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E. S. Watt, Managing Director
Ex-Imperials and the League

At the meeting of the State Executive, held on March 16th, Captain W. Edmonds sponsored a motion whose object was to sanction the formation of an ex-Imperial men's sub-branch of the League. The voting on the motion was even, and it was defeated only by the President's casting vote, this vote being cast in conformity with standing practice. It is safe to assume that most of those who voted against the motion did so on purely constitutional grounds; for there is no doubt that anything which will bring ex-Imperials into closer contact with the League, and which will make him happier in his membership thereof, will be of decided advantage to the organisation. Ex-service men who have arrived in Australia since the war have joined the League in great numbers, and have taken an active and a healthy interest in all its doings. Many of them hold office in their sub-branches, and one, at least, is a member of the State Executive. However, as Captain Edmonds pointed out, there sometimes occurs the case of the ex-Imperial who is more or less isolated in his own sub-branch. The man in this position quite naturally feels that he has his own special problems, which he would prefer to discuss with fellows from his own country or his own regiment. A sub-branch such as the one proposed would meet with his wishes in this respect.

Nor is the constitutional difficulty insurmountable. It has been suggested that there is nothing to prevent ex-Imperials residing in a district where there is no sub-branch from getting together and forming one; then other migrants might join it. A sub-branch of this character already exists at Moorine Rock, where the bulk of the population consists of British immigrants, and, consequently, the sub-branch is, to all intents and purposes, an ex-Imperial sub-branch. A similar sub-branch in the metropolitan area need not necessarily bear the name of the district with which it is associated. It might, for instance, be called the Haig sub-branch, or some other name which would denote its special character. We hope our ex-Imperial comrades will take the suggestion in the spirit in which it is made, for we can assure them that they are welcomed in the League, and that diggers wish to see them active and contented members. So far the most cordial of relations have subsisted between Tommy and digger in this State, and this paper is prepared to do all in its power to maintain and augment the existing harmony.

This being so, it is with feelings of annoyance, mingled with disgust, that we read a letter, dated December 29th, 1931, which was written to Colonel E. C. Heath, D.S.O., the General Secretary of the British Legion, by Lieutenant-Colonel H. Glyn Chevens, who is president of the Imperial Ex-Service Association of Australia (Victoria), and the Victorian Council of British Ex-Service Associations (Melbourne). Colonel Glyn Chevens states that he has been authorised to represent in England his own two associations, and also the British United Services Association of West Australia, the Ex-Imperial Service Association of Queensland, the British Ex-Service Association of New South Wales, the British Overseas Association of Victoria, and the British Overseas Settlers Association of Murray, Victoria, and to act on their behalf in all matters appertaining to the welfare of their associations. Quite an imposing array of associations, but inquiries have elicited that Colonel Glyn Chevens has not been authorised to represent the B.I.U.S.A. of Western Australia in this particular. The letter referred to embodies an appeal for permission to form a branch in Australia of the British Empire Service League, notwithstanding the fact that the R.S.S.I.L.A. is already the constituent branch of the central organisation. The appeal is supported by a couple of lengthy memoranda, containing several misrepresentations of fact which we cannot allow to pass unchallenged.

Trying to establish the fact that Imperial ex-service men are not altogether getting a square deal in Australia, it is alleged that the majority of the first contingents of the A.I.F. consisted of Imperial ex-service men and migrants. The absurdity of such a claim is shown by the official figures compiled from the attestation papers of the men who enlisted. These show that seventy-five per cent. of the “first contingents” were born in Australia. Another gross misrepresentation is the statement that the happy relations existing between ex-Imperials and the League in South Australia and Western Australia “is easily understood when it is remembered that in these two States the R.S.S.I.L.A. organisations are controlled by Imperial ex-service men.” As far as Western Australia is concerned, this statement will be news to both digger and Tommy. Attention is also drawn to the plight of the British migrant settlers in Australia. Unfortunately, there is a depression on, but the native born Australian cocky is having just as hard a time as his confere from overseas. The troubles of the man on the land cannot be adjusted by the League, or by any other
organisation, but the League does much in its effort to lighten the burden.

The main arguments advanced in favour of forming a separate league in Australia are based on the membership qualifications for the R.S.S.I.L.A., and the matter of preference. It is alleged that the League does not afford equal privileges to all its members, and that it does not embrace Imperial ex-service men within the definition of returned soldiers as in other Dominions. Such statements are made in obvious ignorance of the League's constitution and character, or else they are deliberate misrepresentations put forward with some ulterior motive. As far as the League itself is concerned, there is equality of opportunity within its ranks for all members. The preference question is, no doubt, a sore point with some ex-Imperialists, but it is one more for the legislator than for the League. Except in name, we have not established much preference for ourselves, and what little we have, if we, as a League, have shared it with our comrades in arms from other parts of the Empire.

It is a matter for regret that there should be such a feeling in the breasts of those of our own blood whom we found good comrades during the war years. It is a matter for greater regret that these feelings should be played upon by interested parties and accentuated by misrepresentations and exaggerations. Were Colonel Chevallier's appeal acceded to, the result would be a rival League, founded upon a false hypothesis, and we know of no instance in history where an institution founded on falsity has stood the test of time.

The British United Services Association in this State and the League have at all times worked together with the utmost harmony and with mutual confidence. The B.U.S.A. has been wisely led, and its members are paying a generous compliment to the League in their desire to merge their organisation in with the League.

The R.S.L. Steps In

A peculiar state of affairs has existed at Tambellup. The local public hospital was closed on December 31st, an event brought about by a committee of eight persons feeling that they lacked public support. There appears to have been serious disruption among the residents, and at a meeting called during last month, which was largely attended, a stalemate occurred after many heated exchanges had taken place. It was at this stage that Mr. Trathan, the Secretary of the local sub-branch of the League stated that failing the appointment of a committee at the meeting from townspeople, his sub-branch would accept the responsibility and nominate a committee to carry on the hospital according to the Act. Mr. Trathan said that the members of his sub-branch some years ago helped to win the war, now it was their desire to help to win battles in peace time.

The meeting eventually agreed to accept this offer. Well done, Tambellup! You are adequately upholding the finest principles of the League, and we trust that you will continue to act in this matter to the satisfaction of all concerned, and to the credit of the sub-branch.

A-Superficial Criticism

While in Adelaide, Mrs. T. R. Bavin, wife of the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, made some remarks about Australian women, which certainly call for comment. Mrs. Bavin, who has recently returned from a visit to England, stated that Australian women were not doing their share to help the nation out of its difficulties. They had given up nothing during the depression, and should take a lesson from their English sisters, who were all doing their best nobly. “I went to England,” said Mrs. Bavin, “to get right away from party politics. I kept strictly away from anything official, but I could not help noticing that almost every woman showed the true form of patriotism by giving up luxuries and devoting herself wholeheartedly to the more serious things of life.”

One wonders exactly how far Mrs. Bavin kept from politics in making these remarks. Superficial criticism of this type, apart from its unfairness, serves no useful purpose, and is hardly worth the space accorded it by the editors of daily papers. Mrs. Bavin to the contrary notwithstanding, our Australian women have not only given up luxuries, but they are learning to do without many things that health experts look upon as necessities. Without making any invidious comparisons, it may be pointed out that long before British women gave serious attention to buying British goods, Australian women's organisations, such as our Women's Auxiliaries, were pledging themselves to give preference to Australian and British products. Statistics prove how nobly the pledge has been honoured.

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Once from the fury of the Gallic rovers
The cackle of the geese saved Ancient Rome,
And gave the foemen, so to speak, the bird.
Though piously they sooled us on to slaughter
The chaps whose women sooled them on as well,
Now mother, aunt and sister, wife and daughter,
And preachers would stand up to shot and shell.
For now the boot is on the other foot
When neighbour feels inclined to challenge neighbour,
And armies in embattled power stand,
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A useful notion, but, upon reflection,
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Let not any cynic douse the vital spark
Of some who in this newest stunt would star.
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The role of this self-sacrificing crew.
More than the troops they risk. Me-thinks, the chances
Of potting off a publicist or two
Might tempt the nations to another war.

Who’s Who in the League

CLIFF. GILLET
Country Vice-President

The little town of Mount Gambier, in the sunny south-east of South Australia, is renowned through its association with that melancholy poet, Adam Lindsay Gordon, but our chief interest in the place is in the fact that Cliff Gillett was born there 38 years ago. His early education was at the High School there, and on reaching a useful age, he joined the staff of the E.S. & A. Bank. In 1911 he heard the irresistible call of the West, and journeyed to Quairading, from where he enlisted in 1915, and eventually became a member of Collett's famous 28th Battalion. Cliff received his commission through an Officers' Training Corps at Cambridge, and on rejoining his unit, he got badly smashed up, within half an hour, at Renningheist, near Passchendael. This put an end to his active service. Cliff earns his daily crust as Clerk-in-charge of the Agricultural Bank at Bunbury. Prior to about 1928 the Bunbury Sub-Branch was almost dormant, and then Cliff breathed into the sub-branch the breath of life and it became a living entity, since when it has been one of the leading sub-branches of the League, and although we don't give Cliff all the credit, his members will agree when we state that he is the dominant personality. The success of the big State-wide re-union week of ex-service men at Bunbury during March of the centenary year was largely due to Cliff's organising ability. His public service activities are not restricted to the League. He just goes about "doing good" whenever the opportunity presents itself. So high was Cliff held in the regard of his fellow members of the League, that he was unanimously elected by Congress last October as the first Country Vice-President of the League, this being a newly created position. In all his public activities Cliff is ably assisted by his charming wife.

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One of the latest recruits to the Merredin Sub-Branch is Mr. H. J. B. Rowe, who hails from Northam, where he was a member. Mr. Rowe bought over the Advance Retreats, and has recently moved into the large garage and workshop adjoining the electric light and power station in Mitchell Street.

He is an enthusiastic member of the sub-branch, and has not missed a meeting or social evening since he was "roped in."

During the war, he served with the 10th Light Horse, transferring later to the Australian Flying Corps.

A fine soldier and splendid citizen passed away suddenly on 11th March, in the person of Lieut.-Colonel Mervyn Davies, the commanding officer of the 11th and 16th Battalion. Colonel Davies spent his early years on the Kalgoorlie goldfields, and served abroad with the 28th Battalion, where he attained the rank of captain. Since the war he remained on the active list. The Colonel was a partner in the engineering firm of Flower, Davies and Johnson, and was highly respected in business circles. Last year he acted as secretary of the 28th Battalion Association. The funeral, which was a military one, was very largely attended. The "L.P." extends sympathy to the widow and children.

