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The practice of erecting memorials to the illustrious dead must have arisen very soon after men began to set up images of their gods and erect temples in their honour; for the memorial, whatever its type, has been associated throughout the ages with sepulture and religion.

The structures themselves have varied from the rude barrows, earth mounds and stone cairns of more primitive peoples to the more beautiful masterpieces of architecture and sculpture of civilised peoples. The first form of memorial would naturally be the tomb of the king or hero. Primitive man would prevent the desecration of these places by surrounding them with all manner of tribal taboos, and the taboo, in its turn, would be reinforced by the popular superstitions which made the dead warriors emerge nightly from their cairns or barrows and fight their battles over again. As man became more sophisticated, the very grandeur of the monument sometimes defeated its object. The Ancient Egyptians, for instance, took very little trouble over decorating their houses which would be inhabited only for a span of existence, but their tombs, which were to be inhabited for all eternity, still attract the wonder of the archaeologist and the tourist. The original Mausoleum was one of the wonders of the ancient world, while the Taj Mahal, the tomb of an Indian queen, is a thing of beauty and a joy for ever; but who, even among scholars, can tell us very much of Egyptian Cheops of King Mausoleus, or of the little Indian queen whose sorrowing husband perpetuated her memory with so much loving case. Immortality and Reverence choose rather for their abiding places the memorials of those brave

Who sink to rest
By all their country's wishes blessed.
Such a memorial was that reared on the field of Marathon. The bodies of the one hundred and ninety-two Athenians killed in the battle were buried and the ashes were buried on the field where they fell. With them lie the bones of the victims that were sacrificed with them and the broken vases which, perhaps, were used at the funeral banquet. High over all was heaped a conical mound of earth, which still stands some thirty feet high and two hundred paces in circumference. There, for hundreds of years, sacrifices were annually offered to the heroic dead, and wreaths were laid on the mound, even as we, to-day, lay wreaths upon our own war memorials. In his "Studies in Greek Scenery, Legend and History," Frazer relates that, according to legend, "every night the dead warriors rose from their graves and fought the great battle over again, while belated wayfarers, hurrying by, heard with a shudder the hoarse cries of the combatants, the trampling of charging horses, and the clash of arms."

Even in these days of sluggish pacifism one's pulse still quickens when reading the account of the defence of the Pass of Thermopylae by the Spartans and their allies. Here, again, the slain were buried where they fell. The valour of the whole force is commemorated in the general inscription, which said:

"Four thousand warriors, flower of PeloLps' land,
Died here against three hundred myriads stand;"

while the Spartans who fought to the bitter end have one for themselves:

"Go tell the Spartans, thou that passest by,
That here obedient to their laws we die."

The Athenians gave a funeral at public cost to those of their countrymen who fell during the first year of the Peloponnesian War. It was on this occasion that Pericles delivered the famous "Funeral Oration," which is unsurpassed in any language, for no man has ever held up to his fellows, to inspire them, a nobler ideal of devoted patriotism.

In many instances the memorial has been of the event rather than of those who participated in it. The very name trophy signifies the turning point at which victory became assured. The Greeks and Romans used to hang their monuments with the arms and armour of the vanquished. The Roman costrum was decorated with the prows of Carthaginian ships, and Tamerlane reared his ghastly pyramid of skulls by Damascus. Gradually the trophy ceased to be the name of the turning point, and became the objects with which it was decorated. Dalou's beautiful statue, "The Triumph of the Republic," and the Arch of Triumph in Paris commemorate events rather than individuals, while the statue and memorial of Kaiser William I. in Berlin does both. The German memorial of the War of 1870-71 was made of captured French cannons, just as the first Victoria Crosses were cast from captured Russian guns. Similarly, we have set up captured German guns in our parks and around the pedestals of our memorials. There are people to-day who think that the trophy should have no part in a war memorial. Surely this is carrying nambypambyism to strange lengths. It would be as logical to object to the presence in museums of flint arrowheads and battle-axes. These things have an historical significance, if nothing else.

The erection of a memorial implies reverence. There is little to complain of in the type of memorial erected throughout the Empire. Many of them are masterpieces of dignified simplicity, and the quality of the sculpture reflects a high standard of national art. But the attitude of the general public towards these shrines of remembrance leaves much to be desired. Here, one might learn a salutary lesson from America. The Americans, who for a nation steeped in commercialism, are singularly emotional and fond of pageantry, have set aside May 30 as Memorial Day, sometimes called Decoration Day, "for the purpose of strewning with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defence of their country" during the American Civil War. The day is a legal holiday in most of the States, including Virginia, where it is celebrated as Confederate Memorial Day, but in most of the Southern States Memorial Day occurs on other dates. Few, if any, of the original combatants are still alive, but the annual rite of remembrance is celebrated by organisations similar to our own proposed "Sons of Soldiers League." In the South, in many of the old Confederate cemeteries, a guard is mounted on the eve of Memorial Day, to keep watch and ward for twenty-four hours. The personnel of the guard are fed and feted by the ladies of the locality.

But anyone can pay reverence on a special occasion. What is needed in Aus-
Australia is a more continuous reverence throughout the year. Discussing a motion before the State Executive, concerning the care and upkeep of district memorials, speakers referred to the shabby condition of many of these, and to the general lack of reverence on the part of the public. The suggestion that sub-branches should, if it be considered desirable, try to have themselves appointed wardens of memorials in their district, is a timely one, and it was made in no spirit of captious criticism. We notice with pleasure that the suggestion has been adopted in certain places. It is for the digger himself to play the part of missionary and crusader. By precept and example he can arouse in the rising generation a greater appreciation of what our memorials stand for, and of the sacrifice and devotion they commemorate. Of course, in the motion referred to above, there is no intention of giving offence to those local governing bodies in whose districts the memorials are well cared for, and if similar bodies, in localities where memorials have fallen into a condition of shabby neglect, should feel hurt, they have only themselves to blame. We should be traitors to our sacred dead if we did not move in this matter and force the public to realise that a dilapidated memorial, to which not even conventional respect is paid, is a greater insult than no memorial at all.

The R.S.L. and the Primary Producer

At the Press Sub-branch lunch, held during Wool Week, the State President (Col. H. B. Collett) was asked to answer, briefly, the question: "What is the R.S.L.'s interest in the Primary Producer?" He said:

"I would like you to remember that the ex-service man is a travelled person. He has seen other countries, read the overseas press, and profited by conversing with many people moving, as civilians, in as many different walks of life. Of all that he saw, read and heard there has remained in his recollection a certain residue. Being a person of intelligence, he has thereby become acquainted with some of the laws and rules of our social system which, if properly applied and observed, would be of infinite value to Australia.

"When abroad he learned to appreciate Australia and that which it offered. He realised that real wealth came from nature's soils, her minerals, her forests, her plants, and her animals; and, further, that the man who devoted his future to the exploitation of these things would be improving his own prospects and helping his countrymen.

"A great percentage of the members of the A.I.F. was drawn from the rural districts. Their experience and knowledge of agriculture and mining, in their various forms, influenced others to seek the life when demobilised. The institution of the S.S.S., the liberal land laws of the State, the terms of the Repatriation Act, and the State's immense area and unlimited resources made that possible under seemingly favourable conditions.

"It is difficult to say, off-hand, how many ex-service men are now so engaged, but you will find them anywhere amongst the wheat, in the mines, pearl fishing, herding sheep or cattle, dairying, fruit growing and market gardening.

"They, work for export or home consumption. By the first they bring money or necessary goods into the State; by the second they obviate the necessity for sending money out of the State. Their efforts add to the aggregate wealth of the community.

"The value in cash of the primary producers' self-imposed task can be gauged by a survey of the export figures for the years 1913 and 1929-30. In the pre-war year the total exports of W.A. were valued at £9,025,000, towards which the primary producer contributed £8,166,000 (including about £4,000,000 of gold), or 90.48 of the total. During the pre-depression year the exports reached the figures £17,270,000, and here the primary producer receives marks in respect to £16,064,000 (again about £4,000,000 of gold), or 90.40 of the total.

"As far as the public money that has been expended upon him is concerned, his gross output or product greatly exceeds the total in value. In other words, his contribution to the public wealth more than compensates for what he has drawn from the public purse.

"There is another aspect of the primary producer to consider. In order to emphasise it I suggest a comparison with the war period. In 1918, I think, it was said that it required seven or eight people behind the line to keep one man in the front line and afford him a reasonable chance, as a unit, in winning the battle.

"Of the primary producer it may be said that his efforts in the front line of development and production ensure a living in the battle of life for an untold number of people in the back area of the towns.

"To sum up, the R.S.L., as a public body, interests itself in the primary producer for the following reasons:

1. Because he is a wealth producer.
2. Because he is developing the country.
3. Because his efforts afford employment for many others.
4. Because he has so many of our comrades in his ranks.
5. Because he is, on the whole, a good citizen and a good fellow."

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The Listening Post

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In Search of Miss Westralia

JUDGING THE FROCKS

(By "M.M.")

A fitting climax to the Wool Week effort of the R.S.L. was the spontaneous enthusiasm of the large audience at the Fashion Fair, when Miss Rose Lewis was acclaimed as "Miss Westralia." Everyone seemed to be cheering or applauding as she promenaded the raised aisle of Government House Ballroom, the R.S.L. Band providing the bigger touch with the strains of "Mademoiselle from Armentieres," and a very thrilled and excited mademoiselle she was, only 19 years of age, whose beautiful wool frock had won for her through all the ordeals of close examination the coveted title of "Miss Westralia." The work of the judges had been no light task, and it extended over three days. By Monday morning of Wool Week all the finalists from the seventy sub-branches had foregathered in Perth, and their dresses had been given into the charge of Mr. Ferguson, Secretary of the "Miss Westralia" Committee. To each dress was affixed a numbered card, the owner receiving the duplicate. Theretofor each frock, on or off the wearer, was known to the judges by number. All the dresses were arranged on coat hangers in the Board Room of the R.S.L. Institute.

On Monday afternoon the task of judging was commenced by Miss L. Street, chief of the dressmaking staff of the Technical School, Perth, Mrs. T. C. Wilson, a member of the Wool Week Committee, and Mr. Geo. Marland, from one of the city's fashion warehouses. Points were allotted on the same basis as suggested to the sub-branches for the district competitions. The judges spent over four hours examining the dresses, their stitching, seams, finishing off, and general neatness.

Early on Tuesday afternoon the candidates returned to the Institute, donned their all-wool frocks, and prepared themselves for their individual appearances before the judges. (A conversazione was held meantime in the dining room for the entertainment of the competitors and their friends.) Each lady, when called by number, took her place in the queue to await what was considered an ordeal. Peeping through the glass door of the reading room they could see the three judges seated at a table. To the right of them, in the sunlight, was a low dais covered with an Albany wool blanket. A candidate entered the room, and was instructed by Mr. Zeffert, who was 'doorkeeper,' to walk slowly up and down the dais, twice, then step down and rotate twice in front of the judges' table. And all the while, the three, sitting in judgment, wore looks most inscrutable, from which nothing could be learned! By five o'clock the second phase of the judging had been completed.

It now rested with the judges to declare the result of their many hours' scrutiny. It was more difficult than they had expected. Dresses with very fine finish and workmanship had not appeared particularly striking when handled. But on their owners, the colour, style, and fit looked very effective, showing that assuredly those frocks had been designed to suit the wearer's own particular style. Those, too, who had chosen flannel, "tweed," etc., had a more difficult task to obtain graceful lines and "chic" appearance in their dresses than those whose choice had been wool crepe de chine or georgette.

Once their final decisions had been made, the judges were curious to know from what districts the prize-winners had come, for neither from the frocks nor from the bearing of the candidates could they guess whether they were from town or country.

On Wednesday evening, at the Government House Ballroom, when summing up the judging, and before the declaring of the prize-winners, Mr. Geo. Marland complimented the ladies upon the excellence of their workmanship, and upon their choice of such smart and up-to-date styles, several of which were the very dernier cri. During the parade of the mannequins in the first half of the programme at Fashion Fair, the seventy candidates, in their competition dresses, were seated on the platform. Their turn came later. Applause greeted each lady as she stepped on to the raised aisle to parade slowly the length of the ballroom. They came in the alphabetical order of their sub-branch, "Miss Albany" leading. In full view of some hundreds of spectators, and with the light-ball full upon them, they found that the order of Tuesday had been trifling compared to this! Surely each was the finest advertisement her own district and sub-branch could ever wish to have. Many of the spectators enlarged their knowledge of W.A. during the parade! They were overheard enquiring where was Gutha, Yandoonooka, Marradong—and those who knew, enlightened them.

