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Someone once said that Wellington said that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton and Harrow; more recently someone else said that Kipling said that the Boer War was very nearly lost there. There is no record in history that either great Briton ever said any such thing, but the fact that such remarks have been attributed to them shows how large a part athletic sports have played in the social life of our race and in the development of our national character. Professor James, the eminent psychologist, once wrote: "The strength of the British Empire lies in the strength and character of the individual Englishman, taken all alone by himself. And that strength I am persuaded is perennially nourished and kept up by nothing so much as by the national worship, in which all classes meet, of athletic outdoor life and sport." Similarly, the Olympic Games formed a focus for the national and social life of the ancient Greeks, determined in no small degree their national character, and even gave impetus to Greek art. Deep down in our own hearts we have cherished the hope that sporting fixtures, such as the Test Matches, will play a greater part in holding the Empire together than all the periodical conferences and agreements arising out of them. Believing this, we cannot help feeling more than a little perturbed by certain incidents of the present Test Matches and the feelings they have aroused.

If the war did nothing else, it strengthened the bond of brotherhood between Australians and their fellow Britons overseas. A community of effort and a fellowship in suffering and endurance welded us together, and made us feel as perhaps we never felt before, that we are one family. We learned to be very proud of the Tommy, and we think there were times when he was equally proud of us. We stood shoulder to shoulder with him in the line, and we met him on the playing fields behind the lines. Even the Army chiefs, who are not the least conservative of men, realised that athletic exercises, like cricket and football, are as important as squad drill and other aspects of technical training, in fitting the soldier to play his part in action. The new spirit found its culmination in the tours of the A.I.F. Rugby fifteen and the A.I.F. cricket team after the Armistice. Whether we won or lost, we and our opponents accepted victory or defeat as true sportsmen should. Both before and after the war, the visits of teams of English athletes to Australia have been looked upon as important social events as well as sporting ones.

This being so, it is regrettable, to say the least of it, that a spirit should have been aroused during the present tour which has never manifested itself on any previous occasion. It is not for us to ascribe blame or praise. We see nothing unethical in the development of new tactics in a game which has been in danger of becoming dull and stereotyped. New styles of attack eventually bring into being new methods of defence, and we may yet see the evolution of a batsman who goes in padded from head to foot like a baseballer, or ringed round like the figure in the Michelin tyre advertisement. What is unethical is the new spirit, or lack of spirit, in which the games are being played, and in much of the newspaper barracking which precedes and accompanies them. To our mind, the newspaper barracking is the most reprehensible feature of the whole business. It has given friendly contests almost the character of a newer type of war. Barracking by spectators on the ground is a transient thing, which is heard by only a few and soon forgotten; barracking in the press is read by everyone and remembered to form the substance of frequent post mortem arguments. In common fairness, it must be admitted that the player writers have been most moderate and impersonal in their comments, but the fact remains that there are far too many writers and too much prominence has been given to incidents which, unfortunate though they may be, are magnified beyond all significance. It is this sort of thing that rankles and replaces friendly rivalry by bitter feelings. If Test Matches are to foster mutual dislike and mutual recriminations, they should be discontinued, for such an effect would be a greater disaster to the cause of Imperial unity than a thousand Majuba or Kut-al-Amaras. It will be a sad day for our national life if cricket is ever dragged from the high pedestal the game has always occupied in men's regard; and if Test Matches are to degenerate into little wars, they should be held in camera, and we should introduce that other concomitant of war, the censorship of the press.

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Congress Resolutions
REPLIES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

At the State Congress, held in September last, the Calingiri Sub-branch successfully moved:

"That the Trustees of the Agricultural Bank should declare their policy in respect to the distribution of Soldier Settlers' proceeds, etc., not later than March 1st of each year."

In respect to the representations made, the General Manager (Mr. E. A. Mcllarry) has advised the League that the Trustees will determine the policy of the bank immediately the harvest results are known. Clients may be assured, he adds, that every possible assistance will be extended, within the limits of the bank's resources, to enable them to meet their difficulties.

SOLDIER SETTLERS

In reply to representations following a resolution of last Congress—

"That the Government extend the terms of the leases of re-purchased estates and spread arrears of land rents and interest over such extended period."

the Under Secretary for Lands (Mr. C. G. Morris) has advised the League that every application for protection in respect to arrears must be dealt with on its merits, and, while there is no possibility of extending the terms of the leases, without amending legislation, there will be no difficulty in capitalising the arrears over the balance of the term where there is considered to be ample justification for such a course.

The State must obtain revenue, and, therefore, settlers should endeavour to put up some reasonable proposition to the Department and, some satisfactory undertaking that current rents will be met from time to time as they become due.

LIME DEPOSITS

Approached about opening up lime deposits for the benefit of group settlers, the Hon. Premier, Sir James Mitchell, has advised that rai's have been put down to the lime hills at Boranup, and conditions for supplying the lime to settlers are now under consideration.

RAILWAY FREIGHTS AND CAPITAL VALUE OF RAILWAYS

The Minister for Railways (Mr. J. Scaddan) has replied to resolutions endorsed at the State Congress regarding—

1. A revision of railway freight in the interests of farmers.

2. Reduction in capital value of railways.

His reply is as follows:

"I have submitted the former to the Commissioner of Railways, who advises that consideration has been given to this, and action was contemplated following on the amendment of the Traffic Act. In view of existing conditions, however, he is unable to recommend any reduction at the present time.

"The reduction of the Capital Account is, of course, a matter for the decision of Cabinet, and your request will have consideration."

Devaluing War Service Homes

At the instigation of the League in this State, the Federal Secretary interviewed the W.H.S. Commissioner regarding the devaluing of houses, who has replied:

"With reference to your personal representations on behalf of your West Australian Branch, I desire to inform you that the War Service Homes Committee of Inquiry considered very carefully the question of devaluing homes as a matter of general policy, and the views of that body are set out in its report, copy of which has been made available.

"As I understand the case presented by your West Australian Branch, the cases of a number of purchasers resident at South Perth, West Subiaco, and Osborne Park have been submitted with the object of writing down the balance owing because of resales in the groups concerned at a figure less than that originally charged the purchasers concerned. Whilst I appreciate the views put forward, I regret very much that the proposal submitted cannot be adopted for particular application to the cases mentioned."

Who First Wore Khaki?

An interesting discussion as to which regiment of the Regular Army first wore khaki has been proceeding in the English Press. The honour is claimed by the 52nd (Oxfordshire) Light Infantry. The name "khaki" was originally the description of the cloth, and had no reference to colour. Lieutenant-Colonel G. Whitall, C.O. of the 52nd Light Infantry, contributed to the London Truth (7/12/32), the following extract from the regiment's historical records, which is dated July 2, 1857, when the regiment was marching from Sialkot to Delhi:

"This combat is generally known as the action of Trimmoo Ghat. The audacity with which the Sepoys and Sowars attacked on this occasion was not repeated in any subsequent action. Colonel Campbell had procured permission just before leaving Sialkot to clothe the regiment in Karkee-rung, a native cloth of grey colour, and it is supposed that this very useful and novel dress deceived the enemy as to the character of the troops opposed to them. The 52nd were the first British regiment thus clothed."

The 52nd, it may be mentioned, possesses historical records, kept in manuscript since 1759.

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Concerning War Pensions.

After some weeks of silence, poor old "Billzac," of the Sunday Times, who is as illogical as a defendant's excuse, has published another meandering moan over the position of war pensions in this State. He complains that we have not proved his figures incorrect. That was not the purpose of our article. His figures, like the flowers that bloom in the spring, have nothing to do with the case. What we did prove was that the figures cited by the Sunday Times were deliberately misleading. The ground was traversed in detail in the thoughtful and comprehensive statement of the position as issued by the Pensions Committee. Notwithstanding "Billzac's" description of his former effusion as a "fair and candid criticism," that article's lack of candour and its distortion of facts are as obvious as a Sunday Times crossword puzzle. One has only to compare it, and "Billzac's" second seizure, with the statement of the Pensions Committee to see how little he understands of the matter, and how lamentably ignorant he is regarding the whole procedure connected with pension claims and pension revisions. What further proof is necessary?

In the Pensions Committee's review, also, an explanation was given of the use being made of the Repatriation Ward for investigation purposes. We do not propose to go over that ground again. When "Billzac" rakes up this matter again, he is only plunging more deeply into the mire of misrepresentation.

The Pensions Committee's statement has been commented on by sub-branches and diggers throughout the State. For instance, Kalgoorlie Sub-branch, in its splendid little journal, says, "The excellent statement appearing in the December LISTENING POST is commended to all. A careful study of its contents will answer many questions that have troubled many of our diggers."

Actually there is nothing the Sunday Times can do for any digger which cannot be done more expeditiously by and through his own organisation, and whatever smoke-screen of unreason "Billzac" may put up in the future to cover his retreat from an untenable position, that ends the matter as far as we and the Sunday Times are concerned.

Seventeenth Federal Congress

W.A. DELEGATES' REPORT

Colonel Olden and Mr. W. Lovell, who were the delegates from the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L. to the Seventeenth Federal Congress, held in Melbourne (November 3-6, 1932), reported to a recent meeting of the State Executive on the proceedings of Congress:

Congress was opened by Sir Stanley Argyle, Premier of Victoria, after which delegates were welcomed by the Federal President. Messages were read from H.R.H. Prince of Wales, the Grand President, and the Governor-General of Australia.

Election, Federal President.—Mr. G. J. C. Dyett was re-elected Federal President, defeating General C. H. Brand by one vote.

Repatriation.—Congress approved of the principle of combating the Commonwealth Government's policy of reducing or terminating war pensions before any appeal against such reductions is heard and determined. It also expressed strong disapproval of the statements made by the Commonwealth Auditor-General in reference to soldiers' pensions. Also that a soldier who has undergone an operation while on active service for an injury he had received before enlistment but aggravated by war service, should receive a pension commensurate with his present disability. A request that the Minister for Repatriation be invited to review the incidence of the recent economy measures in regard to war pensions, and that he be requested to cancel instructions ordering the taking of Friendly Societies' sick pay into consideration when computing the amount of sustenance for hospital in-patients, was carried. The Common-wealth Government is also to be asked to exempt widowed mothers from pension reductions constituted by the Financial Emergency Act. Representations are to be renewed to the B.E.S.L. to ensure that ex-Imperial men in hospital for war-caused disabilities shall receive a larger amount than 21/- a week from the £2 allotted. Also to request the Imperial Government to create and make available a fund to the R.S.S.I.L.A. to defray expenses of funerals of ex-Imperials who die in necessitous circumstances.

War Service Homes.—A general reduction of the rate of interest paid on War Service Homes is to be asked for, but no specific rate is named.

Commonwealth Public Service.—Congress urged the appointment of returned soldiers qualified by examination to vacant linesmen's positions in the Postal Department. The seniority question in the Commonwealth Public Service is to be taken up with the Prime Minister.

Preference.—The B.E.S.L. is to be requested to approach firms in England having branches in Australia with a view to having instructions issued to provide for preference for ex-Imperial, A.I.F., and British labour.

Defence.—The League is again to raise the question of adequate defence of Australia, and suggests that the Federal and State Governments be asked to co-operate in formulating a scheme of land settlement in the neighbourhood of strategical positions along the undefended coastline of the continent.

The item about suggestions for the League of Nations and their tabulation was lost. Motions submitted by the W.A. Branch urging compulsory physical training for boys between the ages of fourteen and eighteen, and for stimulating recruiting for infantry battalions.

