulay once pointed out, it is no defence for a man accused of breaking the civil law to plead that he fought in the Battle of Waterloo.

The League is now such a prominent factor in the life of the community that great honour attaches to the position of Federal President. Such a position should be held by a person of distinguished record in the war, and of high standing in the community, so as to command the confidence of ex-service men in particular, and the community generally. The necessity for knowledge, experience, candour, straightforwardness, and the avoidance of the intriguing methods favoured by political party hacks, are quite apparent at this juncture. It was pointed out to Mr. Dyett over two years ago, that the R.S.L. is worthy of a President possessing these outstanding qualifications. He chose to construe this advice into a personal attack upon himself.

The following summary of the way the voting went at the last Federal Congress will amply prove that Mr. Rowe's claim that Mr. Dyett retains the confidence of the majority of the branches cannot be substantiated.

**THE BALLOT**

For Lt.-Col. McCann—

| Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia (each 2 votes) | 6 |
| Tasmania | 1 |

Total | 7

For Mr. Dyett—

| N.S. Wales, Queensland (each 2 votes) | 4 |
| Tasmania | 1 |

The irregularly constituted F.C. Territory Branch

Recorded by Mr. Dyett after he had "vacated the chair," and when he knew that the ballot had gone against him | 1

Casting vote of General Secretary, acting as Returning Officer | 1

Total | 8

Majority for Mr. Dyett, 1 vote.

**A Comedy of Errors**

Anyone who can stimulate a laugh in these dull days is worthy of commendation; therefore, we pass the laurel wreath to the Obsessionist Quartet for the side-splitting farce they performed in the Town Hall, on the evening of Thursday, May 14th. The four comedians who supplied the entertainment have made themselves well-known to the public of Western Australia in a notable series of performances, which might reasonably be entitled "Flogging the Dead Horse into Activity."

To our mind, the performance of Mr. T. A. Hartrey left something to be desired. It is Mr. Hartrey who supplies the touch of melodrama on these occasions. In his Houdini act, he rattled the chains of Federal tyranny, but his method of escape therefrom was far from convincing. He was at his best in overworking the hyperbole, irrespective of the fact that the hyperbole is not subject to any Federal award. One has to admire Mr. Hartrey's gift of clairvoyance. He is certain, he informed the audience that a referendum on secession would be carried by a 90 per cent. majority in the country, and by large majorities in the metropolitan areas. Of course, the only evidence in favour of this is Mr. Hartrey's pious hope, nevertheless, we congratulate him on his extraordinary gift of second sight.

A more tragic note was struck by Mr. W. R. Murray, the young serio-comic of the troupe. Mr. Murray impersonated a well-informed patriot attacking the Federal High Court. Mr. Murray worked on the age-old assumption that the other side is always wrong. The obsessionists have an exclusive monopoly of fanninindedness and common honesty. The Federal High Court judges are appointed by political parties, therefore, they must, of necessity, oblige their paymasters by giving adverse decisions against this State. We fear that Mr. Murray's audience missed the humour of the situation which lies in the fact that judges are independent of Parliamentary control, and that whatever their political persuasions before they were raised to the judiciary, they are not likely to be swayed by political, or even inter-State, considerations when deciding upon points of law. In other words, a judge is just as likely to be just as a political propagandist. Mr. Murray seems to have overplayed his part here. To a layman, his performance would seem somewhat akin to defamation and contempt of court. We hope, for his own sake, that the Federal High Court has a keener sense of humour than a State Court would have under similar provocation.

Mr. R. S. Sampson, M.L.A., an orator of the "also spoke" variety, was on firmer ground when he confined himself to the woes of primary producers. The point of Mr. Sampson's joke was that
his argument was just the same old free-trade versus protection argument which might apply in any State at any time whether federated or otherwise. It is suspected that Mr. Sampson was too subtle for his audience. His performance this night did not equal his famous Maltese act, in which he assured the Maltese that the big heart of White Australia was yearning for Maltese immigrants. The trouble with comics like R. S. Sampson is that they forget that diggers do not forget.

But the most hilarious turn of the evening was that of the effervescent Mr. H. K. Watson. Mr. Watson commenced his act with his characteristic exhibition of rudeness. It was directed against the chairman, Sir William Lathlain. It was a feeble attempt, but had Mr. Malloch been present, we feel sure he would have been up to his usual form. His famous impersonation of a Fifth Form Debating Society speaker, especially in his attempt to twist an utterance of Mr. Keenan's into evidence on his own behalf, evoked frantic applause. Mr. Watson usually succeeds in making an audience frantic, but on this occasion he made strong, silent men wish they could meet him in role of the stern Roman parent. Mr. Watson is happiest at producing a smoke screen to cover an indefensible position. So protean is he in debate that it is really difficult to tie him down to anything concrete. His audience expect him to juggle with figures, and, in good sooth, he juggles very prettily. Like a skilful conjurer, he selects whatever figures he needs, divorces them entirely from their context, and educes from them the desired conclusions. He is so fanatically obsessed with his sense of rightness that he refrains from quoting authority. He is all-sufficient. Mr. Watson says it is so; therefore, it is so. He did not split the infinitive or apply the word "unworthy" to those humourless persons who demand proof, but he showed himself in a new role. This was his impersonation of a naval strategist. No one who has had any naval or military service will accept Mr. Watson as an authority on defence matters. He accused the Federal Government of overtravagance in naval expenditure. This was the scream of the evening. For the last two years, people who are intimately concerned with defence matters have been perturbed because of the drastic and dangerous prunings to which Federal Governments, past and present, have subjected the services. He ignored the facts that the same expensive Australian Navy kept the Australian waters clear in the early days of the later war; that the Sydney sank the Endem; that the figures quoted for Canada and New Zealand represent the subsidies, only, paid by those countries to the British Government for naval defence, and are quite apart from the cost of the maintenance of the vessels serving in Canadian and New Zealand waters; that the two Australian cruisers are reckoned in with the British cruiser establishment as decided upon at the last naval conference, and that if they were eliminated to oblige a few local cranks, the overburdened British taxpayer would have to replace them; and, chiefly, he ignored the fact that Australia, despite his specially selected figures, pays less per head for defence than any of the self-governing dominions. However, matters like accuracy never yet deterred persons like Mr. Watson from making stupid assertions. Nothing could have been more screamingly funny than his reference to Singapore. He is to be congratulated on his discovery that Singapore is nearer this State than Sydney. It is rather like Kipling's discovery that East is East, and West is West; but the idea that Singapore, a naval base that would, itself, have to be defended in time of war, could defend Western Australia, is too hilarious for words.

In its report of the performance, The West Australian made it clear that the comedian's remarks were interspersed with applause and laughter. The West omitted to inform its readers whether this applause and laughter were ironical or merely derisive.

**Visit of the Chief Scout**

Boys and girls came out to play during the week of the Chief Scout's visit to Perth, which, fortunately, coincided with the school holidays. A whole series of events was arranged by those controlling the Boy Scout and Girl Guide.

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movements. There was a public reception in the Prince of Wales Theatre, and a diggers' reception at the R.S.L. Institute.

Lord Baden-Powell, although he has exceeded the allotted three score and ten, is still wiry and vigorous—a splendid advertisement for the principles he inculcates. The Defender of Mafeking is a man of many parts. The son of a clergyman who became an Oxford professor, he received his first commission in the 13th Hussars in 1876. He has served in India, South Africa, Ashanti, and Matabeleland. In his prime he was a keen boxer, sportsman and amateur actor. He is the author of accounts of the Ashanti and Matabeleland campaigns, which, like his books on various field sports, are illustrated by himself—he is as skilled with the pencil as with the pen. It was in Matabeleland that he put into practice those principles of observation and deduction which earned him the nickname of Sherlock Holmes, and which are now such a fundamental part of the Boy Scouts' training. His special knowledge of South Africa caused him to be selected for service in that country at the outbreak of the Boer War. His chief exploit in that long and arduous campaign was the defence of Mafeking, an open town which he held successfully for about seven months against an enemy equipped with superior artillery.

Unable to remain inactive after his retirement from the Army, Lord Baden-Powell inaugurated the Boy Scout movement, an activity which embodies the old Hellenic ideal of ethical, mental and physical training, and which has become world-wide. This movement is doing more to-day to foster the ideals of universal peace and amicable relations between the peoples of various nations than all the drivel of the communistic culls who profess to see militarism in it.

State Executive Meetings

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Leave of Absence: Mr. Nugent applied for leave of absence for two months. Granted.

Rev. Riley applied for leave of absence for next meeting. Granted.

Mr. Logie applied for leave of absence for one month. Granted.

Late Sir Robert McMillan: Moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Rev. Riley. That this State Executive of the Returned Soldiers' League offers its heartfelt sympathy to Lady McMillan and the members of her family on the demise of the Lieutenant-Governor, and Chief Justice, Sir Robert Purse McMillan, K.C.M.G., and places on record its sense of the great loss West Australia has sustained by the passing away of its most distinguished citizen, whose services to the State, over a period of more than a generation, were marked by the highest principles of justice and duty.

Though his office of Lieutenant-Governor, he was often brought into close association with the R.S.L., attended many of its important functions, and always his addresses on those occasions were infused with sound wisdom and the best ideals of citizenship.

His interest in the welfare of the returned soldiers and their dependants was shown in many ways, especially by the position he occupied as Deputy President of the Soldiers' Scholarship Trust.

As citizens, we are moved with deep gratitude in remembering that he brought to the State the finest traditions of the British Judiciary and maintained them always at their highest standard.

REPORTS

State Secretary: The State Secretary submitted a report which was received. Reference was made to the question of unemployment and a statement by the Employment Officer that the Unemployment relief Committee refused to apply to the R.S.L. Bureau to provide men. This matter was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee.

Annual Day: The State President submitted an expression of opinion concerning the Commemoration of Anzac Day, 1931, and expressed gratitude to all those who assisted in the successful organisation for the day. His statement was handed to the press.

Prospecting Committee: Colonel Olden reported that the members of the Prospecting Committee had interviewed the Minister for Mines, Mr. Scaddan. The department officials were now considering a scheme and Mr. Scaddan hoped to approach the League at a later date.

Vic. Colonels Olden reported having visited Kalgoorlie and Boulder on Anzac Day. A vote of thanks was tendered to him.

Empire Shopping Council: It was moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Riley, that Mr. Pady be added to the League's representatives to the Empire Shopping Council—Carried.

Economy Report: On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Smith submitted the Economy Report, the discussion of which was adjourned from the previous meeting, and which, after adoption, he estimated would save the branch £100 per year.

Federal Correspondence: Correspondence on the following subjects was received from Federal Executive—

(a) Trade within the Empire.
(b) Prospecting Committees—Repatriation Institutions.
(c) Associate Membership—Referred to Management Committee.
(d) Resignation Federal Treasurer.
(e) Appointment Federal Treasurer.
(f) Lottery appeal.

Anzac Day Greetings were received from the Governor of Malta.

Invitations Toc H. Farewell Guest Night to Sir William Campion, May 16th. Mr. Edmonds and Mr. Farquharson appointed.

Callagh: 16th May. Left in hands of the President.

Kelmscott-Ralstone: 2nd May. Left in the hands of the President.

State War Memorial: Advice was received that the flood-lighting of the State War Memorial had been completed—The President had suitably acknowledged the advice on behalf of the State Executive. His action was endorsed and the opinion was expressed that the monument
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should be flood-light from a half-hour after sunset until midnight each night.

Sub-branch Officers: Pemberton: The appointment of G. Betty as Secretary, vice Mr. L. Hall, was approved.

Katanning: The appointment of Mr. S. F. Howard as Secretary, vice Mr. H. A. Fildes, was approved.

Council of Industries: An invitation to the League to become a member of this Council was referred to the Management Committee, for investigation and report.

Poppy Day, 1931: The Returned Maimed and Limbed Men's Association made application for an area in the city streets on Poppy Day, 1931, total proceeds of such sales to accrue to their funds. It was agreed to inform the Association that their request could not be acceded to.

Poppy Tenders: The R.M. & L.M.A. expressed disappointment that their tender for the manufacture of poppies was unsuccessful.

Sleeper Hewers: The Bunbury Sub-branch lodged a further protest against the exclusion of returned soldiers from the Sleeper Hewers' industry. It was agreed to again approach the Minster on the subject.

Special Congress: Darling Range: The Darling Range Branch requested a list of sub-branches apparently to make an effort to call a Special Congress under Rule 17. It was agreed that the information be supplied.

Subiaco: The Subiaco Sub-branch requested the Executive to call a Special Congress in accordance with the rules to consider the present political situation. The reply will be left in the hands of the State Secretary.

Lord Baden-Powell: A letter was received from His Excellency the Governor suggesting that a convenient hour for the League to welcome Lord Baden-Powell would be 8 p.m. on May 18th. The Perth Sub-branch had agreed to handle this welcome.

Refundence Railway: A communication from the Guildford-Basendean Sub-branch suggesting certain action was referred to the Pen- sions and Employment Committee.

General Monash: The Fremantle Branch advised having assisted in a civic reception in Fremantle in honour of General Monash. It was decided to forward an expression of appreciation to the Fremantle Council.

Surplus Military Clothing: Information from the Premier's Department in this connection was received. The League had taken delivery of 21 pairs of discarded military boots, 25 greatcoats and 25 jackets.

Appreciation: D. H. Hoar expressed appreciation of certificate of service presented to him by the West Swan Sub-branch.

St. John Ambulance Association: Delegates were informed that the Women's Auxiliary State Executive was assisting in an appeal on behalf of this Association.

Empire Shopping Council: The Secretary of this Council expressed appreciation of the donation forwarded by the State Executive.

Anzac Day: Moved by Mr. Denton, seconded by Mr. Farquharson, "That a copy of the photograph of the last and previous Anzac Day services held on the Esplanade be obtained and hung in the Board Room, and that this procedure be carried out on future occasions."—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Tyler, "That an expression of appreciation of the staff's work in connection with Anzac Day be recorded."—Carried.

