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A Cosmopolitan Army

The French have the reputation of being the most logical people on earth, consequently there is nothing surprising in the proposal, emanating from France, that the League of Nations be constituted an International Power, with an international navy and an international army to enforce the decisions of the League. A world state, so constituted, is the logical development of the concept of the League of Nations. Were such a consummation achieved, it is claimed, the cause of disarmament would be furthered. States would be spared the expense of maintaining national armies, because there would be in existence an international force to protect them from foreign aggression, and eventually, through the growth of international good feeling and mutual understanding, all the existing States would become units of a World State.

The ideal is not so Utopian as may at first sight appear. The natural tendency of all bodies, whether they be physical, political, or merely commercial, is towards greater cohesion, towards centralisation in fact. The socialists of a generation ago looked upon combines and monopolies as halfway houses on the road to socialisation of industries. They considered that the formation of large corporations by private enterprise made it easier and less expensive for the State to take these over as going concerns. What can be done with businesses can be done with defence forces. Already, as in Australia, Canada, and the United States, individual sovereign States have entrusted their defence to a central federal authority. In the Commonwealth of nations, known as the British Empire, naval defence is vested in the British Admiralty, which controls Dominion units in time of war. The merging of the State in the Federation, and of the Dominion in the Empire, pave the way for the formation of the World State.

The idea of an international army is not a new one in France, for the French Army has always had an international aspect. From the Middle Ages onward, French recruiting offices have always been open to the foreigner. The mediaeval French kings had their regiments of Scottish Archers and Swiss Guards. These units were intensely loyal to the hand that paid them, and were, consequently, of great assistance in suppressing popular disorders. As the empire of Napoleon became transformed into what was practically a European State, his armies contained many foreign units. Poles, Italians, and Germans served with the eagles. The first Empire was an example of centralisation at its highest degree of military efficiency, for a centralised autocracy has a decided advantage over a democracy in waging war. Napoleon failed to found a world Power, not because he attempted something impossible, but because he tried to cram the work of centuries into a single decade.

The French Foreign Legion, founded a little over a century ago, is a model upon which the proposed international force might be constituted. It may be mentioned in passing that the Foreign Legion is not a regiment, as one might suppose after reading certain works of popular fiction. In strength and organisation it corresponds more nearly to the division.

The idea of a World State and an international force is quite feasible—on paper—but there are many lions in the path, and these lions are still unchained.

An international force, such as the French Foreign Legion, may remain efficient and retain its cosmopolitan character under the control of a single nation. What would happen to a similar and necessarily larger force administered by a committee of nations? Presumably, each existing Power would be called upon to furnish its quota, and to contribute towards the cost of its maintenance. The ancient Greeks had some such arrangement for naval defence against the Persians. Certainly the Greeks lived a long time ago, but their outlook was surprisingly modern. Much of the so-called advanced thought of to-day was accepted as the commonplaces of Athenian life. At first, under the arrangement referred to, each Greek city State contributed its quota of ships. Then, instead of outfitting the actual ships, the smaller cities contributed cash payments to the central fund, out of which Athens built the league navy, which, as a natural result, Athens controlled. Everything went well until Athens used the ships to dominate the rest of Greece, and years of internecine strife followed. It is no carping criticism to suggest that in spite of elaborate designed safeguards such a thing might conceivably happen to-day.

The proposed force must have a headquarters, and that headquarters must be in some country or other. In course of time, its sympathies and outlook in international matters will become that of the country in which it is situated. This will also happen to the various quotas if they are concentrated within a single area. If they remain in the countries from which they are recruited until they are needed, how is that cohesion which is the essential of all efficient military action to be obtained, especially if a

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Pension Reductions

The State Executive members and staff are perturbed with the unusually large number of objections reaching the executive office from sub-branches and individuals complaining of reductions and cancellations of pensions. Pensioners all have the right to appeal to either the Assessment Tribunal or the Entitlement Tribunal if dissatisfied, but it is considered by the League that a large majority of the appeals should not be necessary. These appeals greatly inconvenience pensioners, and must be a big expense to the Government.

It is felt that thirteen years having passed since the end of the war, the standard of assessments should have reached some degree of stability. It is also thought that war-caused disabilities should, if anything, tend to become worse as the pensioner approaches the age when senility becomes apparent.

It can safely be said that neither this Government nor the last issued instruc-

tions indicating savings by a reduction of assessment standard. The State Branch is looking into the matter with the object of ascertaining what justification there is (if any) for the large number of reductions, and to have the position rectified. In the meantime, all who feel that they have not been treated fairly should not fail to submit their appeal to either the Assessment or the Entitlement Tribunal.

Mr. C. J. Cerruty, the Commonwealth Auditor-General, whose duty it is to recommend economies, has, in his annual report just published, made a very weak attempt to justify his extravagant and unwarranted attack last year on the work of the Pension Appeal Tribunals. He states: “The disclosures made concerning war pensions are clear facts, and speak for themselves, and which neither require nor admit of qualification.” So Mr. Cerruty has spoken, nothing more remains to be said. As a matter of plain, honest fact, Mr. Cerruty’s disclosures never stood the acid test. Mr. Cerruty, in his report, attempts to justify another attack on war pensions. He states: “Without any

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Blaming the War

Recently a man holding a position of trust was convicted of theft. His lawyer, in pleading for leniency, cited the accused’s war service, and advanced the theory that the crime was the result of mental aberration caused by the war. Judges, magistrates, and the majority of ex-service men are becoming heartily sick of this type of excuse, and it is high time that defending counsel realised this. As Lord Macaulay once pointed out, when a shopkeeper is prosecuted for keeping his shop open on Sunday, it is no defence to state that he fought in the Battle of Waterloo. Similarly, the mental aberration plea will not hold good unless it is strongly supported by medical evidence. To advance it without such support is of no service to an accused person, and acts detrimentally to diggers as a whole. What prospective employer is going to risk placing an ex-service man in a position of trust if he thinks the latter is liable to go off the deep end and raid the cash box? Like the accidental killing defence, so popular a few years ago, the business has been outdone, and it can only operate against the very people it purports to help.

The daily press, too, would earn the thanks of the League, if it refrained from unnecessarily mentioning the fact that certain accused persons are returned soldiers. When other defendants are convicted of offences against the Traffic Act, of Income Tax evasions, or worse, it is not considered necessary to mention that they are war shirkers, or war profiteers, or possibly both, should such be the case. Why, then, drag in the extraneous fact that a man is a digger when he happens to fall under the ban of the law?
R.S.L. and Wool Week

THE "MISS WESTRALIA" COMPETITION

During the month the R.S.L. decided to co-operate with the Wool Week Committee, and as a result a "Miss Westralia" competition has been launched, and sub-branches requested to assist. Much publicity has been given to the competition in the daily and week-end press, and sub-branches have taken the matter up so enthusiastically, with the result that already success is assured.

Wool, being one of our two chief primary industries, it is the concern of us all to endeavour to bring back prosperity to this important industry. The future of the State so largely depends upon it, and it is hoped that every sub-branch will participate in the competition. Briefly, the scheme is as follows: Sub-branches, in co-operation with their women's auxiliaries, are urged to conduct a local all-wool frock competition, and to strenuously canvass for candidates. The name of the local competition will be taken from that of the sub-branch, such as "Miss Claremont," "Miss Meredith," etc.

The judging will be done by a committee, or a person nominated by the sub-branch, and will be confined to the frock alone, and points will be allotted on the following basis:

- General appearance: 30 points
- Cut and fit: 20
- Finish: 10
- Design and trimmings: 20
- Quality of Workmanship: 20

The retail price of material, including trimmings and sundries must not exceed 30/-, and the frock must be all wool, but can be made of woollen material or knitted according to the wish of the competitor. The frock must be cut and made throughout by the competitor, but she may obtain advice or suggestions from any source. The competition is not restricted to single girls. Judging for the local winner should take place before the end of April, and it is expected that all local winners will congregate in Perth during the Wool Week (May 20th to 27th) as candidates for the "Miss Westralia" competition. In this regard endeavours are being made to obtain free transport to and from Perth for the finalists, and arrangements will be made to billet the girls if necessary. No entrance fee will be charged, and it is hoped that sub-branches will arrange for prizes to be given to the winners of the local competition. The winners of the final will receive valuable prizes. Already £50 has been donated for this purpose. Apart from the conditions mentioned there are no restrictions regarding the competitors or the frocks.

If any country competitor finds difficulty in procuring the necessary materials locally, the State Executive of the Women's Auxiliary have volunteered to make the purchases.

This is a great opportunity for the League, and all branches and members are requested to take the matter up with enthusiasm and make the competition a wonderful success.

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Visit to Collie

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The State President (Colonel H. B. Collett) reported as follows to the State Executive:

In company with the State Secretary I journeyed to Collie on Saturday, January 30th, in response to an invitation from that sub-branch. We had pleasant company and valuable assistance during the tour from Captain E. W. Edmonds and Mr. W. A. Wilkins, D.C.M., ex-President of Subiaco Sub-Branch, both of whom travelled at their own expense. We were joined at our destination by the Country Vice-President, Mr. C. A. Gillett, whose good work and influence is making itself so much felt throughout the South-West of the State.

We met the members of the sub-branch in their hall on Saturday night at a re-union. The attendance was in the neighbourhood of one hundred, and included representatives of the three services—British as well as Australian. The members had also honoured themselves by inviting the presence of the Mayor of Collie and the Chairman of the Road Board. Mr. D. W. Paterson presided over a gathering that was exceedingly kind to your representatives, whose short addresses on the League's work were listened to most attentively.

On Sunday morning the annual meeting of the sub-branch took place, and again we were invited to be present. The business was despatched expeditiously, and the elections of officers accomplished without a hitch. Mr. D. W. Paterson was returned as President without opposition, and the Vice-Presidents included those two zealous and efficient workers for the League—Messrs. H. May and J. Giblett. The visitors from Perth gave information on several points raised during the meeting. Particular stress was laid upon the special provision made for unemployed members, and the scheme for the establishment of the Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund.

During the afternoon your President, at the request of the Mayor of Collie and the Soldiers' Park Committee, officiated at the opening of the "Centenary Gates," erected at the entrance to the Soldiers' Park. This park abuts upon the river, and contains the War Memorial and Avenue of Honour. When completed it will, undoubtedly, be the local beauty spot. Collie evidently takes great pride in this tribute to the services of its sailors and soldiers, and has already subscribed about £2,000 to its foundation and development. Mr. W. D. Pusey, an engineer of the State Public Service, has been of material assistance to the Park Committee in the designing and layout of the whole reserve.

It will be remembered that on more than one occasion the Collie Sub-Branch has been the winner of the Newdegate Cup. Latterly the community, with others, has suffered from the economic disturbance, but our local members have weathered the storm and kept the sub-branch together. Just now it is showing signs of revival, the membership is increasing, and its finances and many activities are well controlled. The excellent annual report submitted by the Secretary (Mr. H. S. Cramer) is very interesting reading.

Before returning to Perth, your representatives paid a short visit to Bunbury, where they again met the Country Vice-President, whose kindness and hospitality, with that of Mrs. Gillett, they desire to most gratefully acknowledge.

Speaking at the opening of the "Centenary Gates," Colonel Collett said that the occasion did not demand a lengthy address; rather was it one for reflection and the utterance of a few thoughts.

It was, however, his first duty this afternoon to thank the Park Committee on behalf of the R.S.L. in this State for asking its President to take some part in these proceedings. Personally, he felt greatly honoured in being allowed to be present.

He congratulated the committee and the people of Collie on their splendid effort in themselves providing this fine park and memorial in honour of those of their fellow citizens whose great services are thus fittingly commemorated.

"He was not sure how many sailors and soldiers enlisted from Collie. "I do not know," Colonel Collett added, "but the number must have been a large one, because I met them abroad everywhere. Many of them had very distinguished careers. I wonder if we can really estimate how much we owe to them for what they did."

"The war has been over a long time—thirteen years. Some of us have grown up since, and may wonder what it was all about. Some of us have since wondered whether the cause was worth the great sacrifice. And some us may even question whether this so-called peace and penury we live in to-day are not worse than the days of 1914-18."

The aftermath of war has been truly severe, but he was one of those who believed in the spirit of freedom and independence of the British race, and looking to-day at some parts of Europe, and imagining what our own fate might have been, could say thank God for the stout hearts that carried us through to victory.

So, with feelings of more than common gratitude this park has been projected by the people of Collie. It records with affection many acts of true patriotism and remains a lesson to the younger and succeeding generations in love of country and true citizenship.

