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The Elusive Job

Recently Mr. C. V. Janes, who is relieving Professor E. O. G. Shann at the University of Western Australia as Lecturer in Economics, told an interviewer that in his opinion the depression is beginning to lift. He-based his opinion on the present situation with regard to banking and investments. Rates of interest are being lowered everywhere, and people with money are becoming less chary about laying it out in investments. These are signs which, Mr. Janes considers, invariably herald a return to more normal conditions after a period of financial stringency. Let us all hope that Mr. Janes is a true prophet, and that his inferences are correctly made; but the most optimistic of us cannot expect the depression to lift in a few weeks or even in a few months and, in the meantime, the position of the man not in regular employment is growing more parlous day by day. There is nothing more disheartening than the search for the job which does not exist; nothing more demoralising than the ever-present risk of becoming a burden on the community and the knowledge that continued unemployment is diminishing one’s own efficiency as a worker. In times like these, the community is faced with many obligations, none of which is greater than the obligation it owes to the man who made the world safe for democracies like our own.

When one considers that at any given time the average age of the A.I.F. was about twenty-four years, it must be realised that many thousands of young men were rendering personal service in the field during the very years when, in times of peace, they would have been acquiring a vocation. Not only did these men risk their lives, but, in too many cases, they jeopardised their chances of worldly advancement by imposing upon themselves a handicap which can never be removed. It is the business of the community to afford them, at the very least, the right to work.

Democracies are notoriously ungrateful. It was most noticeable during the whirlwind campaign which preceded the last State general elections that there was no mention of preference to returned soldiers in the policy speeches of any of the State’s three parties, although there were fourteen ex-soldiers in the last Parliament. This sort of thing gives an added force to the old proverb, “The Lord helps those who help themselves.” It is therefore incumbent on the R.S.L., as a body, to take a lead in the matter of unemployed ex-service men, as it has done in other questions of public importance. The R.S.L. has kept ever before it the ideal of public service. What better service to the State can there be than the placing of our less fortunate comrades in jobs where they can once more pull their weight in the public interest? The League’s employment bureau has done good work in the past, and is still doing good work; but something more is needed. The public of the State must be re-a-wakened to a better sense of its obligations to the digger.

While he was passing through Perth on his way to the B.E.S.L. Conference, the president of the New South Wales Branch (Mr. L. Robb) described to the State Executive what has already been done in his own State. A State-wide drive has been conducted in New South Wales which has resulted in 4,000 jobs being found for returned men. In this campaign, the Press and the Broadcasting authorities gave valuable assistance, and at least one large sub-branch was able to report that, as a result, there were now no unemployed diggers in that district. It is now proposed that something of the kind be done in Western Australia. The matter has been discussed by our own State Executive, and it was decided that the League’s employment committee consider the advisability of a similar State-wide drive on behalf of unemployed ex-service men. There is no reason, assuming that the Executive deems it advisable, why a State-wide drive should not be equally successful in Western Australia. Believing the scheme is feasible, we should like to see it tried, for if we do not exert ourselves on our own behalf we cannot hope to enlist the sympathies of others. Meanwhile, we sincerely hope that returned soldiers who are themselves employers will take these things to heart and—if they cannot altogether see their way clear to employ another digger or two they might use their influence to swing a job the way of one of their comrades.

The Disarmament Fallacy

At long last an Australian Government has awakened to the fact that Australia is a place well worth defending. The announcement by the Minister for Defence (Sir George Pearce) that the Air Force is to be strengthened, and that the problem of mechanising the land forces is to be tackled will no doubt reassure everyone who has not been hypnotised by the persistent post-war waving of olive branches. "Defence, not Defence," was the motto of the old English volunteer force. "Defence, not Aggression" should be a good slogan for Australia to-day. Apart from financial limitations, it would seem that our country’s defences have been allowed to fall into their present parlous condition through a childlike faith in the ability of the League of Nations to prevent war and in the pacifist dictum that armaments cause wars.

At a recent lunch-hour lecturette to the Press sub-branch, Brigadier A. M. Martyn said that armaments are a symptom and not a cause; that armaments do not cause wars but that wars cause armaments. Commenting upon this statement, a leader-writer in "The West Australia" argued that complete disarmament is a cheaper way to keep the peace than competition in armaments. If we accept his premise that armaments cause wars and that universal disarmament will prevent them from occurring, he is right; but the verdict of history is in favour of the Brigadier. When the secession movement in the United States landed that country into the bloodiest of all civil wars, both sides had to set to work and improve armies, and their equipment for the field. The paper strength of the United States regular army was 8,000 of all ranks and arms, and that army, being engaged in policing the prairies, was not immediately available for active service. Both sides entered the war in what was practically a
state of complete disarmament. As a result, the struggle lasted over four years when it might have finished in one, and for the first two years of its duration the war was little more than the mutual slaughter of armed rabble. But it afterwards became a very modernised war, bringing into employment such things as ironclad ships, field telegraphs, breech-loading field guns, magazine rifles, and shell-proof dugouts; to say nothing of vastly improved cavalry and infantry tactics and organisation.

It strikes us as futile to carry on making new pacts when nations are failing to observe those already in existence. We have already seen Japan metaphorically thumping her nose at the League of Nations, knowing full well that if the so-called sanctions were put into operation another world war would result. One wonders, too, how much of the present Nazi truculence and the German revival of the spirit of 1914, is due to Great Britain's policy of graduated disarmament. Independent observers, now in England, have assured us that the condition of Britain's defences is causing grave concern in the Old Country and that most probably France will object to any further drastic disarmament on the part of Great Britain, as such a course would make the latter ineffectual as an ally. The Press, striving quite honestly, we believe, in the interests of universal peace, has had little or nothing to say on these aspects of the case; but is this conspiracy of silence—perhaps, conspiracy of falsetto would be a truer definition—in the best interests of world peace? We think not.

The disarmament conference is already over a year, and has accomplished little beyond the popcorn of hopes deferred. If every nation were to disarm wars would not be prevented so much as cheapened, and when things are cheap they come within the reach of everybody. The fact remains that, conferences notwithstanding, the nations, with the exception of Great Britain, are not disarming. We read that America is increasing her naval strength and that Japan is doing likewise. This looks like a return to the old pastime of competition in armaments, and under present conditions Australia must look to her own defences. Lack of training and lack of proper equipment have never prevented people from fighting, but they have made wars unnecessarily prolonged, and so added to the expense and the suffering. That is one of the lessons of history which our well-meaning idealists seem to have forgotten. We may decide not to go to war until we are black in our collective faces, but that will not prevent war from coming to us, in which dread eventuality it is certainly the job of the Australian Government to see that we are in the position, at least, to put up a decent scrap. In any case, why should Australia, with her long coastline, and her sparsely populated territory, and with potential enemies so close to her shores, attempt the suicidal folly of setting older countries an example in the way of disarmament?

which the League might direct its attention.

The State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson) said that a case had recently come before the notice of the League in which a non-soldier, whose wife conducted a business, had been employed by the Electoral Department. The matter had been taken up with the Public Service Commissioner, who had written to the Premier asking for a declaration of policy with regard to the employment of Government servants whose wives were working. The question, Mr. Benson said, also involved married women in the public service whose husbands were in outside employment.

After further discussion, it was decided that the employment committee of the League should consider the advisability of a State-wide drive on behalf of returned soldiers and report to the next meeting of the Executive.

After considering the proposal, the Pensions and Unemployment Committee decided that the scheme should be proceeded with and decided to write to the various sub-branches of this State, asking for lists of genuine unemployed ex-service men in their districts. It was further decided that the New South Wales Branch should be requested to forward particulars regarding the details of the drive in New South Wales.

Earlier in the discussion at the Executive meeting, Mr. Watt said that the Harvey Diversion sub-branch had submitted a group settlement scheme with a view to providing additional employment of ex-service men working for sustenance.

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**Unemployed Ex-Service Men**

At the meeting of the State Executive on June 7, there occurred an important discussion upon the questions of preference and the employment of ex-service men generally. Mr. E. S. Watt said that the time was ripe for something to be done in this State in the way of a big State-wide drive for placing returned men in employment. A campaign of this nature had been carried out recently in New South Wales and had resulted in 4,000 jobs being found for returned men. He understood that the Press and the Broadcasting authorities in this State would be willing to co-operate in a similar drive.

Mr. W. A. Wilkins asked whether anything was proposed to be done with regard to replacing woman workers in offices by men. This was a matter to

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on the Harvey River Diversion. The scheme had been accompanied by a letter from Dr. Jacobs, of Harvey, stating that the men in his district were doing soul-destroying work, and that if something were not done for them soon, it would be too late.

Mr. Panton said that all the group settlers are saying the same thing. Mr. Benson said that the State Parliament had decided to embark upon, but that any money available should be applied to consolidate the position of men who were already in occupation on farming lands, and were now in difficulties. (Hear, hear.)

It was resolved that the suggestion of the Harvey Diversion sub-branch should be referred to the Land Committee so that the responsible authorities might be consulted as to the practicability of the scheme.

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This month sees the anniversary of the Messines offensive, which commenced on June 6-7, 1917. It was the 3rd Division's first big stunt in the war, and the 4th Division's first big stunt in Flanders. The battle on the 7th was perhaps the most thoroughly planned and perfectly executed attack made before the British recovered the initiative in 1918, if not of the whole war. It was a triumph of leadership from divisions down to Platoons. The attack on the Messines Ridge resolved itself into three phases. The 3rd Division's attack in the early morning, the German counter-attack, which melted away before our artillery, rifle, and machine-gun fire, and the 4th Division's attack in the afternoon. All objectives were taken with relatively little loss as compared with shows like Fromelles, Pozieres, and Bullecourt. It was here that the A.I.F. had its first experience of attacking under machine-gun barrage, and of the "pill-boxes," those concrete blockhouses which formed such a prominent feature of the new German system of defence in depth. The story of the operations and of the subsequent holding and consolidation of the ground conquered is told with a wealth of detail in the new volume (Vol. IV) of the official history of Australia in the war.

Mount Lawley Sub-branch is very busy these days making arrangements for an "All Nations Fair," which is to be held at the Embassy (late Temple Court) from September 11 to September 15.

Those in the district contemplating visiting Perth about this time should try and fit the dates in with their arrangements, as it is certain that it will be the rendezvous of all returned men. No pains are being spared by the organisers to ensure that those who attend shall go away well satisfied with the evening's entertainment. Further details of the arrangements will be given in later issues of this and the daily papers.

At the meeting of the State Executive on June 21, the Acting-President read a letter from Sir William Birdwood in reply to the W.A. Branch's congratulations on his being made Honorary Colonel of the Royal Horse Guards. This honour is conferred only on distinguished Field-Marshals. Two of Birdie's predecessors in this honour were Wellington himself and Garnet Wolseley. Marlborough was a substantive Colonel of the Blues, whom he commanded at Sedgemoor. William Pitt, the Younger, served as a Cornet of Horse in the Blues before he backslid into politics.

Colonel Dibden is responsible for this more modern version of an old classic. Three champions, an Alsatian, an Airedale and a fox terrier swaggered out of the dog show. While they stood on the corner a lady champion, a very swish little pekinese, came and stood nearby.

"Watch me get off with this," said the Alsatian. His overtures were rejected, and after his two pals had likewise failed to click there came on the scene a disreputable-looking tyke with an ear and three-quarters, limping on three legs. He sidled up to the dainty little pekinese and the pair trotted off lovingly together.

"Well, what do you know about that," exclaimed the rejected suitors. "Yes," added the Airedale, "it's time they cut out this — preference to returned soldiers."