Minutes of the meeting of the State Executive held at the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, on Wednesday, 13th May, 1931, at 7.30 p.m.

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Apologies were received from Messrs. Wells, Parker and Panton.

Reports—State Secretary read his report, which dealt with visits and the question of Art Unions. He recommended that no action be taken as present in this connection. The report was adopted.

Finance Committee: Report of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 11th May was received. Arising out of the report the question of the donation in respect of erecting the State War Memorial was considered, and it was agreed on the motion of Mr. Tozer, seconded by Colonel Margolin, that this matter be left in the hands of the State President and the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Unfinancial Unemployed Members: The Committee recommended that a limit should be fixed beyond which the scheme recently adopted by the Executive should not operate. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Tozer, that the limit recommended be not agreed to.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Tozer, that it be embodied in a confidential report to secretaries of sub-branches, the necessity to express caution in dealing with the question of unemployed members being carried as financial.

Carried.

Hospital Cot: It was agreed that the amount already collected should be forwarded forthwith to the Children's Hospital.—Carried.

Finance Committee's Report was then adopted.

Trustees: Report for the month of April was received and a further report was submitted by the Trustees dealing with their activities in connection with the winter clothing, etc. The report stated that the Red Cross Society had notified that it was anxious to discuss relief work with the League, and desired a date to be fixed for the meeting. This was left open.

Employment Report for the month of April was received and showed the number of unemployed men registered as 701.

Visits: The President reported having visited the Williams Sub-branch and the No. 6 D.C., in company with Mr. Yeates and the State Secretary.

Mr. Yeates reported having represented Western Australia at the Anzac Commemoration Service in Melbourne.

Colonel Olden reported having visited the Midland Junction Sub-branch.

Mr. Watt reported on a visit to Kelmscott.

Mr. Watt reported on a visit to West Leederville.

Local Products: Moved by Mr. Pady, seconded by Mr. Cooke, that the State Executive favour the return of local products, as initiated by Nedlands and Fremantle Sub-branches of the League.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pady, seconded by Colonel Denton, that a committee of five be appointed to go into the matter and recommendations be submitted to the next meeting.—Carried.

Messrs. Watt, Wells, Pady, Cooke and Tozer were appointed.

Correspondence: Correspondence from the Federal Executive was received as follows:

(a) State Defence Forces.

(b) After effects of V.D. (Reflected to Pensions Committee).

(c) Treatment of V.D. (Reflected to Pensions Committee).

(d) Travelling Expenses, Medical Reviews (Copy to sub-branch concerned).
THE MONTH

A Clown Philosophies

One of the anomalies of this life of ours is that great entertainers like Sir Harry Lauder, George Robey and Charlie Chaplin can always command far higher incomes than great scientists, statesmen, explorers and others whose livelihood, if less spectacular, is of greater permanent benefit to humanity. While the entertainer sticks to his job of cheering up a workaday world, few will cavil at the extra work his income-tax returns give him; but when the professional comedian invades the realm of the philosopher, he invariably becomes a blot on the landscape and an irritant nuisance. These remarks are provoked by certain utterances of Charlie Chaplin when, flushed with the success of his recent business trip to England, he announced that "patriotism is the worst form of insanity," and that he owes no duty to

England, his birthplace, where he was compelled to starve on a few shillings a week.

The multitudes of those who are delighted by Charlie’s incomparable buffooneries on the screen are not likely to be particularly interested in his personal views on such questions, though, it must be confessed that his opinion of matrimony as an institution should carry a certain amount of weight. However, at a time like this, when thoughtful men, the world over are striving to stimulate a peace consciousness, it is but natural that notorious slackers should exalt their inferiority complex at the expense of those whose sacrifices made it possible for these same slackers to earn their huge incomes. Apart from their insufferable silliness, Charlie’s utterances connote colossal impudence and base ingratitude. Patriotism is a form of insanity from which Chaplin was singularly free during the Great War, and though his income at that time is probably dwarfed by his present earnings, he was not compelled to go to America to make a living wage. He was already a celebrity on the screen when the war broke out, and though the day of the highly-remunerated star had not yet dawned, he must have been earning considerably more than seventeen shillings a week. It was only when the failure of the Derby recruiting scheme in England foreshadowed the introduction of conscription that Charlie was

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conveniently called to America on private business. At the same time, the English papers were, from time to time, announcing that Charlie's heart bled for the poor boys in the trenches, and that he was going to enlist. Even after America had entered the war, he managed to avoid the hardships and risks of active service.

In spite of all this, his popularity never waned either in England or in France. Certainly, London Punch, which is seldom malicious, did publish the cartoon of the neat-sighted old lady poking an umbrella at an effigy of Charlie outside a picture theatre and asking, "Young man, why aren't you in khaki?" But the humour of the situation blunted the sting of the cartoon. The enthusiasm of his reception in the Old Country shows that the English public is still more loyal to him that he deserves. In view of his war history, Charlie is the very last person who should disparage patriotism, or deny his debt to England. We have much pleasure in proposing him for life-membership of the Ancient and Undying Order of Ill Birds.

Doing the Splits at Blackboy

A body like the R.S.I., which includes ex-service men of every class, creed, and political persuasion, is bound to contain a few congenital malcontents. Criticism is the right of every thinking man. Intelligent criticism has a salutary effect on any institution or movement, and the sanest and most-permanent reforms are those effected from within.

On the other hand, the chronic sorehead is a source of weakness, and a skid on the wheels of progress. Even Satan recognised this when he gave a gentleman of this type a bundle of newspapers and a box of matches, and packed him off to start a little hell of his own.

For the past three or four weeks The Mirror has been doing the publicity work for a new organisation, "The Australian Returned Soldiers' Association," which a few malcontents are endeavouring to form at Blackboy. This paper is always ready to turn a tolerant eye towards any organisation which aims at the betterment of the digger's lot, but we fail to see what useful purpose the new association will serve, or what it can do that the R.S.I. is not doing already.

The present is not the time for schisms. The trade unionist who, better than anybody else, appreciates the importance of solidarity, is in the habit of applying to such schismatic notions an epithet which, if somewhat inelegant, is brief and forcible, and which we refrain from using here. Cutting adrift from an organisation because of dissatisfaction with one or two aspects of its administration, indicates a very poor spirit. If the R.S.I. officials are falling down on their jobs, and we flatly deny that they are, there are constitutional means of dealing with them.

From the brief statements which The Mirror publishes, one infers that the members of the new association who wish to exclude all except members of the A.I.F.; and that the R.S.I. Labour Exchange is not finding jobs for them all. The administration of the Labour Exchange is a matter of interior economy. We feel sure that any definite charges made against the officer in charge, will be investigated by the proper authority. But it is always easier to make charges than to produce evidence in their support.

In the other matter, the Blackboy malcontents have adopted an attitude similar to that of English villagers of a century ago, who stigmatised as "furriners" all who hailed from beyond the boundaries of their own parish. Parish pump policies have been the curse of Australia in the past; it is high time we eliminated them. Already the new movement has given rise to a situation exquisitely Gilbertian. Why, in the name of common sense should an invidious distinction be made between the pommy (we use this word as a general term, and in no offensive spirit), who enlisted in the A.I.F. and his neighbours from the same country who served with B.E.F.? Is the British immigrant who came to this country since the war less likely to become a good Australian than the chap who was here in 1914? If the pommy is exerting too great an influence in the R.S.I., the fault is not his; it can be laid at the door of the native-born, whose apathy has made such a state of affairs possible—if it exists at all.

An organisation imbued with such narrowly parochial ideals is foredoomed to failure. Such a restriction of membership weakens it at the very source. It can achieve nothing beyond playing into the hands of those sinister influences who would like to see returned men split into jangling sects. Therefore, we advise our readers to give it the coldest of cold shoulders.

Soldiers' Gratitude

PRESENTATION TO MISS MARY MEARES

On Saturday, May 2, a pleasant function took place in the Repatriation Ward of the Perth General Hospital, when Miss Mary Meares was presented with a handsome bag, beautifully fitted up, by the patients of the ward, as a small token of their appreciation of her numerous acts of kindness towards soldiers patients during many years. An enjoyable musical programme was arranged by Mr. W. Menkens. Mr. Filides (Katanning Sub-Branch) spoke on behalf of the country patients, eulogising the work of Miss Mary Meares and testifying to the esteem in which she is held by hundreds of diggers. Mr. Armstrong, speaking on behalf of metropolitan patients, supported the remarks of Mr. Filides, stating that Miss Meares was not only respected, but loved by all the boys in hospital. It gave him great pleasure to make the presentation. In returning thanks, Miss Meares assured the boys that her work was a labour of love, and she hoped she would have the privilege of carrying on her work among the sick soldiers for a great many more years. Miss Mary Meares has been working amongst the sick and incapacitated soldiers for over fifteen years, and is just as enthusiastic as ever in her efforts on behalf of their welfare. Mr. J. Newby thanked Mr. Menkens and the artists for the excellent musical programme provided, and supported the other speakers' remarks. The singing of "God Save the King" concluded a very happy afternoon, the most pleasing feature of which was that the whole function was an absolute surprise to Miss Meares.
Public Service Commissioner

It is high time that professionals took a leaf out of Lincoln's book and realised that you can't fool all the people all the time. In this respect, the professional politician, like the professional criminal, becomes the victim of his own conceit. As an example of this, consider the replies given by the Acting Premier (Mr. Latham) to the questions asked by Mr. A. Panton, M.L.A., in connection with the appointment of the new Public Service Commissioner. Mr. Latham's reply was the same old studied evasion which will deceive no one.

The Listening Post has nothing to say against the new Commissioner. The new Mr. G. W. Simpson is a gentleman whom we like and respect. Our quarrel is with the Government, which has gone out of its way to render lip service to the principle of preference to returned soldiers on the eve of elections, yet ignores it altogether when any important appointment is being made. Mr. Latham stated that the question of preference was considered in connection with the present appointment. It appears it was not considered far enough. There were five or six returned soldiers of high rank and of social and public prominence among the applicants for this position. Any one of these gentlemen had had greater and wider administrative experience in the Army than it is possible for any civilian, however gifted, to obtain. Apparently the essential qualification for the appointment was knowledge of the public service. It should be obvious, even to a politician, that the Army is a public service, that there is not such a vast difference between King's Regulations and those of any civil service. Mr. Latham implies that there is something peculiarly esoteric about public service matters in this State which necessitates special intellectual gifts. Any man who has been used to administering military regulations can learn the regulations of any department in a single night. This item of Mr. Latham's reply is both weak and evasive, but we must congratulate Mr. Latham on being a good political nimblick and getting his party out of such a difficult lie.

There is fundamental hypocrisy in respecting the preference principle when a yardman or a caretaker is to be appointed, and evading it when filling vacancies to the higher offices. We can forgive the Ministry such evasions, but we cannot forgive the insults to our intelligence contained in the evasions with which they try to cover their actions. Better an honest enemy than an unreliable friend, and if diggers in the mass remember this at the next general elections, the individuals members of the ministry have only themselves to blame.

A Katanning correspondent writes:—

The big appointment of Public Service Commissioner has, much to the regret of many, gone to a non-soldier, and at the moment it is difficult to understand the State Government's action in passing over a number of soldier applicants. The avowed policy of the present Government is preference to soldiers, meaning that from amongst applicants for any position, if qualifications and ability are equal, the scale must weigh in the soldier's favour. This policy is in fulfilment of an honourable obligation made at a time of peril to those who served the country's need by going abroad in its protection. To them the country would extend every sympathy and consideration when the war was over and the soldiers had to be re-established in civilian life. In the humbler walks of life successive Governments have paid heed to the soldiers' claims, but for some reason or other, when big jobs are considered, all sorts of reasons are advanced in support of claims that such jobs could not be filled by men who wore the King's uniform and who may be applicants.

It is a common saying that in troublesome times people and governments look to the soldiers, and surely some recognition should be paid by governments when the opportunity occurs of placing at least one ex-service man in a position where he may apply. For the benefit of his comrades the Government's policy of preference to soldiers. The Government may have some explanation of its action in giving this appointment to a non-soldier, but such reasons are at present not apparent.

Fremantle Products Week

The entergetic Fremantle Sub-Branch carved itself off a large slice of work when it passed Mr. Phil. Jane's motion, "That a Local Products' Exhibition be held at Fremantle." A strong committee consisting of Messrs. Phil. Jane, Alf Pady, W. Stringfellow, G. Lynch, W. Beer, and the Secretary (Charlie Walker) was appointed, and operations commenced immediately. Over a hundred prominent citizens of the port were interviewed, but only sixteen attended the inaugural meeting at the Fremantle Town Hall. Mr. Pady as chairman, outlined the proposition, and Captain Jack Tozer of Neddlands, related what Neddlands had done at a previous exhibition. The meeting decided to adopt Captain Tozer's helpful suggestions, and the Fremantle's Business Men's Association promised their co-operation. At a subsequent meeting, Mr. Len Bolton, president of the Industries Board, offered to supply exhibits, and to give a prize of £3 3s. for the best dressed window of local products. His offer was gratefully accepted. Mr. Bolton's support went far towards assuring the success of the venture, for, though the proposed exhibition was well-advertised, there was a poor response from local business men. Mr. J. Lynch and Mr. C. Walker made themselves responsible for the musical arrangements for two nights, each, of the exhibition, and His Excel-

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lency, the Governor of the State, consented to perform the opening ceremony.

The Sub-Branch takes this opportunity of thanking the Fremantle Business Men’s Association for their splendid co-operation. The Secretary of the Association, Mr. Lea Holt, whose son was killed in France, drew up the programme to aid a Fremantle Shopping Week, in conjunction with the exhibition. He called a large meeting of shopkeepers, who endorsed his programme. He was ably supported by Mr. S. Thompson (President), and Mr. W. Beer. The Business Men’s Association had 15,000 numbered dodgers printed, inviting the public to Fremantle. Prizes were donated by the shopkeepers, and the numbers, which corresponded with the numbers of the dodges, were drawn by Jack Barfield (11th Batn.) a member of the Fremantle Sub-Branch, who, though blind, takes a keen interest in R.S.L. affairs. Mr. Lea Holt also organised a procession.

