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When Napoleon referred to the British as a 'nation of shopkeepers, he did not intend his remarks to be applied literally. Such a definition would be too restricted to be wholly true; yet it represents a clear realisation of the fact that he could injure Great Britain only through her overseas trade. Unable to secure the command of the sea, he instituted a land blockade against Great Britain, after Jena, which failed signal— the cloth for his soldiers' uniforms was made on Yorkshire looms—and which materialised against him the spirit of healthy nationalism that overthrew him and became the guiding principal of Nineteenth Century Europe. The end of the Napoleonic Wars saw the Empire in a paramount position politically and economically. The British Empire had attained almost its full growth. There has been relatively little territorial expansion since 1815. Great Britain was the sole manufacturing country of the world. She had the monopoly of the world's carrying trade, and most of the raw materials she imported were produced in her own colonies and dependencies.

A nation of shopkeepers we may be, but time and circumstances have shown that there are certainly many defects in our methods of trading. A conscious effort to correct these defects may be found in the activities of the Empire Trading and Shopping Council, the Wool Week Committee, and kindred associations, behind whom the R.S.L., pursuing its ideal of national service, has mobilised the full weight of its influence. A recognition of the economic unity of the Empire is implied in the making of May 24, the day set apart as Empire Day, the central point of these activities. Apart from the restoration of national prosperity, which is the common objective of these movements, they have an educational value which cannot be overstressed.

Three years ago, Lord Riddell summed up the position that the world depression has rendered even more acute. "The rising generation," he wrote, "will have to solve some knotty problems, and it is essential they should be prepared for the task. Our industrial and commercial difficulties are mostly external. Our customers have become our competitors and tariff walls face us on all sides. The problem is how to meet these new conditions." Lord Riddell goes on to suggest that the problem might be solved by "welding the Empire together as an economic unit," and conceiving more practical plans for the increase of reciprocal trade within the Empire.

The preparation of the rising generation for the task to be faced has already been undertaken. During the last Boer War, May 24, the birthday of Queen Victoria, was made Empire Day, and in Australian schools the pupils were assembled on that day to hear addresses on Empire history and geography delivered by the member for the district, or some other eminent nobody. Kipling's "Ressianal," and other hymns suitable to the occasion, were sung, and the flag was saluted. The object of the proceedings was to inculcate patriotism, loyalty, and the feeling that the inhabitants of every component part of the Empire are citizens of one great Commonwealth. A generation ago, Imperial unity was referred to mainly in its political aspects. To-day, a wider treatment is needed, and a recognition of the fact that political unity depends for its maintenance upon economic soundness.

It is not suggested that, in doing so, we should manifest an inferiority complex to the rest of the world and give ear to those red-ragged mentalities in our midst who misuse the freedom enjoyed under the British flag, by uttering virulent diatribes against the Empire which protects them; those loud speakers of jibious nationality and a minus quantity of personal courage, who would have us believe patriotism, religion and every other form of decency are but soporifics used by the governing classes to make the worker contented with his chains, and that the Russians, who are not quite white, men, by emerging bloodily from centuries of barbarism, and serfdom, have established the right to show the political heirs of Simon de Montfort and John Hampden the way to political and economic freedom. The study of political history will counteract the mischief-making tendencies of these persons, just as the study of economic history and theory will enable adolescents to test the nostrums suggested in the light of cold reason as distinguished from soap-box ebulience.

Kipling's query, "How can they know of England who only England know?" applies with equal force to Australia and other Dominions. One should see life clearly and see it whole, and a good beginning might be made by seeing the Empire whole; by realising its extent, its resources and the mutual interdependence of its parts. When we are advising one another to support Empire and local products, let us ascertain what these products are, and where they come from. In this connection, may we recommend to readers a small book, written three years ago, by Mr. Georgie Herbert—"British Empire Ltd." Mr. Herbert gives a valuable analysis of British Empire trade as it was at the time of the book's publication, and statistical abstracts of the population and resources of the various parts of the Empire. It is not expected that every reader will agree with all Mr. Herbert's conclusions, especially in such debatable matters as tariffs, but we think most readers will agree with Mr. Herbert that "tariffs should not be a political question, as they are fundamentally economic." We are of the opinion that the solution of the Empire's unemployment problem lies in the Empire's development for two main reasons. There are resources within the Empire not sufficiently developed, and there are larger possibilities of inter-trading between the various parts of the Empire; and the unemployed are the Empire's own kith and kin, and the various parts of the Empire are only too anxious to assist.

According to the latest statistics available, the United Kingdom purchases a very large proportion of British Empire products, not only in relation to other countries within the Empire, but with the rest of the world.

There is no reason why the Empire should not become a self-contained economic unit, but a definite and progressive policy, is first essential. Mr. Herbert suggests that the requirements of Great Britain should be fully understood by each part of the Empire: that points of difficulties arising in the application of any 'economic' policy shall be discussed and reviewed by a Conference of Representatives of each component part of the Em-
pire: that production and distribution shall be wholly the responsibility of each part of the Empire, and that conferences between commercial representatives of the various parts shall be held from time to time, to effect reasonable co-ordination when necessary, and to facilitate the exchange of information and views in order that a progressive and successful policy is pursued in the best interests of all concerned.

Of course such suggestions will not meet with the approval of those who believe, or profess to believe, that the salvation of the world depends upon the success of the Russian Five Years Plan, but what of that? The idea is that the British Empire might accomplish by means of voluntary co-operation what the Soviet is trying to achieve through industrial conscription.

The Ottawa Conference and similar assemblies are steps in the direction indicated by Mr. Herbert. In the meantime we can all do our duty as individuals by encouraging the consumption and use of Empire products, by seeing that our children take an active and practical interest in the Empire, and by inculcating in all a live realisation of Empire tradition and destiny. And this above all: let us consecrate the efforts of our Empire pioneers by consolidating their work and sacrifices, by erecting a structure that will bring greater contentment and prosperity to all. We were particularly impressed by these portions of the gospel according to Mr. George Herbert. How do they strike you?

The R.S.L.—and Others

It is passing strange how every quasi-political organisation, wise or otherwise, attempts to enlist the support of ex-service men, and even, in many instances, claims that it has the majority of ex-service men behind it. Reading from day to day the bulletins from the Sydney front, one learns that the New Guard, the Red Army, the pro-this and the anti-that are each almost entirely composed of returned soldiers. If half these extravagant claims are true, the bulk of the population of New South Wales must be hibernating, while the digger is doing everything and simultaneously advocating everything and opposing everything. Of course, the whole business is an unsolicited testimonial to the potential strength of ex-service men in the mass, but what makes certain efforts to secure the digger’s co-operation so pathetically amusing is the fact that the diggers concerned are mostly virulently hostile to the soldier as an individual, to his privileges in the matter of preference and other things, to the flag for which he fought, and to the very ideals and sense of public decency for which he stands.

It is refreshing, then, to read the published comments of the Secretary of the New South Wales Branch, upon a statement attributed to Senator Dunn. The disavowal is cogent and comprehensive, and should allay the misgivings of those who, amid the welter of conflicting reports, have been wondering exactly where the New South Wales Branch stands.

There were many V.C. winners in the A.I.F., and many more who won other decorations, yet, when we use the word “digger,” we think of none of these; we conjure up the image of Senator J. A. (“Digger”) Dunn. Senator Dunn is not a V.C. winner, nor, as far as we know, does he hold any other decoration; neither is he a digger in the strictest sense of the term, for that historic designation was applied to infantrymen only during the war, and did not become the generic term for all Australian soldiers until after the Armistice. But though no one had ever heard of Senator Dunn outside his own unit before he had a fly for the Senate in 1919, he was the one man among our far-flung armies whose war service was outstanding enough to entitle him to assume the name “Digger” by deed poll.

In a speech at a demonstration organised by the Waterside Workers’ Federation, Senator Dunn is reported to have said that if any attempt were made against the Government by the New Guard, and they were successful in their conflict with the 4,000 police, he, as a politician and a patron of the Returned Sailors’ and Soldiers’ Imperial League, would put 40,000 trained men against them.

Promptly came the official disclaimer, “The returned men of this State, together with the people of the Commonwealth, are steadfastly set against the inflaming of party passions and prejudices, particularly in these hours of national stress,” wrote the Secretary of the New South Wales Branch. “The Executive of the Returned Soldiers’ League views with grave concern the published statements attributed to Senator Dunn, and in view of them, feels it incumbent to assure the public of New South Wales that the remarks so expressed do not represent the views of the returned men of this State. The Executive claims that through its close co-operation with all properly constituted and recognised ex-service men’s organisations, it is competent to give expression to the attitude of all returned men to outbursts of disloyalty and incitements to lawlessness. The returned men have given ample proof to the world of their resolute upholding of constitutional authority, and they may confidently be relied upon to adhere to the principles and traditions of true citizenship.

“In the newspapers Senator Dunn is reported as claiming that he is a patron of the Returned Sailors’ and Soldiers’ Imperial League. Senator Dunn is not a patron of the New South Wales Branch of the Returned Soldiers’ League. He is not even a member.”

“The Federal office advises that Senator Dunn is not a patron of any branch of the League in Australia. Senator Dunn in a letter addressed to the State Secretary of the Returned Soldiers’ League, stated, ‘The report of the meeting of the Labour rally held in the Stadium by the Sydney Waterside Workers is incorrect.’

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The remarks made by the Auditor-General of the Commonwealth, Mr. C. J. Cerutty, suggesting the need for economy in connection with war pensions, have caused considerable misgivings among pensioners and their sympathisers, and have been the subject of a resolution passed by the Consultative Council of Ex-Service Men's Organisations, and supported by the State Executive.

Reporting on the proceedings of the Consultative Council to the meeting of the State Executive on May 11, Mr. Edmonds read a long letter, written in reply to the Consultative Council's resolution, by the Auditor-General.

Mr. Cerutty stated that he was entirely sympathetic with those who suffered genuine war disabilities. He had, however, criticised on more than one occasion the great generosity which had been displayed in very numerous cases, examples of which had been set forth in his last two reports. Until the recent legislation, depriving "new" wives and "new" children of pensions, the number of war pensions was increasing at a fairly rapid rate, and that increase was assisted by grants of pensions in relation to soldiers who were successful in their claim that disabilities which arose many years after the war were a direct result of war service. Applications of this character were still being received, and were likely to continue, notwithstanding that many disabilities were simply infirmities which would have developed in the ordinary course of nature and with advancing years.

Another phase of war pensions, said Mr. Cerutty, related to the very numerous cases in which returned soldiers, whose earning power did not appear to have been diminished or whose disabilities were not apparent, were employed on full pay both inside and outside the Public Service. On the ground that pensions were granted to put soldiers as far as possible in the position they would have occupied financially but for war injuries, there was, he thought, justification for the review of many such cases.

Mr. Cerutty said that he had indicated in his reports many directions, apart from war pensions, in which reductions could be made during this period of financial stress. "It must be perfectly clear to all," he concluded, "that Australia as a whole is living beyond her income, and that Governments cannot afford to continue past rates of expenditure. The position is one which calls for sacrifice from each individual in the community, according to the ability of each to pay."

We have previously commented on the views held by Mr. Cerutty, and our only comment on his letter is that the Government, after investigating the accusations regarding the "great generosity," evidently were quite satisfied that the decisions of the Tribunals were just and equitable. Need more be said?

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Phoenicians before them, found our British home,
With cloth of Tyrian purple, bursting from the hold;
They traded it for Cornish tin, or else for Irish gold.

I heard the Middle Ages stirring from their rest:
"English wool for Flemish cloth, or leather of the best."
But ah! the bold adventurers who dared the might of Spain.
When Drake and other Devon men sailed forth to scour the Main.
The sword, it sealed the bargain; the cannon clinched the deals;
The wealth of all the Indies came home in English keels.

I heard the softer voices that hymn the peaceful way
Of pine-lands and fur-trails that stretch from Hudson Bay;
Wheat-lands, gold-lands, lands of browsing sheep,
Cattle-lands and other lands where fragrant orchards sweep;
Lands of enchantment, ravishing to the eye,
With new-born cities gleaming beneath Pacific skies.

And tossing from the halliards, throughout the Seven Seas,
The banner of Old Britain floats proudly on the breeze.
Blustering through the tropics or freezing round the Horn,
Plunging past Agulhas Cape, our Empire's trade is borne.

Hear the Empire calling: "Tis mine hour of need.
Buy British goods from Britons, as men of British breed."

A Windfall

It is gratifying to learn that many persons outside the R.S.L. appreciate the services rendered by our organisation. Recently the Bunbury Sub-branch received recognition in the form of a legacy of £600, bequeathed by a lady who has been called to higher service. The work of the League in the Bunbury district is indeed of a very high order when it receives such a practical compliment.

Rice
(By "Ashmead").

Here is some jingle which I knocked together one day in France and posted to a paper I used to work on. The censor stopped it, however, and, when handing it back to me, said, "I know you were speaking the truth, Ash., but it wouldn't do to noise it abroad how rottenly the troops are being fed lately." As The Listening Post is not subject to more than 8,000 censors, it might feel disposed to use the rhyme.

When China came into the war,
With all her yellow power,
We wondered in what way she'd serve
In this, our darkest hour.
Her population was her trump!
Four hundred million strong—
Her strength lay there, we felt assured;
But—that's where we were wrong.

Our commissioner-control
Had been for weeks involved
In problems how to feed our men:
But now the mystery's solved.
They sent some Chinamen to France
To work behind the line.
Those Chow's played out a winning card
When they sat down to dine.

Their grub consisted of BOILED RICE.
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With RICE. With RICE and nothing more.
They stuffed their yellow-hide.

So, thanks to China, now we get
For breakfast, dinner, tea,
A dixie-lid filled up with RICE—
"And come back for buckshew!"

For breakfast we get tea and RICE;
For dinner, RICE and stew;
For tea we have another change—
It's RICE and stale burgoo.

So here's to China and the Chow.
We've much to thank them for.
By eating RICE, they showed us how
To win the blooming war!

Hymn for Anzac Day
(Anon.)

Unto Thee, Lord, this day we raise
Our Hymn of thankfulness and praise.
For those who without thought of price
Made for our sake their sacrifice.

O, Lord, to us who still remain
Grant that we too may seek Thy gain.
That through the powers of Thy might,
We may both know and do the right.

Give peace unto our country, Lord;
Give understanding of Thy word.
With a great future as the prize
Gained by their selfless enterprise.
Glory to God, Who gave them heart
So to fulfil a glorious part.
Give us the heart, all strife to cease,
And send us Life and Love and Peace.

A Builder of the Empire be,
Pile high the Empire's walls,
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Anzac Day
OFFICIAL REPORT

Colonel H. B. Collett, in reporting to the State Executive on this year's commemoration of Anzac Day, congratulated the delegates, sub-branches, and members of the League generally on the success of the arrangements.

"In view of the great importance of the events associated with its origin," he said, "and the ideals that have been formed as a result of the common experience of those who took part in them, the efforts to have April 25 accepted by the people as a great national anniversary are meeting with a most gratifying response. Throughout the State the public has supported the League whole-heartedly. In every town and country district, services have been held. In Perth and Fremantle there have been large attendances at the rendezvous.

"For the great help received we should, I suggest, express our gratitude to the churches, the Premier, and his Government, the Military Commandant and his staff, the Commissioner of Police, the Lord Mayor and Council of the City of Perth, the City Engineer, the Mayor and Council of Fremantle, and other local governing bodies, the King's Park Board, the press, the broadcasting companies, Mr. Basil Kirke (6WF), Musgrove's (6ML), and Nicholson's (6PR), Mr. O. G. Campbell-Egan, L.A.B., and choirs, and the various bands of the cities and towns. For direct personal assistance, I must especially mention Lieutenant-Colonel G. F. Wiecek, D.S.O., the members of the Toog H, Miss Mary Meares, and others who lent cars for the conveyance of the sick, Mr. G. Mellor and the Returned Soldiers' Band, Lieutenant-Colonel E. L. Margolin, D.S.O., and his assistant marshals and, finally, the State Secretary and his staff for the extremely efficient manner in which the mass of detail inseparable from the occasion was dealt with."