A recent visitor to the State was Mr. R. E. Bush, of Bishop's Knoll, Bristol, England. Mr. Bush, in his earlier years, spent many years in this State, having extensive pastoral interests here. On the declaration of War Mr. and Mrs. Bush gave up their beautiful home on the historic Avon, which they turned into a hospital for sick and wounded soldiers, and not only fitted it up to accommodate 100 patients, but for the period of the war met all expenses out of their private purse, and thus saved the Government an expenditure that would have run into six figures. For the last three and a half years of the war, the hospital received only sick and wounded from the A.I.F.

During his stay in Australia many men who were inmates of Bishop's Knoll during the war visited Mr. Bush and discussed old times.

The month the wily bird woke up to the fact that he had not been near Tom McGow, of the 44th Battalion, and Victoria Park Sub-Branch, for about ten years. He atoned for the neglect by calling at Tom's place and leaving a baby girl.

During the month we made the acquaintance of a cheery, vigorous gentleman, who must have been the oldest soldier on the Western Front. This is Mr. J. H. Osbourn, who is visiting the State on business for his firm, the Alloyed Smelters, of which he is the engineer representative. Mr. Osbourn will be ninety years old next June. Though well over military age at the outbreak of war, he worked his passage to England on the Belushia, and was one of the engineers who supervised the construction of the tanks. He held a captain's rank with the Tank Corps in France, where he was engaged in the delivery of war tanks and the repair of tanks damaged in action. After three years and eight months of active service, for which he received special commendation, Mr. Osbourn worked his passage back to Australia on the Commonwealth liner, Bulba, a boat captured from the enemy.

Mr. Osbourn has seen much of the world, especially places off the regular tourist routes. He can speak interestingly of his experiences, and has a fund of anecdote that should make him a welcome and popular guest at all digger functions.

Our old friend, Miss Mary Meares, will once again organise the transport of sick and incapacitated soldiers for the Anzac Day procession in Perth. Miss Meares is anxious that all soldiers unable to march shall be picked up at their home, and all so handicapped are requested to inform her. During the day she can be located at the Maimed and Limbless Men's Hostel, 79 Colin St., West Perth, the telephone number being B 5888.

A recent visitor to a meeting of the State Executive was Captain Beresford E. Bardwell, of Broome. He was a member of the original 11th Battalion, and was transferred to the 51st Battalion when it was formed in Egypt. He was wounded on the Somme in 1918. Soon after the war Captain Bardwell, who was then pearlimg, landed a gem, which he sold for $4,000. He is at present harbour master at Broome, and president of the local sub-branch.
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Latest advice from Bunbury regarding the condition of Cliff Sadleir, V.C., is that he is doing much better than was anticipated, and expects to be out to join in the celebrations of Anzac Day. It will be remembered that Cliff accidentally suffered a double fracture of the leg early last month. Cliff is lost for words of appreciation of the manner he is being visited by Cliff Gillett and other members of the Bunbury Sub-Branch.

Ross Keeing, the President of the Pilbara Sub-Branch, which embraces the Port Hedland-Marble Bar area, is at present visiting Perth. Ross, who served with the 51st Battalion, is a great worker for the League. He has a pleasing personality, and is an eloquent speaker.

Another Victoria Cross winner has made his home in Western Australia, in the person of John Leak, who is located at Esperance. He served with the 9th Battalion, and won his V.C. during the first Pozieres battle, on July 23rd, 1918, being one of a party that eventually captured a strong enemy post. "At one assault," the official record states, "when the enemy's bombs were outflanking ours, Leak jumped out of the trench, ran forward under heavy machine gun fire at close range, and threw three bombs into the enemy's bombing post. He then jumped into the post, and bayonetted three unwounded bombers. Later, when the enemy in overwhelming numbers was driving his party back, he was always the last to withdraw at each stage, and kept on throwing bombs. His courage and energy had such an effect on the enemy that, on arrival of reinforcements, the whole trench was recaptured."

The new President of the Coolie Sub-Branch is Alf. Anderson. We anticipate a big forward move in League affairs in the northern city, as Alf is a driving force. He was president of the Coolie Sub-Branch during the years that the coal diggers held the Newdegate Cup. Alf is a pressman, and is also a member of the Press Sub-Branch.

A very popular member of the Yarloop Sub-Branch this year is Jack Carroll, V.C. Jack needs no introduction to diggers, as his exploits with the 33rd Battalion are too well known to allow of his fame being forgotten. He has had the misfortune to lose a foot in an accident since the war, but even this handicap has failed to damp his cheery optimism, and his presence adds considerably to the pleasure of diggers' meetings.

The officials of the Morawa sub-branch represent a variety of fighting units. Jack Tyler, the president, served with the 1st Canadians. As far as we know, he is the only ex-Canadian holding office in a sub-branch in this State. Vice-presidents are Rev. D. Davies, R.N.V.R., and H. Sorenson, an old 10th Light Horseman. Secretary Arthur A. Haynes served with the Lancs, Fusiliers, and his assistant, W. Hannant, with the 11th Batt. What sub-branch can boast a greater diversity of units?

A. R. E. Leader writes from Kentdale: I know what was passed at last Congress re preference policy. That's all right, but where the stork is concerned, it's all wrong. South Perth can keep the jolly fellow to themselves. The stork was seen flying over Kentdale again on January 6th, and the crook part of it is, that it lobbed right into my bungalow. Never mind, it was a heifer this time. Tell them to put a lock on the cage—or two, in case one is a dud.

Proposed Cameliers' Association

A very successful reunion of the Imperial Camel Corps was recently held in Sydney, and the outcome was the formation of the Cameliers' Association of N.S.W., A.I.F. Section. The Honorary Secretary is W. H. Titterton, Box FF 702, G.P.O., Sydney. In a letter to the State Secretary, Mr. Titterton writes: "We ever remember our very close association with the Western Australian boys, and desire to get in touch with any member who served abroad with the Imperial Camel Corps or the 14th or 15th Light Horse."

Cameliers were drawn from all units of the A.I.F., at the end of 1915, and there should be sufficient men who rode the smellfu beast during the war in this State to make a small organisation possible. The editor of this journal, Mr. E. S. Watt, was a Camelier, and is compiling a list of ex-members. He desires all who would be eligible to join such an association, to write to him at 397 Hay Street, Perth. The men of the L.C.C. were of a fine stamp, and their record was a glorious one—well worth preserving in the minds of its members.

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On March 27th, Mr. John Wood, of the Press Sub-Branch, the oldest active member of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.I.L.A., will celebrate his seventy-second birthday. Though old in years, Mr. Wood is young temperamentally, and vigorous physically, so that one wonders at what age do old soldiers really begin to grow old.

Mr. Wood was born at Sheerness, Kent, in 1860. He enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery, on October 29th, 1877, and shortly afterwards was transferred to the Royal Horse Artillery. In those days one had to go to India to see the British Army, for the home depots were occupied by recruits and young soldiers. Mr. Wood took his discharge from the Army in India on June 10th, 1890, after serving in India for nine years and eight months. On the ninth of the following September he landed at Albany, and a week later commenced work —pick and shovel work—on the Great Southern Railway. He witnessed the landing of Sir William Robinson, the first Governor of Western Australia, under the new constitution. He joined the W.A. Government Railways in August, 1891, but resigned on December 23rd, 1893, to take up duty with the Midland Railway Company as station-master at Moore River, near Mingenew, which post he assumed on January 1st, 1894. The station in those days was just a galvanised iron shed ten feet by twelve feet, and the new stationmaster, with his wife and child, lived in the timekeeper’s hut, a commodious residence six feet by eight feet, until a proper station was built. In the latter part of 1894, Mr. Wood was transferred to Moora, where a new station had been built. Shortly after this he was appointed postmaster, and in this capacity he signed the first two contracts for the conveyance of mails, a weekly service, from Moora to Walebing, via Berkshire Valley, and to Dandaragan.

In the early part of 1895, Mr. Wood was transferred to Gin Gin station. He resigned from the company’s service on August 14th, 1896. On November 2nd of the same year, he joined the W.A. Police Force, from which he retired on March 27th, 1927, with thirty years and six months’ service to his credit.

While with the police, Mr. Wood opened the Police School for recruits, taking charge as instructor in February, 1897.

Whilst in charge of the Recruits’ School, he was granted leave to serve in the South African War with the Imperial Bushmen’s Contingent, which he joined in March, 1900. The Western Australian company was commanded by Major James Rose, and embarked on the troopship Manhattan. The other companies of the regiment, the 4th Imperial Bushmen’s Corps, were already on board. These were “A” and “B” Companies from South Australia, “C” Company from Tasmania, and “D” Company from Western Australia. The regiment was commanded by Colonel James Rowell, of South Australia, who is described by Mr. Wood as one of the best officers any man could wish to serve under. Mr. Wood left Australia with the rank of company sergeant major, but on landing in South Africa, he was made regimental sergeant major, this rank being confirmed by General Paget at Bethlehem, in the Orange Free State, on July 4th, 1900. Mr. Wood served in Africa until the regiment returned to Australia in the latter part of 1901.

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State Executive Meetings

March 2, 1932

At the meeting of the State Executive held on March 2, 1932, there were present Messrs. Collett, Riley, Phillips, Tyree, Denton, Olden, Tozer, Hunt, Lovell, Edmonds, Panton, Watt, Pady, Farquharson, Margolin, Mellor, Bader, Cornell, and Walker. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Gillett, Freedman, Smith, Birwistle, and Nugent. Captain B. E. Hardwell, president of the Broome Sub-branch, attended the meeting as a visitor and was welcomed by the President.

Committee.—Mr. Farquharson was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Finance Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. F. W. Parker, and to replace Mr. J. H. Toger on the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield Committee. Mr. H. Walker was appointed to the House Committee in place of Mr. Farquharson.

Policy of the League in National Emergency.—A letter from the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch expressed the opinion that it was time that the policy of the League in meeting a national emergency, which the disturbed condition of the international situation might bring about at any moment, should be considered. Kalgoorlie Sub-branch thought that the State Executive should meet this situation. Mr. Farquharson, the President, said that he had instructed the Minister for Defence to move the necessary legislation. He also stated that the Executive would meet the situation as it arose.

On the motion of Colonel Olden and Mr. Farquharson, it was unanimously decided that the State President reply to Kalgoorlie in these terms. 