We should not forget the war, it will be a bad day when they do. We need to be constantly reminded of what war costs, so that in our public and private dealings we may, by following the paths of tolerance and understanding, find the haven of abiding peace.

Collie is a large community and a centre of industry of great value to the State. Its people are all true workers, and its high civic status is evidenced in various ways. The erection of these "Centenary Gates" illustrates its State-wide outlook. But he wanted to remind people that there is amongst them a body of men—the survivors of those who went abroad during 1914-18, who are banded together for the purpose of being of service to those needing help. They have a public policy, and are unselfish in their views. They desire to be of further use to the people of Collie, and he hoped that they would continue to find a place for them in their hearts and lives.

The people of Collie have planned and erected this park, and its monument and gates, for the use and delectation of those now living and those who may come after them. He hoped that the great and valuable work would be fully appreciated and amply guarded. "Let Collie be one at least of the few places where vandals are entirely absent."

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Advice from our Readers

In our January issue we requested opinions and suggestions on the Listening Post from our readers. We have not been inundated with replies, but the following is of interest, and may elicit further comment, which the Managing Editor welcomes.

Fred W. Bateson writes from Midland Junction:

Under the heading, "Advice Wanted from Readers," in your January issue, you request readers to isolate for three years in the South-West, if it were not for the R.S.L., and the same statement goes for every digger at the back of beyond.

If the "L.P." is not perfect—well, I am sure that the Editor is doing his best, and he is turning out a very creditable production.

The Directory is by no means complete. If a sub-branch has business with a member of a remote sub-branch, there is trouble and difficulty in getting into touch with the officials of those sub-branches who do not use the directory. The sub-branches and unit associations are entirely responsible for this. Sub-branch reports in many instances are far too long, and only of major interest to their own members, and personal pars should not be jumbled into sub-branch reports, being of general interest. If these points were remedied, I would suggest that every quarter a picture of one of our great leaders—one that could be framed and hung on meeting room walls—would be acceptable to most members.

I have just perused a copy of the Reveille, and whilst having no fault to find with the printing and writing, it leaves one at a total loss for information as to the doings of the R.S.L. in N.S.W., except for occasional reunions. It is a very nice title, "Unit Social Screed," but as an organ of the R.S.L. it is a total failure.

International items and comments are good, the Executive minutes' reports are necessary, short stories, sketches, and verse are also wanted, but not to the exclusion of League news, as is done in Reveille.

But without the assistance of the sub-branches, and particularly of those diggers capable of writing, the "L.P." will continue to be handicapped, and we cannot expect the Editor and his staff to do the lot.

With the brains and help of the Executive, I, for one, am satisfied that the "L.P." can be made the best League organ in the Commonwealth, just as the W.A. Branch is the best.

"Z.Z." writes from Hay Street, Perth—

I have closely studied the various criticisms directed against the Listening Post, and am somewhat at a loss to discover what your critics have against the journal. Until your well-meaning but disgruntled mentors explain in what way the Listening Post fails in its task, I can see no merit in the pious urge to "improve" the paper.

In my opinion the Listening Post is one of the best journals published in this State, and it is worthy of a wider audience. This opinion is endorsed by many returned soldiers in the Eastern States, with whom the writer has discussed the subject. They point out that they welcome the Listening Post with its sturdy commonsense opinions; its healthy Imperialism; its well-written articles on literary topics; its informative comment on world politics; its reviews of books, plays, and films, all written on a particularly high literary standard. And the lighter side of reading is not neglected, for there is plenty of fun and nonsense to relieve the heavier matter. What else, then, do the critics want?

When the initial issues of the Listening Post first saw the light, some few years ago, the journal met with a hearty and enthusiastic welcome. Yet those first twelve issues at least were poor old things. The fare provided was poor, the style monotonous and scrappy, the whole effort amateurish. Probably the old Listening Post was better than nothing, and it received appreciation because of that fact. To-day, when we have a journal of high merit, it is regarded by some with scant approbation.

The only cure so far prescribed for the alleged ills of the Listening Post is a tonic. This tonic is to take the form of certain bright features—personal anecdotes and humorous incidents of the Great War. These features were the perogatives of a bright little journal called Aussie. Aussie had its genesis in the war, and its mission in life was to provide light reading as an antidote to the trials and tribulations of this mundane and drab world. Like an old soldier, Aussie has now faded away, and it is suggested that its special features, which failed to find appreciation (profitably at least) in a wider field, should now be incorporated in the Listening Post. But the writer feels that the Listening Post, as it is produced to-day, with a fair modicum of wit and learning, grave and gay, is the ideal which the editor should strive to maintain.

W. A. Ross writes from Laverton:

I think the Listening Post has improved its standing over the last three to four
years. Furthermore, acting as the mouthpiece for the State Branch of the R.S.L., your field for expansion is limited, but your critics are varied and numberless. Then again, you have a soldier's page inserted in opposition by every big weekly in Australia; this further confines your good intentions and efforts, as these papers are also catering for that section to which you are tied, but they have unlimited scope to deal with other general and varied matter so as to make their columns attractive. Your outlook and expansion is based on your income derived from subscribers, advertisements, and should come, a quick and hasty improvement has League principles, is the only way to should think any improvement on sales no idea of the difficulties to be met. I with sincerity and intelligence, are the main factors would be governed mostly by improvement in League membership, as the paper is mostly dependant on soldiers' support. By giving the Editor freedom to deal in making his columns attractive, cancelling all censorship providing he upholds the League principles, is the only way to win out, for freedom of action, coupled with sincerity and intelligence, are the main factors for any likely improvement.

W. H. Wharton writes from Victoria Park:—

May I suggest a column, "What We Should Like to Know," and here are a few questions for a start:—

1. Why unfinancial members are holding office?
2. Why members do not read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest their constitution?
3. Why Civil Servants and others in employment have not paid their subscriptions?

Fred C. Gates writes from Bunbury:—

First of all one looks for a bright, instructive leading article in any journal; it may be that the journal needs a touch up there. There is a great need for a diggers' journal, but it must contain news of diggers for diggers, and in this direction I am sure that the "L.P." fills the bill; further, the work of the State Sub-Branch is very fully reported, and may I state here that it is possible that diggers overlook reading those reports.

Columns for open discussion on any given subject from month to month may create more interest. Sub-branches should, by right, send along such matters as occur to their members that may benefit others, so that the whole State may know what is going on around us.

The value of the Listening Post as a medium for the digger has certainly been most pronounced, but from various opinions it may be improved. Above all, keep our "party politics." "Party politics," like religious argument, is the surest way to create strife amongst friends, so, to safeguard our friendships, keep them out and create one brotherhood free from petty things, united in one front.

A Quid (or half-a-dollar) Pro Quo

Most diggers enjoy a mild speculation, and as it is the avowed policy of the League to support local industry, they should purchase tickets in the consultations conducted by the W.A. Charities Consultation Committee, in preference to sending money out of the State. The last sweep finalised by this Board resulted in a cheque of over £2,700 being handed to the League for amelioration purposes. The sweep being conducted at present is to augment the funds of the Ugly Men's Voluntary Workers' Association, whose objective is to assist the deserving and needy in our midst. The people of the State supported our sweep. Let diggers reciprocate by assisting others.

A Whisper from Wellard

Oh! Wellard is a bonser place, An Eden, fair and full of grace, Where water-melons grow apace,
On Pike's entwining vines.
And when those mighty ones who live In Perth—the State Executive—Reach Wellard, they attention give
To Richmond beer and wines.
But who was that designing wight, That crafty city felon,
Who took advantage of the night, And imished with our melon?
State Executive Meetings

20th January, 1932

The meeting held on January 20, 1932, was attended by Messrs. Collett, Freedman, Philip, Tyler, Tozer, Hunter, Lionel, Edmondson, Pantin, Nicholson, Smith, Watt, Pady, Birtwell, Margolin, Nugent and Cornell. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Ridley, Yeates, Gillett, Denton, Olden, Fazhunahson, Parker, Mellor and Bader. Messrs. Pantin, Watt and 'Tyler were nominated for the appointment of delegate to attend the meeting of the Federal Executive to be held in Sydney on March 18. The election resulted in Mr. Pantin being appointed.

Colonel Collett reported that a telegram had been sent to the President of the Victorian Branch, asking him to convey to the relatives of the late Captain A. Jacka, V.C., an expression of sympathy from the West Australian Branch. Mr. A. Yeates, a vice-president, who was in Melbourne on the day of the funeral, attended as representative of this branch.

It was decided to forward letters to the Osborne Park Sub-branch and to Mr. W. E. Robinson, expressing the sympathy of the Executive in connection with the loss they suffered by the death of Mr. James O'Malley, who was the possessor of the League's certificate of merit, awarded by the Federal Executive for the work he had done on behalf of the ex-service men of this State.

The Acting-Secretary reported in connection with the reduction of interest to soldier settlers. He stated that all the reduction would operate as from August 1, 1931. He further reported that enquiries had been made from the Commonwealth Works Director concerning preference in relief work. He was advised that all preferences are abolished, but if lists supplied by the R.S.I. Employment Bureau were kept up to date, further consideration would be extended and we would receive our quota of selections. He recommended that, in view of all the circumstances, the request that we receive a percentage of the "pick up" be not proceeded with. The recommendation was adopted.

Pensions Committee.—The Chairman of the

Pensions Committee (Mr. E. S. Watt) reported that the case of an ex-soldier who had recently committed suicide had been the subject of an inquiry by the committee. In April, last year, the man's military pension was cancelled as a result of an investigation by the Repatriation Department. No appeal was made against the decision of the department at the time, and the only course by which any further repatriation benefits could be obtained by the widow and children would be for the widow to apply to the department for the acceptance of death as due to war services, if she considered that deceased's war service contributed to the act which ended his life.

"Listening Post."—Mr. C. P. Smith reported on behalf of the committee appointed to consider the agreement of "The Listening Post" as the result of the last State Congress. He stated that after viewing the matter from various stand-points, the committee had concluded that the form of "The Listening Post" which might be most acceptable to members of the League and others, would be something akin to a combination of the features of "The Listening Post" and "The Reveille." It is considered desirable that the executive phases of "The Listening Post" should be retained, and that much of the matter which is admittedly of great general interest, but not exactly of topical interest to the soldiers of Western Australia, should be discarded in favour of personal items and incidents. Subjects which might divide the opinions of the members of the League should be avoided. He further stated that the opinions above expressed had been brought under the notice of the publisher of "The Listening Post," who was considering them. On the motion of Messrs. Smith and Tozer, the report was adopted. Mr. Philip moved and Mr. Pady seconded, that further consideration of the matter be deferred pending a reply from the proprietor of "The Listening Post." The motion was carried.

A letter from the Greenshutes Sub-branch concerning "The Listening Post" was dealt with.

Visits, Women's Auxiliaries, etc.—The report of the meeting of the Leons Board of Visitors was tabled for the information of delegates.

The State Executive reported on motor outings arranged by Women's Auxiliaries for ex-soldiers in the repatriation and civilian wards of Perth General Hospital.

The country vice-president, Mr. C. R. Gillett, advised having visited the Capel Sub-branch. He stated that there was only a fair attendance, probably due to the heavy charge of 10/- which was made for admission. He suggested that a recommendation or a ruling be given by the Executive to the effect that a charge of say 3/- a head be not exceeded at functions of that kind. The matter was left in the hands of the President.

The appointment of officials in the Cowaramup, West Leederville, Yannah, Mt. Hawthorne, Carnamah, Kelmiscott and Tambellup Sub-branches was confirmed. Invitations to Southern Cross (February 20), and Donnybrook (February 15, or 22), were referred to the Management Committee.

The Canning District sub-branch requested that another meeting of all sub-branches be arranged to discuss the question of unemployed returned soldiers. The matter was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee.

In response to an inquiry addressed to Mr. A. E. Turnbull, he replied giving certain information with reference to assistance to the British and Australian Film Industries. The matter was referred to the Empire and Local Trading Committee.

The South Perth Sub-branch requested the Executive to reimburse the sub-branch for poppies that had become damaged and unsaleable. The matter was deferred to the next meeting of the Executive.

The Perth and Fremantle Sub-branches requested a grant for amelioration purposes from the proceeds of the recent Cash Consultation run for the League. The matter was referred to the Trustees for inquiry and report.

Moorine Rock Sub-branch forwarded a petition signed by residents of the district for a school and requested that the Executive present the petition to the Minister for Education.