All the organising and judging of the "Miss Westralia" was done voluntarily. Those who worked so hard and so successfully in the sub-branches, auxiliaries, and on the executive, have their reward in the fact that the League's part played in W.A.'s Wool Week was a huge success. The consequences will go far in furthering the prestige of the League and helping back to prosperity our Golden West.

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**British Films—the Awakening**

(By "A.A.W.")

Britishers are supposed to have several characteristics which are not commonly possessed by people of other nations. Among these is the ability of "muddling through," and the name of being "men of action and not given to idle words."

Curiously enough, in motion picture production, the processes or characteristics seem to be reversed. British films have not "muddled through," they have organised through. And now that speech has arrived, the Britishers are proving to be the best talkers! More idle platitudes lost to oblivion! We'll have to find further vices or virtues to take their places.

To make use of a stock joke, "once upon a time there was an American gentleman." I can go further and say, "once there were a few good British films," and the fairy-tale idea would still hold. For in the silent days near to the approach of talkies, English-produced pictures were generally not up to much. Your Editor won't allow me ten pages to explain why—you probably all know. However—cliché speech, sound, noise—and British films arrived!

For with speech came the necessity of purity of diction, and England supplied same. Came subtle wit, brilliant farce, refined humour, and England jumped into the breach. Came the necessity of something new in picturedom, and England was on the spot.

So in 1922 we find several British studios with plant and studio equipment doubled in value; staff personnel has been quadrupled; a few famous authors and stage players have been signed up; financiers have at last admitted the possibilities of picture production and distribution as an investment; and last, but vitally not least, the British Government have taken the bandages off their eyes and awakened to the immense possibilities of films as Empire and world propaganda—which other countries have been boldly using for years, while Britishers stupidly looked on.

There are several vast organisations producing British films, and over 30,000 people are now employed at the leading studios, including several units owned by American companies, producing films under the British Quota law.

With reference to the quota law, this was introduced a few years back, in silent days, but did not have any appreciable effect in the production of good films. In fact, it did the usual thing—encouraged a vast number of small companies to spring up and make cheap films simply to fill the quota requirements. And here-in, carefully hidden by the anti-American film howlers, lies the real reason for the large number of films which raised the ire of the Australian Censor in the last few years. Incompetent producers from the vaudeville and stage world gathered any old plant and players, and rushed through "quickies," as they are called in the trade (pictures completed from beginning to end in about a month), raked in any old sensational story, and, hey presto, we have a British film! "Show it on every screen in the Empire," demanded the anti-Americans all over the Empire. Of course—these productions were of a standard about fifteen years ago, and absolutely unfit in the main for Australian audiences. The latter are spoiled theatrically, as only the best from the other side of the world is ever sent to Australia. However, now the tide of Empire production has turned, and producers are waking up to the great possibilities of the talking picture. Gradually great English authors will be conscripted for the screen, and eventually we shall see great productions which will "tell the world" of British ideals and achievement, British progress, ambition, and inspiration.

The fact of "Yankee tripe" is often expressed by members of the Returned Soldiers' organisations. This is not very complimentary, of course, and very amusingly untrue. Americans are rather a large nation of 120,000,000 people, and they make their pictures mainly for the metropolitan population of those millions. What appeals to the masses of Americans, in some cases, may not appeal to Australians, but we are only 6,000,000! In contrast to this, many of the really superfine American productions have passed clean over the heads of Australian audiences.

Australian theatre proprietors have given excellent support to British pictures. Every good picture has been screened, and at the present time three-quarters of the British product, at least, is not only being exploited, but being boomed, in specially designated "All-British" theatres in Australian capitals. The remaining quarter that are not screened (or whatever the proportion actually is) are quite below the standard of our audiences. The recent screening of products of the British Dominion Films and British International Pictures at the Grand Theatre in Perth, at the Athenaeum and Auditorium in Melbourne, and the Mayfair in Sydney, bear out my statement that British talkies are fast coming into their own. So soon as British producers arrive at the stage of complete modernity in their technical equipment, and attack the making of great pictures in a great-hearted Imperialistic spirit, so soon will the screens of Empire screen their entire product, and Australian audiences at least respond with their hard-earned cash.

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Sponsored by the Victoria Park Sub-branch of the League, a most successful local products exhibition was held in the Drill Hall, Victoria Park, on June 1 and 2. The exhibitors numbered 32, including several resident manufacturers and the set up was a credit to the superintendent (Mr. R. Anderson) of the Department of Industries. The exhibition was officially opened by the Minister for Industries (The Hon. J. Scaddan), who was introduced by the Sub-Branch President (Mr. R. Alexander). The President of the Chamber of Manufactures (Mr. C. A. Perry) supported the remarks of the Minister and congratulated the Victoria Park Sub-branch on its work, and at the same time eulogised the League in General for the propaganda they had done to assist the purchasing of locally manufactured goods.

The late Mrs. J. Cowan

Soldiers generally were sad to learn of the passing of Mrs. Cowan during the month. She had been a great worker on their behalf. She was one of the originators of the Soldiers' Welcome Committee and held the office of chairman of various committees. She was one of the prime movers in the establishment of the Soldiers' Institute at Perth, and it will be remembered that the Soldiers' Welcome Committee, in conjunction with the Red Cross Society, which had a financial interest in the Institute, handed the buildings and the contents over to the League a few years ago. Mrs. Cowan's leadership with this body never flagged.

In Red Cross circles her interest was pronounced. She was chairman of its many committees and personally assisted in its many activities. The work of the Auxiliary under her presidency has done much to relieve the sick and wounded in the Repatriation and Civil wards. In addition much financial help was given to the hospital in the way of equipment in Repatriation Ward XI, X-Ray Department, and in the purchase of many appliances. She had presided at the annual Christmas dinner in the Soldiers' Ward for a number of years and was a constant visitor to Lemnos and the Edward Miller Sanatorium. Mrs. Cowan's interest in the Returned Nurses' Fund was an activity for which the Sisters have reason to be grateful. She was chairman of the fund and was prominent in the establishment of the Returned Nurses' Home in Wilson Street, and when its necessity ceased, took an active part in the formation of a Club for those Sisters who served the Empire during the war.

Mrs. Cowan was a member of the committee of the State War Memorial, and assisted towards the attainment of our splendid monument. Nurses and diggers will not forget the glorious part that this wonderful public-spirited woman played towards their comfort abroad and their happiness and pleasure on their return. Many returned men were present at the funeral. The Nurses' Club and Trust was represented by Mr. C. Taylor, and the League by Mr. D. M. Benson.

Wife: "We really should get a new car after harvest."

Husband: "What! when I'm still paying instalments on the car I exchanged for the car I sold in part payment of the car I've got, now!"

“Miss Westralia” Competition

AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

The “Miss Westralia” competition, held by the R.S.L. in connection with Wool Week, was not only a source of stimulation to the various sub-branches, but a shining example of the League’s powers of organisation and public spirit. During the week the seventy finalists from various parts of the State presented themselves before the judges, and when not facing the ordeal of arbitration they were the recipients of quite a round of hostilities. The results were announced before a capacity house in the Government House Ballroom on the evening of Wednesday, May 25. The judges, Miss L. E. Street, Mrs. T. C. Wilson and Mr. George Marland, had no easy task in sorting out the winners. The awards were as follow:

“Miss Westralia”
Miss Rose Lewis (West Leederville)  
Second Prize
Miss Shirley Thomas (Nedlands)  
Third Prize
Mrs. Ivy O’Keefe (Goldfields)  
Other Prizes
Miss Irene Braun (Perth)  
Miss T. Grout (Narrogin)  
Miss Dorothy Howe (Press)  
Miss Celia McDonald (Mt. Lawley)  
Mrs. L. Tucker (Claremont)  
Miss Lewis gained, in addition to the coveted title, a prize of £30. The second prize was £10, the third £5, and each of the other prize winners received £1. The announcement of the results was received with great enthusiasm, and the most sportsmanlike spirit was manifested by the competitors throughout the whole period.

Mr. Marland (chairman of the judging committee) paid high tribute to the
The chairman of the "Miss Westralia" committee (Mr. J. H. Tozer) invited Mr. C. P. Smith (chairman of the Wool Week committee) to announce the winners, as a mark of appreciation of what he had done for the movement. Earlier in the evening Mr. Tozer announced that altogether 1,000 ladies had entered this contest and about 40,000 people had attended the various functions throughout the State. He struck a sympathetic chord and secured laughing applause from the married men when he stated "The result of the competition must be particularly gratifying to the men present." He was right. Even the obedient husbands who took their wives along as a matter of duty were observed to take a keen interest in the competitors as they paraded the length of the hall, and one senior officer, who is also a member of the State Executive, was overheard telling a lady all the technical terms in connection with dressmaking that he had picked up during the evening.

Mr. Tozer extended the thanks of the R.S.L. to the Press, particularly the West Australian and the Western Mail, for the valuable publicity they had given the movement; to the Pastoralists' Association for a donation of £30; and to the Wool Week committee, particularly the chairman, Mr. C. P. Smith.

The prizes were presented by the State President, Col. H. B. Collett.

An interesting and artistic pageant, which occupied the first half of the programme, was the mannequin parade arranged and directed by Mr. Maurice E. Zeffert. The six young ladies who paraded the length of the raised aisle were evidently all hand-picked. There was a touch of efficiency about their work that could be imparted only by training and experience, and, as one digger was game enough to admit to his wife, they certainly were not hard on the eyesight. During the parade, Mr. Zeffert made interesting and instructive comments on the dresses, and his statement that many of the furs which bear more aristocratic names are really contributed to the cause of womanity by Brer Rabbit and Bo-Pep's truanting charges evoked loud and appreciative laughter from the men who foot the bill for these things.

One cannot conclude a report of this function without paying a tribute to the artists who contributed to the evening's entertainment. Mr. Gordon Williams sang in his usual inimitable style, and Mr. W. E. Talbot took the audience through the gamut of suspense and mirth with his recitations. Concerted items were contributed by the R.S.L. Memorial Band, whose members looked very regimental in their new uniforms. The band opened with the overture "Caliph of Bagdad," which was followed by the selection "The Student Prince." George Hipe with his fiddle, and other performers, played some delightful morceaux of chamber music, and the band's selection from "The Duchess of Dantzic" was well worth turning out on a wet night to hear. It is not generally known that the band gave its services free, as it did for the Prosperity Procession, and on many other occasions of importance.

The formal report on the "Miss Westralia" competition was presented to the State Executive on June 1 by Mr. J. H. Tozer. Mr. Tozer stated that the competitions had been highly successful and, as a result of the final function at the Government House Ballroom, had realised £50 for the Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund. He was gratified to learn from sub-branch officials who had been in town during the week that the contest had been the means of stimulating interest in the League and increasing its membership. At least one sub-branch had been completely revived through the enthusiasm generated by the decision to hold a district competition.

The thanks of the committee were due to competitors for their adherence to instructions and their punctuality at all functions; to the executive members for their personal assistance on various occasions; to the women's auxiliaries and their State executive for generous help throughout; and to Mrs. Wilson, Miss Sheath, Miss Street and Messrs. Longmore, Zeffert, and Marland. Firms and organisations to which thanks were also tendered were Messrs. Foy & Gibson Pty. Ltd., Thomsons Ltd., the Trades Hall, W.A. Government Railways, Midland Railway Company, Premier's Department, Press, Broadcasting Companies (6WF, 6ML, 6PR), Perth City Council, W.A. Turf Club, Belmont Park Race Club, Hoyts...
Capitol Theatre, Jim Gerald Company, Maylands. Sub-branch R.S.L., Perth Legacy Club, Mr. G. H. Jackson, R.S.L. Memorial Band and Orchestra, Western Assurance Company, Pastoralists' Association, and the Wool Week committee. It was recommended that letters of appreciation to the persons, firms and organisations mentioned be sent.

In discussing the motion for the adoption of the report, several delegates eulogised the work of the chairman (Mr. J. H. Tozer) and his secretary (Mr. C. Ferguson) and staff. The report was adopted.

A motion by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. A. Yeates, that the thanks of the State Executive be extended to Mr. C. P. Smith for originating the idea of the "Miss Westralia" competition, and to the committee led by Mr. Tozer, and to Mr. Ferguson and staff, for the successful organisation carried out, was carried with acclamation.

In responding, Mr. Smith said that the manner in which the task allotted to the League by the Wool Week committee had been carried out proved that the ex-soldiers were still a tremendous force for good in the community. At a later date some other national effort might be asked of it, as, for instance, the problem of unemployment. Its solution would be a tremendous task, but one well worthy of the efforts of such a national organisation as the R.S.L.