League Consultative Council.—A resolution from the Nederlands Park Sub-branch, "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 bringing their influence to bear upon the Federal and State Governments and private firms and companies in the interest of the country and the digger," was also discussed. It was decided that Colonel Collett should reply, in accordance with the provisions of the previous motion.

Congress Resolutions.—The resolution from Congress requesting the Executive to draw up details of a scheme for the issue of a certificate by the League to firms who honoured the principle of preference was referred to the Management Committee for report.

A further resolution dealing with the necessity of securing preference for soldiers in employment was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee for the purpose of preparing a scheme for submission to the Executive.

Pensions Committee.—The report of the Pensions Committee, held on February 22, was received. The report recommended that the following resolutions be submitted as items for the agenda paper for the forthcoming Federal Executive meeting:

1. Except in cases of obvious mis-statement on the part of the men concerned, no pensioner's receipt of 50% rate or greater should be heavily reduced in any one period, and reduction if indicated should be gradual to allow him to readjust his economic position; further, in the case of special rate pensioners, at least three months' notice should be given of any reduction.

2. That the Federal Executive take immediate steps to bring about an amendment to Section 19 of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act to provide for the child of a pensioner, born after the death of the pensioner, to participate in pension and other benefits.

3. That the question of old age pensions and their relation to war pensions be discussed at the Federal Executive meeting.

In connection with the third item, the committee was of the opinion that the matter should be considered when there was any review of the Financial Emergency Act, particularly in regard to soldiers' pensions. Special attention should be given to the pensions of widowed mothers, and
the committee was definitely of the opinion that war pensions should not be taken into consideration when dealing with old-age pensions.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Farquharson said: "That in view of the serious hardships already borne by soldier pensioners, the State Executive deplores the attempts being made by the Commonwealth Auditor-General to bring about a further cut in pensions; and requests the Federal Executive to do its utmost to protect war pensioners and their dependants from the infliction of any further pension reductions."

The motion was carried.

"Miss Wistella" Competition.—Mr. J. H. Tozer reported progress in connection with this competition. He stated that 43 sub-branches had already entered.

Empire and Local Trading.—It was further reported by Mr. Tozer that consideration had been given to a letter from the Mt. Lawley Sub-branch, suggesting that the League conduct a State-wide exhibition. Inquiries had been made of the Council of Industrial Development, and the committee had formed the opinion that the necessary preparation and control of such an exhibition would be beyond the capacity of the committee at present. The Royal Sub-branch, Mr. Tozer added, was a State-wide exhibition of products, and, as such, served the purpose sought by the Mt. Lawley Sub-branch. Both Victoria Park and South Perth Sub-branches had agreed to hold local exhibitions in the near future.

The report was then adopted.

Anzac Day.—The report of the Anzac Day committee, held on February 22, was received. It recommended that in view of certain circumstances reported and the probability of an aggravation of the general economic stress in the near future, action should be deferred in connection with Congress resolutions dealing with Anzac Day to a more suitable time.

A letter was received from the Metropolitan Markets Trust, stating that it would not be practicable to close the markets on Anzac Day. The Auctioneers', Packers' and Buyers' Association had been approached, but, while in sympathy, the request was declined. Mr. J. C. Langslow had been approached by the Federal President for the selection of one to represent the League. The President had authorized a telegram raising no objection to the proposed personnel. This action was endorsed.

16th March, 1932.

At the meeting of the State Executive held on March 16, 1932, there were present Messrs. Collett, Freedman, Phillip, Tyler, Denton, Olden, Tozer, Hunt, Lovell, Edmonds, Nicholson, Smith, Watt, Farquharson, Pady, Birtwistle, Margolin, Nugent, Mellor, Bader, Cornell and Walker. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Gillett and Panton.

Ex-Imperials.—The adjourned debate on a motion of Captain E. W. Edmonds, that permission be given to ex-Imperial men to form their own sub-branch was again the subject of much discussion. During the debate reference was made to a letter written by Colonel Chevra, of Melbourne, to Colonel Heath, General Secretary of the British Legion, which contained a number of mis-statements of fact. The motion was lost on the vote of the chairman, cast in accordance with the precedent of maintaining the status quo.

Pensions.—The adjourned debate in regard to the endorsement of a resolution carried by the Consultative Council was continued and it was agreed that the resolution be referred to the Pensions Committee for re-drafting.

(a) Gold Mining Industry.—Referred to the Mining and Prospecting Committee.

(b) Importation of Foreign Goods.—Resolution 96, of 16th Annual Congress, was received and laid on the table.

Invitations for Meadra (Anzac Day) and Quirasing (date to be fixed) were referred to the Management Committee.

Arising from correspondence in the case of the late Mr. P. V. Stirling, the Repatriation Department requested a conference between Department officials and the League representatives. Messrs. Watt, Freedman and Panton were appointed to confer. Correspondence in connection with an invitation to No. 11 Ward of the Perth General Hospital was referred to this committee.

General Sub-branch complained of delay in funeral arrangements at the Perth General Hospital. It was decided to refer the matter to the Department of Public Health.

The Moorine Rock Sub-branch expressed appreciation of Colonel Olden's visit.

A suggestion from the Subiaco Sub-branch, that the W.A. Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund be known as the "College Fund for Aged Sailors and Soldiers," was received. It was agreed that the matter be considered at a later stage.

Sub-branch Boundaries.—The Victoria Park Sub-branch requested the Executive to protect their interests and define sub-branch boundaries. It was agreed that the sub-branch be advised that an amicable arrangement could probably be made by a conference with the sub-branches concerned.

Employment Bureau.—The Midland Junction Sub-branch advised that they had decided to form an employment bureau and requested approval. This was granted.

Building Fund.—The Kendale Sub-branch supposed advice concerning the investment of certain funds. It was agreed to advise the sub-branch that no objection would be raised.

No.4 District Committee.—A communication from No. 4 District Committee was referred to.

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A communication from Kalgoorlie Sub-branch about the control of retail prices was referred to the State President for reply.

The reports of the State Secretary, the Finance Committee meeting of March 16, and the Pensions Committee meeting of March 7, the Mining and Prospecting Committee, were received and adopted.

Unemployment Conference.—This report indicated that 35 Road Boards and Municipalities had announced their intention of being represented at the conference at the Returned Soldiers' Institutes, at 11 a.m., on Monday, March 21. The report was received.

Empire and Local Trading Committee.—In connection with the "Miss Westralia" competition, this committee reported that the £50 donated by the Pastoralists' Association would be allotted as follows:—First prize, £30; second prize, £10; third prize, £5; and five special prizes of £1 each, to be awarded in order of merit. To date, 16 sub-branches had entered the competition. The report was received and adopted.

Anzac Day Committee.—This report dealt with the arrangements for the Dawn Service and Esplanade Service, and stated that no official luncheon would be held this year. The report was received and adopted.

Visits.—The following visits were reported: Brunswick Junction (the Country Vice-President), Claremont (the State President), Kellibrerrin (Mr. G. Mellor), Kalgoorlie (Mr. Cornwell), Kelmscott (Mr. Farquharson). Colonel Nicholson reported having visited sub-branches on the Midland line. The report of a meeting of the Lennon Board of Visitors, held on March 1, was laid on the table for the information of members.

Federal Correspondence.—Communications from the Federal Office concerning War Service Homes (Amended Regulation), the willingness of the Defence Department to assist in celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli; Naturalisation Fee, and the Commonwealth Loan, were received.

Information about Associations of Soldiers' Fathers, received from the various State Branches, was referred to the Management Committee. A communication about the granting of awards by the Appeal Tribunal, and one dealing with the commutation of pensions were referred to the Pensions Committee, as was also a letter concerning legislation to govern this question. Anzac Day messages were received from His Excellency the Governor-General, and from the Federal President; these will be published on due date.

Invitations.—The Secretary was instructed to advise the Geraldton Sub-branch that it is expected that no representation could be arranged for the sub-branch's function on March 19, but that a visit will be paid at a future date. An invitation from Campion for April 23, will be referred to the Management Committee.

New Sub-branch.—The application for permission to form a new sub-branch at Augusta was referred to the Management Committee. The appointments of officials for the Gascoyne and Merredin Sub-branches were approved. The Maylands Sub-branch wrote with reference to the present system of issuing badges as the result of the last Congress resolution. The reply was left in the hands of the Secretary.

Amelioration.—An application was received from the Boulder Sub-branch for assistance for their amelioration fund. Further information had been requested by the State Secretary, which had not yet been supplied.

Correspondence was read from the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch concerning an application for the cost of a medical examination at the laboratory. The State Secretary had asked for further information.

Increased Water Charges.—Arising from the Congress resolution which protested against these charges, Kalgoorlie Sub-branch desired to know if any further action was being taken. It was pointed out that, in accordance with the resolution, a protest had been lodged and acknowledged.

The motion of Colonel Olden and Mr. Nugent that the sub-branch be advised that this Executive would support any suggestion that Kalgoorlie Sub-branch made in this regard, was lost. The meeting carried the amendment of Messrs. Watt and Bader, instructing the State Secretary to obtain all the information possible, on this matter and report to the next meeting, was carried.

Entertainment.—The ex-Naval Men's Association requested the Executive's co-operation in arranging a luncheon in honour of Rear-Admiral R. C. Dalgliesh, who was passing through to take command of His Majesty's Australian Squadron. It was agreed to accede to this request and the matter and report to the next meeting.

Employment Scheme.—An employment scheme, submitted by Mr. E. S. McPeek, was referred to the Employment Committee.

Preference, Local Government Contracts.—The 16th Federal Congress in Adelaide resolved to approve the State Governments with the objects

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of securing five per cent. preference for any returned soldiers’ tendering for Government supplies and contracts. A reply by the Secretary of the Premier’s Department (Mr. L. E. Shapcott) to the West Australian Branch’s request for such preference stated that at present preference was given to West Australian products over those of imported origin, and that the tariff wave a substantial preference to Australian products over British or foreign. It appeared to be an extremely difficult matter to give practical effect to a policy of preference of the nature asked for returned soldiers, as such a policy would undoubtedly lead to “dumbing” and to an increase in the cost of goods purchased for the use of the Government. Anything that would operate in this direction could not be tolerated.

A Congress resolution to the effect that as the Premier had stated that the War was over thirteen years ago, and that the preference question had lost its appeal, the Executive should formulate a scheme to urge the necessity for giving preference on employers, had been referred to the Pensions Committee, which recommended that a suitable letter should be sent to all employers associations. The recommendation was adopted.