The report was adopted, and Colonel Collett was congratulated by the members of the Executive on the able address he gave at the Esplanade service.

Colonel Collett further stated that the League was particularly gratified at having a detachment of New Zealand ex-service men on the Anzac parade, and it was regretted very much that they were omitted from the parade state.

Invited to comment on the parade and the service, practically all delegates made constructive suggestions, which were noted.

Anzac Day communications were received from Bunbury Sub-branch, H. Ottewell, of Wyndham, Sir Edward Wittenoom, Myalup Camp, S. J. Randall, and Perth Sub-branch. Wires passing between Stonehouse Camp and the League were read, and the action taken endorsed.

Mr. Birtwistle reported on the series of Anzac functions at Narrogin.

The British Empire buys more from Western Australia than all the rest of the world put together.

To be British, ought to be to buy British.

The Woman's Part

(By Mrs. T. S. Wilson, State President, R.S.I. Women's Auxiliary)

"She is a woman, and that is saying the best and worst of her."

I wonder how many of us, in the hurry and bustle of life to-day, take time to ponder on remembrances of May, 1914, before we even dreamed of a world war, and then of August, 1914, when our nearest and dearest—fathers, husbands, brothers, sweethearts, and sisters as nurses—went abroad to do their bit to keep Australia British and free. The women at home kept the home fires burning, doing a man's job when manpower was not available otherwise, knitting, sewing, writing letters, sending comforts for the troops, through the endless waiting for news so many thousand miles away, not knowing when the dreaded news of death, illness, or accident to a dear one would be received, just working and waiting, doing the woman's part, and making ready, if the loved one did come home, still to carry on.

On Anzac Day we watched the wonderful parade, and it is gratifying to know that so many 'still remember. The Returned Soldiers' League is one outcome of the war, and as no organisation is completely equipped for service without its women helpers, the Women's Auxiliaries are doing the woman's part in helping the League to carry out its aims and ideals, and they are doing it well.

The fact that in 1928 there were nine auxiliaries, and to-day there are nearly fifty, is a sign that the interest in R.S.I. work is growing. Each month sees the formation of new auxiliaries. Since the auxiliaries have become an organised body, with their own annual conference, quarterly re-unions, etc., work has been...
done in a systematic way, each auxiliary investigating confidentially, and providing for necessitous cases in their districts. Funds have been raised by local effort which, with the branch Poppy Day funds are devoted to amelioration work. Regular meetings afford opportunities for social intercourse, making new friends, meeting old ones, and cheering one another through the troublous old times which are very often the aftermath of the war. Empire shopping is discussed, and members have resolved always to ask for Australian goods first, so as to support local industry, and if these are not procurable, to demand a British article.

The League's effort on behalf of Wool Week has shown the wonderful teamwork that has been carried out by sub-branches and auxiliaries throughout the State. The result has been marvellous, and has proved the strength and the value of the R.S.L. in this national work. In one small country town, for instance, £52 was taken at the door when the local competition was judged.

It was pleasing to hear, unofficially, last month, of a newly-formed country auxiliary holding an entertainment to raise funds and purchase a flag for their Girl Guides. It will be remembered that the last conference carried a resolution, asking country auxiliaries to interest themselves in the Girl Guide movement, and this, certainly, was a practical way of doing so.

The months are slipping by, and soon an agenda paper will have to be prepared for the next conference. Think of something worth while, something to show that members are educating themselves in practical affairs which will be of benefit to the community. Try to be big-minded and big-hearted, and do not, on any account, put any petty motions on the agenda paper. Remember that not only R.S.L. members are watching our work, and taking an interest in the subject and tone of the discussions, but the general public as well. I must apologise for not having written a quarterly letter through The Listening Post, as requested by last year's conference. Living out of town, my life is a very busy one, so readers must forgive me and acquit me of any lack of interest.

Last year you elected me as your State President for the fourth time in succession, and I have felt the honour a very great one. I am going to suggest that you look round and decide to have a change this year. One begins to feel, after so long, that one has a monopoly of the position, besides, a new President would bring new ideas and probably fresh interest into the work.

Before closing I should like to tell all auxiliaries that State Executive members are realising that it is no sinecure being on the State Executive.

Every day, one or two members are at the Soldiers' Institute, to be at hand to investigate local cases of distress that may come to hand, cutting out garments, etc.

The trustees meet weekly and go into all cases of distress which come direct to us, and those passed on to us by the R.S.L. trustees; making up parcels to send to all parts of the State where R.S.L. help is not available.

Then there is the Hospital Committee, that visits the hospital, distributes cigarettes, and reports to Mr. Ferguson any case which needs attention as regards pensions.

During the summer months the Executive has arranged monthly outings for patients at Lemnos, Repat. and Edward Millen Home, to Kalamunda, Cottesloe, Spearwood, Fremantle and Kelmscott, where our auxiliaries with the help of the sub-branches have entertained them at tea. These outings are greatly appreciated by the boys.

I am hoping to meet quite a lot of country members during Wool Week. It is not often we have the opportunity, as there are no funds available for visiting country districts and passes seem very difficult to obtain.

In the meantime we must go on working, cheering others on the way, and helping the League to carry on its great national work, always remembering—"We must build our own ladders to climb to the sky."

Our Oldest Member

Although giving the palm to Mr. Adams of Young's Siding, and member of Torbay Sub-branch, as an older member of the League, Mr. S. V. Barwood, the permanent treasurer of the Claremont Sub-branch, challenges Mr. Wood, of the Press Sub-branch to the right of second place. Mr. Barwood is 73 years old and first enlisted in 1874. His first call for active service came in 1878, when 35,000 troops were ordered to the Dardanelles for a scrap with Russia which didn't come off.

Mr. Barwood hopes to be present at the Old Veterans' dinner on May 24, an honour for which we are told Mr. Wood is not eligible.

Mr. Barwood has been a member of the League since 1919, and has not missed more than half a dozen meetings of his sub-branch in all that time.

Congratulations, Mr. Barwood! May you spend many more years of useful endeavour before the "Last Post." Now let's hear from or of other old soldier members of the League. We want at least an infantry four.

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From the Shanghai Front
(By Our Special Correspondent, See Ah See)

Expensive Sir:
The words of wisdom from your honourable paper for March have just gladdened the sandblighted eyes of your miserable contributor. The honourable gentleman of Sydney who wrote about our miserable selves has all the wisdom of Confucius. As one who served in the Chinese Labour Corps in France, the degraded being who pretends to address your higher, and more exalted intelligence, I would say, in the words of the Occidental philosophers, he is acquainted with his honourable onions. Many things occur in this little war that remind one of honourable Great War. The magnificent company which your debased scribe disgraces is under the ferocious domination of Sergeant-Major Ten Shun, who is possessed of ten thousand devils. This morning before the break of day, he insulted me on parade for having a dirty umbrella. In a voice of thunder he asked me if I knew his honourable mother, and I replied, trembling, that I had not yet experienced that exquisite pleasure.

Ten Shun then said: "O hideous, unshaven and slovenly private, whose buttons are as bright as the green slime that oozes from the bed of the Yangtze River, it will not be long before you make that unpleasant and regrettable acquaintance with her repulsive son."

Since then I have made that acquaintance, and am very miserable. He also told us the story of some little wooden soldiers he had lost when he was a little boy.

Yesterday honourable company was marching out to fire musketry course. We met another company marching back, and both companies began to sing to the music of the band, "Chopsticks—and the same to you." Another song greatly in favour with the troops is, "If the sergeant steals your rice, never mind."

Here are a few other which I enclose for your unutterable delight:
Honourable Miss from Ti-ent-sen
Pak ah pu,
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Pak ah pu,
Honourable Miss from Ti-ent-sen
Welly good friend to Chinamen,
Chinky Pinky Pak a pu.

Take me back to dear old Foochow. Put me on a train for Wei-Hai-Wei. Take me right along To Canton or Hong Kong, Peking, Nanking, Wu Ching-Something, Kwang Tung Wong. Me takee see some nice girl Far away from Shanghai by the sea. Hi ti tiddley hi ti, Japanese me no likee, Foochow is the place for me. We are the Nanking army, And welly ni are we. We bag the loot And then we scoot.

Our motto's safety,
But when we get to Shanghai,
Mikado, he will say,
Banzai, banzai,
These boys welly ni,
To get six yen a day.

We were poor but we were honest,
Victims of Mikado's tricks.
First they downed, then uppercut us,
Then they slogged us hard for six.
Alle same, the whole world over,
It's the Chow, what gets the blame,
While the Jap wins all the battles,
Isn't it a blinking shame?

We have also a soldiers' paper called "The Honourable Post Which Listens." This paper is growing in influence. There are already six motions about it on the agenda paper of the next League of Nations Conference on account of its opposing the secession of Manchuria from the Republic of China.

R.S.L. Membership
HIGHEST PERCENTAGE IN W.A.

A financial membership return prepared by the General Secretary of the Returned Soldiers' League (Mr. J. Webster), showing the percentage of membership in the various States of the Commonwealth for 1931, was read at last nights' meeting of the State Executive. The details are as follow:

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The Clergy and Anzac Day

It has been said that there are narks even in Heaven, and the re-actions of certain local clergymen to the established observance of Anzac Day would seem to support this hypothesis. The Listening Post's amusing little friend, the Rev. Nicholas Richards, took advantage of the occasion to utter the usual wordy diatribe against war, leaving those who read the report of his sermon in the next day's paper to draw the inference that he, at least, does not consider that we should pay any special respect to those who paid the supreme sacrifice. As his remarks contain nothing new, and give no evidence of any real depth of thought, they hardly call for an answer, and, in any case, few take the Rev. Nicholas Richards seriously these days.

In a letter published in the West Australian, another clergyman, who is an ex-service man, and a member of Mr. Richard's denomination, took the R.S.L. to task because the Esplanade service was not utilised for the purposes of peace propaganda and speeches in support of the League of Nations. Apparently this gentleman lost sight of the main object of the ceremony, which is instituted as an act of remembrance of the fallen. It is desirable that the R.S.L. should undertake such propaganda, we suggest that Anzac Day would be a more fitting occasion.

It is a pity that the remarks of the Rev. G. A. Tulloch, at the Presbyterian General Assembly, should have left the impression that he was attacking other faiths. We do not believe that Mr. Tulloch had any such intention, and credit him only with an honest desire to make helpful criticisms. The Rev. C. A. Jenkins, in his letter to the West Australian, did nothing to alloy, and much to increase the storm of protest. Certainly these gentlemen have drawn fire from all quarters.

We do not consider that the time has arrived for allowing other than ex-patres to officiate at these ceremonies. As the Americans say, "We've had some." After all, who are better fitted to officiate at a service arranged by ex-service men in honour of their fallen comrades than clergymen and laymen who served and suffered with them, and who have arrived at an understanding of that curious blending of sentiment, cynicism, daring, and practicalness, know to the world as the Australian digger. It is no egotism on our part to state that the digger is a special type of man; the special type of experience he underwent could not fail to make him so. The clergyman who did not serve overseas with him cannot achieve this understanding. He lacks the experience; and experience is that which conditions imagination. No doubt the time will come, when we have all answered the last call, when the annual observance of Anzac Day will be something like that fore-shadowed by Mr. Tulloch, but even a citizens' ceremony, if it is to become a feature of our national life, must be kept free from anything that savours of sectarianism. Even in our earthly home there are many mansions, and the A.I.F. comprised Gentile and Jew, Mohometan (we know of two in Western Australia), and free-thinker. So it is with the public at large and the customary observance should be one which is acceptable to all, and not only merely the prescribed ritual of a section.

Reference has been made to certain alterations that have been in the order of worship. Criticisms of this nature are carping. The customary observance is on the lines suggested by that Grand Old Man, the late Archbishop Ridley, and, here it may be mentioned, that the Archbishop never took advantage of the occasion to preach a sermon. The hymns sung and the prayers offered up can give offence to no one who believes in a Supreme Being, and the only alteration made since the Archbishop's death has been the substitution of the national song, "Land of Hope and Glory," for one of the hymns. The imputing of motives for alterations, and some of the criticisms made are mischief-making, and, therefore, not what might be expected from followers of the Prince of Peace. The yearly increase in the numbers attending both ceremonies is an indication that the bulk of the general public approves of method of observance adopted by the R.S.L., and it may surprise some of the dissentent clergymen to learn that there is a steadily growing body of public opinion among diggers and others in favour of stripping the Esplanade ceremony of every vestige of church ritual.

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Watchers for the Tray-Bit

The R.S.L., throughout Australia, has resolutely set its face against the exploitation of Anzac Day for money-making purposes by means of collections, or other devices. Imagine then the disgust and indignation felt by diggers and members of the general public when, at the Dawn ceremony, and later on in the day, they were accosted by members of body calling itself "The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society," offering for sale certain pamphlets written by one Judge Rutherford, of the U.S.A. One
agent, when remonstrated with, retorted that the word of God can be sold anywhere and at any time. Was it not the Founder of Christianity Who warned a certain rich man that the Kingdom of Heaven is not for sale?

We do not wish to attack anyone's beliefs, however absurd they may appear to us, but to call the ravings of Judge Rutherford the word of God will appear stark blasphemy to those who have read them carefully. Rutherford is the man whose treasonable activities earned him a heavy sentence during the war. Of course, the prosecution was a "frame up." Those who advocate the disruption of society are always "framed" when society retaliates by placing them out of harm's way. According to Rutherford, all the existing churches and society as at present constituted are radically wrong, and he is the one man to set things right. At first sight his writings appear harmless lunacy, but a careful reading reveals that they are anti-British propaganda of a particularly virulent type, thinly disguised as religion.

Apart from all this, these people have an infernal cheek to do what the R.S.L. has studiously refrained from doing—to take advantage of a huge devotional gathering for purposes of petty gain. The matter is one which calls for more than protest. It is hoped that the King's Park Board and the Minister for Police will be approached in time to prevent a repetition of these dubious tactics. At the same time, the attention of the Minister for Police might be directed to the subject matter of these tracts, which we consider pernicious and subversive propaganda masquerading as religion.

An English visitor to W.A. was asked at a recent re-union, to give his first impressions of Australia. In expressing his delight and interest in all he had seen here, he added that he did not mind being called a "pommy," and related the following: Losing his way in the country one day, he followed a track which led him to a small shanty. In asking the nearest way to the farm where he was staying, he got into conversation with the owner of the shack. Suddenly the man called out, "Hey, Lizt! come and see a dinkum pommy—only' been in Australia a month!"

Exhibition of Local Products at South Perth

In furtherance of the State-wide policy of encouraging the production and consumption of local products, the Council of Industrial Development, under the auspices of the South Perth Sub-branch, held an Exhibition in the Swan Street Hall, on the afternoons and evenings of 27th and 28th April. In conjunction with this display, the judging of "The Miss South Perth" Competition took place. The combined functions created a great deal of interest in the district, and it is estimated that well over 600 people passed through the hall during all sessions. This result is distinctly pleasing to the committee responsible for the organisation and conduct of the event.