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"A Nation of Shopkeepers"

A CRITICISM AND A REPLY

A. H. Lamb, writer from South Perth:-

Your article, "A Nation of Shopkeepers," in the May issue, contains several points which, while they are in entire accord with the working of the present ancient and antiquated financial system, which has so signally demonstrated its inability to withstand the strain which has been imposed upon it, and yet so fallacious that I am constrained to ask for space to place them before your readers. That I shall be criticised I do not doubt, but it will be welcomed.

The article states: "to correct these defects may be found in the activities of the Empire Trading and Shopping Council, Wool Week Committee, etc., etc." The question which those activities impels me to ask is this: Would the average individual require the intensive advertising campaign which was carried on in Perth during Wool Week to cause him or her to buy British goods, presupposing the possession of the means to enable this to be done? I think not, at any rate to any appreciable degree. The matter, therefore, from this viewpoint, is simply a chronic deficiency of purchasing power. If, by means of propaganda, more of this limited purchasing power is diverted to the buying of the goods being advertised, then it is obvious that less is being spent in other directions, so that the benefit is more apparent than real. The Council and Committee, to whom I have referred, have, it would appear, altogether overlooked this aspect of the matter, and I would emphasise that no amount of advertising or propaganda will alter this fundamental fact; the futility, therefore, of this method as a means of restoring prosperity is evident.

The article proceeds: "Apart from the restoration of national prosperity they have an educational value which cannot be over-stressed." While this idea is theoretically correct, unfortunately it will not function practically any more than the Premiers' Plan is restoring prosperity to Australia. To endeavour to assist our pastoralists and the industry they supply with its raw material is worthy of every encouragement—but one must also face facts. Those facts indicate the impossibility of this desire being capable of fulfilment for the following reasons: Prosperity for the wool, or any other industry for that matter, needs a steadily maintained demand for the particular goods being produced. How, therefore, is it considered practicable and possible for this demand to be maintained when such a large proportion of the population are unemployed? Is a problem I admit being incapable of solving. I am fully aware that if we all bought, for example, more woollen goods, employment could be found in that industry for some of those now on sustenance, but as "we" also includes the individual who is trying to keep body and soul together on 7/- per week, I fail entirely to see how the desired increased consumption is either feasible or possible.

Those of us not yet unemployed all have obligations to meet, after which the residue, if any, from our reduced wage or salary is available for any call made upon it. But the purchase of food is a first essential—clothing second. We are, however, told to work harder, consume less, and save more, and to judge from the latest statistics of the various savings banks throughout Australia, a considerable number of people are doing as they are told, and, incidentally, creating the means to keep themselves on, should they also join the ever-growing ranks of the unemployed.

I admit the educational value of the work the bodies to whom I have referred have done. What I stress is the large number who are unable to do more than gaze at procession or shop window display and wish—that they had the means to acquire the goods that their eyes tell them are there waiting to be bought. It is all very well to give the public an ocular demonstration of the productive ability of the State, but how do such exhibitions appear to the multitude on 7/- per week? Is it not quite feasible to assume that most of them said, or thought: "Give me the means to acquire what I want and I will do it?"

Lord Riddels' quoted remarks are typically English, e.g., "welding the Empire together." It apparently does not occur to him that the economic security of one nation or group of nations at the expense of any other nation or group of nations is the chief cause of war. He also, to judge from his remarks, still believes that it is essential to try and sell abroad what is called surplus goods which cannot be sold or disposed of in the home market. This view entirely ignores the unsatisfied needs of that home market, and which would, and should, under a sane economic system, receive priority of claim. The endeavours now being made by the place of amusement.

Various nationalities to force the sale of this surplus quantity of goods on to any other nation, which bear in mind, is in precisely the same position, besides

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being ludicrous, is, as I have already stated, the chief cause of war. A strong assertion? Yes, it is, but it will well repay and bear thought and investigation.

Regarding the statement made as to solving the Empire's unemployment problem, it is really surprising to find that there are people who still believe that with the present economic system, such a course is possible. It only requires thought to perceive why no solution has been found, why one never will be found which has the present system as its basis. The possession of the gift of prophecy is also unnecessary for one to state that the Ottawa Conference, likewise the proposed International Economic Conference will very definitely not accomplish what is expected of them unless some scheme of monetary reform to supersede our present obsolete system can be evolved and put into operation. The changes which this will mean in the thoughts and ideas of a large number of people, as well as to the system at present in its death throes, are so revolutionary that one may well despair of ever banishing from our midst the present heartache, fear, poverty, destitution, suffering and want, yet, unless something of this nature does occur, the alternative is something no one likes to either imagine or contemplate. It is, however, apparent, if one pauses to think, that there is a limit to the powers of human endurance, and it is up to each one of us to listen to any and every solution of our present muddle and then to think it out for ourselves.

We read Mr. Lamb's letter hoping that it would be the means of opening an interesting discussion. However, we were disappointed. Beyond expressing his disapproval of the present financial system, and stating the obvious truth that the spending power of a person who has to live on seven shillings a week is necessarily restricted, and the debatable assumption that the economic security of one nation or group of nations at the expense of any other nation or group of nations is the chief cause of war, he has nothing concrete to say on the subject. He fences with it without (if the switching of metaphors may be pardoned) ranging on the target.

Writing on revolution, in the May number of the Fortnightly Review, Mr. G. K. Chesterton pointed out that more can be said against any existing system that in favour of a new regime. What is true of political resolutions is even truer of financial or economic ones. Beyond calling it "ancient and antiquated," Mr. Lamb does not even tell us what, in his opinion, is wrong with the existing system, and one might quarrel with the redundancy of the phrasing, especially when applied to a system that has been in force barely two hundred years, if that. The system has certainly taken some hard knocks—but what proof is there, beyond Mr. Lamb's assertion, of "its inability to withstand the strain which has been imposed upon it?"

The leading article which Mr. Lamb has criticised had reference more to present and future policy than to the deplorable situation which is abnormal, and, we hope, temporary. One cannot help agreeing with the general tenor of the remarks in his second and third paragraphs in so far as they apply to a temporary situation. At the same time we would point out to him that the intensive advertising campaign to which he refers has, so we have been assured by business men both in the city and country towns, already born fruit.

It is also recognised that Empire Shopping and Wool Week activities in themselves will not restore prosperity. Never-
theless, along with other activities, they help, and it is only by all pulling their weight wisely that we are going to improve conditions. In the matter of Wool Week, the League was given a definite job to do, and it did it well. It was never suggested that the unemployment problem can be solved by an attack on a single sector of a whole front. At the same time, it is hoped, and quite reasonably, we think, that success in part of the front will conduce to victory along the whole.

One passes over the implied disqualification of Lord Riddell because he is English, but why should the economic security of the Empire necessarily be at the expense of other nations or groups of nations? We cannot help feeling that Mr. Lamb could have been more definite on this point. As far as the causes of war are concerned, they have varied with time and circumstance — personal aggrandisement, in feudal times, religion later on, colonial rivalry, land hunger, the principle of nationality in the nineteenth century, and so on. The economic factor as the cause of war is as new as the very inexact science which is based upon it. Mr. Lamb evidently is dubious as to the ability of the League of Nations, Disarmament Conference, our local women's associations, and other estimable but impotent organisations to prevent war. In any case, would we not be a rather spineless race to abandon all attempts to establish economic security within the Empire for fear some hypothetical power or group of powers might object? Does one, for instance, leave off growing his own vegetables for fear of offending the Chinaman?

Mr. Lamb obviously objects to the present financial system, or the present economic system, or both. Why, he does not make clear. It is obvious he has thought a lot about these matters, but he adduces no evidence in support of his assertion that the system he dislikes so much is in its death throes. Sick men have recovered before to-day, and so have sick systems. We thank Mr. Lamb for his thoughtful letter, and hope to hear more from him. — Ed., "L.P."

West Perth Sub-Branch Annual Meeting
The annual meeting will be held in the Soldiers' Institute on Friday, 22nd July, and will be followed by the annual smoke-oil.

He served his country best who loves it best.

Mr. Adams, of Young's Siding, 53 years ago.
In our April issue we published a claim made by Torbay, Sub-branch to the oldest active member of the League, in the person of Mr. Adams, who is 87 years of age. So far Mr. Adams holds the palm, and is likely to continue so to do.

The above interesting photograph was
taken when Mr. Adams was 34 years old, then being a sergeant in the South Wales Borderers.

Jim Whiteman tells us that this old soldier takes an active part in the meetings of his sub-branch, and the challenge is issued to the whole of the League in Australia to produce an older active member.

Our Oldest Members can now make up a complete section of fours, and we hope soon to have them up to platoon strength. Mr. Woodward, who is a very active member of the Cannington Sub-branch, first enlisted in 1884, in the 1st Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment, with which unit he served until 1892. During this period he saw much foreign service, in the West Indies and in Canada. He re-enlisted in the Leicesters at the outbreak of the South African War, and served through this campaign until 1901. After another spell of civil life, he rejoined the service in 1914, and served right through the Great War until he was discharged in 1919. Most of his war service was spent in France.

Colonel Olden's Speech

Some people are strangely hypersensitive. The necessarily condensed press report of a speech made by Colonel A. C. N. Olden caused an anonymous writer to rush into print and take the Colonel to task for a fancied slight to Imperial soldiers. What really happened was this: At the Claremont smoke social, Colonel Olden, who served with, and afterwards commanded, the 10th Light Horse, expressed the opinion that it was a mistake to send part of the A.F.F. to France when they could have served the cause better on the Palestine Front, where Australian infantry and artillery, in conjunction with Australian cavalry, might have shortened the campaign.

The inference is sound, and it is difficult to understand why anyone should feel hurt by it. Apart from considerations of sentiment, greater esprit-de-corps, and, therefore, greater efficiency, can be established by employing units of the same race and temperament together. The Australian "pongies" and gunners had a good experience of the Turk on the Peninsula, and were used to his playful little ways. Moreover, they were more accustomed to the type of country met with in Palestine than the men of British units, who were sent there. In France they had to re-learn their job. Why simple statements of fact like these should give offence and subject the speaker to an annoying correspondence, is entirely beyond our comprehension.

Knowing Colonel Olden as we do, we are sure that he intended no invidious comparison. In his own book on the campaign, he has paid several glowing tributes to British divisions. One has only to read his description of the taking of Jerusalem, in the April LISTENING Post, wherein he refers to the 75th (British) Division as "this splendid division which really broke the back of the Turkish resistance," to see that his critics are firing on the wrong target.

Support Local Industries

Empire Week propaganda was a timely reminder of our obligation to purchase Empire goods, and the first plank urged towards this was to support local products. The W.A. Charities Consultation Committee give you an excellent chance to practise this policy by purchasing tickets in the W.A. Consultation in preference to those of other States. The many thousands of pounds distributed amongst deserving local Charities as a result of this enterprise surely commands the support of all whose conscience permits the indulgence of this mild form of speculation. Every six weeks a drawing is to take place, and a first prize of £1,000 may be yours. Particulars of the present consultation are advertised in this issue.

Who's Who in the League

THE GAY "NON-COM."

The gentleman with the serious expression has not just b ought the depression; he is really a cheery soul who, under the pen-name of "Non-Com," runs the "Digger's Diary" in The Western Mail. C. H. Longmore is a man of many parts. Mining, soldiering, business, and even politics have taken their toll of his working life, and the varied experience acquired in these diverse fields has proved a valuable training for journalism, the profession he now practises. During the earlier part of the War, as a Sergeant-Major of the Instructional Staff at Blackboy Hill Camp, "Sid" Longmore trained, among others, the machine gunners of the 16th Battalion. Some of the men who passed through his hands were Harry Murray, Percy Black, and Lawrence Dominic MacCarthy. A few years ago, at the request of the Battalion Association, C. H. Longmore was asked to write a "History of the Sixteenth Battalion." The book that resulted is one of the finest unit histories yet published.

When the Third Division was formed, more staff instructors were released for active service abroad, and Lieutenant Longmore sailed for Europe with the
44th Battalion, in which unit he gained a third pip and a well-deserved reputation for cool, courageous efficiency. If anyone wants to buy a 'fight' in full working order, he has only to say something nasty about Captain "Sid." Longmore in the hearing of any of the "Double Fours," "Sid," also wrote the history of this Battalion, which is, unfortunately, now out of print.

Always an active member of the League, he has sat on several State Executives and is a past-president of the Perth Sub-branch. At present he is on the committee of the Press Sub-branch. A good speaker, a capable writer, not the worst of amateur actors, and a glutton for work, as was shown in the Wool Week activities, the gay "Non-Com." is a valuable acquisition to any organisation he joins.