On April 13, the Fremantle Town Hall was prepared for the exhibition, the tables being loaned by the Sub-Branch, and Mr. J. Anderson planned the layout of the hall. The exhibits began to arrive, while in the town the shop windows were transformed from their usual drab appearance into elaborate displays. A large electric star was erected at the Town Hall, and sign-writers and window dressers were kept busy. On the 15th, the Exhibition, really a Fremantle carnival, opened, and continued until the 18th. A special edition of the local paper, double the usual size, enumerated the reasons why people should give preference to local products, and the opening ceremony was well attended. The musical programme attracted the public each evening, and day and night the hall was full. It is estimated that over 20,000 people witnessed the exhibition. Over 10,000 took advantage of the penny fare.

The concluding night was Soldiers’ Night, and, thanks to the liberality of the Swan Brewery, it was thoroughly enjoyed. The Fremantle Sub-Branch is to be congratulated for the success of the exhibition. Secretary Charlie Walker has shown that he can handle a big job, and Mr. J. Anderson, the organiser, knows exactly how an exhibition should be run. Mr. Theo. Brennan was unfortunately debarred by illness from taking a prominent part in the proceedings, but Alf. Pady ably deputised for him as chairman. Mr. Jack Lynch also rendered yeoman service.

Soldier Land Settlers
IMPORTANT MEETING AT
KATANNING

All roads on the R.S.L. map south of Narrogin pointed in the direction of Katanning on Sunday, May 10th, where a big meeting of sub-branch representatives had been called by the No. 4 District Committee. The main business was to discuss with Executive representatives the motion passed at the previous meeting concerning Zone or District Revaluation Boards. Mr. H. L. Roche, president, and Mr. Arnold Potts, hon. secretary, welcomed over forty representatives of sub-branches as far apart as Narrogin and Torbay. Delegates from Gnowangerup were there, also Pingrup and Williams, and although at times the discussion became animated and critical, an excellent feeling prevailed, the dominant note of which was harmony and unity within the organisation. Seemingly, lack of information and misquotations had given rise to misconceptions, but after a heart-to-heart talk, the meeting terminated with complimentary references to the Executive, the Land Committee and a tribute to the enthusiasm of the District Committee’s officials.

After much correspondence had been dealt with, Mr. Roche welcomed Colonel Collett, the State President; Mr. A. Yeates, chairman of the Land Committee; and the State Secretary, Mr. D. M. Benson. In replying, Colonel Collett touched upon the relations and standing of District Committees under the League constitution. He considered that much good work could be accomplished by District Committees, particularly in the nature of co-ordinated effort in local affairs and in concerted action to the Executive when any items of the League’s policy are in jeopardy. Referring to the main business of the day, Mr. Roche said that he and others on No. 4 Committee were always under the impression that the modified resolution of the last Congress following upon the Premier’s refusal to accept Zone or District Revaluation Boards for Soldier Settlement, only meant the suspension of the Zone Board idea, and he certainly did not consider that Congress meant the League to definitely drop the Zone or District Revaluation Board proposal. His committee was therefore disappointed to learn that the Executive had considered the matter terminated when the lunch-hour meeting at last Congress decided to aim at a representative on the Soldier Settlement Board.

Messrs. Yeates and Benson in reply traversed soldier settlement conditions since the first Settlers’ Congress in 1929. It was at this initial meeting that the Zone or District Boards were first mentioned and affirmed. The delegates said that Mr. Angwin was the first minister to reject Zone Boards, and Mr. T’roy’s decision was in agreement with his predecessor. The present Minister for Lands, Mr. C. G. Latham, was not concerned, as the Premier had taken over control of

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the Agricultural Bank and Soldier Settlement, and it was to the Premier that the proposal was referred by the last Congress. He was the third successive minister to reject the proposal to create Zone or District Revaluation Boards. The delegates from headquarters asked, was it any good flogging a dead horse? Was it not better to turn their attention to something that the Government would accept and which might in the long run secure the same ends as the proposal rejected by the Government? Following the Premier's refusal last October, they asked for a representative on the Soldier Settlement Board, a request now agreed to, for soon the League would have its own representative on the Board legally constituted under the Discharged Soldier Settlement Act, to decide the fate of soldier settlers. They had asked for close co-operation between District Officers of the Agricultural Bank and sub-committees of District Sub-branches of the League; this also had been agreed to and now operating. They had asked for continued co-operation between the Trustees of the Bank and the Land Committee. This also was operative. The Land Committee, however, could not do the impossible, and could not take up the cases of soldier settlers unless such were reported to them. It should not be necessary to apply to the Bank for the reinstatement of a soldier settler. If his reinstatement was justified he should never have been dispossessed. The visitors assured sub-branch delegates that the Land Committee had been in touch with the settlers' position in all districts for the last six years. It was the State Executive's efforts that produced the second Commonwealth concession. It was only by tact and reasonable dealing that the Committee had been able to establish harmonious and helpful relations between the Trustees of the Bank and the League. The Bank Trustees now realised that the Land Committee was the mouthpiece for the soldier settler, and in deciding who should represent the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L. on the Soldier Settlement Board the Executive would be guided by past relations. It would endeavour to secure a man of sufficient ability and knowledge so as to ensure a continuance of the excellent relations as between the League and the Bank, do justice to the State and the settler, and in every way fulfill the high hopes that everyone had that this representation would smooth away many personal difficulties and in the long run be of immeasurable benefit to the State in general. Closing the discussion,

**Anzac Day, 1931**

The State President (Colonel Collett) made the following statement at a recent meeting of the State Executive:

This year's commemoration of the anniversary of the Landing at Anzac has been of a satisfactory nature throughout the State, and we should be gratified indeed at the magnificence response to the League's persistent claims for its recognition as a great national day.

The attendances of so many members of all the services to pay homage to the memory of deceased comrades, must have appealed strongly to bereaved relatives, whilst the presence of the public in such great numbers gave a striking proof of the growth of appreciation of the real significance of the occasion.

The fervour shown by all those who took part, the respect and reverence which marked the carrying out of the various ceremonies, and the high tone observed by the various speakers, not only denoted the sincerity of those who assembled, but was also a significant answer to those disintegrating influences seeking scope in the community at the present time.

Colonel Collett suggested that the question of Zone Boards could be revived at the next State Congress by sub-branches submitting resolutions to that effect. The State President's advice was timely, and the next State Congress is likely to see eager and determined discussion centred around the original proposal for Zone Boards.

I feel that I ought first to thank you members of the State Executive for your individual efforts in the direction of attaining our ideals. No body of men could have worked more enthusiastically, and your example is reflected in the action taken throughout the State by the various sub-Branches. The addresses given by some of you have earned great commendation from those who were privileged to listen to them.

You would like me, I know, to acknowledge the great assistance to the organisation throughout the State rendered by the Churches of all denominations, the Government, the Lord Mayor of Perth, the Mayor of the City of Fremantle, and all the local governing authorities.

Regarding the Perth and Fremantle services, our gratitude is due especially to His Excellency the Governor for so readily accepting the invitation to attend and for the message which he was pleased to deliver.

No more telling tribute to the day we commemorated could have been imagined than that paid by the voluntary presence of so many members of the serving naval and military forces; the South African and Imperial Veterans' Association, the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and the Young Australia League. Nor must I omit to mention how delighted we all were to be able to meet the earnest desire of our comrades at Blackboy Hill camp to join us on the combined parade.

What was the value to us of the publicity given by the press, it is most difficult to say. We can only renew our...
previous expressions of the deepest gratitude.

The facility with which so many thousands of people were assembled, organised and moved, was largely due to the help rendered by the Commissioner of Railways, the General Manager of the Tramways, the Commissioner of Police, the District Commandant and his staff (headed by Lieut.-Colonel G. F. G. Wieck, D.S.O.), and Lt.-Colonel E. L. Margolin, D.S.O., and his assistant marshals.

Not the most unimportant item I have left to the last. As you know, there is a great deal of detail work to be done before and on Anzac Day in connection with its proper observance. This year practically the whole of it was left to the State Secretary and his staff. Its effectiveness has been amply demonstrated to you, and my sincere expression of thanks and congratulation to Mr. Benson will readily find its echo with yourselves.

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The Imperial Land Grant

At the request of Perth Sub-Branch, the following letter received by them from the State Secretary is published for general information:

"In reply to your letter of the 11th instant re the Imperial Grant, the fullest details in connection with the grant have never yet been made known to the League, but enquiries made from time to time have been answered by Mr. McLarty, who is one of the Trustees.

"You will remember that some three years ago whilst the then Secretary of State was received in this building, he made a promise that the question of some moderate assistance to ex-Imperial men would be considered on his return home. We suggested that such assistance should cover an amount over the first year’s cropping needs and extend to the provision of seed, super, and proposed sustenance over a period. Previously we had been in touch with Mr. Banks Amery on the same question.

"Some time afterwards we were informed verbally that the Overseas Settlement League had made a grant to the State of £3,000, and that the Trustees of the Fund were Messrs. McLarty and Morris, the latter of the Lands Department. Appropriations have been made to assist ex-Imperial men on the basis of short period loans, and I have been told that the balance remaining in the fund is about £2,500."

"To enquiries made a few days ago on behalf of the Southern Cross-Sub-Branch, Mr. McLarty said that the applicant gained no benefit from obtaining super-ex the Imperial Grant. Such advances necessitate taking a mortgage and application, which involves expense. When super-ex is supplied by the Bank in the usual way, a mortgage is not required, as the Act gives the Bank a statutory lien over the crop. Mr. McLarty added that a number of settlers will require sustenance this year, and considerations will have to be given to applications from settlers who can give reasonable security for repayment."

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Membership and Capitation Fees

AN IMPORTANT DEPARTURE

The following report by the Management Committee was adopted at the State Executive meeting, held on Wednesday, 13th May, 1931:

"At the meeting of the State Executive, held on the 18th March, a letter from the Midland Junction Sub-Branch suggested the desirability of some action being taken to maintain the status and interest of those members seriously affected by unemployment. The matter was referred to the Management Committee for consideration and report.

"The Management Committee now recommends that, subject to the endorsement of the Finance Committee, the following circular be sent to all sub-branches:

"The State Executive is convinced that some considerable proportion of members must, owing to the prevalence of unemployment, drift from active participation in the work of the League. In order to meet that situation, and for the purpose of retaining the interest and services of such members in and for the branch, the State Executive has decided (anticipating the ratification of the Annual State Congress) to—

(a) Consider any member, who was financial on the 31st December, 1930, and who, if it is found after close investigation of the circumstances, has been unable, through stress of unemployment, to pay the whole or part of the current year’s subscription, as a financial member for the year 1931.

(b) Remit the capitation fees, wholly or in part, due by sub-branches on behalf of members covered by

(c) Include the members covered by

(a) above in calculating the figures governing the representation of sub-branches at the Annual State Congress. (Rule 14, para. 2.)"

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Executive Fixtures

Wednesday, June 3rd—Metropolitan Sub-Branches meet the Executive to discuss the national crisis. Proposed resolutions to be in the hands of the State Secretary before May 27th.

Thursday, June 4th, 8 p.m.—Diggers’ farewell to His Excellency the Governor at the Soldiers’ Institute, Perth.

To a Contributor

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Personal

Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. E. Manning, D.S.O., C.B.E., succeeds Colonel C. H. Lamb, M.C., in command of the 13th Infantry Brigade. Colonel Manning formed the first A.S.C. company in this State. At the time of Lord Kitchener's visit to Australia, Colonel (then Captain) Manning was selected to go to N.S.W. to be attached to the A.S.C. in that State, for experience in the work of the corps with the larger formations.

Major W. M. Anderson, D.S.O., of the Staff Corps, arrived in the West on May 14. While here, he judged the Harvey and Tambellup troops of the 10th Light Horse, in the Lord Forster Cup and Hutton trophies, respectively.

The Railway Workshops Sub-branch extends deepest sympathy to the relatives of their late member, Mr. William McGraw, who passed away at the Repatriation Ward, Perth Hospital, on Monday, May 11th. Bill McGraw (ex-15th Field Ambulance) was a member of the branch for some years and held the position of vice-president during the year 1929. He was well respected and highly thought of by those who knew him, and only those who knew him in the true sense knew that he was one of those who suffered considerably—without a squealing about it. He passed away after spending his last six weeks in No. 11 Ward, being on the danger list for a fortnight.

The old Stork flew around Mr. Barker and handed out three dependents to members of this sub-branch. The lucky ones being Dr. Clarke, Ted Elliott, and "Digger" Cameron. "Two nurses—and a soldier" extra in these families. Best of luck to the latest.

President Tom Sounness, of Mt. Barker, is the new member for the middle ward on the Plantagenet Road Board. He's bound to be a decided acquisition to the sub-branch and the Board. Up to date he is shaping well. Let us hope the old saying, "A new broom sweeps clean," lasts for the full term. The unemployed ex-service members certainly deserve attention, which they have not had the last few months.

Bill Duffield, who has been transferred to Greenmount, has resigned the secretaryship of the Nedlands Sub-Branch. Bill has seen the membership of the sub-branch grow from fifty to three hundred, and the Listening Post joins with Splinters in regretting that he cannot retain the secretaryship until Nedlands win the Newdegate Cup.

Nedlands' new secretary is Frank Kendall, who, as president and then secretary, held office for five years in the Gutha Sub-Branch.

Jack Tozer, whose spirited address, delivered at Nedlands on Anzac Day, was published in the West Australian, has received a unique compliment from his own sub-branch. According to Splinters, the bright little monthly published by the Nedlands Sub-Branch, the name Tozer signifies:

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We concur.

What a genius is that wonder flier, Kingsford Smith! During the month, and without any fuss, he filled an emergency, and in his famous Southern Cross, flew nearly half way to Europe and back. He is without doubt the world's king of the air.