The official opening was performed on the evening of the 27th by Mr. H. A. Pilgrim, Chairman of the local Road Board, supported by Mr. H. E. Wells, M.L.A., and the Hon. J. Scaddan, M.L.A., Minister for Industries. The three speakers referred in terms of high praise to the work done in the interests of local productions by the R.S.L. movement generally, and they appealed to the local

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The various stalls arranged around the hall displayed in an attractive manner local goods of many kinds. There were 22 exhibits in all, and these included such articles as polishes, electrical supplies, tobacco, soap, woolen goods, asbestos products, pickles, sauces, toys, cement products, arts and crafts, raincoats, groceries, etc. which must have fulfilled the purpose of the exhibition, by bringing home to the visitors the fact that it is possible to obtain all manner of locally manufactured goods, equal, at least, in quality to those imported. Two of the stalls, Electrical Goods and Arts and Crafts, were arranged by Messrs. O. Bader and W. F. Andrews, respectively, both of these gentlemen being active members of the South Perth Sub-branch.

Following the official opening, the parade of the contestants in the "Miss South Perth" competition was held, and the judges shortly afterwards announced the results thereof. The winner, Mrs. E. G. Halse, gained the possible score of 100 marks and was heartily congratulated for her very fine work. Mrs. Halse is a member of the local Women's Auxiliary, while Mr. Halse belongs to the sub-branch. Second place was gained by Miss Margaret Smith, with 91 marks, and her costume was greatly admired by all. Miss Smith is the daughter of a sub-branch member, and it is gratifying to record the successes of these two ladies. Third place was awarded to Mrs. O'Shea (88 marks), and the high quality of workmanship and attractiveness in design of all the contestants' costumes were favourably commented upon judges and audience alike.

The second evening of the exhibition was notable for speeches by Messrs. Perry and Neinbit, President and Secretary, respectively, of the Chamber of Manufactures, and Mr. F. J. Aberle, president of the sub-branch. Throughout the sessions of the display, afternoon teas and suppers were served by members of the Auxiliary in a tastefully decorated room, and this innovation returned a profit, which helped considerably towards defraying expenses. The work of the Women's Auxiliary is deserving of great commendation. The Hon. Secretary of the Committee, Mr. O. Bader, and President Aberle were outstanding workers, and both spared neither time nor effort to make the function a success. They were assisted in their work by a very enthusiastic committee. The "Whizz Bang" Orchestra, under Mr. G. Zeplin, dispensed appropriate music during the two evening sessions, and their playing enlivened the proceedings and was greatly appreciated. The Committee is to be congratulated upon the whole-hearted manner in which its members worked, and for the undoubted success which attended its efforts.

friend. One there was which bore, on a plain white envelope, a crudely written "To Dad," and it was that which caused many an eye, already brimming, to overflow. Here, in these wreaths, was evidence indeed that, if the fallen were equal in death, the living were not less equal in the honour and reverence due to them, and freely paid.

A score or so of people moved silently around the obelisk—sightseeing it may be, but reverent, and mostly bareheaded. But at the steps a group of youths laughed and joked profanely. To them the memorial had no meaning.

Came, walking slowly, a man, lame and grizzled, who, as he mounted the steps, removed his hat, an action which brought a smothered giggle from the youths and "taking his hat off to a stone" was heard. The grizzled one turned to them with quiet dignity. "Only those who have seen their comrades die—seen them slump forward and fall—without a groan, or heard the yell of agony—know what that stone stands for. It stands for those who are not here. And for those who are here it stands for the memory of men who gave more for their country than we did. And although you, to-day, enjoy the blessings of peace which those men died to win for you, that is not to say that it will always be so. The day may not be far distant when men whom you have never seen will be taking their hats off to a stone erected to your memory."

He turned, and limped away. There was no laughter now among the youths, they looked after him with serious eyes and different faces—plainly the manliness that was in them had been touched. And the conviction was forced upon one that, notwithstanding the inconsequence of the times, and the thoughtlessness of youth, when the pinch comes, they will not be found wanting.

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By HASTINGS C. REID,
(Hon. Sec. Empire Trading and Shopping Council of W.A.)

If there is one organisation more than another which is setting a truly noble example to the rest of the community, it is the Returned Soldiers’ League. No one who is acquainted even to a limited extent with the scope of its activities can fail to be impressed by the thoroughness with which every principle it stands for is carried out, and the unswerving manner in which it adheres to the path that leads to the welfare of the Nation. Not the least important of the branches of the work of the League is that which is concerned in disseminating the principle of Empire trade. The war experiences and sacrifices of its members, their sojourn in the Old Land, and the assimilation by them of a profundity of knowledge bearing importantly upon Empire questions in general, have rendered them peculiarly fitted to lead the people of Western Australia in this matter. That both their example and their precepts are bearing fruit cannot be gainsaid. Indeed, it can be stated without fear of contradiction that the League, as a factor in Empire trade, as it applies to this State, stands in a position of pre-eminence. But for the zeal, enthusiasm, energy and perfect organisation ability ever displayed by the League and its branches, and the readiness with which each year one and all come to the aid of the Empire Trading and Shopping Council, not one tithe of that which is now accomplished by them could possibly be achieved. There have been times when members of the Council have pondered over the inadvisability of making yet another effort on behalf of Empire Shopping Week. The outlook has been dismal and the prospect for a successful campaign has been anything but bright; but always it has been through the knowledge that both near and far there are branches of the R.S.L., which would be asking, “Why this temerity when we are behind you?” that the thought has been cast aside and we have carried on. To carry on, through thick and thin, over rough furrows and smooth ones, until the tree of Empire blossoms and bears the kind of fruit its gardeners have so strenuously sought to graft upon it, is the policy of the R.S.L., and surely, while its hand remains upon the plow, there can never be a doubt that W.A. will have its Empire Shopping Week and the R.S.L. will stand four-square to it.

Special Message from the Minister for Industries
The Hon. J. Scaddan, C.M.G., M.L.A.

HELP YOURSELF
If you would help yourself, you can do so by helping others as well. Many in the State to-day are faced with the misfortune that they cannot help themselves and are anxiously looking to their fellow citizens to lend them a hand. There is a very definite way in which each citizen can—without injuring his own prospects, but as a matter of fact, improving his own business—help to support his neighbours. That way is by making a point of purchasing locally manufactured goods.

There are still some people who think this talk is all business propaganda for the local factory. There are still some people who imagine themselves sagacious enough to see through this gospel and repel it as an attempt to rob them of the right to purchase where and what they like. There ever will be a number of “know-alls” and self-appointed critics who are far too wise to learn anything.

Fortunately the big majority of people are really intelligent, and glad to analyse any statement and get at the real facts of it. For those people the following will have an appeal, and the more the facts are analysed the better it will be for the citizens of the State, and the comfort and happiness of those within our boundaries.

Why should we buy locally manufactured goods?

Because by so doing we create a local currency for the employment of those beside us, and the consequent enrichment of our purchasing power. Because by so doing, instead of spending our money once by sending it away to buy something we could make for ourselves, we spend it innumerable times over by keeping our own people employed making our requirements.

Let us take an estimate of what we spent away in the Eastern States only last year.

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Let us make a further estimate of what happened to the end of June, 1931. Statistics, which are cold facts, unpartisan, and therefore purely reliable, tell us that to the end of that period of twelve months, Western Australia purchased from the Eastern States goods, including foodstuffs, to the extent of £6,800,000. That was good for the sister States. But these sister States purchased from us in return the comparatively paltry amount of £750,000 during the same period. That was still good for the Eastern States, but not much good for us. Now it is a low estimate to say that of this £6,000,000-balance in favour of the other States of the Commonwealth, 50 per cent. of what was purchased could easily have been made here, that means we wasted £3,000,000. If we divide £3,000,000 by the number of weeks in the year, 52, it shows we wasted £57,692 per week, and if that amount had been spent in making our own requirements it would have employed 16,483 adults of our own State at the basic weekly wage of £3-10s. for a whole year. Yet lots of people are forced to live on 7s. per week per unit of their families, and many of them, unable to get employment, are doing nothing to increase our State's wealth.

I have forgotten who was the American Statesman that said, when urging his countrymen to buy their own goods, that when money was sent out of the country to buy goods it was true, value for the money was lost, but if the same amount was spent in the United States then they had the goods and still had the money. Now this applies aptly to that £3,000,000. We sent it away and lost it while we doubted got goods for it; but if we had bought our own goods we would have had the goods and the money still in the State.

Not only would this money be spent in Western Australia, but it would remain in Western Australia to be used over and over again. It would also grow. And the employment of these 16,483 people would enable them to purchase the clothing and blankets and other things they are now forced to go without to the detriment of their health and comfort. It would enable them to increase their earnings because there would be an increased demand for their services. It would increase the State assets because it would create the need for more buildings in the shape of shops and factories, and homes for the workers, and more supplies and improvements.

Unthinking people blame the merchant who sells imported goods. The merchant sells what the people buy, and if they insist on locally manufactured goods the merchant will have to stock them or go out of business. He won't do the latter out of sentiment for the imported article, but he will gladly buy the home manufacture out of both sentiment and reason if the people will demand it.

Buy locally manufactured goods. If you are in doubt about what are local manufactures consult the board at the Barrack Street Office of the Council of Industrial Development. If you are not near enough to do that write and ask for particulars, but don't make excuses!

All of us are sorry for the plight of the unfortunate unemployed, and all of us should dutifully do what we can to assist. Remember the story of the coster whose donkey dropped dead. The crowd gathered round and sympathised; they bemoaned his loss with him; they accepted as gospel every merit that the broken-hearted coster attributed to his wonderful but deceased helper. But it wasn't getting the coster anywhere till a sailor spectator took off his hat, dropped fifty shillings in it and said to the crowd—"Here! I'm sorry a dollar's worth. How much are you sorry; all of you?" And the crowd responded. That is the spirit. Help others and you will be helping yourselves.

'Tis a long lane that has no turning; help Western Australia to round the bend to prosperity by buying local products.

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Me and Shiner
(By "Bindy Boo")

(Thiis article won the "Most Interesting Man" prize of £1-1-0 for May. The competition will continue in our June issue—send an entry.)

We met in Egypt just after the evacuation. That chance should throw us together was perhaps fortunate, as we were in many respects of the same temperament, our minor idiosyncrasies peculiar to ourselves. Shiner, like myself, must needs dodge any menial job which our respective lance-corporals seemed so intent on passing on. I remember we were both caught for fatigue duty—picking up cigarette butts or something of the kind—and, strange to say, we were both relaxing behind the latrines when we commenced to compare notes. I am afraid I had far more cunning than Shiner, as the present fatigue was only about my second, whilst Shiner was prepared to call it his staff appointment. It is certainly distressing to find your name permanently amongst the scavengers and cigarette butt collectors. I recall, when I watched the butts being grabbed by the hoboos along Hay Street, how my erstwhile comrades suspected me of applying those bumpers to further commercial use. Of course, when one has not had a "smoke for days nor has the whereabouts to purchase the said smokes, a life-size bumper is a very lucky find, there is no denying. However, this fatigue business did not agree with us at all. Like prisoners, we had to plot and scheme to devise some means of escape—for escape one must. Shiner's methods of intrigue were to grasp the old bull by the horns, while I am afraid, I preferred to play around for a while and seek a hold on a more effective part of the bull's anatomy. The various suggestions put forward may never appear in print—which seems a pity—even C. E. W. Bean would have benefited from those fruitful discussions. The removal of the lance-corporal was out of the question. I had no or less fixed my "broke" by lending him a couple of bucks (or razzos, according to the language of the country) and also knew something about him—something about a Chinaman and a fowl—but it is a long story and must wait until the next egg-growers' conference. However, Shiner's lance-Jack was made of sterner stuff. Although even the strongest of strong, silent men have their cast-iron ways, they also have their weak moments, when even minties will not put things to rights. This particular Hercules had a weakness for booze—it was his hobby. He would sneak away from those who knew him and pot-up to some order with the flies. When his cargo was about loaded he had a tendency to close one eye as if to register a shrewd and cunning look. The eye-closing act also indicated that things were flat out—there was no stopping him. He was in this state of shirkersitis when we met him one evening at an out-of-the-way inn, and we promptly finished off the job he had already commenced to make of himself—although it cost a little coin. We had to carry him back to camp. After many protestations had been over-ruled by reassurances, we put him to bed in the O.C.'s bunk. The Colonel was a moderate fellow, but to find a mere lance-corpsal (unpaid) in his bed, boots and all—that sort of thing turned him into something of the purple hue. The said N.C.O. was duly 'crimed,' charged, tried and promptly reverted back to the ranks, which, of course, cleared a very objectionable obstacle from the path of pleasure-loving privates of His Majesty's Forces. But to clear the A.I.F. of troublesome N.C.O.'s would have needed a more effective re-enforcement scheme. N.C.O.'s were not altogether dissimilar to fish when the matter of liquid consumption is questioned, and both the canteens and private pockets have their limits. But all this talk of clearing obstructions gets away from the head of the nail.

We decided the formation of a bugle band would help matters. The proposition went down very well with the Brigadier, who had absolutely no ear for music—he thought bars were something to do with pubs, and drums were containers for oil. The bugle band was a home from home.

We were absolutely the drones of the army, and, curiously enough, we were both acting lance-corporals. Leave we had for the wangling as often as we cared to wangle. Shiner used to carry a Sam Browne belt and a W.O. badge concealed about his person—and which he would don in some convenient place far from the environs of the camp. This procedure, although contrary to the good King's rules and regulations, proved very satisfactory when out of bounds or when A.W.L.—on many occasions we put the heavies over the Jacks.

Shiner had his merits. He was always a wonderful liar, but I could generally hold a candle to him. To see Shiner or hear him dressing down a perfectly genuinely properly equipped, booted and spurred first-class sergeant of the Military Police was a revelation—it was the goods.

Having decided to slip away one Saturday morning, we hired a couple of push-bikes: push is right—they needed push and plenty of it! Over the hills and far away, we found ourselves in a fair-sized city. Men of our charming personality were ever welcome, especially when there were no Australians within miles. First-class W.O. Shiner and his boy friend, under the circumstances, must necessarily imbibe ye olde English ale until the cup is full to enjoy the popularity while it lasted. Everything went well as things go, until a couple of our Tommy friends commenced to talk fight and, incidentally, do their stuff, causing much noise and disorder. The military police arrived and decided to make the necessary arrests, when Shiner intervened, asserting his authority and superior rank. The Tommy police were in a quandary and so left us to pursue our merry ways. We felt we had scored a victory, but the Tommies returned, accompanied by an Aussie sergeant of police in the person of Shiner's erstwhile lance-corporal—the corp who slept in the C.O.'s bed. I felt our bolts were shot, but not so, Shiner, who argued them all to a standstill and won the day.

We talked with our M.P. sergeant for some hours, filled him with beer—more than we could afford—and beat a hasty retreat back home before enquiries could be made. The M.P. had much respect for Shiner, although, as a pair, his opinion was not the highest in the world. But I don't think the opinions of a policeman were apt to give insomnia to the average digger. So far as I can gather, enquiries were never made and Shiner is growing old on pineapples or something in Banana-land and I am here in W.A., wondering what Jimmy de Mitch is going to do next.

11th Battalion Association

Members of the old 11th Battalion are urged to attend the Quarterly General Meeting to be held at the Soldiers Institute on Monday, 13th June next, at 8 pip emma.
Judges and Committee
Miss Westralia Competition

Standing: Messrs. A. E. Pardy, E. S. Watt, J. Cornell, M.I.C., C. Ferguson (Sec.), C. Longmore.

Sitting: Mr. Geo. Marland (Judge), Mrs. T. H. Wilson (Committee and Judge), Mr. J. H. Toops (Chairman), Miss E. Sheath, Mr. M. E. Zeffert.

Absent: Miss L. E. Street (Judge).