"Ex-Imperial" writes:—As Shakespeare didn't quite say, "Sweet are the uses of advertisement." I notice that a certain gentleman named Kershaw is again writing in the press on behalf of a so-called branch of the British Legion.
which he claims has formed many branches in this State, though he carefully refrains from stating how many members these branches contain. As an ex-Imperial and an active member of the R.S.L., I am in a position to state that the alleged reply to Mr. Benson in "The West" is a case of misrepresentation. The inference made that this new and extra-constitutional body is depriving the R.S.L. of membership is misleading and absurd. The suggestion that the R.S.L., being a constituent member of the B.E.S.L., should be a cause for complaint is amazingly impertinent. What grounds for complaint can exist? I know of none. Perhaps the complainants will come out into the open and enlighten us in this respect. Meanwhile, we British ex-service men can, and do, join the R.S.L. on terms of equality with diggers—many of us hold office in sub-branches, and there are, I understand, at least two of us on the State Executive—cannot expect to crowd out the diggers in their own country; and it is up to us to throw our weight into their organisation, and not act as though we were foreigners in the country of our adoption. We have our own organisations—the Old Contemptibles, the B.U.S.A., and so on—which function socially and which co-operate in the most harmonious manner with the R.S.L. If the clamant organisation has any excuse for existing, why can it not do likewise? The spokesmen of the alleged branch of the British Legion have been very evasive as to what they really want and as to how they can do anything for British war veterans in this country that is not being done more efficiently and expeditiously at present by the R.S.L. In any case, no Government will be inclined to deal with two bodies when it can deal with one. The matter of the moment of relief money expended on behalf of ex-Imperials is just another Kershaw herring drawn across the trail, and indicates either a woeful ignorance of the existing procedure of relief work, or a wilful misrepresentation of fact. Any sensible, unbiased reader would naturally assume that the cases dealt with were those actually put up to the Relief Fund Trustees. If people needing relief do not make application for it, and are consequently left out in the cold, it is their own fault and not that of the R.S.L. Regarding overseas funds, I would be surprised to learn that any such still exist. Mr. Benson, no doubt, will formulate his own reply if he deems one necessary. My personal opinion is that he would be well advised not to give these people the cheap publicity they are obviously seeking.

During the month of May the Trustees of the Central Relief Fund expended £162 5s. 8d. Of those assisted, 12 were A.I.F. members and 4 were ex-Imperial members. 87 A.I.F. non-members were assisted, and 45 ex-Imperial non-members. 10 widows completed the number of beneficiaries. Included in the amount stated was £28 10s. 6d. to the State Women's Auxiliary for the purchase of women's and children's clothing.

Frequent complaints are made by members to the Editor and to the Head Office of the League at the non-receipt of the LISTENING POST, and from advice it appears that this question has been discussed at several sub-branch meetings. Members naturally feel aggrieved that after payment of subscription the journal does not reach them. From a number of individual cases investigated by the State Secretary it appears that the difficulty would be solved by the prompt rendering of duplicate receipts by all sub-branch secretaries. In some cases it is the practice to withhold duplicate receipts from Head Office until a batch is ready for despatch. Delay, in consequence, ensues, and several months elapse before the member concerned is recorded at Head Office as financial. The monthly rendering of duplicate receipts by all sub-branch secretaries would obviate any recurrence of the complaint. Incidentally, the State Executive, at a recent meeting, instructed the Secretary to issue reminders from Head Office when subscriptions fall in arrears. Exceptions to this practice will be made where reminders are attended to by sub-branch secretaries.

The Anzac House Building Committee has not yet received advice from a financial institution that its proposals for the additional financial accommodation have been accepted. It is anticipated, however, that the necessary monies will be forthcoming, and as soon as the assurance is given to the League that the building proposal is acceptable to the Bank, the calling of tenders for Anzac House will automatically follow the completion of the necessary working-drawings upon which the architect, Mr. A. R. Baxter-Cox, is now engaged. A list of possible foundation members is being prepared, and all members of the League, and, for that matter, non-members providing they are eligible, will have an opportunity of becoming foundation members of Anzac House, at a subscription of £1.

Certain letters have been written to the daily press on the question of ex-Imperial soldiers inside and outside the R.S.L. The League's constitution embraces all men who served in a theatre of war during the Great War, and the veterans of past Empire wars. Some people claim that the League's constitution should be brought into line with that of the British Legion in England, which admits men who served at least seven days with the colours at any time during or since the Great War. The Annual State Congresses have rejected proposals to widen the constitution on the lines suggested, and, in any case, it is considered advisable to recruit from the thousands of eligibles now outside the League, rather than widen the constitution to admit men who saw no service in a theatre of war. It has been repeated from time to time that, providing ex-Imperial soldiers can comply with the League's constitution, they are welcome to the League and in scores of cases they are taking part in the government of the W.A. Branch.

The anniversary of Waterloo reminds us that it was the great Duke of Wellington who gave the British infantry private his historic nickname. During July, 1843, a young staff officer from the Adjutant-General's department came to him at Walmer Castle and, among other things, submitted for the Commander-in-Chief's approval was the pro forma of the soldier's account form, wherein there was the usual dotted line for the soldier's signature. Wellington, who had no illusions of the intelligence of the man in the ranks of those days, thought that a specimen name should also be provided on the form. On being asked to suggest

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What did I Gain from My War Service?

(By J.C.)

I have read with great interest the conclusions of "Camelot" and "T.Y.T." on the above subject, which I hope will be taken up by others, and the following thoughts on the subject have occurred to me:

The war was a great teacher. From a purely military point of view its lessons were invaluable, and the vastness and rapidity of the developments in the art and appliances of war which it caused will always be classed as marvellous. Great and indispensable needs would suddenly arise, and they were met by a curious combination of frenzy and genius. And this went on practically throughout the whole course of the war. The forces of science were pitted by the geniuses of the opposing armies, one against the other, neck-to-neck, each outstripping the other in a terrified frenzy, not so much of, hate, as of apprehension lest the one should be vanquished by the other. Terrible days these, and anxious! The gas cloud—the crude P.H. helmet, and then the mask with the charcoal container. The massed waves of humanity surging over their opponents by sheer force of numbers—and then the tank. The aeroplane, yet in its infancy, and then the scouts and bombers and the skill of their pilots. The submarine—and then the blockade. And so on in endless line may be seen the urgent need no sooner apparent than met. Then the human side. Men! Men! Men!—and only the Contemptibles! Then battalions, brigades, divisions, and corps of them ready for the emergency. And finally danger, sacrifice, and death—and again the need was met. Our comrades! What did the war teach us? If only that alone what an example! The greatest love of all that man lay down his life for his friend.

To die on the battle field is a glorious death and the supreme sacrifice, and every soldier accepts that as being part of his service for his country should be necessary. We think of the civilian unskilled in the art of war, whose mind had been trained in more sequestered ways and the emergency arises and he becomes a soldier of the highest order.

The war helped the nation discover itself, helped the individual men and women alike plumb the depths of their own nature and call into being attributes which may only have been latent or even non-existent, and so character in them was formed, added to, reinforced, and stabilised. No other agency can be the war could have produced such an effect on the nation and the individual. The effect of this will have a lifelong bearing on the individual and the nation, and the benefit will be evident in the generations to come—is obvious now.

The crisis proves the man, and who will deny that we emerged from the war with our national and individual lives enriched by the experiences of difficulties overcome, dangers faced, the impossible performed, the sacrifice made, the right vindicated, honour justified. Not vauntingly do we talk of victory; we claimed it and received it as our right. We do not hate our erstwhile enemies, the bitterness we have allowed to pass; we are chastened though victorious, we love our fellowmen more as a result of the war. We have not carried into our natures the brutality of armed conflict. It was foreign to our real nature then and can find no place in lives now.

By the force of our arms we achieved victory, and by the force of our character purified by the experiences of the war we are now striving to win the victory in peace.

What else did we learn in the war, and what are the effects on our own lives individually?

We, of course, learned to have courage
in danger, to suffer hardship and privations with fortitude, to smile in the face of difficulties, to take the philosophic view, and like the French, shrug our shoulders and say "C'est la guerre!" We learned, too, to have patience with the humdrum trivialities, we learned that finesses which got us out of a tedious, however necessary, fatigue, and often landed us into corners a little tight. We often drew very fine distinctions between taking what did not in the strict sense belong to us, "souveniring" was the term, or "taking a loan of it," particularly with anything which might add to our personal comfort or convenience. We may have developed the art of telling "little white ones" to carry us through when circumstances were a trifle too urgent and sundry other little errors of omission and commission in our camp life might, even with a semblance of justice, be laid to our charge. Sometimes it might have been quite justifiably said that we "used our blocks" or "swung the lead," or had worked a "shroodie" over an unsuspecting or none too credulous Q.M., and if all these sins are noted against us in the Big Book, our prospects in the hereafter may not be too rosy. But all these misdeeds, dreadful as they may appear, only go to prove that the digger had, after all, only acquired the saving grace of good humour, and that these little "stunts" of his were confined to the camps and the domestic side of the soldier's life. In the seal thing he was all there, doing, helping, bearing, suffering, succouring, and sacrificing.

And here is where perhaps the most valuable lesson was learned so far as the individual is concerned. We were there able to discern in the hard-boiled incorrigible type so well known to us all (and so dear to memory as embodying the typical digger) the heart of gold. That discernment which revealed in the hard face the look of sympathy and pity, that rough, sometimes uncouth, exterior, in which was enshrined that which was capable of rising to the highest heights of courage and chivalry, ready and willing whenever, the call came, to face death to help or save a comrade.

And from that discernment there gradually developed the greater virtue of tolerance. That tolerance which men of different ideas and ideals merged into a common bond of friendship and service, which proved that men of all classes could fraternise as one in a common cause. There, under conditions that were mostly unnatural, sometimes unendurable, and often uncivilised, men learned to submerge the lesser things of class and creed, which usually divide them, and seeing the best in each other, strive in the higher, nobler aim of a common brotherhood. It is this discernment leading to tolerance, this ability to see the other fellow's point of view and outlook, and look beyond mere exteriors, that should go to solve many of the social problems which confront men to-day. This lesson was learnt in the war; the returned men have not forgotten it, and we can be the leaven in the whole so far as this land of ours at least is concerned.

It is possible for the uncouth to mix with the more refined, the educated with the less informed, the high with the low, provided they each have the same goal in view. It was proved in the war; it can be proved again in our civil life. Let us be sure then that our aims are high and our ideals right, and all can achieve and preserve that for which the war was fought and our comrades died. Those are the lessons as they appeal to me which the war have taught.

Digger's Wife (at the dancing class, in exasperation): "My dear man, you were taught to drill in the army. Why can't you learn this? It's a simple step—elementary! A child could do it better than you can! Anyone would think that you are mentally deficient!"

Digger: "Almost exactly the sergeant's own words, my dear!"

**Personal**

At the meeting of the State Executive on June 7, Colonel Olden reported progress concerning Anzac House. Sir Charles Nathan, M.L.C., Colonel C. H. Lamb and Colonel A. C. N. Olden were appointed trustees of the Anzac House Mortgage Redemption Fund. The Executive desired to secure 200 foundation members at £5 each. The subscriptions would not entitle foundation members to any substantial privileges, but certificates would be issued, and an honour roll would be erected at Anzac House containing the names of the foundation members.

Seldom do members of the Australian Instructional Corps receive public recognition for their services; therefore it was with great pleasure that we read of three of that small but highly efficient unit being mentioned in the Birthday Honours list as having been awarded the Order of the British Empire (Military Division). The three recipients, Honorary Majors and Quartermasters J. McArthur, D.S.O.; W. W. Tracy, D.S.O., and W. Kennedy, M.C., were all well-known officers of the A.I.F. They were all warrant officers at the outbreak of the War, and all three attained high rank before it ended. J. McArthur and W. W. Tracy each commanded a battalion of the 8th Brigade with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Major Tracy is one of the few Australian regulars who served with the Old Contemptibles. He was doing a signalling course in England when the war broke out and got to France in time for
the Battle of the Aisne. Invalided to Australia after severe service in 1914, he went away again with the 8th Brigade. Major "Bill" Kennedy enlisted originally in the Royal Australian Artillery, from which he joined the Instructional Corps as a Sergeant-Major. He left Australia in 1914 as Regimental Sergeant-Major with the original 12th Battalion, transferring to the 32nd, after he had gained his commission in the field.

That Western Australians can hold their own elsewhere as well as at home is borne out by the career of Dr. Alan Lilly, M.B., Ch.M., who has just been appointed Medical Superintendent of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney. Dr. Lilly is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lilly, of 113 Roberts-road, Subiaco, and has a fine record as a scholar and a soldier. He was educated at Thomas Street and Scotch College, and at the outbreak of the war was a member of the State civil service. His war service included the Gallipoli Campaign, and lasted until July 1918, when he was severely wounded at Villers-Bretonneux. It was after his return to Australia in 1919 that he took up the study of medicine, graduating at Sydney as the climax to a brilliant university career. Dr. Lilly has had considerable experience of hospital and laboratory work and was for a time acting director of the Institute of Tropical Medicine at Townsville, Queensland. He still keeps up his connection with the Army, and is present Lieutenant-Colonel, commanding a Sydney Militia Regiment.