Colonel Olden, who represented the State Executive at the Anzac services at Kalgoorlie and Boulder, returned with glowing reports of the splendid manner in which these men of the goldfields are upholding the prestige and utility of the League. A spirit of friendliness has always been marked on the fields, and when added to this is the comradeship of the A.I.F., makes act indeed as true brothers.

Bill Logie and Harry Nugent, both members of the State Executive, are present trying their luck at prospecting on the goldfields. In addition to seeking the elusive metal, both are hoping for a recovery of health as a result of their new occupation, they being far from well for many months. We wish them both health first, and then that the fates will be kind to them with a gift of wealth.

During the month Colonel L. E. Tilney, D.S.O., the R.S.L. representative on the Repatriation Commission, visited this State on official duty. The Colonel is as popular as ever in digger circles, and is looking fit. He was one of the original members of the Mt. Lawley Sub-Branch, where he has maintained his membership throughout the years.

Harold Devenish, one time at Guildford, represented the Narrgin Sub-Branch, with Secretary Tom Hogg. Mr. J. Beeby, one time of the Perth Sub-Branch, was also a Narrgin representative to No. 4 District Committee meeting at Katanning. The Mt. Barker contingent included Tom Souness (president), Percy Gillam (secretary), and Jim Morgan, the latter looking somewhat detached after his recent hobnobbing with...
The Earth Dweller  
(By George Bailey)

Our Sixth Reinforcement joined us when we were just above Shrapnel Gully, immediately before the affair of June 28. It was the custom in the 11th Battalion to mix the reinforcements with the older hands, the idea being that the more experienced men would be able to teach the newcomers all about Jacko and his playful little ways. One of the best soldiers and hardest cases in the company was Facey, known to his comrades as “Face.” He is a respectable farmer somewhere in the wheat belt now, but in those days he was a teller of tales, with an extensive repertoire, and funmaker in general to the company. “Face’s” pupil was a heavily built man of Russian extraction, who figured in regimental records as Bill Badcroft, but who was immediately dubbed “Old Bill” by the troops.

On June 28th, we were ordered over the top to make a demonstration, which, it was hoped, would relieve the Turkish pressure on the sorely harassed Tommies at Cape Helles. Only the old hands were to participate in this demonstration, but when Face hopped the bags, Old Bill docilely followed him. Our orders were to get as close as possible to the Turkish trenches and remain there under cover and wait for further instructions. Our party did this by taking cover in a small watercourse right under Jacko’s nose. Though 150 men of the 11th went over the top that day, only 20 of us succeeded in finding such splendid cover, and for this we had to thank the good Face. We were safe from rifle fire, but the Turks soon started shell us. They knocked the surrounding landscape and vegetation about very much, but beyond occasional plasterings of earth, we got off scot free.

After an hour and a half of waiting, we received the signal to return to our own trenches. Face had been telling Old Bill to keep his head down or he might be sniped, but though he literally kissed the dust, there was still plenty of his five feet nine and sixteen stone exposed to hostile fire. Bill was terrified by the shells which continued to burst around us. When we received the message to retire, Face suggested that we wait until darkness should screen our movements from enemy marksmen. We did not require much persuasion. The only dissentient was Old Bill “What,” he protested, “stay here till we get our heads blown off.” Just then another shell burst just behind our cover, piling the earth all over us. “This was too much for Bill. With one yell he made a break for our own lines. Face called out to him, warning him not to forget the passage through the barbed wire entanglements, but Bill supported Euclid’s statement that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points. He bounded straight into the wire, yelled and kicked, losing his rifle, equipment, and most of his puttees in his struggles. Badly scratched and with his clothes in rags, he eventually struggled through. He jumped over the parapet, landing on top of a group consisting of Major Denton, Lieutenant Bickel, and Sergeant Rodgers, who were discussing the attack. Major Denton was the first of the trio to recover from the shock. “What the hell are you doing,” he demanded.

Old Bill was still on the broad of his back; but he managed to grunt, “Saving my life, sir.”

A few days afterwards, Bill was on the peg for losing his rifle and equipment under fire. Bill explained that he could always get another rifle and equipment, but not another head. He was cautioned and sent to do duty in the cookhouse. From then on, whenever the Turks started shelling, Bill would take refuge in the nearest tunnel, where he would stay until the shelling ceased. One day an officer saw him pursuing these “safety first” tactics, and by way of a joke, ordered Bill out of the tunnel. Bill decided to remain where he was. The officer drew his revolver, and aiming at Bill’s head, repeated the order. Bill shut his eyes and said, “Shoot, sir.”
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Diggers! You ask for Preference? Give it!
Theirs Is the Glory
ANZAC DAY, 1931
(By Wallace Spencer)

 Loudly in years gone by
Sounded the martial cry,
Nobly we answered.
Gave valour pride of place;
Gave flower and pride of race,
Sent o'er the water's face
Stalwart battalions.

Bright blazed the loyal flame,
World-wide undying fame
Covered our Army's name,
Valiant Anzacs.

Ours proved the bitter loss,
Ours, is the barren dross,
Ours is the mourner's cross;
Theirs is the glory.

Muffled the drum that rolls,
Dirgeful the bell that tolls,
Tears gently falling.
Names on the wreathed spire
Burn with unquenched fire.
Forms in sublime attire,*
Ghostly, enthralling.
Death cast the winning dice,
Gladly they paid the price,
Their was the sacrifice;
Last Post is calling.

Hushed is the solemn hour,
Awed by Eternal Power,
Silence abounding.
Pale glows the eastern ray,

Sands of the Anzacs say,
"Tis our immortal day,
—Reveille's sounding."

Tryst
(By Peter Hopegood)

Dawn's fanfare wakes the sleeping hills.
Lucifer fades on more from Heaven.
Again the canopy of night
By the sun's shaft is riven.

So morning's staged. The act is old—
Oldest than men—old as their dreams
That picture Genesis, and hymn
Their gods' primordial schemes.

Then who are these that pierce the dawn
This April day with brazen note,
Quickening the silence into pain,
With sounds that like long banners float?

These be the remnants of a scheme,
Conceived but yesterday—today
Drifting towards forgotten things
That Time has flung away.

And these be met here with the light,
Yet not the insensate light to greet
Like priests of old. This austere stone
Calls them their dead to meet.

And not from golden mists of morn,
But from the heart's own precious rain,
An inner alchemy contrives
To conjure forth their dead again.

There's not one son of Mithras here,
However ribald in his ways,
Who does not clasp some unseen hand,

And greet some ghost of far-off days.
There's not one man of all this host
Who shall not win some spoil of grace,
From facing in the cool of dawn,
His ghosts in this high trysting place.

Local Products

Colonel Collett submitted the following report to a recent meeting of the State Executive:

At the request of the Fremantle Sub-Branch, I visited the Exhibition of Local Products held in the Fremantle Town Hall on four days during this month. In conformity with the League's policy of encouraging local industry this display was arranged by the sub-branch acting in conjunction with various commercial organisations, and with the active cooperation of the Council of Industry, and of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Fremantle.

The effort was an undoubted success, and excelled even that remarkable initial result secured by the Nedlands Sub-Branch. It has been estimated that up to 20,000 people visited the exhibition, and on your behalf I would like to congratulate Mr. Brennan and his fellow members on their public-spirited action, and upon giving such a striking proof of how useful to the community the League can be.
### VARIA

While the digger always speaks of Gallipoli, the Tommy calls the place The Dardanelles. Similarly, in France, the Diggers preferred to call big shows by the name of the nearest town, and the Tommies, after some natural feature, like a hill or a stream. The same sort of thing occurred in the American Civil War. For instance, the battle which the northerners called after Bull Run, a stream, the southerners called Manassas, after the big railway junction nearby; again, the northerners spoke and wrote of the Battle of Antietam, named after a creek, while the southerners called the same event: the Battle of Sharpsburg, after a town included in the battlefield. An American historian accounts for this in a way which possibly applies, also, to the Great War. The northerners, like the Tommies, were recruited from thickly populated centres, where towns were no novelty. Hence a natural feature, like a hill, or a river, would appeal more strongly to their imagination than a mere town. On the other hand, the southern-

The Anzac Day parade brings to light a number of medals that are rarely seen nowadays. The medal presented by the Italian Government to members of the Royal Navy who did relief and rescue work during the Messina earthquake adorned the many bosoms of Lieutenant-Commander Bates (ex-Naval Men's Association) and Harry Topal (Press Sub-Branch). The South Africans, had, as usual, a good muster, though the pruning knife of Time is making the familiar Boer War medals something of a rarity. The Omdurman medals (1898) were worn by Warrant-Officer "Bill" Smith, of the Permanent Forces, and Tom Miller of the W.A. Police. There was one digger present, by-the-way (he does not wish us to publish his name) who could have marched with any one of three organisations—the South Africans, his own A.I.F. unit, or the sons of fallen soldiers. Probably the oldest veteran of previous wars, who served with the A.I.F. and is still on parade, is Captain W. E. Buchan, of the Perth Sub-Branch. He has the medal and bar for the Relief of Chitral (1891-96).

As the good old song has it—

"Thank God, when the young lads fall, sir,
We still have the grand old boys."

H.M.S. London, on which, during the recent revolution at Madeira, insurgent officers and civilians took refuge, arrived at Portsmouth on May 8. According to the cables, a medal will be struck for the London's officers and crew, the ribbon of which will combine the Madeirese and the Portuguese colours, with a neutral tint for the cruiser. It is not stated which government, the British or the Portuguese, is awarding this medal. The Madeira affair hardly seems sufficiently important to warrant the issue of a medal, but in these days when the breaking of the world's speed record is considered sufficient qualification for a knighthood, and after the way civilians

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were decorated for playing at war work, we suppose the new award may pass.

Overheard on the Esplanade:

Padre: Hymn Number Soandso. We will sing only the first and the last verses.

Digger (in the crowd): More evidence of depression. They're even rationing the hymns.

As the Ex-Imperials were marching out of Government House grounds after their impromptu farewell to His Excellency the Governor, some of them were wondering how far they would be marched before dismissing. "I hope we're not going for another march round the city," commented an officer. "I wonder where we'll stop." His off-sider, an Old Contemptible, and obviously a Londoner, replied: "It's the Retreat from Mons, again. There's no blinkin' stop."

The N.S.W. State Executive of the League has passed a resolution of confidence in Mr. Dyett as Federal President. This is only consistent with this State's delegates' actions at the Hobart Congress, who voted for Mr. Dyett, but at which delegates representing two-thirds of the League membership voted for Colonel McCann.

Visitors and travellers continue to inform us how wonderfully impressed they are with our State War Memorial, invariably stating that its commanding position is the best of any in the Commonwealth. Its simple, but pleasing design is an inspiration, reflecting great credit on its architect, General Sir Talbot Hobbs. Those who were privileged to view it at the misty dawn of Anzac Day could not fail to grasp the significance of its massive masonry, and to find it easy to commune with the spirits of those in whose honour it was erected. The flood lighting of an evening, causing the monument to appear as a fiery beacon pointing to the heavens, is most impressive, being a constant reminder of the futility of war as a cleanser of civilization.

Mrs. B. G. Carlson, of Shirley Park Farm, Pithara, is anxious to secure a photo of the 3rd 51st Battalion, taken by Webb and Webb, in 1916, and should any digger be in possession of a copy, the lady in question would be grateful.

A Gallipoli Star, issued to Pte. J. M. Martin, has been found at Brunswick Junction. Owner can have same by applying to Mrs. E. V. Blake, "Oakleigh," Brunswick Junction.

On the 27th instant a letter was received from an ex-soldier signing himself: "S789 ex-28th Btn.," stating that he had seen the appeal through the LISTENING Post for clothing, and advising that he had forwarded a small parcel of clothing, also 10/- to help towards the Winter Relief Fund.

The Trustees request that this be acknowledged through the LISTENING Post, and also if "F" would send his name to the State Secretary, a receipt will be forwarded him.

It is unfortunate that the objection to Mr. Dyett as Federal President of the League by the W.A. State Branch in particular, should be misunderstood by certain supporters of Mr. Dyett, and as can be expected of those who cannot, or fail to, grasp the goal to which this branch is aspiring, and the utter incapacity of Mr. Dyett to lead us in the desired direction, we are accused of pursuing a personal vendetta against that gentleman. This is the stock argument used by most people whose case is palpably weak, and in this instance is absolutely untrue. The State Executive delegates are broad-minded, tolerant men incapable of such petty meanness, and in their desire to replace Mr. Dyett by a leader possessing better qualifications for the honoured position, they are unanimous, and actuated only by the highest motives, in the interests of the men they are elected to serve.

Nedlands Sub-Branch is doing its bit towards the beautification of the suburb by offering a prize of £2.2.0 for the best garden, and a special prize of 10/- for the best lawn. All residents of Nedlands who pay the entrance fee of one shilling are eligible to compete, but a special prize is offered for the best returned soldier's garden complying with the conditions of the competition.

On April 23th, His Excellency the Governor-General communicated to the press His Majesty's Anzac Day message. The announcement appeared in the West Australian, under the heading, "The King's Interest." We sincerely hope Mr. Lang will not tax it.

The sparkling natural wit of Jim Whittem, secretary of the Torbay Sub-branch, flashed out occasionally in the long proceedings at the District Committee meeting at Katanning recently. Illustrating a point, this enthusiastic secretary said that if there was a prize in the world for every man who could hop or jump 5ft. 2in., the world would be full of kangaroos, but if they made the test 10ft. or over there would be few competitors. Referring to his own position, he mentioned the transport costs of getting from Torbay to Katanning, and then, with affected despair, informed his listeners that his son and a cobbler were now loose in the town of Katanning with the remnants of the family purse in their possession.
A Poet’s War

In “Memoirs of an Infantry Officer” (Faber and Faber, London), Siegfried Sassoon continues his life story, the first part of which has already been published under the title, “Memoirs of a Fox-hunting Man.” His second installment commences with a description of the Fourth Army School at Flimwell, and ends with the termination of his army career after the Battle of Arras. The book, especially as far as the descriptions of the Somme fighting and the manner in which he left the army, are concerned, is complementary to Robert Graves’ “Good-bye to All That.”