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by making them as attractive as the technical units, and for the establishment of a unit of the Air Force in Western Australia, were unanimously carried by Congress. The question of an all-weather landing ground at Wyndham was referred back to W.A. for further consideration.

General.—Recommended that the 18th Annual Congress in 1933 be held at Canberra, and that the Federal Executive be urged to press for the holding of the 6th Biennial Congress at Canberra, immediately after the 18th Congress.

Congress urged a review of the cost of fertiliser in W.A., other States and countries with a view of endeavouring to bring down the cost of fertilisers in Australia. Also the payment of a wheat bonus on similar lines to that paid during the 1931-1932 season. Also that a period of not less than ten years be made a definite pronouncement on the restoration of the gold bonus. The Federal Government is to be urged to give immediate consideration to the urgency of providing the rural districts of W.A. and other States similarly placed with at least country relay stations to ensure more efficient radio service.

The age limit of eligibility for membership of the Sons of Soldiers' League was reduced from 16 to 12 years. This should have a very beneficial effect on the establishment of the S.S.L., not only in this State, but throughout Australia. Resolved that the Federal President obtain designs of badges for the S.S.L. and submit them to branches for approval.

Notice of Motion.—Under this heading there were two important items in addition to those already referred to. One was the reduction of payment of capitation fees, and the other the reduction of poppy royalty.

In lieu of the reduction of per capita fees, the Federal President agreed that the whole of the expenses of Federal Congress and Federal Executive Meetings would be defrayed out of the Federal Emergency Fund until Congress otherwise directs.

The poppy royalty has been reduced from 1d. to ½d. this to come into force on the 1933 Poppy Day.

Thanks are extended to the Federal President and General Secretary for their kindness and courtesy to the W.A. delegates at all times; to the President and members of the Victorian Branch, the Caulfield Sub-branch, the Dandong Range Sub-branch, the Mountain Districts Sub-branch for their wonderful hospitality during the period the delegates were in Victoria; the Premier of Victoria, the Members of the Victorian Parliament, the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, and many other prominent friends of the League for making the visit enjoyable.

The report concludes thus: "Taken all round, the 17th Congress was an interesting, instructive, and, it is hoped, from a League point of view, a successful one. The general atmosphere at its commencement was not altogether a pleasant one, nor is it easily describable. It appeared fraught with a mixture of mistrust, suspicion, and lack of confidence in its ultimate success. We may safely assert that at its conclusion this unfortunate atmosphere was entirely dispelled, there being a greater tendency to take the broader view, and to place the League first. This we feel sure can only make for better understanding, and will serve to instil into the minds of all, Lincoln's dictum on the house that is divided against itself."

State Secretary's Organising Tour

At a meeting of the State Executive, on January 18, the Management Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

1. Having in mind the present needs of the Branch, and a direction given by State Congress some few years ago, your Management Committee is of the opinion that the present times afford justification and favourable opportunity for an organising tour of portions of the State by the State Secretary. Should such a tour be approved, it is suggested that special attention be given to:
   1. The dissemination of information as to the aims and objects of the League.
   2. Establishing new sub-branches.
   3. Reanimating dormant sub-branches.
   4. Enrolment of new members.
   5. Improving the liaison between sub-branches and the head office of the branch.
   6. Advising on complaints or disabilities of individual ex-service men.
   7. Fostering the tradition of Anzac Day.
   8. Assisting in the formation of sub-branches of the Sons of Soldiers' League.

10. Explaining the proposals connected with the erection of Anzac House.

"It is recommended you grant such approval and that it be an instruction to the State Secretary to prepare an itinerary, to operate during the months of February and March, for submission to your Management Committee. Further, that the Management Committee be given authority to approve an itinerary and to engage such extra clerical staff as circumstances may, from time to time, render necessary as a result of the State Secretary's absence from Perth."

Preference: Poll Clerks

The Federal Congress passed the following resolution:

That Congress again bring before the Commonwealth Government the unfairness of passing over ex-service men of equal or better qualifications, when making appointments for presiding officers and poll clerks on election days, and Congress considers that their service entitled them to preference in these positions.

and hereunder is the reply received from the Prime Minister's Department:

"With further reference to your letter of November 22, in which you conveyed the text of a resolution carried at the 17th Annual Congress of your League, relative to the employment of ex-service men at Commonwealth elections, I am directed to inform you that, under standing instructions, preference in appointment as Commonwealth election officials is given to suitable returned soldiers and sailors, subject to the general instruction that preference is to be given to persons who are unemployed. The Chief Electoral Officer is of opinion that all Divisional Returning Officers are conscientiously giving effect to these instructions so far as can be done with proper consideration for the efficient conduct of elections. The positions are filled upon personal or written application to the Divisional Returning Officer concerned, who is required to satisfy himself of the capability of the applicant and of his freedom from political partisanship.

"It may be mentioned that practically all poll clerks engaged in respect of the general elections held on 19th December, 1931, were either ex-service men or unemployed persons."
Returned Soldier Political Candidates

The Listening Post is anxious to hear from all returned soldier candidates for Parliament, irrespective of party, and it is hoped that our readers will not lose sight of the principle of preference to ex-service men when recording their votes. The more returned soldier members there are in all parties the better chance there is of the League’s ideals being attained.

ALEX. H. PANTON, J.P., M.L.A.

A dinkum digger of two wars and a tower of strength to the R.S.L., Alex Panton, who won the Leederville seat at the last General election, is again facing the music of the hustings. Alex served in the South African War with the 6th W.A. Mounted Infantry, and in the Great War with the 51st Battn. A.I.F. He was wounded at Moriel on April 2, 1917. He is a member of three sub-branches — Leederville-Mt. Hawthorn, North Perth, and West Leederville—and has sat for two years on the State Executive. From the numerous jobs he holds in addition to his parliamentary one it will be seen that Alex Panton is a terrific worker with a high ideal of public service, especially as all these extra jobs are purely honorary. His breezy personality and inexhaustible fund of good humour make him an ever-welcome official visitor at Ward 11, which he keeps decorated with seasonable flowers. We strongly suspect he grows these flowers himself, for he is a keen amateur gardener. He is a trustee of the R.S.L., a member of the Pensions Committee, the Anzac House Committee, the Amelioration Fund Committee, as well as being a director of the R.S.L. Trading Co. Outside the League he is State President of the A.W.U., trustee of the A.L.P., secretary of the Parliamentary Labour Party, Deputy Chairman of Committees, trustee of the Public Library and Museum, executive officer and member of the Perth Hospital Board, and chairman of the Leederville Relief Committee. When he does manage to find a little spare time he puts it in gardening, and he is addicted to bowls.

MR. FRED. KNAPP

An active member of the R.S.L. and an occasional contributor to the Listening Post, Mr. Fred Knapp, of Boyup Brook, has announced his intention of contesting the Nelson seat as a Country Party candidate. Fred commenced his soldiering in the City of London Artillery, from which he transferred to the London Scottish. Then he enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders, and served with the 2nd Battn. Gordon Highlanders in the South African War, after which he was invalided out of the Regular Army on pension. He gained a considerable business experience before and after the South African War in the service of the Great Northern Railway. Then Australia called, and for twenty-six years he has been associated with farming on the Upper Blackwood. He was a member of the Upper Blackwood Repatriation Committee, of which body he was for a period secretary and minister’s representative. Fred Knapp is also a J.P., and was the first president of the Boyup Brook sub-branch, of which he has been secretary for eleven years. He is also chair-

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The Jubilee Congress

(By A. McDowm Digger)

It is no fun being the last of one's tribe, but all the same it is gratifying to know that certain reminiscences of mine published last year interested my grandchildren so much that at their request I have decided to place on record other memories of that grand organisation of which I am the sole surviving ornament. Peering backwards through the mists of time, I find the 'fifties of this century very interesting, and by far the most e.xcit ing event of that decade was the Jubilee Congress which celebrated the League's fiftieth birthday.

Tony Wolfson was State President that year for the third time, so His Gracious Majesty the King marked the occasion by creating Tony a baronet. Through a certain misunderstanding, this honour was very nearly declined. When the State Governor's private secretary called on Tony and said to him, "His Excellency desires me to congratulate you on, becoming a baronet," Tony flared up and said, "Who are you getting at? I've been one for over thirty years." You see Tony became a bit of a hard case as he grew older and he thought the secretary had said "barrow knight."

There were several other honours and awards. Wilkie, who was a venerable old gentleman by that time, was made M.B.E. (Minstrel Boy, Etc.); Eddie Edmunds got the O.B.E. (Our Bread Expert); Clarrie Fairlie the C.B. (Close to Boulder), and Farkie was made a P.C. (Pilgrim's Cobbler). The union of the churches had been brought about the year before, and Eric Nye was made a cardinal. By some oversight poor old Bish was left out in the cold, but Congress itself remedied this oversight by decreeing that henceforth, instead of Mr. Bishop, he should be known as Mr. Pope.

It was a wonderful year. The era of prosperity that had succeeded the long depression was at its height, and it was a bumper congress. The usual initial ceremonies were dispensed with. A committee of digger publicans, headed by Billie Clowes and Ernie Lang, opened the proceedings with champagne and caviare sandwiches, while a choir of bookmakers sang "What's the Odds so long as You're Happy?" Then the telegram of congratulation were read. I am afraid I cannot remember them all, but here are a few.

From General Hertzog: "Congratulations! Give my regards to my old pal Alex. Pantón."

From Eamonn De Valera: "Slainte! May the keg of the cratur never be empty and may your annuities never be cut off."

From the Third International, Moscow: "Goodowski, Youcowski, Buzzoff."

From the Shah of Persia: "Good luck! The next time I break a concession I'll give you a piece. This is the dinkum oil."

From Mr. J. T. Lang: "I have always known the strength of the R.S.L., and believe me, Lang is right."

There was one from the M.C.C., I remember, which was mutilated in transmission. It read, "This leg theory is all — and there the message ended.

But the longest and most interesting cable was from the Grand Lama of Thibet, or, rather, from his confidential secretary. It read: "His Holiness the Grand Lama of Thibet desires me to convey to the West Australian Branch of the R.S.L. his heartiest congratulations on having attained the fiftieth anniversary. In addition, His Holiness begs to be informed where exactly is Western Australia, and what in hell is an R.S.L."

Then followed the presentation of the Newdegate Cup, which was won that year by East Fremantle. The committee of publicans filled the cup with R.S.D., and after it had been sampled by the State President it was passed from lip to lip, while Wilkie played a stately march on the brand-new Guarnieris fiddle that the management of the United Service had presented to him for services rendered. This ceremony was repeated seven times, and after that nobody seems to have remembered anything else that happened that day.

When Congress met the next day there was much red in the eye and an overdose of jaundice in the outlook. Delegates complained of sore heads, and
acted up to the claim. They refused to answer roll call and the whole gathering commenced to sing "We're Here Because We're Here." When order was restored, Congress settled down to formal business.