Captain "Jack" Tozer, M.C., belongs to the honourable order of "Stout Fellahs." He was one of the founders of the Netherlands Park Sub-branch, added to which he is a member of the State Executive, and Chairman of the Executive's Empire and Local Trading Committee. In this last capacity he worked strenuously during the Wool Week campaign and the League's "Miss Westralia" competition. Energy and urbanity are the keynote of his character. His fatherly manner made at least one finalist of the "Miss Westralia" competition think he was an ex-padre. As a matter of fact, he is a digger of diggers, who served and won his M.C. with the 28th Battalion.

Mr. Carl Ferguson, Dave Benson's able lieutenant, served with the artillery during the Great War. He is a past president of the Mount Lawley Sub-branch, and, as Assistant Secretary of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L., has proved an able co-adjutor to his chief. His long suit is advice to appellants before tribunals, while his work during Wool Week contributed very largely to the success of the League's efforts in this activity.

A.M.C. ASSOCIATION REVIVAL

Several ex-members of the A.I.F. Medical Units, feeling that the time was ripe for the reconstruction of the A.M.C. Unit Association, have met on several occasions to discuss ways and means of bringing this about.

A nucleus committee has been formed with Mr. W. J. Edlington as convener, and Mr. J. Clarke as Secretary, and after full discussion it was decided to hold a smoke social at the Institute on Saturday, July 9, at which all officers and men in any way connected with the Medical Services during the war will be welcomed. It was also decided that, at this social, officers and committee for the Association would be elected. No pains have been spared to make the evening enjoyable and a splendid programme has been drawn up. So all you bone-setters, stretcher-bearers and poultice wallopers keep this night free and roll along.

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If I am disqualified because I didn't meet myself, then you might effect a change to your conditions of entry; in fact, change the subject of the competition to say, "The most interesting girl I met overseas." Really, Mr. Editor, this is a suggestion worth a further thought!

[Carry on! No doubt you will prove as interesting to others as you are to yourself. The prize for "The Most Interesting Girl" is our secret so far, but in writing about her, bear in mind that the "L.F." is a family journal which is read by nurses and padres.]

Second Lieutenant
(By "Canal")

His name does not matter. Nor would he thank me if he should read this. But he won't read it: He can't. He's either dead or —. And yet, maybe, he won through. Pray God he did, for he was a fine man.

He was a one pip artist when he took over our small unit outside Albert in '16. I liked him at once; liked his boyish figure, his bright blue eyes, his upright carriage, his quiet, almost grave mien. He was about thirty. I was to see much of him during the three months he was in command. We were a small unit—seventeen strong—and officer and men were naturally thrown together. In time I came to love him as a man sometimes does his officer. In the end I pitied him.

I remember his arrival. "Well, sergeant," he said as he approached, "everything going all right?"

We were issuing rations to a stream of transport which passed our dump in a series of starts and stops.

"Quite O.K., sir," I replied.

He sauntered off. He was like that. Not a man for conversation, still less for confidences. That afternoon his speech was thick, his boyish eyes filmed. For days he was the same.

Ours was an efficient unit—too damn-efficient. We left him nothing to do but sit and think, and drink. True, some brass hats came once and discussed with him the laying-out of something or other.

"We're going to have a picture show here, sergeant," he hiccoughed to me after they had gone.

I could imagine what he had said to them, and could almost here them saying, "Higher up? Oh! well, it's only —."

Only —! The pity of it! A man who knew more about supplies than half the D.D.'s of S. in the whole of France!

He didn't neglect his men. On the contrary, he was always solicitous for their welfare. On moving into Bapaume, from Quarry Siding, we went by decauville railway. The tiny engine ran off the rails every fifty yards and had to be lifted back. He foresaw a late arrival, with consequent dislocation.

"Sergeant, we'll walk on."

We did, and arrived hours before the others. By that time he had everything mapped out and things in readiness. He could be a man of action when occasion demanded.

Despite his semi-permanent stupor, the men liked him. There was no ridiculing. Even the unthinking amongst us realised that here was a tragedy. With it all he insisted on that obedience and discipline from those under him which he failed to give to those above him. Many a time I sat and pondered. What was he before the war? He was from Queensland we knew, also that he had served on Gallipoli. It was rumoured he had a big business—a general store. But none of us ever found out. None of us questioned him. I have said he didn't invite confidences.

Once, I am convinced, he came very close to telling me of himself. It was Christmas, '16, and it must have brought back memories. Memories perhaps of a wife and prattling children in far-off, sunny Australia. But that Christmas he invited himself to my tent for dinner. He was lonely then.

One morning, about one o'clock, he entered my tent.

"C'm on, ser'nt," he said, gripping the tent-pole for support.

"Whasshamarrer?" I asked, half asleep.

"We're going up to the front line," he said.

The front line at midnight for a joy walk! I wasn't having any, and told him so. He went out, mumbling. I lay awake. Poor devil! Was he ashamed of himself? Was this his way out? Did he wish to forget and end it all?—If so, why drag me into it?

My memories of him after this incident are now a bit hazy. I don't even remember him leaving us when our permanent officer took over again. We were all sorry to lose him.

And now he's just “a-ship that passed in the night.” And I am like the traveller on the boundless ocean, who leans over the rail and peers through the intervening darkness to the lights of a passing ship. And, like the traveller, I pause and wonder.

Visits

During June, Colonel Nicholson and the State Secretary were on tour officially. They visited Carnamah, Moora, Coorow, Yandanaooka, Geraldton, Northampton, Mullewa, Yalgoo, Mt. Magnet, Payne's Find (where they encountered a drought), Wubin (where they met Rabbi D. I. Freedman), and Dalwallinu.

They were impressed with the confidence shown by all sub-branches in the administration of the League as carried out by the State President and Executive, and are of the opinion that this extended tour has advantaged the League's interest in the Murchison district.

Mr. G. Philp and Mr. J. Mann, M.L.A., the new member of the State Executive, visited Mt. Barker, Denmark, Albany, and Kentdale.

The reports of these visits were received just as we are going to press, and will be published in fuller detail in our next issue.

WEST PERTH

At the monthly luncheon, held in the Soldiers' Institute on the 2nd inst., about 25 members attended. This was a great improvement on the previous one. A bigger attendance is expected at the next one, to be held on Tuesday, 7th July.

A discussion took place in regard to the sub-branch entering for the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield competition, and it was decided to obtain the names of members who are desirous of competing in any of the games. It is anticipated that preliminary matches will be staged by the branch to select the most competent teams.

The committee are endeavouring to increase the membership before the close of the financial year, 30th June, and although not expecting to enrol many new members, are anxious and are concentrating on bringing back to the fold all those old members who have unfortunately allowed themselves to become in arrear with their subs.

As the greatest percentage of the members are employed in the State and Commonwealth services, it is hoped the definitive sums may pay up their subs, and thus lend their aid as in past years to carry on the good work of the League.
THE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The committee appointed by the State Executive to consider the question of the League’s membership is unanimous in the opinion that sub-branches throughout the State might appoint special membership committees whose duties shall be—

1. Consideration of schemes for retaining old members;
2. Methods of bringing in new members.

These committees could help the movement by holding a census of the returned men in their districts, and reporting progress to the central committee as soon as possible, so that publicity might be given to their efforts and the work co-ordinated.

Mr. Maurice E. Zeffert, the Managing Director of the Shirley Frock Co., was responsible for the interesting mannequin parade in the Government House Ball Room on the Wednesday night of Wool Week. We have seen many mannequin parades in the Eastern States, and on the films, and we consider that “Morrie’s” effort equalled the best of these. The gentleman, himself, soldiered with the 31st Battalion, and is an active member of the Press Sub-Branch. He is a fluent and witty speaker, and wields an able pen. Mr. Zeffert’s connection with the R.S.I. has been long and intimate. He is a past president of the Mr. Lawley Sub-branch. He was the first editor of the LISTENING POST, and has been a member of the State Executive. His many friends wish that he would find time to nominate for the Executive again.

The latest addition to the staff of the Imperial Printing Co. Ltd., is Mr. C. J. Fonseca (late 10th Field Company Engineers, A.I.F.), who has been attached to the sales side of that company, in addition to the advertising section of the LISTENING POST. Mr. Fonseca has taken a keen interest in League affairs for many years, at present being the hon. secretary of the Subiaco-Sub-branch.

It will interest 32nd Battalion men and all ex-members of the 8th Brigade to learn that General Tivey has been appointed Hon. Colonel of the 32nd Battalion (C.M.F.). In a letter to the Hon. Secretary of the 32nd Battalion (A.I.F.) Association, W.A., General Tivey writes:

“I am pleased to be associated with the Unit of the C.M.F. which bears the name of the old 32nd, and I am glad that my old comrades have expressed their appreciation. The young 32nd is quite a good battalion, even under present conditions. I received the Menu Card of your last Re-Union, and am glad to know that you have not forgotten your old Brigade Commander. With warmest greetings and kindest regards to all.”

It is hardly likely that ex-8th Brigade men will forget their affectionate nickname—“Tivvy’s Chocks.”

That sotck certainly does like to trade around the River. Here he is at it again in that wondrous suburb of South Perth! The lucky recipient of his donation is our one and only Kaye Perrin, and the gift, a bouncing boy. Kaye has now a brace and, naturally, just had to splice the main. Best wishes, Kaye; we like ‘em locally made.”

Colonel A. R. L. Wiltshire has come amongst us, and judging by his genial manner amongst the Sappers on Friday evening, and the Press men on Saturday, he will soon have plenty of pals in the West. The Colonel commanded the 22nd Battalion and has been transferred from Melbourne to take over the management of the Bank of Australasia here. Colonel Wiltshire’s record is an enviable one and is wholly linked up with the 22nd Batt. He was only absent from his unit once; that was for a period of two months, when wounded at Pozieres on July 27, 1916. His honours and decorations include the C.M.G., D.S.O., and M.C., particularly creditable considering he was one of the youngest battalion commanders in the A.I.F. The Colonel shows the right spirit when he says “I like you Westerners, I like your State. Just how long will it take to become West Aus-sied?” We extend you the heartiest of welcomes, Colonel. May you be long with us to pull your weight with the League for the advancement of all Diggers.

Another of our old pals has taken the Long Trail, in Mr. W. Body, of McKenzie Street, Wembley. “Bill,” as he was affectionately known to all Subiaco members, took a very keen interest in the branch and was beloved by all who knew him. We join with the president and members of the Subiaco Sub-branch in extending to the grieving relatives heartfelt sympathy.

The members of the War Service Homes Inquiry Committee were all ex-service men, and it is perhaps comprised of the youngest men who ever were appointed a Government Committee of Inquiry, the eldest member being 42

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years, and the youngest 38. Major J. L. Treloar, the Chairman, is Director of the Australian War Memorial. During the war he was attached to General Bridges' headquarters at Gallipoli, and to Corps Headquarters in France.

Mr. W. C. Thomas served with the 14th Battalion abroad as a lieutenant, and spent several years in New Guinea as chairman of the Expropriation Board.

Mr. G. C. Allen saw service abroad with the 49th Battalion, also holding commissioned rank, and Mr. Smale, the Secretary, who is Chief Clerk to the N.S.W. Branch of the W.S.H. Commission, was a gentleman of the 1st Light Horse Regiment.

One of the guests at the meeting of the State Executive on June 22 was Captain Max Hubbe. Max, who was one of the famous 11th, is now located in the Kojonup district, and is an active member of the energetic Kojonup Sub-branch.

Jeff Ryder has put on weight since he left Perth to manage the branch of his bank at Carnamah. He served with the 28th Battalion during the war, and after his return to Australia he continued to give the country the benefit of his experience. Jeff holds a major's rank on the Unattached List of the Australian Military Forces. While in town he renewed acquaintance with old friends, and was a welcome guest at the meeting of the State Executive on June 22.

Mr. J. Mann, M.L.A., the new member of the State Executive, was formally welcomed at the meeting on June 22. Jim was an original 10th Light Horseman. He is a keen, incisive reasoner, a fluent speaker, and promises to be a valuable acquisition to the Executive.

At the annual meeting of the British United Services' Association, a vote of thanks and appreciation of the Listening Post was carried. Members spoke in praise of the assistance the paper has always given to the Association.

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Varia

A constable gave evidence against a prisoner charged with attempted suicide. "The prisoner, your worship, purchased a bottle of petrol, some poison, a rope, revolver and ammunition. He approached a tree overhanging the cliffs facing the sea. Fastening one end of the rope to a branch, he placed the other loop round his neck; he saturated his clothes with the petrol and set himself alight with a match; at the same time took the poison and jumped from the cliff. As he jumped he fired the revolver, pointing it to himself—but missed; and the shot cut the rope. He fell into the sea and the water put out the flames. On coming to the surface the salt water he had taken caused the prisoner to vomit back the poison; and if the prisoner, your worship, had not been able to swim he would have certainly been drowned."—M.R.K.