Varia

Like King Sub-branch submits a claim for the most comprehensive nominal roll. It includes:—President, H. S. Day (1st Aust. Light Horse, Boer War, and 16th Battalion, A.I.F.,); Secretary, G. Verden (Durham Light Infantry); R. Lillystone (2nd Welsh), R. Allen (1st Battalion Rangers), H. S. Osborne (Hon. Artillery Coy.), G. Grey (Seaman, H.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth"), Alex Watt (7th Battalion Gordon Highlanders), Sgt. McBurcheit (Canadian Flying Corps), J. H. Perry (R.A.M.C.), P. O’Donoghue (10th Battalion, A.I.F.), C. Smeerden Cheshire Yeomanry), G. Pickernell (14th Hussars), Harry Smith (16th Battalion, A.I.F.), H. Rodgers (2nd Midland Territorial R.F.A.), F. Timmins (Minersweeper, R.N.V.R.), S. Amatt (10th Battery R.F.A.), Piper Forbes Gray (1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders), M. Johnston (50th Battery, A.I.F.), W. Hastings (K.O. Scottish Borderers).

Readers will regret to learn that Aussie, the first and best of all the digger papers, has suspended publication for twelve months. This bright little magazine was founded, practically in the firing line by Phil. Harris, of Sydney, and other

placed. After his return to Australia, Phil. Harris continued with Aussie as a magazine making its appeal to the general public, though the strong digger bias was retained. When Phil. vacated the editor’s chair, he was succeeded by Mr. Walter Jago. The suspension, which we hope is only a temporary one, is a blow to readers and writers alike. The latter, and one can speak from personal experience, found the editor invariably courteous and considerate. On the acceptance or otherwise of a contribution the writer would receive a written communication from the editor advising him of his effusion’s fate. This gave the author of a rejected manuscript the chance of placing it elsewhere. During a long experience of journalism we have found few editors so considerate.

One of the coolest of German spies served for many months as an interpreter of the French court-martial who tried persons accused of spying. This man witnessed the condemnation of his fellow spies without a tremor and faithfully reported to his own country the evidence in each case. Never did the French court suspect its interpreter. Naturally, the details of how the French were catching spies was invaluable to the German directors of espionage.

It is generally thought that spying is a very hazardous occupation in war time, but according to reliable authority it is not nearly so dangerous as front line soldiering. During the war there were roughly 45,000 spies employed by the Allies and the enemy nations, and only 1,000 of them—a little over 2 per cent—suffered the death penalty.
Personal

An interesting visitor to our office during the month was Guy Duffield, last year's president and this year's treasurer of the Manjimup Sub-branch. Guy served with the 11th Battalion and got badly knocked at Gallipoli. He is on the inky way, being in charge of the "Manjimup and Warren Times." He reports a virile sub-branch of about 45 members and an active ladies' committee.

A gentleman who earned the gratitude of many hundreds of Australian soldiers during the war was Mr. Charles Billyard-Leake, of Harefield, Middlesex, who passed away during the month. Mr. Billyard-Leake was a successful pastoralist in Australia and, like Mr. Bush of Bishop's Knoll, handed his beautiful home over to the Australian military authorities during the war, and personally equipped it as a hospital. A son, Lieut. E. W. Billyard-Leake, commanded the cruiser "Iphigenia," during the first attack on Zeelbrugge on the 24th April, 1918. This was one of the most daring and heroic exploits of the war. It will be remembered that the old "Vindicative" led the three cruisers, "Thebes," "Intrepid" and "Iphigenia," to the entrance channel at Zeelbrugge, with the object of sinking the cruisers, which were filled with concrete, to act as block-ships across the entrance, to prevent it being used as a submarine base. How this was successfully accomplished under heavy fire from the shore batteries and machine and rifle fire, is well-known history. Lieut. Billyard-Leake ran his boat in under withering fire and beached her, then blew her up and saw her drop nicely across the channel, which, with her sister boat, "Intrepid," she effectively blocked. The then Lieutenant is to-day Lieut.-Commander.

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CLUES ACROSS
1. The Garden Suburb 22. A name revered by all diggers
2. Col. Collet every inch a - 23. Seen on Paris leave
9. A name revered by all diggers 24. Period of time
10. Seen on Paris leave 25. Just back
12. Always long overdue 26. And so forth
13. The desire of all nations 27. Consumed when diggers meet
15. Always censored 29. Learn in Musketry (verb)
17. The desire of all nations 31. A Turkish title
18. The desire of all nations 32. A Russian state
19. Part of a flower 33. Canteen of the cruisers, which were beached at Gallipoli
20. The "Gutzer" (init.) 34. Part of a race
21. Implements 35. The land of the leek
22. Noble war wogger 36. The Sun does it
23. Always long overdue 37. The sun does it
24. Period of time 38. Seen by night
25. Just back 39. Divisions of a race
26. And so forth 40. The Landing
27. Consumed when diggers meet 41. The "Gutzer" (init.)
30. Mineral substance 42. Digger's Dog (adj.)

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2. Notion 7. Yankee for tin
3. Yankee for tin 8. Symbol of Peace
4. Yankee for tin 9. To go back
5. Yankee for tin 10. Pole with a foot support
11. A forward sap 11. Complaints
12. A forward sap 12. Part of church arch
13. Part of church arch 13. A large, flat, smooth rock
15. A large, flat, smooth rock 15. Peaceful
16. A large, flat, smooth rock 16. Implements
17. A large, flat, smooth rock 17. Found in a pack
18. The "Gutzer" King (init.) 18. The "Gutzer" King (init.)
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20. A spell 20. The "Gutzer" King (init.)
21. The "Gutzer" King (init.) 21. The "Gutzer" King (init.)
22. A famous Ridge in France 22. A famous Ridge in France
23. Pinched 23. A famous Ridge in France
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26. Enclosed space 26. A famous Ridge in France
27. Small island 27. A famous Ridge in France
28. Feeds 28. A famous Ridge in France
29. Is not (coit.) 29. A famous Ridge in France
30. Crow land (init.) 30. A famous Ridge in France
31. Steam (init.) 31. A famous Ridge in France
32. A make of popular watch 32. A make of popular watch
33. A starchy food 33. A starchy food
34. To join metals 34. To join metals
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Syd. Cooksley, of the old 11th and member of the Cottesloe Sub-branch, is crowing like a prize rooster because the baby who won the 2nd prize at the recent State Baby Show was reared entirely on milk supplied from his dairy. Good luck to him!

Enquiries are being made in Melbourne R.S.L. circles regarding the whereabouts of Walter Macfarlane, aged 39, married, and a farmer of Neerina East, via Meeniyan, who left Melbourne on March 16 to attend the opening of Sydney Harbour Bridge. Mr. Macfarlane received severe war injuries, and it is thought that he may have lost his memory. His description is:-Height 5ft. 9in., sandy hair, rugged features, medium complexion, half of right hand missing, large scar on head.

Old 1st men will be pleased to hear that Wally Noakes, stretcher-bearer of C. Company, is pulling his weight in the Brunswick Sub-branch, as he did of old in the Battalion.

Mr. C. Robin, who has handled the key of the Bunbury Sub-branch’s safe for a number of years, has been transferred to Perth. Bunbury’s loss will benefit the metropolis. Mr. Robin was a noted performer of the sub-branch concert party. His Bunbury comrades wish him the best of luck in his new appointment.

Padre Hardy, a vice-president of the Bunbury Sub-branch, has also answered a call to Perth. The Padre is a true-blue sportsman, who does his best at all times to further the aims and objects of the League. He carries the good wishes of all denominations with him to his new congregation.

The new Treasurer of the Bunbury Sub-branch is Mr. Ferguson, a new arrival from South Australia, where he has done valuable work for the cause.

Colonel J. M. Semmens, O.B.E., V.D., the Chairman of the Repatriation Commission, visited Perth during the month on a visit of inspection. The Pensions Committee of the State Executive discussed many pension problems with the Colonel and were satisfied with the result.

Mr. H. H. Howard, the Chairman of the War Pensions Assessment Appeal Tribunal, who is at present in Perth on his official duties, was a recent visitor to a meeting of the State Executive, when he addressed delegates on certain aspects of his investigations regarding assessment appeals.

Mr. W. M. Carne, Senior Plant Pathologist of the Commonwealth Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, has left for Hobart, where he has been transferred. Mr. Carne’s research work, particularly for the apple industry, has been of great value not only to this State but to the Commonwealth. He served abroad with the Light Horse and was a member of the League. Mr. Carne was also a prominent member of the Perth Legacy Club.

A recent guest at the Perth Legacy Club was Jim Morgan, Schoolmaster of Mr. Barker’s late Captain of the 11th Battalion, A.I.F. Jim, who has a keen intellect, is always considered a catch at re-union smokes, his sound reasoning always being illustrated by witty remarks of a high standard.

Another, good digger in Parliament—Tom Moore, who during the month won a seat in the Legislative Council. Although we have fourteen diggers in the Assembly, since the death of Dr. Saw, Jimmy Cornell has been the lone digger in the Council. Congratulations, Tom.

Mr. C. C. Hillary has been appointed Secretary of the Education Department. Mr. Hillary served as captain and adjutant, 44th Battalion, during the war, and was wounded near Zonnebeke during October, 1917.

Col. Chas. H. Lamb has sailed for England on a six months’ business and pleasure trip. He intends to visit the war areas in France, and should have something interesting to tell us on his return. Colonel Lamb served with the 29th Battalion as captain and adjutant on Gallipoli, and with the 44th Battalion in France and Belgium, where he was awarded the Military Cross for gallant work at Armentieres in 1917. Since the war the Colonel, although a very busy business man, has found time to pull his weight in returned soldier circles. For a short period he was President of the W.A. Branch of the League and was the foundation president of the Perth Legacy Club.

Miss Irene Braun, who won the title of “Miss Perth” in the “Miss Westralia” All Wool-Frock Competition, is a junior legatee, her father having been killed in 1917 when serving with the 31st Battalion. Irene’s mother is vice-president of the Perth Women’s Auxiliary. We believe that at least two other “Miss Westralia” finalists are daughters of diggers who made the big sacrifice at the war. If so we would welcome further particulars.

The new manager of the Perth Branch of the Bank of Australasia is Colonel H. R. Wiltshire, who commanded the 22nd Battalion in the big scrap. The Colonel recently arrived from Melbourne.

At the last meeting of the State Executive, the management committee recommended that the resignation of Mr. R. E. Tyler, who has been transferred to the country, be accepted with regret, and that Mr. A. H. Panton, M.L.A., be appointed to the vacant position of Trustee of the W.A. Branch, the next on the waiting list of Executive Committee men to be called up to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Mr. Panton. The new Trustee, Mr. Panton, would also fill the vacancy on the directorate of the R.S.L. Trading Co.

Mr. Wm. Christie, who has held many responsible positions in the State Civil Service, has just recently taken up duty as accountant in the Lands and Surveys Department.

Mr. Christie was formerly accountant
at the Agent-General’s Office, London, going there from the Treasury Department about four years ago. As a member of the original 11th Battalion, A.I.F., he was severely wounded at Gallipoli, being later returned to Australia as unfit for further Active Service. Not satisfied with this exploit, he re-enlisted with the 44th Battalion. Again proceeding overseas, holding the rank of sergeant, he saw some stiff fighting with that unit. Being an old member of the West Perth Sub-branch, his fellow members all join in conveying to him their congratulations on his new appointment.

Mr. L. M. Alexander, of the Roads and Reserves Branch of the State Civil Service (popularly known throughout the service as “Alex”), and departmental secretary for the Civil Service Association, has been appointed departmental secretary for the West (Perth Sub-branch R.S.L. (vice A. Stewart, resigned). "Alex" saw service overseas with the 48th Battalion, and later with the Signalling Corps.

Mr. H. T. McMinn, of the Roads and Reserves Branch of the State Civil Service, has forsaken his old bachelor friends and joined the ranks of the Benedicts. H.T.M., who was a sergeant in the A.I.F., was, some years ago, Hon. Secretary of the West Perth Sub-branch. Good wishes and congratulations were heaped upon him at an enthusiastic gathering recently held in the Lands Dept.

Two of the quietest men in Manjimup galloped into action recently with tails up and teeth flashing in the moonlight. One was Constable Bill Harvey, now in charge of Manjimup station, and formerly of the old 16th Battalion, in which he gained his two pips and a Military Cross. The other was George Starkie, late of the 3rd Machine Gun Company, and now earning a crust as night-watchman for several business places in Manjimup.

These two citizens were jerked into the limelight by the attempt to burglar the Bank of New South Wales in Manjimup on April 24. On that occasion Bill was obliged to shoot a masked but misguided youth who foolishly tried to shoot Bill first. The unobtrusive George was well aware of the burglars as soon as they arrived. He even established a listening post a few feet to the rear of their posses. The burglars, careful as they were, never heard of George or his job—until a salvo from his gun got between

them and their stolen motor car.

Thus the two warriors carried out a peace-time job in the A.I.F. manner.

One of our outstanding members who was so active during the Wool Week activities of the various sub-branches was Oscar Bader, of the illustrious South Perth sub-branch. Particular credit is due to Oscar for the organising of that affair, the Local Products Exhibition, leaving nothing to be desired, and the arrangements for the judging of "Miss South Perth" are to be highly commended. We are sure that Oscar derived most of his knowledge from his old battalion, the renowned 28th, and perhaps a little from brother Carl.

It is seldom we run across a man of so many parts as Bill Wilkins, past president of Subiaco, vocalist, violinist, orator and generally a ——- good fellow. Wherever Wilkie goes there can always be assured that feeling of bonhomie so dear to the hearts of all diggers. Wilkie gets serious on occasions. His pastimes are flying, mixing and visiting country sub-branches. In civil life Wilkie controls the destinies of an established real estate agency.

The stock has been looking up the "Roll of Honour." Two Westralian V.C.’s are among the latest to receive its honours and awards. During Wool Week, Jack Axford, V.C., and Jimmy Woods, V.C., were seen to meet and perform the religious rite of wetting heads. Jack and Jim are looking prim, as happy fathers "oughter." A boy Jim got to fill his cot, while Jack received a daughter.

The Kondinin-Kalgarin Sub-branch has suffered a severe loss by the death by accident of Mr. Harry D. Holtzmann, who served with the 44th Battalion. He was driving home from Kondinin to his farm at Kalgarin when, about 200 yards from home, the front wheels of the truck locked, and the truck was turned over, and he was pinned underneath. Death must have been almost instantaneous. He was a good husband and father, leaving a widow and four children, two of his daughters being married. He was an active member of the Sub-branch, attending regularly at the meetings held in Kalgarin. He was formerly a member of the Perth Sub-branch, and was well known in Bunbury and the South-West, and also in the Gascoyne and Nor’-West as a plumber. He left many friends behind him, but no enemies.

Late Corporal John Stewart

"Jock" was born at Renfrew, Scotland, 38 years ago, and served with Royal Engineers in the Great War until taken prisoner in March, '18.

He came to Western Australia nine years ago, with his wife, and entered the workshops of the W.A.G.R. as a moulder.

He was a keen sport and well-known in the soccer world. For a number of years he was a member of the Midland Sub-branch and—until his war troubles came against him—a live one.

He passed away in Repat. Ward on February 17, 1932, deeply regretted by all who knew him, and their sympathy goes out to his wife and little daughter, who reside in Helena Street, Bellevue.

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**Vale: Doug. Wallis**

We regret to announce the death of Douglas Neill Wallace, at the early age of forty, as the result of a motor car accident. The deceased had been the bugler of the Bunbury Sub-branch for years, and an active member of the concert party. Having blown the "Last Post" twice on Anzac Day, he travelled by car to Perth, to pay the last respects to his uncle. On the return journey he met with the fatal accident, and died at St. John of God Hospital at 9 a.m., Monday, May 2, after being unconscious for five days. The funeral, which took place on Tuesday, May 3, was one of the biggest seen in Bunbury. The late Mr. Wallis joined the A.I.F. on November 23, 1914, and served with the 12th Battalion at the Gallipoli Landing, in Egypt, and in France, where he was badly gashed. He leaves a widow and one child, to whom we extend our deep sympathy.