During the month the State's senior veteran, Private Robert Talbot, of the 1st King's Own Regiment, passed away, and was buried with military honours at the Karrakatta Cemetery. Private Talbot enlisted 65 years ago and served with his regiment through the Afghan campaigns of 1877-80. After leaving the Army he went to Queensland, traveling to that country with the late Police Inspector Walsh, and they joined the Queensland Police together. The deceased also served in the New South Wales Police, and after some years of hotel-keeping in New South Wales, the Kimberleys and Perth, he retired into private life. The funeral was well attended by representatives of the South African and Imperial Service Veterans' Association, the R.S.L., the Australian Military Forces and other bodies. At the graveside "The Last Post" was sounded by Mr. G. S. Walker, President for three years in succession. Ever since the coming of this "live wire" the sub-branch and the community in general has been the better for his very active influence. Progressive and ever alert to the needs for stimulation of those worthy organisations with which he became associated, his enthusiasm was vibrant, and contagious at times; no job seemed too big to handle with Harry at the helm. He was the brain which conceived the organisation of the Eastern Hills. Unemployment Relief Committee; his were the shoulders which bore the greatest amount of the burden of carrying out the tremendous programme which yielded remarkable results. His record of service also includes that of being a member of the Greenmount Road Board, and until compelled to resign through pressure of business, he was a valuable member of the State Executive. A commendable trait was his eagerness to fight the battles of those most in need. Many instances could be recorded of his valued efforts in this regard, a tenacious fighter but an honourable opponent.

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Heartiest congratulations to President Tim Stahl, of the Yanmah Sub-branch, on the birth of a son and heir, on May 27.

Tim, who is well known both locally and in R.S.L. circles in Perth, when seen by the writer, was busily engaged forming a constitution for a local Sons of Soldiers' Branch. One and all hope that the son will prove a worthy son of a worthy father.

Ron. Richardson, well known as a comic relief at all R.S.L. functions, son of the late Pipe Major Richardson, and brother-in-law of Secretary Hosmer, of the Yanmah Sub-branch, is bravely battling with a severe attack of rheumatic fever. We hope that Ron will soon be restored to health, so that once again he can entertain all who attend the annual re-union.

On his way to the B.E.S.L Conference, Mr. L. Robb, President of the N.S.W. Branch, spent a few hours in Perth, and was the guest of the State Executive at a luncheon on Monday, June 5. Mr. Robb was in good form, and replying to the toast of his health, he had many interesting things to say about League affairs in the Eastern States. Particularly interesting was his account of the recent employment drive in New South Wales. After the luncheon, some of the knights showed the visitor some of the sights of Perth. As it was a very boisterous day, and weather conditions rendered visibility rather low, observations had to be taken through glasses. Here again, Mr. Robb was in excellent fettle, and saw some of the local cracks off, before the survivors saw him off at Fremantle.

Charity and money spending begin at home. He serves his country best who loves it best.

Hospitals

(By W. A. Njookernbroo)

Hello, everybody. Station Ward XI, P.P.H. speaking, relaying through a network of medical red-tape, by courtesy, of the Listening Post. Our feature story for the month, "Jimmy Pickells and His Elephant," a Scottish tale, adapted from the French, West Australian version by W. Macgregor. Sitting around the fireside in the studio attached to Ward XI, also present Sister Jones, sisters, nurses, doctors, students, etc. Ex-Private Billy Finneday was the announcer, and as he had taken his degrees at Glassgey, was qualified for the position. Amidst expectant silence one heard: "Aye, aye, boys, Perth's a bonny wee spot, a vera select residential place, I'm telling ye. The water's no guid, but the Wanneroo whiskey's no' bad for the man. But it's no' the whiskey that's made Perth what it is the day. Na, have ye ever heard tell o' Jimmy Pickell's elephant? Ye havena'? Then ye'll surely be wanting to hear it.

"Weel, it all started through a Pommy gent breaking down in his motor car just by the garden allotment of Jimmy in a Perth suburb. This chap didna ken much about the guts o' a motor, as ye might say, and after he buried the handle twa-three times, he just addressed it in an Anzac sort o' gentlemanly manner, but it did naething. Then he caught sight o' the house, dandered up, and explained the position to Jim, who said he wasna' a bit surprised. Jim is one o' they auld fashioned bodies who has nae use for modern mechanical contrivances. As he often used to say, ye'll no catch a guid horse running oot o' spirit, or loosing its nut twenty mile from home. However, Jim's notion of hospitality didna affect him, and he pushed the motor car into the yard, got an expert, and titivated it up so that this Pommy, who was an affable sort o' a chap, jest like yersels, if I may say so, seemed to like the wee place, and the company of Jim and his guid wife. Eventually the car was sorted right enough, and he had to depart, and, of course, he asked how much he would be owing. But Jim and Maggie just wouldna' hear o' it. Pommy was awfully affected by their kindness, and took their address, and said he would find some way o' repaying their beneficence.

"Now, Jim and Maggie had forgot all about it, when a letter arrived one day. 'Michty me,' says Jim. 'What is it?" says Maggie, losing her patience. Wum-man, boys, is na' a patient animal. 'Ma conscience, you man un' the motor car what got spasms just at oor gate. He's a terrible writer, he is, but seeing we wouldna accept payment, he is sending us 'His auld motor car,' says Maggie. 'Worse than that, Maggie. He says he is sending us an elephant.' Maggie had a look at the badly written letter. 'It's an elephant, right enough.'

"Of course we could aye sell it to a circus or menagerie," says Maggie. 'Maggie,' says Jim, 'Are ye suggesting selling the present o' a friend?' "Weel," says Maggie, 'it's a daft sort o' present when ye consider it.' 'Mebbe aye, mebbe no,' says Jim. 'But what are we going to do wi' t' beastie.' Where are ye going to keep it, and what are ye going to feed it on. 'Of course, I might let it out for ploughing, and fix the plough on its tail. Aye, and if the flies started tickling, and it started swishing its tail, would ye be telling where it would send that plough hirling to? I suppose I'd better build a new shed big enough to act as a kennel or stable or whatever they call the repository o' an elephant.' And the food, Jim? 'Loch, Maggie, I darena think o' it. They're a'weel keen on buns, I mind, but we canna afford to keep an elephant on buns. Och, dam it, Maggie, I wish I'd jist tellel ye. Pommy to go to the devil and take his motor car wi' him. Nae doot he means it as a kindness, but it's going to be our ruin.' "Jim," says she, 'elephants die.' 'Exactly!' says Jim, and so do pigs and cows and horses and emus." 'Stop!' cries Maggie. 'I canna abide yer sarcasms. Dae ye no' see it, Jim? If an elephant dies, its corpse cannna' eat, and it doesna cost anything to keep.'
Frontier Cameos  
(BY T. G. RETALIC)  
BILLIARDS AND A BRIDE

A soft click and the white ball traveled slowly and directly to the corner of the table, where it hung for a moment on the edge and finally vanished with a soft "plop" into the pocket.

"Beastly fluke," grunted the Forage Officer as he surveyed the score-board.

The Political Agent smiled genially as he chatted his cue. "Not at all, my dear old Bhooza," he said gently, "that was a perfect and finished exhibition of the long jenny, and is evidence of the perfect player. Concentration, skill, and so forth."

"Now isn't that so?" asked the Plumber.

The Plumber, otherwise the D.M.O., grinned cheerfully. "Evidence of a mis-spent youth, you mean," he corrected. "Anyway, old Bhooza ought to know your luck on long shots by the time he has lost a few dozen games."

With this cryptic utterance, accompanied by a cheerful wink at the Forage Officer, the Plumber set about the filling of his pipe.

A few more neatly executed strokes and the Political Agent bowed politely to his opponent. "That will be all, thank you," he smiled. "Come again to-morrow at the same time. I have another appointment or I would daily further with you."

"Rats to you!" retorted the F.O.

"To-morrow I will slay you and hang your hide on the hat rack."

"Well, how do you like the table?" asked the Plumber as Bhooza and he left the billiard-room.

"It is a beautiful table," returned the F.O., and is certainly a cut above the usual thing one finds in garrison clubs."

The Plumber chuckled. "There is a story attached to it," he replied, "and if you care to hear it, just find a couple of easy chairs and something-cool in long glasses and listen in."

Comfortably settled, and their pipes drawing well, the Plumber commenced—

"When you have been up on the Frontier a few years, Bhooza, you begin to get an inking of the extraordinary job the Political Agent fills. He is practically the British Raj or nearly to it as nothing.

"From Quetta to Khojak or Chaman—in fact, anywhere on the Frontier—the natives buy their wives or the marriage is arranged before the couple are able to walk. There are certain rules and formalities to be observed by the aspiring swain."

"No use popping the question to the girl if he hasn't seen pa beforehand, so to speak, because pa may have already made a deal with some other pushing young fellow who probably won't see the girl for the first time until after the wedding."

The task is not. The danger of war has by no means passed from the world. The story of the human race is war. Except for brief and precarious interludes, there has never been peace in the world, and before history began, murderous strife was universal and unending. But the modern developments surely require severe and active attention.—Winston Churchill.

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I am telling you this so that you will understand how it was the club got that table.

"It happened that a young Mohammedan, called Mahmud, being the only living male of his family, came to marriageable age and found out that his mother and sisters had already fixed him up with a wife whom he would see on his wedding day. "Mahmud was an enterprising sort of cove and had had his eye on a pretty little Hindu skirt for some time, so he promptly said 'nix' to the family arrangements and got the Hindu wench to say 'yes.'"

"He was evidently a bit of a lad, because in the rush of his courtship he overlooked the matter of religious difference. He now found he must either persuade the girl to become Mussulmani or give up the idea of marriage."

"You will quite see that a cove like Mahmud would not cotton to that idea, so he trotted over to see the Mullah of his village and have a pow-wow about it."

"The Mullah was a downy old blighter and sparked a chance to make a private rake-off in the matter, so he made no bones about it. He told Mahmud it would be quite O.K.

"'Bring the lovely Hindu girl to me, my son,' quoth he, 'and let her say before me, 'There is no God but God, and Mohammed is the Prophet of God,' and she shall become Mussulmani.'"

"'And further,' added the wily old sinner, 'you must, of course, pay for your bride, as is the custom. But as it would be a sinful act to give that great sum of money to a worthless Hindu, you may bring it to me.'"

"Mahmud thought the first part of this advice very sound and reasonable, but he did not exactly agree with the latter part:"

"'He couldn't exactly see why he should pay his bride's dowry to the priest. Money was hard to come by on the Frontier."

"It evidently worried him quite a bit, because he eventually went over to the chiefs of the Wazirs and asked for their advice on the matter."

"They approved of the Mullah's advice, but told Mahmud that the dowry must be paid to them. 'We are the authorites and are above the Mullah,' they said. "But before Mahmud could pass the boodle to these coves, the matter reached the ears of the elders of the Mahsuds, who sent for him."

"To Mahmud they made it clear that the advice he had received was quite good, but as they were superior to the Wazirs, the dowry must be paid to the Mahsuds."

"Of course, that led to a lot of argument and trouble, and in the end the parties appealed to the Political Agent." The Plumber ceased his narrative to break into an amused chuckle. The business had its funny side."

"You know, he has been up here for nearly thirty years," he continued, "and the native mind is like an open book to him."

"He could plainly see that a decision in favour of any of the disputants might easily lead to a feud, and his job is to prevent that and yet be just to all."

"So, taking his cue from the arguments put forward, he told these coves they were quite right, every mother's son of them."

"I agree the money must be paid to the superior authority. The Wazirs are above the Mullah. The Mahsuds say they are above the Wazirs. Is it not just, then, that the dowry should be paid to me, who am without doubt above ye all, and the greatest one in this district?"

"It was a 'mysteriously argument,' and every one of the crowd agreed that it was correct, and because each one secretly didn't want his neighbour to get the cash they paid it to the Political Agent. He, not knowing what to do with it, passed it to the club as a subscription towards the new billiard table. And that was that," concluded the M.O. knocking out his pipe.

**Disillusionment**

*(By E. St. Ives Bilston)*

Enlisting at the age of 42 4-12 years, on January 7th, 1915, and requested to fall in with a squad at the Drill Hall, Francis Street, on the following morning to enter Blackboy Hill, I thought the war as good as won, that my mission was to hang Kaiser Bill on a gooseberry bush, and, subsequent to a victorious return, to adorn my gate post with his spiked helmet, and wear his double-breasted great coat on the plough during wet weather. But I was quickly disillusioned, soon discovering that I was as a cup of water in the ocean!