After discussion it was moved by Mr. Philip, seconded by Mr. Nugent, that the sub-branch be informed that matters of this kind are outside the scope of the Executive. An amendment was moved by Mr. Cornell and seconded by Mr. Watt, that the matter could be best dealt with through the Parliamentary representative of the district. The amendment was carried.

The Australian National Association invited members to be present at a meeting to be held on January 26, when speakers would address the gathering on amendments to the Federal Constitution.

Perth's Sub-branch's request that immediate
steps be taken to ensure the closing of the Metropolitan Markets on Anzac Day was referred to the Anzac Day Committee for report.

Local Purchasers' Council of Industries requested the assistance of the League in distributing a Purchasers' Guide to goods made in Western Australia. The matter was referred to the Empire and Local Trading Committee for their action.

It was stated during the discussion that arrangements were being made throughout the State for an Empire Week shopping display, and that, coincident with this, would be held a Wool Week campaign, designed to encourage the use of wool. It was stated that the Manager suggested that whilst special and novel items in the Wool Week campaign would emphasise the advantages to Western Australia to be derived from the use of wool for winter apparel in place of garments made largely of imported material.

Congress Resolutions.—Thirty-two resolutions from the last State Congress had been referred to the Management Committee for consideration. The Management Committee recommended action where necessary and referred the matters concerned who would consider and report. Items dealing with Commission to control retail prices of commodities, Association of Soldiers' Fathers, and the appointment of a Minister at the suggestion it contained.

The resolution dealing with the offer of the Neldlands Park Sub-branch of a Council Shield was dealt with, and the Management Committee recommended that a sub-committee be appointed to draw up conditions for submission to the Executive. It was agreed that the committee consist of five, and that the Management Committee recommend to the next executive certain names, and that the Neldlands Sub-branch be asked to nominate one committee-man.

Concerning the resolution dealing with tramway fares charged on Anzac Day, the Committee recommended that a deputation wait upon the Minister at an early date. It was agreed that the deputation be arranged by the Anzac Day Committee.

Budge and Crown.—A motion moved by Messrs. Philip and Watt drew the attention of League members to the necessity of wearing the badge. It was decided that the matter be referred to in the State Secretary's circular.

Mr. Philip gave notice of his intention to ask at the next meeting a question regarding the issue of the Financial Crown where subscriptions expire on June 30 each year.

At the meeting of the State Executive, held on February 3, 1932, there were present Messrs. Collett, Riley, Yeates, Freedman, Philip, Tyler, Olden, Tozer, Hunt, Lovell, Edmonds, Nicholson, Mellon, Watt, Farghalarson, Pat, Margolin, Nungay, P. Smith, Bader and Cornish. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Gillett, Denton, Panton and Birtwistle.

'The Listening Post.'—A statement from the Manager Editor of 'The Listening Post' was read to the Executive in connection with the report submitted by the special committee to the last meeting. The memorandum read: "The Managing Editor of the 'Listening Post' desires to thank the committee appointed by the State Executive for the report it submitted and the suggestions it contained.

"The recommendations made are concrete, impartial and helpful and therefore in pleasing contrast to the majority of the criticisms which have been launched against this paper during the past year. It is proposed to adopt, as far as practicable, the suggestions of the committee that personal items and incendents should be given more space, but we feel that this should not be at the expense of our leading and sub-leading articles, which contain an international or national flavour.

"We are satisfied, from many letters received and from organised personal enquiry, that these features are read with great interest by members. Their deletion or curtailment would interfere with the broader objectives of the League in this State.

"It is considered also that the paper should continue to be used as the vehicle for League propaganda, especially in connection with matters which have been the subject of Congress resolutions.

"There has only been one contentious subject which has appeared in the pages on which perhaps there has been a marked division of opinion among members, that of secession, a subject that can be avoided in future. However, we feel it to be futile to expect to see complete unanimity of members on any subject and that the journal and the League would lose if a colourless attitude were adopted.

"Our staff of necessity must be a small one, with a limited capacity to gather all the items of personal and topical interest desirable and we appeal to the Executive particularly to assist the journal and the movement in this direction. Delegates could also help by inducing their business friends to advertise in the journal, a course which they could adopt with every confidence.

"It was moved by Messrs. Tyler and Cornell that the reply of the Managing Editor be referred to the special committee and that the committee be instructed to confer further with the proprietor of "The Listening Post" with the object of preparing a draft agreement for submission to the next meeting. The motion was carried.

"Rabbi Freedman moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion that the Executive receive the reply of the Managing Editor, and notes with gratification the statement to the effect that he is prepared to adopt as far as possible the suggestions contained in the memorandum submitted by the special committee. The motion was carried.

"South Perth's request concerning damaged and unsaleable pappeas was referred to the Poppy Day Committee for investigation and report.

"In answer to Mr. Philip's question concerning the issue of the financial crown to members whose subscriptions expire during the year, Mr. Philip was informed that the position could not be rectified.

"Preferential Advisory Board.—The chairman of the Pensions and Employment Committee (Mr. E. S. Watt) reported that a communication regarding British films had been considered and that the following telegram had been sent to the Premier (Sir James Mitchell) at the Premiers' Conference in Melbourne: "In pursuance of the Returned Soldiers' League's policy of fostering British films, I have been instructed to ask you to use your influence among the various Premiers to bring about some uniform legislation throughout the several States with a view to greater encouragement and release of films of British origin." The Executive endorsed the action of the committee in sending this telegram.

"It was further reported that the South Perth and the Victoria Park Sub-branches had been requested to organise local products exhibitions if possible. In connection with these exhibitions the Council of Industrial Development had been written to and asked to recommend to exhibitors the advisability of employing a man for the purpose of demonstrating the utility of their products. The report was adopted.

"Employment Bureau.—The report of the Employment Officer for the month of January was received. He suggested that as single men in receipt of over 12½ a week pension were debarred from part-time work, that the Minister should be approached on the matter.

"It was agreed that the President and the Secretary wait upon the Minister concerned in the regard.

"Trustees.—Mr. Philip reported on behalf of the Trustees that a special meeting had been held on January 29, Letters from the Perth, Fremantle and Cottesloe Sub-branches requesting an advance from the proceeds of the recent Art Union were considered. The Trustees recommended that the sub-branches be advised that appropriations from the Central Fund for the benefit of sub-branch amelioration funds could not be approved, and that section 13 and 14 of the Instructions to the Trustees be quoted, it being intimated that the
The formation of No. 2 District Committee was approved. This district committee will include the Mr. Marshall, Wyalkatchem, Trayning-Yelbeni and Nungarin sub-branches.

Visitors.—The President extended a hearty welcome to the following visitors who were present at the meeting: Major Hawson, (Moora), Messrs. Graves (Trayning-Yelbeni) and McGill (Calingiri).

Owing to the late hour the business on the agenda paper was adjourned to be considered at an extraordinary meeting of the Executive on Wednesday, February 10, 1932.

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At an extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday, February 10, 1932, there were present Messrs. Collett, Freedman, Yeates, Philip, Tyler, Olden, Tozer, Lovell, Edmonds, Panton, Watt, Farquharson, Pady, Margolin, Nugent, Mellor and Bader. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Gillett, Denton, Hunt and Birtwistle.

Infant Health Week.—A communication from the Infant Health Association requesting that the attendance of the League in an appeal to be made in April was referred to the Management Committee.

Soldiers' Children Scholarship Trust.—The Secretary of the Soldiers' Children Scholarship Trust (Mr. J. R. Fitzpatrick) wrote appealing to the League for assistance. He stated that through the reduction of the rate of interest on all investments and the fact that no Movie Ball was held this year, the trust had been deprived of its main sources of revenue. An increasing number of applications for assistance was being received, particularly in the matter of the purchase of school books. The letter was referred to the trustees of the Amelioration Fund.

Alleged Laxity at the Perth General Hospital.—A communication was received from the Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation (Mr. C. Taylor) concerning a report of a State Executive meeting, published in "The West Australian," on January 7, alleging laxity at the Perth General Hospital by a delay of two hours in the treatment of a returned soldier. Mr. Taylor stated that the medical officers concerned were definitely of the opinion that no delay prejudicial to the patient's health had occurred, as he was under medical observation from the time of his arrival at the hospital.

Rabbi D. Freedman pointed out that the press report referred to merely gave a statement made by a delegate who ventilated the matter, and the motion which was carried. The Executive had not endorsed this delegate's remarks, but had decided to inquire into the truth of the allegations. No statement had been furnished to the press, as the report was taken by a representative of "The West Australian" who was present at the meeting when the discussion occurred.

It was decided that the reply to the letter of the Deputy Commissioner be left in the hands of the State Secretary. On the motion of Messrs. Panton and Philip, it was further decided to ask the Repatriation Department if anything was being done to facilitate the admission of returned soldiers to the Repatriation Ward of the Perth Hospital on Sundays and holidays.

Unemployed Members.—The Mornington Mills Sub-branch advised that they carried their unemployed members on by advancing sufficient to cover capititation fees. The sub-branch asked if a relief worker should be classed as unemployed. On the motion of Messrs. Yeates and Philip, it was resolved that the Mornington Mills Sub-branch be complimented on their attitude towards the maintenance of the financial status of unemployed members, and that they be informed that the eligibility of members under the provisions made by the sub-branch or the Executive be left to the sub-branch's own discretion.

Congress Resolutions.—Replying to a resolution passed by the State Congress dealing with the question of new railway excursions and forwarded to him, the Commissioner for Railways stated that the question of coaches and coaching tariffs was being gone into and excursion fares would be brought under review. It was decided to inform the sub-branch concerned.

The Minister for Country Water Supply acknowledged the protest lodged by Congress against the charge for water in the gold-mining industry. The resolution carried by Congress pointed out that an increase in water charges had been made just when the mining industry was beginning to find its feet.
Anzac Day.—The Customs Department requested approval for work on the s.s. Orama to be carried on on April 23. This work will consist of loadingunker fuel, oil and other stores, passengers and cargo, including refrigerated fruit. The State Secretaty advised the department that perishable goods were being loaded no objection will be lodged. This action was endorsed.

Gold Producing—Colonel Olden moved that the W.A. Branch of the R.S.I. enter an emphatic protest against any attempt on the part of the Federal Government to interfere with or upset the abiding arrangement made concerning the gold bonus. The motion was carried. It was further decided to write to the subject matter of the motion to the Federal Secretary and to Mr. C. G. Beinatcs, who is visiting the Eastern States on behalf of certain gold-producing interests in Western Australia.

National Emergency Policy.—A letter from the Kalgoolie Sub-branch advocating the creation of a national emergency council for the purpose of advising the nation when faced with any big crisis was received. The letter instanced the disturbed conditions in the Near East and the Far East, where any thoughtless act could easily provoke another world war and the Kalgoolie Sub-branch thought that a council such as the one proposed would, in an emergency, steady the nation and prevent any rash action. Discussion was deferred to allow a copy of the letter to be supplied to each delegate.

Retail Price of Commodities.—The Congress resolution instructing the State Executive to approach the State Government to request the appointment of a commission to control retail prices of necessary commodities was the subject of much discussion. The motion of Messrs. Tyler and Watt, that the discussion be adjourned for three months, was lost. Messrs. Panan and Lovell moved an amendment that in view of the fact that a commission had already been appointed to inquire into the price of bread, discussion of this resolution be deferred pending the report of that commission. The amendment was carried.

Association of Soldiers’ Fathers.—Congress requested the Executive to take steps to revive the Association of Soldiers’ Fathers. Messrs. Farquharson and Lovell moved that a sub-committee of three be appointed to draw up rules for the functioning of this association. The motion was lost, as was the amendment of Messrs. Pady and Olden, that in view of past experience it was considered that no useful purpose would be served by putting the resolution into effect. A further amendment, moved by Rabbi Freedman and Mr. Bader, that the State Secretary write to other State branches for fuller information about similar associations, existing or defunct, was carried.

"Miss Westralia" Competition.—The Chairman of the Empire and Local Trading Committee (Mr. J. H. Tozer) reported that the "Miss Westralia" all-wool flock competition had been satisfactorily launched, and that several sub-branches were already actively campaigning. Colonel Collett stressed the importance of the success of Wool Week, of which this competition was a part and asked delegates to stimulate enthusiasm wherever possible. He pointed out that the successful culmination of the competition would enhance the prestige of the League, and the report was adopted.

Federal Correspondence.—A communication from the Federal Secretary was read which contained a proposal, submitted by the Queensland Branch, and which will come up for discussion at the next meeting of the Federal Executive.