**R.S.L. and Wool Week**

The "Miss Westralia" competition, which was the League's own special effort in connection with "Wool Week," has receive such a gratifying amount of publicity from the press, that there is little left, in the way of further information, for us to convey at this stage. This week will see the selection of "Miss Westralia" from among the 70 finalists who are presenting themselves at the Institute.

The response to the League's effort has been magnificent throughout the State. Approximately 1,000 ladies entered for the competition, and the eliminating competitions held in 70 sub-branches drew audiences of over 25,000. These figures will give some idea of the number who have been brought directly into contact with the campaign. Add to them the friends and relatives whom their influence will reach, and one can gauge the vast amount of good the R.S.L. is doing in widening its sphere of influence by undertaking work of national importance.

**Our Woollen Mills**

The Director of the Albany Woollen Mills desires to express his gratitude for appreciation of the support given to the Mills' products by returned soldiers and their ladies in the "Miss Westralia" competitions. It is regretted that purchasers could not always get the shades and colours desired. The explanation is that the normal method of purchase is for the merchant to place his orders between the months of August and March if requiring delivery in March. The unprecedented demand created by the "Wool Week" activities, which developed late in February, made it impossible for the mill to manure in time to meet all these demands. It is felt that the satisfaction and confidence which has now permeated all parts of the State will be lasting, and the mills ask for a continuance of the support already given, so that a staple industry may progress and flourish.

**Possible Retrenchment, Public Service**

In a letter read at the last Executive meeting of the Federal President, delegates learned that the Prime Minister had given his assurance that returned soldiers would receive preference in retention where dismissals were inevitable in any department of the Commonwealth.

Concerning temporary, employees, Mr. Lyons promised that returned soldiers possessing the requisite qualifications shall be transferred to the positions held by non-soldiers. This practical interest of the Prime Minister will be appreciated by "diggers."

**State Executive Meetings**

At the meeting of the State Executive, held on April 27, there were present Messrs. Collett, Riley, Freedman, Tyler, Olden, Toner, Lovell, Edmonds, Banton, Nicholson, Ware, Smith, Fulgham, Tidy, Birch, Mellor, Nugent, and Bader. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. C. Gillett, and apologies were received from Messrs. Philip, Hunt, Cornell, and Walker.

Pressure of private business compelled Mr. R. E. Tyler to tender his resignation as a Trustee. Several delegates however, expressed their regret at the possibility of Mr. Tyler severing his connection with the Executive. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Management Committee in the hope that Mr. Tyler's connection with the Executive would be continued.

The State Secretary's report intimated that an appointment had been fixed with the Premier for the following day at 10 a.m., to consider a proposed appointment as secretary of the Child Welfare Department, in which the question of preference was involved. The State Secretary, Archdeacon Riley, Messrs. Smith, Birtwistle, Tyler, and Mellor were appointed as a deputation to wait upon the Premier.

**Soldier Settlers' Interest**—The chairman of the Land Committee (Colonel A. C. N. Olden) reported that the committee had discussed the question of interest with the Managing Trustee of the Agricultural Bank (Mr. E. A. McLarty) on account of a complaint received from a country sub-branch, which alleged that an Agricultural Bank inspector had told a settler that if current interest were paid at the reduced rate the amount would be credited to his arrears. This information nullified the promise of the Premier and the Managing Trustee of the Agricultural Bank, when the League was informed that if a settler paid current interest, the arrears could remain frozen for the time being, or be deferred for subsequent negotiation at payment. Mr. McLarty assured the League representatives that the information reported to have been given by the inspector was incorrect, and that, if a settler paid current interest, this payment would be credited to the current interest account. As to arrears and accommodation interest, Colonel Olden said the Managing Trustee stated that when the arrears were paid the Trustee would sympathetically consider the cancellation of accommodation.

Colonel Nicholson moved the following notice of motion: "As an amendment of the Agricultural Bank Act is necessary to enable the bank to defer payment of arrears of interest and waive..."
accommodation interest, as resolved at last con-
ference, this Executive confirms the necessity for
acceptance of those resolutions, and respectfully
requests the Government to bring forward the
necessary Amending Bill during the next session."

"Miss Westralia."—The Chairman of the Em-
pire and local Trading Committee (Mr. J. H.
Tozer) reported progress in the "Miss West-
ralia" all-wool flock competition. It was
agreed that the Executive should entertain the
73 district representatives each with one friend
on Monday, May 23.

Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield.—Mr. I. T.
Birtwistle, as chairman of the committee ap-
pointed to draft proposals for a competition by
sub-branches for the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield, presented a comprehensive re-
port.

The report, recommended the division of the
State into zones, each zone to be sub-divided into
sections and controlled by a committee represen-
tative of the sub-branches concerned. The competi-
tions suggested were small-bore rifle shooting, peg
quoting, cable tennis, draughts and bridge. It was
expected that each section committee would enter
a team for each competition, and a system of
allocating points was recommended. By a
process of elimination the metropolitan and
country winners would be determined, and the
finalists pushed on for the shield during Congress
week at the end of September, the
successful sub-branch to hold the shield for the
ensuing twelve months.

It was recommended that a central committee
be appointed, and that it consider the
extension of the competition to the sons and daughters
of the sailors and soldiers, so that
Archbishop Riley should be given a
permanent memorial. The inclusion of such
games as football, cricket, swimming, and
running was contemplated in this connection.

The report was adopted and the preliminary
committee was appointed, a central committee
to put the proposal into operation.

Visits.—The following visits by executive
deluges were reported upon:—Colonel Olden to
Northam, Colonel Nicholson to Moora, and Mr.
Walker to Quairading.

House Committee.—In adopting Mr. Tyler's
report of an incident in which the cars were
damaged to the cost of £11/10/-, it was agreed
that the committee take suitable action for
the recovery of this amount.

Unemployed Ex-service Men.—The report on
unemployment among ex-service men throughout
Australia revealed that the numbers registered for
employment in the various States were:—Queens-
land, 900; N.S.W., 12,034; Victoria, 7,768;
South Australia, 905; W.A., 1,158; Tasmania, 99;
total, 23,064.

Moorene Rock Water Supply.—It was agreed
that the matter of water recollection at Moorene
Rock again be taken up with the Minister for
Country Water Supply.

Invitations.—Invitations for representatives of
the State Executive to visit Geraldton and dis-
trict were referred to the Management Com-
mittee.

New Sub-branch.—The formation of a new
sub-branch at Yealering was approved.

At the meeting held on May 11, there were
present Messrs. Collett, Yeates, Freeman, Philip,
Olden, Tozer, Lovell, Edmonds, Panton, Nichol-
son, Smith, Watt, Farquharson, Pady, Margolin,
Nugent, Bader, Cornell and Walker. Leave of
absence was granted to Mr. C. R. Gillett and
apologies were received from Archdeacon Riley,
Messrs. Denton, Birtwistle and Mellor.

Lemnos Mental Hospital.—The State Secretary,
in his report, referred to a recently published
suggestion that Lemnos as a Mental Hospital was
the last closed down and the first used for purposes
of a general hospital. In the following day's
paper, the State Secretary published the fact that
the National Commissioner for Repatriation had
no knowledge of any proposed closure, and the
inference, therefore, would be that it was just
a kite being, flown by some interested parties
anxious to avail themselves of the foresight of
the men who had selected the Lemnos site years
ago. There were no subsequent publications
after the publication of our concern and queries.

"Miss Westralia."—Mr. Tozer presented
a lengthy report indicating the detailed arrange-
ments for the "Miss Westralia" Competition.

Executive Meeting Postponed.—Aising out of
the Wool Committee report it was decided to
postpone the next executive meeting for one
week. It will therefore be held on June 1.

Land Committee.—Colonel A. C. N. Olden
submitted a report in which he stated:—"The
No. 4 District Committee is showing unrest and
disatisfaction due, it is claimed, to some reported
happenings when Mr. Moran and Colonel Denton
visited the district in December last. Complaint
in this connection was first made by the Kojonup
Sub-branch in December 30. The letter was re-
ferred back to the president (Mr. Anderson)
asking if the sub-branch had considered its con-
cepts and the outcome of such consideration.
The sub-branch confirmed the complaint which re-
ferred to the extravagant language of Mr. Moran.

his rebuff to the local R.S.L. officials and his as-
sumption to the effect that "what he said was
final. The committee took a serious view of
this matter and a copy of the letter was supplied
to Colonel Denton. We have not, however, been
in a position to discuss the matter with our repre-
sentative on the Board, owing to the difficulty
in getting a full meeting of the Land Committee.
I instructed the State Secretary to comply with
the request of the Kojonup Sub-branch made on
January 30 last, wherein information was de-
sired as to the appointment of our representative
on the Board, his status on the Board, and other
queries raised.

"I am reporting this information to the State
Executive to-night, as I understand the unrest
in the Great Southern area amongst soldier set-
tlers and sub-branches is likely to endeavour to
find another outlet for its dissatisfaction other
than through the usual League channels. What
has happened so far as I can judge, is this:

(1) Unable to secure general re-valuation, the
League secured a representative on the
Soldiers' Settlement Board.

(2) Our representative and a Bank Trustee
proceeded to a satisfied district.

(3) Contrary to the policy of the General
Manager, the local officials were, it is
alleged, not consulted.

(4) The local R.S.L., through this rebuff, had
its dissatisfaction intensified and, I believe,
at present, looks with mistrust on the
Land Committee. As this matter may have
serious repercussions at Congress, an early
full meeting of the Land Committee is
desired."

Colonel Olden further reported that he had
again tendered evidence before the Royal Com-
mision on Group Settlement in connection with
soldier settlers at Richardson's Swamp, Manda-
gallup, Kirrup, Boddington and Shotts.

The report was adopted.

Consultative Council.—Mr. Edmonds submitted
a copy of the minutes of the last Advisory Coun-
cil meeting and read the reply of the Common-
wealth Auditor-General to a previous resolution
of the Council. This reply, the text of which
appears in another column, was referred to the
Pensions Committee.

Employment Bureau.—The report for April
shows that 33 positions have been found, and
that there are 1,180 men still to be placed.

Relief Fund.—During April the trustees of the
Relief Fund assisted 133 persons to the extent of
£132 2/-.

The number of A.I.F. members participat-
ing was 14; ex-Imperial members, 6;
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A.F. non-members, 74; ex-Imperial non-members, 26; widows, etc., 10. Additional approvals were £10. Women's Auxiliary £7.10/-, meals for unemployed on Anzac Day £10, blankets, and £1, one bolt of flannel.

Visits.—The Management Committee recommended that the State Secretary and an Executive member visit sub-branches in the Geraldton and Murchison districts. The itinerary included June 2 to June 8. Carried.

Mr. Panton reported on visits made to No. 11 Ward, Perth Hospital.

Mr. Yeates reported in connection with the very fine Anzac Day service held at Bunbury, Myalup, and Stonehouse Camps. It was agreed that the Trustees give some attention to the requirements of ex-service men at these unemployment camps.

S.S.L.—The Management Committee recommended that the State Secretary circulate all sub-branches, advising them fully as to the rules governing the formation of a Sons of Soldiers' League, and urging a commencement.

Federal Correspondence—

Gold Bonus: Referring to a communication sent by the State Executive to the Prime Minister (Mr. Lyon) protesting against the abolition of the Gold Bonus, the Federal Secretary (Mr. J. Webster) stated that advice had been received from the Prime Minister's Department to the effect that full cognizance would be taken of the representations that had been made if this question came before the Government.

Mr. Webster said that the letter also gave an assurance that a decision would not be arrived at precipitately, and that full consideration would be given from a national point of view to the many and varied factors surrounding the payment of the bounty on gold production.

Imperial Ex-Service Men.—In this connection the Victorian Branch pointed out that Victoria had not at any time set up an "ex-Imperial men's branch, adhering to the principle that ex-Imperial men should rank equally with ex-A.I.F. men in common membership of branches.

Anzac Day messages were received from Miss Ethel Campbell of Durban and Earl Jellicoe. The expulsion of Mr. W. T. Carter from the Federal Capital Territory Branch was noted.

Correspondence concerning the heavy reductions of an 80 per cent pension, amendments to the Repatriation Act, and Old Age Pensions, were referred to the Pensions Committee.

Copies of correspondence dealing with a Commonwealth Public Service Appeal Tribunal, and preference in the matter of promotion, were sent to the West Perth Sub-branch.

Correspondence dealing with Entitlement Tribunal, telegrams between F.C.T. Branch and Federal President, Prince of Wales Pension Fund (to be published in "The Listening Post"), War Memorial, Membership and Employment Return were referred.

Mr. C. P. Smith's motion concerning "The Listening Post", notice of which was given at the previous Executive meeting, was proposed by him, seconded by Mr. Nugent, and carried. The resolution was, "That in view of the improvement in "The Listening Post" on the lines suggested by your special committee, the resolution giving notice of the termination of the existing agreement be rescinded and a report made to the State Congress accordingly.

Soldier Settlers' Interest.—After it had been stated that the position of the returned soldier on the land was becoming desperate, Colonel E. J. H. Nicholson moved and Mr. Walker seconded a resolution that "As an amendment of the Agricultural Bank Act is necessary to enable the Bank to defer payment of arrears of interest, and to provide that interest be paid by the Bank, as resolved at the last Congress, this Executive confirms the necessity for acceptance of these resolutions and respectfully requests the Government to bring forward the necessary amending Bill during the next session."

The resolution as it reads applies only to those soldiers who were settled on the land under the Federal Government's soldier settlement scheme, which is administered by the State Government out of funds allocated by the Federal Government. Mr. J. C. Cornell moved an amendment that the proposed new legislation be made to apply to all classes of soldier settlers. The amendment lapsed for want of a second and the original motion was carried.

Proposed Kiosk.—The Secretary read a letter from the Premier's Department concerning the erection of a kiosk in the avenue leading to the Institute. It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Philp, seconded by Mr. H. Walker, "That it is not the desire of the Executive for a seller's stand or kiosk to be erected at the entrance to the Soldiers' Institute."

Soldiers in Hospitals.—The Northam Sub-branch's suggestion, that the Medical Department be instructed to ask matrons and officials of government and other hospitals to obtain regimental and other particulars of soldier patients when admitted, was agreed to.

Visits.—In response to an invitation from the Fremantle Council and sub-branch, it was arranged that the Executive visit Fremantle and meet at the Fremantle War Memorial at 3 p.m., on May 29.

Proposed visits to the Murray Sub-branch on May 21, and to Geraldton and Districts, were referred to the Management Committee.

Preference.—The State Secretary reported in connection with a deputation to the Premier and other interviews arising out of the proposal to appoint a non-soldier to a certain vacancy in the Civil Service, for which there are returned soldier applicants. After some discussion it was agreed on the motion of Mr. Watt, "That in view of all the circumstances, as reported, certain information and advice be tendered to one applicant for a position which has been the subject of representation to the Government."

A reply was received from the Premier's Department, in the matter of T. L. Walker, was referred to the Employment Committee.

A report from the Claremont Sub-branch, concerning employment of non-soldiers as markers on the Swanbourne Rifle Range, was referred to Headquarters, 1st Military District.

General.—The appointments of A. S. Looney as secretary of the Nooming Sub-branch, and G. S. Cattermole as secretary of the Norwood Sub-branch were confirmed.

The request of the Salmon Gums Sub-branch, concerning flat rate for freights on the railways, was referred to the Commissioner for Railways.

On the motion of Mr. A. H. Panton, seconded by Colonel Olden, a request that a building site be made available, at some future date, for the Infant Health Association, was referred to the Management Committee for inquiry and report.

Correspondence in connection with the proposed formation of a sub-branch at Port Augusta was referred to the Management Committee.