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A recent Perth wedding the bride and bridegroom were both named McDonald, and the father who tied the knot was the Rev. Neil McDonald. We understand that the best man and the bridesmaids have been appointed honorary McDonalds.

It is becoming very popular to blame the war for all our present economic difficulties, but it is doubtful if the war can rightly be considered responsible for more than a minor proportion of our ills. For years prior to 1914, the world was slowly heading towards economic disaster, which would have eventually overtaken it, even if peace conditions had prevailed. War debts and reparations are considered by many as contributing largely to the world's prevailing condition, and many support the agitation for their cancellation. Perhaps a good case could be quoted for the cancellation of war debts, but the wiping out of reparation payments cannot be justified. It is now generally acknowledged that there can be no real progress of any nation, if it is to be at the expense of a neighbour. If reparations were eliminated, Germany would be left in a very favourable position, largely at the expense of Great Britain and France. Her burden would only amount to £8 per head as against France with £16 per head and Great Britain with the crushing burden of £110 per head—and Germany lost the war!

The manager of an important concern in a country town, who lost a leg at the war, has been in Perth for a few days. Before he left his own town he passed a couple of his subordinates in a corridor almost without noticing him.

"I didn't notice the boss go by" said one.

"No," replied the other. "It's easily seen he's going to Perth. He's oiled his leg."

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(By "M.H.M.")

Commencing with this issue, it is the intention of the Management to make "Digger Sporting Recollections" column a special monthly feature of the LISTENING POST.

The column will be conducted by Mr. W. H. Mundy, a prominent member of the South Perth Sub-Branch, and the idea is to refer to the sporting prowess of returned soldiers only, principally W.A. men, who were prominent in all branches of sport prior to, during, and after the war. In order to make the innovation as interesting as possible, contributions addressed to "M.H.M." c/o THE LISTENING POST, Perth, are invited from any digger who is interested in the various classes of sport. Short and pithy reminiscences, humorous and otherwise, of any particular battalion football or cricket match, boxing competition, etc., having taken place on active service, will be particularly acceptable. The columns as they appear will serve as records of one phase of the soldier's life, to which great importance was attached, and which helped considerably in keeping the "morale" of the troops at a high level.

Val. Sparrow, whose photo we reproduce herewith, is the present well-known coach of the East Perth League Football team. Before his appointment as coach, Val was a playing member of East Perth, and served his club faithfully for a great number of years. He was usually stationed on the half forward line, and is best known to footballers in this position, but he also proved successful as a rover. In both of these positions he rendered yeoman service to his club, and it was only last season that he definitely retired from active football. He was a fearless, dashing and withal brainy footballer, one of the very few "exponents" (and a good one) in local football, of the place kick. Many a match has Val won for East Perth by the accuracy of his place kicking. As a result of the excellent form shown by him in club football, Val soon attained inter-State honours. He played in the State teams, of 1925-6-7, the last year including the Australian Carnival matches. In all these games he fully justified his inclusion and can now look back with pride on a very successful career of our national game.

Enlisting with the A.I.F. in January, 1916, Val served as a private with the 16th Battalion in France. He participated in the now famous battles of Pozieres, Messines, Polygon Wood, Villers-Brettonneux, etc., and was fortunate enough to come through the war unscathed. Recalling incidents of the war years, Val is particularly entertaining when discussing on sport, football, of course, taking first place. He is very proud of the record of the 16th Battalion team in the sphere of active service football. This team included such fine exponents of the game as Val Sparrow, McVittay, Dido Cooper (killed in action), Morris Corkhill, Clive Doig, and Percy Trotter. The 16th team went through undefeated until near embarkation time, when the battalions were being gradually disbanded. This seems to point to the fact that the 16th must have possessed the best football team of all the W.A. battalions! It appears that deadly enmity from the football point of view existed between the 16th Battalion and the 4th, and many stirring battles took place between these two teams, with the honours resting with the W.A. boys. Val relates, with a chuckle, that during one game, when feeling was apparently running high, one of the 16th players, at three-quarter time, threw out a challenge to the opposition to forsake football for the boxing arena, with a very special invitation to the officers to try their skill, as they did not happen then to be adorned with any badges of rank! This particular match took place at Neuve Eglise, and resulted in the usual victory for the 16th.

Val must be one of the last of the ex-digger fraternity to retire from active League football, and it is pleasing to know, that he is proving as successful in his capacity as coach, as he did as a player. During the summer months, Val plays cricket with the Mt. Lawley District Club, and the Incogniti Social Club, and is very fond of the king of summer games. In private life he is the proprietor of a billiard saloon in Murray Street, Perth, where he would be pleased to meet any of his old-time war comrades.

An event to which every A.I.F. man can point with pride took place in Aldershot, England, during April, 1919, when boxing championships, called the Inter-Theatre of War Tournament, were held. Soldiers belonging to the British Forces in nearly part of the world were assembled at Aldershot to take part in this tournament, included among them being Sapper Harold Hardwick, of the 2nd Signal Squadron, A.I.F., who was successful in the heavy-weight championship. There were about 400 competitors at this meeting, and Brigadier-General H. A. Jones, of the R.A.S.C., presented a cup for the N.C.O. or man, who, on the votes of all competitors, approached most closely the ideal sportsman.

The conditions were:

1. He must play the game for the sake of the game.
2. He must play for his side and not for himself.
3. He must be a good loser, and a good winner. He must be modest in victory and generous in defeat.
4. He must accept all decisions in a proper spirit.
5. He must be chivalrous towards a defeated opponent.
6. He must be unselfish, and always ready to help others in every possible way to become proficient in sport.
7. He must be a cheerful comrade.

Sapper Hardwicke was chosen by ballot as the winner of the cup, and a wonderful demonstration took place when he went up to receive his trophy.

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The British Empire buys more from Western Australia than all the rest of the world put together.
32nd BATTALION A.I.F.

The annual re-union dinner will be held at the R.S.I. Institute on Saturday, July 16, at 7.30 p.m. Members of the old unit are notified that tickets are ready and obtainable from Secretary Lou. Lobascher, 26 Economic Chambers, Tony Wolfson, or from any of the committeemen. Arrangements have been made to give the boys the "gold and white" colour patch a good evening. The dinner will be hot, and music, songs and reminiscences will be interspersed with liquid refreshment. President Bob Alexander would like to see a record roll-up of the old battalion, so get in and secure your ticket early. The cost of the ticket this year is 5/6.

ENGINEERS' RE-UNION

At the Soldiers' Institute on Friday evening the Association of ex-Service Engineers and Allied Units (A.I.E.) held their annual meeting and smoke social. The election of officers for the ensuing twelve months was held and resulted in Mr. H. Oldham being returned as President for a further period, Messrs. J. Napier and G. Goulby, Vice-President, and Mr. A. D. McLennan re-elected Secretary. It was pleasing to note the good attendance of over sixty members. Amongst the visitors were Brigadier A. M. Martin, members of the War Service Homes Investigation (Messrs. Smaile, Thomas and Allen), Mr. St. John Kennedy, representing the 32nd Battalion, Mr. Harris representing the British United Services Association. Many toasts were honoured including that of the Navy, Army and Air Forces, proposed by Mr. J. Connell, M.L.C., and replied to by Mr. W. Logie. The toast of the visitors was given by Mr. G. D. Shaw, Mr. Smaile, in replying, thanked the Engineers for the hearty welcome extended and wished the Association and the League generally every success. He hoped that when members left the social they would carry with them the spirit that pervaded the meeting and inspire the public generally with a feeling of optimism that would go a long way to assist in improving the conditions in Australia to-day. Brigadier Martyn, who is an old Sapper, gave the toast of the Engineers, and in the course of his remarks stressed the necessity for Australia being prepared for any emergency and recommended that members should urge their sons to join the Militia Forces so that every man would have a thorough training and be ready at any time to take his part in the defence of his country.

11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION

Following their usual quarterly meeting the members of the 11th Battalion Association held an informal social at the Institute on Monday 12. Some fifty odd members thoroughly enjoyed the numerous items provided, and throughout there existed an atmosphere of bonhomie so dear to all diggers. During the evening occasion was taken to welcome a party from the South African Veterans' Association, which was responded to by Mr. Phillips.

The thanks of the Association are extended to Messrs. Maynard, Sadler, Bickford, Wilkins and Stanbury, Hale and Squirell (piano) for enlivening the proceedings with harmony. The Association is to be congratulated on their type of fraternal gathering and it is hoped that, as their next attendance will be much greater.

State Executive Meetings

June 1, 1932

At the meeting of the State Executive held on June 1, 1932, there were present Messrs. Collett, Philip, Olden, Tozer, Lovell, Edmonds, Panton, Nicholson, Smith, Watt, Paraghuram, Pady, Birtwistle, Maynard, Nugent, Miller, Bader, Correll, and Walker. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Gillett and Hunt.

Mr. W. J. Hunt applied for three months' leave of absence, which was granted. Mr. J. I. Mann, a new delegate on the Executive, wrote accepting this office and apologizing for absence from the meeting.

State War Memorial.—Mr. Birtwistle, on behalf of West Australian Newspapers Ltd., presented a photograph of the heights of King's Park, crowned by the Fred Inter State War Memorial. The illustration was entitled "The Rendezvous." Suitable thanks have been conveyed to the donors.

Sir Charles Nathan wrote conveying appreciation of the gift of the photograph of the War Memorial.

Swanbourne Rifle Range.—The secretary reported that further action is being taken in connection with this matter.

War Service Homes Inquiry.—Mr. Panton submitted a report on behalf of the committee appointed to co-ordinate the evidence to be given in this State in connection with the inquiry instituted by the Federal Government into War Service Homes matters. The report stated that the committee had considered the scale of repayments approved by the Commission, and now operative, whereby instalments are arranged to meet the needs of unemployed clients. Letters from soldier purchasers informed the committee of difficulties that clients had had with the department in regard to the following matters:—Conserving a rent purchaser's equity when faced with then necessity of selling the dwelling-house because of transfer of employment or unemployment; the difficulties of a purchaser who receives notice from the Water Supply and Sewerage Department to connect up with mains and the Commission's refusal to accept an application for the necessary sewerage costs; the desirability of re-valuing type cottages still occupied by soldier purchasers when similar cottages have been sold to civilians at a reduced purchase price, and to raise the minimum £1 damages under the Commission's insurance policy.

The committee has decided to submit evidence to the inquiry committee under these headings,
and it is recommended that the State Secretary be appointed to tender such evidence, and to assist witnesses in any statements made by them at the inquiry.

The report was adopted. The State Secretary also reported that two soldiers’ widows had approached him recently and informed him that the War Service Homes Commission would not approve of their coming under Section 29 of the Act, although it had accepted them as executors.

“This is a most extraordinary ruling,” said Mr. Benson, “and I consider that it is quite opposed to the spirit which permeated the totality of the Act. Should widows’ terms be easier of repayment and I have written to the Commission through the Federal office, suggesting that this ruling be reviewed, and that widows’ terms be referred to the committee concerned.”

The secretary’s action was endorsed.

Empire and Local Trading Committee. This report appears in another column.

Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield.—The secretary reported that several replies had been received from Sub-branches. The report was referred to the committee concerned.

Fremantle War Memorial.—The State President reported that on Monday, May 29, he and several members of the Executive visited the Fremantle War Memorial. They were met by the Mayor and Councillors, and an inspection of the work done to the structure and its surroundings gave great satisfaction. The report was received and the secretary was instructed to thank His Worship the Mayor for the courtesy and hospitality extended.

Other Reports.—Rabbi Freedman reported having visited the Murray Sub-branch on May 21, in company with Messrs. Nugent and Baker. Mr. Panton reported that Mr. John Brownless had agreed to entertain the patients in Ward 11.

Federal Correspondence.—Communications from the Federal Office were dealt with as follows—

Adequate Defence Force; Preference to Returned Soldiers, C.P.S. Act; Transfer Gifts, Widows, War Service Homes, and Preference, Local Government Contracts, were received and noted. Poppy Day Appeal, 1932, referred to Poppy Day Committee; Amendment, Section 39, Repatriation Act, referred to Pensions Committee; Association of Soldiers’ Father, referred to Management Committee; Sustenance, copy to be inserted in the Listening Post. The provision of the Financed Emergency Act to be pointed out to Sub-branches, and that they be requested to table resolutions for the State Congress.