The proposal is for the formation of a Federal Management Council, which, it was stated, would materially help the Federal President and Secretary, and would also render Federal Executive meetings unnecessary and save expense. After discussion, the meeting carried the motion of Messrs. Yeates and Margolin, that in the opinion of this branch the proposal should be rejected.

Resignation of Mr. H. S. Parker, M.L.A.—A letter was received from Mr. H. S. Parker, M.L.A., tendering his resignation from the State Executive, through pressure of private business. Mr. Parker stated that he is still interested in the welfare of the League and that his services will be available whenever they are required. It was agreed that the resignation be accepted with regret and that Mr. Parker be thanked for the offer of his services.

The State Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. H. H. Walker, the next delegate elected by Congress.

Demonstrators at Exhibitions.—A letter was received from the Council of Industrial Development in reply to a communication from the League regarding the attendance of demonstrators at exhibitions of secondary industries conducted in conjunction with League sub-branches. It was stated that the matter had been discussed with exhibitors and in future demonstrators would be in attendance to give information whenever necessary.

Pension Cancellations.—A letter from the Belmont Sub-branch, expressing concern at the reported cancellation of war pensions and inquiring as to what action might be taken to prevent further cancellations, was referred to the Pensions Committee.

Mass Meeting.—It was agreed that the Subiaco Sub-branch be informed that a mass meeting of Subiaco soldiers to consider pensions, could not, under Rule 28 of the Constitution, be held without the permission of the Executive.

War and Old Age Pensions.—The effect of the Financial Emergency Act on War and Old Age Pensions was discussed and on the motion of Messrs. Watt and Bader, referred to the Pensions Committee.

Wyndham Meat Works.—A communication was received from the Minister controlling the Wyndham Meat Works, in which he stated that he was not prepared to say definitely when the meat works would operate this season. When a decision was reached, however, and providing it was an affirmative one, due consideration would be given to the representations made on behalf of returned soldiers.

Mr. Yeates Complimented.—Colonel Collett, on behalf of the State Executive, congratulated Mr. A. Yeates, vice-president of the branch and Chairman of the Land Committee on his appointment as Chairman of the Royal Commission on Group Settlement. In reply, Mr. Yeates stated that he had no illusions as to the difficulties of the task ahead of him and his colleagues. He appreciated the many messages of goodwill he had received from returned soldiers and others.

General.—The appointment of sub-branch officials for Bayswater and Claremont was confirmed.

The report of the Lemos Board of Visitors and the annual reports of the Mt. Hawthorn and Railway Workshops Sub-branches were laid on the table for the information of delegates.

Colonel Collett reported having visited the annual reunion of the Maylands Sub-branch, which was a splendid show. He desired to congratulate the officials and members.

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At the meeting held on February 17th, 1932, there were present Messrs. Collett, Yeates, Freedman, Philip, Tyler, Olden, Tozer, Hunt, Lovell, Edwards, Smith, Watt, Farquharson, Birtwhistle, Margolin, Nugent, Mellor, Bader, Cornell, and Walker. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. C. R. Gillett and Colonel Denton. The new delegate, Mr. H. Walker, who replaced Mr. H. Parker, M.L.A., was welcomed by the President.

National Emergency.—The discussion of this matter was adjourned until the next meeting.

Land Committee.—In adopting the report of the Land Committee meeting, held on February 16th, Mr. Yeates was granted leave of absence in view of his duties as Royal Commissioner.

Anzac Day Committee.—A report of a meeting of this committee, held on February 11th, to deal with the preliminary arrangements for Anzac Day, was received and adopted.

"Miss Westralia" Competition.—Mr. Tozer reported that twenty-two sub-branches had signified their intention to enter this competition.
The appointment of the Secretary of the Executive, being persuaded, was seconded by the motion, and the amendment was lost.

After much discussion, it was moved by Colonel Olden and Mr. Yeates, that the Neddls Park Sub-Branch be thanked, together with the deputation, and congratulated on submitting the scheme, and discussion be deferred.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Watt and Colonel Margolin that a deputation from the State Executive wait upon the Premier at the earliest opportunity to discuss with him the resolution submitted by the Neddls Park Sub-Branch. Both the motion and the amendment were lost.

A further amendment was moved by Mr. Tozer and Rabbi Freedman, that the deputation be thanked, and that the Neddls Park Sub-Branch be congratulated on the submission of such a scheme, and that the State Executive call a conference of all interested bodies with the object of devising a scheme whereby the present " dolol" system be superseded by an organised scheme of wisely chosen works.

This amendment was carried, and it was agreed that a committee of three be appointed to take the matter in hand. Messrs. Birrsville, Tozer, and Hunt, agreed to act, and they were asked to co-opt delegates from the Neddls Park Sub-Branch.

The Maylands Sub-Branch forwarded a letter associating themselves with the scheme, and, if put into effect, offering all necessary assistance.

Federal Correspondence.—(a) War Pension Re-distributions. A reply was received from the Repatriation Commission to a resolution passed by the Executive requesting that, except in cases of obvious mis-statement on the part of the men concerned, no pensioner in receipt of 80 per cent. pension or greater should be heavily reduced at any one period, that reduction should be gradual to allow him to re-adjust his economic position, and that, in the case of a special rate pensioner, at least three months' notice should be given of the reduction. The Commission regretted its inability to accede to the request. It stated that war pensions are based on the element of war incapacity, and that the Commission or State Board, as the case might be, was bound to assess the pension accordingly. The authorization of payment of pension at a rate in excess of the degree of incapacity could not be justified, and, furthermore, was illegal.

The reply was referred to the Pensions Committee.

(b) Communications concerning Anzac postage stamp, preference on the waterfront, Air Commission, Kingsford Smith Fund, Unemployment Grant were received. It was decided that a copy of a communication concerning Commonwealth Public Service Sick Leave—war disabilities—be sent to the West Perth Sub-Branch.

Unemployed Men.—The number of unemployed returned soldiers registered at the League bureaux in the various States, on December 31st, 1931, was disclosed by a return issued by the Federal office as follows:—Queensland, 1,233; New South Wales, 115; Victoria, 7,131; South Australia, 1,463; Western Australia, 1,137; Tasmania, 111; total, 22,494.

Amelioration.—A communication from the Perth Sub-Branch complained that assistance had not been granted by the R.S.L. Relief Fund Trustees in certain cases recommended by the Perth Sub-Branch. The president had replied that the Trustees had acted within the instructions under which they worked.

Mr. Hunt gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting, "That, in view of the abnormal conditions prevailing at present, the R.S.L. Relief Fund Trustees be empowered to use greater discretionary powers in the alleviation of distress, and, as a measure to this end, the words, "of an urgent nature" be deleted from Rule 4 of the adopted rules for the guidance of the Trustees.

General.—The appointment of the Secretary of the Carlisle sub-branch was confirmed.

A resolution from the Neddls Park Sub-Branch to the effect that all ex-A.I.F. generals be invited to form themselves into an organisation, to be known as the Consultative Council of the League, for the purpose of co-operating with the Federal Executive, was deferred to be brought up for discussion with the letter from Kalgoorlie concerning the League's policy.

It was reported that the staff of the Lennons Hospital would now come under the control of the State Lunacy Department.

The matter was referred to the Pensions Committee.

The Victoria Park Sub-Branch asked that the proposed rules of the W.A. Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Relief Fund be published in the Listening Post. The secretary was instructed to inform the sub-branch that no rules would be prepared until the Bill had passed through Parliament.

A communication from the Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch, with regard to the manufacture of poppies was referred to the Poppy Day Committee.

A photograph of the A.I.F. Cemetery, South Australia, was received from the A.I.F. Cemetery Trust.

Australian Films.—A communication from Hoyt's Theatres dealing with the screening of Australian Films was referred to the Empire and Local Trading Committee for action.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, Congress resolutions dealing with preference, and the request for permission to form an ex-Imperial sub-branch were deferred until the next meeting.
An Australian Talkie for Perth

PAT HANNA IN "DIGGERS"

In furtherance of its policy of assisting Australian products, the State Executive at its last meeting requested the Listening Post to give publicity to the fact that an all-Australian talkie picture will shortly be shown in Perth.

It is pleasing to note that universal support in Australia is being given to the first serious attempt of Australia's bid for talking pictures throughout the world. There have been a number of attempts to produce motion pictures in Australia during the last few years, but not quite that spirit of enterprise has made these attempts sufficiently strong enough to give Australia prominence throughout the world; in fact, Australia herself has not seen fit to give the support to enable producers to carry on.

With the formation a few months ago by Mr. F. W. Thring, an ex-managing director of Hoyts Theatres Limited, who showed sufficient enterprise in introducing the Ectec Film Company, leasing the Theatre Royal, Melbourne, for the purpose of erecting talkie sound stages, over £80,000 was sunk in producing the first programme. Engineers were sent to Hollywood, also writers and producers, in order to be given first-hand information upon modern talking picture production. The very finest talking picture recording apparatus was installed, which reigns second to none in the motion picture world.

The first programme when completed was awaited anxiously by the talking picture theatre industry, who, knowing full well the apathetic way in which Australians treat any all-Australian new enterprise, were somewhat naturally anxious to see how the public would receive the programme. It was not necessary for any picture theatre organisation to present these pictures, knowing that with their vast experience the venture might prove disastrous to themselves, but the confidence instilled by Mr. Thring's enterprise in floating the Company from his own personal fortune urged them to give this gentleman every support.

Everybody in Western Australia must have heard of the wonderful success of the new programme, which includes Pat Hanna in the "Diggers," shortly to be at the Capitol Theatre, on Friday, 11th March, in conjunction with the all-Australian programme originally presented at Hoyts' Plaza Theatres in Sydney and Melbourne. In spite of the enormous success in the Eastern States, where, not only in the city, but throughout the suburbs, the public have voted the merits of the pictures more than equal to that of the best of Hollywood and British talkies, it well behoves us to bring home to Western Australians, who have yet to see the pictures, the vast importance of this initial screening at the Capitol. The public can help in giving this new Australian enterprise a fillip, and by the same token can crush its development by not giving it the necessary support.

Hoyts Theatres and Fox Film Corporation have such faith in the pictures that they are being presented throughout the whole of Australia by this theatre corporation and film exchange. It is costing them far more money in presenting the pictures than the best pictures obtainable from Hollywood or London, but they present them knowing full well that this new industry of Australia more than merits all they can do to help it on. In order for the season at the Capitol Theatre to be a success, the audiences must numerically be much above that of the average for them to clear their expenses and to show a profit. The high merits of the programme are assured. Hoyts Theatres are doing their utmost.

The public of New South Wales and Victoria, by their phenomenal patronage wherever the pictures have been screened, prove conclusively the splendid entertainment merits of the pictures, and we are convinced that Western Australians will gladly welcome the entertainment on its merits, apart from that of helping to cement a new industry, which will give many hundreds of Australians employment and circulate much money within the shores of Australia.

Several members of the State Executive have seen these pictures in the Eastern States, including Mr. C. P. Smith, managing editor of the West Australian newspaper, whose eulogistic praise would urge any true Australians to hurry their reservations at the Capitol for the "Diggers" on Friday, 11th March.

Additions

Owing to the large amount of late news which arrived after going to press, it became necessary to include in this issue four more pages, which we have indexed a, b, c, and d.
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On February 12th, Mrs. Jordan, who is now on her way to England, was entertained by the ladies of the Victoria Park Woman's Auxiliary, at the residence of the Treasurer (Mrs. Tolmie). Mr. Alexander, President of the Victoria Park Sub-Branch, formally presented the League's Certificate of Service to Mrs. Jordan, who was also the recipient of a useful bag, presented by the members of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Jordan will be greatly missed, as she was always a willing worker, and, for the past twelve months, was a Vice-President of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Tolmie, Treasurer of the Victoria Park Women's Auxiliary, has been a patient in the Perth General Hospital. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Jack Brown (28th Battalion and Nelsands Sub-Branch) has just been awarded another bar to his PA. The stork brought a waler this time, so that Jack now has a complete section of fours.

Mr. F. L. Warner, president of the Nungarin sub-branch, is well on the road to recovery and is expected to be back in the chair at an early date.

Hubert Parker, M.L.A., is a conscientious fellow. Feeling that his Parliamentary duties, together with his numerous public and private activities interfered with him pulling his full weight on the State Executive of the League, he tendered his resignation to that body. Delegates regretted the necessity of the move. Harry Walker, of Mundaring, fills the vacancy.

Warden E. Y. Butler, of Cue, who has been in the limelight of late, had a commission with the 12th Battalion in the war. He was wounded on Gallipoli. At one period he was attached to the Imperial Camel Corps, serving under Major (then captain) Hubert Parker, M.L.A.