It was decided that a reply to the letter from the Maylands Sub-branch about loan moneys and pensions, be left in the hands of the State Secretary.

A letter from the Victoria Park Sub-branch in which the City Council referred it to the Executive commented upon the condition of many War Memorials and asked that measures be taken for their upkeep and preservation. On the motion of Messrs. Watt, and Edmonds, it was decided to advise the sub-branch to write to the City Council suggesting that the sub-branch be appointed custodian of the local memorial.

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SOUTH PERTH

The April meeting was one of the most successful held in recent months, the number of members present being well over 60, and five new names were added to the roll. Many old members who had not been in attendance for a long time were present. This seems to indicate a revival of interest in the sub-branch and is very encouraging to the officials. Matters pertaining to the Dawn and other Anzac Day services were discussed and details finalised. A good muster of returned men and women of the district attended the different services and all were greatly pleased with the increased public recognition of Anzac Day.

The Exhibition of Local Products and "Miss South Perth" Competition was held on 27th and 28th April and proved a highly successful event. Mrs. E. G. Hales was returned as the winner of the competition with the maximum marks of 100. We wish "Miss South Perth" the best of luck in the finals.

On Saturday evening, April 23, "The Whizz Bang" Concert Party and Orchestra broadcast an Anzac Eve sketch entitled "Distant Memories." Subsequent reports from all sources proclaim the popularity of the event with listeners.

The social programme arranged for each monthly meeting is proving very popular and the competitive games are entered with enthusiasm, and they give pleasure and amusement to members.

The sub-branch orchestra is proving a wonderful help in all social functions that are held. Music was dispersed each evening of the exhibition and greatly enlivened the proceedings.

TRAMWAY

A meeting was held on April 26, 1932, at the R.S.I. Institute. Mr. C. J. Robertson presided over a good attendance. A notice of motion was given altering the percentage of the sweep, which will have the effect of improving the social and amelioration funds. Members who have not joined in the sweep should get in touch with Mr. Ivan Crowe or Mr. C. B.

Tourney, at once. A very interesting report was given by the secretary, supported by the president and Mr. W. Hudman in reference to a demonstration and lecture given by Mrs. Aspinall (Organiser of the East Perth Wool Comfort Class). A letter of appreciation has been sent to Mrs. Aspinall. The secretary reported that at a special meeting of the Social Committee, held after the parade on Anzac Day, the attendance numbered 33. It was also the desire of the Committee to see this an annual occurrence. A large number of members attended the service on Anzac Day, and they were sorry that so many had to work. After all business had been dealt with, a best story competition was held, the honours going to Dick Thiele. Sam Hatton dispensed the wassail, Jock being over the road at a re-union. The boys reckon that Sam is a good steward, but his glasses are too heavy to handle all the evening.

COTTESLOE BEACH

This sub-branch in conjunction with the Cottesloe Sub-branch, observed Anzac Day in a manner befitting the occasion. On the evening of the 24th (Anzac Eve), both sub-branches attended a service of remembrance at St. Luke's Church, Buckland Hill. Sixty-five (65) returned men, and one nursing sister, paraded. The Reverend, the Rev. H. E. King, M.A., gave a most inspiring address to a large congregation, and during the service read the names of the fallen. Bugler Scott sounded the "Last Post" and "Revelle," and President Joe Bryant placed a wreath at the foot of the honour roll. At 11 a.m. on Anzac Day both sub-branches, headed by the Cottesloe Town Band, and joined by the local troops of Sea Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, and Brownies, marched through Cottesloe to the service at Brand's Point. The largest gathering ever seen at this annual service listened to a fine address by the Rev. Storey, Sub-Warden of St. George's College.

At the monthly meeting held on April 27, the members entertained the ladies at a most enjoyable evening. The holiday on Labour Day was utilised in planting trees in the Memorial Park, several of which were planted by relatives of the fallen.

Members are requested to note that the meeting of this sub-branch is held on the last Wednesday of each month.

BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSOCIATION

The B.U.S.A. will hold a Dance Social at R.S.I. Headquarters, Perth, on Friday, May 29, at 8 p.m. The latc one, held on April 29, was a pronounced success, and has resulted in the decision to continue these happy evenings monthly. Watch the "L.P." for future dates and details. Note the charge at the door is only 1/-.

CAMPION-GEELAKIN

The Campion-Geelakin Sub-Branch held a very successful smokeo on April 23, in Lake Brown Hall, the main purpose of which was a membership drive. Four new members were enrolled, with promises of several more. Musical items were supplied by Masters, Ossie Caning (at the piano), Wally Cran (banjo), and Bewick (viola). Jack Lockton proved a very versatile entertainer, a more than capable steward, and a more efficient auctioneer, who gained in the absence of surplus stock. George Morell and George Hodges both rendered good songs, which were well received, whilst Stan Jago, from Bruce Rock Sub-branch, caused much laughter with his humorous recitation, "Oh, Lord! How I envy McGinty."

Our old friend, Jack Mulqueen, ably represented Nungarin and Perth Sub-branches, and put in some fine work in his response to visiting sub-branches' toast, by emphasising and extending President Nugent's appeal for new members.

T. B. Conway responded to the toast of local governing bodies, and lent his weight by joining the sub-branch.

As we have a number of members now at Lake King, it is intended at our next meeting to seek permission to alter our title to include that centre.

The sub-branch conducted its first Anzac service at Lake Brown in the afternoon.

Generally, things are good, and we want that little bit of luck from Headquarters to make them better.

LAKE KING

The Lake King Sub-branch held a dance in the local hall on Saturday night, April 23, in honour of the ladies, and R.S.L. helpers. No other form of amusement is worth while in this scattered district, as some came 25 miles to attend. The night was very successful, and, as usual, Chris. Verden was a very busy man. Mr. Brandenburg, of Newdegate, gave two prizes, which were won by Miss Edwards of Burket, Mr. S. H. Harvey, of Lake King. The spot dance was won by Miss P. Critchley and Mr. R. Atkins, Mr. F. Timmins, on the bush piano, and F. Edward, on the drums, supplied the music, with assistance from Mr. Tillbrook and Mr. Aspinall.

On Anzac night motor trucks came from different parts of the district to the Lake King store. A remembrance stall was held in Chris. Verden's parlour, for ex-service men only. The president was in charge of a very enthusiastic gathering, and as usual the notices that the incoming officials, at the annual meeting next month, give a complimentary social and dance to the district ladies for their support. A waltzing competition will be held by the Progress Association in aid of the new school. The usual toasts were reverently honoured. Madam's Pickernell and Rodgers supplied a fine supper. Ex-Tommies are four to one A.I.F. in the branch membership, and on the president suggesting that the incoming president be an Imperial man, a debate was had, each man being allowed his testimony in turn, and their remarks were worth listening to. The Tommies decreed the proposal to form an ex-Imperial League, apart from the R.S.I. As Reg. Allan, 1st Rangers, put it: "We fought as one army, and now we join the national Australian League as one army for comradeship of the fast vanishing veterans of the Great War. Do you think that because we are numerically stronger here than the A.I.F. that we would look on and see three or four Australians that really have nothing with us, trying to form an old soldiers' league and us not assist. Never. And as regards members saying that Australians get a land preferment, over Imperial men, well, we Imperial men present regard it..."
as if Australia decides to honour her obligations and promises to her soldiers on their enlistment, that was to her credit. Australia had no obligations towards Imperial men if they came to Australia, that is their own business, England did not assist them, so why bicker.” Alex Watt, of the Gordon Highlanders, a bachelor, and hitherto our very silent officer, arrived in a beautifully ironed white shirt, and was unexpectedly elected to respond on behalf of the ladies, as one of the gentle sex had, without doubt, ironed his shirt. Alex surprised with a grand speech, and threw in a few war happenings, such as mule stealing, etc. Among neighbors were dumbfounded, and unanimously decided to lend their fowls up in future, when Alex looks over their fence.

R.S.I. matters go into rectify now until seeding is finished, then we will have another argument.

MOORINE ROCK

The sub-branch conducted a most impressive memorial service in the local hall on Anzac Day. Prior to the service a large number of ex-service men, under the president, Mr. D. G. L. Morgan, fell in at the top of Driver Street, and marched to the hall, where addresses were given by Messrs. Morgan, Marston, and Pickworth. Mr. Marston’s remarks were directed to the children in particular, in the meaning of “Anzac,” and the traditions to be upheld by the younger generation.

Miss D. Allen gave a fine rendering of “Land of Hope and Glory,” and Miss Alice Marston acted as accompanist. The “Last Post” was sounded by the Secretary, Mr. W. J. Kealey.

The President thanked the citizens for the wonderful response to our first attempt at conducting our own Anzac Day service, and to the members of the sub-branch who paraded in full force. We also wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Lindberg for making seating accommodation available.

MORNINGTON MILLS

An Anzac service was held in the hall at Mornington Mills, under the auspices of the local sub-branch of R.S.I. A large congregation attended, including the local branch of Girl Guides. The Revs. H. Stanfield, B.A., and G. Limb delivered prayers and short addresses. Past President. W. J. Fulton, delivered the presidential address.

The speakers dwelt upon the significance of Anzac Day and the sacrifices made by the soldiers of Anzac in the service of their country and for the freedom of their fellowmen.

During the service the “Last Post” and “Revelle” were sounded per medium of gramophone, no bugle being available. A two-minute silence was also observed.

PEMBERTON

On Anzac Day the mill was closed all day.

Kojonup

Anzac Day strikes a more national note each year and there seems little doubt now that the future Australia will focus its gaze backwards on that day as the one of its national birth. The local parade and service showed, as usual, the solemnity and appeal that have always characterized it. Charlie Vincent, one of Jellicoe’s boys, worked up a commendable effort from a local choir, and their two anthems during the service were much appreciated. Arthur Liddle was O.C. Boy Scout, and general M.C. of the service, and a lot of the energy that he used to put into his machine-gun, he put into the B.S. band, and the lad’s effort with the instruments was very fine indeed. The president, a hefty big private of the line, set a precedent for future local occasions by taking the parade and delivering the address.

The branch initiated a dawn service this year, when about 40 attended to pay their remembrance to that dawn 17 years ago. At the main service 10 troops attended, and the general public, about 400.

Charlie Vincent, the senior vice-president, and P.M.G. Bill Flannigan took charge of the Wool Week organisation, and wound up with a dance on the 24th, when the five lady entrants were judged, and Miss Johnson selected as Miss Kojonup. Expenses were £7 and income £7, and as we did not wish to make the thing a money-making event, everyone is satisfied.

Remember, Kojonup swaddies, the 4th Friday in the month is R.S.I. night. Financial or unfamilial, don’t drop out of the League—it’s too fine a thing to let slip, and if you can’t find 10/-, give what you can, but continue a member!

PILBARRA

A Commemoration Service was held in the Mechanics’ Institute, Port Hedland, on Anzac Day. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. K. Gregg, and there was an excellent attendance of members of the public. Speeches were made by A. E. Richardson, Esq., J.P., Dr. A. P. Davis, R.M., and Mr. L. E. Taplin, vice-president. “Land of Hope and Glory” was excellently rendered by Mrs. M. Ford, ably accompanied by Sister Hounsnow of the A.I.M. Hospital.

The sub-branch wreath was hung on the Honour Roll by the vice-president, Mr. L. E. Taplin.

At the close of the service a framed photograph of the late General Sir John Monash was unveiled by Dr. A. P. Davis, R.M., who ably referred to the career of the deceased General. The photographs was kindly presented by E. H. Green, Esq., Chairman of the Marble Bar Road Board, who has always been a strong supporter and good friend of the Pilbara Sub-branch.

MARBLE BAR

Owing to it being necessary for the Rev. A. K. Gregg to leave in time to be present at the service in Port Hedland, the Anzac Commemoration Service was held in Marble Bar on Sunday, April 24. The service was an impressive one, conducted by Rev. A. K. Gregg, the speakers being the Hon. Geo. W. Miles, M.L.C., and E. H. Green, Esq., Chairman of the Marble Bar Road Board. Mrs. H. Hansen laid the sub-branch wreath on the Honour Roll, and Mrs. A. B. McRae officiated at the piano. Captain W. J. Lyttle, D.S.O., M.C., was present in Marble Bar for the occasion.

NANNUP

The usual monthly meeting of the sub-branch was held on April 23, with a record attendance, twenty-eight answering the roll call.

Several visitors were present, including Col. Braizer, of the 10th Light Horse, who gave an interesting and instructive address on “The British Empire—Its Meaning.” A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker, with the wish...
The above sub-branch held its first social on February 29. A very large attendance (approx. 100) had a very enjoyable evening. The musical and vocal talent was surprising, and has led to the suggested formation of a string band and concert party, and repeated enquiries for another social. May 18 will see the holding of the second social, and the committee are fully determined to do even better this time than last. The fortnightly meetings are very well attended, and the membership is now 17. The sub-branch is alive to the interests of the district, and by its own efforts and the support given to other bodies has been instrumental in helping to adjust a number of grievances.

The majority of the members are ex-Imperial, as the area in which this sub-branch is situated was not on the map during the great effort.

Members are requested to watch this paragraph closely for dates of future meetings and functions.

Members who wish to join the string band or the concert party are requested to advise the secretary (Gibbie), and also to forward to him any news that will be of interest to our members.

The President W. (Bill) G. Hood, will be pleased to assist and advise members when and wherever possible.

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BRUNSWICK

The efforts of the Wool Week Committee culminated on May 4, in a Wool Ball, the success of which has only since been equalled in Brunswick history, and that by another R.S.L. function, the All Nations' ball. The committee of Mr. Yarr, A. Permin, A. Domian, and R. Hardwick worked hard, and were ably seconded by all returning men and their women folk. Taken on a per capita basis, the number of entrants in the Brunswick competition was only equalled in the State by that of Gosnangroup.

After the close of the usual fortnightly meeting, on April 21, the branch members listened to an address on "Land Socialisation," by Mr. White, of the Liberation League. Mr. White did not convince the meeting, that his proposals would solve our economic difficulties.

The Anzac Day service was attended by a record crowd. Harry Mowday, of Parrot Hill, gave a stirring address.

NORTH PERTH

The sweet pea competition is going ahead well, numbers of entries have been received, but still there are many growers who have not yet nominated. The social and card evening held on the first Monday was successful. The next social will be held on 6th June.

Two of our members were given pensions during the last sitting of the Encampment Tribunal. We again express our appreciation of the League's advocate, Mr. C. Ferguson.

After meetings engagements have been augmented by two sets of quilts, and arrangements are being made for a tennis tournament. The new system or style of socials commenced last meeting night, and was voted a success, although some think it will pull with time.

We desire to congratulate Mr. Lawley on the splendid organisation and the manner which the Anzac Day service was carried out at Clifton Crescent Memorial.

During the last social "Miss North Perth" was chosen, Mrs. McFarlane was selected, and Miss Jolly second. Much appreciation is expressed to the adjudicators, Mrs. Dingwall and Miss Birch, and the Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. Middleton.

SUBIACO

Anzac Day.—As in previous years the Subiaco Municipal Council, in conjunction with the local sub-branch and assisted by the various civic and religious bodies, celebrated Anzac Day. The celebrations included the placing of the National Flag on the Memorial Tower by His Worship the Mayor of Subiaco (Mr. H. L. Downe), the president of the Sub-branch (Mr. S. A. Macnamara) and the president of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary (Mrs. W. Perrie). A procession was then formed, headed by the Subiaco Municipal Band, and marched to West's Picture Theatre.
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where a combined service was held, conducted by
the Rev. Mr. Oliver, assisted by the clergy of the
district. Addresses were delivered by His Worship the Mayor, the president of the Subiaco
Sub-branch, Mr. W. J. Hunt (State Executive),
and the Rev. Mr. Sanders. It was pleasing to
note the number of diggers who turned out, there
being ninety-three on parade. Mr. W. A.
Wilkins acted as marshal.