Sassoon had already seen front-line service before he was sent to the Fourth Army School. Just before the Battle of the Somme he was awarded the Military Cross, and, in his narrative, he sounds a note of surprise that this should have happened. On the other hand, he did splendid work in a bombing attack during the Arras fighting, for which he was again recommended. This time he received only a “buckshie” card from the Divisional Commander. “Such is war!”

A good Blighty received near Arras, earned him a rest in England, but, though he was detailed for a home service job after his convalescence, he decided that he had had enough of the war. He sought out some of those ardent patriots who were initiating a “stop-the-war” movement, and was received with open arms. Sassoon, who was nothing if not honest, decided to court martyrdom in the interests of peace. It is a strange form of courage that will risk gaol, or perhaps the firing squad in preference to the risks of the trenches, but no suspicion of cold feet can attach to Sassoon. He had proved his courage in the line and was not returning to France. He wrote a letter to his commanding officer in which he stated he was knowingly acting in wilful defiance of military authority as a protest against a war, which commenced as a war of defence and had now degenerated into a war of aggression. The authorities, rightly, we think, treated the matter as a case of mental aberration, and boarded him. It was only when Graves, who appears in the narrative under the name of David Cromlech, pointed out to him that he was running the risk of being shut up in a lunatic asylum that he appeared before the Medical Board. The verdict was shell-shock, and here the narrative ends. On the whole, we concur with the finding of the Board, but one cannot help wondering what would have happened to a poor devil of a private under similar circumstances. It is truly a wise child who knows how to pick upper-middle-class parents.

Siegfried Sassoon and Robert Graves were intimate friends and comrades in arms. They belonged to the same regiment and served, for a time, in the same battalion. Another link in their chain of friendship was their common interest in literature, especially poetry. It must have been one of those unexplainable friendships which frequently spring up between men of utterly dissimilar temperaments, but there can be no doubt about its genuineness. There are depths in Sassoon’s character that one of Graves’ brilliant superficiality can never sound.

Sassoon was one of those introspective men who love solitude, but who could make friends and keep them. It says much for his amiability that he could suffer Graves with patience, though he once called the latter a “fad-ridden crank”—almost the only ill-natured assertion that occurs in his book. Sassoon could boil with righteous indignation when the Corps Commander insulted his colonel. His pen-pictures of Lord Rawlinson is far from flattering, but untinged with malice. Even when he accuses an Australian unit of leaving dirty billets, and possibly the germs of dysentery in La Chaussee—above all places—he is apologetic, and manifests none of the cockstrife superiority which makes Robert Graves so peculiarly irritating. Sassoon’s is always the role of the critical observer—not that of the man who writes a book for the sole purpose of slating persons he dislikes. Indeed, one can hardly imagine Sassoon disliking anybody, and when one remembers how outspoken were the veterans of Wellington and Napoleon in their criticisms of senior officers, much may be forgiven the officers of the new armies.

Sassoon does not seem to have experienced an undue share of the cold-shouldering from regular officers of which Graves complains. Graves is the type of man who makes enemies easily. On his own showing he was an unpopular boy at school. His blantant assertiveness and his dogmatism, which is just puppyism grown up, would hardly endure him to the members of a regular mess, men who were also public school men, and who may have known Graves already or have heard of him. One feels that there was more than caste snobbishness at the back of it all, especially when one remembers that Graves, who was a Special Reserve Officer, treated the new army officers in precisely the same manner. Where Sassoon is fundamentally honest, Graves is a poseur to his fingertips. His many inaccuracies about dates and many other details of regimental history all seem to us symptoms of this everlasting pose.

Like Graves, Sassoon is a writer of verse. Some of his verses, in spite of a certain morbidity, attain the high-water mark of poetry, yet there is no reference to this in his memoirs. The verse of Graves, on the other hand, is turgid where it is not merely anaemic, and seldom rises above the level of ordinary magazine verse; yet, in “Good-Bye to All That,” he never lets slip an opportunity of impressing upon readers that he is a poet.

Sassoon should be read in conjunction with Graves. He covers much of the same ground, and, though his latter pages show evidence of that mental unrest which culminated in his final breach of discipline, the tone of the book is healthy, while its simple honesty is in pleasing contrast to the cocksure preciosity of Graves. Sassoon’s apprenticeship to the writing of verse endowed him with a style which is direct and rhythmic. He is a man of the open, and a lover of nature. The battle scenes are vividly described and interspersed with descriptions of natural scenery and bird-life that are a joy and a delight.
"Bindy Boo" writes:
Oxford appears to be the birthplace or mithgrowing ground of all good soldiers and Empire builders—men that matter certainly must come from Oxford. But why Oxford? Does this institution pay for such propaganda? Take that for what it is worth, the little old university of Oxford receives an excellent boosting in many of our war novels. Cambridge has had her share also, but is much behind Oxford with the delivery of the goods. The reader must often wonder why the hero or heroes have to endure the "bull-ring" of Oxford, whereas the actual gist of the tale is "war," which in itself is bad enough without making them "do their stuff" at Oxford. The purveyor of war yarns is not the only eulogist of the Oxford collegian. Collegiate laurels are given to the heroes of many authors. A. Hamilton Gibbs has a pet university for his characters. The masters of his "bull-ring" would last perhaps twenty-three hours with Aussie lads. The exasperating point is that all our book soldiers must necessarily qualify at Oxford and in consequence it becomes apparent to readers that Oxford soldiers are absolutely the goods. Troops from Edinburgh, Dublin and Hong Kong universities are exactly twopenny a pound.

Depression
Wine, women, and song are the spice of life, there is no doubt; But I've got to keep down my expenses, So I'm cutting the music out.

Our Economic Problems
Owing to the heavy pressure on our news space this issue, we have been obliged to delete our discussion on economic problems, but in our June issue will appear a resume of the Douglas Credit proposals, written by Mr. R. J. C. Butler.

We would like "Dum Spiro Spero" to call and see us regarding his contribution. It is too long for our needs and we would like it altered to suit.

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Sub-Branch Notes

POPANYINNING

At the last meeting the reports of the two delegates attended a meeting at Wickiepin in connection with the formation of a District Council were read and discussed. It was decided not to affiliate as all past complaints emanating from this sub-branch have been ably and promptly settled by the State Executive, in whom the sub-branch retains every confidence; and on account of the expense involved in travelling to attend meetings while the sub-branch's small bank account might be more usefully employed in assisting local cases of distress. A couple of members have received assistance already, and, as the future is not very bright, there may be further calls very soon.

Popanyinning joined with the Noombling Sub-Branch in celebrating Anzac Day at Pinjelle. A small crowd assembled in the Institute, showing that interest is growing, and that people are realising the significance of Anzac Day. There were about forty pit men on parade, and a detachment of the Light Horse. At the splendid service addressed to, was given. As the service was divided and the public is beginning to feel that our fallen comrades' sacrifice is not being used to the extent it should be. Are our public men letting them down? If these had half the unity of returned men, Australians would be better served during the present crisis. The orations of items and stories, which interspersed the service, were appreciated by all who heard them. Wreaths were laid on the monument by the Light Horse and returned men. The sub-branch is taking up the question of preference to returned soldiers in connection with local road board work. It is hoped that these efforts will ensure the digger a finer deal in the future. Some Road Board members are in sympathy with the ideal, others are not. All the sub-branch asks for is fair treatment.

BOYUP BROOK

The local public observed Anzac Day in a truly "wonderful" manner. By 9 p.m. the hall in which the service was held was packed over-dowering, many having to be contented with standing outside. Prayers were given by Mr. White, of Scott's Brook. Mr. F. Knapp was chairman, and the address was given by that true digger and big Australian, Mr. Staniforth Smith. Ninety-two adults and forty pupils of the Boyup Brook State school were in attendance. The school also provided the choir, which responded ably to the baton of the head teacher, Mr. Duncan. The presentation of wreaths was somewhat of a surprise to the general public. These were placed by ex-Naval Men's Association, 10th Light Horse, "One of the Old Contemporaries," South African Veterans, W.A.A.C.'s, W.A.O.D., Royal Air Force, Country Women's Association, "Citizen's" Association, Primary Producers' Association, the staff and pupils of Boyup Brook State School, R.S.L., St. Saviour's Church, Methodist Church, Girl Guides, M. Barrett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cleary and family, and various others. In addition to the wreaths, there were other smaller floral tributes. Boyup Brook is justifiably proud of the fact that for the first time a real Anzac Day Service has been held in the district.

NUNGRARIN

The Anzac Day service at Nungarin commenced at 10.45 a.m., and the Road Board Hall, where it was held, was taxed to its fullest capacity, the estimated attendance being over 400. The gathering included returned men from various parts of the Eastern States, wearing their war medals and ribbons, and the Junior Sub-Branch in celebrating Anzac Day. The service was conducted by the Rev. Courtenay, of Nungarin, and the Rev. Knopp, of Karratha. It opened with the singing of the hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," after which the Rev. Courtenay read a list of the fallen, so far as the district is concerned, and which was taken from the Roll of Honour in the Hall. Two minutes' solemn and perfect silence followed at 11 a.m., after which a prayer in commemoration of the fallen was recited. The "Last Post" was then ably sounded by Bugler Roscoe, of Nungarin, and the hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light" sung. "Revelle" was sounded on the bugle, followed by prayers, "For the King and the Nation," and "For Peace and Fellowship," after which the "Supreme Sacrifice" hymn was sung by all present. The last hymn was "Lest We Forget," and the service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem. Wreaths were laid at the foot of the Roll of Honour by the Nungarin Sub-Branch, the Women's Auxiliary, the Country Women's Association (Nungarin Branch), and Private W. Jones, in memory of the 3rd Tunnellers. During the proceedings Mr. F. L. Warner, President of the Nungarin Sub-Branch of the R.S.L., delivered a most interesting address.

After the service about 250 persons from outlying districts were the guests of the Women's Auxiliary of the local sub-branch of the R.S.L. at luncheon, which was partaken of on the stage of the hall, and much enjoyed.

BAYSWATER

Bayswater Sub-Branch held its meeting on 1st April. The formal business was followed by a musical evening. The "Black Cat" Orchestra, from Midland Junction, came along and made the evening enjoyable. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Barnes, Windsor, Laurie, Burton, and Henderson, and Mr. Dundas very ably recited.

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“The Green Eye of the Little Yellow God.”

Anzac Day was ushered in by a Dawn Service. The members, falling in at the station and marching to the Town Hall, where the service was conducted by Mr. Peeler. The “Last Post” and “Revelle” were sounded by Bugler O’Brien. About 150 attended this service.

In the morning most of the members journeyed to Perth for the Big Service on the Esplanade. Then in the afternoon the members fell in at the station, and headed by the Midland Brass Band, marched to the Town Hall, where a commeration service was held. Speeches were made by President D. Burton, the Wardens, Mr. Vincent, Prayers were conducted by Revs. Mr. Sagers, Mr. Hogg, and Mr. Coulson, and the Rev. J. J. Bell, of South Perth, eloquently addressed, the gathering of about 500. Bugler O’Brien sounded the “Last Post” and “Revelle.” Four men formed a guard of honour. Numerous wreaths were placed on the memorial. Notices amongst them were wreaths from Bayswater Roads Board, Tooronga, and Women’s Auxiliary.

YANMAH

At the Yannah Sub-branch, held on Sunday-May 3rd, twelve members were in attendance. Considerable discussion took place in reference to “Interest” matters, and at times the air was somewhat over-heated, due, no doubt, to the “mustard gas” which prevails with us. The members alleged they are existing on these hard times.

At a social given by Mr. Read (79 Group), the funds were augmented by 15/-. Being the last meeting, we are satisfied with small helpings. Bob Kenney and his band enlivened the proceedings till the “sm’ hour.” All the refreshments were commanded by Jack Caligari to cool the truck engine, the creeks having gone dry.

A Women’s Auxiliary is being formed to help the sub-branch in its small difficulties. The next meeting will be on the first Sunday in June.

ANZAC DAY AT FREMANTLE

Owing to the uncertainty of the weather, arrangements had to be handled with care, but at 1 p.m. it was decided to hold the service at the Soldiers’ Memorial. Seating accommodation was, under the circumstances, limited. However, everybody did a lovely service, and despite the weather a great crowd (600) paid homage to the fallen soldiers. The memorial service at Fremantle, as in all other districts, is looked upon by all those who take part as a sacred service. Next year it is hoped that better arrangements for seating accommodation will be made. The Dawn Service was attended by a large crowd, and the buglers and drums of the R.N.R. made it very impressive.

DARLING RANGE

So far the sub-branch has had a successful run this year. The largest number at an ordinary meeting attended this month to bid farewell to our President, who, unfortunately, is leaving the district. An enthusiastic success has been appointed in Jack King, who, needless to say, to those who have heard him, wore a kit in the Great War. The sub-branch now possesses a set of by-laws its entertainment committee aspire also to a set of quotas. So if you don’t break the by-law, no doubt it is placed on your “break” with the quotas.

A successful picnic at Point Walter was held last month, and, on a perfect day, was thoroughly enjoyed. And as the Secretary was able to report a balance in hand of one and threepence, my previous remarks about our lack of aspirants for the job of Federal Treasurer of Australia are now withdrawn. Of course, the major factor in all this progress has been the Women’s Auxiliary, only since last April, it is doing great work. It has voluntarily undertaken relief work in the district, and is working hard to combat the effects of unemployment. This sub-branch, realising this was the need, set about to raise $20, and the Finance Committee to back their work, with success. In cases coming within the scope of the Amelioration Fund, and is making an endeavour to build up that fund further. At present the sub-branch has in communication with the Executive, urging the calling of a special conference to deal with the crisis in national affairs. It is felt that action and not inaction, should be the motto of returned soldiers, when the nation is in difficulties, and that the time now is not more desperate than that which the A.I.F. faced. The Executive have directed our attention to the rule requiring a majority of the sub-branches to petition for special congress. And there the matter rests until present, until other sub-branches move also. We should not allow our classrooms to be taken by the Khaki Legion or the All-for-Australia movement. Our delegates attended the conference re winter clothing for unemployed, and action is also being taken regarding this.