Having had no previous military experience, and being totally ignorant of military terms or expressions, I soon gave myself away. The following morning after entering camp, we were taken out for the inevitable double. Having competed successfully in foot races at a picnic on New Year's Day of that year, it was pie to me, as was a good solid day's drill. That evening, when reading the notice board, there appeared before my gaze: Wakyely and Carter, "Fatigue." Cripes, said I to my co-scrutiniser, it didn't take much to knock Wakyely and Carter up.

Next, while mooning about the camp, I espied a notice board headed "Pioneers,"
Then and Now
(By E.R.S.)
1917

Tight lipped and grim, a mudstained khaki figure crouches behind the sandbag parapet.

A pale moonbeam, struggling through the frowning cloudbank, lights up a strong and youthful countenance, eyes gleaming with a fierce battle light, broad shoulders hunched, panther-like, waiting to spring, and strong hands that tremble slightly with the thrill of war, tight clutched around his rifle.

The shrill blast of a whistle breaks upon the duller murmurings of the night. The crouching figure straightens, leaps across the parapet and charges on into the shell ploughed stretch of "No Man's Land," that suddenly seems all alive with swiftly moving forms and hellish sounds. The awful rattle of the guns, the scream of shells; the deafening bursts of shrapnel.

A hurrying figure beside him staggers, falls, struggles to its feet, then falls again to rise no more.

That was his mate; they'd played together in the same school team and many a happy hour he'd spent with him, down at the swimming hole, back home. "God curse that Hun!"

An awful fury grips him, as leaping at that dimly outlined trench, he sinks his bayonet deep into a screaming foe, smashes another with his rifle butt, springs at a third and fights as fought warriors of ancient Rome, no quarter giving, no quarter asked.

A blinding light, a deafening crash, an awful numbness. He falls and lies there very still.

At dawn the stretcher-bearers brought him in, a blood-soaked, shattered form, in which the flame of life still faintly burned. And so they sent him home, a wounded hero, that had fought for "King and Country." Loud cried that country, of his deathless fame, and yet, above their cheers, there rose a greater cry—"Christ, send us peace."

1932

A drizzling rain makes dim the station lights and glintens on the long steel rails beneath. The north-bound goods train waits beside the shed.

A guard is checking off the trucks, and chucking off some would-be passengers, who, grasping swags and bilbies, hurry away into the night with muttered imprecations 'gainst the guard and all his clan.

Into the night they vanish, but soon they re-appear along the line beyond the station lights, and one by one sink into a deep trench, there to wait the passing of the train, and take her on the fly, for guard or sixty guards, they'll ride that rattler tonight.

But there stands one apart, a gaunt and ragged man, that one might well avoid, yet as he turns and glances down the line, a signal light illuminates his uncouth form, and there upon his shabby coat, as if in mockery, there shines a soldier's badge.

So, this, then, is our warrior, of whom a while ago our praises rang throughout the land! But whence has gone that proud, strong countenance, that faced the hell of Flanders with a smile? And whence those clear bright eyes that sparkled at the battle's deadly hail?

Alas, the weary years of workless days, of sleepless nights and many meal-less meal-times have written deep their tale upon that warrior's face, and charity's cold hand has crushed that once proud spirit to the dust.

His shoulders droop, his dull and weary eyes no longer glitter with the light of hope. For hope is gone.

And as he stands there, waiting in the railroad trench, listening for the engine's farewell blast, his mind goes back into the far, dim past—back to another night, another trench. Back to the pal who'd crouched beside him there, as silently they...
Jerry

(By "Loyal"

Jerry was, at the outbreak of the war, an old sweat, with twenty years' service. He was what the troops usually called a "Barrack Rat," being born in Army Married Quarters. Wounded and left in hospital at Mons, Jerry became a prisoner of war.

Our acquaintance began in 1915, in a prison camp called Sudderzollhaus. Most British prisoners in this camp were hungry, lousy and rendered desperate by the cold, confinement and harsh treatment, and were prepared to come at anything.

Spotting Jerry scrounging round the camp canteen one day, I watched the following incident take place:

The canteen was an open affair, something like a coffee stall.

On the counter were a number of pipes, about two feet in length, and which were finding favour amongst French and Belgian pipe smokers.

Spotting his opportunity when the attendant's back was turned, Jerry made a grab for one of the pipes and turned to run.

To my astonishment, the whole lot were swung together, and instead of dropping them, away careened Jerry with a long string of pipes dragging behind him.

The camp was nearly a mile in length, interspersed with canvas buildings and tents, and was patrolled by sentries inside.

As Jerry came in sight of each sentry he was pursued all over the camp.

The spectacle was most amusing, with about twenty guards taking up the chase, until finally he was cornered and captured.

This was only one of his many escapades, which earned him quite a reputation with the camp officials, and to break or curb his spirit, the "Feld-webel" (sergeant-major) decided on a form of treatment for him which was ultra-German in conception. Jerry was confined in a narrow cell which contained only a three-legged stool.

He was made stand on the stool, and was handed the brass nozzle of the fire-hose. This, the Feld-webel informed him, was to hold above his head for half an hour.

Contrary to the German's expectation, Jerry immediately complied with the order, and held it horizontally in both hands.

Thinking he had Jerry beaten, the German gave him a sneering grin, for which, no doubt, he was ultimately sorry.

Jerry brought the nozzle down on his square head, and all his hatred of Germans was behind the blow.

"Jerry received only a further light term, in view of the fact that the Feld-webel had exceeded his duties.

In this camp was interned a French boxer, whom the Froggies were always holding up as the champion of the camp. He was a well-nourished individual, about twelve and a half stone.

Jerry had a cobber named Salmon, an ex-boxer, but he was in bad shape, through hunger, etc.

However, through self-denial and other methods, Jerry and a few others got Salmon tackle enough to give him a chance at the Frenchman.

The match was arranged in one of the Englishmen's-bungalows, Jerry explaining that all that he and his cobbers would be divided, as far as possible, amongst everyone in the hut. The charge for admission was two marks, and as the Englishmen had very little money, they were asked not to attend.

The purse for the fight was to be one hundred marks, collected by the Frenchmen, and the whole of the gate.

No gloves were available, so that pieces of cloth, with a little straw packing, were substituted.

Jerry was referee, with one French judge and one Belgian.

The fight started after an eloquent introduction by Jerry, who spoke broad Lancashire.

The Frenchman was no mug, and he began to pile up points. Salmon realised his only chance was an early knock-out, owing to his condition.

This came in the third round, whereupon the Froggies' seconds entered the ring and revived him, after about five minutes' work.

On Jerry awarding the fight to his cobber, the Frenchmen objected and said there was to be no knock-out, only a decision on points.

A big crowd of Englishmen were waiting outside to hear the result, and Jerry settled the argument by threatening to let all the Englishmen in, and then he told the Froggies: "It will be a knock-out for all of you." They paid up and the proceeds were duly divided.

As time went on, and the condition and treatment of the Britishers improved, Jerry turned his energies in the direction of assisting the unfortunate comrades.
The Story of the Victoria Cross

The Man in the Street knows little of that highly-prized bronze decoration for supreme bravery—"For Valour,"—which a soldier can win, and of its recipients.

The Victoria Cross, the greatest of all medals instituted from time to time as rewards for valour, was instituted by Royal Warrant dated June 29, 1856, and revised April 23, 1881. The idea originated with the late Prince Consort, and he is said to have designed the medal.

In the case of warrant officers, seamen, marines, non-commissioned officers, and privates, the Cross carries with it an annuity of £10 per annum, and £1 extra per annum is added for each additional bar. In July, 1898, it was decided that, at the Secretary of State's discretion, a sum of £50 a year may be granted by way of pension in lieu of the £10 which has accompanied the Victoria Cross since its institution.

On August 8, 1902, King Edward VII sanctioned a Cross being given to the representatives of soldiers who would have been entitled to it had they survived, who were arriving from work behind the German lines.

He formed a Confiscation Committee, whose objective was to keep up a reserve of comforts for those who were not as yet in touch with the different Funds and Committees.

For all his belligerent attitude early in the war towards Germans, when the treatment was fair he was a great disciplinarian, and always advocated the recognition of German Commissioned Officers, for, he said, "We are all soldiers, and should act as such.

My last recollection of Jerry was in Leith, Scotland, when we were repatriated. He had lost seven toes whilst in Germany through frost-bite.

He was hobbling across the dockyard, when he saw a young officer pass an officer without the usual compliment. He tore over as fast as he could, and the things he called the younger are unprintable.

My only hope is that, if ever I am placed as I was then, there will be a Jerry on hand to go through it all with.

for services during the Boer War. Hitherto, when a soldier had been recommended for the Cross, but had died before it could be given, his name appeared in the Gazette, but the decoration was not given to his relatives. In addition to the Boer War, the rule was made retrospective.

The decoration consists of a bronze Maltese Cross, 1½ ins. square, and is made from captured cannon from the Crimean War. The Cross is purposely made from bronze so that its intrinsic value shall be as small as possible. On the obverse, in the centre, is a British Lion and Crown; and below, on a scroll, the words, "For Valour." A cross has a raised edge, 1-16 in. wide, with one of similar width the same distance from the outer one. A laureated clasp, 1½ ins. wide, is attached for suspension, and a "V" below is connected to the Cross by a small link. The name and regiment of the recipient are engraved upon the back of the clasp, and the date of the act of bravery is engraved inside the circle on the reverse of the medal. For each additional act of bravery a bar is given, upon which is engraved the date of the act. The Cross is worn with a red ribbon ½ ins. wide, by recipients in the Army, and with a blue ribbon by those in the Navy.

Of the total number of V.C.'s awarded, 634 were given in the following theatres of the Great War:

- France and Belgium 502
- Gallipoli 28
- Balkans (Salonica) 2
- Mesopotamia 20
- Egypt 14
- East Africa 3
- Italy 7
- North Russia 2
- United Kingdom (Lt. Robinson's Zeppelin fight at Cuffeys) 1
- Naval 53
- Miscellaneous 2
- Total 634

Including an additional Bar for Lieut.-Col. A. Martin-Leake, R.A.M.C., who gained his first V.C. in the Boer War, and for Capt. N. G. Chessey, R.A.M.C., who won both awards on the Western Front.

For the various campaigns previous to the Great War, over five hundred V.C.'s were awarded.

State Executive Meetings

24th May, 1933

At the meeting on May 24, 1933, there were present Messrs. Riley, Yeates, Freeman, Panton, Hunt, Watt, Lovell, Nugent, Tozer, Margolin, Edmonds, Mellor, Cornwell, Wells, Abberle, McDowell, Wilkins, and Collins.

A report was received from Mr. Farquharson, and leave of absence was granted to Colonel Collett and Mr. Fairley.

Acting-President—On the motion of Messrs. Collin, Yeates, and Archdeacon Riley was appointed Acting-President during the absence of Colonel Collett.

Reports—(a) The State Secretary reported in connection with visits to Melbourne, Canberra, Yeading, and East Fremantle Sub-branches.

(b) Mr. Yeates reported on a recent meeting of the Land Committee and stated that it was the intention of the committee to seek an early interview with the Minister for Lands in connection with the S.S.S. policy.

(c) The Finance Committee reported that there was now an amount of £2,072 10s. 4d. in the Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund. It was decided that the matter of certain sub-branches which have not yet contributed their proportion of the Poppy Day Appeal be brought up at the next State Congress. The report was adopted.

(d) The Pensions Committee's report was received and it was noted that Mr. Clarke, president of the Norwood Sub-branch, had now joined the sub-committee appointed to deal with ex-Imperial pensions.

(e) The half-yearly and monthly report of the Leomin Board of Visitors showed that there were now 78 patients undergoing treatment at Leomin.

(f) Colonel Olden presented a report with recommendations that Mr. G. Baxter, Cox, be authorised to proceed with the preparation of plans, specifications, and working drawings. This recommendation was approved.

Late Mr. J. F. Allen.—With all delegates standing in a minute of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. J. F. Allen was carried. The late Mr. J. F. Allen acted as assessor for the Anzac House design competition and gave other very useful advice to the Building Committee.

Emergency Mail Sub-branch reported "on the work of the Council and the success achieved in the organisation of the Empire Day procession, It was resolved to convey the hearty congratulations of the Executive to the North Perth Sub-branch on its splendid display in the procession, which had done great credit to the League.