Major Eric Arundel Wilson, who was killed on the Kew Road, Melbourne, on Tuesday, 9th February, through the motor cycle he was riding colliding with a cart, was well-known in this State. He left as signalling officer with the original 16th Battalion, and afterwards was on the staff of the 4th Brigade. He was a popular and capable officer, and at the time of his death at the age of 40 years, was serving on the Australian Staff Corps.
His host of friends regretted to learn of the accident to Cliff Sadleir, V.C., at Collie, during the month, the result being a double fractured leg. Cliff has not experienced much brightness of late, and is due for a change of luck. The depression and the consequent tariff ruined his importing agency business in Perth, with the result that he had to seek new pastures. After a period of unemployment, he obtained a government position at Harvey and Collie. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Cliff.

The new president of the Harvey Sub-Branch is Major H. G. Palmer, V.D., O.N., who is known to some of the "older old soldiers" as Pedlar or Ped. The Major, who is on the officers' reserve list, commanded a local light horse troop since the war, and is highly regarded by all. Alf. Knight is considered to be permanent Hon. Secretary of the sub-branch, the members recognising the truth of the old adage: "When you've got a good thing, stick to it."

Mr. J. Clashby, who died in Sydney, on January 15th, in the midst of his triumphs of having won the Federal seat of East Sydney, was one of the stalwarts member of the Paddington Sub-Branch of the League in N.S. Wales, being a Returned soldiers are well represented in the new Federal Ministry. Mr. Bruce had meritorious service in the British Army, where he gained his captaincy and a Military Cross. Mr. Gullett was an official war correspondent.

Mr. C. A. S. Hawker, the Minister of Repatriation, also enlisted from England, being a student at Cambridge University when war broke out, and served as a captain with the Somerset Light Infantry. He was wounded on three occasions, suffering the loss of an eye and severe injury to the spine. He is a Master of Arts of Cambridge University, and for a period was a member of the State Executive of the South Australian Branch of the League.

Mr. Josiah Francis had four years' service abroad, serving as a captain with the 15th Battalion. He was seriously wounded in 1918 during the big German push. For several years he was president of the Ipswich Sub-Branch, and has been a member of the Managing Council of the Queensland Branch.

Mrs. Hopperton, the State Secretary, R.S.I. Women's Auxiliary, Soldiers' Institute, Perth, desires Private R. McDonald, K.O. Scottish Borderers (was in Roelands in December, 1929), to communicate with her.

Steve MacKenzie, of Bencubbin, was in town during the month. During his visit he attended the luncheon of the Press Sub-Branch on the 17th, and the meeting of the State Executive that evening. He served with the 48th during the war, and is now trying to coax a fortune from the land. Steve is secretary of the local sub-branch.

Another country visitor who looked in upon the State Executive on February 10th, was David G. L. Morgan, who served with the 4th Worcestershire regiment, and is now located at Moorine Rock.

We regret to announce that Major C. A. Kelly, of the Staff Corps, until recently commanding the detachment of R.A. G.A., at Fremantle, passed away during the month after a long illness. Major Kelly was a native of Toowoomba,

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The Attack on the Canal

The first brush between the British and the Turks occurred in the beginning of February, 1915, when a Turkish force attempted to cross the Suez Canal. In this action some Australian Engineers—the 3rd Field Company—and some New Zealanders, who had been constructing defences on the canal bank, came under fire for the first time.

In his book, "Five Years in Turkey," the German general, Liman von Sanders, describes the attack from the enemy's point of view.

"In November," he writes, "it was definitely decided at Turkish headquarters to form an army in Syria from which an expeditionary corps against the Suez Canal was to be formed, while the army at the same time guarded the coasts of Palestine and Syria. Djemal Pasha, Minister of Marine and commander of the Second Army, was designated as the chief of this Fourth Army. He asked for Colonel von Frankenburg as chief of staff, and immediately left Damascus with a large retinue. Colonel Freiherr von Kress, a most excellent and efficient officer who, in September, had been assigned to the Eighth Army Corps in Damascus was at the disposal of Djemal Pasha. As chief of staff of the Eighth Army Corps, he directed the extremely difficult preparations for the advance to the canal, and later made a splendid record as leader of the expeditionary corps. I have stated on a former occasion that the undertaking was condemned to failure from the beginning. Egypt cannot be taken by 16,000 Turkish troops. That the expeditionary corps traversed the desert El Tih in seven marches, and reached the Suez Canal near Ismailia with its leading troops will forever stand as a great feat. The marches were entirely made at night, and had remained unknown to the British on account of the precautions taken. Through their far-spread espionage, the British, of course, knew of the concentration of the Turkish troops east of the desert, but their small number did not alarm them. They never thought such a small force would dare advance against Egypt."

"The scouting officers of the expeditionary corps saw British officers calmly playing football when the leading Turkish troops were within 25 kilometres of the canal.

"On the night of February 2nd or 3rd, the attacking troops in proper formation, and equipped with boats were successfully moved forward as far as the eastern bank of the canal. When the small British post there opened fire, a panic seized upon the Arabian soldiers. Part of the men already embarked jumped from the boats, others dropped the boats and rafts they were carrying.

"British reinforcements quickly arrived after fire had been opened. About two Turkish companies had reached the west bank of the canal; some were killed and some captured. In half an hour the Egyptian bank of the canal was so strongly occupied that further attempts at crossing had to be given up. British armoured trains with revolvers guns arrived, and five war vessels were delivering flanking fire from Lake Timshah and Great Bitter Lake."

"The expeditionary corps managed to hold its ground till evening on February 3rd. A British attack on the right was checked. At 4 p.m., February 3rd, the commanding general of the Eighth Corps (who originally had intended to renew the attack next morning with the Tenth Division) decided to order Colonel von Kress to withdraw that evening, because the British were constantly bringing up more troops. The breakaway from the enemy and the withdrawal to a camp ten kilometres east of Ismailia were made in good order.

"On the side of the enemy the Indian and Soudanese troops had not shown initiative.

"The retreat of the expeditionary corps was made without noteworthy losses. In the first part of the war the British always lost much time with their preparations for their movements. As the movement through the desert had been unexpected, the pursuit was not provided for in the English programme."

"As a reconnaissance in force the enterprise was of value to the Fourth Turkish Army. It showed what difficulties the troops would have to meet after traversing the desert."

"Now that the Turks had demonstrated the possibility of reaching the canal, the British soon took more extensive measures. Any subsequent attempt at reaching the canal would, therefore, meet with greatly increased difficulties. It is a fact that thereafter only small patrols and a few bold individuals succeeded in getting as far as the Suez Canal."

Von Sanders' book has not been translated into English yet, but the officers of the U.S. Naval College, Annapolis, have translated it into American.

The writer was present at the place of the battle two years later, when a big dredge was cleaning the canal, and was interested to see four of five galvanised iron boats brought to the surface. These boats were sunk by the British, being riddled with holes caused by rifle fire. The writer also discovered two large mines in a sand dune nine miles from the canal, which had obviously been carried across the desert with the object of placing them in the canal, and buried when the Turks were forced to retreat.

Kentdale to Kojonup (with apologies to Kipling).

Until we are built like angels
With hammer, chisel, and pen,
We will work for ourselves
And the bank
For ever and ever. Amen.
Maylands Sub-Branch Reunion

REPORT BY STATE PRESIDENT
(COL. H. B. COLLETT)

On February 4th I had the privilege of attending officially at the annual re-union of the Maylands Sub-Branch. There were other members of your Executive and staff present, and all of us were able to appreciate to the full a function exhibiting what can be done by enthusiastic ex-service men when led by officials possessing a capacity for thoroughness in organisation. Over 150 persons composed the gathering, and a special feature was the presence of many representatives of other sub-branches. This was so marked that the one or two bodies who had failed to accept, or reply to, the invitation so kindly extended to them, were noted at once.

The members of Maylands were kindness itself, the programme of music very entertaining, and the speeches short and to the point.

Taking all things into consideration, this sub-branch is in a satisfactory condition. Its President, Mr. W. A. Clowes, in his annual report, has dealt with many of the activities of the League, and has demonstrated the ability of his members to ably manage their own affairs and proceed along correct lines. Mr. Clowes is supported by a strong committee, which includes Messrs. A. Hullett (Past President), S. Davenport and E. Spencer (Vice- Presidents), and a very efficient Secretary, Mr. H. King.

The Nedlands Plan

Whether the scheme outlined and proposed by the Nedlands Park Sub-Branch comes to anything or not, it certainly marks a step in the right direction. All who heard Messrs. Thompson, Taylor, and Wilson speaking support of the proposals before the State Executive could not help being impressed by their earnestness, and the care with which they had prepared their brief. Quite a barrage of questions was fired at the speakers, and it was evident, from their replies, that the matter had been carefully thought out from every possible angle, and that no contingency had been left unprovided for. Obviously, much work and great concentration of thought had been brought to bear upon the matter before it was put to the Executive.

It is only by such work, such thought, and the adoption of such high ethical and patriotic standards as inform the Nedlands plan, that we are going to overcome our present difficulties. Depression will never be banished by formulae; hard thinking, harder work, and all-round team work at that, must be brought into action before we are out of the ditch.

Nedlands Park Sub-Branch is to be congratulated not only on giving their public spirit a concrete form, and on putting up a scheme, which, in outline at least, seems quite feasible, but also on their wise choice of those who so ably represented them before the State Executive.

Who's Who in the League

Fred Bateson is one of the best known and sincerest workers in the League. He came to W.A. as a small boy in the early eighties from South Australia. He was educated at the old Perth Grammar School, and his early manhood was spent on the Murchison and Kalgoorlie gold-fields. Being in South Australia at the outbreak of the Boer War he enlisted in the S.A. Mounted Rifles, serving for two years, for which he wears the Queen's Medal and 7 bars. Fred then spent two interesting years with Mr. A. W. Cannning constructing the famous stock route bearing his name. He enlisted on the first day of enrolment for the Great War and served overseas until the Armistice, for which he received the three medals and was also awarded the Military Medal. Fred was elected president of the Midland Junction sub-branch in July, 1923, and held this office for two years, when he spent three years in the South-West. He was elected to this office again in 1931, and during the month was re-elected for another term. For three or four years Fred was a valued member of the State Executive.

"The Reveille"

SPECIAL ANZAC NUMBER

Orders are now being received at R.S.S.I.A. Headquarters, Wingello House, Sydney, for an Anzac number of "Reveille," to be published in March, printed in three-coloured cover, and containing special articles reminiscent of the A.I.F. from famous British soldiers, including Birdwood, Allenby, MacLagan, Godley, etc. Price per copy, 6d.; postage paid.

William Dunward writes from Ward 9, Perth Public Hospital:

May I, on behalf of the returned men in this ward, voice an appreciation of the splendid work done by the members of the Women's Auxiliary, R.S.I.

Particularly do I wish to refer to Mrs. Hopperton, whose efforts on behalf of ex-Imperial men have placed us in her debt.

F. A. Law writes from Merredin:

May I raise a humble protest against the paragraph contributed by "Sydney sider" in the last issue of the "L.P." I take it that "Sydneysider" is a member of the League, and such being the case, it is exceedingly regrettable that he should have levelled the imputation which his paragraph holds against a League official in Mr. Stagg.

Honesty of purpose in national affairs is surely one of the first ideals of the returned soldier, and the suggestion from within the League that a digger has been "bought," leaves a nasty taste in the mouth.

In any case, New South Wales cannot be considered to be quite on its own as the home of disloyal utterances, and, further, I would suggest that the term "disloyal" calls for some qualification.
The Most Interesting Man I Met during the War

Last month we offered a prize of £1/1/- for the best description submitted under the above heading. Some interesting replies have been received, and we have decided to send the prize to "Machine Gunner," of Laverton, for his effort, "Louis," published below. We renew the competition for next issue, and hope for a big entry.

The competition did not meet with quite the response we desired. Not only were there fewer entries than we anticipated, but most of those who entered seemed to do their best to ignore that vital point of any story, the human interest. Generally speaking, the descriptions dealt too much with abstractions. For instance, a paymaster or a military policeman may in himself be a very interesting person, but we fear the competitor who mentioned the paymaster confused importance with interest. Similarly, the competitors who wrote of Park Lane and the military policeman, missed the human touch. Though his contribution was excellently written, especially the tag of verse it contained, it was general where we desired the description of an individual. Another competitor presented a well-written description of an English staff officer with whom he had been associated. He seemed diffident about the appeal an officer of another force might make to diggers; but, after all, men of other shows whom we were meeting for the first time were naturally more interesting than the fellows whom we could meet without going to war. He missed, not on this account, but because he, like the others, confined himself too much to generalities. The

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them both. As for breaches of promise, he would risk 23 of them to one court­
martial or another month of service.