After a heated and protracted discussion it was resolved that as the LISTENING Post has on several occasions adversely criticised and spoken disrespectfully of the Binomial Theorem, it should cease to be the official organ of the League. As Mr. Cornell pointed out in a very telling speech, hardly anyone present knew what the Binomial Theorem was, and though it had not yet been brought into the sphere of party politics, one never knew when it might become a political matter. An official organ of an organisation like the R.S.L. should not discuss such matters, but should confine itself to the publication of official minutes and the records of births, marriages and deaths—of course, the collection of advertisements. There was nearly an uproar when Percy Gillam, from Mt. Barker, rose to a point of order and severely criticised Mr. Cornell for implying that the births should come before marriages. Mr. Cornell tersely replied, "Well, mine did," and a very delicate situation was thus glossed over. Congress then adjourned for ten minutes while the State Secretary telephoned the Sunday Times, offering that paper the job of official organ. After the interval, the State Secretary reported that the Sunday Times had replied that that paper already published a Soldiers' Column in each issue. Would that do? The Secretary thought it might, if the paper would consent to publish an English translation alongside. The paper, however, refused to give that guarantee and the negotiations lapsed. It was decided, then, to rescind the motion affecting the LISTENING Post and the whole matter was allowed to remain in statu quo ante, whatever that may mean. Then Harry May, from Collie, drew the President's attention to the state of Congress. After the interval, only a few of the delegates had returned from the United Service. He suggested that the missing ones be sent for. The President ruled that it would be easier and represent a considerable saving in time if Congress, on the contrary, adjourned to the United Service, and found a jorum instead of a quorum. This course was agreed upon and I remember nothing more till I woke up in the charge room.

**Souveniring: A “Wash-Out”!**

(By E. St. Ives Bilston)

"Don't talk to me about souveniring," said Snowy. "I had one fly at it—just one too many!"

"It was this way. The boys were all 'chin-music ing' about their various souvenirs, and were poking it at me. 'Cause so far I had not 'collected.' So I made up my mind to do so at the earliest, just to be with the mob, they looking on me as a 'dud.'

"Spying a Fritzie overcoat just out over his parapet, I resolved that as soon as it got dark and things were quiet I'd hop out and become its proprietor.

"The opportune time arriving, I crawled out and was just too far to get back again, when up went star shells and flares, whereupon a 'typewriter' located me, and how it came about that I was not well and truly punctured I don't know! Did I squeeze into the muck and keep my heels well and truly down? Oh, no!—only a rumour!

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other, I wriggled my way like a gilgje and slid over the parapet, right into the major's arms.

"'Here!" he roared, 'what are you doing deserting your post? Who gave you orders to go out there? I'm afraid you're up for a 'F.C.M.'!"

"Humbled and humiliated, I cringingly explained the purpose of my trip to No Man's Land, but he did not seem at all sympathetic.

'What do you mean,' he continued, 'by bringing that filthy old thing in here? It's probably full of disease germs.'

'And it was all that! Torn to strips, no buttons on it, and looked like as if it had been used for sanitary purposes.

'In view of the fact that I had evidently not considered the seriousness of my offence, he grudgingly promised to overlook it this time, but vowed that if anything of a similar nature occurred I would be doing pack drill in Wands- worth or elsewhere, for an indefinite period. He also made me bury my cap-ture deeply under the sandbags, and I realised then from thence I was a marked man.

'That's my cut of souveniring!'"

Sub-Branches at Cricket

An interesting match took place be-tween Perth and South Perth. The match commenced at 11.30 a.m., and finished at 6.30 p.m. Perth was basking in the de-lightful record of an undefeated season, and approached the game with every con-fidence. Batting first, South Perth com-piled the respectable total of 110, the main contributions coming from G. Day (12—a splendid knock), Mundy (26), and McAullay (24).

Chasing this total, Perth met with early disaster, losing three of their best batsmen for 22 runs. South Perth main-tained their grip of the game, and eventu-ally dismissed their opponents for 92. Loughton (20), Esnouf (14), and King (12) were the chief scorers.

Bowling—South Perth: G. Day, 6 for 28; Mundy, 3 for 20. Perth: Esnouf, 3 for 24; Emery, 3 for 21; King, 3 for 2.

Digger Sporting Recollections

(By M.H.M.)

In the years preceding the outbreak of war, the sporting community was, as usual, busily acclaiming and discussing the future of the champion athletes in the various branches of field games. Some athletes there were who excelled in more than one game, most of them being young men, with great prospects ahead in the world of sport. Little thought was given to the ominous signs approaching that were so rudely to interrupt the sporting careers of these boys—signs that were soon to give Australia and the world the bigger fighter and the bigger sportsman.

These monthly sporting recollections are endeavours to perpetuate the mem-ory of our digger sportsmen, and of the games that were played with such enthusiasm during the dulls in the hectic days of warfare. There must be many readers of this journal who could recount an official sporting incident that occurred during the war years. A brief outline of any such incident, sent along to the editor, would be very welcome.

BOB BLUNDELL

A Versatile Sportsman

The sporting career of Bob Blundell is well within range of the memory of pre-sent day followers of athletics, and he will be easily recalled as a very able all-round cricketer and first-class footballer. Of athletic build, rather tall and wiry, Bob was an active, energetic player of both games. He showed great promise as a lad at the Guildford Grammar School, where he more than held his own in all branches of field games. Bob never dis-played any unnecessary "frills," always playing his games keenly, and extracting from his sport the last ounce of enjoyment. Above all, he displayed the qualities of a thorough sportsman under all conditions, and was deservedly popular with one and all.

A brief resume of Bob's sporting career during five years attendance at the Guildford Grammar School is well worth recording, revealing, as it does, the in-grained ability and love of outdoor games possessed to a marked degree in early youth. He joined the school in 1910, being then fourteen years of age. He was immediately placed in the 1st eleven at cricket, and the 1st eighteen at foot-ball, a great honour for one so young. He played cricket regularly in the 1st eleven from 1910 to 1915, being vice-captain in 1913-14, and captain in 1914-15. His football record is similar, and it was here that he obtained a solid grounding in the two games to which he later devoted most of his energies, and served with such distinction. To prove his versatility, he has the following attainments to his credit:

Rowing Crew, 1915; Long distance running, 1910-11; Shooting; 1913-14-15; Boxing Medal, 1914-15; Batting Cup, 1913-14-15; Fielding Cup, 1914; Bowling Cup, 1915; Win Inter-school Mile, 1913; Won Inter-school 440 yards and 880 yards, 1915; Holder of 880 yards Inter-school record, which was only recently broken; Runner-up 'Champion Athlete,' 1913 and 1915; Member of Combined Secondary Schools' Cricket Eleven versus W.A.C.A. Colts, 1913-14; Captain of School, 1915.

The foregoing is an imposing list of which anyone might 'feel justifiably proud. It is interesting to recall here that in 1915, his last year at school, Bob enlisted for the "great game"—virtually from school to war.

As a Cricketer

His career in W.A. Cricket Association circles commenced upon his return from the front in 1920. Joining the West Perth Cricket Club, and eventually migrating to East Perth, he enjoyed outstanding success as an "all-rounder." Particularly did he shine as a cover-point fieldman. Who that saw him can forget his wonderful fielding in this position? Anticipation, speed, certainty in gathering and returning the ball, earned for him fame that still lives. He is a serious rival to Dick Bryant, the present State Captain, for the honour of being the best cover-point W.A. has produced. As a batsman he was the possessor of a wide range of strokes, being stylish, without any trace of "fashiness." He was always seeking runs, and was thus.

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very popular with the spectators. He was more than a useful bowler, sending down a medium-fast good-length ball. An instance of his usefulness in this direction is a "bag" of 8 for 22 against Midland Junction in the "A" Grade Pennant Competition, in the 1919-20 season. His highest score was 122, and he several times got into the 90's. He usually amassed a good aggregate for the season. His success in Pennant Cricket soon brought him Inter-State honours, and he played for W.A. against the following visiting teams:—Douglas' English Eleven, Mayne's Victorian Eleven, McLaren's English Team; McCartney's N.S.W. Eleven; Gilligan's English Eleven.

His best performance with the bat in these games was a splendid 58 against McCartney's N.S.W. Eleven, which contained some of Australia's leading bowlers. With the ball he obtained 5 for 59 against Gilligan's English Eleven, and received great praise for his excellent troubling. He captained the W.A. Colts side against Gilligan's Eleven, making 23 runs himself.

Football

Bob's first experience in senior football was with West Perth in 1915, whilst still attending Guildford Grammar School. Resuming with the same team upon his return from France, he played in the seasons 1920-21-22. He was highly regarded as a centre man, and also filled the position of half-back with distinction. He was a good mark and kick, and had plenty of pace. In the 1922 season West Perth were pitted against the visiting Fitzroy players, and this match was destined to be the last game of football in which Bob participated. He received a severe injury during the game, which forced him to retire from all active sport.

Active Service

Bob enlisted in 1915, and first saw active service in 1916 with the Heavy T.M. Battery. Having a taste for flying, he successfully applied for a transfer to the A.F.C., and became an observer, with the rank of Lieutenant, attached to the 3rd, Australian Corps Squadron. He "crashed" once, and injured his wrist, which resulted in a short spell in Blighty. Bob is a qualified solicitor, and is now with the well-known firm of solicitors, Messrs. Stone, James & Co., Perth.

The following item is reproduced from the December issue of Our Empire, a contemporary English journal, and makes interesting reading. We can appreciate every statement in the article with the exception of the one about the "Shadow of Mount Sinai." Unless this particular shadow was of the elastic variety, and could stretch for about a hundred miles, we must perforce question the truthfulness of the venue of this match. No troops were nearer than this distance to Mt. Sinai, with the exception, perhaps, of a few members of the Camel Corps. However, we give the incident as recorded in Our Empire—

ENGLAND—ALL OUT 4!

The War-Time "Test" Match

When this issue of Our Empire appears, England and Australia will be at grips, on the famous Sydney Cricket Ground, for the first Test Match of the present series for possession of the Ashes. But how many people have heard of the unofficial "Test" match that took place in the autumn of 1917, between England and Australia, under the shadow of Mount Sinai?

"It is a war epic," declared a contributor to a recent issue of The News of the World. "As such it should not be permitted to pass into oblivion, and came about in the following way. Some squadrons of English Yeomanry were resting on the coast of the Mediterranean, while simultaneously the Australian troops were also "indulging" a few miles away. Both spent a considerable amount of time at cricket, and one of the English officers sent a challenge to the Commander of the Australian troops, which was accepted. The rivals duly met, and the "Aussies," winning the toss, elected to take "first knock." The Englishmen dismissed them for 57 runs, and, naturally, were satisfied, especially as the late J. W. H. T. Douglas was included in the team.

"But the Australians had a trump card up their sleeve. Douglas and Capt. Kekewich, of the City of London Yeomanry, were the first batsmen, the bowler who opened the attack being an athletic young Australian of some 30 summers, and bearded like the bard." His first ball spread-eagled "J.W.H.T.'s" wicket, and he promptly proceeded to dismiss the other members of the team, with the result that England's innings closed for four runs, one of which was a bye!

"Then the secret came out. The bearded trooper of the 12th Australian Light Horse was none other than Albert Cotter, the terror of England's greatest batsmen in pre-war "Tests." Alas! it was Cotter's final triumph with the ball, for shortly afterwards, on October 31st, he was himself "bowled" out" by an enemy bullet, whilst J. W. H. T. Douglas, who subsequently commanded a battalion of the King's (Liverpool) Regiment, was drowned at sea in tragic circumstances on December 20, 1930."

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Hospitalities
(By W. A. Njoonenbooroo)

We will now resume our monthly programmes relayed from Ward XI, through the courtesy of the medical and nursing staff, R.P.H.

"And how do you feel this morning, digger?" queried Nurse Gwendoline, as she passed along the verandah. "Oh, nurse, I am very bad to-day; I wish the Lord would take me."

"How can you expect Him to do that if you don't take the medicine the doctor ordered."