Poppies Day.—The Perth Sub-branch requested the State Executive to procure from metropolitan sub-branches particulars of amelioration funds for the years 1926-31 inclusive. It was agreed to advise the Perth Sub-branch that they could request this information from the sub-branches concerned.

Transfer Fees and Stamp Duties.—Resolution 33, 16th Annual Congress asked that State Governments be approached and requested to waive transfer fees when transferring a war service home to a widow or next of kin a deceased soldier. The Premier’s Department advised that Parliament would have to authorise such a waiver and that it would not be possible to approach Parliament at the present time with any proposal that would involve the loss of revenue.

Export Duties, Tobacco.—The Yannah Sub-branch requested the Executive to take action re lifting the duty of 10d. per lb. on tobacco. The State Secretary reported that he had sought information as to the number of returned soldiers affected.

Our Monthly Competition

The contributions submitted for our “Most Interesting Man” Competition were of a higher quality this month. The month’s prize goes to Mr. G. Seager, of Waroona, whose composition, signed “Shrapnel,” was adjudged the most interesting. Future competitors are requested to consider our space, and make their contributions as brief as possible. We regret that these considerations of space do not permit us to publish every story submitted. For the month of April, the usual competition will be held in abeyance, and efforts sent in before this notice appears in print will be held over until May. For April, the prize of £1/1/- will be given for the best hitherto unrecorded story of heroism. We want something like this for our special Anzac issue, so weigh in with your stories, and please confine them to about five hundred words.

Murphy, J. P., Reg. No. 1,008,859
(By “Shrapnel”)

I met him, or rather, he introduced himself to me, in the suburbs of Durban, S.A., in June, 1914. In the “wee sma” hours of a frosty morning, accompanied by two or three jovial and convivial pals, I was returning to my digs from a very successful evening at the local casino; I had won from the table something like, £200. Self and pals, having celebrated freely, were walking homeward, no cabs, cars, nor rickshaws being available at that hour of the morning. On the, friend,” said he, “how about a sovereign?” tile, we were accosted by “Murphy,” who addressed himself to me: “Say, entering the street containing our dominion (only he called it “soy”), “Why,” said I, “should I give you a soy?” “Just to save me the trouble of picking your pocket,” said he. At that the others interrupted and wanted to beat him up, or hand him over to the police, but I objected; and finally we agreed to go along to our digs and talk it over. Murphy coming with us. Arriving at home, we entered, and after lighting up and producing refreshments, I had time to look Murphy over. Pleasant featured, height 5 feet 8 in., weight eleven stone, deeply sun-burned, and looking every inch an athlete (which afterwards I found out he was), the only thing I could see about Murphy that was different from the hundred and one athletic young men in Durban was his hands, fingers long, slender, and tapering. He, with a little coaxing, told us some of his life story (which does not affect this), and proving a very versatile and pleasant spoken young man, he entertained us until 7 a.m., then after breakfasting with us, he left, the richer by £10, and we thought it money well-spent, despite his assertion that he would some day refund it. (He did, six months later in Togoland, West Africa.)

September 4th, 1914.—In camp at Beira race-course, Durban, S.A. The newly recruited regiments, S.A. Scottish (Inf.), Sports Batt. (Inf.), and the Cape
Town Mountain Battery, approximately 1,800 men. To the last named unit this story applies. Myself and two bosom companions are doing our best to get accustomed to uniforms, mules, pack-saddles, rifles, and all the necessary gadgets that go to make a fighting unit efficient, when the orderly corp. for the day approaches each little squad of men inquiring for Murphy, J. P., Trooper. Name not meaning anything to us, we take no notice. Bye and bye I see the corporal and one trooper crossing parade ground to guard room, and it is then I recognise our old friend Murphy. Scanting excitement, disaster, or at least something unusual, I managed to get to the rear of the guard tent, which, being only a small marquee and not sound proof, I overheard the following:—

"Murphy, John Peter?"
"Yes, sir; that's me."
"Joined Mountain Battery?"
"Yes, sir."
"When did you enter camp?"
"Reported last night at six, sir."
"Where is the horse that you produced when you enlisted?"
"Returned to the stable I stole him from to enlist with, sir."
"Then you have no horse?"
"No, sir."
"Better transfer at once to the infantry."

"Please, sir, let me stay where I am; shure, amongst all those horses and mules there's bound to be one that has no owner, and I can look after him."

So stay he did, and the very next day he was drafted to the same section as myself, and we remained section mates for three years. When the trek was long —hot, sweltering days, men and animals choked with dust; when the sun blistered the skin through your clothes, and, discontented and hungry, sullenness and sulkiness were in the atmosphere, who was it that woke up the troops, and set them a-laughing and singing and joking? Why, Murphy, with a two-penny tin whistle, whose shrill notes could be heard the length of the squadron, with his Irish lilt and plantation ditties.

In Togoland, and the Cameroons, when troopers remarked in lurid and variegated language on the heat of the country, it was not Murphy that made the air seem cooler by remarking that "maybe hell was hotter."

Murphy had a large and varied list of accomplishments at the tips of his long, slender fingers—slight of hand tricks, and the manipulation of a pack of cards as done by him, would put to shame many of the stage entertainers of to-day; scrounging, first-aid, an uncanny knowledge of veterinary work, whistling, with or without an instrument; story-telling, truthful and otherwise. But the one that mystified and interested me most was his ability to read the lips of persons conversing out of hearing. This last accomplishment was the cause of his becoming the best liked man in the regiment, and, incidentally, of the finest scrap sans armament that ever I had. It befell thus:—

The regiment was stationed at George-town. Sierra Leone, February, 1917, for a four weeks' spell; it was something like resting on the roof of Hades with the skylights open. (Some of my readers have recollections.) Murphy and myself were seated one evening in an estaminet enjoying "one off the ice" (out of bounds as usual), when he startled me with this remark, "Want a stoush?"

"What's up?" said I. "Do you see those two snoozers over there?" nodding towards two men in "civvies" that he had been watching since our entrance. "Juss so," I says. "Well," Murphy continued, "the bloke on the right has confessed to his pal that he has just rifled General X's satchel and stolen some valuable blue prints, and suggests they wait for a third party, who will be only too eager to purchase them. Thing is, shall ye jump these two, or wait for the third." Here fate took a hand in the game, and party number three arrived. Desiring, I suppose, to get the business over, and not be seen together, the newcomer, after asking several questions, produced a large wad of notes, and received in return a large official looking envelope. Then the fun commenced; Murphy sprang like a panther, and seized the envelope with his right hand, flooring his man with a straight left to the point. Me, I did nothing so slick. I used a chair to good purpose, for I broke the arm of the man who received the money (also the chair). The other habits of the place now took a hand against the two mad artillery men, as they called us, and only the timely arrival of the military Jacks saved us from annihilation (the one and only time I loved a Jack).

The sequel to that dustup was, imprisonment and deportation for three, two stripes for Murphy (they couldn't make it three; he was out of bounds), the return of the blue prints to General X, the removal of two teeth, and four stitches in the side of head for yours truly.

On receipt of his stripes, Murphy promptly put them in his tunic pocket, and as promptly forgot all about them. All his spare time whilst in camp he put among the horses and mules on the lines. Sergants were sick to death of inquiring and searching for Corporal Murphy; he was always dressing a sick horse. Sore backs, breast, girth, and breeching galls were all duly attended to, not only for the animals under his own care, but of the whole troop, and where he scrounged his medicines from, none knew, and Murph. would never tell.

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Local Authorities’ Conference with R.S.L.

The conference between local government authorities and representatives of the R.S.L., arranged in consequence of a scheme to mitigate unemployment submitted by the Nedlands Park Sub-Branch, was held in the Soldiers’ Institute, on Monday, March 21st.

Forty-eight local governing bodies had sent delegates to the conference, and other organisations represented were the Chamber of Manufactures, the Council of Industries, the State Executive of the Australian Labour Party, and the Local Governing Bodies Association. Members of Parliament present included the Lord Mayor (Sir William Lathlain, M.L.C.), Mr. L. B. Bolton, M.L.C., and Messrs. J. J. Kenneally and R. S. Sampson, M.L.A.

In welcoming the delegates, Colonel Collett spoke of our urgent need of coping with the unemployment situation. “There is an insistent call to do something. We cannot afford to wait until a change in the world’s circumstances permits the Government to develop its larger schemes.” The Premier, in a short address, stressed the need for increased production to augment the national income. Mr. Scaddan spoke in a threefold capacity—as Minister for Unemployment, Minister for Industries, and as Chairman of the Perth Road Board. Mr. Scaddan’s references to lead-swinging and the need for assistance in the matter of supervision by local bodies were provocative of much interjecting, but Mr. Scaddan thrives on heckling, and when he sat down his speech was warmly applauded.

The proceedings of the conference have been fully reported in the daily press. We were frankly disappointed with the somewhat narrow viewpoint displayed by several speakers, but there is no doubt that everyone present was seized with the seriousness of the task to be faced. The conference was opposed to further borrowing, and in rejecting the first scheme put up by Nedlands, it carried an amendment moved by Mr. E. H. B. Lefroy, that—

It is a recommendation from this conference to local governing bodies that, in cases where works are warranted, such works should be undertaken, and loans be raised for the purpose.

The second of the schemes, the capitalisation of traffic fees, also met with some opposition. Mr. L. T. Boas (Subiaco) moved an amendment: that the scheme be referred to the Metropolitan Local Government Association for the purpose of convening a conference in the metropolitan traffic area, the scheme to refer to local bodies in the metropolitan area only. The amendment was carried, and it was a further motion, moved by Mr. Lefroy (Moora), as follows:

—Conference favours the amendment of the Traffic Act to allow the local authorities to capitalise any proportion of the traffic fees up to 50 per cent., such proportion to be at the individual discretion of the local authorities, and such amendments to include indemnity by the Government against any Act that might deprive local bodies of continuity of this source of revenue, and that the Government forego the—quota now required from local authorities.

No opposition was voiced to this motion. The following motions were then carried at the instance of Messrs. Lefroy and Sampson respectively:

“The Road Board Association executive should be approached to act in cooperation with local boards in the matter of raising of loans desired by the boards.”

“In carrying the different motions, this conference makes it a condition that the protection afforded by local government Acts, whereby the right of demanding a referendum is given before the raising of a loan, be retained.”

Finally, the meeting carried with acclamation, at the instance of Mr. T. Synott (Katanning), a motion expressing its appreciation of the action of the Returned Soldiers’ League in initiating the conference, and its thanks for hospitality extended during the day. The conference opened at 11 a.m. and closed at 5.30 p.m.