Sub-branches.—Approval was given for the formation of the Nunnunoppin Sub-branch.

The appointment of officials in the following Sub-branches was confirmed—Lake Grace, Gascoyne, and Yealering.

Communism.—The Northampton Sub-branch forwarded a resolution expressing the opinion that the time had arrived when the R.S.L. should take an active part in assisting to rid the Commonwealth of the communistic menace. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Cornell, seconded by Mr. Edmonds, that the constitution of the League enjoins upon all members active opposition to all threats to the stability of the Constitution, and to the preservation of law and order. Successive congresses have emphatically declared opposition to communistic propaganda and teachings, and the State Executive views with satisfaction the action of the Commonwealth Government in introducing legislation to cope more effectively with the menace.

Economic Crisis.—The Wheat Growers’ Union invited a representative to attend a meeting of all interested associations to discuss the economic crisis. The matter was left in the hands of the Management Committee with power to act.

Unemployment.—A letter was received from the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch concerning unemployment in the Goldfields. The State Secretary drew attention to a bill passed by the Federal Government in connection with unemployment-loans.

State War Memorial.—It was moved by Mr. Watt and seconded by Rabbi Freedman that the State War Memorial having been formally handed over to the care of the League two years ago, and the work of construction being completed, this Executive requests the State War Memorial Committee to transfer all documents and funds in their charge to the custody of the League in order that a policy regarding the future maintenance of the Memorial may be determined. This Executive also reiterates and emphasises the expressions of gratitude to the War Memorial Committee carried by the Annual State Congress for its magnificent work on behalf of the people of Western Australia in planning and securing the means for the erection of the Memorial. The motion was carried.

General.—The Department of Public Health advised that it was circularising all Government Hospitals requesting that records be kept of all soldier patients in those institutions.

Information received concerning battalion histories was forwarded to the Listening Post for publication.

A communication from a firm of estate agents regarding the suitable site for League premises was referred to the Management Committee.

The Gascoyne Sub-branch forwarded information concerning ex-soldiers who did not receive sustenance. The matter was rectified and it was agreed that a copy of the letter be sent to Mr. Scaddan for his information.

A letter was received from the Premier’s Department in connection with soldier settlers’ interest. It was agreed that a communication from the Subiaco Sub-branch concerning the employment of women under certain preference order was outside the scope of the Executive.

The following resolution was endorsed: That the R.S.L. of Australia should record its agreement with any proposals submitted to the Disarmament Conference which aim at minimising the possibility of future wars, and agree that every step should be done in co-operation with other nations to secure peace on earth for all time.

The Coolup Sub-branch endorsed the action of the State Executive in connection with Anzac Day procedure.

The Wickepin Sub-branch submitted the opini-
on that the League should support any approved scheme for the institution of the bulk handling of wheat.

A communication from the Geraldton Sub-branch raising several points in connection with the forthcoming inquiry into War Service Homes was received. The reply was left in the hands of the State Secretariat.

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At the meeting held on June 8, 1932, there were present Colonel Collett, Messrs. Riley, Yeates, Freedman, Philip, Olden, Lovell, Edmonds, Watt, Parquahart, Pady, Birtwistle, Margolin, Nugent, Mellot, Rader, E. C. Cornell and Walker. Leaves of absence was granted to Messrs. Gillett, Denton, Tozer, Hunt, Panton and Nicholson.

The Poppy Day Committee reported that tenders for poppies and wreaths had been finalised, the Maimed and Limbless Association being allotted the tender for poppies and Mrs. Roberts the contract for wreaths.

The report of the Employment Bureau for the month of May showed that 40 positions had been found and that there were still 1201 men to be placed.

Relief Fund.—The Trustees reported that the applications for relief during the month of May, 143 were approved and a sum of £115 13. 8d. had been expended on relief. Of those assisted, thirteen were members of the League, 111 were non-members, 16 widows.

Imperial Grant.—Mr. Edmonds reported having in company with Mr. Cornell, interviewed the Managing Trustee of the Agricultural Bank, who stated that the money was not a grant, but merely for loan purposes. He requested that the State Secretary obtain a copy of the original letter of instructions received by the Agricultural Bank, and forwarded the same to the Norwood Sub-branch.

Visits.—The following visits were reported:—Claremont, Colonel Olden and Mr. Pady; York and Morowa, Archdeacon Riley.

Membership.—The question of increasing the membership of the P.S.L. raised by the Sub-branch, caused a long discussion. The opinion was expressed that, in view of the favourable atmosphere created throughout the State by the recent Wool Week effort of the League, the time was opportune to try and induce men outside its ranks to join up.

Mr. Birtwistle said that a State-wide campaign should be inaugurated, culminating in a day on which each sub-branch should conduct an intensive effort to secure new members within its own district. The campaign could be assisted by well organised competitions and a slogan might be adopted, such as “Link with the League.”

Rabbi Freedman considered that the help of the womenfolk would be a great factor for success in any membership drive. They could be asked to study the aims and objects of the League and assist in increasing its membership. If a suitably organised competition could be devised to stimulate the women’s activities in this direction a substantial prize could be offered by the Executive.

Mr. E. S. Watt said he thought that the only method likely to be successful was by personal contact, and this was a matter for a properly organised canvas by sub-branches. Another great difficulty was to retain the old members. Nearly all the returned soldiers in the State had been members of the League at one time or another, but many had dropped out from various causes. If sub-branches could manage to retain their old members half the battle would be won, for new members kept coming in every year.

Another suggestion was that a drive should be conducted on the lines of a recruiting campaign under the control of a director and a central drive committee. A plan of campaign should be drawn up and, ideas, suggestions and publicity calculated to help the sub-branches in the actual work of enrolling members should be promulgated. The unit spirit might be exploited, and the community of interest in primary industries could probably be fostered by constructive competitions which, while assisting the State, would also be a favourable basis on which to swell membership of the League.

It was finally resolved that in principle the membership drive be endorsed and a committee be formed to consider it. Messrs. E. S. Watt, G. S. Mellor, I. T. Birtwistle, C. P. Smith and Colonel A. C. N. Olden were appointed as the committee.

Country War Memorials.—It was moved by Mr. Watt and seconded by Archdeacon Riley, that it be the desire of the State Executive that the Public Memorials “erected to commemorate the valour of our fallen in the Great War” should be cared for and protected by ex-service men, the sub-branches of the League in whose districts such a memorial exists, are requested to take the sub-branch’s responsibility to the present responsible authority. It is further recommended that when such transfer has been effected and the control vested in the sub-branch, the sub-branch should annually appoint a warden and assistant warden whose responsibility shall be similar to that of the warden and assistant warden of the State War Memorial.

Both the mover and the seconder of the motion referred to the neglected condition of many district memorials and the general lack of reference paid them by members of the public, particularly youths and children.

An amendment, moved by Rabbi Freedman and seconded by Mr. J. C. Cornell, that a committee be appointed for the purpose of instituting and carrying out an examination of all memorials erected in W.A., and to report to the State Executive, was lost and the original motion was carried.

Ceremonial Proposition.—The Secretary reported that the manager of the Grand Theatre had offered a donation to the League funds from tickets sold by the League for the screening of the picture, “Tell England.” It was pointed out that the sale of tickets could not be undertaken by the League, but that on presentation by members of a card at the box office, and payment of the usual admission price, the management had agreed to allot 6d. of each ticket to League funds. It was agreed to accept the proposition on behalf of the metropolitan sub-branches, the secretary to advise accordingly.

Anzac Day.—The 32nd Battalion Association submitted a suggestion regarding the flags to be carried at the head of units at the Anzac Day Parade. The matter was referred to the Anzac Day Committee.

Restoration, Water Supply Department.—The Water Supply Sub-branch wrote protest against the action of the Government in dismissing a number of returned men from the meter shop. Enquiries had been made by the Secretary and it appeared that no money was available at present to carry on this work. The matter was referred to the Employment Committee.

Cost of Fertiliser.—The Torbay Sub-branch submitted a resolution urging the State Executive to do all in their power to reduce the cost of fertiliser. It was agreed to notify the Torbay Sub-branch that the Executive deems it advisable to take no action at present, but to await the report of the Royal Commission which dealt with this matter.

Soldier Settlers, Kojonup.—This sub-branch requests the Executive to secure an explanation as to why settlers’ properties were being repossessed when public amenities had been made by the Minister for Lands and others that no action would be taken.

General.—Mr. H. Nugent was appointed a member of the House Committee. Messrs. Yeates and Riley were granted leave of absence from the meeting.
Empire Shopping Week

The League once again greatly assisted to make Empire Shopping Week a success, and thereby added a few more bricks to the edifice of Empire. In the annual report submitted to the Committee of the Empire Trading and Shopping Council by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Hastings C. Reid) appears the following extract:

"One cannot proceed further in a report of this nature without making special reference to the unexcelled enthusiasm displayed in this year's Empire Shopping Week and Wool Week by the State Executive and sub-branches of the R.S.I. The backing which the Council ever receives from this important State-wide organisation is in itself a sufficient warranty for carrying on the movement, but this year the sub-branches excelled, in the variety and extent of their cooperation, any previous performances, thereby greatly enhancing the value of the propaganda that was issued and doing a vast amount of work by way of setting the right sort of example to other citizens of the State. The above remarks fittingly apply also to the members of the Women's Auxiliaries of the R.S.I."

Mary Meares Visits the North-West

That good friend of the digger, Miss Mary Meares, recently decided on a holiday jaunt to Singapore, but she, unfortunately, took ill during the voyage and was landed at Broome, where she spent 12 days in the local hospital. R.S.I. members and their wives made it their business to do all they could to make Mary's sojourn in hospital as pleasant as possible. She then flew by aeroplane to Perth. During the stay in Port Hedland of 24 hours, sub-branch president Ross Keesing got busy and a right royal time the sub-branch gave her. During the afternoon the wives of members entertained Mary, and after dinner all the diggers in town took charge and a bridge party was arranged at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Keesing.

At Carnarvon, Mr. Gratwick (sec.) and Mr. McCracken (vice-president) met Mary and she was entertained at a function held at the home of the president of the Women's Auxiliary (Mrs. Fergusson-Stewart), and during the evening various members of the League came to see her.

On interviewing Mary on her return, we were pleased to learn that her health had improved greatly and she was loud in her praise of the diggers and women of the North-West, who did so much for her. To use her own words, "It was lovely," she said, "to see the many diggers again, some of whom I had not seen for 12 years, and I shall never forget their kindness. I have proved once more that my best friends are the diggers," she concluded.

And thousands of diggers in this State will agree when we state that among their best friends is the same Mary Meares.

Medical Treatment Sustenance

The following communication from the General Secretary, R.S.S.I.L.A., is published for information:

Further to previous correspondence concerning this matter and my interview with Colonel Dibden recently, in which reference was made to the reduction of sustenance payments of amounts received as sick pay from Friendly Societies, although an official reply has not yet been received from the Minister to the above Resolution, I may state that correspondence on the question of sustenance indicates that the reply will be on the following lines:

"As requested, I have reviewed this matter, but desire to point out that sustenance allowance is in the nature of a subsistence allowance, and is payable solely in order to enable an ex-soldier to maintain his dependants whilst undergoing medical treatment. This being so, it is only reasonable when computing the amount of allowance payable, to take into account income from all sources, which of course includes sick pay, whether it be received from an employer or Friendly Society.

"I know that it has been argued that as the man himself has paid for his lodge benefits, he should not be penalised for his thrift, but I would point out the position is similar in the case of a man in receipt of income from sources such as investments or property, which is also taken into consideration when arriving at the amount of sustenance allowance to be paid."
TRAYNING-YELBENI

On April 21 the annual ball was held in aid of sub-branch amelioration funds. This year the event took the form of a "Night in Shanghai," the Trayning Hall being decorated accordingly, and the judging for "Miss Trayning-Yelbeni" was arranged for that night. A record gathering of 450 people thoroughly enjoyed themselves, in spite of the crowd on the floor. Supper arrangements were in the capable hands of the Women's Auxiliary, and the music was supplied by the Yelbeni Orchestra. An innovation which was much appreciated, especially by non-dancers, was a "Chinese Fantasia," consisting of songs and choruses given by a party made up of some of the sub-branch members and assisted by the local Repertory Club, everyone in Chinese costume.

The wool fad contest was won by Miss Thelma Martin, of Trayning, with Mrs. Shannon, also of Trayning, as runner-up. The net result of the evening was the very satisfactory sum of £57 paid into amelioration funds. For this result full credit must go to the president, "Tommy" Thompson, who was, as ever, a ball of muscle and energy from the word "go."

