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Again the Question of Preference

When a politician becomes what Kipling called "drunk with the sight of power" as the result of an unusually vigorous swing of the pendulum at a general election, he is apt to adopt a Mussolini-like attitude. All sorts of factors contributed towards the elevation of Mr. Kenneally from private membership to Cabinet rank, but a desire on the part of the public to flout the principle of preference to returned soldiers was certainly not one of them. In throwing down the gauntlet so uncompromisingly to a deputation from the State Executive, which had asked him for a declaration of policy on the preference question, Mr. Kenneally denied that the principle had been observed by the previous Collier Ministry. Here, Mr. Kenneally was speaking without his book and with a curious lack of knowledge of the policy pursued when his party was in office before. The very day that Mr. Kenneally's utterances were published, there appeared in the same paper the report of a speech made by Mr. Millington at a reunion of the Osborne Park Sub-branch, in which he stated that the Government would not depart from its previous attitude, and that ex-service men were worthy of all the consideration they could receive.

One wonders how Mr. Collier will reconcile the conflicting statements of two members of his Ministry. Little birds have whispered to us that Mr. Kenneally's colleagues are annoyed with him for his tactlessness. No doubt they remember the Commonwealth-wide storm provoked a few years ago, when Mr. Scullin tinkered with the preference principle in the Commonwealth Public Service. Mr. Scullin, on that occasion, was misled by persons within the R.S.L. itself, but he accepted the inevitable and bowed to the storm.

It will be noted that it was Mr. Kenneally's tactlessness which perturbed his colleagues. They have done little or nothing to clear away the impression which he created, or to contradict the remarks which were given such a great deal of publicity. Mr. Seward, the digger member for Pinjelle, raised the question in the Legislative Assembly, and Mr. McCallum's reply on behalf of the Premier was delightfully evasive. He said that there would be no departure from the Government's previous policy, and that seemed to end the matter, as far as he was concerned. Similarly, Mr. Collier through stress of work on the Budget and other matters, has been unable to receive a deputation from the State Executive, though he has signified his willingness to do so.

Readers may be assured that the position is being watched by the State Executive and that the matter will not be allowed to rest where it is. The question of preference is of vital interest to us all. If it is to be flouted with impunity, the League might as well disband altogether, or resolve itself into a purely social organisation. In asking for preference, we are not asking for anything that was not promised us, in season and out of season, by politicians of all parties. It is clearly understood that preference to unionists has been a plank of the Labour platform for over a generation. The League is not opposed to unionism. It recognises that to unionism the Australian working man owes the favourable position he holds to-day in comparison with the workers of less fortunate countries. It recognises also, that most diggers are unionists of one sort or another. But Mr. Kenneally has flatly refused to differentiate between the digger unionist and other unionists. Pending the interview with Mr. Collier the matter is virtually sub judice, but it does strike us that we, as a body, have been too prone of late to allow diplomatic considerations to obscure what should be a clear-cut issue. In the past, there were instances where spokesmen of the League were branded as hotheads, but, at the same time, the plain speaking they indulged in had the desired effect. If we are to be true to our salt, we should make it clear that we will tolerate no whittling away of the preference principle. And at the same time, it might be delicately conveyed to Mr. Kenneally that the voters who put him into office have the power to put him out again.

Pundits and Pacifism

While America is feverishly building warships and Japan is rattling the sabre, Australia is now making the patriotic citizens more than a little alarmed over the somewhat condition of Australia's defences. Yet this was the time chosen by two University teams for a debate on the notorious Oxford resolution, 'That the House will, under no circumstances, fight for King and Country.' The people who carried this resolution at Oxford are by no means representative of English public opinion, and that Oxford has always been known as 'the home of lost causes,' is not generally known in this State. It is therefore gratifying to read that the University of Western Australia did not repeat Oxford's abrogation of decency and manliness. Here, the more virile arguments prevailed. Possibly, the side which argued in the affirmative did not have its collective heart in the job. This was hinted at by the adjudicator, and it is difficult to see how anyone with the trained intellect that the public expects from a university man or a university woman could have made out a case for the affirmative at all.

It would seem, however, that all the audience did not agree with the verdict. One, T. A. Hartrey, proposed a motion, 'That this meeting deplores the existence of propaganda, masquerading under the name of defence, which has for its object the stirring up of a militaristic sentiment in Australia.', Mr. Hartrey then said a few nice things about His Majesty the King, and, after discussion, this meaningless motion was carried. Everyone who knows Mr. Hartrey knows that he is a talker and not a fighter, although he has said and written many childishly silly things about Australian defence. Flights of empty rhetoric will not preserve peace, even though they do reverberate like the drumming of a tom-tom in the wilds.