28th BATTALION (A.I.F.) ASSN.

All those who served with this famous battalion are urged by the Association Committee to attend at parade on Anzac Day, and those residing in the metropolitan area are specially requested to roll up at the big parade in Perth. The Committee desires to be able to report the largest unit parade figure.

32nd BATTALION

The committee of the 32nd Battalion Association, having decided that it’s a long time “between drinks,” desires members to note that all ranks will gather together at the R.S.L. Rooms (Reading Room), on the 19th of April (Tuesday) at 8 p.m. Bob Alexander states that no 32nd Battalion man should allow anything to bar his being present at this gathering. Now “Tivy’s Choc’s” make a note of that date, time and place.

The Justice of the Peace in a Western town had to hear and judge cases that were brought before him, and also perform occasional marriage ceremonies.

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The State Executive Anzac Day Committee have been working on the organisation of the celebrations on Anzac Day. With a few improvements, arrangements for the Perth service will be similar to those of last year. The President of the League (Colonel Collett) will deliver the address. All sub-branches are, no doubt, working to make the 1932 Anzac Day celebrations bigger and better than ever. As the years roll on more and more ex-service men proudly join in the parades and once again march shoulder to shoulder with the proved comrades of other days. The Dawn Service at the War Memorial will again grip the imagination and move the hearts of all. This service has come to stay, and most country sub-branches have now included this feature in their celebrations. We have heard that one suburban sub-branch is considering the holding of a dawn service at their local memorial. We hope that this will not eventuate, as we feel that it would be a pity to do anything that would keep people away from the service at the State War Memorial.

The “Miss Westralia” Contest

Over 60 sub-branches have launched local campaigns in connection with the Miss Westralia wool flock competition.

It is very encouraging the manner in which the League is assisting the Wool Week Committee with its objective of popularising the use of wool, and thereby helping one of our primary industries.

The sub-branch competitions must be finalised by the end of April, and the finalists will be brought to Perth to enjoy the round of festivities during wool week, and to compete in the final on May 24th. They will receive first-class faxes both ways, and, if necessary, will be billeted under a scheme being arranged by the R.S.L. The £50 prize money for the final has been allocated as follows: First prize £30, second £10, third £5, and five special prizes of £1 each. Competitors are also eligible to enter for the Albany Woollen Mills' competition, provided the materials are manufactured by this mill. This competition is being conducted by the Western Mail, and all particulars can be obtained from the State Secretary, B.S.I.

Support Local Enterprise

The No. 4 Consultation conducted by the W.A. Charities Consultation Committee was a great success, being largely over-subscribed. The No. 5 sweep is launched, and will be a double-barrelled one. Two first prizes of £1,000 will be won, the total prize money being £5,000. Diggers who like a mild flutter should purchase tickets in this local enterprise in preference to sending the money out of the State.

Women's Auxiliaries

STATE EXECUTIVE

The Rural Household Science Students were entertained at the quarterly social held on the 22nd February, at the Soldiers' Institute. Mrs. Wilson (President State Executive), assisted by Mrs. Kirby (Vice-President), welcomed the guests. Owing to the R.S.L. being at practice on the lawn outside, the first half of the programme was devoted to dancing and competitions. Operatic gems from the band lightened the task of those at work on the puzzling out of proper and motor car names. Mrs. Stubberfield was the winner in “What’s in a Name” competition, and Mrs. Cooper carried off the prize in the motor car letter. The company was most enthusiastic over the singing of the “Select Four” (Messrs. Roland Parsons, J. Arthur, J. and G. Wardell). This excellent quartette party gave many rollicking and humorous part songs and solos. Mr. Archer Norwood was accompanist and he, too, gave several bright numbers. Miss Shortland Jones sang some of her sweet songs with the aid of her banjo. Miss Somers, a favourite as Auxiliary functions also contributed several solos.

In the Monte Carlo dance Miss Grieve and Mrs. Raphael were the winners. Miss Mann and Mrs. Tibbs chanced to be on the “Lucky Spot” in the walk. Mrs. Power played for the dancing. Supper was prepared and served by the Mt. Hawthorn Auxiliary. Mrs. T. C. Wilson extended a hearty welcome to the rural science students and Mrs. Farrelly replied on their behalf, thanking the Auxiliaries for the pleasant evening accorded them. Mrs. Kirke (Trustee) proposed a vote of thanks to the artists who had charmed all with their music, and added considerably to the evening’s enjoyment.

The Annual United Auxiliaries’ Picnic took place on Saturday afternoon, 12th March, at Caversham House. Over 100 members of the various auxiliaries, availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting Caversham. Mrs. Wilson welcomed the parties as they arrived in buses and private cars. Very soon different groups were seen seeking enjoyment as they wished. Some played tennis, others made for the swimming pool, while others sat under the TPO awnings, or the shady trees by the riverside, watching the more active in their sport. Watermelons and grapes were there in abundance, all grown at Caversham House. Mrs. Withall won the swimming race. After some drowsy play, Madam Halliday and Jamieson were pro-
nounced the victors in the tennis. The flat race was run in two heats and the winners thoroughly deserved their prizes. Both ladies came from Baywater—Mrs. McGahey and Mrs. Henderson.

During the afternoon, tea was served by Mrs. Wilson's three daughters. Merry company were formed under the shade of the olive trees and much chatter accompanied the clink of the tea cups. After Mrs. Wilson had addressed all present, urging each one individually to assist in making the "Miss Westralia" Wool Competition a success, she was encircled by the company and "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow" was lustily finished off with three cheers.

The more energetic danced "Sir Roger de Coverley" on the lawn, much to the enjoyment of both dancers and onlookers. While awaiting the arrival of the buses, war-time songs on the gramaphone had all the party singing—a fitting close to a perfect afternoon.

The auxiliaries appreciated sincerely the kindness shown to them by Col. and Mrs. Wilson and their family.

WEST LEEDERVILLE

At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary held last month there was a good attendance present, and the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. James; Vice-President, Mrs. T. M. James; and Mrs. H. J. McCann; Honorary Secretary, Mrs. I. E. Jose; and a very Strong Committee, consisting of: Mesdames Peters, Faulkner, James, Watty, Jones, Haline, McCann, Krogur, Kingwill, Haline, Keegan, Moore, Dunn, Warner, Troedel and Miss Bennett.

The auxiliary meets on the second Thursday in each month, at the residence of Mrs. I. E. Jose.

The ladies are now actively engaged in finding entrants for the "Miss West Leederville" competition—in connection with the Wool Week Campaign, and those interested are asked to get in touch with the executive members of the auxiliary. They also want new members. Full information can always be obtained in this regard.

Commencing on the 1st April, dances to suit all, are going to be held in the Town Hall, Cambridge Street, West Leederville, every Friday night.

We would like to see some of the younger ladies of the district joining this auxiliary, they are all welcome, and it must be appreciated that some of the present members have given their services for many years. They are still very active on the job, but when "Poppay Day" appeals and others come around help from some of the youth of the district would be appreciated.

VICTORIA PARK

At the general meeting of this branch held on February 27th, which was well attended, a large amount of important business was dealt with.

Wool Week.—It was unanimously decided that steps be taken to launch a "Miss Victoria Park" competition in this connection, in conjunction with the sub-Branch. A sub-committee was appointed consisting of Mesdames Taylor (President), Pike (Hon. Secretary), Barnett and Coleman to act in conjunction with Messrs. Barnett, Tolme, Gray and Wilson. Mrs. Pike was elected to act as Secretary, and Mrs. Coleman as publicity officer. At a committee meeting held on Monday at the residence of Mrs. Barrett, 31 Miller Street, it was decided that the Secretary be instructed to get in touch with other organizations in the district with a view to getting further nominations. It is expected that a ready response will be made. Entries already have been received through the auxiliary. The date of entry closes on Saturday, March 19th, and candidates are requested to get in touch with Mrs. Pike as soon as possible, from whom all further particulars can be obtained. A prize to the value of 30s. has been offered by the sub-branch to the successful competitor in the district.

Memorial Gardens.—The action of the committee was endorsed in regard to erecting a fence-rount and the memorial, and a bridge evening and whist drive were held at the residence of Mrs. Jennings, Leonard Street, on the evening of Thursday, the 10th March, to help defray expenses. Forty players attended, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Mrs. and Mr. Norton were the winners of the bridge tournament, and Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. Pike topped the whist. A dainty supper was served, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. and Mrs. Jennings for their courtesy in lending their home for the occasion.

In conjunction with the R.S.L. the Horticultural Society have been working to improve and beautify the memorial, and it is hoped that the work will be completed by Anzac Day, and the auxiliary are entering whole-heartedly in helping to further this object.

Children's Annual Picnic to the Zoo.—On Sunday, March 6th, about 150 children and numerous adults were conveyed by lorries from various points in Albany Road to the Zoo, leaving at 10 a.m. An interesting programme of sports was arranged by the sports committee of the R.S.L.

The auxiliary wish to thank all those who donated ginger beer, ice cream, lollies, also books, etc., for prizes, also the owners and drivers of the lorries who conveyed the kiddies to and from the Zoo free of charge.

NORTH PERTH

At last meeting of this auxiliary the Secretary's half-yearly report was submitted. The statement showed that the past six months had been a very busy and useful period. A considerable amount of clothing, four parcels of flannel and three layettes, had been distributed.

Magazines and books were collected and forwarded to sick soldiers. Assistance was given at all the sub-branch and local Boy Scout social functions.

We have received one interesting letter from the Narrogin Auxiliary. As Narrogin is our "country link" we are hoping to hear a lot more from them during the next six months.

Our President (Mrs. Richmond), who has been ill, is back to duty. We will be pleased also to welcome back Mrs. Helen, who has not had good health for some time.

SOUTH PERTH

The February meeting of the South Perth Women's Auxiliary was well attended. Arrangements for the children's fancy dress ball (16th February, at Swan Street Hall) were completed and a very successful function is anticipated. A deputation from the Sub-branch was received in order that the "Miss South Perth" competition for Wool Week could be explained to members. A strong committee, consisting of Mesdames Philp, Aberle, Orligil, Haydock and Hill, and Miss Wells, was formed to co-operate with the Sub-branch's committee in conducting this competition. The whole-hearted support of the Auxiliary is also being given to the Local Products Exhibition, at which function the selection of "Miss South Perth" will be made.