Hogmanay Night is but now a dream, but are you listening, Scotty? It was St. Andrew's Day when Scotchmen let themselves go, and recite stories against themselves, especially those manufactured in Aberdeen. A native of Aberdeen, passing along Hay Street, met a West Australian digger he had hobnobbed with in France. "Let me see, you came from Scotland?"

"Yes," replied Scotty. "Give me your hand," said the West Australian. "What town do you come from?"

"Aberdeen," replied the Scot. "Give me both your hands," exclaimed the West Australian, "the last man I met from Aberdeen pinched my watch."

What about the Scotsman who collapsed in Hay Street because a policeman said that he had never heard of Robbie Burns? In Barrack Street the same Scot remarked to a policeman, "Perth's awful beastly the day." Perth's always busy," remarked the officer of the law. "That may be," said the Scot, "but it's a lot busier the day. D'ye no ken the main boat is in at Fremantle, and there a lot of trippers frae Dumfries o' shore."

We will now have a little talk from Professor I. Screamer, of the Backyard College of Hysterics: "Good day, diggers in No. XI. A few words from me will cheer you up, so that in returning to your homes you will be able to carry on the good work instilled into you by your medical attendants. The maintenance of a well ordered and hygienic house necessitates a constant vigilance and warfare against the factors that make for deterioration and decay. These agencies are varied in type though the results may appear more or less the same. Leaving aside the reasonable wear and tear arising from friction, which is unavoidable, every housewife has to bear her guard against insidious forces, which, if unchecked, would, in course of time, bring serious consequences. Soot and dust particles gives an infinite amount of labour, but these are foes which are of the house-hold itself. Beware of the rats and mice, the cockroach is said to be the disseminator of cancer. Then we have the ants and grasshoppers, silverfish, blowflies, gophans, beer-sparers, p.b.o. lizards, toads, house flies, the mosquito, whose bite might be septic, but epsom salts and white hor—"

"Oh, cut out the dry rot; give us the test stores," was the general cry this day, and the Professor was accordingly gilloctomised.

We have an important announcement for patients. There is going to be a big concert, and amongst the items will be "The Yellow Peril," by Signor Iodine; Mr. Steele Forceps, North Perth con- diam will preside at the Frigidaire; Miss Carrie Tube will sing "Lanoline"; Mons. Exxe Wray, man of mystery, who can see through anything; Mademoiselle Chlorie Formme will give "Sing Me to Sleep." A party of Anzacs will give Act II from "She Stoops to Conquer," or "Caught Bending." This is for one night only. Thank goodness. Box office open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., or vice versa.

We will now close down for one month. Next session we will give the tragic fate of "Old, Pull Through," A.I.F. Good-bye, listeners.

Troopship Memories
(By M.H.M.)

1933

We received two bales of paper, marked "ex S.S. Ascanius"—infinitesimal part of a shipload of general merchandise, bales, cases, bags—crane-load after crane-load being swung from the ship's holds—all labelled "ex S.S. Ascanius." Dull work in dull times, calling forth scarcely a second glance from the few wharf-side stragglers.

S.S. Ascanius—little in the name-calling for special comment from a casual observer; just one of the many ocean-going, passenger-cargo steamers, picking up and delivering human freight and merchandise. Ex S.S. Ascanius—Ascanius

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Memory claims us. We return over the ever-widening span of years to the same wharfside. Dull times change to stirring, troublous, heroic times. The few wharf-side stragglers are swallowed up in a seething mass of emotional humanity. The name Ascanius is on every lip—a tragic name already to thousands, a name seared on the memory with ineradicable associations. An Australian troopship, picking up and delivering human freight and merchandise, human freight as precious as ever ship carried—Australian manhood, aye, and

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The time of departure approaches. Sirens commence to sound their shrill "cock-a-doodle-doo." The troops line the decks, struggling for vantage points from which toGain, maybe, their last look at loved ones. From the wharf floats, upwards a confused medley of voices, stern, forcibly gay, semi-hysterical, each vicing with each in a strange endeavour cheerfully to speed the troops on their adventurous way. The big ship commences to move from the wharfside, the slowly widening gap almost hidden by thousands of coloured streamers, emblems of thousands of unspoken, beautiful, coloured thoughts for the well-being of the precious souls on board. The familiar, sorrowful strain of "Say au Revoir" is heard from a cornet—the sad notes fading, fading—till distance stills their sounds. The home ties are severed, the troops' thoughts are with the past and the unknown future.

"Come on, Jack, shift that bale to the end of the store. What are you staring at the name for, it's only the Ascanius?"

"You're right, boss, she's only the Ascanius but she was once H.M. Troopship A11, and my brother and I sailed in her to France—I came back—yes, she's only the Ascanius."

The Northampton Sub-branch Secretary (Mr. John Rohrs) reports the death of a member in Mr. C. E. McMinn, late Australian Wireless A.I.F., and also a South African war veteran. The deceased was 57 years of age. The funeral, which took place at Northampton, was largely attended by ex-service men and local civilians, the coffin being draped with the Australian flag. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside.

The same sub-branch also reports the death of another A.I.F. comrade, in Mr. Stanley Ward Haines, who only recently arrived at Northampton from the Cull district, where he was employed on the W.A.G.R. Mr. Haines was 43 years of age, and served in the 47th Battery Field Artillery, A.I.F. The Northampton Sub-branch arranged for an Australian flag to cover the coffin, and for the "Last Post" to be sounded at the graveside.

The General Secretary of the British Legion in London is enquiring from the R.S.L., Perth, as to the whereabouts of Mr. Cyril Henson, last heard of about twelve months ago when he was at Moore River, W.A. Any information will be conveyed through the British Legion to this ex-service man's mother.

The American Consul at Adelaide is enquiring concerning the whereabouts or fate of Mr. John Dickinson, last heard of as a steward on the S.S. Marapa, then a hospital ship chartered by the New Zealand Government. Dickinson is supposed to have left the vessel at Albany on June 10, 1918. Any information conveyed to the State Secretary, Perth, will be passed on to the American Consular Service.

On the eve of Christmas, Colonel and Mrs. T. C. Wilson (State President, Women's Auxiliary) were sorely bereaved by the sudden loss of their third daughter, Lewese Ellen.Endowed with a particularly sunny nature, her somewhat delicate health did not deter her from taking an energetic part in all sport and amusements in the Caversham district, where she was much loved. Her passing leaves a grieved blank, but visitors to Caversham House will long retain the memory of the charming little lady who had a smile of welcome for everyone. To Colonel and Mrs. Wilson and family the LISTENING POST, on behalf of all readers, extends sympathy in their bereavement.

Colonel Denton forwards us a letter he received from General E. G. Sinclair MacLagan, who left Australia in 1914, in command of the 3rd Brigade, and who succeeded the late Major-General W. Holmes as G.O.C., 4th Division, A.I.F. The General has had a long and intimate connection with the Australian forces. As a captain, before the Boer War, he came out to Sydney on loan from the K.O.S.B., and was for a time adjutant of the Sydney Scottish Rifles. After the Boer War he had a second period on loan to the Australian forces. He then returned to his regiment, the West Yorks, and came out a third time to join the staff of the Royal Military College at Duntroon. When that institution was established in 1911. When the war broke out he was selected to command the 3rd Brigade of the A.I.F., and it was his brigade which played the chief role in...
the Landing on Gallipoli. He is now living in retirement at Glenelg, by Forfar, Scotland.

General Sinclair MacLagan writes—
"I am a long widower now, and feel a bit aged at times, though lucky in having, for the most part, recovered my health and activity in this glorious Highland air. Am busy about my small estate, and live in the open as much as our climate will allow. Have just been through the volume of Australian War History dealing with Gallipoli, and it brings back hallowed memories of happenings and splendid comrades."

Mr. Robert C. Lloyd, the newly appointed State Secretary, Queensland Branch, was educated at the Toowoomba Grammar School, and served with the 52nd Battalion during the war. A member of the League since his return from the front in 1918, he was appointed Employment Officer in 1929, and in 1930 he was appointed Assistant State Secretary and Accountant. He is a capable and popular officer who has already done much for the League in Queensland, and under his efficient administration the affairs of that branch should prosper to an even greater degree.

Padre Foyster has joined up with the chess players of the Perth Literary Institute. When Canon Harper returns from his trip to the Old Country, digger members of the P.L.I. hope to see the two padres locking pawns for the championship of the church.

E. St. Ives Bilston, one of our regular country contributors, was ill in the Wagin Government Hospital over the Christmas holidays. In a letter, dated January 9, he wrote in glowing terms of the hospital staff's kindness, indefatigable care, and sympathetic attention. "My convalescence has been greatly assisted," he adds; "by the dinkum comradesly attention I have received from members of the local sub-branch. Secretary Mick Noonan has visited me regularly and seen that I want for nothing. It would be impossible to speak too highly of the Waggins diggers for staunchly maintaining the R.S.L. ideal of assistance to comrades in distress. Through their comradely loyalty my sojourn here has been more in the nature of a holiday since I have been allowed out of bed while still confined to hospital."

After a long illness, contracted during the war, Leonard H. Harrison passed away on December 27, at Bassendean. He arrived in W.A. in 1912, from Halden, Hertford, England. In wartime he enlisted with the 16th Battalion, and served in Egypt and France. In civil life he was attached, until recently, to the Taxation Department, and was a member of West Perth and Guildford-Bassendean Sub-branches, R.S.L. For several years he was a chorister in St. George's Cathedral, Perth. His going will be regretted by many, and our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, three daughters, and young son.

The new secretary of the Mt. Marshall Sub-branch, Mr. R. F. Breakell, served abroad with the 10th Light Horse. During the month he was called to Perth urgently owing to the sudden death of his father. The Listening Post extends sympathy.

The Mt. Marshall Sub-branch also has a new President in Ted Rice. Ted, who is an excellent chairman, was Q.M.S. of the 51st Battalion. He is the local manager of the Bank of N.S.W.

Captain E. W. Edwards, of the State Executive, has been appointed Secretary of the Metropolitan Master Bakers' Union. Although a post war recruit to Australia, "Edie" is a dinkum Aussie. He has a fund of common sense, a keen sense of humour, is a good debater, and with his customary enthusiasm and energy, he will no doubt grace his new position.

It is pleasing to see Colonel Tom Flintroff about again after his recent severe illness, and we trust that the improvement in his health will be maintained. The Colonel, who has been President of the Mt. Lawley Sub-branch for a number of years, did not stand for election again this year.

When the West Australian moved to its new quarters on the other side of the Terrace, one stone from the old building was taken along, too. This was Alec Stone, past president of the 32nd Battalion Association and member of the Press Sub-branch. Alec finished the war as a compulsory guest of the Kaiser and has one or two good stories to tell of his captivity in Hunland. Australian prisoners used to be asked their civil occupations and set to work accordingly. One shrewd digger stated that he was a tablefinisher. The Fritz commandant was tricked for a long time, not realising that a tablefinisher is just a bloke who goes

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round the tables and finishes what is left of the meal. Alec’s knowledge of Deutsch secured him an interpreter’s job in a mine. On one occasion a very important Fritz brass hat was inspecting the workings, and he could not help overhearing the digger prisoners’ references to himself. Turning to friend Stone, he demanded: “What is this B——B——, that these men keep on saying?” It was explained to him that the term B——B—— was not an English phrase, but pure Australian for a very big handsome chief. Von Brass Hat was so pleased that he gave the diggers a half holiday, and the French had to work overtime to make up for it. In private life Alec Stone is a keen cricketer, and is pretty efficient on long hops.