TRAYNING-YELBENI

At a special meeting of those interested held last month, the Women’s Auxiliary attached to this Sub-Branch was officially formed. Although in active existence for about seven years, it had not previously affiliated with the movement. The officers elected included Mrs. H. Craike, President; Madam T. C. Thompson and R. V. Walker, Vice-Presidents; and Mrs. Milne, Secretary. The Sub-branch owes a big debt to the members of the Auxiliary, who in the past have taken charge of the catering at all their functions, and if it is a pleasure to know that at last they are bandied together as an officially recognised body.

The Sub-Branch held its annual ball in aid of the Amelioration Fund on April 18th, at Trayning. Taking a leaf out of South Perth’s book, a “Night in Cairo” was arranged, and in no small measure must its success be attributed to the help given by that sub-branch, and by Messrs. Pay and Kennedy. The fancy dress was optional for the public, all members had to weigh in some sort of rig, and the costumes included Arab Chiefs, Egyptian bearers, diggers, a sailor, a beggar and, last but not least, the President, T. C. Thompson, as a Sultan, complete with hair and a attendant. The whole was escorted by a much be-medalled Egyptian police officer. A number of the Women’s Auxiliary and other ladies also donned fancy costumes, which included a nurse, a snake-charmer, and a good assortment of Eastern dressers, not forgetting the Sultan’s Harem.

The fun was fast and furious. The bearers, in particular, who acted as waiters at supper, spent the rest of their time in charge of stalls of all sorts, and this provided plenty of fights and altercations with the diggers, and work the police officer. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all, the crowd of 100, a record for the district, voting it one of the best that had ever been held, and the stalls and various side lines, the evening showed the wonderfully satisfying profit of $47.

The unanimous opinion of members, several of whom were stiff and sore the next day, was that the amount of work involved was more than repaid by the success of the evening, and some are already wondering what we can put on next year. All worked with a will, but special mention must be accorded to Tommy Thompson, who as general organiser, did all the work and directed the show, the thanks of all are due to the Women’s Auxiliary for the splendid way in which they filled the demands of the ravenous crowd, who maintained their excellent form in this respect.

Anzac Day was marked by a service in the Town Hall, organised by the Sub-branch and conducted by the Rev. Harris, of Bencubbin, and Col. of Kununupooki. In order to fit in with the arrangements of Nungarin Sub-branch, whose, President, Mr. P. Warner, had promised to make the afternoon service at 8 p.m. and was attended by about 150 people, including a detachment from Nungarin.

In addition, there was a small ceremony at the memorial at dawn, attended by a few ex-service men and others who lived near enough in town, some wreaths were laid at the memorial. It was very heartening to note the increased attendance at the evening service, as compared with previous years.

DOWAK

The sub-branch has been unfortunately in losing the services of three of its most energetic members: Len. Weeks, President, who for business reasons has returned to Perth; Ted. Weeks, now at Sandstone; and Gerry Andrews, Secretary, who has left for England. At a meeting held at Salmon Gums on April 16th, the following officials were appointed—J. W. Wegner, President; A. J. Evans, Vice-President; Alan Morton, Secretary.

Anzac Day service was held at Salmon Gums. The Rev. J. W. Henderson, Rector of Esperance, and a member of our sub-branch, officiated. There was an excellent roll up, over 120 persons being present. The “Last Post” was sounded by Mr. Maidment.

The members of the sub-branch presented Gerry Andrews with a leather kit bag as a token of their esteem, and a farewell dance was arranged for May 2nd. Unfortunately, Gerry had to leave the week before, but there was a good muster of well-wishers at the dance.

MOORA

Anzac Day was observed by a united service under the auspices of the Moora Sub-branch, which was visited by the Rev. F. W. Gunning (Church of England) and the Rev. V. Deakin (Methodist Church) and the Moora Band. The service was held in the afternoon in the Road Board Hall, the President of the Sub-branch (Dr. W. S. Myler) presiding. The service was a splendid attendance, the accommodation of the spacious building being taxed to its limits. Col. E. I. H. Nichol was the address, which was an impressive and inspiring eulogy. Mrs. L. Kuhl sang solo, “Abide With Me,” and the “Last Post” was sounded by Bandsman H. Kays. After the service wreaths and flowers were placed at the war memorial by the Moora Sub-branch and relatives of the fallen.

KENPDEAL

The Kentdale Sub-branch was formed on Feb. 18th. The following officers were elected—President, J. J. Balcombe; Vice-Presidents, A. H. Poyser, Secretary; A. R. E. Leader, Treasurer, G. W. Ferrie; Committee: W. A. Cullen, N. A. Scott; Trustees, W. P. Owen, W. S. Keble, Auditors, C. M. Martin, T. J. Kennedy.
ings will be held monthly on the first Thursday, in a cottage, owing to the Education Department charging for the use of the school.

A successful dance, both Luigi and socially, was held on April 17th, Mise Carlton and Mr. George Pomery being the lucky ones in winning both the Monte Carlo and Spot Jazz.

New members are coming in slowly, the likely causes of delay being depression and prospects of big interest bills from Mr. A.H. in June.

BRUNSWICK JUNCTION

The memorial service held in the memorial hall during the evening of Anzac Day was very largely attended, the Rev. Mr. Durrant and the Vice-President, Mr. Sagar, assisted with the prayers and reading respectively, and a short address was given by the President, Mr. Noakes. Quite a number of wreaths were placed around the memorial tablet. During the morning a strong squad of our members journeyed to Bunbury and took part in the parade and service there.

It has now been decided that during the winter months the meetings of the sub-branch will be held (thanks to the kindness of Mr. Gibbs) in Mr. Gibbs’ shop; this will be a much more convenient situation. Gone is your last argument for staying away from the meetings.

This sub-branch, for one at any rate, intends to oppose Torbay’s suggestion that the League enter politics, and a motion to that effect will be placed before the next meeting of No. 2 District Committee preparatory to being sent on to Congress.

Membership is not what it might be this year, although quite a few of last year’s members have left the district. In a widely spread district like this it is a labor for the Secretary to get around and collect each man’s subscription, so if you have overlooked the matter, let this be a reminder.

Several attempts have been made to create a debate upon “Economics,” but each time it gets us licked; it’s too big for our talents. Now, where’s the student of economics who will offer to come along to Brunswick and tell us all about it?

Our late Secretary, Arthur Dedman, is back from long service leave, looking “brighter and brisker.”

We haven’t seen the “Navy” for a hell of a time.

MUNDARANG AND DISTRICTS

Last meeting night, before commencing business, Vice-President Jim Wilshuven, speaking on behalf of colleagues, warmly congratulated Mr. Harry Walker, President, on having won a seat at the recent Roads Board elections. Members generally felt very gratified that the sub-branch was so worthily represented, for undoubtedly the faith of a community in the influence, which is becoming more manifest, germinating from ideals of the League, becomes a factor of security, and naturally the prestige of the League is enhanced. To sum it up, the general opinion and wish is that it behoves all who have the qualifications to come forward for the benefit of the League and the community in general. Mr. Walker nobly responded.

The principal business being disposed of, nominations were opened for the office-bearers for the ensuing year, and though it is not anticipated that there will be many strange figures in the chairs, interest, as is usual, is very evident among the members at present.

Taking a look around some of the teams, there are very few, despite the times, not able to hold their own. “Johnnie” Walker is not getting any slimmer for all the hard work; he thrives on it. “Sandy” McGreggor is burning the candle at both ends, the most overworked of the team, and could do with a turn out of the front line. “Sandy’s” full of out and out, Jim Wilshuven, of the “Fighting 44th,” holds his ground well—a battler always. “Llew” Cooper’s only worry is the apple market; and Arthur Porritt, chook merchant, looks as fit as ever. Caleb Boyes still feels that George (“Simmy”) should have accepted that “gun” for safety’s sake, George, you’ll be sorry, he says. Nipper Patch, the light Light Horseman, still runs his “two cylinder”; but Rutherford disposed of his “two-storcedy” car—much to the chagrin of Jim, Scott. Nevertheless they are there when the time comes.

Anzac Day was commemorated at Mundaring at the memorial. A splendid parade of diggers, under the leadership of Capt. MacKean, showed the old spirit—the deep sentiment will never die. School children, under their respective teachers, from all schools within the district, marched behind the diggers to the memorial. The service was ably conducted by Rev. Whithead and Hitchings. President Walker delivered a very able address, fittingly appropriate. The “Last Post” was sounded by a diminutive member of the Y.A.L. Impressive, too, was the rolling of the drum, carried out by Capt. MacKean. Many beautiful wreaths and floral tributes were laid, to the memory of the glorious dead—our older brethren.

Thus another year has passed on—memory lives, evergreen; old pals of “those days” meet and march again; the old comradeship is still there. Let it live.

WEST PERTH

The committee, at its usual fortnightly meetings, has been kept busy on many matters affecting the two services, Commonwealth and State. Among the many activities, the applications for new trees in the Honour Avenue have taken up a good deal of time.

The sub-branch having been appointed assistant wardens for the State and memorial for the year 1931, have two of the members in attendance at the memorial each Sunday afternoon for the purpose of preventing the memorial being used as a play ground, etc., and to inculcate in an ideal of reverence and respect towards it in the minds of the public in general. More members are asked to volunteer and thus relieve the few who have so far been carrying on with this very worthy service. Members wishing to assist should get in touch with the Secretary as early as possible.

The officials of the branch are doing their utmost to assist in relieving the distress existing at present, and request that spare articles of clothing or footwear be handed to the Secretary or departmental collectors. The “tray bit” fund was inaugurated by the President is going well, at all meetings of the committee, and it is hoped will be taken up at all meetings of ex-service men.

Mr. Knights, the publicity officer of the sub-branch, was forced to resign owing to his continued ill-health, regret was expressed by members.

The matter of dismissals in the Civil Service is causing some concern to the committee of the West Perth sub-branch, particularly when new appointments (in most cases of a temporary nature) are made. Cases of this nature have recently happened at Blackboy, and are now receiving the attention of the committee.

Members will be pleased to know that committee-man H.B. Hayles is about again after his recent severe illness.

The appointment of Mr. H.G. Jarman, a member of the branch, to the secretariat of the State Workers’ Homes Board in succession to the late Mr. Thomas, will be received with general approval by all returned soldiers. Mr. Jarman saw service with the “Divvy Sigs” in France; he is also captain of the branch cricket club.

Two other recent appointments in the Public Service are those of Messrs. H.M. Pullen (a member of the committee) and G. Blackman, to the Employment Board. These appointments, with that of Mr. A.E. Clare, the principal architect, are indications that men who did their bit during the war are now receiving their just reward by advancement in the Public Service.

At the last meeting of the committee pleasure was expressed by members at these appointments and congratulations were forwarded to these gentlemen.
OSBORNE PARK

The usual Anzac Day service on April 25th was held. The members fell in at 2.30 p.m. at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, and marched to the Agricultural Hall. There was a good attendance of the residents of the district at the service. Mr. H. Nugent, the branch President, presented the service opened with the hymn 'Lest We Forget'; then wreaths were laid on the memorial board by the branch, the Methodist Church, Anglican Church, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Chantler. The 'Last Post' was sounded by a bugler from the R.S.L. Band. The commemoration prayer was given by Rev. Phillips, and an address by Mr. C. Bader was much appreciated. The hymn, 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past,' was then sung, followed by an address by Rev. C. Urquhart. 'Land of Hope and Glory' and the 'National Anthem' closed one of the most impressive services ever held by the sub-branch. The members attended the Methodist Church on Sunday (April 26th), when the Rev. Phillips preached, his text being 'We paid the price, and the price we paid.'

Mr. Nugent has left for the goldfields, and the members of the branch hope that he will return with improved health, even if he is not lucky enough to find gold.

Mt. BARKER

Anzac Day service celebrated this year in Mt. Barker was the most successful service yet held. Under Capt. J. H. Morgan, sixty troops marched from the memorial hall to the Plantagenet Hall. About 100 residents from all parts of the district assembled. Combined choirs, with Mrs. G. Hoisholt as conductoress, made a pleasing innovation, in the singing (troops' voices not being too melodic). The prayers were said, by the Revs. G. Hoisholt, S. B. Fellowes and H. Farman. The address, given by Capt. J. H. Morgan, was short and direct. Wreaths were placed on the honour board by the president and relatives of deceased soldiers.

On Anzac morning members from Mt. Barker also visited Cranbrook to assist the members of that town with their first Anzac service. Under Capt. Carlisle (28th Bn.) the troops paraded to the memorial in the recreation ground, where Lieut. J. Johnston gave a short and impressive address, which, considering the short notice, was very ably delivered. Wreaths were placed on the memorial by Mrs. Carlisle for members and other relatives.

The smoke social held on Friday May 1, was the most successful function yet held by this sub-branch. The President (T. G. Sounness) handled the evening well. Visitors were few (five only from Albany). The sub-branch members totalled 36, which, considering the times, was a good attendance. Members from all parts of the district put in an appearance, which is gratifying to the committee who work these events up. All toasts were honoured in proper style and responses attentively listened to. Solos were given by Mesrs. Iffla, Lawson and Ironside; jokes by Jim Morgan, with Frank Clarke at the piano, and Bill Lefort in charge of the choruses.

Mr. Barker Sub-branch is now 109 strong and there are still more to catch. Six new members joined as a result of the "smoke barage."

NORTH PERTH

At a special meeting recently it was decided to hold fortnightly meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month in the Rosemont Hall. This will give the sub-branch better opportunities for better social activities and the arranging of lectures.

Membership is quietly increasing, and the influence of the Legion is more and more known. Every member is requested to introduce at least one new member before the end of the year, and so bring the membership well over the century.

Mr. McDowell (Sub-branch President) introduced the series of lectures by delivering a lecture on "The Evolution of Modern Banking and Finance." The lecturer showed he had a grip of the subject, and portrayed the various phases of banking in a manner that was easily understood and appreciated by all.