The Auxiliary's initial bridge evening was a marked success and Madame Treasurer Beere was enabled thereby to put a few more francs in the old oak chest. Mrs. Richardson and Mr. See carried off the trophies for highest scores, while Mrs. Bell and Mr. Pratt secured consolation prizes. Enquiries prizes were awarded to Mrs. Guy (high) and Mrs. McNichol (low). A tea tray, made and donated by Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, was won by Mrs. Halse (ticket No. 19). The proceeds from this raffle were credited to the children's fund.

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MT. LAWLEY

The Mt. Lawley Sub-branch is having a very busy time at the present. All committees are actively engaged with their efforts. Messrs. Glick, Reed, Brooks and Evesham, with Mr. T. Woods as Secretary, are organizing the sub-branch's share of the Miss Mt. Lawley Competition of Wool Week. They have the active co-operation of the Ladies' Committee led by Messrs. J. Doran (President), Dewry and Crace (Vice- Presidents) and Miss I. Hewitt (Secretary). The Social Committee has just completed the executive work of the annual smoke-o, which was one of the best held ever by the sub-branch. Mr. J. Watson, of Kondinin, was the principal speaker from distant sub-branches, and his speech was the highlight of the evening.

Popular Col. Flintoff, President of the Sub-branch, has had another spell from duty, this time due to the return of troubles from war wounds. His presence is a great asset to the generally accepted custom of the Press was honoured early in the evening. This gave Mr. Kenneth Henderson, the proposer, an opportunity to give an interesting outline of a pressman's duties and the place of the Press in the community. Mr. Watt proposed the toast of the K.S.L., coupled with the name of Colonel Collett, who was the guest of honour. The Colonel, in replying, paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Watt's work in connection with the Press. The toast of the visitors was responded to by Mr. H. E. J. Trathan, an English officer-journalist, who was able to give valuable and interesting information about recent developments in the film industry, and who recalled certain acts of kindness he had received from diggers, while a prisoner of war in Germany. Others toasting this toast were Mr. Joe Zions, an original 12th Battalion officer, who is on a trip from Sydney, and Mr. W. B. P. Neal, of the 8th Battalion. The features of the evening were an amusing sketch, "The Opening of the Sydney Bridge," and an old time Minstrel Show, in which Ike Tolchard and John Wood, as Sambo and Rustus, covered themselves with glory. Mr. Wilkins, of Subiaco, who has been able to be considered an honorary member of every metropolitan sub-branch, arrived without his fiddle. However, this did not prevent him from contributing materially to the evening's gayety.

WEST LEEDERVILLE

This Sub-branch has commenced 1932 in an auspicious manner. Notwithstanding the indifferent times that we are passing through, the sub-branch is financial, and it is the definite intention of the Executive in charge at the present time to take such steps as are necessary to maintain financial. This, of course, can only be done by the fifty co-operation of our supporters, not forgetting our friends, the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

As at the January meeting the following officers were elected for 1932: President, E. T. Teode; Vice-Presidents, C. W. R. Beechey and T. Bird; Secretary, J. W. Smithers; Committee: F. W. Cornish, W. H. Haines, T. Henserry, H. J. Hughes, J. H. Jones, W. K Kragov, W. Lehman, H. Pearson, J. S. Tunks. The January meeting was held on Saturday, March 5th.

Various sub-committees have been elected to deal with the specific activities of the sub-branch, such as Amelioration Committee, Anzac Day Committee, Wool Week Committee, Entertainment Committee.

Very successful meetings were held during January, and the February meeting a lecture was given on "Birds of Australia," by Mr. L. Gillett, B.A., F. G. S., of the Perth Museum. This was much enjoyed by all.

The President and Mr. E. S. Watt recently attended the annual meeting of the ladies' auxiliary and addressed the members.

The competition for "Miss West Leederville" is now open and intending entrants are asked to hand in their names. We have to report that over a dozen have already signified their intention of taking part, and we have a further list of probable. We want to appeal to those probable to make up their minds to definitely take part. Full information can be received from the Executive members of the sub-branch, and also the President of the ladies' auxiliary, Mrs. H. Snashall, of 10 Northwood Street, West Leederville, and the Honorary Secretary, Mrs. I. E. Loge, of 35 Northwood Street, West Leederville.

The competition closes in West Leederville on the 18th April, and a social will take place on that evening in the Town Hall, at which candidates and their friends will be invited to attend.

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TAMMELLUP

At the last meeting of this sub-branch the representative attended the public meeting held on 17th February. At Tammellup, the closure of the public hospital reported that the meeting, which was the largest held in Tammellup for many years, had this sub-branch to nominate a Board to control the hospital, as the meeting itself was unable to do so. The request was granted and the following members were nominated: R. S. Steele, W. E. Lidd, P. J. Roosenfeld, W. H. Giles, R. P. Hammond, A. E. Collins, H. H. Trathan, T. A. Daddow. These names have been submitted to the Medical Department, which has signified its approval of the sub-branch nominating a Board, and as soon as gazetted the new Board will begin to function and it is expected the hospital will be reopened by early in the year. It is confidently anticipated that the public hospital will have the best of the returned soldiers' nominees by backing them in every possible way and ensure a complete and continuous success of its efforts.

BRUCE ROCK

On 3rd February a general committee meeting was held in the Druitt's Hall, over which Mr. Stan. Bourne (Vice-President) presided over a good attendance of members. A committee was formed to go into the question of finance for our new hall on the block of land granted by the Government in the Bruce Rock townsite.

At the quarterly meeting held in the Druitt's Hall on 8th February, 1932, which was held at 11th, Mr. S. Bourne (Vice-President) presided, there was a good attendance of members. The usual business having been disposed of, the Secretary submitted plans and specifications for the building of the new hall. The hall opened and several donations were promised towards same. The chairman, welcomed three new members. A general committee meeting was held on 17th...
February to discuss arrangements for “Miss Westralia” competition.

The following members were appointed as a committee: Messrs. Black, Bourne, David, and the Secretary, to discuss arrangements with the Women’s Auxiliary.

It was decided to purchase an Australian flag and donate same to the school.

Mr. J. Spalding was requested to prepare designs and quotes for honour roll at Municipal Hospital and submit same at next meeting.

On 1st March a combined meeting of the Women’s Auxiliary and the special committee of the sub-branch was held in the hall of the Anglican Church, when Mr. S. Bourne, vice-president presided over the following: Messrs Finlayson, Mansbridge, Hawke, Bourne, Black and Miss Follington, Messrs. Lochhead and the Secretary.

After the Chairman had explained the reason for this meeting, viz., social gathering and also Wool Week, it was decided on the motion of Mrs. Finlayson, seconded by Mrs. Mansbridge, that the sub-branch meet for afternoon tea at “Lonsdale’s” after the Anzac service on the same lines as last year’s arrangements.

Wool Week “Miss Bruce Rock” Competition.—The chairman intimated that the sub-branch would donate a prize of two guineas (£2 2s.) to the winner of the Frock Competition.

It was decided to specially advertise this competition in the “Bruce Rock Post” calling for nominations, closing date being fixed for 26th March. The Secretary was instructed to write the Bruce Rock Traders’ Association for their cooperation in this competition and also Wool Week.

On the 8th March, in Druids’ Hall, a committee meeting was held. Mr. H. W. Wilkins, President, was in the chair.

It was decided to leave the arrangements for “Wool Week” in the hands of the Bruce Rock Traders’ Association, offering the sub-branch’s full support.

Arrangements were made for holding the Anzac Day service, which is to commence at 3 p.m. in the Road Board Hall. Full particulars to be duly advertised.

President H. W. Wilkins was heartily welcomed back after his serious operation and illness.

PILBARA

The Committee of the Pilbara Sub-branch of the League met on February 16th, when it was decided that a general meeting should be held on the following Thursday evening at the Esplanade Hotel.

The several cases of assistance granted since last meeting were approved, whilst cheques to the amount of £12/15/6 were passed for payment.

100 per cent. gathering of returned men in town eventuated on Thursday night when the general meeting was held. The opportunity was taken by the President and senior Vice-President (Mr. L. E. Taplin) to congratulate Vice-President R. V. McCracken on his appointment as Town Clerk, Carnarvon, against a field of fifty-eight applicants. In a vote of appreciation for past services, tendered the name of Mrs. McCracken was coupled with that of the Vice-President.

Mr. McCracken, in replying, pointed out that this was one instance where the preference policy had helped a member of the League, and it was certainly giving him a chance. One was always hearing of cases where preference was not being given; it was up to us also to advertise it when it was.

Whilst on the question of preference he wished to say that in many instances the R.M. themselves did not think that some effort was required from them. In this district were returned soldiers in business (both in Marble Bar and Hedland) and he was in a position to know that most often, when a returned soldier had an order to place, they were passed by, for lack of thought apparently.

In conclusion, as a foundation member of the sub-branch, he was in a position to speak of the services rendered to the returned soldiers rendered by the sub-branch Presidents (Mr. R. A. Keeling) and moved that a vote of thanks should be recorded in which should be included the name of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. E. Clark).

As this stage the health of the Mayor, and Councillors of Carnarvon was announced at the instigation of the President, opportunity was also taken to welcome Mr. Morrow, of the Police Department.

Mrs. R. V. McCracken, and her hostess, Mr. Mahler, were entertained on Friday afternoon by the wives of the Port Hedland divers (Msses Keening, Taplin, Clark, Crawford, Ford, Hill, and others) in their best pleasant and jolly time was spent. Songs were rendered by Messrs. McCracken, Taplin and Ford and thoroughly enjoyed by the company, a most delightful afternoon tea, being supplied by the caterer, Mrs. M. E. Munksjohn.

MANJIMUP

At the annual meeting the Secretary Mr. H. L. Battrams, reported on his inquiries at the State Office, in regard to sub-branch's efforts to secure compensation for a soldier's widow. On the motion of Messrs. Newton and the Rev. Basil Eden, it was decided that the secretary's report be received and that in the sub-branch's memorandum to be submitted to the War Department in which the sub-branch's present position on which to fight the case in question. Inquiries at Military Headquarters, Perth, elicited the information that the names for the proposed honor board could not be obtained from records, as many men did not enlist in their own districts.

On the motion of Messrs. Newton and Bloxome it was decided that a list of all available names be submitted to the next ordinary meeting, when efforts will be made to complete the list by local inquiry. A motion of thanks to the retiring committee was also carried.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mr. R. H. Newton; Vice-Presidents, Rev. Basil Eden and Mr. M. C. A. Shaw; Secretary, Mr. H. L. Battrams (re-elected); Treasurer, Mr. S. G. Dufield; Committee (increased to five): Messrs. L. Sims, A. Hastings and J. Hamilton (town), and H. J. Bennett and B. A. Hamilton (country).