Notice of Motion.—Colonel Margolin moved that accommodation in Anzac House be provided for ex-service men who through stress of circumstances are unable to become fully contributing club members. After a long discussion the motion was withdrawn on the understanding that favourable consideration would be given to the question by the committee concerned.

General.—A letter was received from the Collins Sub-branch dealing with the question of the sub-branch becoming incorporated, and was referred to the Management Committee.

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Invitations from No. 9 D.C. for June 17, and the question of the State Secretary's visit to Geraldton and Midland were referred to the Management Committee.

Notification of the appointment of Sir Talbot Hobbs as Associate Delegate to the B.E.S.L. Conference was read by the Secretary, and it was noted that best wishes be extended to him.

Archdeacon Riley reported on visits to Moora and as a guest at the Veterans' Luncheon.

Colonel Olden reported on a recent visit to the Yealering Sub-branch, and Mr. E. S. Watt attended a meeting at the A.M.C. of the local Anzac Day committee.

Mr. F. G. Shand reported on his visit to Sydney, where he represented the W.A. Branch at the Anzac Day ceremonies. Mr. Shand was thanked by the Acting-President and agreed to supply certain information which might help the local Anzac Day Committee.

A letter from the Fremantle Sub-branch, suggesting the wearing of uniforms on Anzac Day, was deferred for further consideration.

A communication from the Mount Magnet Sub-branch referring to war debts was received.

A letter from the Albany Sub-branch concerning R.S.L. blazers was referred to the Trading Committee.

In connection with matters of preference, a telegram from the Federal Office referring to the Census staff was received. It was decided to forward a copy to the sub-branch concerned.

It was decided to furnish the Perth Sub-branch with a copy of a previous report on another question of preference. A letter from the Pemberton Sub-branch concerning the local Honour Board was received.

Kalgoorlie Sub-branch wrote, forwarding a copy of a Soviet newspaper which is circulating openly on the Eastern Goldfields and elsewhere. It was decided that the attention of the Military Authorities be drawn to the sale of this publication.

On the motion of Messrs. Panton and Wilkins, it was decided that the Management Committee give consideration to the relieving of the Acting-Secretary, Mr. C. Ferguson, whilst he was engaged on Pension Tribunal work.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Yeates for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 10 p.m., when opportunity was taken to bid bon voyage to Rabbi Freedman, who is representing Australia at the B.E.S.L. Conference in London on July 25, 1933.

6th June, 1933

At the meeting held on June 6, 1933, there were present Messrs. Riley, Panton, Philip, Denton, Olden, Hunt, Nugent, Watt, Lovell, Tozer, Pady, Margolin, Edmonds, Farquharson, Abers, McDowell, Wilkins, and Collins. Leave of absence was granted to Colonel Collett, Messrs. Yeates, Fairley, Freedman, and Cornnell. Apologies were received from Messrs. Wells and Mellor.

Secretary's Report.—The Secretary's report for the month of May was received, and the recommendation that reminders be issued direct to members after the expiration of the three months' period was adopted. An exception to this procedure will be made of those sub-branches whose secretaries issue these reminders themselves. The report referred to the large number of members' cards which were placed in the unfinancial cabinets without any apparent action being taken thereafter. Much more of their subscriptions being due. The report referred also to a number of successful representations made to the General Manager of the Agricultural Bank.

Management Committee.—Archdeacon Riley reported on behalf of the Management Committee that the Committee had decided to refer to the Land Committee for investigation and report the following:

**Unemployment:** A letter was read from the Minister, Mr. Kenneally, and it was agreed that Messrs. Watt and Tozer attend the opening of the Minister's campaign on June 8, and on the motion of Messrs. Watt and Wilsons, it was agreed to direct the Employment Committee to consider a State-wide drive on behalf of ex-service men out of work. A report will be presented to the next meeting.

Preference.—The Secretary reported that he had had a discussion with the Public Service Commissioner on the question of preference within the Public Service, and that the Commissioner was asking for a declaration of the State Government's policy in respect to the employment of men and women whose husbands or wives were also in Government or private employment.

**War Histories.**—A Federal circular, intimating that A.I.F. Histories of the campaigns in France and Palestine were now available from the Director of the War Memorial to sub-branches at a 25 per cent. discount. These histories include Captain Bean's recently published Vol. IV, which deals with the A.I.F. in France, 1917.

It was decided that the report should be referred to the Finance Committee, that the Executive purchase a full set of the War Histories, and that the War Memorial be supplied with the necessary addresses of sub-branch secretaries to enable the latter to deal direct with the War Memorial.

**Anzac Hour.**—The South Perth Sub-branch forwarded a cheque for £271/10/- for the Anzac House Building Committee and also of £25 for the Sub-branch, £10/10/-.

It was resolved, on the motion of Messrs. Margolin and Hunt to send letters of appreciation to these sub-branches.

The discussion arising out of Colonel Olden's report, and the recommendations arising from the meeting of the Building Committee, on June 6, is published in another column.

**Anzac Day.**—Arising out of the request of the Fremantle Sub-branch that a replica of the active service uniform worn on Anzac Day, 1914, when it was moved by Mr. Philip, seconded by Mr. Collins, that the sub-branch be advised to refer the matter to Congress. An amendment, moved by Mr. Tozer, and seconded by Mr. Panton, that the Fremantle Sub-branch be advised that the Executive does not consider the scheme practicable, nor desirable, was carried, and the original motion lost.

The Principal of the Methodist Ladies' College advised that the present observance in that school was prompted by a desire to honour the Anzac Day, but, as the League had requested some alteration, she would consult the parents and the head mistress. Mr. Tozer considered that the League should express appreciation of the sentiments expressed in the amendment, and on his motion it was resolved that the reply be left to the Acting-President and the State Secretary.

**Incorporation.**—On connection with the desire of the Collie Sub-branch for incorporation, it was agreed that the State Secretary make arrangements for the next meeting of the Collie Sub-branch, and in the meantime secure from the League's Solicitor a form whereby Collie's desires could be effected and safeguarded by observing the existing practice.

**Soldier Settlers.**—A communication was received from Mr. Troy, that the League's proposals were being investigated, and that the Minister would recommend the Land Committee at a later date. Mr. Troy also advised that having read the recommendations of the Royal Commission, he intended to visit the Group Settle-
ments, and would, later, discuss the position with the Land Committee.

Agricultural Bank.—Mr. McLarty advised that the Bullfinch Sub-branch had written to the R.S.L., ‘’Melbourne, charging the Agricultural Bank with misrepresentation and gross exaggeration in description of properties offered for sale in Melbourne. The Bank took a serious view of the charge and referred the correspondence to the League.

It was resolved, on the motion of Messrs. Toller, Wilkins, that Mr. McLarty be thanked for supplying the Executive with a copy of the correspondence, and that he be advised that the State Executive dissociates itself entirely from the views expressed by the Bullfinch Sub-branch, which were conveyed to Victoria; and that the Secretary of the Victorian Branch be also thanked for not taking action on the information supplied by a sub-branch if this State.

It was further resolved, on the motion of Messrs. Philip and Margolin, that the Bullfinch Sub-branch be advised, that the Executive takes a serious view of the charge made in the letter to Victoria; that communicating direct with another State violates the existing practice, and furthermore, that the Bullfinch Sub-branch be requested to furnish a report and particulars of specific properties where the Agricultural Bank of Western Australia is alleged to have endeavoured to overestimate properties grossly and describe improvements which Bullfinch consider are non-existent or so dilapidated as to be worthless.

General.—General Sir Talbot Hobbs conveyed appreciation of kindliness to his reference for England.

Archeacon Riley read a letter from Colonel Collect, which emphasised his gratitude for the kind things done by League members before his departure from the State. It was agreed to ask Archeacon Riley to make a suitable acknowledgement.

A letter was received from the organiser of the Empire Trading Week, in which he spoke highly of the assistance rendered by the League. Mr. Wilkins reported on his visit to Murray Sub-branch, and Mr. Aberle on a visit to Mr. Hawtrey’s-Norwest Sub-branch.

Messrs. Olden, Philip, and McDowell were appointed to visit the Belmont Sub-branch on June 27.

Mr. P. L. Ross was appointed to the State Executive in place of Colonel Nicholson, whose seat was declared vacant under Rule 24.

The appointment of Mr. T. E. Oy, Hon. Secretary of the Mt. Magnet Sub-branch was confirmed.

The Secretary was instructed to supply the Brunwick Sub-branch with information concerning mortgage banking as soon as possible.

At the suggestion of Mr. Nugent, it was agreed that the Mundaring Sub-branch be asked if anything is being done for soldier patients at Wooroloo.

It was intimated that S.S.L. badges were now available from the Federal Office, and the State Secretary was asked to take, immediate steps to secure supplies.

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Sub-Branch Notes
CANNING DISTRICT

The members of the sub-branch have extended their activities in local sport. They have now organised a football league amongst the local schools for £2 cup, promoted by a member, Mr. W. Capone.

On Friday, May 26, Carlisle Sub-branch visited this sub-branch.

The Women’s Auxiliary are to be congratulated on the decorations in the hall and the running of an Empire Ball. Unfortunately, the night was very wet, and the results were disappointing, considering all the work they put into it. The sub-branch is fortunate in having such a loyal band of women carrying on the good work, but they need help; so should any lady reading this feel that she would like to help, she will be welcomed not only by the Women’s Auxiliary, but by the sub-branch.

CARLISLE

To stimulate friendly relations with sister sub-branches, and to add members into the fold, members paid a visit in strength, to the Queen’s Park Sub-branch, on May 26. There were present 32 members, including seven artists from Carlisle, and 25 from Queen’s Park, and there were 16 items on a splendid programme. The artists who gave their services were Messrs. A. Hayes, G. Hinchcliffe, G. Vickers, H. Vickers, and D. Vickers, E. Silverstone, and Barney Green. The President of Queen’s Park, Mr. H. R. Crofts, was Chairman, and Carlisle’s President, Mr. Nicol, ably responded to the opening remarks. At 11 p.m., what everybody voted a splendid rally, came to an end.

WAROONA

Just over 210 people attended the Anzac Day service, which was conducted by the Rev. Dran. The address was delivered by the sub-branch President, C. H. Henning. The “Last Post” and “Revelle” were sounded by buglers from the Fairbridge Farm School. A choir, which came from the school, was assisted by children from the district schools. “Land of Hope and Glory” was sung by Mrs. Henning.

A bridge tournament was recently conducted in aid of the general fund, and the winner was Frank Nic, a foundation member.

A sub-committee has been named to organise entertainments, the proceeds of which are to be forwarded to the Anzac House Committee.

In the election of three delegates from the irrigation district to the State Irrigation Com- mission, Stan Weller and Charlie Henning were successful. The sub-branch also provides the Chairman of the Road Board and of the Agricultural Society.

The three census collectors appointed for the district are members of the R.S.L.

YEALERING

The real diggers never prevailed at the annual re-union, held at the Commercial Hotel, on May 19. President J. H. B. Lawton outlined the sub-branch activities during the past year, and heartily welcomed the State Executive delegates, Colonel Olden and E. M. Beeson, and extended a welcome to the Colbin and Wicking battalions, led by Commandants White and Oliver respectively. Each C.O. was accompanied by his adjutant. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Lawton expressed the delight of the diggers at the presence of Colonel Olden and Mr. Beeson, who attended the first similar function conducted on June 23, 1932. Reference was made to the “damp appearance,” outwardly, of our distinguished guests on that occasion, though the Remembrance Day thoughtfulness of the ladies was laid upon the great value and inspiration of visits by representatives from Headquarters.

All speakers feelingly stated their regrets that Colonel J. B. Collin would have to vacate the State President’s position, and that Federal Politics would be the richer for his elevation.

In the course of their replies, Colonel Olden and Mr. Beeson traced the developments of the League from infancy to its present pedestal, and gave it credit for the success of the political meetings in a good form with the part of their Higon, which were closely rivalled by one of Dave’s best.

The usual toast list was sandwiched between old choruses and musical items contributed.

Stewards Ingram, Kerr, and Brown saw that the taps were working smoothly. At about 2.30 p.m., it was observed that one, “top” had been temporarily put out of action by a 77 mm. However, Sergeant Cole gallantly reinforced the sorely pressed Q.M.’s Department, and soon the flow was accelerated and restored to 25 per cent, above normal! Coley is a born mechanic! Fifty-three of the troops attended, and the general opinion is that “annual” is about four times too long a span.