OSBORNE PARK PERSONALITIES

“Dug” Foreman (don’t make it “Dud,” Mr. Lino.) is the champion M.C. of social functions in Osborne Park. He earned his dancing spurs while in the ranks of the Seafarthing Highlanders. There is no doubt that from Njookeenboorooy to Yancep Caves he can hold his own in terpichorean matters, but has yet never had to call the “Lady Godiva” lancers.

“Andrea,” an Italianised corruption of the Scotch “Andy,” is a prominent worker for the Osborne Park Agricultural Society, and president of the Parents’ and Citizens’ Association. His civil name is plain Andrew Glass, Main Street, and he can display medals for the Boer and the Great War. A great worker for the R.S.L., the Agricultural Society of Osborne Park, and the Parents’ and Citizens’ Association, he is never happy unless listening to the Scotch anecdotes made in Aberdeen, without adulterated embroidery.

Mrs. Norris, the landlady of the Osborne Park Hotel, has received a letter from the local branch of the R.S.L., stating that the president, officers and members of the branch would record their appreciation of “you for finding employment for so many returned soldiers during the Royal Show week and the English cricket carnival, and will you convey our thanks, to Mr. Alf. Burgess, your manager.” We trust you will still favour us with the support and good will you have always extended to the local branch.” Mrs. Norris secured the tender for the publican’s booths at the Royal Show, the English cricket matches at the W.A.C.A., and the Osborne Park Agricultural Show. She lost a brother in the war; he was i.e. the 192nd. Veteran Bill Anderson has been re-nicknamed the “Peter Pan of Osborne Park.”

The old staggers re-union, organised by Harold Nugent, has not yet, eventuated, through difficulty in ascertaining the “old folks at home.” “Now” states that this event will be a historic pageant. He is arranging with Bandmaster Morgan, of the R.S.L., to compose a march for the occasion, entitled “The Peter Pan Parade.” It will be broadcasted from the new station, Ward XI, P.B.H., through the courtesy of the Listening Post, who, with the assistance of Commentator, W.A., established the new station some two months ago. There are no license fees, and the characters over the air are purely imaginary—‘nuff sed.

Edith Cowan Memorial

No war worker was more outstanding in her efforts on behalf of diggers and in her regard for men coming back from the Great War maimed and injured than the late Mrs. Edith Cowan. She was one of the original members who secured the erection of the Soldiers’ Institute, Perth and almost up to her death her interest on behalf of ex-service men and their families never waned.

The State Executive is anxious to help the Committee engaged in securing funds for the erection of a memorial to the deceased lady and suggests that League members be invited to subscribe through their sub-branches at the rate of 2d. per financial member. It is estimated that compliance with this request would yield about £60 to the fund.

We have in our office a general service medal belonging to 4294 Private T. Bowman, 28th Battalion, who can have same on application.

Four Bells and a Helliver Sell

The Perth Sunday Times is not the only paper which goes out of its way to slate the League and distort seeming facts to suit its own peculiar brand of politics. At the meeting of the State Executive on January 18 a letter was read from the Tramway Sub-branch, protestating against an article which appeared in the official organ of the Tramway Union and which the Sub-branch considered—and we heartily agree with them—was an insult to returned soldiers. The article complained of was a somewhat ungrammatical scried that had originally appeared in The West Australian Worker. It alleged that the last Federal Congress had refused to endorse the policy of preference to returned soldiers over strike-breakers, and declared that this attitude had destroyed any respect the public may have for the League’s non-party declaration of policy. Perhaps the wish is father to the thought concerning the alleged loss of public respect. The Tramway Sub-branch’s request for information about the matter was referred to the Federal Secretary for an official statement of the position.

The delegates from the W.A. Branch who attended the recent Federal Congress have informed us that no motion regarding preference on the waterfront was actually put to the vote, so that Congress did not give a decision, one way or the other. The matter is purely an industrial one in which it is not the policy of the R.S.I. to interfere, especially as there are ex-service men on both sides of the dispute.

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"Why, my son, your father was a battery sergeant-major," he replied.

"High or low tension, daddy?" asked the boy.

"Stylist" writes:—At a recent meeting of the Federal Congress, it was brought under notice that members of the League were omitting the use of the word "sailor" when referring to the R.S.I.L.A. branches, and members were urged to use the word "sailor" when referring to the League. Of course, the word is used in the official designation of our organisation, but returned sailors and soldiers seem to me a terrible mouthful to use in ordinary conversation. Why not say ex-service men and be done with it? That term would cover all members of the fighting forces.

The English papers at hand are full of illustrations of the experimental pattern of field service uniform. We Austral-ians now know what our fathers and uncles mean when they speak of a "deer-stalker" hat. Apparently, too, the experiment has been a little goldmine for the comic artists, who have had their

Pea Growing in the Victorian Mallee
SUCCESS AT BEULAH
(By J. Leith Gillespie, B.Agr.Sc.)

Experiments carried out near Adelaide have proved that a wheat-crop following peas gives as heavy a yield as wheat grown on fallow, and this is easy to understand, as the district has a rainfall of 21 inches. However, when a Mallee district is considered, with an average rainfall of 14 1/4 inches, with May, June, and September having the greatest precipitation, one would naturally think the moisture available would not be sufficient to mature a crop of peas and grow a satisfactory cereal crop during the following year. Yet, there are two farmers who are harvesting acres of peas this year, and can show wheat crops growing on pea stubble which will yield over 20 bushels to the acre.

Mr. L. R. Shannon and Mr. S. Brain have been growing this cereal on their properties for four years. Mr. Brain obtained two bags of seed peas in 1929, and gave one bag to Mr. Shannon, and to-day each farmer has over 40 acres under crop. In 1930 the peas were under water owing to the torrential rains, and could not be harvested, but if the harvesting season had been normal, a yield of ten bushels or more would have been obtained. Last year yields were about the same, and this year once the yields were slightly better, both farmers harvesting about 13 bushels of grain per acre.

The paddock on which Mr. Shannon has his peas has only been out to fallow once during the last seven years, and the crop is not as dirty as one would expect. On last year's pea stubble he sowed wheat and oats, and he estimates that the oats on the pea stubble yielded 3 cwt. more hay and 9 bushels more grain than oats in the same paddock not grown on pea stubble. The wheat on pea stubble had not been harvested, but promised to yield heavier than wheat in the same paddock sown on neglected fallow. When the wheat was sown, the ground was dirty with mustard and iron weed; however, the wheat crop smothered the weeds, which could be found very stunted in growth at the base of the wheat crop.

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Mr. Brain sowed his peas in portion of a paddock, the remainder of the paddock being sown to oats and barley. He emphatically declares that the crop on pea stubble was greener, grew more quickly, and will yield much better than the remainder of the paddock. He was very struck with the fact that the crop on barley stubble tipped very badly, the white tips standing out while the crop was still green; the oat stubble crop did not tip so badly, and the pea stubble crop hardly tipped at all. Mr. Brain states that he is purposely growing his peas on heavy soil as a soil renovator, and does not expect to obtain heavy yields of grain. As a grain crop, however, sandy soil will undoubtedly prove more suitable. Both farmers sow ½ bushels of seed per acre, and have sown at the end of June. Mr. Shannon, however, thinks that he will obtain better results by sowing early in June.

While it is very doubtful whether pea growing will become general in the Beulah district, this crop is well worth trying for sowing on fallow land which is liable to drift. For this reason alone peas would earn their place on land of this description.

Mr. L. C. Roberts, of Port Pirie (S.A.), has grown the crop successfully on very sandy soil with less than six inches of rain during the winter. Peas are also grown at Warrahnabeal and Charlton; both these districts have only a moderate rainfall. Mr. W. E. Sargood, of Quat Quatta Station, Corowa, has 50 acres under crop this season.

In all these cases the crop has been harvested successfully with the Sunshine Header-harvester, fitted with the pea attachment. The seed is sown with the standard combine, and where the soil is light, can be drilled in with very little extra working.

Where the pea grub is a serious pest, the Brunswick White Pea should be sown, as it matures early and is more grub resistant. However, for general purposes the Dunn Field Pea has proved satisfactory, yielding well and leaving behind it a quantity of straw, which is excellent sheep feed.

To Contributors

More than fifty per-cent. of the editorial work of this paper consists of dealing with sub-branch reports. This part of the work will be greatly facilitated if these reports reach us on or about the fifteenth day of each month. There are now 147 sub-branches and an equitable allotment of space in the paper is a matter that is causing the management a certain amount of concern. Correspondents are reminded that we want only salient facts. Actual dates should be given, as December 21, not the 21st inst. or 21st ult. And for the love of Mike do not send us long extracts from country newspapers and expect us to make up your own report from them.

The Origin of a Well-known Saying

(By M.H.M.)

A particularly notorious bird had been placed a prisoner in the loft of one of the two-storied barns (so inseparable from the French farm-house), which, in this case, served as a "clink." The bird had been imbiping "wine blanc" freely, and, as a consequence, was led to the loft in a pretty thick state. Sergeant — was in charge of this slippery individual, and he kept a wary eye on his captive in case he should emulate the old soldier and "simply fade away."

Imagine the disgust of the sergeant when, upon returning after a short absence, he climbed to the loft and discovered that the bird had flown. A hurried search among the hay in the loft failed to reveal the slightest trace of the prisoner. The disappearance was complete. The only other inmate of the barn was the old farm pig, and he occupied the ground floor directly beneath the centre of the loft. Snoring peacefully in his bed of mud and slush, it was difficult to suspect the old porker of aiding and abetting in the disappearance of the prisoner. Happening, however, to cast a quick glance in the direction of the sleeping beauty, the sergeant was flabbergasted at the sight: that met his gaze. Sprawled out inelegantly on the back of the sleeping pig, and affectionately embracing the animal in a drunken slumber, lay revealed the missing prisoner.

A hole in the centre of the loft explained the position clearly. The prisoner had rolled through and down, thus innocently originating that classic, "home on the pig's back!"

F.I.O.O.

These letters must have often caught the eye in connection with the advertisement of a certain well-known optician. They mean, Fellow of the Institute of Ophthalmic Opticians, and were conferred upon Mr. Walter Buckeridge for gaining distinction in optical examinations. Degrees such as these are the only guarantee that the public have that the persons claiming to be opticians are really such, and it would be a wise precautionary measure to insist upon seeing his diplomas when consulting an optician. The staff of Mr. B., The Optician Ltd., 263 Murray Street, are fully qualified from the governing directors downwards, and Mr. B. himself is always in attendance to wait on his many clients.

He: "What would I have to give you for just one little kiss?"
She: "Chloroform!"
State Executive Meetings
December 21, 1932

At the meeting held on December 21, 1932, there were present Colonel Collett, Messrs. Yeates, Philip, Denton, Riley, Olden, Watt, Lovell, Tozer, Paddy, Margolin, Edmonds, Farquharson, Zeffert, Aberle, and McDowell.

Pensions Committee.—The report of the special committee, held on December 19, was received and adopted. The full statement regarding the pensions position, prepared as a result of this meeting, appeared in the Daily telegraph.

Treatment of V.D.—Arising out of the Pensions Committee’s report and a reference contained therein to the treatment of V.D., the committee was requested to draw up a resolution for submission to the State Executive, asking the Federal Government to afford the Repatriation Commission an opportunity to review the present policy in regard to the treatment of V.D. contracted on active service.