Mr. Wilkins, of the Suburban Sub-branch, has consented to lecture on "Aviation" at the June meeting.

The "Clothing Drive" is still in operation. Although a few bundles had come in, the response is not what was anticipated. Those who have old clothing and otherd, are asked to notify the Secretary.

During the April meeting the sub-branch President presented to Mr. W. J. W. James, the Past and Senior Vice-President, an illuminated address on behalf of the sub-branch. Mr. James had occupied the chair for well over two years, and is one of our most indefatigable workers. He has done more in an ceaseless manner than most are aware of, and there are those who will always treasure his friendship. The hall fairly sang when the forty-five members rose to honour the toast, and showed in no mean manner the esteem in which he is held by all. May we always have Bill James with us to help with sound and thoughtful advice, and practical activities.

GOSNELLS

Anzac Day service at the Gosnells' memorial was well attended in spite of the unsettled weather conditions. Mr. Hunt delivered the address, which was much appreciated by all present. The service was conducted by the Rev. L. Marine, assisted by the Rev. Broadben. Mr. Devenish ably sounded the calls.

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FROM ALL STORES AND GROCERS
A very successful smoke social was held on April 14th at Gosnell's hall. Mr. Yeates and Mr. Ferguson, the President and the Executive, were present. Mr. Yeates presided at the toast of the R.S.I. Executive, and his speech was much appreciated and endorsed.

The chairman, Mr. H. S. Nicholl, proposed the toast of the visitors and artists in a very witty and able speech, and as Mr. Yeates remarked, "He did not say much, but said it well." Mr. Jackson responded.

Mr. Davenport and Mr. Caporn delighted with many songs, and Mr. Teddy Pullam, with many comic and some serious items greatly entertained the boys.

**YARLOOP**

The memorial service on Anzac Day was held at the Yarloop War Memorial. A large gathering of returned men and residents of the district took part in the service, which was conducted with customary impressiveness.

We congratulate Mr. Norman Buchanan, one of our Vice-Presidents, on his recent election to the House of Representatives. He was elected by a large majority is a tribute both to his ability and his popularity in the district. It is a source of great satisfaction to us, as a sub-branch, that we now have a representative on the roll.

Dr. Jacobs has left Yarloop, and is now residing in Harvey. We are pleased to note, however, that he is still with us, both professionally and as a valued member of the sub-branch.

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, May 14th. Those present were Messrs. A. Watson, President; N. Buchanan and H. D. Hardy, Vice-Presidents; L. Rogers, Secretary; F. Treffren, L. Woodcock, G. Fink, Clifton, H. Eastcott, Millington, G. H. Clifton, S. A. Hardy, J. Dalrymple, G. Wilkes, A. Smith, and G. Serritt. Messrs. N. Buchanan and Clifton were appointed delegates to the next meeting of the District Council, which will be held at Brunswick, on May 18th.

Mr. G. H. Clifton reported on progress made towards forming a local Herd Testing Association. The requisite number of prospective members is almost complete, and it is hoped to have the Association in operation before the end of the year.

Several matters which concern settlers and others in the neighbourhood came up for protracted discussion, and, as we hope to be able to speak more freely concerning them at our next meeting, which will take place on the 11th June, a large attendance is requested.

**VICTORIA PARK**

In brilliant sunshine, although the sky seemed foreboding after the morning shower, the residents of the district forestalled in good numbers in the memorial gardens on April 21st, to pay silent tribute to those who gave the supreme sacrifice in the cause of freedom. The names of many of the men who enlisted from the district appear on the statue. Much credit is due to the local sub-branch for the manner in which the arrangements were carried out. Captain Edmunds, who is a member of the bench, delivered a very fine address in his Executive capacity. They were proud of the sacrifices made by the Anzacs and British troops during the Gallipoli campaign. Service to the Empire, he emphasised, called for sacrifice and courage in times of peace. He hoped everyone present would do their utmost to pull together in the times through which we were passing. A number of wreaths from relatives, one from Miss Egan, Florist, Albany Road, on behalf of the children of deceased soldiers, and the local sub-branch were deposited at the base of the memorial.

The monthly meeting of the branch was held at the library hall on the 15th inst. Mr. H. R. Nichols presided at a large gathering of ex-service men. The Secretary, J. W. Thomas, reported the war and the prospects in his history report, and Mr. Wally Tolmie, the Treasurer, reported on the finances of the branch.

Mr. Cumming has consented to take charge of the debating class, and several names having been handed in we are looking forward to the resumption of the class. Mr. G. C. Cumming suggested that a subject worthy of debating would be "New Increased Tariff on Whisky, and a Reduction to Return Soldiers," and met with hearty approval. Several pairs of clothing sent to the branch had been distributed to needy cases. Mr. Shadgett reported on the visit to Rockingham of the concert party, all the items being well sustained, and leaving a small profit to the social fund after meeting local expenses. Mr. Meurig among the members of the rally to be held on the 15th inst. was carried by a large majority, but the success was due to the last rally, and increased membership resulted. After the usual business had been transacted, the social committee dispensed liquid and other refreshments. My Syms officiated at the bar, and the wine was supplied by Mr. Len Ashbolt, and Mr. Alexander. Mr. Tim Healy, in soldier songs of mirth, was repeatedly applauded. Mr. Fred Matthews delighted the audience with imitations of dogs, 'fowls,' and pigs' calls.

**GASCOYNE**

The annual general meeting was held in the Parish Hall, Carnarvon recently, when the President (Mr. C. R. Cornish) presided over a good attendance of members. A resume of the work carried out by the branch during the past twelve months was read to the meeting. The President said that help had been given to several returned men who were in need of assistance, but there had not been many calls upon the branch's funds or its credit.

The election of officers for the coming year then took place, and the following were re-elected without opposition, their good work during the past year being eulogised by several speakers: President, Mr. C. R. Cornish; Vice-President, the Rev. L. C. Brentnall; Treasurer, Mr. C. A. P. Gostelow; and Secretary, W. Firman.

After the annual meeting was closed, a smoke social, at which over 50 returned men were present, was held. The proceedings were opened with one minute's silence. The following toasts were then honoured: "The King," proposed by the President of the sub-branch (Mr. C. R. Cornish); "Fallen Comrades," by the Rev. L. C. Brentnall; "The Day We Celebrate," by the President; "Kindred Associations," by Mr. F. Thorrett; "The Press," by Mr. W. Firman, and responded to by Mr. G. Egan. Numerous interesting anecdotes were told of incidents which came to their notice from the various fronts, and some of the old choruses beloved by the Aussies were sung with gusto, while songs by Mr. W. S. Hooper and the Padre, a recitation by Mr. R. Bowers, and instrumental items by Mr. N. Collins and Mr. Coote were much appreciated, and received well-deserved applause.

All went as merrily as a marriage bell, and when the gathering broke up about 11 o'clock, all felt they had had a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and that such social gatherings did much to keep alive the spirit of service, and build up the hardiness and dependence upon each other while facing the foe.

**MT. LAWLEY**

The monthly meeting of the Sub-branch was held on Tuesday, May 5, in Wallis's Hall, a good number of members being present. After the business of the evening had been concluded, an address was given by Mr. J. T. Birtwistle of a "Trip through the Malay States." It was a very interesting talk, and showed that the lecturer had gone through the States with his eyes wide open. The trade aspect of it was of especial interest. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Birtwistle concluded the evening.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2, when an interesting lecture has been arranged.

On Anzac afternoon at 3 p.m. a service was held at the Memorial, at the corner of Clifton and Queen's Crescent. Prior to the service the members marched from the State Theatre, headed by the Coastal Scottish Pipe Band. A good muster of members was on parade. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Vine, V.D., in the presence of a few hundred people. The President, Col. T. Flinter, V.D., gave a fine address on the meaning of Anzac Day.

The Ladies' Committee held a very successful bridge evening on April 29, in the Oxford Tea Rooms. About twelve tables were engaged and a good evening's play resulted. The play was of a high standard, except that of Mr. O. Williams, who was rather below the average, but Mr. Williams filled the cabin with the hoestry prize. As this is the first prize of any description Mr. Williams has won, at a bridge tournament, he is to be congratulated on the performance. A dainty supper was provided and the ladies are to be congratulated on a very good evening's fun. As the evenings are to be continued throughout the winter, on the last Thursday in the month, it is hoped members and their lady friends will come in force.

**WAGIN**

The annual general meeting of the Wacin Sub-branch was held in the Wacin Road Board Hall on April 25, at 2.30 p.m. Motions were carried thanking Archbishop Burridge for advising Toc H members to attend the Anzac Day celebration, and the Road Board for granting them the use of the hall. The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year—President, Mr. Atkinson (unanimously re-elected); vice-presidents, Messrs. Piesse and Breeze (also unanimously re-elected); secretary, Mr. Noonan, with Mr. Keatich as minute secretary; committee, Messrs. Hawie, Walter, Campbell, Tanicker, Gell, Jagrich, Shenton, and Morris. Messrs. Piesse, Jarrick and Morris were elected delegates to No. 4 District Committee, and Mr. Shenton was appointed auditor.

The arrangements for the local reunion dinner at midnight social were left in the hands of the committee.

**PRESS**

The monthly meeting and luncheon of the Pres Sub-branch was held at the R.S.I. Institute in the afternoon, Mr. W. Swain presiding. At the request of the Darling Range Sub-branch for co-operation in inducing the State Executive to call an extraordinary congress to discuss the present financial situation. Members were of the opinion that such discussions should be deferred until the closing session of the year.

At the conclusion of formal business, Mr. L. Glaubert gave an interesting lecture on "Telling Mother Earth's Age." Mr. Glaubert was one.
of those fortunate scientists who can deal with abstruse topics in a form intelligible to the ordinary layman, without conveying the impression that he is "talking down" to his audience. His remarks were listened to with keen interest and enjoyment.

No. 4 DISTRICT

Mr. H. L. Roche (president of No. 4 District Committee of the R.S.L.), welcomed some 44 sub-branch delegates to a conference held at Katanning on the 10th inst. The State President of the R.S.L. (Colonel Collett) and other representatives of the Executive were in attendance. The main object of the discussion centred round the League's proposal for the creation of zone, or district, revaluation boards, a matter which has been endorsed by annual State congresses of the League since 1921. Owing to the Premier's unfavourable decision last October, the Congress resolution was modified in view of the difficult financial position, and the urgency of something being done to meet the settlers' needs. The Executive Land Committee since last State Congress has been persistent in its efforts to secure a representative on the S.S. Board and to arrange for close cooperation between district officers of the Agricultural Bank and local R.S.L. committees.

The sub-branches adjacent to, and alongside, the Great Southern Railway consider that the original proposal for an amendment should not be dropped and it is the intention to revive this issue at the next Congress of the League, which will take place in October. Full recognition is given to the fact that values could not be assessed at the present time owing to the unpayable prices received for farm products such as wheat and wool. The sub-branch delegates, after full explanations had been given, expressed appreciation of the difficulties confronting the Executive in its representations to the Government, and considered that the settlers' interest had been well served. They confessed, however, that the absence of information from headquarters had given rise to doubts and misconceptions.

At the R.S.L. Conference at Katanning, great concern was expressed by settlers at the insecurity of soldier clients of the Agricultural Bank under the amended provisions of the Agricultural Bank Act passed last session. It was claimed that this measure gave the Bank full control, the settlers being massed up in every way. Reference was made to the possibility of Government and private banks dispossessing settlers when conditions had so improved as to make the security attractive. The old settler who had survived the bad times might then be put on the road by a newcomer with sufficient capital to put the security in full working order. The insecurity of the settler was stressed.

Mr. Arnold Potts (hon. secretary of the No. 4 District Committee) mentioned the enormous amount of work it would be necessary for him to undertake if all sub-branch matters were referred through the district committee to headquarters. The State Secretary (Mr. Benson), in explanation, suggested that sub-branch business should be carried on as heretofore, and that the district committees should only be concerned in big matters of policy or in individual cases where finality had not been reached—and where the settler's interests could be protected by the district committee extending its influence on the settler's behalf. He said that individual cases of course would be strengthened by the committee's backing. Personal matters, however, should be referred direct to headquarters.

Women's Auxiliaries

STATE EXECUTIVE

There was a full attendance at the last meeting of the Women's Auxiliary State Executive, the State Secretary (Mrs. H. Hopperton) reported that during the last month 76 adults and 67 children have been supplied with secondhand clothing: A pram for a baby's pram and shoes were sent to Mornington Mills. In addition, the following new clothing was distributed: 11 men's flannels, 2 pairs boys' pants, 1 suit of pajamas, 10 children's dresses and 8 petticoats, 7 jerseys for new babies, comprising 1 baby, 1 flannel button, 21 flannel blouses, 90 squares, 21 nightdresses, 10 petticoats, 6 dresses, 3 pair booties, 4 bonnets, 2 woolen petticoats.

Attendances to deal with clothing at the Institute were as follows: Meddines Wilson (2), Coleman (1), Subberfield (7), St. George (4), Noble (2), Hopperton (21). Three and a half pounds of wool and 172 yards of material for baby clothes were purchased by the Auxiliary, and a bolt of flannel was received from the Executive Trustees.

We were approached by the St. John Ambulance Society to organise the city area for a button appeal. The date was set for two days, and resulted in Auxiliary members collecting £202 17s. 0d. Fremantle, Spearwood, Kalamunda and Kelmscott Auxiliaries worked in their own districts.

New Auxiliaries have been formed during the month to Dowak Sub-branch and to Canning Districts Sub-branch. Reports were received from Railway Workshops, Fremantle, Bayswater, Ravensthorne, Nungarin and Wagin.