Reference was made to the plight of settlers on the new groups. It was stated that a large proportion probably would be forced to leave their holdings within the next few months.

Messrs. R. H. Newton, C. Shaw and H. J. Bennett were appointed a committee to prepare evidence and to place the settlers' position before the Commission.

Accounts amounting to £5 4/10 were passed for payment.

Thanks to the assistance of the ladies' committee the annual re-union smoke social held in the Manjimup Hall, was a huge success. The guest of honour was the Country Vice-President of the W.A. Branch (Mr. Clift) Gillett), whose address on League matters was most informative.

WEST-PERTH

The sub-branch is enthusiastic in its endeavours to assist in the “Miss Westralia” competition. Several ladies have signified their intention to enter in the “Miss Westralia” competition for which the sub-branch has offered a prize of £2 2/-.

The committee controlling the competition will accept nominations up to March 18th, and the judging will take place at a social evening to be held towards the end of April.
The sub-branch held its first monthly luncheon in the R.S.L. dining rooms on Thursday, March 1. The committee was very pleased and satisfied with the initial success, about thirty members attending. These luncheons will be continued and held on the first Thursday in each month; members are requested to note the next will be held on April 7.

In the three cricket matches the sub-branch has played in recent weeks, two against Mr. Hawthorn were won by the West Perth Sub-branch, and the third against Maylands resulted in a win for that sub-branch.

Regret was expressed at the last meeting at the death of Mr. Perker, an old member of the sub-branch.

Mr. Patterson, who has been the departmental representative of the sub-branch at the Agricultural Bank for a long period, recently resigned and nominated Mr. Jack Lancy for the position. Mr. Patterson's resignation was accepted with regret and appreciative references were expressed for his past services. Mr. Lancy was appointed to the position.

Members are asked to note—

1. That the monthly luncheon is held on the first Thursday in the month, at the R.S.L. Rooms, at 1 p.m.

2. That the monthly committee meetings are held on the third Thursday in the month, and you are invited to attend.

3. That support for the "Miss West Perth" wool frock competition be given.

4. That sub's are a little behind and should be brought up to date as early as possible.

WAROONA

Mr. C. A. Gillett, the Country Vice-President, writes—

I have to report having visited Waroona Sub-branch on the 27th instant as Executive representative. It was a most enjoyable meeting, full of that enthusiasm so desirable for the welfare of the League. Some 50 members attended, including visitors from Subiaco, Harvey, Collie and Pinjarra.

I would like to express appreciation of the attendance of Subiaco members, especially Mr. Wiggins and his fiddle, who, on the invitation of the branch, made it convenient to attend. There is no doubt whatever, but that such actions inspire the country branches in more ways than one.

Mr. Henning, the sub-branch President, in proposing a toast of the Executive, eulogised the efforts of Colonel Collart and his colleagues, and it was honoured in such a way as to there being no uncertainty as to its sincerity.

I will carry pleasant memories of this meeting, and feel confident that the sub-branch will make good progress, for both the President and Secretary are alive to their responsibilities.

THE STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO LAKE GRACE SUB-BRANCH

In response to a pressing invitation (the State President reports), I was able, with the kindly help and company of the Assistant State Secretary, to visit the Lake Grace Sub-branch on the 29th ultimo. We were met on arrival by the President, Mr. J. Collart, whose courtesy to us throughout our stay was greatly appreciated. Signs were not lacking as to the keen interest that the people of the town and surrounding district were taking in the day's events, the whole programme of which had been arranged by the sub-branch.

At 2.15 I was requested to formally open a sports meeting at which equestrian and pedestrian events for both sexes were vigorously contested. Excellent capacity for organisation was displayed by Mr. W. Anderson, the Hon. Secretary, and the large crowd of spectators had not a dull moment.

For the evening there was a cinema show (owned and run by the sub-branch) a dance, and a re-union. The whole of the population seemed to have been catered for and there could have been few absences.

During an interval at the cinema hall I was called upon to present the substantial prizes won during the afternoon. We then proceeded to the re-union, at which the attendance was about 80—including representatives of the local governing body and commercial interests. The usual toasts were enthusiastically honoured and your representatives were given every attention whilst endeavouring to explain something of the League's policy and activities. The respect paid to the chairman, and the deference shown to him throughout the day's proceedings, were pleasant proofs of his excellent standing in the community and of the importance attached locally to the status and work of our organisation.

For causes that there is no reason to recapitulate the financial membership of the Lake Grace Sub-branch is not strong, but the interest of all service men's been to be well maintained and there is available first-class material for officers and for carrying on the work. The Committee's administration appears to be sound. It has under consideration a proposal for the building and equipping of a new Institute which should be a boon to the town as well as to our members.

On leaving Lake Grace I had the conviction of having paid very few country visits that were productive of so much information likely to afford gratification to yourselves.

Mr. Ferguson and I were camped for three days. We travelled some 460 miles by car and, en route, called upon the officials of the Narrogin and Wagon Sub-branches, whom we found to be in close touch with our doings and as anxious as ever to cooperate. At the former place we were tendered a civic reception by the Mayor and Councillors, whose sympathy with our efforts is very real. We listened with pleasure to tributes paid to our local officers (especially to Mr. T. Hogg, the Secretary) and promised to place before you a request to furnish a speaker for next Anzac Day Commemoration Service in Narrogin.

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DONNYBROOK REUNION
Rabbi Freedman's Report

On the 22nd February, I attended the annual re-union of the Donnybrook Sub-branch. I was met at the station by the President, Mr. Harding (Electrical Engineer of the Preston Road Board) who has occupied the position of President of the sub-branch for the past six years. From him and his wife, as well as from other members of the sub-branch, I received most generous hospitality.

The sub-branch, which consists of some 35 financial members, is fortunate in possessing an executive in the persons of Mr. Harding, President; Mr. L. Overheu, Treasurer, and Mr. F. C. Dallow, Hon. Secretary, who are very interested in its progress and devote themselves earnestly to its welfare.

The re-union, which was fairly well attended, members coming from long distances, was a happy and successful one, and lasted till past midnight. New members joined up that evening.

The finances of the sub-branch are in a healthy condition, showing a small balance on the credit side. The members, most of whom are orchardists and dairymen, are with but few exceptions, doing well. No complaints were voiced. During the year no call was made by any member for help from the Amelioration Fund held by the sub-branch. What calls were made came from diggers passing through the district. To J. O'Mealy an assurance was extended.

In June last a Women's Auxiliary was formed with Mrs. Harding as President. It has already done excellent work and numbers over thirty members.

There is every prospect that the branch will launch activities for selecting a candidate for the "Miss Westralia" Competition.

It should be mentioned that the Preston-Roads Board (which takes in the Donnybrook district) contains a considerable proportion of returned soldiers as members. The Chairman, Mr. Egan, who was present at the re-union, takes a warm interest in all matters affecting returned soldiers. On Tuesday morning, accompanied by Mr. Palmer and Mr. Egan, I paid a visit to Lowend, the splendid orchard of Mr. Brockman, a member of the sub-branch, and was most interested in what I saw. Altogether a very fine spirit prevails in the sub-branch as well as in the district.

COLONEL OLDEN'S VISIT TO SOUTHERN CROSS AND MOORING ROCK

Colonel Olden reports that he reached Southern Cross on February 20. Through the kindness of Mr. Hammer and members of the Southern Cross Sub-branch he was taken by car over as much of the district as possible, considering the time at his disposal. It is felt in the district that although no new mines have been discovered, there is plenty of low-grade ore which can be made payable if crushing facilities can be made available in or near the town. To try and secure these facilities a conference has been called for March of all interested bodies, including the local council.

In the evening Colonel Olden attended the annual reunion of the Southern Cross Sub-branch, at which he presented the League Certificate of Merit to the retiring secretary, Mr. T. Anderson, Mr. S. Hammer was again elected president unopposed, and Mr. J. Keighty, secretary. Both these gentlemen are enthusiastic workers. Mr. Keighty has to journey 18 miles to each meeting he attends, while Mr. Hammer travels 12.

On Sunday, February 21, Colonel Olden proceeded to Moorine Rock, where he was met by the president (Mr. Morgan) and the secretary (Mr. Kesley), of the Moorine Rock Sub-branch, and several other members. The Moorine Rock sub-branch is in a flourishing condition.

An informal meeting, business being convened, was held in the evening, at which about 20 members were present. Many subjects of interest were discussed and information given on various phases of League activity.

Both the Southern Cross and the Moorine Rock sub-branches have taken up the "Miss Westralia" competition with energy and keenness and report that there will be a representative from each in the final event in Perth. For the reasons given above as to the preponderance of men from the "Old Land" in the Moorine Rock district, the selected lady from the sub-branch will take the field under the name of "Miss Woodbine."
that Kelmscott and Roleystone produce first-class oranges, lemons, apples, stone fruit and vegetables, which can be exchanged for wheats. A deputation consisting of Mr. Marshall and Miss Burgess from the Ladies Auxiliary was received. They were entertaining patients from Leominster on April 10 and the branch decided to assist their efforts with a donation of £1 and to supply refreshments.

**WICKEY**

At the annual meeting the following officers were elected for the coming year:—President, Mr. F. H. Burrows; vice-president, Messrs. A. Oliver and A. Haack; hon. secretary, Mr. D. Kirby; treasurer, Mr. J. Nelins; auditor, Mr. J. Gibson; committee, Messrs. Burrows, Oliver, Haack, Nelins, Lyons, Jatham, and Kirby; Amelioration Fund, Messrs. F. H. Burrows, J. Nelins and H. Lyons; public representatives, Mr. A. F. Berens and Rev. W. Bussell. It was decided to take no action in regard to the "Miss Wickeaters" competition. The local sub-branch has very little funds. Had the Pastorales' Association offered a prize for a local competition the chances are that the R.S.L. would have taken it up with enthusiasm. The sub-branch made no mistake about their choice of president, Mr. F. H. Burrows being unanimously elected to that position.