Visits.—The following visits were reported upon: Messrs. Farquharson and Nugent, Serpen- tine Sub-branch to Victoria Park Sub-branch; Mr. Yeates, Perth (annual reunion); Rev. C. L. Riley, Ward II, and Warden; Mr. Aberle, West Leederville; Colonel Denton, Meredith.

Christmas greetings from a large number of departments, branches, and sub-branches were received and tabled.

A letter of appreciation of the Executive’s representative, who recently visited the Pingrup Sub-branch was received.

Soldiers’ Funerals.—Communications from the Fremantle and Perth Sub-branches, referring to soldiers’ funerals, were left in the hands of the State Secretary for reply.

“Listening Post.”—The proprietor of the Listening Post advised that he would be pleased to continue the publication as the official organ of the League.

Publicity and Pensions.—A letter from the Country Vice-President, concerning the recent publicity on pensions, was received. It was agreed that his attention be drawn to the article on pensions which appeared in the December number of the Listening Post, and also to that part of the constitution dealing with the submission of resolutions to the Executive.

Letters from the Perth Sub-branch, dealing with press reports, were referred to the State Secretary for reply.

Taxation of Pensions.—The Perth Sub-branch protested against the taxation of ex-service men’s pensions, under the Financial Emergency Act. It was pointed out that disability pensions granted after service in the last war were not taxable, but disability pensions on account of previous wars, and service pensions are taxable. This information is to be conveyed to the sub-branch.

Water Charges.—A communication from the Minister of Works for Western Suburbs, regarding the Congress resolution, which asked for the reduction of these charges, was received and referred to the Campion Sub-branch.

Preference at Elections.—Darling Range Sub-branch forwarded a resolution advocating preference to returned soldiers in employment in connection with the forthcoming State elections. The State Secretary explained that the matter had already been taken up.

New Experimental Schemes.—The Minister for Lands forwarded a reply to the Congreg resolu-

tion dealing with the matter of Experimental Schemes. It was agreed that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Nannup Sub-branch.

Lease.—Re-purchasing Estates.—A reply to the Congreg resolution, which asked that the terms of these leases be extended, was received from the Secretary for Lands. It was decided that the reply be published in the Listening Post.

War Museum.—A communication from the Western Mail, suggesting the establishment of a War Museum in Anzac House, was referred to the Anzac House Committee.

Interest Notices.—The General Manager of the Agricultural Bank advised that interest notices were forwarded in unsealed envelopes in the interests of economy.

Aged Sailors’ and Soldiers’ Relief Fund.—A vote of thanks was accorded Messrs. H. S. W. Parker, M.L.A., and the Hon. Jas. Cornwall, M.L.C., for their assistance in connection with the Bill dealing with this fund, which had now passed both Houses of Parliament.

Leaves Hospital.—Strong exception was taken to the action of a local paper in publishing photographs of the approaches to Lennox Hospital, in which several patients could be clearly recognised. The Secretary was instructed to get into touch with the responsible authorities in order to prevent a repetition of this breach of good taste.

Condolence.—The Executive expressed sympathy with Colonel T. C. Wilson, V.D.—and Mrs. Wilson (State President, Women’s Auxiliary) in the loss of their daughter.

East Fremantle Sub-branch.—It was asked whether this sub-branch still functioning, and the State Secretary explained that he had written to the secretary of the sub-branch on two occasions in regard to this matter, and was awaiting a reply.

January 4, 1933

At the meeting on January 4 there were present: Messrs. Collett, Riley, Freedman, Yeates, Parish, Philip, Olden, Watts, Lovell, Tozer, Paddy, Margolin, Cornwall, Farquharson, Zeffert, Aberle, and McDowell. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Fairley, Denton, Hunt, Nugent, Edmonds, and Mellor.

War Memorial.—Some time ago the sub-branches were circularised by the State Executive for information as to the condition and custody of the various war memorials throughout the State. Colonel Collett said that 37 replies had been received. They indicated that the position was reasonably satisfactory, and it was reported that the memorials at Capel, Jarrahdale, Boyanup, Victoria Park, Leederville, and Cobbling, where minor matters such as guardianship, etc., needed adjustment. He recommended that further action be taken to acquire the lines suggested by the various sub-branches concerned. The recommendation was adopted.

Art Union.—Mr. Hunt reported that the recent art union conducted by the W.A. Charities Committee was a success and that 110,000 tickets had been disposed of. The report was received.

War Service Homes.—In reply to the representations made by the W.A. branch R.S.L., requesting the writing down of the balance owing on War Service Homes, the interest of resales at a figure less than that charged the original purchasers, the Commissioner for War Service Homes stated that this request could not be acceded to.

Initiation.—An invitation was received from the managing editor of the West Australian for membership of the Executive of the new premises of the W.A. Newspaper Co. It was agreed that the invitation be accepted for January 18 at 10 p.m.

Control of Fruit Fly.—The Director of Agriculture advised that the regulations concerning the control of fruit fly were being enforced as far as possible and that inspectors were giving serious consideration to the matter of topping fruit and vegetables and undersized fruit. It was decided that this information be sent to the sub-branch concerned.

Collection, etc., Anzac Day.—The Minister for Police advised that the Perth City Council by-laws contained the necessary provision to prohibit this practice, and also that the King’s Park Board had the power to prohibit it in the Park. It was suggested that the matter be raised before next Anzac Day and referred to the Anzac Day Committee.

Railway Freight.—Last Congress passed motions requesting the revision of railway freight rates, especially Class B, plus 17 per cent., in view of the unsatisfactory state of the farming industry and the poor return received by the farmer for produce; and reduction of the capital value of the railways by the State Government, so as to bring about relief to the primary producer on the present excessive freight charged. Mr. Scadden said that the Commissioner for Railways advised that consideration had been given to the revision of railway freights and action was contemplated on the amendment to the Tariff Act. In view of the extreme conditions however, Mr. Scadden was unable to recommend any reduction at present. The reduction of the capital account, Mr. Scadden, said, was a matter for the Cabinet, which would give consideration to the League’s request.

Western Australia.—The Dalwallinu Sub-branch had raised the question of the system of wages and shortage of wheat orders on growing crops. The general manager of the Agricultural Bank had advised that no undue hardship would be inflicted in settling every case and would receive consideration. It was decided to advise the sub-branch accordingly.

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**Sub-Branch Notes**

**VICTORIA PARK**

A good gathering of members attended the annual meeting held at the Library Hall, Victoria Park, on December 16, when the president (Mr. R. Alexander) presented the reports of the branch activities for the year. This showed that 40 cases of distress had been relieved, and that 120 parcels of second-hand clothing and nine pairs of boots had been sent to soldiers in addition to the £27 that had been spent in amelioration. The balance sheet for the year showed the finances of the sub-branch to be in a healthy condition. The Building Fund, raised with the help of the Lads' auxiliary, now totals £58. It was decided that the annual picnic would take the form of a river picnic on January 22. It was decided that in future meetings will take place on the first and third Friday of each month. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year—President, Mr. R. Alexander, Vice-Presidents, Messrs. H. Nichols and E. Matthews; Secretary, Mr. T. Chandler; Assistant Secretary, Mr. R. Hewson; Treasurer, Mr. W. Tomlie; Auditor, Mr. H. Taylor; and Committee, Messrs. J. Barnett, F. Till, Tucker, White, T. Matthews, G. Gray, W. Colley, Jennings, T. Taylor, and Fitzsimmons.

**WEST PERTH**

The branch wound up the year 1932 on Thursday, December 15, with the usual monthly luncheon, and in the evening a very successful impromptu "smoko" was held in the institutes. About 60 guests attended, and had a most enjoyable evening with bridge, euchre, songs, and plenty of refreshments. Community singing was indulged in, and several songs rendered by some of the boys were well received.

The President of the sub-branch (Mr. W. Haynes) supported by Vice-President Percy Miller, took the opportunity to convey to the members the compliments of the season, and wished them all and a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

The general expression of opinion was far more of these happy occasions, and the President informed members that it is intended to continue these functions monthly in the new year, commencing on the third Thursday, January 19, 1933.

Mr. Bob Tyler, a popular past president of the branch, was present, having come down from his farm for a few days in the city.

**OSBORNE PARK**

The usual fortnightly meetings were held on November 30 and December 14, with very good attendances at both meetings, business being dealt with in the usual quick dispatch.

**Sick Report.**—Mr. Lehan was taken very ill and had to go to hospital, but, fortunately, he is well enough to return home, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

The dances and euchre parties were enjoyed by all.

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very much, showing a fair return.

On Wednesday, December 7, soldiers and their wives and friends held a social evening in the Memorial Hall, and many games were played by both men and women. After supper dancing was enjoyed till the usual closing time, 12 p.m. Many stayed till the break of day.

On Sunday, December 11, the much-discussed cricket match between the Perth Sub-branch Cricket Team and Australia, held in the Memorial Hall, was played to a close. The first team won by 36 runs. The selection committee was very sympathetic, and decided to drop Forman because he was a Paynter (with the brush), Langan not chosen because they thought he was too old, Beal dropped because he was too young, and none of the musical instruments were included. The winning team was scored at 252, and Corlett was good. Bradman being crook, and Stan McCabe was unable to play, our (Australia) team won, and there wasn't a Duckworth-Wilson. So you will understand, that under the circumstances we put up a great fight, but lost the three games of the match. Osborne Park, 1st innings, all out for 9 runs; 2nd innings, all out for 66 runs; Perth Sub-branch, 1st innings, 10 wickets (1 duck) for 112 runs. Both teams played harmoniously, and everybody enjoyed himself, except the wicket-keeper of Perth Team, who put his face in the way of the ball, and got it disfigured, so that he had to go to the doctor and get it stitched.

On Christmas Eve the willing helpers of the sub-branch were invited to a social, which, despite the holiday season, was well attended, and thoroughly enjoyable. During the evening Vice-President Padre Hardy was called upon to present small tokens of appreciation for services rendered to Mrs. Andy Glass, Mr. Spight, and the "Doug." Foreman. Mrs. Glass has played the piano unsuitably twice monthly, and for about four hours a night, for nearly seven years. Mr. Spight has obliged with his violin on many occasions, while "Doug." Foreman has acted as M.C. at the annual meetings ever since the hall was built. Thanks were given to all helpers for their great work in building and paying for the hall. At the meeting on January 11, Secretary J. Garnier read the half-yearly balance sheet, which disclosed a healthy financial position. The sub-branch now has a membership of forty.

The local Scotties and their friends met on Saturday, December 31, and saw the old year out with all the traditional ceremonies.

GOSNELLS

A well attended meeting was held at Maddington Hall, on December 19. The business was quickly disposed of, and a social evening followed. The members were entertained by Mears, Stone, Dummore, and Loggins, with songs. Ted Harding chatted of the farm, which he forgot to get the secretary to mention. Mr. Hockin proposed the toast of the President, Mr. A. Nock, and was supported by Mr. A. Lee, and the toast was enthusiastically drunk. The evening closed with members singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "Australia Will be There."

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MURRAY

The annual meeting, held on December 3, was well attended. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. R. McLarty, M.L.A.; Vice-President, Mr. Marshall, M.R.; Secretary, Mr. Logan; Committee, Messrs. Marsh, Coggis, Green, Nash, Rev. Challenge Han, Secretary, E. Pattson. The meeting then adjourned to the large dining room of the Premier Hotel, where a social gathering took place. The occasion was to welcome Archdeacon Riley, whose visit has been looked forward to for some time. The Archdeacon was warmly greeted. He thanked the League in general, and urged all those not already members to come along and help with the work that was to be done for the benefit of the diggers. There were several vocal items and some fine dances, and by the time the end came, the company had all enjoyed the night. The sub-branch hopes for an increase in membership during the coming year.