Anzac Day was duly observed in Trayning. At dawn, those few residents who were able to be present gathered at the Memorial, laying thereon some wreaths. In the evening about 100 people were present at a combined service in the hall.

PEMBERTON

At the monthly meeting a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Snell for providing the wreath laid by the sub-branch on Anzac Day, and to Mr. Mason, who acted as bugler. It was agreed to endeavour to raise funds by public subscription for a dietitian's machine for the local hospital. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Hanks for carrying the firewood which warmed the meeting room. A committee of three was appointed to confer with the manager of the local State saw mill in the matter of preference, especially with regard to retenches. A successful carnival dance was held on May 21.

Medames Hodgson, Abbott and Mr. Hardie, representing respectively the groups, town, and railway, judged the costumes. The sub-branch members were prize winners:—Best couple, "Magpie," Mr. and Mrs. J. Sly; best lady, "Arriet," Mrs. J. Jeffreys; best gentleman, "Married Life," Mr. McDonald; lucky spot winners, Mrs. Hardie and Mr. Perin; raffle, Mr. But. The prizes were two cake stands for the ladies and a wallet and silver cigarette case for the gentlemen.

PILBARRA

Taking advantage of their presence in Port Hedland, the local returned men held a meeting on Tuesday, May 17, to welcome the Deputy Premier and Minister for Lands, Mr. C. Latham (himself 'a digger') together with the President of the Legislative Council, Sir John Kirwan. The guests were warmly welcomed, so the function was, unfortunately, only a short one. The president, Mr. Ross Kettler, welcomed the Deputy Premier on behalf of the sub-branch, expressing the pleasure of the members in having a fellow digger in such high office. Mr. Latham replied in his usual straight-from-the-shoulder style and impressed the members with his business-like manner and obvious ability. The vice-president of the sub-branch, Mr. L. E. Taplin, then put a question concerning the objects of the visit, which drew another instructive speech from Mr. Latham. Sir John Kirwan was then welcomed on behalf of the sub-branch by Mr. A. B. Coates. Sir John replied in a happy speech, which showed him to be one of those friends upon whom the members feel they can rely. A brief but very enjoyable meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

On the 4th June the sub-branch had the pleasure of entertaining Miss Mary Meares, who was passing through (reported elsewhere).

Ballot papers in connexion with the proposal to hold the annual meeting and smoke social at Lalla Rookh Station continue to come in and judging by the large number in favour, of the scheme success is assured.

The Norwood (British Imperial Service) Sub-branch of the R.S.L. is anxious to form a Women's Auxiliary, a lady who would care to assist or, who in any way interested in the movement is earnestly requested to write the hon. sec., Geo. E. Cattermole, 229 Charles Street, North Perth. If a sufficient response is received a meeting will be called to inaugurate the Auxiliary. A half dozen names have already been received.

PRES.

At the May luncheon, the ladies who competed in the carnival where entertained by the members of the sub-branch ("Miss Dot Hoyle") was formally presented to the gathering and members were afterwards gratified to learn that this young lady was awarded one of the special prizes.

On June 18, a Waterloo Dinner was held to celebrate the 117th anniversary of the famous battle. Among those present were the District Commandant (Brigadier A. M. Martin), Brigadier-General E. M. Martin, Colonel Olden, Wiltshire and Flintoff, the secretary of the inquiry, according to the Federal Government used as report on the effect of the present public on the抬起头 of war service homes (Mr. A. L. Smale), the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson), the chairman of the central committee of the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield Competition (Mr. C. G. Thompson). The toast of "Waterloo," Brigadier-General E. M. Martin contrasted the methods of fighting in that campaign with those of modern times, giving instances of chivalrous actions which are not so common in modern warfare. Captain Collis, responding to the toast, gave a general outline of the campaign, describing the important phases of the battle and the personalities of the three commanders.

The main feature of the evening was a playlet, "The Waterloolites," written for the occasion by Captain Collis, with some special verses by Mr. G. A. Walters. The cast consisted of Mars, the God of War (Mr. A. Hood, Straful); his A.D.C. (Mr. C. H. Longmore); Napoleon (Mr. I. T. Birtwistle); the Iron Dook (Colonel R. F. Fitzgerald); and Billy Adams, his batman (Mr. A. R. Yolehard). It represented a court of inquiry held in the battle, ended by Mars, before which the characters gave their evidence.

The toast of "The Official Guests" was proposed by Messrs. E. S. Watt and I. T. Birtwistle, and responded to by Brigadier Martyn, who recalled that many streets, places and pubs throughout the Empire are named after Wellington and Waterloo, and that Wellington and Blucher have borrowed their names upon two well-known types of boot. He was supported by Colonel Wiltshire, who commanded the 22nd Battalion (in which the proponent of the toast, Mr. Birtwistle, had served), and Mr. Smale, who described certain chivalrous interchanges between German and British flying men on the Palestine front. Mr. Smale concluded by stating that German chivalry had a tendency to diminish, while the British were supplied with newer machines which gave them an ascendancy in the air.

Mr. C. G. Thompson's response had special reference to the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield. The organisation of the competition was discussed, and the conditions outlined. Mr. D. M. Benson told the gathering that there were now in Western Australia 15 sub-branches and agencies of the R.S.L. and over 6,000 financial mem-
NEDLANDS

Activities of sub-branches are always interesting reading and those of the riveride branch; Neldsands, certainly make good copy. The average attendance at ordinary meetings is as high as 80.7 per cent., which is very gratifying. The sub-branch has divided the district into zones, thereby creating competitive effort in all ways, particularly this noticeable in sports, games, etc., and all members are vying with each other to gain the most points for their respective zones. The sub-branch is a much respected body in the district, and is only right for an R.S.I. organisation. The welfare of the digger is naturally the first thought of the branch and since August last they have expended £63 in amelioration. Their doors are always open to visitors and the wellcome extended makes the stranger feel very much at home. We congratulate Neldsands on the splendid work they have done.

MUNDARING

Last meeting was held at Mundaring Hotel on May 26. Billy Mayne, erstwhile of Collie, an ex-C.S.M., 44th Battalion, A.I.F., was duly welcomed. Billy should be an asset to this sub-branch. The report and financial statement of the Empire Ball was tabled, and much satisfaction was expressed at the very able manner in which the committee (especially Jim Wilshon and Hilary Patten) worked. "Miss Mundaring" (Miss M. Cahill) must have felt truly grateful for the success of this function.

The report of the Anzac Day committee was pleasing. Greater success was recorded. The parade and also the general attendance showed increased figures over previous years. Several suggestions were put forward for next year’s memorial service. A notice of motion was also tabled to the effect, that in future, Anzac Day services be held in afternoon instead of the morning, as many ex-service men were desirous of attending the big parade at Perth, linking up with their units and renewing old acquaintanceships.

A very interesting meeting in the Mundaring Hall is promised on June 25, when Mr. Shefield, a newcomer, will endeavour by use of lantern slides, to take his audience through East Africa.

An interesting debate has been arranged on the vexed question of Transport—Railways v. Motor. General Secretary, "Nipper" Patten, the one and only light-Hoisterman in our ranks, will lead the forces against the motor transport "buccaneers"; Harry Rutherford will endeavour to defend the citadel of the "petrol wagons." Possibly very appropriate interjections will be forthcoming from the "billies," particularly should Billy Mayne, Bert Baxter, Roberts, and one or two other dandies be true to form.

NORTH PERTH

State Congress is approaching and will be held in September. Notices are out for items for that again. Rates are being paid, and every matter for the welfare of returned men should be placed before meetings, and forwarded on to the agenda committee.

Activities for the month have been general. The membership committee has a new drive on (the "list") and has secured several new members. Members are asked to read the reminder that is attached to the quarterly notices.

The recent social and card evening was well patronised, despite the public holidays and inclement weather. Mr. Stiller carried out these evenings well. It was noticed that "double" was dealt with an emphatic "B." The other night.

Nominations for the sweet pea competition should be handera in as soon as possible. Arrangements have been made for competition for the "Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield" for the district zone of this area (Mt. Lawley, Mt. Hawthorn, Osborne Park and North Perth). Contestants representing these sub-branches meet at Osborne Park the first week in July for shooting, at Mt. Lawley for table tennis (second week in July); Mt. Hawthorn, for pig quotas (fourth week); and in North Perth, for bridge and draughts (the third week). It is requested that those who are desirous of entering the competition should notify Mr. Rankin, the Secretary, or any of the Committee, have their names as soon as possible. Teams will have to be formed and a lot of work done generally to facilitate the sub-branch competitions.

GASCOYNE

At a well represented meeting on June 6 the question of the present position of the sandalwood industry was discussed. For some time past there has been dissatisfaction in regard to the distribution of permits for this district, and Mr. Angelo, M.L.A., invited to attend the meeting, and a very concise explanation was given regarding the position. Mr. Angelo said that wood was being cut for distillation purposes only; at the present time there is a large quantity of oil on hand, and it is stated that no overseas market exists at a price suitable to the manufacturers. At present the industry was practically a standstill. A question was asked as to the prospects of shipping wood overseas. The trouble arose over market price. The Far East was being supplied with a particular wood grown in South Australia, understood to be inferior, whereas West Australian wood, but which presumably answered the same purpose, and at a lower price. Mr. Angelo explained that at present some £50,000 worth of sandalwood was
at Fremantle waiting for a suitable market. The question of disposing of sandalwood is receiving further attention by the sub-branch.

Other business was brought forward. It was decided to arrange a Diggers’ welcome to Mr. Latham if the opportunity offered itself, and the arrangements were left in the hands of the President and the Secretary.

It was decided that a dance be held on July 8 to augment funds for the Amelioration Fund.

**KELMSCOTT-ROLEYSTONE**

The usual monthly meeting took place at Kelmscott on June 13. The President, Mr. F. F. Meacham, occupied the chair. It was decided to support the local Road Board in their campaign to reduce the cost of administration. The Board was asked to submit the name of Mr. Parkin for J.P. at Roleystone. Mr. Parkin holds the League’s certificate of service.

Efforts to gain control of the local obelisk memorial have failed, as the obelisk committee refuse to give up control. The sub-branch are entertaining the ladies’ auxiliary at a social on Monday, July 4.

**WAROONA**

The above sub-branch holds its monthly meeting on the first Friday of the month. At the last meeting, one of its members, Stan Weller, was congratulated on joining the ranks of the beneficents. All members present wished him good luck.

The sub-branch is certainly doing its best to uphold its end of the plank, as regards things civic, having two of its members representing their respective wards on the local Road Board. The chairman of the Board is also a returned man. Other members of the sub-branch are digging in such minor associations as the Agricultural Show Society, Local Hall Committee, P. & C.A., P.P.A., etc., each and every one pulling his weight at their various given jobs.

There is still a percentage of the returned men in the district who have not joined the sub-branch, or have neglected to renew their sub, and have become unfinancial. It is expected that this will soon be rectified.

**MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDEVILLE**

The usual fortnightly meetings were held on June 2 and 16.

Reference was made to the death of an esteemed member, Bob Wesson, and those present were requested to observe a two-minutes silence.

Steady progress is being maintained in the drive for increased membership, with the six nominations having been submitted.

The delegates (Messrs. Woodrow and Barrett) appointed to confer with representatives of the other sub-branches in this sector on matters pertaining to the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield Competition reported that a meeting had been held, with the result that a syllabus was drawn up for the month of July.

**MAYLANDS**

Fifty-four members attended the meeting on May 19. The President, in welcoming the visitors, Messrs. V. E. Troode and George Timmel, of North Perth, who represented the Men’s W.A.R.I., stated that the inter-sub-branch visiting should not be confined to individual members, but should be more in the nature of a visit from one sub-branch to another. Mr. Troode and the members of West Loonerville Sub-branch were warmly congratulated on the result of the “Miss Westralia” competition.

Unfortunately the great effort of the sub-branch in organising a social and dance at Maylands on May 28, to which the finalists of the “Miss Westralia” competition were invited, was somewhat marred by a clash in dates with the second crowning of the Wool Queen, and the atrocious weather which was the deciding factor in the difference between financial success and failure. Socially, the sub-branch has achieved an unqualified success. The excellent organisation was favourably commented upon by those present.

The thanks of the sub-branch are extended to the artists and to the “Miss Westralia” ladies who, despite the weather, honoured their promises to come out to Maylands.

On Thursday, June 2, the usual meeting was cancelled to allow 35 members to visit Subiaco Sub-branch. Mr. McNamara, of Subiaco, welcomed the guests, and “Billy” Clowes, who was in excellent form, replied for the visitors. The Subiaco Sub-branch will visit Maylands on July 14.