Captured by Germans, he smuggled himself into his fatherland, Belgium. His
welcome to the village was as cold as the season. He left as early as possible.
At this period Louis became a wandering Halley's comet as far as the writer knows,
but on reliable information after the Armistice he married a barramed domiciled
somewhere on the outskirts of London. At the present time he may be the Keeper
of the Tower, or figuring in Madam Tussards waxworks, with his W.A. letters
filed against him as a love defaulter and imposter, but quite an interesting
personality.

The Colonel

(By R.A.S.)

After such a long lapse of time it is
somewhat difficult to recall the most in­
teresting man that I met in wartime.
So many different types of men drawn
from such varying stations in life were
banded together in the one cause, and
came in contact with each other so much
that it is an invidious task to select one
that stood above the others. Personal
recollections of the battalion wog, whose
gay anecdotes were the life of the
trenches, clash with memories of some
respected officer who presence was an
inspiration to men.

However, it was my good fortune to
be selected as clerk to the G.S.O., whose
name was Lieutenant-Colonel F. W.
Moffit, D.S.O. On learning of my ap­
pointment to this position, I did not look
forward with anticipation to taking up
the duties, as I had all of the average
Aussie's dislike to the rigid ceremony and
red tape usually associated with the
Imperial soldiers. A pleasant surprise,
however, awaited me upon my introduc­
tion to the Colonel.

He was distinguished by his gentleman­
ly, yet soldierly, bearing, and his words,
ough quietly uttered, carried conviction,
and created respect.

He combined with a full knowledge
of his profession, a knowledge of office
routine and system that would shame
most men who made business their sole
career. A quiet insistence on his own
methods together with a lively apprecia­
tion of his assistant's efforts resulted in
a machine-like efficiency of routine.
During my eighteen months' service with
the Colonel I had ample opportunity of
observing his ways. He was ever ready
to assist, and could correct a fault in a
manner that was effective, despite his
quiet, inoffensive manner.

To fully appreciate his interest in the
Australian soldier it was necessary to be
associated with him in his work. He
was always ready to advise, and took a
delight in investigating the ideas sub­
mitted to him. Many and varied were
these so-called inventions, and though
some were of practical value, many
causd considerable amusement. To those
whose ideas were sound, he proffered ad­
vice, and although he was quick to point
out the weaknesses, his criticism was
always of a constructive nature. Genuine
inventors were given full credit for their
work, and ample opportunity was grant­
ed to them to improve and amplify their
schemes.

His military training, which had com­
menced in college, taught him the value
of facing every emergency calmly, and
nothing could ruffle his serenity. This,
coupled with a keen sense of humour,
made him an ideal and interesting
superior.

On one occasion, when he was return­
ing to his office after "retreat," the sen­
try omitted to do the correct thing. The
Colonel waited until the sentry returned,
halted, and faced his front. Instead of
the rough rebuke that may have been ex­
pected from the average officer, the
Colonel quietly remarked:
"You knew what to do. Why did
you not do it the first time?"

This gentle reproof contrasts strangely
with the one that I heard administered
an orderly, who failed to spring to
attention when an officer came unexpected­ly around a corner. The surprised
man was told off in no uncertain terms
by the officer, who apparently expected
the orderly to anticipate what he could
not see.

I realise that in stating to an Austra­
lian audience that the most interesting
person I met over there was an English
officer, I am treading on dangerous
ground; but as a result of our close
acquaintance over the trying days of the
latter part of the war, his personality
has so impressed itself upon my mind
that while I recognise the claims of
many other acquaintances to the title,
I cannot truthfully nominate any other
than Lieutenant-Colonel Moffit as the
most interesting man that I met during
the war.

The Paymaster

(By "Digger," of East Perth)

Just picture the scene and bring your
minds back to that period of fourteen
days' leave and a free pass, the visions of a nice, comfortable bed, and other things away from bombs and shells. If you had a nice balance in your pay book, you were lucky; if not, it was wangled somehow. Even if we came back broke, what did we care? The Army had to feed us, nurse us, and generally look after us—a great mother, the Army.

Therefore, I will say, without fear of contradiction that the most interesting man we met during the war was the paymaster.

Captain Kiwi
(By "6041, 28th Batt.")

I met him when I was in the 2nd Command Depot, then located at Fovant. I forget his real name, but he had charge of one of the companies, and he was so keen on clean boots that we called him Captain Kiwi. You could go on parade with a week’s growth on your face, but as long as you had your boots nicely polished, you would be O.K. On one occasion, one of the boys had a very dirty pair of boots, and was duly ticked off by the Captain. The digger protested that he hadn’t the money to buy a tin of polish. “See me after the parade,” ordered the Captain. The digger did, and was given sixpence to buy a tin of polish. Next day ninety per cent. of the company paraded with dirty boots. But their luck was out. The parade was dismissed for a quarter of an hour to get the boots cleaned, and there was a dire threat that the next man who came on parade with dirty boots would get a week’s chasing the bugle.

Tale of an M.P.
(By "W.A.", of Osborne Park)

Many West Australian soldiers were treated at the No. 1 A.A.H., Bonefield Park, and they will remember a road leading past the hospital to Bell’s Asbestos Works, used by hundreds of women workers in the big factory during war. It was known as Park Lane, and was a great resort for convalescents. When the girls were returning from work, and even after twilight, an M.P. was always on duty to see the patients—wre not “out of bounds.” The following poem was written by Lance-Corporal Anderson, now of Osborne Park.

THE LONELY LITTLE SIDE-GATE
IN PARK LANE

I'm an M.P., hale and hearty,
Puts my dukes on all that’s naughty.
Though my duties often cause grief and pain;
When the patients stray from the grounds,
Then I whisper “out of bounds,”
At the lonely little side gate in Park Lane.

When the flappers and the cooks
Give me the glad eye looks,
I shudder as I marchest through the rain,
But I chuckle with delight,
At the sights I see at night,
At the lonely little side gate in Park Lane.

When the sergeant and his mate
Try to catch me if I’m late,

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Though there’s “nothing doing” in the large domain,

With my deadly eagle eye,
Their bright torches I esp,
At the lonely little side gate in Park Lane.

When the non-coms. try the bluff,
They all find me real hot stuff;
When with curses they all try to raise old Cain,

“No admission down this way,”
Is the order of the day,
At the lonely little side gate in Park Lane.

The kids around me get,
And they call me “Mother’s Pet,”
But I scorn them all in silence and disdain,

And I very often think,
I’d be better in the clink,
Than at the little side gate in Park Lane.

I believe I’ve got a lease,
Until Fritz concludes the peace,
Though why I really cannot now explain.

In my Njookenbooroohome,
I will often dream I roam
Past the lonely little side gate in Park Lane.

11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The quarterly general meeting will be held at the Soldiers’ Institute, Perth, at 8 p.m., Friday, 4th March. At the conclusion of business a social will take place.
The Golden Chain
(By "M.M.")

"Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together."—Goethe.

During last winter the exchange of secondhand clothing was an important activity of many women's auxiliaries. Funds not being available to buy sufficient new material, it fell to the lot of members to obtain as many cast off garments as possible. Those who have had experience in this phase of auxiliary work will readily testify that the pleasure far exceeds the trouble entailed.

At least one cupboard was a veritable "widow's curse"—never empty. This was really due to the importance of several of the ladies! In the course of conversation with friends, "Financial Depression" would invariably creep in and it took very little manoeuvring to turn the subject round to certain genuine cases of distress where clothes were very much needed. Hardly ever did these eloquent recitals fail to bring forth some discarded articles of apparel or footwear. The personal touch is certainly essential if the work is to be successful. It is surprising how readily people will contribute if the family in need has been visited or recommended.

Then comes the pleasure of passing over the clothing to those who want it. If only the donors could see the look of gratitude on a care-worn mother's face when she receives a bundle of even nondescript dresses and coats, which her needle will soon fashion into clothes for her little ones! Sometimes garments that children have out-grown, or their elders have lightly discarded, look so fresh and new that no apologies are required for them. Their quality and texture are so much finer than their new owners even hoped to wear. There is, too, the surprise and delight of a mother when she receives a warm pull-over or coat for herself. In most cases all her dresses have been cut down for the children, and it is only when this last resource is exhausted that she appeals for help.

Last winter one small youth proudly wore an extremely smart overcoat. It had been made by the clever hands of his mother from an officer's tunic, which had been worn in France, 1916-1918. One busy worker had time to make three pairs of boy's pants from an old-fashioned skirt. To a secretary, there was sent one morning, a chaff bag full of children's warm clothing just when she was wondering how her auxiliary was going to assist two families with four small children in each, and one family motherless.

To each auxiliary falls the task of providing what they can for the diggers' families in their district who happen to be down on their luck. Where there is no auxiliary the State Executive assists as far as possible. But their task of seeking second-hand clothing is doubly difficult, as 'each member is a live worker in her own branch. Knowing most of the families personally, she naturally gives them first preference when a parcel comes her way.

In many a wardrobe hangs a coat or dress whose only excuse for being left there is that it might be useful someday. Well, it will be useful now if passed over to the nearest auxiliary or State Executive. Garments used as dusters or rags for the car would not be rejected by many a Groupie, if only to make into bed rugs for winter time.

Last winter the Women's Auxiliary State Executive were inundated with appeals from the Group Settlements, where many a large family is trying its best to hold on until prosperity arrives. Many of the letters were pathetic. They asked only for second-hand garments for the children. Sometimes the parcels sent contained articles very much the worse for wear, but the letters of thanks showed how even these were appreciated.

It costs nothing to gather rarely-worn garments from their pegs, wrap them up and direct them to one of the auxiliaries. Free carriage is given to such packages on the railway. Present indications point to much hardship again this winter. The R.S.L. and their auxiliaries are mutual help societies, and the passing over to others of one's discarded clothing and footwear is such a simple way of lightening a mother's burden and keeping warm comforts those young Australians whom already "Financial Depression" has handicapped by father being only on sustenance.

So let us all "spring to it" early this year before they have a chance to feel cold! How wonderful if our auxiliaries' supply of second-hand clothing could equal the demand!

Military Officers of the Unattached, Reserve and Retired Lists

Officers as above are reminded of the necessity of reporting their addresses in writing to Military Headquarters, Swan Barracks, Francis Street, Perth, during the months of either January or February. Those who fail to do so are liable to have their names removed from the list, which may be detrimental in the event of mobilisation, etc.

National Questions

The following communication has been received from the State Secretary's office and is published for information:

"I show hereunder copy of a resolution carried at the last State Congress of the League and which was submitted to the State Executive at its last meeting. The Executive agreed to ask the Listening Post to stress this matter, and I shall be pleased if you will kindly take action accordingly:"

"Congress is of the opinion that a more national outlook in the affairs of the League in Australia is desirable, and supports the State President and Executive in their efforts to that end."
Sub-Branch Notes

NUNGARIN

The monthly meeting of the Nungarin Sub-branch took place in the Nungarin Road Board Hall on Monday, January 4. Mr. G. H. Herbert (Vice-President) presided over a large attendance of members.

This should have been the annual meeting, but owing to the serious illness of the President (Mr. F. L. Warner) it was decided to postpone it until the 7th March, and also to cancel the usual monthly meeting in February, owing to so many members being away on their annual trip to the coast.

The case of a returned soldier who had recently met with a serious accident was brought forward by one of the members, and as this member was shortly leaving for Perth he was authorised by the sub-branch to interview Mr. McLarty with a view to getting some proceeds of wheat released to purchase necessities. Since the meeting the member who interviewed Mr. McLarty reported that, as a result of the interview, certain monies will be released for the relief of the case.

Owing to such poor sales of tickets for the raffle of the motor car it was decided to postpone the drawing of the raffle until the evening of the 7th March.

It was decided to hold a social evening after the annual meeting on March 7.

No. 2 DISTRICT COMMITTEE

For the past few weeks there has been considerable discussion between members of the various sub-branches of the R.S.L. throughout the Dampier District as to the advisability of forming a district committee.

This was brought to a successful conclusion at a meeting called for this purpose in the Traying Road Board Hall on Sunday, January 24. The meeting followed immediately upon the usual general monthly meeting of the Traying-Yelbeni Sub-branch. The following delegates were present:—Messrs. Thompson, Gravey and Felgate (Traying-Yelbeni), Le Cren, McKenzie and Rice (Mt. Marshall) and Warner, Brockway and Andrews (Nungarin). Wyalkatchem were unable to attend, but stated that they were in favour of a district committee being formed.