DARLING RANGE

The month has been an active one, starting with the annual meeting, on December 10. Jock King has decided that the president's chair is in need of a new occupant—result, the unanimous election of Bill Halliday. He will be a worthy successor to a highly successful president. There are a large farming challenge, and a Kalamunda challenge, and the sub-branch is anxious that visitors will attend its meetings. In order, therefore, that all may feel at home, a new office has been created—that of welcoming officer. Alec. Scott fills the position, and all who have met him know that they will be promptly put right in the swing. The next event was a week later, when the children had their annual picnic—again at Point Walter. Two "bus-loads" and a fleet of cars carried the party. Swimming and eating were the principal features of the day. The former amusements has caused considerable discussion amongst the parents of a prominent member's lower limbs. May the Pensions' Department take notice of his lack of condition.

The New Year was ushered in at a most successful dance. About a hundred and fifty people were present. Funds will benefit considerably from the efforts, which reflected great credit on the Secretary and the retiring Entertainment Committee—to say nothing of the ladies. Some members at the ball were present, and rumours has it that certain Talbot men are in the business to visit them in the small hours of New Year's morning. In keeping with the charitable spirit of the season, it is well to draw a veil over the aftermath of the kindly thought.

FREMANTLE AND DISTRICT

The regular fortnightly meeting was held in the Returned Soldiers' Institute, South Terrace, Fremantle, on Thursday, 22nd January, 1933. The retiring President, Mr. Theo. Brennan, opened the meeting, and when handing over the reins of office to the new President, Mr. J. W. Lynch, made a stirring appeal to all the members present to give to the new officers—the same loyal support and assistance they had given to him during his long term of office. In welcoming two new members to the branch, Mr. Brennan again urged the members to remember that unity is strength, and unless the unattached returned soldiers who had not seen fit to throw in their weight and present a solid front to the opponents of our aims and objects were induced to do their bit, we could not attain the results we were striving for. In welcoming Mr. Watson, M.H.R., to the meeting, he pointed out that Mr. Watson had always been one of the best friends that the returned men of the district had ever had. In response, Mr. Watson made a stirring speech, which was worthy of a much larger audience. Among his correspondences, was a letter from the Premier, inviting his members to extend their services to the New Year party, and their warmest thanks were expressed.

The sports director, Mr. L. G. Nichol, has all his arrangements for the games competitions well in hand. These competitions include quoits, rifle shooting, parlour bowls, table tennis, and racing. An invitation is given extended to all returned men in the district to make more use of the facilities placed in the Institute for their leisure hours.

'NORTH PERTH

A Digger's Diary

(With profound apologies to the shades of Samuel Pepys)

December 19.—To sub-branch general meeting, the last for this year. The business soon done. I spy Mr. Carl Ferguson, and he to greet me pleasantly, as he do all diggers. Amongst his correspondences was an invitation from the Perth Sub-Branch to play a big cricket on some date to be arranged in February or March. The challenge was accepted, provided the challengers could supply us with the necessary playing material.

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23rd.—This night to the Rosemount ale house, there saw Mr. M. Brabazon and Mr. H. Hewins, and exchange compliments of the season. A hot summer's night.

24th (Christmas eve)—I call on Mr. J. Mid-
In the notice, coming from the physical, and the holidays, celebration, and there appeared morrow, them. They meet from Boulder City, there to be barman at the Shamrock ale house. This I am full of joy at hearing, it being a permanent job for him. A good sub-branch worker who will be mightily missed.

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January 1st (New Year's Day).—Up, and take physic, a mighty thick head, got of last night's celebrations, which I now see the folly of. And, make a vow, this day, to practice better ways.

2nd.—By electric tram coach to Perth City, to meet wife's brother, to introduce Mr. S. R. Ferguson (Moora Sub-branch). I find him a well-spoken gentleman, and merry company.

4th.—Saw Mrs. Stubberfield, of our auxiliary, who bound for the hospital, to visit sick soldiers. This mightly kind and thoughtful of her, me-thoughts, and do love her for it.

13th.—News of Mr. Jack Chambers, gone to Bunbury, he being of the constabulary, and transferred. A member we lose, which I am sorry of.

14th.—Met Mr. Archie Hawkins, cope newly from Rottnest, looking fine and ruddy of his holidays. Mr. Tom Brown, I learn, by Mr. Hopkins, going away, is now charged with the business of the suit club.

16th.—To sub-branch general meeting, there spy. Mr. E. W. Edmonds, now a member of North Perth. I observe, to my exceeding great content, the excellent condition of our sub-branch. Having two members on the State Executive, Mr. Edmonds and Mr. McDowell, our finance and membership good, and a name cried up by all the world.

MOORINE ROCK

The annual sports day was held on January 2, President (D. G. L. Morgan) was assisted by W. Pickworth (Chairman of the Sports Committee), and numerous members.

The attendance and entries for both horse and foot events was a record, and the racing generally was of very high standard. Some very close finishes were witnessed, which were greatly appreciated by all present. Large marques were erected to hold the dry and wet canteens, and the catering arrangements were left in the very capable hands of the Women's Auxiliary.

The day, which turned out such a great social success, ended with a dance, which was held in the hall. About 120 were present, and again the ladies were in charge of the refreshments.

MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDERVILLE

The first meeting of the new year was held on January 12, Vice-President Len Vivian occupied the chair. The attendance was very good, despite the fact that many members were still on holiday.

In the death of Mr. C. H. Renfrey, of Mt. Hawthorn, the sub-branch lost a sympathetic and generous friend. It was decided to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Renfrey.

It was also decided to support the Edith Cowan Memorial Appeal.

Members can obtain complimentary tickets for their children to attend a matinee at the New Oxford Theatre on February 1; arranged by the Women's Auxiliary.

The annual general meeting will be held on January 26. A large attendance is expected.

The notice of members is drawn to the fact that subscriptions are now due, and new crowns for badges can be obtained when subscriptions are paid.

The cricket team registered a three-point victory in the last pennant match against Cottage Sub-branch, with the scores being, Mount Hawthorn, 128; Cottage, 68.

The next issue of the Very Light will come out on February 11.

PERTH

The annual meeting of the Perth sub-branch was held in the Soldiers' Institute, on January 10, 1933; when reports for the year were received from Mr. T. V. President, Secretary, and Auditor.

Election of Officers for the ensuing year are as follows:—Mr. W. J. Hunt was re-elected as President; Mr. Hopperton was again returned as Senior Vice-President, and the position of second Vice-President previously held by Mr. Coleman (who retired from all active duties of the Perth Sub-branch) was filled by the appointment of Mr. Rapp; Mr. C. L. Bishop was elected an opponent of the position of Treasurer, vice Mr. Arthur O'Keefe, who has just completed ten years continuous service on the Executive of the sub-branch. The Committee elected for the ensuing year was as follows—Messrs. Monck-Mason, O'Farrell, Hopkins, Taylor, Enouf, Gibb, Harwood, Allen, and J. T. P. Hunt.

In his report, the President, dealing with the past year, pointed out that some had declined, chiefly owing to unemployment, which is natural during these times, but it may be of interest to know that at least 50 per cent. of Perth Sub-branch members are not residents in Perth, but retain their membership of this sub-branch on the account of the services rendered by the office.

The Secretary in his report briefly touched upon the Corps of Commissioners, which body has been fostered by the sub-branch. The report on the whole was very gratifying, but at the same time it is a pity that this body is not utilised to a greater extent by business men and employers.

The meeting, which was well attended, closed at 10.45 p.m., when refreshments were partaken of.

TAMBELLUP

The first meeting for the New Year was held on the 11th of January, principal business being the election of officers for the year and the reception of balance sheets, etc. The election resulted as follows—President, Mr. A. J. Smith; Vice-President, Mr. R. F. Hammer; Secretary, Mr. J. P. Markary; Committee: Messrs. Roenfeldt, Gmeiner, M. Collins, Giles and Daddow.

During the past month the sub-branch held a smoke social in the local hall, 32 diggers turned up and no complaints were received. Musical items were contributed by Fred Daddow, Bill Henkens, Harry Slack and Col. Birt. Albert Wilson, with humorous recitations, and "Tiny" Weight with a desperate attempt at a serious one, also did their bit. The usual list of toasts were honoured, and at the end of the "Time Ladies" was reached, the gathering had reached the hollow and sentimental stage; Mick Collins' response on behalf of the fair ones was the gem of the evening, and while it lasted, the Secretary even forgot to glare at poor old "Tie", when that chubby soul endeavoured to draw a long breath with his drinking. On going to an error of judgment on the part of the caterer, the listed toasts were finished before the beer cut out, so to balance matters the evening concluded with toasts to the President and Sec...
DALWALINU

Dalwalinu Sub-branch held its annual general meeting on January 14. The election of officials resulted in Mr. R. P. Backett being re-elected President, and Mr. W. J. Willams, Mr. J. W. Valentine, Mr. H. Johnson, Mr. J. W. Bowker (Nungarin), and Mr. J. W. Buckway (Nungarin) being re-elected Vice-Presidents; Rev. L. E. Brown, Secretary; and a Committee consisting of Messrs. A. J. Finch, E. R. Edmonds, E. E. Stanwyk, F. T. Peterson, and J. Murray; and J. Noseda, and L. E. Butler, Auditor.

The annual report showed that although the sub-branch was only inaugurated in September last, the membership reached 23 on December 31. An Amelioration Fund was created last year, and in the short space of three months, disbursed $27/9/0, leaving a balance of $3/7/- for the new committee.

At a smoke social on Armistice Night, the sub-branch was visited by Colonel Nicholson and Mr. Parquhran, representing the State Executive. Although Armistice Day did not fall on the town's "mail day," 69 poppies were sold. Already seventeen members have joined up for the ensuing year.

NUNGARIN

The annual meeting was held in the Road Board Hall during the month, when there was a large gathering of the Palace. Mr. J. J. McCaffrey, Mr. G. H. Herbert, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. Johnson, Hon. Auditor, Mr. J. W. Buckway (Nungarin), and Mr. J. W. Buckway (Nungarin) were elected to the office of Secretary, President, and Auditor respectively. There was a good attendance at the meeting, and the business was conducted expeditiously.

The motion was moved by Mr. H. A. Jellicoe, and seconded by Mr. J. J. McCaffrey, and carried unanimously.

The meeting was then adjourned.

No. 2 DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held in the Road Board Hall, Trayning, on Sunday afternoon last, when Mr. F. L. Warner, District President, occupied the chair, and the following delegates were present: Mr. H. A. Jellicoe, Ross and Elliott (Wyalong), Mr. E. T. Thompson, A. P. Bunney, and T. Tanner (Kununoppin), T. Craike, F. Graves, and S. Dewar (Trayning-Yelbeni), E. H. Rice, F. P. Le Cras and Breckell (Mt. Marshall), A. C. Andrews, G. H. Herbert (Nungarin), and the District Secretary, Mr. L. W. Buckway (Nungarin).

Correspondence from the No. 4 District Committee was discussed, and it was finally decided to inform that committee that, while sympathising with the 

The annual meeting of the Sub-branch was largely attended, quite a number of the old members turning up. The Sub-branch has pulled together, and is going to be an important factor again in the League was demonstrated in a practical manner when over $7 was collected in subscriptions that evening. The following members were elected as officers for 1933: President, Mr. R. M. Cribb; Vice-President, Messrs. B. Congdon and F. G. Shand; Treasurer, Mr. Williams, and Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. A. Wilkins.