**SOUTH PERTH**

The increased attendance and interest shown by members at recent meetings was maintained at the May General Meeting held in the Masonic Hall on Monday the 16th. It is apparent that the policy of specially featuring the social side of sub-branch activity is proving very popular and the sub-branch is doing well with the advantages to be gained by a continuation of this line of action. It was decided at the meeting to adopt the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield for indoor games scheme, and a sub-committee was appointed to organise teams in the various games entered for competition. A letter of appreciation was received from the South Perth Road Board congratulating the sub-branch on the outstanding success of the recent exhibition of local products.

It is pleasing to report the success of Mr. P. M. Stone, one of our members, at the recent Road Board elections. There are now four of our members on the local Road Board, proving that the returned soldiers in the district are not shirking their civic responsibilities.

The “Whizz Bang” held, a very successful concert in the Kelmscott Hall on Saturday, May 14, sharing the net proceeds with the local branch of Toc H. So pleased were the Kelmscott Folk with the show that a return concert was asked for, the date arranged being Saturday, June 18.

The Women’s Auxiliary continue to do excellent work in the interests of necessitous cases, and in various ways are co-operating very suc-
Women’s Auxiliaries

STATE EXECUTIVE

The State Executive were the hostesses at the conversations held in the Institute, on Tuesday, 24th May, during the judging of the frocks: A varied musical programme was given, and dainty afternoon tea was served to the candidates and their friends. Mr. A. H. Panton, M.L.A., assisted by calling the ladies by their number and district title when their turn came to appear before the judges. So that those present might have an opportunity of seeing all the frocks, the candidates paraded the length of the dining room before leaving for the read-

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The Listening Post

Dear Mr. Editor,

We're having 'remembrance weather just now-so you know, the sort sort you reminisce with: first, the glue pots of 1916-17 and 1917-18, when the stormtruppen went about with a duck board on each foot, and bad smells and worse language pervaded the atmosphere.

Me and Alf have fitted, shipyard-like, the plough wheels so that we can till the ooze that enlightened folk call soil; and, of course, the horses are shod with skis. But we come down heavy on the young generation when they grumble about 'this weather,' etc.

"Why, me boy, this is just mild old English summer weather compared to what we had in France in '16, when we had to eat our beer, it was so cold, and when the thaw set in, the only solid ground to eat it off was where a copier dead 'uhs was gathered together. Them yuz: the days, my oath."

And would you believe it, Mr. Editor, this is the sort of weather that the heads of the Agricultural Bank have chosen to tell some of the soldier settlers to clear off their farms and go on the dole; verily, it's reminiscent weather— in 1914-18, enlist me boy and we'll give you the moon; 1932, the book. I'll whisper in your pearl-like earl again later on, Mr. Editor, when the sun shines again; as present, I feel like the bloke who thought he'd got a blighty, and found it was only a lumped mud wet 'ad it 'im.

KOJONUP

Dear Mr. Editor,

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<td>MOUNT MARSHALL</td>
<td>Road Board Hall, Bencubbin</td>
<td>Third Sunday, Dec., Mar., June, September</td>
<td>W. A. Clowes, Maylands Hotel, Maylands</td>
<td>H. King, 13 Rankin Rd., Subiaco</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Supper Room, Town Hall, Maylands</td>
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<td>H. Walker, Mt. Helena</td>
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<td>MUNDARING AND DISTRICT</td>
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<td>Town Hall Committee Rm.</td>
<td>3rd Thursday</td>
<td>F. Bateson, c/o P.O., Midland Junc. Tel. MJ19</td>
<td>R. E. Marsh, Harold Road, East Midland. Tel. MJ19</td>
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<td>MOUNT LAWLEY</td>
<td>Wallish Hall, Grosvenor Rd., Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Col. T. Flintoff, 3 Second Ave., Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>H. H. Ferguson, 121 Rockwood St., Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON MILLS</td>
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<td>A. Turner, Mornington Mills</td>
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<td>Road Board Hall</td>
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<td>Fred Clayton, Nannup</td>
<td>J. Rydings, Box 10, Nannup</td>
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<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
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<td>J. Barron, Soldiers' Institute</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>A. glance, Northampton</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>Avon Bridge Hotel</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Rev. A. Schroeder, Northhampton</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe St. (Off View St.)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>L. J. McDowell, 20 York St., North Perth</td>
<td>H. W. Begg, 26 Elizabeth St., North Perth</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. Hunt, Mary St., Como</td>
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<td>(Office hours 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.)</td>
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<td>C. P. Smith, c/o West Australian, Perth</td>
<td>Geo. S. Meller, Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Soldiers' Institute</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>W. E. Elston, Pithara</td>
<td>I. E. Sorensen, C/o Shipping News (W.A.) Ltd., Perth</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
<td>Billiard, Saloon</td>
<td>1st Saturday, 10.30 a.m.</td>
<td>T. Cowan, Pithara</td>
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<td>P. J. Aberle, 10 Rose Ave., South Perth</td>
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<td>SOUTH PERTH</td>
<td>Masonic Hall, cr. York and Forrest Sts.</td>
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<td>S. A. Macnamara, Heytesbury Rd., Subiaco</td>
<td>Frank Orgill, &quot;Euryalus&quot;, Mary Street, Como</td>
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<td>C. J. Fomeca, 11 Seddon St., Subiaco</td>
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<td>TAMBEULUP</td>
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<td>Padre F. G. O'Halloran, Fennis St., Toodyay</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Freemasons' Hotel</td>
<td>2nd Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. C. Thompson, Traying</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YELBENI</td>
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<td>4th Sunday</td>
<td>H. Stockdill, Ravensthorpe</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Library Hall, Albany Road, Victoria Park</td>
<td>3rd, Friday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. Alexander, 33 Shepparton Rd., Victoria Park</td>
<td>T. Chandler, J. McMillan, St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Alt Thursdays, 5 p.m.</td>
<td>G. H. Philp, South Perth</td>
<td>P. L. Ross, Workers' Hostel Board, Perth</td>
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<td>WURIN, BUNTING, JIBBERDING WEST LEDERVILLE</td>
<td>Each place alt., commencing Bunting, March 1</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>J. Day, Bunting</td>
<td>W. A. Cadwallader, Wabin Tel. No. 7</td>
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<td>Town Hall, Cambridge St., Leederville</td>
<td>1st Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>V. E. Troode, 10 Habourne St., Wembley Park</td>
<td>J. W. Smithena, 22 Woolwich St., West Leederville</td>
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<td>WILUNA</td>
<td>Mine Boarding House</td>
<td>Last Sunday, monthly</td>
<td>A. Paterson, Yandil Station, Wiluna</td>
<td>N. G. Grant, c/o Wiluna G.M. Ltd.,</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
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<td>1st Saturday, Quarterly</td>
<td>T. Sten, York</td>
<td>C. Vernon, Harris, P.O. Box 99, Phone 5</td>
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<td>Library Hall, Albany Road</td>
<td>Fourth Friday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>Mrs. O. Taylor, 34 State Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSN.</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
<td>3rd Monday, 8 p.m. (monthly)</td>
<td>W. L. Harris, 10 Onslow Rd, Subiaco</td>
<td>Geo. E. Cattermole, M.C., 229 Charles St., N. Perth</td>
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<td>BLINDED SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m. on 11th month</td>
<td>Lt.-Col. J. E. D. Dunkley, 86 Angove St., N. Perth</td>
<td>Mrs. W. James, 19 Marion St., Leeville</td>
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<td>ELEVENTH BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Last Tuesday</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard’s Avenue, Leederville</td>
<td>R. W. Blair, 79 William St., Perth</td>
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<td>EX-NAVAL MEN’S ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 to 2 p.m., 28th of month or nearest weekday thereto</td>
<td>I. E. Dunkley, 28 Margaret Street, North Cottesloe</td>
<td>J. V. Pascoe, 9/62 Lysaght Motors Ltd., 960 Hay St., Perth</td>
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<td>THIRTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>R. Alexander, c/o Government House, Perth</td>
<td>L. D. Lobacher, 26 Second Floor, Economic Cnrs, Perth</td>
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<td>10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>Mayor S. E. Grimwood, New Zealand Chambers, St. George’s Terr., Perth</td>
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ing room, where the judging took place.

New auxiliaries are reported to have been formed at Carlisle and Mr. Lawley. Tambellup Auxiliary has re-started with a membership of 20. They intend working with the sub-branch for the local hospital, which the R.S.L. have re-opened recently, lack of funds having necessitated its being closed since December.

NEEDLANDS

At the annual general meeting of the above auxiliary, held on the 7th inst., the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year—President, Mrs. Ketterer; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Larner; Treasurers, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Stafflund, Mrs. Musgrove; Secretary, Mrs. Trellick; Publicity Officer, Mrs. Kendall; Social Committee, All office-bearers ex-officio, additional, Mrs. Chappell and Mr. Berry.

NORTH PERTH

We had the pleasure of the company of our State President, Mrs. Wilson, at our meeting on June 2. Twenty-two ladies were present to greet her, and all thoroughly enjoyed the helpful address she gave. We are still assisting the sub-branch at the same hall, which is held on the 1st Monday of each month.

This month our nomination of officers took place. Mrs. Egg, of 26 Elizabeth Street, North Perth, who is our sports convenor, would be pleased to hear from any auxiliary who would like to challenge us in a tennis tournament. We have some champions up here.

MAYLANDS

At the annual meeting of the Maylands Auxiliary held on June 7, the following office-bearers were elected—President, Mrs. Hart; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Mynxes and Everett; Hon. Secretary, Messrs. Lovell; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Lister; and Hon. Auditor, Mr. Smith.

A social and dance will be held on July 7, in the Maylands Town Hall. Price of admission 1s 6d, plus the usual tips.

VICTORIA PARK

The general meeting held on May 27 at the Broadway Hall, was well attended. A pleasing feature of the social held afterwards was the handbag over to the sub-branch of a cheque for £11 15s. 6d., which had been raised by the Auxiliary in the recent popular man competition, to form the basis of a building fund. Mrs. Taylor, President, handed the cheque to Mr. Sladge (Vice-President) and Mr. H. R. Nicoll (acting), for the building of the hall.

The meeting of the Women’s Auxiliary held at the Masonic Hall on Saturday, June 11, was well attended. At the conclusion of the business, the “Flag” Bridge was played and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The “Get Together” evening held at the Masonic Hall on Saturday, June 11, was a great success in every way. Games, competitions, and dancing were indulged in. Mixed doubles quads were proved very popular, the prizes being taken by Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Bader. The “Whizz Bang” Orchestra supplied the music. A cello solo by Mr. Borton and a musical trio (cello, violin, Mr. McMillon; piano, Mr. Mundy) were greatly appreciated. Many requests have been made for more evenings of a similar nature.

It was decided to hold the meetings at the Masonic Hall during the winter months. The next meeting will take place on July 15.

The secretary’s half-yearly report showed that the auxiliary’s Poppy Day effort had swelled the funds to the extent of £92 16s. 2d. Twenty-three cases of distress were attended to during the half-year, and with clothes, boots, shoes, and groceries, and one case with a baby layette. Members Jamieson, Hopperton, Critchley, Walsh, Smith and Ferguson did splendid work visiting soldiers and their dependents in hospital. The bridge afternoon held by Mrs. Morgan in aid of the Christmas tree fund, raised £3 4s. 6d. Mrs. Weare raffled a box of chocolates for 1s 7d. A sovereign raffled by the secretary brought in £12 19s., and a supper cloth £1. Thus, the secretary was able to hand Mr. Mellor £22 10s. 8d. for the Christmas tree fund. Other raffles held were an electric tomer and shade and a tea cosy, presented by Mrs. Smith and Ferguson. These netted £1 13s. 7d. A social evening at Mrs. Moran’s residence on June 4 netted £13 1s.

Several members gave their services as collectors for two days during the Baby Week appeal, and a concert was held in the North Fremantle Town Hall.

During the half-year 17 Repatriation concerts have been given, 6 at Leomos Hospital, 6 at Repatriation Ward, Perth Hospital, and 1 at Edward Millen Home. Cigarettes were given the first four months of the year at Leomos Hospital and tobacoo at Edward Millen Home. Mrs. Vic. Sale presented 2 cases of cakes to Leomos Hospital and the other to Edward Millen Home. Messrs. Gordon & Gosh gave three parcels of magazines and newspapers, which were distributed at the hospitals. Many thanks are due to the Pleasant Hour Concert Artists for assisting on the occasions; also to Messrs. Jameson, Lene, Kereshaw and Bates for conveying the artists to and from the various hospitals. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, Mrs. Jamieson resigned from the hospital visiting committee. During the half-year nine new members were enrolled.
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