Host J. Elliot leaves nothing desired by the inner man. The thanks of the sub-branch are due to him and Mrs. Elliot for their able and efficient catering, and for the use of a room in which are conducted the meetings each month.

On May 20, the ladies held an inaugural meeting, with a view to forming a Women’s Auxiliary. It was pleasing to note the fine sporting toast and response (State Parliament) proposed by Digger C. L. Elegood (narrowly defeated by Mr. S. Seward) and supported by Digger H. S. Seward, M.L.A. Well, both are diggers, and we expect that spirits from them.

SPEARWOOD-HAMILTON HILL

Dear Mr. LISTENING POST:

We got your letter, saying you wouldn’t be down for the 19th. Andy asked me to tell you phone number, was不定 the next week. He tells you they are going to the twopence in stamp, and won’t cost you four pence, that’s if any of your cobs will stand you using their ‘phones.

Well, she was a great little do, alright. The Women’s Auxiliary put up a wonderful show, and was in front of the flowers, his, and catsby, dik-dum it carried me back, to that flash joint you took me to that day we were in Paris. Cripes! the madame dressed you down proper that night, didn’t she? Anyway, I told you she was respec-

I couldn’t help thinking, while I was taking a good screw at the mob, of that bloke Mayfield, who reckoned the diggers were Greek Gods, and how they’d have to have their faces lifted and a few issues of hair remover to get back to what they were in the “Wacks.” I was telling Albert the joke at half-time when we lined up outside. He got a bit snaky at being called a Dope, so, I explained to him all about it. It was always one of my ways to give him up after that—but you can see what a bloke’s up against.

The speeches were all as usual, except Tom Riley’s. He ought to be relieved from his duties of a public speaker, and somehow, we should arrange to tell them what the R.S.L. really stands for. The school-mast’ talked a lot of rot about sergeant-majors and colonels tucking you into bed—I never struck any like that all the time I was away; I must have been in the “Wacks.” Nick made a lit-ligy speech about the State Execu-

tive, and Dadley agreed with him. Wally Blackwood said the Armed Forces were all O.K., and Dadley agreed with him. Herb. Parrot told the blokes about the other day, and said it was of them to help us with the pig’s ear. And when Dad got up again, having forgot there was no back to “the form” he was sitting on, he agreed again. Dad was on his best Boy-scout behavio\r, helping everyone. If it hadn’t been for Dad, Greany and Reg, wouldn’t have had a job. Alf. Pady would have smoked another cigar, Bert Element wouldn’t have put so much pep into his speech, Peter Larsen’s hair wouldn’t have come off, and I wouldn’t have got ticked off by “me five-eighths” next morning about me new suit.

I forgot to tell you about the sucking pig. By gosh, it was a beaut, and after we’d dished it out, Hibbs told the mob what a decent bloke I was, and gave me a little memorial medallion. Tom Riley butts in and reckons they’d given me the wrong end. A man oughter cracked him, but I just said, “And to you,” and let it go at that.

Any time you want to organised a top-notch show, take a tip from me, and peep in Hibbo and Liz, they’re the goods.

Things have been moving in the old village lately. The Women’s Auxiliary ran a children’s fancy dress ball to help along the piano fund, and it was a case of “hush, a house, and a handsome Robinson on the evening. It always tricks me how a hard-faced, crowd of diggers like ours run to such dandy kids. Take after mum, I suppose.

And now the “Popular Diggers” have gone mad. Every night it’s dancing, cards, or community singing— anything to prevent the narrator from Oscar. The final choice of diggers was Nick Marich for Hamilton Hill, Albert Follett for Coonan, and Jim Morgan for Spearwood; none of them are much cut with us, especially Nick and Albert, still I hope they take it alright, as we can’t put the hard word on Jack: Gosh every time we want a piano.

I am enclosing a couple of subscription cards for the Spearwood bloke—he’s about the best of a dud lot—and don’t you put them where you
left the others I sent, as "Cock" Wayman can't always guarantee to get them back for us.

Cheerio, yours,

A. B. DIGGER.

NORTH PERTH
A Digger's Diary

(With profound apologies to the Shades of Samuel Pepys.)

May 22.—This day I did see the sub-branch roll-book, and, to my good content, did observe more new names written therein. They being 1st P. Amb.; W. J. Wright, 44th Battalion; F. Winsor, W.A.I.; R. B. Alderson, 44th Battalion; P. Walters, 28th Battalion; S. J. Head, 51st Battalion; A. A. Ramsbottom, 5th Engineers; A. E. Price, 13th F. Amb.; A. S. Hough, I.C.; J. McCann, 44th Battalion; J. J. Le Page, 4th D.A.C.; A. E. Evans, 44th Battalion; W. W. Goodlott, 11th Battalion. It must, methinks, give infinite pleasure to our officers and membership committee to see their hard work so handomely rewarded.

3rd.—Mr. A. McRiddle, and talk with him. He still a military man, being instructor in the present army, and take the fashion of a R.S.M., with his handsome pointed mustache. While we talking, come Mr. Mick Roach, and told us, how last week, he did have a pickled onion stuck in his gutter, got of ale and onions at the A.M.C. smoke dinner. "It put me in a mighty flutter what to do," said Mick, "the onion not going up or down, how I might to move it." At this I did laugh till I was ready to burst, it putting thought in my head that the onion did float on the too much ale, but I did not venture to say so.

24th. (Empire Day).—Rain all day, almost stopping only while to fool people abroad and fall down on them. This afternoon did hear the R.S.I. float of the procession in Perth City was a very real sight of a war trench, it being made of sand bags and bagged wire, and having machine guns and soldiers in it. All the people, I am told, did cry it up to be as good as any of the procession. This be another great honour to North Perth, the float being built and bathed by members of our sub-branch, Mr. Dug. Cunnings being in charge of the business assisted by Mr. S. Treasure, Mr. J. Watson, Mr. A. Hope, Mr. B. McLlwrath, Mr. C. Moss, and Mr. Dave James.

29th.—To sub-branch special general meeting, being to discuss proposals of our事宜 in the building of Anzac House. Colonel A. C. N. Olden (South Perth President, State Executive), Mr. G. H. Philip (State Executive), and Mr. D. M. Benson (State Secretary) did address the meeting and explain fully the objects of Anzac House. By and by a special committee formed of Mr. R. Alderson, H. Axford, T. Brown, D. Cummings, E. E. Dunkley, E. W. Edmonds, D. James, C. Jago, F. Loffman, B. McLlwrath to find ways of raising money against our ways to this building, which, methinks, will be very handsome and useful, when done. Home so late.

June 3 (King's Birthday).—Fall in with Mr. Jack Watson, who said, being in the procession on Empire Day, in the rain and cold, did remind him of the trenches in France, only, the rum issue missing. "But," said he, "when we at Fremantle City, come Mr. Watt of the Listening Post, he did laugh to the, to an ale-house and drink with him, which we did in merry digger style.

5th.—To Sub-branch card evening, expecting to find little company, it being a wet, cold, windy night; but pleased at so good a number there. Which methinks proves the success of our card games, that people do brave so foul weather to attend. Home early, in the wind and rain. Lord! how the wind did blow. I to hold my hat on most of the way, and let my feet wet, which I was vexed at.

9th.—News by Mr. Rigg, that our team did last night, lose at table tennis (Archbishop Riley Shield) to Mr. Hawthorn-Leederville. "But we not disgusted," said Mr. Rigg, "our team losing only by one game, and by that a few points only." This do vex me, our sub-branch being so great in all other things, but have mighty ill-luck at sport.

11th.—To general committee; there meet Mr. A. H. Mill, Mr. L. Robinson and Mr. E. J. Cooke, of Mt. Lawley Sub-branch. They to visit us on the business of management, in alliance with their sub-branch, of a grand concert by the Commercial Travellers' Choral Party, to benefit us both in our effort to Anzac House. The committee to receive these gentlemen very civilly and bid them sit with us. So to business, among which was a letter of congratulations, from the State Executive, on our producing so fine and handsome a float to the Empire Day procession, which pleased us mightily. Anon it given out we now have a membership of 204, and all, but two, financial. The Mr. Lawley gentlemen at hearing this, did open their eyes wide and acclaim it a wonderful record, and North Perth a mighty live sub-branch, which made us all not a little proud.

14th.—To social committee, with Mr. Tom Brown. Much discourse of our sweet pea show and making of schedule to it. The show to be in this September come, and to include gladoli and Icelands puppies. All committeemen say they will talk of quaint, day and night, but, the show, so all the world will learn of it. Home, eleven by the clock.

YANNMAH

Considering the inclement weather, a good muster paraded for the monthly meeting, held on June 14. President Stahl was again an absentee (Personal Column will explain why), and Les Vetcott was a capable substitute. Secretary Horner reported having received advice from Mr. Benson that the case of a gentleman suffering from sterility in his dairy herd (reported in last month's issue) had been finalised, and twenty weeks' sustenance granted, and the Secretary was instructed to forward a letter of appreciation to the State Secretary for his very helpful assistance in the matter.

An agenda was drawn up to present to Mr. Troy when that gentleman visits the district. No. 2 on the list, and of major importance, is the stabilisation of Butter Prices, it being urged that dairying was impossible with the present low price of butter fat.

Suggestions were invited as to ways and means of raising funds to send a delegate to conference without drawing on Branch Funds. Several schemes from floating a loan to raffling the Old Woman were suggested. The loan scheme was rejected, as it was felt that the loan would float too far from the shore, and no one present could swim.

The Old Woman raffle scheme also was rejected on it being pointed out that with the Old Woman gone, members would have to turn out these cold mornings and milk the cows themselves, instead of being able to kick the Old Woman out of bed in the early morning to get on with it, whilst the men, with plenty of bed space, turned into the middle of the sleep until milking was done and breakfast was ready.

TOODYAY

Discussion took place at the June meeting regarding methods of making meetings brighter. It was decided that in future the Memorial Park Committee should meet earlier and submit report of progress to the general meeting, and that for the latter, business be kept down to a minimum, and that bridge be inaugurated.

There was a good attendance at the meeting, and an enthusiastic spirit prevailed, which augurs well for the future.

Among the proposals brought forward were the formation of a Women's Auxiliary, an R.S.L.

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ball, and a smoke social in August. J. W. Thompson set the ball rolling by claiming that it was "a long time between smoke nights." The voting in favour of having two a year was unanimous.

Occasion was taken during the evening to congratulate a member, Herb Annear, on his brilliant effort in winning the Lee Steele Golf Cup.

The Memorial Park is to be laid out in rose beds this year. A memorial tablet to the late Gordon W. Groth, (this scheme should provide a beauty spot worthy of the district for years to come.

BOULDER

At the monthly general meeting Mr. Ted McMahon, the new President, presented a good attendance of members. A large amount of correspondence was read and dealt with, and accounts amounting to the sum of £16/18/3 were passed for payment. The Treasurer, Mr. A. H. Haynes, reported that the expenditure over receipts for the past month totalled £20.15. The Secretary, in the course of his report, stated that during the past three months over 20 new members had been enrolled, and that there was every possibility that this number would be greatly increased at the end of June. Since last October 26 ex-soldiers have been found employment, the majority of these men are working at the quarry, and on the lift gang out on the Trans. line, which is one of the few places which does not have a really absolute preference. The Lake View and Star G.M. Coy. has also been a good friend to the ex-solder, and our grateful thanks are due to the above employers.

The Boulder Municipal Council has been approached, and has promised to illuminate the monument in the Railway Reserve, Boulder. The Distress Committee has met every Friday night, and no genuine applicant has been refused assistance.

The Boulder diggers' concert, held in the Town Hall recently, was a huge success, and the Distress Fund will benefit as a result. The fact that the sub-branch has received numerous requests to repeat the concert proves that the large audience appreciated the large programme. Permission has been granted by the "Commissioner of Police to conduct our annual sweep on the Boulder. Gap, and tickets are now procurable throughout the district at 1/- each. It is the intention of the sub-branch to start community singing in the Boulder Town Hall, and a large number of old-time song books have already been secured for this purpose. Mr. Jack Donovan has issued a challenge to play one man 100 up on the billiard table, and Ern. Bosustow has gone into training for this event.

Senior Vice-president Jack Sheridan is a great worker in the interests of the sub-branch, and is a keen debater. The committee is a great team and pulls well together.

The boys are training hard for the community singing contest, which will take place shortly, and oft in the stilly night you will hear the strains of "Daisy Bell" issuing from the Rest Rooms.

MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDELLVILLE

At the meeting held on June 1, business was disposed of without delay in order to allow Mr. Delaney (a digger) to deliver a lecture on the Douglas Credit System. During the time at his disposal, the lectur endeavoured to expose the weakness of the system in operation at the present time, and how Communism and other systems failed to surmount certain faults. It was then explained how they system as advocated by the speaker could effect a permanent cure to all our economic ills. In a few well chosen words the President thanked Mr. Delaney for coming along and doing his job so well.

The meeting for June 11 was cancelled on account of the Peg Quoit Competition, at which teams representing Mount Lawley, North Perth, Osborne Park, and the local sub-branch met for the first round of the A.R.M. Shield. The Mount Hawthorn team was declared the winner. This is the first win in conjunction with the shield competition, as the table tennis team was also successful. At the conclusion of the tournament, President J. Morton called everyone to attention to observe two minutes' silence in memory of our war comrade, Jim Sannages, ex-16th Battalion, and one of the foundation members of the sub-branch. The sympathy of all members is extended to his family in their sad bereavement.

OSBORNE PARK

The usual fortnightly meetings were held on May 17 and 31, President J. J. Nicoll's in the chair on both occasions. Several new members have joined up, and business was carried out in the usual quick way. Andy Glass, the Hon. Treasurer, who has been an inmate of St. John of God's for five weeks, received a hearty welcome from the members on his resuming duties. Frank Gillett, Convener of Sports and Social Committee, reported on social evenings, and the arrangements for the A.R.M. Shield Competition, a magnificent table tennis to be at Mount Lawley, rifle shoot at North Perth; Quoits at Mt. Hawthorn-Leeder- ville, and draughts at Osborne Park, dates to be arranged by sub-branches. Jack Garner, (Hon. Secretary) gave a progress report of the fancy dress ball held on May 20. Doug. Foreman (Librarian) reported that over 60 books were being utilised by the members and families. The number obtained from members is for new books, and there are now about 400 books in the library, which reflects great credit on the Librarian and his better half's activities connected with this section of the sub-branch.

The annual meeting is to be held on June 28, when the election of new officers is to take place, and a record attendance of financial members is expected.

There is no doubt whatever that this sub-branch is improving its membership, and there are some very active members, who are working very hard. All previous records are being passed.

There has been some wonderful talent in the little sub-branch, and it is hoped the standard will be maintained for a long time yet.

The LISTENING POST has been of great assistance to members and to many others, including the publicity officer.

COLLIE

A meeting of the Collie Sub-branch was held on May 30, when matters of a general nature were discussed, in addition to the usual routine business. A letter was received from the Boddington Sub-branch, requesting that the local concert party visit that centre. The matter was referred to the committee for a report. A letter was received from the Town Clerk (Mr. S. Simpson) to the effect, that the matter of a metal work centre being established at the Collie High School was discussed with the Minister for Works on his recent visit to Collie, and that there was every hope of its being placed on the estimates for next year's expenditure.

The establishment of an ambulance team, representative of the sub-branch, to compete in the forthcoming ambulance competitions received consideration, and Mr. T. Marshall undertook to forger the matter.

Sincere regret was expressed when it was learned that members of the sub-branch in Messrs. E. Fisk and Beangs were hospital inmates, and that "Algie" Wilson was ill at his home. Hopes for their early recovery to good health were freely expressed.
The Secretary reported that pension appeals had been forwarded for hearing by the Assessment Tribunal.

The second annual flower show to be held by the sub-branch came in for a good deal of discussion. A very strong committee was formed, and much is expected from this show. It is also intended to hold a garden competition in conjunction with the show, as well trade exhibits of locally manufactured goods.

Members are reminded that items for the forthcoming Congress for inclusion on the agenda paper will be discussed at the last meeting in June.

LAKE KING

This sub-branch should hold its annual meeting for the elections of officers, on June 11, but owing to the fact that 90 members were present, it was decided to postpone the meeting until July 9, when it is hoped that all members will be present.

The Lake King Progress Association has kindly offered to forego its monthly dance on July 29, in order that this sub-branch may hold its half-yearly dance on the date. As this sub-branch holds only two dances during the course of the year, they are always well patronised. Our musician, Mr. Fred Timmins, and his only member to represent the R.N.I., promises us some extra special music for the coming dance.

Two years ago this sub-branch was formed with a membership of ten, but now the number of members has reached twenty. It is hoped to get every returned man in the district to join up before the end of the year.

PEMBERTON

There was a record roll up for the May monthly meeting—on parade out of a total of 111 present.

An extra dance of the Amelioration Fund was a great success. The usual monthly dance on May 20 was made the occasion of a benefit for one of our members who has had a stiff trot lately, and by dint of superhuman exertions on the part of the Social Committee and the Women's Auxiliary, the magnificent net total of £251/- was realised.

The Pemberton members threw off a few years on Sunday, May 11, and mixed things with the cracker soccer team of the district, West Pemberton. No ground being marked out, the girls' hockey pitch and goals were commandeered, and were unanimously voted afterwards quite big enough. By calling 'job' on the last ounce, and risking a dog's life for the next few days, West Pemberton held them to one goal nil (officially that is). A kind-hearted referee would not let himself see the other two. Most of the old sweats probably wished they had never been a football the following day. Whether the engagement will be repeated depends on how long the chips take to recuperate.

WONGAN HILLS

The new sub-branch is still going strong, although it suffered a severe loss in the departure of the President (Dr. Stenning) for Corrigin. The Doctor had a splendid send-off—visitors from all parts of the district being present. Standing room only testified to the popularity of our medicus, and to the general regret at his and Mrs. Stenning's departure. This sub-branch owed a lot to both of them in many ways. Long may they prosper! They are doing well in their new home.

The new President (Mr. H. F. Kemp, Manager National Bank) is tackling the job as he should, and will be ably assisted by Mrs. Kemp, who is also of dicker breed. The sub-branch is destined to him (as it was to the late President) for the meeting and the club rooms. It is hoped that the debt for furniture will be cleared off during the coming month.

A company of sellers, headed by Bill Sander son (known to the storekeepers at "The Hum bug "Flusterers") is getting rid of the raffle tickets.

The library is in full swing, and the Librarian (Bill Sander son) will welcome any of the mob. "Bull" Stone kindly donated about 70 volumes, and others are helping to increase the stocks. Titch is supplying a truck load of roots for the fire. Mr. Williams, the storekeeper, has kindly donated a daily paper, and Norm.—Stone street, of the "Cameleers," gave two packs of cards.

The smoko on Saturday, July 7, should be well attended, as all are looking forward to the night. A programme is being arranged.

The inaugural ball ("Back to Cairo") will eventuate on Wednesday, September 20, and will be a huge affair.

Roger Brown is drawing up plans for the Memorial Hall, and has promised the use of his machinery for brick making.

NORWOOD

Norwood Sub-branch will hold an annual general meeting at League Headquarters, Perth, on Sunday, July 7, 9 a.m., when the accounts for the year will be presented, together with the President's annual report, etc. Election of officers for the ensuing twelve months will also take place. Foundation members are reminded that their subscriptions are due on July 1.

MIDLAND JUNCTION

On Thursday, June 11, thirty of the burghe rs of Carlisle joined with about forty of the Mid-}

land Junction Sub-branch in a rally at Midland Junction. Mr. Sharahan, President of Midland Junction, occupied the chair, and was ably assisted by Mr. Nicol, President of the visiting sub-branch. The visitors report having "a wonderful reception, and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. The part of the R.S.I. was pro-

posed by Mr. L. Thorpe, M.L.A.

Midland Junction has the honour of being the first sub-branch to form a unit of the Sons of Soldiers' League. The junior sub-branch is functioning famously, and will hold its first annual general meeting on Monday, July 3.

MOUNT LAWLEY

The usual monthly meeting was held in Walchel's Hall, on Tuesday, June 6. At the outset the President welcomed eight new members, and expressed his delight at the number present, and the interest being taken by members in being along those who had not been members of this sub-branch were elected. There are, however, many more in our district who do not seem to be "in" before it, is hoped; 100 per cent. membership can be reported, and members will not be satisfied until that is an accomplished fact.

A large amount of business was got through during the night, not the least of which was a report on the activities of the "All Nations Fair" Committee. Messrs. O. J. Williams and J. K. Craven were appointed joint Hon. Organisers of the fair. It was decided that during the winter months the usual refreshments will be displaced by "Coffee Royal," it being thought that a hot drink would be more acceptable on cold nights.

It was also recommended that the Committee endeavour to arrange quarterly outings for hospital patients in the future. If we have been productive of much good. More members should endeavour to be present at the next one on July 22, in St. Alban's Hall, at 8 p.m. A good supper and programme is already assured. The organisers of the "All Nations Fair" would like to hear from any members who were not present at the last meeting, and who are willing to assist at the fair in September, at the earliest possible moment in order that a roster of duty may be made up ready for "action."

WEST PERTH

The last of the monthly meetings for the year 1912-13 was held on June 11. After the meeting the usual monthly social was held, and a large number of members were in attendance. It was a most enjoyable evening being spent at cards, games, refreshments, etc.

Teams were chosen to compete in the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield Competition, and the following were elected to play against Perth Sub-branch on Wednesday, June 18, in the Institute at 7.30 p.m.:

**Shooting—**C. Friel, F. Clarke, T. Shaw, L. Robinson.


**Drawings—**J. Friel, T. Nichols, C. Friel, T. Grass.

**Quits—**W. Earnshaw, T. Grant, W. Scif, K. Farrell.


The annual general meeting of members will take place in the Institute on Thursday, July 20 at 7 p.m. The annual social smoke will follow at 8.15 p.m. Tickets are available at 2/- each.
PRESS

At the fortnightly luncheon on June 7, the District Commandant (Brigadier A. M. Martyn) delivered an interesting lecture on defence. The quarterly small meeting was held on Friday, July 7, at 7 p.m. It is hoped that the paper will be sent to all auxiliaries.

Women’s Auxiliaries

STATE EXECUTIVE

Arrangements for the exhibition of work are well in hand. The attendance of representatives from the metropolitan auxiliaries at the meetings has been most helpful to the committee. The next meeting in connection with the exhibition will be held at the R.S.I. Institute, on Friday, July 7, at 7 p.m. It is hoped that representatives will be able to send to each auxiliary.

There will be sections for floriculture, cookery, needlework, knitting and crochet, handicrafts, photography, and thrift.

Members of auxiliaries having learned basketry and soft toy-making at the Institute are now instructing in their own districts. Mrs. Stockman has visited Karloke and North Perth, and is booked for Subiaco.

At a children’s fancy dress ball recently organised by an R.S.I. sub-branch in the suburbs, several fancy sea-grass shopping baskets and two stuffed jumbos delighted some of the lucky prize-winners. These gifts had been made and donated by members of the auxiliary—the first fruits of the instructional classes.

At another ball an expert raffia worker dressed her little daughter completely in raffia and sea-grass grass, calling her the Auxiliary-Raffia Instructional Class. She won first prize!

United Auxiliaries’ Social.—Wet, stormy weather did not deter about 200 members from attending the quarterly social at the Institute on Monday, June 13. Dancing was interspersed with songs, recitations, and a game, the favourite paper bag race. Soprano solos were contributed by Misses Batey and Wells. Mrs. Holmes recited, and Mrs. Haydock entertained in both song and story. The guests having received several important offices in the branch, bearing over a number of years. A request from the Wooroloo Pastime and Progress Club for a donation met with a ready response. During the meetings in the winter months, but coffee and refreshments will be provided for the members. A busy bee has been arranged to erect a shelter at the tennis court owned by the branch. The next general meeting will take place at the Library, on the third Friday next month.

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WOMEN’S AUXILIARIES

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Head Office for Western Australia:

COMMERCIAL UNION BUILDINGS, ST. GEORGE’S TERRACE

PERTH

ENGLAND GLYDE Branch Manager

Capital

£2,950,000

Total Funds exceed

£48,500,000

Total Annual Income exceeds

£20,000,000

FIRE :: MARINE :: ACCIDENT

Kirke, Glaister, Pocklington, Tolchard, Wood, and
Dr. Cyril Bryan; Truscott, Merritt, Birn advise, Watt, and Collins; and Honorary Auditor, Mr. F. W. Weeden.

Present as the guest of the day was the Acting President of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A., Archdeacon G. S. Cyril Blight.