Mr. F. L. Warner (President of the Nungarin Sub-branch) was elected to the chair for the meeting.

The Nungarin delegates spoke very favourably on the aims and objects of such committees, having first-hand knowledge owing to the Nungarin Sub-branch being originally attached to the No. 1 District Committee in Merredin. It not only brought about a more sociable feeling between sub-branches, but soldier settlement questions and other items which came forward periodically could be brought up and discussed probably with a greater benefit to those concerned. At the same time the committee would not take away the privileges of the sub-branch. It was unanimously agreed to form a District Committee between Traying-Yelbeni, Wyalkatchem, Mount Marshall, Nungarin and any other adjoining sub-branch who expressed a desire to be included.

Mr. F. L. Warner and Mr. L. W. Brockway, both of Nungarin, were elected unanimously to the positions of President and Secretary respectively.

It was decided to hold the first meeting of the new District Committee in the Traying Hall on Sunday, April 3.

At the meeting of the State Executive held on February 3, the formation of this District Committee was formally approved and it will be known as No. 2 District Committee.

BULLFINCH

A smoke social and re-union was held at Bullfinch on January 2, 1932, which was attended by local diggers and visitors from Southern Cross Sub-branch. A very enjoyable evening resulted.

Toast, songs, recitations, anecdotes, reminiscences and card tricks followed one another until 1.45 a.m., when "Auld Lang Syne" was sung. The catering, done by the officers and committee, was declared a great success.

The annual meeting was held before the re-election. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £2 18/- 11d. This, under existing conditions, was very satisfactory. The following officers were elected for 1932: President, J. E. Goodwin (re-elected); Vice-President, H. Cox; Treasurer, O. Cox (re-elected); Secretary, T. Thurgood, snr. (re-elected). Committee: Messrs. F. Frost, D. Orr and G. Yule.

MORAWA

At the annual general meeting held on January 26 Jack Tyler was unanimously chosen to lead the troops in the coming year. The Vice-chairmen are the Rev. D. Davies, and H. Sorensen, A. A. Haynes is the 1932 Secretary, with W. Hamics as assistant secretary.

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CLAREMONT

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. C. P. Smith; Vice-Presidents, Dr. Tregonning and Commander Vinden; Secretary, R. Dewar; Treasurer, Mr. Mr. Barwood: Auditor, Mr. Harvey Rea; Committee, Canon Harper, Messrs. Ford, Fowler, Kelly, Rea, S. Smith, and 1932 Secretary, with W. Hannant as assistant secretary.

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The membership roll totals 11. There are many returned men in the district who are not members, and it is desired to take this opportunity to recommend that the incoming committee endeavours to strengthen the membership.

Our social activities have been very successful, and have been attended by many outside the League. Members are reminded to roll along at the next meeting, on March 3rd, 1932.

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year—President, A. H. Poyster; Vice-President, J. J. Balcombe; Hon. Secretary, A. R. E. Leader; Treasurer, C. M. Martin; Committee, W. S. Keeble, W. Cullen; Auditors, J. Neuzeling, W. J. Warner.

TRAMWAY

At the last meeting of the Tramway Sub-Branch, held on February 2nd, in the R.S.L., Institute, the attendance was above the average, which was the source of keen satisfaction to all concerned. Mr. G. J. Robertson presided. Amongst the visitors was Mr. A. H. Hallett, Past President of Maylands Sub-Branch, who gave a very interesting speech in response to the toast of the visitors, enumerating the social benefits returned men could enjoy, besides helping along such a good cause by joining the R.S.L.

After all the fun was packed away, a presentation was made to the Secretary, Mr. W. F. W. Saunders, in appreciation of his splendid work during the formation of the branch; while this was being admired by the boys a ten-gallon keg was taken apart by Jock Shields and Sam Houston. During refreshments vocal items were rendered by Messrs. F. Goldsworthy, E. Longdon, and C. Curran, and the evening closed with community singing. The evening was far too short and everybody was sorry when Jock called "lights out." A hearty invitation is extended to all returned men in the Department to join this sub-branch.

MIDLAND AND DISTRICT

The annual meeting of the Midland and District Sub-Branch was held in the Town Hall, on Thursday, January 21st. Colonel Ollien was welcomed by the Executive. He complimented the sub-branch on its good work and strong financial position. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: President, Mr. F. Bardon; Vice-President, Messrs. P. Jamieson and B. Davis; Secretary, Mr. R. Marsh; Assistant Secretary, Mr. R. Vicker; Finance Committee, Messrs. P. Jamieson, L. Wilkinson, and T. Gill; Social Committee, Messrs. B. Davis, C. Priddie, W. Coleman, C. Wells, A. Burton, and R. Vickers; Auditors, Messrs. F. Doig and J. Tipping.

The auditors made special mention of the manner in which the books were kept, paying Mr. R. Marsh a well-earned compliment.

DALONGUP

The annual meeting was held on the 26th January, Mr. C. Russell presiding over a good attendance. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. Hawcroft) presented the annual report and balance sheet, which were adopted. Appreciated references were made to the efficient manner in which Mr. Hawcroft had looked after the interests of the members. The salient points of the report were sustained efforts to secure redress of some of the grievances which still confront soldier settlers; appreciation of the services rendered by the District Committee at Bridgetown, and besides many other points, reference to cases where members had been granted benefits (such as reduction of interest) through the action of the sub-branch.

The retiring President (Mr. C. Russell) did not seek re-election, the various offices being filled as follows—President, Mr. L. MacBride; Vice-Presidents, Mr. C. Russell and Mr. G. E. White; Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. W. Hawcroft (re-elected); Committee: Messrs. T. Stevenson, D. Scott, H. Shelly, and J. Taylor; Auditor, Mr. J. Taylor; Delegates to District Committee, Messrs. L. MacBride and F. Hawcroft.

Perth

The general monthly meeting was held in the Soldiers' Institute on Tuesday, February 9, 1932. Mr. W. J. Hunt, president, occupied the chair.

The financial reports of the Sub-branch showed that the finances were steadily decreasing, and the Amelioration Fund has been suspended, owing to the depletion of funds.

The Sub-branch is giving its full support to the Wool Week, and is conducting a "Miss Perth" competition. A sub-committee of Messrs. Hopper, Ferguson, and Lomas was appointed to run this competition. Already many entries have been received.

The evening a framed Certificate of Service was presented to Mr. A. S. O'Keefe, who has been the sub-branch treasurer for the past eight years, and an office-bearer for the past ten.

The evening concluded with the usual "bob-in."

MUNDARING AND DISTSRTS

At the last meeting it was regrettable to notice the vacant places, usually filled by enthusiastic members. The times, no doubt, have been no met. It is in some cases of preventing these old stalwarts from taking their usual places in the happy circle. Hard work and long hours, in an endeavour to balance budgets, among some of our orchestral members, points to work, and long hours of patient waiting for that "silver lining," which some less fortunate old-timers suffer, have directly and indirectly caused a temporary setback, for falling health has claimed several, who must unbind the "pack" and rest awhile. Among those whom we have "wished back" on parade again was George ("Boner") Simcock. He refused to take the count, for when it got to nine he would not take it. He remarked that in his delirium the count was a real torment, and as he could account for seven, he was not having any more pushed on him—in these hard times. At all events, Simmy has separated medicine and duty, and is taking large doses of the latter.

We are living in hopes of seeing Bill McGillvray, Alex. McGregor, "Big Jonesy," and Blundell, Caleb Boyes, and others, among the clan at the next meeting, all as hale and hearty as ever. The Sub-branch will meet on the second Monday of the month, two meetings at Kelmscott and one at Roleystone, alternately.

KELMSCOTT-ROLEYSTONE

A meeting was held on Wednesday, February 10th, at the Roleystone Hall. The president, Mr. Mechem, was in the chair. It was decided to enter a candidate in the R.S.L. Wool Week competition, and to ask the Women's Auxiliary for their help in this matter. A challenge to a cricket match was accepted, and agreed to be arranged for the Kelmscott Cricket Club. The date is to be arranged later. A "smoke-o" is to be held on March 5th. A furphy is being circulated that one of our members will be a married man before this item appears in print. We hope to see him present at future meetings, so that the "old hands" can give him a few tips. It was resolved to hold regular monthly meetings, instead of parading at irregular intervals. It is hoped that the Sub-branch will meet on the second Monday of the month, two meetings at Kelmscott and one at Roleystone, alternately.

MAYLANDS

The big smoke social held at Maylands on February 5th was an outstanding success. The State Executive was represented by the State President (Colonel H. B. Collett) and Messrs. Pady, D. M. Benson (State Secretary), and Ferguson (assistant State Secretary). Other visitors were Col. Roberts, Messrs. Hamner (president, Southern Cross), C. H. Longmore ("Norm") of the Western Mail, F. Graves (secretary, Traraling-Yelbenti, and representatives of metropolitan sub-branches and kindred associations. Musical items were rendered by Messrs. Joe Vail, Nat. Hanley, Rejant, Maltman, and A. Ballardy.

The annual meeting was held on Thursday, February 11. The Wool Week campaign was discussed and it was decided that the sub-branch give their support to the scheme.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year—President, Mr. W. A. Clowes (unopposed); vice-presidents, Messrs. S. B. Davenport and E. Spencer (unopposed); treasurer, W. Loyell.
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NORTH PERTH
The social to the lady workers on "Poppy Day"
was quite a success. A small exhibition of war
souvenirs was of much interest. During the
evening Miss Haley was presented with the floral
prize donated to the best lady seller in the
metropolitan area. Mr. James made the pre­
tation (the president was, unfortunately, ab­
sent owing to illness), and spoke appreciatively
of the splendid work done by the ladies on that
day. The collection boxes revealed £90 8s. 9d.,
and Miss Haley had disposed of £12 worth of
poppies.
Much appreciation is expressed to members who
helped to make the affair a success: Mr. Haley,
Mr. Blight, Mr. Heatherington, and the pianist,
Mr. Pearmain, not forgetting Mrs. Lucy Press
(Mr. Hopkins), who blew in during the evening
and caused some diversion.
The drawing of the goose Club and Xmas
turkey was finalised on December 21. The Goose
Club netted £24 16s. 2d. The Women's Auxili­
yard had 10 per cent. (£12 8s. 1d.) and the
turkey (donated by Mr. Loffman) returned a
profit of £4 16s. 9d., which considerably aug­
mented Sub-branch funds.
The financial statements showed that our funds
are healthy, there being £24 10s. in general funds,
whilst amelioration account showed a credit bal­
dance of £40.
The committee has arranged to hold the annual
picnic on Sunday, February 21. Members are
requested to keep this date in mind.
Mr. Rankin (sports sec.) reported that several
games of cricket have been played during the
last few weeks, with varied success. To aug­
ment their funds, Mr. Loffman has donated a pair
of cricketing trousers. Mr. Godden is arranging
a tennis match against South Perth. He appeals
to all local enthusiasts to band in their names and
addresses to him or the secretary.
At the last meeting, the President drew atten­
tion to the decease of Captain Jacks, V.C., and
expressed our thoughts and feelings at the passing
of a very "gallant gentleman.”
We are grieved to learn that Mrs. Richmond
(president of the Women's Auxiliary) is not at
all well, and trust that ere long she will be able
to take the same enthusiastic interest in Auxiliary
doings as formerly.
BUNBURY
Monthly meetings are still well attended, al­
though some have dropped out through the fin­
cancial situation. Efforts are being made to
r these occasions more full the coloured
portrait of Sir John Monash now hangs on the
walls of the Council Chambers. It is sincerely
hoped that the Chambers are only its resting
place for a while, and that it will soon adorn
a wall in the Sub-branch's own building. At
the last meeting the members were entertained
by a lecture, "The Humorous Experiences of a
Platform Speaker," by Mr. R. C. Butler. The
lecture left the impression that a public speaker
has quite a lot to compete with different types
of audiences. Inter-Sub-branch visits are
proving very helpful. Delegates have recently
visited Manjimup, Collie, andBrunswick, and
visitors from all parts are made feel at home
when they attend meetings in submarine.
The Sub-branch is endeavouring to stimulate greater
interest in the Boy Scout movement.
YARLOOP
The usual monthly meeting was held on Febru­
ary 12. The Yarloop War Memorial Committee,
Messrs. Wickham, Schlam, Gardner and Collett,
together with F. Eastcott and G. Fish, who are
also members of the Sub-branch, attended in
response to an invitation from the Sub-branch.
As a result of the discussion, certain matters
have been cleared up, and it is sincerely hoped
that in future closer co-operation will ex­
ist between the two bodies.
The Sub-branch decided to give its hearty sup­
port to the efforts of the League in the "Wool
Week" campaign, and the secretary was instructed
to get into touch with a local lady who is
interested, with a view to sending forward a
"Miss Yarloop" to take part in the competition.
The question of sending a delegate to the next
meeting of the District Council at Brunswick
was left in abeyance, owing to lack of transport.
The President, however, was selected to attend if
he could arrange transport in the interval.
A pleasing function of the evening was the
presentation of a cheque to Les. Rogers, who
completed a three years' tour of duty as secretary
last month.
The next meeting will be held on Thursday,
March 19.
MORNINGTON MILLS
At the annual meeting of the above sub-branch
held on Sunday, the 17th inst., the election of
officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. A.
Turner; vice-presidents, Messrs. Matthews and
King; secretary, Mr. G. Wilson; general com­
mittee: Messrs. Myles, Fulton, Matthews, Higgins
and P. Jones; amelioration committee: Messrs.
Fulton, Loudon and Turner; treasurer and auditors:
Messrs. Fulton and Hetherington; social secretary,
Mr. J. M. Loudon.
MOORINE ROCK
The monthly meeting held on February 6 was
attended by the usual "full house." In the ab­
ence of the President (who is recuperating after
taking off a five-bag crop), Vice-President Fred
Driver occupied the chair.
Amongst the business discussed was that of a
banking service for Moorine Rock, at least once

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a week. The secretary is in touch with several banks at present and it was unanimously resolved to fully support the banking institution giving us these facilities.