The result of the draw for the honour of holding the Branch in November of this year was Trayning-Yelbeni first, Kununoppin second. It was decided to request all sub-branches of the League in the No. 2 District Committee, not to hold any functions in November, prior to, or on the night of, the reunion. On the motion of Members Craik and Anthony, it was agreed that in future three sub-branches be a quorum at District Committee meetings.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—District President, Mr. F. L. Warner (re-elected); Vice-President, Messrs. E. H. Rice (Mt. Marshall), and F. Graves (Trayning-Yelbeni); District Secretary, Mr. L. W. Buckway (Nungarin), re-elected.

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday, 17th January, 1933, and about 14 members answered the roll call. Some members are still away on holidays, but a goodly number were A.W.L. The President, Colonel Flintoff, was back in the chair, and received a great welcome, after his recent serious illness. The Treasurer, Mr. W. J. McDonald, then read his report, which was very satisfactory, and showed the branch to be in a strong position financially. He apologised for not having the books ready for the auditor's report, but vouched for the correctness of same. He also could not stand for another term of office owing to stress of work. The auditor's report will be received at the next meeting.

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Treasurer, Mr. R. King; Committee, Messrs. F. T. Powell, H. G. Dixon, B. Cutler, E. Sorenson, E. Hall, F. R. Lidin, H. O. Eadie, C. M. R. Sinclair, and H. S. Brown (Publicity Officer). As all the nominations for Secretary withdrew their names for various reasons, Mr. C. Ferguson kindly offered to fill the vacancy until a Secretary could be found, his first remark on taking the vacant seat being, "Subscriptions will now be received."

Colonel Flintoff proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. L. B. Mann for services rendered during the past year, and Mr. A. Hull proposed a vote of thanks to the sub-branch for all their enthusiasm and hard work performed in the interests of the sub-branch.

After the meeting terminated the members enjoyed their usual barrell game, the winners being A. Guild and A. Hope.

**Harvey**

At an overflow meeting on December 22 the position of ex-service men engaged in the dairying industry was discussed. Speakers emphasised the fact that they were not hostile to the Agricultural Bank, but the rope was being tightened around their necks. As a consequence, the Dairy was now too big to be taken over. They were to survive. The following motions were carried:

1. That Members of Parliament, together with members of the Land Committee of the R.S.L, be requested to urge the Government to consider fully the report of the Royal Commission and to pay particular attention to the clause relating to a moratorium.

2. That the sub-branch unanimously protests against the deduction of 1 5d. a pound from the price of butter fat without the consent of those concerned.

Irrigation rates were briefly discussed, and it was explained that the Department extended the utmost latitude to farmers, where the whole of the arrears on current rates could not be paid, instalments were accepted.

**Mt. Barker**

Two committee meetings and a library committee meeting were held in December. The library committee decided to recall all books and recatalogue. Some books had been out since 1927. Billy Million reports books coming in very slowly, especially those that have been out a long time.

Paddy Condon is out of hospital again, and looking very fit. He informed me that as he had been ill off and on for a long time, he couldn’t remember which side of the line Major Read lived.

Alls will be sor这条路 hear that Bernie Hickings has met with a nasty accident to his leg.

The sub-branch congratulates Mr. R. Potts (Albany), Mr. Whelch (Victoria Park), J. Allen (Denmark), Dr. Clark proposed the Army, Navy and Air Forces, which was responded to by Dave Graham (Army), I. Townend (Air Force), H. G. Read (Navy).

Mr. A. Fleming and Major Read gave good songs, which were loudly encored. Last but not least was A. Townend (Chandler Boy).

The following are mentioned in despatches—

H. G. Read, for the excellent way he carried out the duties of postman; A. Read for the way he helped the Secretary; T. C. Vaughton, for telling us how he took J. H. Morgan down at bridge; Roy Potts for looking after T. G. Sounness and his hat.

Womens’ Auxiliaries

**State Executive**

The usual meeting was held on the 16th January, Mrs. T. C. Wilson presiding.

It was announced by the Motor Outing Committee that the first outing for the season would take place to Cottesloe on the 29th January. The patients of Lemnos would be the guests of the Cottesloe Sub-branch R.S.L. and its Auxiliary.

The Trustees reported that several splendid parcels of second-hand clothing had been received. Five adults and eight children had been assisted. Three layettes had been given.

A united Auxiliary will be held at the Soldiers’ Institute on Monday, February 6. The Rural Household Science students will be the guests of the evening. South Perth Auxiliary will be in charge of the supper arrangements, each Auxiliary member assisting with a plate of sandwiches or cakes. There will be the usual good programme of dancing, games and musical items.

It will be noticed from press announcements that the Rural Science course will be conducted earlier this year—from January 31 to February 10, inclusive. At the University buildings, Irwin Street, are in course of demolition, the classes will be held at the Technical College, St. George’s Terrace. Concession fares are granted to those travelling from beyond a distance of 50 miles by rail.

Mrs. T. C. Wilson desires to thank all branches and individual members of the Women’s Auxiliaries for their kind sympathy expressed by flowers, letters and telegrams. She wishes them to know that their loving thoughts were of great comfort to her.

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<td>Town Hall, Cambridge St., Liedererville</td>
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<td>V. E. Troode, 30 Harbour St.,</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDEVILLE</td>
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<td>First Sunday, monthly</td>
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<td>WILUNA</td>
<td>Commercial Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. Paterson, Yandil Station, Wiluna</td>
<td>L. L. Cruickshank, C/o, Wiluna G.M. Ltd.</td>
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**DONNYBROOK**  
Memorial Hall  
First Saturday, monthly  
Mrs. Harding, Donnybrook  
Mrs. D. Pike, 38 State St., Victoria Park

**VICTORIA PARK**  
Library Hall, Albany Road  
Fourth Friday, 7.10 p.m.  
Mrs. O. Taylor, 54 State Street, Victoria Park  
Mrs. Gigg, Donnybrook  
Mrs. D. Pike, 38 State St., Victoria Park
### SOUTH PERTH

The South, Perth Branch of the Women's Auxiliary held their monthly meeting on Friday, December 16, over 40 members being present. It is pleasing to note that these meetings are becoming increasingly popular.

The plain and fancy dress ball, held on November 21, was an unqualified success. The Sub-branch Orchestra provided excellent music, and it is good to know that we have an orchestra which can be relied upon for any occasion. Twenty-one prizes were distributed, Medals Slater, Wells, and Davies, who kindly acted as judges, finding their task a difficult one. With the funds in hand from this function, it has been decided to finance a treat for the children of the sub-branch towards the end of January.

It was decided that the Amelioration Committee go into recess, and their deposit will be closed until Wednesday, February 8.

After the conclusion of the business meeting, the social part of the evening was marked chiefly by a surprise Christmas tree hung with gifts for each member present. It was a happy thought entailing no little work and expense for those responsible, and Medlam Goss, Pendergrass, Richardson, and Sheean were warmly thanked for their efforts.

### CARLISLE

The Carlisle Women's Auxiliary, R.S.I., held their usual monthly dance, which was largely attended, over 200 being admitted. The social part of the programme was thoroughly enjoyed; items rendered by Ted Jones and Mrs. Silverstein, from the Folies Concert Party. Mrs. Starkie played for community singing during supper, and was enjoyed by both old and young.

Poppy Day was rather a success. It was pleasing to note the numerous voluntary helpers that offered their assistance to self-poppy. The R.S.I. children of the above branch were given a picnic at the Zoo on Sunday, December 18, over 160 children and adults being present. Sports and games were enjoyed by the kiddies; the married women's race was won by Mrs. Hutchinson, and the bobbies' race by Mrs. Grieve. Cakes, ice cream, cool drinks, and lollies were given to the children, and all were well pleased and enjoyed themselves.

### GERALDTON

The usual monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary was held at the Council Chambers on December 12. Mrs. Morris, President, occupied the chair. Mrs. Dunn, one of our very good workers, sent in her resignation as Vice-President, as she intends leaving for a holiday, having been in indifferent health. Her resignation was received with regret. Mrs. O'Neil made Vice-President in place of Mrs. Dunn, and Mrs. Mooney elected to the Committee in place of Mrs. O'Neil. Mrs. Moor lost her little one during the month, and Mrs. Fielding's husband died in November. Mr. Fielding (Dad) was a member of the R.S.I.

### GUILDFORD-BASSENDEN

Members of the above auxiliary visited the Edward Millen Home on the 14th December, and dispensed their usual Christmas cheer (a small sum of money to each patient). A short concert was given by members of the auxiliary, assisted by a talented young violinist, Baden Gallagher. The patients expressed their appreciation of both visit and concert, assuring the ladies and their musical friends of a hearty welcome whenever they could pay a return visit.

The ladies of the auxiliary did the catering for a smoke social held by the sub-branch in Guildford, on December 22.

At the annual general meeting, held in December, the election of office-bearers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Grieve; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Gallagher and Mrs. Wallace; Secretary, Mrs. McInlay; Treasurer, Mrs. Irvine; Trustees, Medlands Carter, Enderby, and Watkins.

### VICTORIA PARK

The New Year was ushered in fine-style, when about 110 members and friends gathered in the Victoria Park, Town Hall. Mrs. Starkey, at the piano, piloted the singers through their higher flights. "Bob," Alexander (President of the Sub-Branch) sang "My Wife's Little Land," in the original Doric Community singing, dancing, and games, of which aeroplane chairs were won by Medlands Jones and Wilson; stepping the line, by Medlands Jones and J.

Matthews; five-card game, by Mr. Tolmie, while Mrs. Samuels won a large teddy bear. A dainty supper was served by the ladies. Just before midnight the lights were dimmed, and "hold-up" men, with masks and revolvers, raided the hall. The "lost" will be handed over to the Building Fund Committee. The evening terminated with a streamer dance, after which "Auld Lang Syne" was sung, and Providence was invoked on behalf of King George V.

### TAMBEULLUP

Mrs. Rossenfeldt, the President, in presenting her report for the year, stated that in 1931 they had decided to disband owing to lack of interest, and to there being no apparent necessity for our existence as an auxiliary. However, in February, 1932, the R.S.I. undertook the management of the local hospital, and expressed a desire that the women would again form an auxiliary to assist them in their work. They, therefore, did so, and can claim to having achieved a satisfactory year's work. The House Committee of the Hospital is composed of members of their branch, and they have devoted a certain amount of their time to the hospital without any spectacular results.

In April they arranged a social evening in connection with the Wool Frock Competition organised by the R.S.I. This proved an unqualified success. Then, in May, they decided to start a Hospital Queen Carnival to raise funds for the extension of the hospital buildings, as the present accommodation is quite inadequate, holding semi-finals at Bobalong and Tambeullup, and a grand final in Tambeullup, at which Miss Kyras Box was elected the Hospital Queen on July 30. By this effort they were able to pay £170 into the building fund.

After this they concentrated on preparations for a P.A.T. Market, which was held on November 30. In spite of an unfortunate weather condition, this also proved a great success, £33 being paid to the Hospital Building Fund.

In the interim, they joined with the members of the C.W.A. and the W.I. in arranging a dance on November 5, in aid of the T.C.A. Appeal Fund, and also undertook the sale of 10 poodles on November 9, in readiness for the 11th.
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