Miss Subiaco. The competitors for the "Miss
Subiaco" contest for "Wool Week" were judged
at a children's fancy dress ball, held in the
King's Theatre, Subiaco, on April 29th. There
were twelve finalists and judging was very keen,
the result being Miss M. Sands first, Miss E.
Swindells second, and Misses Donovan and Gold
third.

The judges for the occasion were Mr. W. J.
Cope, Miss Melsie Harrison and Mrs. Fraser.

OSBORNE PARK

The members of the sub-branch attended the
Methodist Church on Sunday, April 24th, at
the invitation of the Rev. C. R. Phillips, the service
was conducted by Mr. Richards, whose address
was greatly appreciated. After the service a
were held in the Honour Room in the
Agricultural Hall.

The Anzac dawn service was well attended.
Sid. Forsyth had his truck out early for the
convenience of members and friends. The ser-
vice at the Expanse was also attended by a
large turnout of members, Sid Forsyth's and
Charlie Gardner's trucks being taken full advan-
tage of.

At 2 o'clock a special service was held in the
Soldiers' Memorial Hall for the purpose of un-
veiling a large photograph of the sub-branch's
late esteemed friend, Jim O'Malley. The Sub-
branch President, Mr. Jas. J. Nicoll, Mr. H.
Millington, M.L.A., and Mr. Ted Robinson, one of
the district members of the Perth Roads Board,
and a great friend of the deceased, spoke appre-
ciatively of Jim as a great comrade to all.

At the service in the Agricultural Hall, prayers
"In Commemoration of the Fallen" and "For
the King and Nation," were offered up by the
Rev. C. Urquhart. "The Last Post" and
"Reveille" were sounded by Mr. Spaghet, the
"Roll Call" of the names on the Honour Board
was read by Mr. Tyzack, and Mr. C. Bader, of the
State Executive, gave a short address on the "Broken Barriers of the Trenches."

The Rev. C. R. Phillips gave an inspiring ad-
dress, his subject being the spirit of the "Last
Post." It included "Reveille," "Fall-in," and
"Cook House." Mr. Easton accompanied the
service. Wreaths from the local sub-branch,
Methodist Church, Anglican Church, Mrs. Jones
and Mrs. Chantler, were laid on the Honour Room.

On Saturday, April 30th, at the fortnightly
social and dance, Miss Edith Cookson was successful in
The Miss Osborne Park" competition, Miss Al.
Slater and Miss Al. Smart, of Booni Ltd., were
the judges, and their decisions gave entire satis-
faction to the large number of visitors present.

Mr. Doug. Forman officiated as M.C., and Mrs.
A. Glass and Mr. Spaghet supplied the music.

GOSNELLS

Under glorious sunshine a greater number than
ever gathered at the Gosnells Memorial on Anzac
Day.

Rev. Mr. Broadbent and Adjutant O'Neill con-
ducted the prayers. Mr. G. Devenish sounded
the call. Mr. Nock (president) gave a very
fine address, in which he appealed to all to take
a realistic view of the present, and apply in peace the same cooperate and self-sacrifice as was shown there. Afternoon tea was
served to the visitors at Mr. Nock's residence,
the service.

A very successful "Wool Ball" was held at
Gosnells Hall on April 30th. Over 200 people
attended and every part of the district was well
represented. There was a bridge competition for
don-dancers, which was well patronised. The
winner of the dress competition was Miss Wil-
freda King, and the prize will now be "Miss Gosnells." Out of the proceeds of the ball the sub-branch is

GOSNELLS

The popular lady competition is engaging most of
the attention of members, who generally are
putting their whole weight into making their own
nominee-Mrs. Thair-a good winner.

The Town Hall was generously granted for this
purpose for the week commencing April 17, and
a full programme, including a hand-stand dance, a
judges sale, and White Carnival was carried out,
the net proceeds amounting to about £20, which
in these times is most satisfactory. Bridge drives,
are now in progress, and are being successfully con-
ducted in various members' homes.

The Annual General Meeting of the Sub-branch
was held on Wednesday, April 13, and was
undoubtedly very successful. The principle of the
combined meetings was first mooted by the presi-
dent, Mr. Alan Main, the idea being that a closer
connection between the parties would be to
their mutual advantage. This was borne out by
results.

On April 25 the Anzac Day service was held.
A parade of about 50 returned men, supported by the Women's Auxiliary, Sea Scouts and Girl
Guides, fell in front of the railway station.
and under the command of Warrant Officer R. B. Anderson, marched to the memorial in front of the Town Hall, where a very impressive service was appreciated by about 400 persons.

The Rev. Neil McDonald delivered an impressive and forceful address and Mr. Vincent, as Warden of the Memorial, made touching reference to those who had made the supreme sacrifice.

Prayers were offered by the Rev. Mr. Gutherson, of the Methodist Church, and the Blessing was pronounced by the Rev. Coulson (Church of England).

Our faithful and unfailing friend, Mr. T. H. Bates, with his orchestra, led the singing. During the singing of "Lead, Kindly Light" the wreaths were laid, chief among whom were those of the Baywater Roads Board, Women's Auxiliary and R.S.L.


Mr. H. C. McCreery sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille."

The grateful thanks of the Sub-branch are extended to one and all for their kind support.

The members of the R.S.L. and Women's Auxiliary also supported the Town Hall in the dawn ceremony at the memorial at 6.15 a.m., where a meeting of about 200, under the direction of Mr. Peerless proved that such a service is greatly valued by those who are unable to travel to town.

A unique phase of the proceeding was the attendance of Mr. R. Dennis—a former South African veteran—and his son, Mr. G. Dennis, who jointly sounded the "Last Post" and the "Reveille."

BUNBURY

This year's Anzac Day celebration was a particularly impressive one. The members of the Town Hall kept vigil from sunset on the 24th to the service on the 21th—truly an inspiring action on the part of the younger brethren who are so closely allied with the League and its ideals of service and remembrance. Over two hundred people attended the dawn service. Unfortunately, Cliff Sadler, who is still a patient in the local hospital, was unable to take part in the 11 a.m. service. His place was taken by Mr. Alf. Yeates, who also represented the State Executive.

His Worship, the Mayor (Mr. J. E. Hands) made a most impressive speech, which truly reached the heart and soul of everyone present.

The President of the sub-branch has accepted the appointment of District Commissioner for the Salvation Army. "Gill" is congratulated on taking up this labour of love on behalf of the young people, and in his capable hands the movement should boom. With Scotty McKenzie as his secretary, there is sure to be something doing.

CLAREMONT

The "Miss Claremont" competition was held in the Parish Hall, Claremont, on April 21.

There were eleven competitors and "Miss Claremont turned out to be a married woman, Mrs. L. Tucker, who received a prize of £2 2s. 6d. generously donated by the Claremont Municipal Council. The second prize, £2, donated by Mr. C. P. Smith, President, was won by Miss D. Howe, who also won the "Miss Press" competition on the following Sunday. The third prize, donated by Mr. C. North, M.L.A., went to Miss Molly Munro, who was also awarded the special prize donated by Mr. Pearson, of Claremont, for the competitor obtaining the greatest number of points who purchased her material from his shop. The judges were Mrs. Miller, representing the local Women's Auxiliary; Miss Clark, of Mrs. Angwin, and Mr. Cope, of Foy & Gibsons. The committee are extremely grateful to them and congratulate them on the way they performed their duties.

The evening proved to be a great success, there being about 210 people present. Miss Caporn's orchestra supplied the music and Mr. Gibson ably carried out the duties of M.C.

The supper was arranged by the local Women's Auxiliary, as also the decorating of the hall. Both the auxiliary and the sub-branch are to be congratulated on the arranging and carrying out such a successful function, proclaimed on all sides to be the most successful for many a long day.

Next month the sub-branch is holding a smoke social on Thursday, June 3, in the Parish Hall. Admission, 2s. Tickets will be available from all members of the committee.

The various organisations attending the local Anzac Day service assembled at the railway station, Claremont, and marched to the park. The column was headed by the Mission Band, followed by the R.S. & S., Girl Guides and Brownies, and Boy Scouts and Cubs. A check was made at the memorial to enable wreaths to be laid by the President and friends. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Canoe H. Harper, assisted by the Rev. E. L. Beecham, Baptist Minister, and the address was delivered by the sub-branch President, Mr. C. P. Smith.

The attendance was the biggest for some years, and was a tribute to the interest shown by all classes of the community. The Mission Band supplied the necessary music and the "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Bugler Drummond, 11th Battalion.

WEST PERTH

At a pleasant morning tea function in the Institute on May 2, the West Perth frock competition was finalised. The judges, Mesdames Bourke, Geano and Mr. Fatten, awarded the first prize to Miss Rose Hacketh, of the Lands Dept., Miss L. Simpson being second. It is understood that Government services, which include so many women employees, should have presented so few competitors. After the president's prize had been presented, the judges, who had given up the morning of a public holiday to attend, were accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Members are particularly requested to give more thought and consideration to the monthly luncheon and other activities of the sub-branch. Departmental secretaries could show greater activity in many directions such as seeing that subscriptions are paid up to date and members are kept reminded of what is doing. The present lack of interest in many quarters is deplored. The next luncheon will be held at the Institute on Thursday, June 2.

WEST LEEDERVILLE

The Anzac Day commemoration in the West Leederville Town Hall, was preceded by a parade of returned soldiers, militia forces and scouts headed by the Salvation Army Band. Colonel C. H. E. Manning, D.S.O., O.B.E., V.D., delivered an inspiring address to a packed Town Hall.

The sub-branch thanks all those who contributed so well towards making the ceremony such an outstanding success.

At a social evening on April 28, Mr. M. E. Zeffert, Miss E. Crossley, and Miss Fallon, selected from the nineteen competitors Miss Rose Lewis, as "Miss West Leederville." The winner's frock was made of cloth manufactured by the Albany Weaving Mill. The second prize was divided between Mrs. A. Kelly and Mrs. V. Gold. Mr. J. H. Tozer was present, representing the Central Committee. The thanks of the sub-branch are due to the President (Mr. E. Troode) and Mrs. Estelle, E. S. Watt, W. Sibbons, J. W. Smethers, and J. W. Parish, and I. E. Jose, for the wonderful success of the evening.

On Monday, May 9, the sub-branch was defeated by the local foresters in a parlour bowls competition.
The next meeting will take place on June 13. A full attendance is requested and new members will be welcomed. The Rev. A. J. C. Mugiel, M.C., will lecture on "A Tour of the Kimberley Country".

Members are reminded that the Women's Auxiliary hold weekly dances—old time and jazz—in the Lesser Hall, every Friday, at 8 p.m. The shilling charged for admission includes good dancing, good music and refreshments. The proceeds are devoted to the interests of returned men in the district.

MOUNT HAWTHORN-NORTH LEDERVILLE

About fifty members attended the usual fortnightly meeting on the 9th inst., at the Old Council Chambers, Oxford Street, Leederville. The number of members on the roll is now 160. The opportunity was taken by the President to extend hearty congratulations to Jack Axford, V.C., on recently becoming the proud father of a daughter.

The building committee's monthly statement revealed the Sub-branch as the owners of a valuable block of land in Oxford Street (overlooking the proposed Monger's Lake park), and a cash balance of approximately £150, for the erection of a new Memorial Hall. An appeal is to be made to the public through the press for donations of building material. If fifty-three persons could be encouraged to provide a thousand bricks apiece, a start on the erection of the building would be possible: Any person desirous of assisting so worthily an object should communicate with Mr. J. Merton, hon. sec., Building Fund, 344 Oxford Street, Leederville.

The Amelioration Committee was granted permission to run a whist drive every Friday evening to augment their funds. They pointed out the success attending the effort of the Sub-branch's Saturday evening bridge tournaments, which have been operating for the past two and a half years. Both functions are held at the Old Council Chambers, Oxford Street, Leederville. Whist, 1/- bridge, 1/- supper and good prizes provided. In both instances the profits are devoted to relieving distress so prevalent at present.

The hon. sec. (F. G. Charles) referred to the wonderful success of the local Anzac Day service held at Sadler Park. Over eighty members paraded. The large attendance of local residents promises well for the future. The Rev. C. A. Jenkins once more conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. T. O. Bryant. The music was provided by the 44th Battalion Band. Seats and furniture were once again kindly loaned by the Baptist Church. A motion was passed to the effect that letters of appreciation be sent to all who kindly assisted.

The social committee announced that the next meeting on May 19 would take the form of a social (pound night). Members, their wives and friends are assured of a pleasant evening.

MAYLANDS

A social evening and dance will be held in the Maylands Town Hall on Saturday, May 26, to which the finalists of the "Miss Western Australia" competition have been invited. The thanks of the Sub-branch are due to the Maylands Ugly Men's Association, who, by foregoing the usual weekly party, have enabled the hall to be used for the purpose.

On Sunday evening, April 24, 28 members attended a special Anzac service at the local Presbyterian Church, when the Rev. J. W. Edleston delivered an impressive sermon. Over thirty members attended the Dawn ceremony at King's Park. The Maylands parade and service on the afternoon of the 21st drew an attendance of 104, about 75 per cent. of the Sub-branch's strength. Sixteen members of the Ex-Naval Men's Association were among those present, and this body placed a beautiful wreath on the Maylands Memorial. The Sub-branch's own wreath was supplied by a member, Mr. Len. Haines. Over 700 members of the general public attended. The address delivered by the Rev. A. A. Lyons was greatly appreciated. In the evening 60 members gathered in the dug-out to hear the broadcasting of the Anzac programme by 6WF.

The social and "dance, at which the winners of the "Miss Maylands" competition were selected, was well attended. Mr. Phil. Allen proved a capable judge, and the social programme arranged by Mr. J. A. C. Kemp was excellent. There were 17 competitors. Miss N. Kelly secured the first prize, the second and third going to Mrs. Burkett and Mrs. Ferguson. The prizes were presented by Mr. J. H. Tozer, Chairman of the Sub-branch's Committee of the "Miss Western Australia" competition.

The following resolutions were carried unanimously at the meeting held on April 21:

1. That in connection with any grant or loan money allocated by the Federal Government for the relief of the unemployed, the State Government be requested to adhere strictly to the policy of preference to returned soldiers.

2. That this Sub-branch protests emphatically against the practice of an unemployed returned soldier, who is drawing a pension by virtue of a disability sustained on war service, being refused sustenance, and, further, contends that when applying for sustenance the question of being in receipt of a pension should not be considered a factor against the individual concerned.

M. T. BARKER

The attendance at the Anzac Day service exceeded that of any previous year. Despite having to post almost half the district having to post almost half the district, the Sub-branch demonstrated its hearty support by having a large attendance at the service. The Sub-branch has adopted the practice of taking the names of some 350 residents, Mr. T. G. Sounness, president, while Mr. H. V. Jenkins delivered a most inspiring address. Wreaths were placed at the foot of the Memorial plaque by the Sub-branch and relatives, and at the conclusion of the service the "Last Post" was sounded by Mr. J. Martin.

The "Wool Ball" on the 27th proved a most popular and successful event. Seven entrants contested the title of "Miss M. T. Barker." Messrs. J. G. Glover's flock gaining the honours. In the unavoidable absence of the president, Mr. J. H. Morgan presented the cash prizes allotted to the prize winners and paid a hearty tribute to the ladies of the district who had conducted the competition and arranged the ball.

Messrs. Millon and Morgan voyaged to Karrinyup recently to inspect a talkie plant. It is hoped to install a similar plant in Mt. Barker before the winter is over. The committee have carefully considered the financial and technical details.