VICTORIA PARK

The monthly meeting was held at the Library Hall, Albany Road. Despite the cold evening, a good number attended, Mr. R. Alexander presiding. The Social Committee for once failed to come up to expectations, and a dry evening was declared. The title deeds of the block of land were handed over to Mr. Philip, a Trustee of the State Executive. Mr. Philip congratulated the branch on their efforts, and explained the legal position, and addressed the members regarding Anzac House. The past year’s activities of the Victoria Park unemployed committee were read, and a letter was sent to the committee congratulating them on their efforts. Messrs. Gray and Hawson notified their willingness to again represent the returned men on this committee. Mrs. Matravers reported having received a parcel of left-off clothing. Several distressed cases were assisted with groceries, etc. A number of members attended the small bore shooting at the invitation of Lieut. Bone, at the Drill Hall, in the presence of Mr. Philip, and it was borne out that the fellow who brags of his war service is not necessarily minus entrails.

Mr. Reg. Biggs interpreted the role of the Jallattic play-in excellently, while Mr. Ike Tolchard was inimitable in his part. "Bayonet Soup," an adaptation of Yeats’ "Pot of Broth," gave Miss Longmore an opportunity to figure in the well-sustained role of a charming maidensoile, while Pere Sid played the battle scene dressed in convict style. Air Sar. G. W. Band was on hand to confirm a moment suggestion that he was drawing upon previous experience, but members must be given the benefit. The surprise of the evening was the visit of Mr. Len Lye and his excellent band. They played the house down as they marched in playing the march of the A.I.F., "Colonel Bogey," and for about twenty minutes they gave the audience such a treat, that a neighbouring function had to be abandoned at 9 p.m. and the house was crowded outside the door of the Press Gang's lair. The writer is now convinced that, in capable hands, the saxophone is a musical instrument after all, and henceforth the LISTENING POST will speak of that much-berated instrument only in terms of the deepest respect.

From his seat at the piano, Bill Harrison steered the boys through the popular war-time songs, and Mr. David Lyle was in excellent voice as a soloist. The toast of the R.S.I.; coupled with the name of the S.S.I., was proposed by Mr. Ivor Birtwistle, and responded to by Mr. John Chappell. Dr. Cyril Bryan, in proposing "Ourselves," was, as usual, pleasant and humorous. Mr. Basil Kirke proposed "Our Women," on whose behalf Messrs. Henry Griege and Harry Nichol replied. The toast of the "Chairman" allowed Colonel H. F. Fitzgerald to make the usual complimentary remarks, and after "Auld Lang Synne," had been sung, the Limber gathered up the casualties. Among the visitors present were Mr. J. W. Perry (General Manager of the General Theatres Corporation, W.A.), Colonel C. H. Lamb, Colonel A. C. N. Olden, and Messrs. Henry Griege and Harry Nichol, of the West Australian.
It was decided by those present that, in future, instead of each one bringing refreshments, 6d. be paid. A caterer would supply supper, thereby releasing all auxiliaries from duty in the kitchen.

The Hospital Committee has had a busy time lately. During the month of April 76 soldiers patients were visited in the civil war wards of Perth Hospital. Two ladies visited the wards every Wednesday. The patients are always grateful for any reading matter that they may have to distribute. A bundle of Bulletin sent in by a member of our Executive was quite a "windfall." The English Daily Mirror is also very popular, especially with the ex-imperial men, who are always eager for news and pictures of home.

GUILDFORD-BASSEENDEN

A pleasant afternoon was spent in the Town Hall, Basseenden, on Thursday, June 8. There was a large attendance of members. After the business meeting, a brief concert was given, followed by afternoon tea. Mrs. Wray and Mrs. Greive contributed in turn. Mrs. C. J. James entertained with some amusing stories, and Ladneses Irvine and McKinlay with piano duets. Mrs. Carter, of South Guildford, was the winner of the engraved spoon worked and donated by Mr. L. Tuckett.

On July 13, the business meeting will be at 2 p.m., with a card party to follow.

VICTORIA PARK

The monthly meeting was held on May 26. Mesdames Colman and Caldwell, sick visitors, reported having visited the Edward Millen Home, and having distributed cigarettes, magazines, and sweets. These monthly visits are much appreciated by the patients. The sub-branch has nominated four popular ladies, Mesdames Pike, Boland, Smith, and Bacon. Each one, with the help of members, is working hard to raise funds for the new building. After the meeting, a social and games were held, and some very fine dancing was featured by Misses Vickers sisters, Boland, and Greive. Supper was then served.

The children's fancy dress ball was held on Thursday, June 8. Many novel and ingenious costumes were worn. The judges were Mrs. Wilton (State President), and Miss Ethel Philp, of South Perth. After the grand march, each child received a supper bag. The young folks were unanimous that they had a very happy time.

CARLISLE

The children's ball on Friday, June 17, was a very successful function, at which there was an attendance of 210 young people of all ages. The success of the evening reflects great credit on those who organised the ball and carried it out. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reid acted as judges. The prize-winners were: Best dressed couple, Betty Cafferty and Thomas Laurie; best dressed boy, Don Palmer; best dressed girl, E. Wells; most original couple, J. Ritchie and Allison Hayes; most original boy, John Milligan; most original girl, — Groves; most humorous boy, John Burns; most humorous girl, Betty Wills; best poster, John Curry, Jacky Antheil; tiny tots, boy, — Gillisinnel; girl, Broda Burns. Special prizes were awarded to Stan Mason, Joyce Monkhouse, J. Sproule, Betty Parkhouse, Joan Fill, Lorry Palmer, and Doreen Boland. The refreshments were provided and dispensed by members of the Women's Auxiliary.

CLAREMONT

The Clarendon branch of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary held a successful bridge party at the Parish Hall, Clarendon, in aid of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust. The committee responsible for the arrangements were Mrs. Gladish, President; Mesdames Copelin, Manning, and I. E. E. Bryant, Secretary; Mrs. Miller, Treasurer; Mesdames Fitzpatrick, Wade, Lidbury; Misses Dewar and Freeman Smith. Special thanks are due to Mrs. Copelin, Vice-President, who was ably assisted by Mesdames Fitzpatrick, Wade, Ingram, and Miss Erica Smith, Messrs. Ford, Bannister, and Barwood during the afternoon in making final preparations for supper and arranging tables. Prizes were presented by the Mayoress, Mrs. Mengler, to the following: highest number; Mrs. Elliott, gentlemen's highest number; ladies' highest number, Mrs. E. Stott; gentlemen's lowest number, Miss M. Jackson; lowest score, Miss G. Mengler and Mr. J. Winter.

Friendly Union

OF SOLDIERS' WIVES, MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

The annual meeting of the Union took place in St. George's Hall, on the 1st of June. The large gathering of members gave a loving welcome to their much esteemed President, Mrs. Kerr Peare.

In the annual report were the following points: "That in future the name of our Union be altered from the Friendly Union of Soldiers' Wives, Mothers, and Sisters to the Friendly Union of Soldiers' Wives, Mothers, and Daughters. All sisters or any members to retain their membership." "The ex-member soldiers' wives are also to be admitted as members, following the lines laid down by the Returned Soldiers' League." "We are very pleased to report that our Union is now affiliated with the R.S.L. A special committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Dean, and Mrs. Clark, to deal with this matter, and their efforts were very successful." The financial statement showed a bank balance of 549.

The office-bearers elected for the ensuing year were, President, Mrs. Kerr Peare; Vice-President, Mrs. C. H. E. Manning; and Mrs. H. Dean; Hon. Vice-President, Mrs. L. Jones; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. C. B. M. Manning; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Clear; Executive Members, Mrs. E. A. Evans, McKenzie, Tolcherd, Coombes, Wilkinson, Tout, Vincent, Weare, Taylor, Bright, Findlay, Thomas, Walsh, Matthews, Bills, Marty, Griffiths-Bowen, and Angwin.

Digger Sporting Recollections

(By M.H.M.)

WALLY STOOKE

Leader of the W.A. National Football League

Unquestionably the most popular of W.A.'s winter field games is Australian Rules football. This game has steadily advanced in all its varied phases, and the key-note of its success is organisation. Individual clubs have realised that unless their organisation is sound, the winning of the coveted premiership is a very difficult task. The League, which is the ruling body in the State, also recognises the necessity for up-to-date organisation in its administration of the game throughout Western Australia. Delegates from each senior club, with a permanent secretary, form an executive body, which carries a big responsibility in controlling the destinies of the game locally. The chairmen of this governing body, Mr. W. Stooke, known to all football followers as "Wally," is an ex-member of the A.I.F., and all diggers must take pride in the fact that one of their number has been elected to the principal position in the League. As the appointment is comparatively recent, it is fitting that the digger fraternity should extend hearty congratulations to Wally upon his well-earned promotion.

In the following paragraphs a brief summary of Wallie's sporting career will be given, on the lines of our previous Sporting Recollections. Incidentally, this issue marks the anniversary of the Digger Sporting Recollections, in which many champions of the various field games have been presented to readers of the Listening Post.

Sport has played a big part in Wally's life. When an active and successful participant of any field game is forced by circumstances to retire from the playing arena, and then turns his attention to the administrative side with equally successful results, proof is evident of an in-born love for sport. This statement portrays that portion of Wally's career which has been devoted to sport. Although yet only a comparatively young man, the enthusiasm of Wally is such that one can see the future in him. He is a splendid young man, with the best of sporting qualities and an infallible love of sport. Members of the Union were unanimous in their approval of Mrs. Manning's proposal that £10 be donated to the Building Fund of Annie House.

A delightful programme was contributed by Miss T. Howard, Miss G. Harkford, Mr. D. Lyle, Mr. D. Powell, and Mrs. Greg, and afternoon tea concluded a happy gathering.
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man, he has given a tremendous amount of time and energy to the playing and administration of games. As a player and administrator, his efforts have been characterised by unbounded enthusiasm and conscientious energy, and his work has been fittingly recognised.

Born in Adelaide in 1895, Wally first made his acquaintance with this State in 1903, and as a youth attended both the East Perth and Perth Boys' Schools. In school football circles he was a prominent figure. The writer well remembers him wearing the East Perth School guernsey and dominating the play by splendid judgment and clever tactics.

In pre-war years there were some very powerful junior football clubs in the metropolitan area, and these clubs were the happy hunting grounds of the League teams for promising junior players. Wally graduated in the usual way through the Junior Association, playing first with James St. in the Commonwealth Association, and later with the Perth City F.C. (First Rares). He continued to display the great form shown in school matches, and it was inevitable that he should eventually find his way into the ranks of a League team.

It was in the 1915 season that Wally was invited to play with the Perth League team, but his first association with this club was short lived, as he enlisted with the A.I.F. in 1916, and served in France with the 8th Machine Gun Company. Being fortunate enough to see the war through to the finish, he returned home in 1919, and once more linked up with Perth. This outstanding service during this season led to his election as captain for the following year, and again in 1921. He played great football during these seasons, being stationed on the back-lines, where his sure marking, elusive runs, and long kicks made him an ideal defender.

The 1921 season, however, was a fateful one for Wally, as he received a severe knee injury, which caused his permanent retirement from the playing arena. This was a severe blow to him, as he always played the game with evident enjoyment, and played it fairly withal. The injury did not, as so often is the case, send its victim into obscurity. He decided to retain his association with the game and the club, and was successful in being appointed official coach in the 1922 season. Finding yet another interest in the club, he was in the following year, 1923, appointed Secretary, and held this position until the year 1930. His connection with the club so far had certainly shown him to be possessed of all-round ability, being progressively player, captain, coach, and secretary. But this was not all. He served the Perth Club for nine years as League delegate, and his services in this direction were recognised by his appointment as a Vice-President of the W.A. National Football League from 1929.

As a further recognition of his services, he was elected a life member of the Perth Club in 1925, and it would seem that there were very few phases of the football world of which he had not had practical experience. It is well known that the Perth Club pays periodical visits to the Eastern States, carrying out a programme of matches with different clubs. The tours of 1924 and 1929 were organised and managed by Wally, and in between these events he was appointed manager of the 1927 Carnival team.

In 1930, a further outstanding honour came his way, when he was elected a life member of the W.A. National Football League, and this proved to be the last step, prior to his highest achievement, that of his election to the position of President of the League, following on the resignation of Mr. A. A. Moffatt.

For some years Wally has been a playing member of the East Perth District Cricket Club, and was Secretary in the 1924-25 season, but as the foregoing summary discloses, football has been his real love, and the scene of his greatest achievements. It is a story of earnest application to the interests of a game, and it has brought him to the forefront of the leaders of local sport.
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