The sub-branch has decided to conduct their own Anzac Day service this year, instead of going to Southern Cross, as in the past.

We are pleased to report that the 1912 sub-branches are coming in well and would like to remind members that our sub-branch boasted of having 100 per cent. financial members last year—let us repeat it this year.

We should like to hear of other sub-branches taking up the matter of hail insurance, especially as the clause of standing the first £20 loss, as quite a number of our settlers were hit this year and received cheques for £5 and £4 after losing the first £20.

Members will be pleased to learn that Fred Springhall has his son home again, after a serious operation in the Merredin hospital.

Tom Hodgson, a grass widower again.

A Norham lady said "I will " to Bill Trundle. We all wish Bill the best.

Arthur Norris has gone to Perth.

Dave Morgan sent the "good oil" about the Tiger.

RALWAY WORKSHOPS

The annual meeting of the above sub-branch was held in the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, on January 22nd last.

After the adoption of reports and balance sheets, Col. Olden, of the State Executive, presented certificates to the retiring members, R. B. Gibson, and retiring Secretary W. J. Lovell.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing twelve months:—President, Mr. F. Moody; vice-presidents, Mr. R. Marks and Mr. A. Major; secretary, Mr. R. E. Davidson; treasurer, Mr. H. Turner; auditors, Mr. W. Brackenridge, Mr. F. Chiwewell; trustees, Messrs. C. A. Wells, W. J. Langdon, F. Hill; floor members executive, Messrs. A. Higgins, S. T. Morgan.

SOUTH PERTH

The February meeting recorded an attendance of about 40 members. Mr. Tozer, chairman of the Empire and the Trading Committee, conveyed to the meeting the very interesting information regarding the local products exhibits and the "Miss Westralia" competition. The meeting endorsed the idea of the "Miss Westralia" competition, and appointed a strong working committee (consisting of Messrs. Jackson, Stone, Bader, Corpe, Thomas, McAulay, Letch, Bond and Ryan), which will immediately launch the local district campaign. Our cricket team met the Maylands Sub-branch at Forrest Park and suffered defeat by a large margin. The next match is a return game with the Mt. Hawthorn Sub-branch to be played on Wellington Square, Sunday, March 13. The sub-branch furniture was added to during the meeting by 24 new chairs, made by one of our members, and costing slightly under 7/- each. These chairs are an excellent job, and any further orders at the same price will be promptly executed, and will at the same time be assisting one of our members in a practical manner. A meeting of all old and intending members of "The Whizz Bangs" Concert Party will be held in the Mends Street Hall on February 22, when matters pertaining to the forthcoming activities of the party will be discussed. A children's fancy dress ball will be held in the Swan Street Hall, February 26, at 8 p.m. under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary. The sub-branch orchestra will provide the music. Mr. H. Day was welcomed as a new member, and Mr. W. Harper welcomed back after a lengthy sojourn in New Guinea. Great regret was expressed by all at the departure of Mr. Fenwick, a very popular member of the sub-branch. Mr. Fenwick was appropriately farewelied and extended all good wishes for his future prosperity.

TAMBELUP

The usual monthly meeting was held on the 3rd inst., the Chairman, Mr. A. J. Smith, presiding over a good attendance. Amongst other matters of interest brought forward was the closure of the public hospital held an important place. Correspondence from the Local Board of Health was read, and it was decided to send representatives from the sub-branch to attend the public meeting convened by the Chairmain of the Road Board for the 17th inst. to consider hospital matters, and Messrs. J. E. Trathan and R. S. Steele were appointed. Having regard to the value of the hospital to members who suffer from the effects of war, as well as for the public benefit it was considered important that the institution should be re-opened without further delay, and to give support to any movement towards that end.

An "old-time dance" took place at Bobalong on the 13th inst., and proved a great success. The proceeds will augment the funds of the sub-branch. It speaks well for the popularity of these dances when people travel such distances to attend—parties arriving from Koombup, Tunney, Peringilup, Cranbrook and Tambellup. Dull care was cast into the "Limbo of Oblivion" and all seemed bent on having a good time. The ladies turned out in the latest fashions and as there were more than a few pretty girls in the district they showed to advantage dancing the old-time graceful dances. The hall was decorated with streamers and was well lighted, the floor in good condition and the diggers band provided good, well-timed music.

GERALDTON

The annual meeting was held in the Soldiers' Institute on Tuesday, January 26 last, when there was an attendance of approximately sixty returned men. The president formally welcomed the Mayor (Mr. Geo. Lester), and Mr. J. T. Clarke, who were present by invitation as members of the Soldiers' Institute Trust.

The annual financial statement disclosed a slight falling off in membership and a consequent decrease in revenue. Other items of revenue had also shown a marked decrease and this might have been greater had not the committee effected drastic economies in the administration of the instiute during the year.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. A. E. Anderson; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. E. Brown and J. F. Cranwell; treasurer, Mr. R. Mow; auditor, Mr. L. J. Chapman; secretary, Mr. F. J. Dunn; committee, Messrs. F. N. Briers, A. Solin, J. Hayward, C. Victor, M. Gregory and E. W. Morris.

At the invitation of the chairman, the Mayor (Mr. Geo. Lester) presented to Mr. A. H. Salmon a framed certificate as recognition of past services as president. The recipient made a suitable response and thanked the members for the kindly thought that had prompted them to obtain for him the certificate.

It was decided to hold the annual smoke social at a later date, the arrangement of which was left in the hands of the general committee.

The meeting also resolved to procure an enlarged photograph of the late Sir John Monash for the Soldiers' Institute, and towards the cost of this two members present made donations of half a guinea.

Pemberton

The annual meeting took place on Tuesday, January 19th. The balance sheet showed a slight increase in balance in the General Fund, and a workable balance in the Amelioration Fund. The President, addressing the 29 members present, said that through the agency of Yannah Sub-Branch president, the settlers' affairs were brought up at Congress, and the settlers' strained circumstances had been placed before the public, and finally a Royal Commission had been appointed to investigate matters. Prices were down, and were still going down for the decrease of the settlers. The banks wanted their money, and the storekeeper wanted his; but what about the poor cocky, He, or the majority, was getting £4 to £5 per month to keep his family on. In some cases even this had been stopped by the large firms, who wanted their cut even if settlers had to live on grass (that's dry now, too). The mill workers had also been up against half pay, although their position was a little better than the group settler, as they had no interest spectra looming up at every turn. The various committees were thanked for their help, and worked well, leaving a fine credit balance in the Amelioration Fund. Times were still far from good, and we must keep up to scratch, and make every effort to keep the fund in good credit.

The retiring President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer were re-elected unopposed, and Mr. J. Falls was elected Vice-President.

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<td>Wallah Hall, Grovenor Rd., Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Col. T. Flintoff, 3 Second Ave., Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>Avon Bridge Hotel</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe St. (Off View St.)</td>
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<td>L. J. McDowell, 20 York St., North Perth</td>
<td>H. W. Rigg, 24 Elizabeth St., North Perth</td>
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<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>W. J. Hunt, Mary St., Como</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Soldiers' Institute</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>C. P. Smith, C/o West Australian, Perth</td>
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<td>F. J. Aberle, 10 Rose Ave., South Perth</td>
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<td>Second Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Padre O'Halloran, Fennis St., Toodyay</td>
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<td>R. Alexander, 82 Shepparton Rd., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>G. H. Philip, South Perth</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTING, JEEBERDING</td>
<td>Each place alt., commencing Bunting, March 1st Town Hall, Cambridge St., Leederville</td>
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<td>J. Day, Bunting</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE</td>
<td>Mine Boarding House</td>
<td>Last Saturday, monthly</td>
<td>C. W. R. Beechey, 8 Kerr St., Leederville</td>
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<td>WILUNA</td>
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<td>Bgr.-Gen. A. J. Bovell-Brown</td>
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<td>BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSN.</td>
<td>Executive at 329 Charles St., North Perth</td>
<td>1st Monday, 1 p.m. (monthly)</td>
<td>A. H. Major, 153 Seventh Avenue, Maryland</td>
<td>Dept. Land. Perth, Geo. E. Cottermole, M.C., 229 Charles St., North Perth</td>
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<td>BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>Lt.-Col. J. E. Dunkley, 46 Angove St., N. Perth</td>
<td>Mrs. W. James, 19 Marion St., Ledderville</td>
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<td>ELEVENTH BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m. on 11th of month</td>
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<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard's Avenue, Ledderville</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>
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<td>L. Kaye Perrin, 28 Margaret Street, North Cottesloe</td>
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<td>I. E. Dunkley</td>
<td>J. V. Pascoe,  O/0 Lynes Motors Ltd., 960 Hay St., Perth</td>
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<td>THIRTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSN.</td>
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<td>R. Alexander, O/0 Government House, Perth</td>
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#### STATE EXECUTIVE

The monthly meeting took place on February 15. Owing to Mrs. Coleman's resignation, the State Executive met this month with Mrs. McKinlay as assistant secretary, Mrs. Stockman as treasurer, and Mrs. Withall (Bruce Rock) as the new member of the committee.

Mesdames Taylor, Blakemore and Stubberfield had assisted Mrs. Hopperton with the hospital visiting. Mrs. Hopperton reported that cigars were to be distributed to 33 ex-service men in civilian wards. Reading matter, fruit, milk, cool drinks and games had been supplied to patients.

Mesdames Wilson, Kirke, McKinlay and Hopperton attended the office during the month to distribute clothing. Ten adults and eight children had been assisted, four suits of pyjamas given to hospital patients, and one layette provided.

It was agreed that the State Executive assist the Infant Health Appeal by taking a stall in town upon the special appeal day. Mrs. Withall will be in charge of the stall and all helpers will be welcome.

#### VICTORIA PARK

Owing to the holidays, this Auxiliary decided to cancel the general meeting for the month of January. However, they have not been idle. On January 29 a successful evening was held at the residence of Mrs. Colley, in Basinghall Street. This helped to augment the funds of the "Popular Man" competition, the evening being in support of the Aquada of her husband.

Mrs. Barnett also kindly lent her residence on the evening of February 5, when members of the Sub-branch and Auxiliary held an evening to raise funds in connection with prospecting. Whist, competitions, etc., including an egg and spoon race, caused considerable amusement and resulted, I think, I am safe in saying, in the required amount being raised.

The next general meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on February 26 at the Library Hall, followed by the usual social evening. In future it is desired to make a small charge of 9d. single and 1½ double tickets.

It has been decided to hold the children's annual picnic to the Zoo on Sunday, March 6. All members' children of both the branches are invited.

#### KALAMUNDA

At the annual show and sports held at Kalamunda on the 1st inst., the local sub-branch of the Women's Auxiliary were successful tenders for the catering. Owing largely to the many donations of poultry, fruit, etc., the fund of the auxiliary benefited greatly.

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