Narrikup was well represented on the Anzac Parade. Messrs. Townsend and J. H. F. take note. Likewise, the Nimz of Narrikup attended the "Wool Ball," complete with harems. A representative team journeyed to Cranbrook to assist in forming a new Sub-branch. Their assistance was not required, but Messrs. T. G. Sounness, Ken. Sounness, Goldsmith and Reeves brought home glowing reports of the "infants."
Mr. Latham's address, a procession, headed by the band and about 60 returned men, paraded the main street to the Town Hall, where the combined service was held. Represented in the parade were the Women's Auxiliary, Red Cross, Toe H. Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Rangers, Cubs, and schoolchildren. At the hall, the Rev. T. H. Purdy (C. of E.) presided. Prayers were offered up by the Revs. Purdy and J. A. Sanders (Methodist) and Captain Roberts (Salvation Army), and the reading was given by the Rev. Sanders. The main feature of the service was the excellent address given by Mr. T. Sten, B.A.—one of the finest Anzac Day addresses ever delivered in this or any other State. It is regretted that we have not space to publish it in full. Readers are recommended to try and secure a copy of the local paper, in which it is fully reported, so that they may read for themselves. It is everything that an Anzac Day address should be. The "Revellle" was sounded by Messrs. Hobbs and Harris, and the town band accompanied the hymns which were sung. After the service the returned men visited the local cemetery, where wreaths were placed on the graves of comrades who have died since their return from the war.

CRANBROOK

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the Cranbrook Hall on Saturday, May 14, when the diggers of the district gathered to re-form the Sub-branch. Roy Garrett was appointed president and Albert Gilliam secretary. After the meeting the hall was cleared and the mess orders prepared the tables for a smoke social. It was the best meeting of diggers seen in Cranbrook for years. Amongst the visitors were: R. A.L. (junior), Tom and Ken Souness, Armstrong Reeves and Goldsmith (Mr. Barker), Col. Birt, W. C. A. J. Smith, J. Markey (Tambellup). An apology came from Jimmy Morgan, who happened to be in Perth helping to round up a tiger that got away from Richmond. A strong committee was formed to carry on the affairs of the Sub-branch.

BRUCE ROCK

Anzac Day was commemorated in Bruce Rock on Monday afternoon, April 25, by a very fine service in the Road Board Hall. There were over 100 people present. The President (Mr. H. W. Wilkins) was accompanied on the platform by Mrs. D. B. Black, vice-president of the Women's Auxiliary, the Revs. T. Griffin Smith (C. of E.), and Saml. Slater (Methodist), F. C. Farrell, Esq., chairman of the Bruce Rock Road Board, and J. Lethlean, Esq., chairman of the Bruce Rock Memorial Hospital Board. The musical part of the service was carried out by the choirs of the Church of England and the Methodist Church, under the baton of W. H. Hooid, Esq. The president briefly addressed the meeting and thereafter the service was conducted by the Revs. Smith and Slater. The Rev. Smith gave a very fine address, his subject being "The Spirit of Calvary and the Spirit of Anzac." Prayers for the King and the nation, for peace and fellowship, were said by the Rev. S. Slater. The national song, "Land of Hope and Glory," was sung, the solo portion being taken by Mrs. M. C. Hawke. After the service all returned men and their wives and relatives met in Lonsdale's Hall for afternoon tea. Short speeches were given by our president, Mrs. D. B. Black, F. C. Farrell, Esq., Revs. F. Griffin Smith and S. Slater, J. Lethlean, Esq., D. B. Black, Esq., and S. Bourin (vice-presidents of R.S.I.).

It is pleasing to have to report that there are now 36 financial members on the roll.

The judges, Mesdames Liveguy, Walfall, Herz, Flint and Mettam had no easy task in selecting "Miss Bruce Rock" from the six competitors who presented themselves on May 4. The first prize was won by Mrs. A. E. Francis, of Banksia (99 points) and Miss Joan Laffer, of Bruce Rock (81 points) was runner-up. In addition to the Sub-branch's prize of £2 2s., the winner, who purchased her material locally, was presented with the prize of one guinea donated by the Traders' Association. Mr. P. A. Pinel, J.P., president of that body, made the presentation, and Mr. R. Pollack (president of the Bruce Rock Agricultural Society), in a humorous speech, congratulated the winners.

KELMSCOTT-ROLESTONE

A Wool Week dance was held in the Kelmscott Hall on May 7. During the evening the judging of competitors for the title of "Miss Kelmscott-Rolestone" took place, the first prize being awarded to Miss Diana Canceleitch, while Miss Vera Buckingham secured the second prize.

On May 9 the usual monthly meeting was held at Rolestone. It was resolved to notify the listening Post that the ladies' agents of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society were offering "literature" for sale during the Dawn service at the War Memorial, King's Park, and in the streets of Perth, on Anzac Day. It is stated that one of our members attended a recent dairy stock sale, and after justice to the liquid refreshments, which were supplied free, bid up to nine pounds for a bull before he noticed he had made a mistake in the animal's sex. This digger was so upset over the occurrence that he had to revisit the refreshment booth. He stated it was milk he wanted to buy—he had received quite enough of the other product while in the army.

WAGIN

At the annual meeting, held in the Road Board Hall on Saturday, April 27, the president welcomed new members and invited discussion on the question of carrying on this Sub-branch, as very little support had been given by members during the past year. The result made it hard to form a quorum at monthly meetings. After discussion, the president moved and it was resolved, "That this Sub-branch be carried on and all members present pledge themselves to attend meetings as often as possible." The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, C. M. Shenton; vice-presidents, C. Ainsworth and H. G. Piesse; secretary, M. Noonan; committee: E. J. Walter, A. Gell, R. Bosch, H. Foggary, R. Howie, W. Meams, C. G. L. Lyon, E. Keach, C. H. C. Ainsworth, and G. McCracken.

It was decided that monthly meetings would be held in the second Friday of each month at 8 p.m.

Mr. E. J. Walter moved that a motion of appreciation be recorded in the minute book of the part president's winter work and the great interest he took in the matters of soldier settlers and the League in general (seconded by Mr. Shenton). Messrs. E. Keach, H. G. Piesse and M. Noonan supported the motion, which was carried with acclamation. Mr. H. C. Ainsworth responded, and his motion that a witness be sent to the Salvation Army Band, Mr. Baker and all other persons who helped at the Memorial Service (seconded by Mr. H. G. Piesse), was carried. The president, C. M. Shenton, moved that Mr. Ainsworth be presented with a Certificate of Service as a function to be arranged (seconded by Mr. E. J. Walter and carried). On the motion of Mr. Howie, seconded by Mr. Keach, it was agreed that the Waging Municipal Council be written to, requesting that the hall be not leased for entertainment on Anzac Day.

TOODYAY

Matron, Mrs. Vernon Flamerley, L. Thorin and J. C. Phillips (Cullen) judged the eleven entrants for the "Miss Toodyay" competition at the Toodyay Town Hall on April 23. The results were announced at a dance in the evening. Miss Alma Sinclair gained the first prize and a special prize offered by Mr. A. James for the best frock made from locally purchased material. Mr. Trewin gained second place, and Miss E. Ferguson, third. Padre O'Fallon introduced the Member for the district, Mr. L. Thorne, M.L.A., who announced the winners, urging all present to be conscientious in buying and using Australian products.

WUBIN-BUNTINE-JIBLEERING

Again there was a large attendance of people from every part of the district at the Anzac service, conducted under the auspices of...
Women's Auxiliaries
STATE EXECUTIVE

Baby Week found several members of the Executive very busy. Mrs. T. C. Wilson, Mrs. Hopperston and Mrs. Stockman were among the active organisers, while others assisted in the street collections. On Friday, April 22, the State Executive entertained a few of the mothers with their prize-winning babies. A pleasant musical programme was enjoyed, afternoon tea and ices were dispensed, and the babies much admired by all present.

In appreciation of the kindness and consideration shown to several of their members while in Perth, the Yannnah Sub-branch decided to collect farm produce and sell it as an Anzac gift to the State. Members were despatched to the Yannnah district, the collectors found some genuine cases of distress wherein second-hand clothing would be indeed a boon. Parcels marked "Yannah" could be despatched directly by the Women's Auxiliary State Executive.

WEST LEDERVILLE

The president of the Women's Auxiliary is Mrs. H. B. Banks of 10 Northwood St., West Leederville, and the secretary is Mrs. E. E. Jose, 35 Northwood St., West Leederville.

The Auxiliary holds a meeting every month on the second Thursday at 2.30 p.m., at the residence of Mrs. Jose, for distribution. New members are required, and it is hoped that anyone interested will get in touch with either of the aforementioned officers.

All the candidates who entered for the "Miss West Leederville" pageant competition have been invited to attend the dance on Friday, May 20. It is hoped that they will all be present and be the guests of the Women's Auxiliary on that evening. It is desired to show appreciation of the effort put forth by them to make the recent competition the success it was.

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<td>A. Paterson, Yandell Station, Wubin</td>
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<td>WILUNA</td>
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<td>A. H. Major, 155 Seventh Avenue, Maylands.</td>
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<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonards Avenue, Leederville</td>
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NORTH PERTH

On May 2 "Miss North Perth" was selected. The judges were Mrs. Dingwall and Miss Birch, who awarded the title to Miss Mewllrath. The winning lady's frock was of red wool crepe-de-chine.

On Tuesday, May 18, the Auxiliary tennis team is playing in a tournament against the Rosemont Tennis Club. The ladies playing in the Auxiliary team are Mesdames Rendell, Sadler, Garland, Godden, Clifford, Newmarsh, and Rigg. We are hoping to have a visit from the State President to the next meeting.

Any left-over clothing will be gratefully received by the secretary. As the winter is now approaching, we are receiving applications for winter clothes. A large bundle of garments has been made by North Perth Auxiliary members for the State Executive.

BRUCE ROCK

At the annual meeting held on May 9 the chief business of the evening was the presenting of reports and balance sheets, together with election results for the ensuing twelve months, which returned the following officers: President, Mrs. Withall; vice-presidents, Miss Folliotton and Mrs. S. Bourne; treasurer, Mrs. Finlayson (re-elected); secretary, Mrs. Marsbridge (re-elected); committee, Mesdames Black, Hawke, Jamieston, Cameron, Tibbs and Williams. The secretary's report and the treasurer's balance sheet were received, with a vote of thanks to both officers.

The Auxiliary concluded an active year's work by obtaining for the local State school a flagstaff and two flags. Funds were raised and the R.S.L. (was-invited to participate. As a result, on Friday, April 22, the Federal flag was presented by Mrs. Wilkin (president), accompanied by Messrs. D. B. Black (vice-president), Blackwell and Lockhead, and hoisted by Burnie Elliot (the eldest boy in the school, who is the son of a returned man); and Mrs. D. Black (vice-president of the W. Auxiliary handed the Union Jack to Joan Cook (the eldest girl). This was flown on St. George's Day, April 23, for the first time. Mr. Powell, chairman of the School Board, accepted the flags and the 36ft. flagstaff on behalf of the school. Other speeches were made by the Headmaster and Mr. G. A. Falcouth, town member of the Bruce Rock Road Board.

VICTORIA PARK

The poll for the popular man competition, held in aid of the building fund, was won by Mr. W. Colley, with 2,484 votes. Other voting was as follows:—Mr. Matthews, 1,915; Mr. H. R. Nicol, 1,271; Mr. A. Shadgill, 1,222; Mr. W. Tolmie, 528; and Mr. R. H. Hewson, 138. Altogether, 7,602 votes were recorded and the sum of $351 was raised. Raffles run in connection with the event were drawn and resulted in ticket No. 90, winning the apron; No. 11, the baby's coat; No. 47, the drake; No. 93, the duck; No. 1,000, the jewell box; No. 27a and 26, granaries; and No. 15a, the leg of mutton. The first race was won by Mr. C. White and Mrs. R. Jones. Misses Lorna Burke and Jean MacDonald gave a display of national dancing to the strains of Piper Cameron's pipes, and were well applauded. Mrs. Taylor (president) thanked all those who had helped to make the contest such a success, and was seconded by Mr. Alexander (president of the sub-branch), who praised the effort made by the Women's Auxiliary and hoped that now a start had been made there would be further efforts to secure a piece of ground.

There was a large attendance of members of the Auxiliary on Anzac Day. In the march from the post office to the Memorial Gardens, where the service was held at 3 p.m., Mr. Watt (State Executive) gave an inspiring address. All religious denominations were represented. Numerous ladies and floral tributes were placed on the memorial, and the branches were pleased at being able, with the help of the Women's Auxiliary and the Horticultural Society, to have the fence and improvements completed in time.

Out of eleven smartly-dressed candidates, Miss Vera Driemp was chosen to represent "The Park" in the "Miss Westralia" competition. Miss Rene Goodwin was runner-up. The judges were Miss A. Breden and Miss M. O'Shea, and they remarked that the work of all the candidates was excellent, and their task had been an exceedingly difficult one, as the standard was so high. Mr. Shadgill (vice-president) presented the prize in behalf of the Sub-branch, and wished Miss Driemp success in the "Miss Westralia" competition. Mrs. H. Taylor (president of the Auxiliary) presented "Miss Victoria Park" and the two judges with bouquets. The competition was appointed by the Sub-branch to deal with this engagement. Mr. H. Barnett (chairman), Mr. Gray, Mr. Tolmie, and Mesdames Taylor, Pike (sec.), Barnett, andColeman (publicity officer)—wish to thank all the ladies who entered the contest, and to say they felt proud to see such a splendid display. Thanks are also due to Mr. Binns, of the Broadway Theatre, who kindly donated £1 to the runner-up (in addition to the 50s. donated by the Sub-branch) and allowed the judges to take place at the Broadway Theatre during the interval on the evening of May 7. Needless to say, the house was packed.

KELMSCOTT

The Women's Auxiliary R.S.L. State Executive organised a motor trip to Kelmscott for the patients from Lennons Hospital on April 10. On arrival at the Kelmscott Hall, the party was conducted by Mr. Marshall (president of the Kelmscott Auxiliary) and welcomed. Mrs. Marshall through some beautiful scenery in the ranges to visit Mr. George Martin at his orchard, "The Mount." Descending from the car, the party was shown over this unique holding, where tropical fruits such as pawpaws, mangoes, chokos, guavas, pineapple, pomelos, sugar cane, guinep, jujubes, and sugar bananas and plantains were seen growing beside walnuts, loquats, custard apples, strawberries, apples, peaches, oranges and lemons. So successful has Mr. Martin been in growing and fruit that next year he will have plants for sale, particularly the foamy berries of banana. The visitors were invited to "partake of walnuts fresh from the tree, and everyone received a huge pomelo to take back. After thanking Mr. Martin for his kindness, the party set off down the winding road to the Kelmscott Hall, where the other Auxiliary members had been busy preparing tea for over forty people. Mrs. Marshall welcomed the guests, and thanked the car drivers for conveying the patients. Mr. Meachem (president, Kelmscott R.S.L.) endorsed Mr. Marshall's welcome. Mrs. Hopperton (State Secretary) thanked the Kelmscott Auxiliary for the splendid hospitality shown to the visitors. Mrs. Stubberfield (State Executive) seconded Hopperton's remarks. Cakes, flowers and fruit were given by members of the Auxiliary and Mr. St. Tanner, to take to Lennons, when the visitors said "Au revoir" to Kelmscott and drove back to Lennons Hospital, and another pleasant memory was left with our "boys." The following very kindly lent their cars to convey the patients—Mrs. V. Rettner, Mrs. R. and Mrs. Russell; Messrs. E. J. Wilkins and Stockman, Mr. and Mrs. Lock Adams, Messrs. C. Gibson and D. Elliott. Members of the above Auxiliary wish to thank the following for donations received: Illawarra Orchard, Messrs. G. Martin, Morris, and Marshalls.
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