**CAMPION-GEELAKEN**

The first of a series of district dances was held in Lake Brown Hall on March 6. The funds benefited to the extent of £3 10s. Wea. Read ably conducted the commissariat, and Jack Quinn was an able doorkeeper. Musician Canning dispensed good dance stuff and carried on till the wea. starved ours. Our old comrade Jack Mulquemy was ill, and his presence was missed. Patrons attended from Nungarin, Mckinbudin, Wilgoyne, Campion, and Warreluppin, some travelling 100 miles. Our president was a very proud man at the wonderful response, and hopes, with the enthusiasm created amongst members, to make these monthly dances the most popular turn-outs in the district. The next dance will take place in Lake Brown Hall on Saturday, April 2.

The committee propose holding the annual meeting in Lake Brown Hall on Saturday, April 23. It will be followed by a smoke-o, to which it is proposed to invite members of the Executive.

**KOJONUP**

The attendance at the last monthly meeting was a record for many a long day, just on forty being on parade. A good meeting of ex-service men is always a heartening and joyful occasion; so if the bad times are going to bring the boys together every month in such numbers this scribe hopes the depression is permanent!

There’s a rumour that Pat Roche has enlisted with the Quoique as chief postmaster: at any rate, he’s missing quite a long time and was last heard of deep sea fishing for trumpeter, with Sailor Lewis, at Albany.

A committee of the local sub-branch has called a meeting of representative ladies in the district to see what can be done to organise an effort for Wool Week.

Congratulations are hereby extended to Arnold and Mrs. Potts on the arrival of Mademoiselle Potts—David now has his Jonathan, only in this case it’s a lady one. Any district is lucky having men of Potty’s type in it—a clear thinker, lucid speaker and straight-goer, and Mrs. P. wears a cheerful grin that even the depression can’t shift.

Members were shocked to hear of the fatal accident to Percy Davis, near his bit in the navy and was always a loyal and willing worker for the sub-branch.

**MT. BARKER**

**That Orphan Kid**

"A. B. Digger" diagnoses a complaint and prescribes a cure—

Dear Mr. Listening Post,

Being a family man yourself, you should find this account of our youngster pretty interesting. It’s a well-grown kid, about 12 or 13—healthy, too—but lately it seems to have got out of hand a bit. No one seems to have taken the trouble as to why—but I’ll leave it to you. It’s got a real, good, comfortable home—flash pictures all over the wall that it’s Auntie Road-Board and Uncles Percy and Jim put there; books to burn—shelves of them. Its Uncle Sid is always ready to tell it how he won the war, though, mind you, some of the tales its Uncle Mac puts over the kid are rough as gummy-sacks, I mean. It’s my opinion that broken leg of his is a judgment on him. Bet you two jugs it don’t go thought! Still, you’d think that kid, with all that, and exactly 101 uncles and godfathers, would be the happiest and most contented kid in W.A. Nor on your life! Those 101 relations for the last twelve months have all been arguing and snarling about how the kid ought to be trained—and if it was a kid of theirs ... (you know the stuff)—until they’ve kidded themselves into believing half the tripe they talk.

Well, anyway, all the relatives went into conflagration and found all members to their best advantage. On this occasion, the sitting-room down at the kid’s joint was overflowing—and there they started in. Uncle Percy reckoned Uncle Tom was ruining the child, and Uncle Tom said Uncle Percy ought to know better than to let the kid back-slash the neighbours and sling bricks at nice kind people like Auntie Road-Board. And then some of them reckoned if the kid wasn’t going to be brought up according to their ideas they weren’t going to ante-up their share of it. You see, the kid was a heretic: and that kind of going is the half-quiets the relations sly in. One rich uncle put in a tenner, as some of the mob were finding jobs a bit hard to locate—and —cripes—if fifty blokes didn’t turn round and say their half-quids wouldn’t be missed under the circumstances. Poor little cow lost about £11 under that scheme.

Next thing, we gave the kid a party—a real slap-up affair, though, we kept expenses down, the cost to some of the rest of us was quite out of the grub. Invites to all the other kids along the G.S.R.—decoration—speeches—turkeys—any amount to eat (about 40 gallons). The kid reckoned he had the time of his life, except that he missed a few relations, who, still feeling sore, stayed away, though most of them said after the show they didn’t have anything against the kid, which is a good bit in their favour, anyway, don’t you think?

Now, the kid’s birthday’s on April 25th, and we’re getting the whole family together again then. Birthday parties are a wash-out that day, as the kid’s old man went West at the Landing one April 21st. Still, what we do is to sport clean shirts and make a go of it to show the kid and all the neighbours what a bunion chap the old man was. Of course, liking the kid the way they do, and thinking what they did of the kid’s old man, it’s pretty certain, don’t you reckon, the whole family will forget, for one day, anyhow, what a — mark the other bloke is—and blow along as usual.

Well, I’ve given you the strength of our kid and I hope you’ve been interested. A lot of blokes down here are ... (Being acquainted with most of the kid’s uncles, I’ll take make you a bet, Mr. A. B. — Digger, that if you put in your name the relatives stay away from the anniversary of the "passing West" of the kid’s father, on April 23rd, I’ll pay up—but mournfully.—Ed. L.P.)

**TRAMWAY**

A meeting of the Tramway Sub-branch was held on February 23. A large attendance was again recorded. Among the visitors was the State Secretary, Mr. D. M. Benson, who gave a very interesting address touching on all aspects of the League’s work. He emphasised the need for all members to do their best to make next year a success. He is certainly to be congrat-
MUNDARING DISTRICTS

At last meeting, held at Mt. Helena on 20th February, many matters of both importance and paramount interest were discussed. The question of the policy of paying appliances to the Federal Executive on poppy sales was again discussed, and this very contentious matter will certainly call for very sincere consideration in the near future by the State Executive, in order to avoid any danger of apathy among the rank and file of the public in future appeals. A notification was received from the Electoral Officer for the Swan District, intimating that the would be pleased to receive names of ex-service men qualified to act in the various capacities required during election time. To facilitate matters it is suggested that those desirous of registering should forward particulars to the secretary of the local sub-branch, R.S.I.L. In order that suitable arrangements be carried out for the 100th anniversary of ANZAC Day celebrations within the district, a committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. H. Walker (president), J. Withusau, L. Cooper (vice-president), and H. Patzen (hon. secretary). As was predicted, the issue of the sub-branch official organ became an established fact, its official birthday being the 17th February, and the name which its sponsors have given it, "Straight to the Point", should at least give all an incentive to peep within. Contributors should get in touch with Mr. Walker, who welcomes your valuable assistance. Members took the opportunity to express their keen pleasure and gratification to the fact that this sub-branch had been honoured with representation on the State Executive by Mr. W. Blundell, who is worthy and esteemed president to fill a vacancy. Among those who showed keenest appreciation was Vice-President Lou Cooper; he avered that he can now cover less ground when directing his periodical "strafe," and get better results in a shorter period.

We regret to learn of the illness of the wives of two of our worthy members, "Morrie" Trew and A. Blundell, and sincerely hope that health will soon be regained.

We regret to record the death of Robert Henry Turner, formerly of the A.I.F. Tunnellers, and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives.

NANNUP

The usual monthly meeting was held on February 18. The sub-branch is alive to the interests of the district and by its own efforts and financial support given to others has been instrumental in helping to adjust a number of grievances. At present it is espousing the cause of settlers outside the group scheme who are unable to obtain advances for seed and necessary means to bring into profitable activity which has lain idle for a number of years. The matter of joining a District Council was left in abeyance until further information is obtained from Baseline concern-
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China War: “Stone the Crows, it’s Bluey!”

ANY OLD SIDE

(By L. W. Lower, in “Sunday Sun,” Sydney)

We foresee complications resulting from this eagerness on the part of adventurous Australians, to go to China and fight somebody.

These carefree lads don’t mind which side they’re on, so long as they can be in the dust-up. In the thick of the fight, the Chinese-Australian colonel would sight the Japanese-Australian colonel, and yell, “Well, stone the crows! If it’s not old Bluey!” And the war would be held up in—that particular sector, and in a few days the front line would be turned into one vast two-up school. There will be Aussie re-unions all over the place.

“What are you fighting on the Chinese side for, Bluey?”

“Blimy! am I? I thought I was with the Japs. They all look alike to me. How’s the tucker on your side?”

And a message is sent by the Chinese-Australian general to the Japanese-Australian general:

“Dear Splinter,—Would you mind retiring about four hundred — yards this afternoon, as I want to advance. I notice, you cunning —, that you’ve captured a sector with four pubs in it, and all I’ve got is half a golf course and two canals. And tell your — troops to leave the place tidy. Last — time we advanced your trenches were in a helluva mess. Hoping this finds you as it leaves me. Yours—Darkie Stevens.”

And a messenger from the enemy will crawl across No Man’s Land and lean over the parapet of the opposition and say, “General Snowy Wilson said, could Jonesy lend him a cup of sugar until tomorrow?”

We think that the presence of a few Aussies in the business would be to the benefit of all. The local lads would come back with a bunch of brand-new Chinese and Japanese swear words to enrich the vocabulary, and the men from the East would have a legacy of long, bullock-driver oaths and a couple of new gambling games.

AFTEHMATH

And years afterwards, European tourists might meet a very dignified Chinaman in Shanghai, rather more brown than yellow, and with the wrong shaped eyes. He will talk Chinese with an Australian accent. And he will explain to the tourist in his quaint pidgin English how his family has recently fallen upon evil times. He will point out to the tourist the local courthouse, where all his illustrious ancestors had been brought up for many years.

And he will be grieved that he has to part with it at a very low sum. Doubly so because of his lack of business knowledge and the ways of trade. And the tourist will be sold the courthouse. And if there are any sundials in China, these will be thrown in for good measure.

It happened before, in other places.

“Straight to the Point”

The Mundijong and Districts sub-branch have, in common with South Perth and Nedlands, produced a small official organ, which has the rather original name of “Straight to the Point.” We congratulate the editor (sub-branch president Harry Walker) on turning out such an excellent production, the contents being both interesting and informative. Such an organ should assist in holding together the ties of comradeship amongst ex-service men and greatly strengthen the sub-branch.

The Fair Isle

A booklet that should commend itself to tourists and residents of the State alike, is the artistically produced publication descriptive of Rottnest, written by Mr. Arnold Hämner. The publication, which is well illustrated, contains descriptive verse, a short history of the island, and an interesting account of the wreck of The City of York. Romance, is catered for in the description, originally published in the Australian Woman’s Mirror, of a duel fought by two French officers for the love of a lady. Brightly written, and clearly printed on art paper, this dainty souvenir booklet forms a valuable addition to the already-growing treasury of West Australian literature. It has been wholly set up and printed in Australia by the Port Printing Works, of Fremantle, at a price of two shillings and sixpence a copy.
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