PERTH

At the half-yearly meeting of the Perth Sub-branch R.S.L. Ladies' Auxiliary, held in the Soldiers' Institute, on 5th May, the secretary (Mrs. Hopperton) reported that eighteen concerts had been held during the last six months: six at Lennoxtown; seven at Repatriation Ward, Perth Hospital, and six at Edward Millen Home. 122 ounces of tobacco had been distributed to Edward Millen Home patients, and

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PERTH WOOL SALES
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VICTORIA PARK

On April 24th, the usual monthly meeting was held and well attended, at the Library Hall. At the conclusion of the business a half dozen of sandwiches were handed to the various members, to be made up to help meet the demands for the winter. Otherwise many children will have to go to school poorly clad.

Bustling being completed, as usual, the ladies were joined by their husbands and friends, and games, dancing, musical items and supper, followed by the drawing of a raffle, terminated a pleasant evening.

NORTH PERTH

The Women’s Auxiliary of the North Perth Sub-Branch R.S.L. entertained the patients of Edward Millen Home on Saturday, March 28th. A very pleasant afternoon was spent. The members wish to thank the following artists:—Miss Buckley and Mrs. Mervyn Gray (piano and banjo duet), Misses Elsie and Grace Ritter (step dance), Mr. Florence Peters (skipping dance), Mr. Mervyn Gray (banjo solo), Miss Elise Arnold (acrobatic feats), Miss Pat Seery (fan dance), Peters Sisters (tap dance). Soles were rendered by the following:—Miss Bane, Mrs. Moore, Miss Tassel, Mrs. Pellow, Messrs. Moore and Sweetman.

The “Maramee” Steel Guitar Quartette, consisting of Messrs. Sweetman, Moore, Hawtin and Thompson, were greatly appreciated. Numerous popular pieces were rendered, Mr. Sweetman’s voice being heard to advantage, the diggers joining in the chorus. Mr. A. V. Love acted as chairman in his usual breezy manner. Comfits were distributed to patients and afternoon tea served to patients, artists and visitors by the Women’s Auxiliary.

MT. HELENA AND DISTRICTS

An extraordinary election occurred at the April meeting, following the resignation of the late President, Mrs. R. Finlay. The election resulted in the appointment of Mr. Walker, of the Sub-Branch, being elected unanimously.

From 400 to 100 (a record) attended the Anzac Day Service at Mount Helena Memorial, conducted by the local clergy, addresses being given by the President of the R.S.L. Sub-branch. School children were present from surrounding hills schools, an interesting feature being the Band. They performed, with the assistance of Mrs. Walker, the “Marsee” Steel Guitar Quartette, consisting of Messrs. Sweetman, Moore, Hawtin and Thompson, who were greatly appreciated. Numerous popular pieces were rendered, Mr. Sweetman’s voice being heard to advantage, the diggers joining in the chorus. Mr. A. V. Love acted as chairman in his usual breezy manner. Comfits were distributed to patients and afternoon tea served to patients, artists and visitors by the Women’s Auxiliary.

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GUILDFORD-BASSENEDEAN

The membership continues to increase and the Auxiliary cupboard is becoming well stocked with articles of clothing necessary for distribution during the winter.

The Edward Millen Home was visited by the members on the 15th April. Several substantial parcels of old linen were handed over to the Matron. The patients were entertained during the afternoon. Mrs. V. Price gave her mandolin. Songs and duets were rendered by Mrs. Chipper, Miss Shortland Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Morris acting as accompanist.

On 22nd April, Mrs. Grieve, our President, gave an "At Home" to Mrs. Carter and her friends. Mr. Carter delivered a short address on a trip to England. A very pleasant afternoon was spent and the guest of honour was presented with a bouquet of cream roses as a token of appreciation from her fellow members, whose good wishes accompany her.

The Anzac Day Service was well attended—both the Dawn Service and that on the Esplanade, Perth, and also the one at the Memorial Gardens, Albany Road, Victoria Park. In the afternoon ladies assembled at the Post Office and formed part of a procession, the selection being the Victoria Park Band, and including members of the R.S.L. Sub-branch, children of fallen soldiers, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, W.P. Housewives’ Association, etc., and marched to the Memorial Gardens, where a service was held on similar lines to that conducted at the Esplanade in the morning, clergymen from various denominations taking part, and an address of great interest being given by Capt. C. Edwards. Wreaths were laid at the foot of the Memorial by the various bodies represented and I think I am safe in saying it was the largest attendance on record.
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<td>BUNBURY</td>
<td>Council Chambers</td>
<td>3rd Wednesday</td>
<td>C. R. Gillett, Bury St., Bunbury</td>
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<td>BELMONT</td>
<td>Belmont Hall</td>
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<td>T. H. Sibbritt, Grandstand Rd., Belmont</td>
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<td>BAYSWATER</td>
<td>Town Hall, Bayswater</td>
<td>Alt. Wednesdays, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. Burton, King William St., Bayswater</td>
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<td>Soldiers' Hall</td>
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<td>A. E. Rolfe, Throsell St., Collie</td>
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<td>A. T. Cooke, Cowaramup</td>
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<td>COTTESLOE BEACH</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>Last Wednesday each month</td>
<td>G. Brown, &quot;Scotia&quot;, Fairlight St., Cottesloe Beach</td>
<td>Cowaramup W. Burreage, 33 Mapst St., Cottesloe Beach</td>
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<td>CLAREMONT-COTTESLOE</td>
<td>Alternately Council Chambers, Claremont, and Wells Hall, Cottesloe</td>
<td>First Thursday in each month</td>
<td>C. F. J. North, M.L.A., Forrest St., Cottesloe</td>
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<td>Parish Hall, Kalamunda</td>
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<td>J. M. King, Kalamunda</td>
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<td>DENMARK</td>
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<td>1st Monday</td>
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<td>DUMBLEYUNG</td>
<td>Dumbleyung</td>
<td>Quarterly, last Sunday in Jan., April, July, Oct. Every two months, alternately, commencing Salmon Gums Friday, December 6th, at 1 p.m.</td>
<td>T. Brown, Dumbleyung</td>
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<td>Council Chbra, Guildford</td>
<td>1st Monday</td>
<td>M. Lewis, Helena St., Guildford</td>
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<td>GERALDTON</td>
<td>Town Hall, Bassendean</td>
<td>1st Thursday, alt. months, commencing January 2nd Tuesday</td>
<td>A. H. Salmon, Geraldton</td>
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<td>HARVEY</td>
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<td>Last Tuesday</td>
<td>T. W. D. Smith, Herbert Rd., Harvey</td>
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<td>KALGOORLIE</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
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<td>C. D. A. Donaldson, 11 Hinemoa St., Kalgoolie</td>
<td>T. C. Fairley, 49 Campbell St., Kalgoolie. Tel. 290.</td>
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<td>H. Rocha, Mullingup</td>
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<td>(Derby reps., P. J. Graham and S. Waycott)</td>
<td>1st Saturday</td>
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<td>W. C. Chappell, Koorda</td>
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<td>KOJONUP</td>
<td>Commercial Room, Hotel</td>
<td>4th Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. Collingon, Lake Grace</td>
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<td>KOORDA</td>
<td>Road Board Hall</td>
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<td>E. Logan, Merredin</td>
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<td>LAKE GRACE</td>
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<td>MOUNT BARKER</td>
<td>Road Board Hall, Bencubbin</td>
<td>Third Sunday, Dec., Mar., June, September</td>
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<td>MOUNT MARSHALL</td>
<td>Friendly Societies' Hall, Maylands</td>
<td>Alt. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. (not pension week)</td>
<td>W. A. Clowes, Maylands Hotel, Maylands</td>
<td>H. King, 9 Morrison St., Maylands</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Mt. Munding and Mt. Helena</td>
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<td>Town Hall Committee Rm.</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>F. Bateson, c/o P.O., Midland Junction</td>
<td>R. E. Marsh, Harold Road, East Midland</td>
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<td>Wallish Hall, Grosvenor Rd., Mr. Lawley</td>
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<td>Col. T. Flintoff, 3 Second Ave., Mr. Lawley</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON MILLS</td>
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<td>Road Board Hall, Broadway Theatre (Lasser Hall)</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>Avon Bridge Hotel</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>Rosemount Hall, Fitzgerald Street</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>L. J. McDowell, 20 York St., North Perth</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>Road Board Hall</td>
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<td>F. L. Warner, Red Forest, Kewlan</td>
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<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>Port Hedland</td>
<td>3rd Monday</td>
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<td>RAILWAY WORKSHOPS</td>
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<td>3rd Saturday</td>
<td>H. K. Kahan, 69 Douglas Ave., S. Perth</td>
<td>M. H. Mundy, C/o Dyson and Vista St., South Perth</td>
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<td>SOUTH PERTH</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
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<td>TAMBEELLUP TOODYAY</td>
<td>Mr. Markey's Residence, Freemasons' Hotel</td>
<td>1st Wednesday, 2nd Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Library Hall, Albany Rd., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>H. Nicol, 35 Miller Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WAROONA</td>
<td>Mr. Hair's Office</td>
<td>1st Friday, 8.30 p.m.</td>
<td>V. Walker, Waroona</td>
<td>W. G. Thomas, 62 Temple St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>R. E. Tyler, Rivervale</td>
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<td>WURIN, BUNTINE, JIBBERIDING</td>
<td>Each place alt., commencing Buntine, March 1st</td>
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<td>J. Day, Buntine</td>
<td>P. L. Ross, Workers' Homes Board, Perth</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge St., Leederville</td>
<td>1st Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>C. W. R. Beechey, 8 Kerr St., Leederville</td>
<td>W. E. Cadwell, W.uin (Tel. No. 7)</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
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<td>1st Saturday, Quarterly</td>
<td>T. Sten, York</td>
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<td>BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSN.</td>
<td>Executive at 129 Charles St., North Perth</td>
<td>1st Monday, 1 p.m. (monthly)</td>
<td>A. H. Major, 113 Seventh Avenue, Maylands</td>
<td>Geo. E. Cattermole, M.C., 127 Charles St., North Perth</td>
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<td>BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m. on 11th of month</td>
<td>Lt.-Col. E. D. Dunlop, 16 Angove St., N. Perth</td>
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<td>ELEVENTH BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>When necessary</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard's Avenue, Leederville</td>
<td>R. W. Blair, 79 William St., Perth</td>
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<td>EX-NAVAL MEN'S ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Sports Club, King St.</td>
<td>Last Tuesday</td>
<td>L. Kaye Perrin, 41 Douglas Av., S. Perth</td>
<td>P. S. Harrison, 270 Wellington St., Perth</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 to 2 p.m., 28th of month or nearest weekday thereafter</td>
<td>S. Jones, 170 Cambridge St., West Leederville</td>
<td>Lt.-Col. M. Davies, 42 View St., Cottesloe</td>
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<td>SIXTEENTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>General Meeting, October 21st, 1929</td>
<td>Colonel E. L. Margolin, Newlands</td>
<td>V. Ketters, c/o Dept. of Repatriation, Perth</td>
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<td>THIRTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>A. D. Stone, c/o West Australian Newspaper Office</td>
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<td>10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>Major G. Rosevear, M.C., St. Leonard's St., Cottesloe Beach</td>
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Our Monthly Dishonour Roll

The W.A. Water Supply Department, for installing American-made water meters in preference to British articles.

The W.A. Education Department, for attempting to charge the newly-formed Kentdale Sub-Branch for the use of the local school for meeting purposes.

The Darling Range Road Board, for letting the Kalamunda Hall to a picture showman on the night of April 21, irrespective of the fact that the same hall contains the Darling Range Sub-Branch's Honour Roll, and was the scene of a fine Anzac Memorial Service during the same afternoon.

Recently outside a country hotel some R.S.L. visitors from Perth noticed a very striking sign of the times. A pony in harness stood tethered to a post between two bush saplings serving as shafts. At the other end of the shafts were secured the front seat, axle and tyres of an old motor car. One nearby digger declared that it was a question of matrimony, and for the first time they could see the marriage of the relics of a sulky and an automobile.

ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS AND ALLIED UNITS

Once again, as the years roll on, members of the Engineers and Allied Units are reminded of the annual general meeting of their Association and Waterloo Night, to be held on Thursday, June 18, 1931, at the Soldiers' Institute, Perth. This date has been fixed for the annual general meeting and Waterloo Night to be in keeping with engineer officers' messes throughout the British Empire, who hold mess nights on this night in honour of the part played by engineers at the Battle of Waterloo.

The committee was very pleased to see the fine turnout of the Association on Anzac Day this year, and are looking forward to a similar response on Waterloo Night, 18th June, 1931, to hear of the doings of the Association and to enjoy a good evening once again in the company of pals, true comrades in every sense of the word. This year members and intending members are asked to reserve Thursday, 18th June, for the committee, who have them on sale for the usual fee of 2/6. Tickets will also be sold at the door, or may be obtained from the secretary, Mr. A. D. McLean, 40 Mabel St., North Perth. A good night is expected, to members and assembles to reserve Thursday, 18th June, and by their attendance help to make a success of this night, in spite of the present depression.

32nd BATTALION

The annual re-union of ex-members of the 32nd Battalion, A.I.F., will be held in the Soldiers' Institute, St. George's Terrace, on Saturday, 18th July, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, 3/6, are available from the Secretary of the Battalion Association, Mr. R. Alexander, c/o Government House, or any member of the committee.

Members will note the reduced price of this year's function, and the committee desires it to be known that the usual high standard of the re-union will be maintained. Purchase your tickets early to enable the committee to estimate the attendance.

On Sunday afternoon, July 19th, at 4.30 p.m., the President of the 32nd Battalion Association will place a wreath on the State War Memorial, in King's Park. All ex-members of the Battalion, with their relatives and friends, are invited to attend. Ex-members are requested to meet at the Queen Victoria Memorial at 3.45 p.m.

BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSOCIATION

The Association will hold their usual monthly dance social at R.S.L. Headquarters, Perth, on Friday, June 6th, at 8 p.m. The B.U.S.A. Concert Party will assist and, there will be the usual games, competitions, prizes, refreshments, etc. Tickets: single 1/1, and double 2/6. All information from the hon. secretary, 229 Charles Street, North Perth.

The annual meeting will be held at the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, on Monday, June 15th, at 8 p.m. (Annual report, balance sheet, and election of officers, etc.)

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