No doubt the King will be suitably impressed by Mr. Hartrey's kind words, though His Majesty may be at a loss to remember exactly where, if ever, he met Mr. Hartrey. But this effervescent debater's motion would impress us more if
Anzac House

Notwithstanding the assertions to the contrary by those whom Mr. Fred. Bateson has so aptly dubbed "firemen," the success of the Anzac House building scheme is now virtually assured. Fred's "firemen" have already changed their target and are asking how Anzac House is to be made a paying proposition. To switch the metaphor a little, the League will cross that bridge when it comes to it. What must be particularly gratifying to the hard-working committee is the support that has been given to the project by League members and by well-wishers outside the League. For example, the Premier, Mr. Collier, in forwarding his personal cheque for two guineas, advised the committee: "I trust that the movement for the erection of Anzac House may be enthusiastically supported by all, and that the result will be the provision of suitable quarters to serve the returned soldiers for all time."

Other donations which have been received during September include: West Australian Newspapers Ltd., £105; Army Nurses' Club, £14 15s.; Tambellup Sub-branch (proceeds of dance), £7; Preis Sub-branch (proceeds of Anzac House Ball), £203 16s. 3d.; J. Calle, Nedlands, £1; Dean Moore, 10/-; Caps of Commissioners, £2 2s. 6d. Additional donations of £5 for foundation membership have been received from Messrs. A. Yeates (Millingdon), W. G. Garner (Perth), A. Eric Sandover (Perth), Fred White (Carlisle), J. T. Tandy (Perth), and J. W. Campbell (Corrigin).

A special meeting of the State Executive, on Wednesday, September 20, approved the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. A. T. Brine & Sons Ltd., for the erection of Anzac House. Messrs. A. T. Brine will thus become the builders of a second War Memorial in this State, for it will be remembered that they were the builders of the State War Memorial in King's Park. Their tender for the building of Anzac House is £19,689, which is £1,581 below the next lowest tender. Altogether, thirteen tenders had been received.

There were eleven tenders for electric lighting installation, ranging from £55 10s. to £93 16s. Mr. R. A. Berryman, the successful tenderer, quoted £55 10s., compared with the architect's estimate of £600.

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Reception to Mr. and Mrs. Robb

On Tuesday, September 19, members of the State Executive again had the pleasure of entertaining Mr. L. A. Robb, C.M.G., J.P., and Mrs. Robb, who arrived that day by the R.M.S. Ormonde, on their way back from the B.E.S.L. Conference. They were met by members at the boat and wafted off to Parliament House, where Mr. Speaker, Alex. Panton, and his lady entertained them at morning tea. Executive delegates and their wives met the homing travellers at a complimentary luncheon in the Institute. Mr. Robb spoke comprehensively and interestingly about his trip, laying stress on the important work of the Conference, and the manner in which the war cemeteries in France are tended. He particularly stressed the atmosphere of peace which prevails throughout these enclosures, which will be British soil for ever. In all, he visited about seventy of them. He recounted one interesting experience in the Rampart Cemetery at Ypres. He was there with Captain Murphy, of the Australian Section of the War Graves Commission on the night of August 9. After the "Last Post" had been sounded, Mr. Robb struck a match and looked at the inscriptions over the graves nearest him. They were all of men who had been killed in action on August 9, 1917. In Bapaume, the travellers were given a reception by the Mayor, who sent cordial messages to the people of Australia. Mr. Robb had the pleasure of drinking champagne in a room of the new Town Hall, immediately over the spot, where the time-bomb exploded in 1917.

At the beginning of the Conference there had been, he said, a certain amount of hostility that had been sedulously fostered against Australia. This was soon dissipated by our delegates, and a resolution of confidence in the R.S.S.I.L.A., and of its work on behalf of ex-Imperial soldiers in this country, was carried unanimously at a later stage of the proceedings. Mr. Robb, by permission of the Federal Office, presented Colonel Collett with a copy of the report of the Australian delegates to the Conference. He was able to inform his hearers that, under the amended constitution of the B.E.S.L., ex-service men are eligible to join constituent organisations, subject to the constitutions of those organisations. In paying a glowing tribute to his co-delegates, Lieutenant-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs, and Rabbi Freedman, Mr. Robb stated most emphatically that General Hobbs did not make the statements, attributed to him in the cabled reports of the Conference, regarding the calibre of ex-Imperial service men in Australia. Those reports, which have caused much misunderstanding and heartburning, were, he said, entirely without foundation.

Trooping the Colour

A ceremonial parade of interest to all ex-service men, and particularly old members of the 11th and 16th Battalions, will take place at the Perth Oval (Loton Park) at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 15.

The 11th/16th Battalion City of Perth Regiment will on that occasion Troop the regimental Colour of the 11th Battalion, which was presented to the regiment by the Perth City Council in honour of the meritorious deeds of the old "11th" Battalion during the Great War, before His Excellency Sir James Mitchell.

During the ceremony the consecration and presentation of the new 16th Battalion King's and Regimental Colours will take place. These Colours are being presented to the City of Perth Regiment, with which is linked the 16th Battalion Goldfields Regiment, in order to keep alive the traditions of the old 16th. Two companies, each of 20 files, from the 11th and 16th Battalions A.F., will take part in the ceremony and the interest of all diggers is desired. All, with their families and friends, are invited.

R.S.L. "Koolinda" Ball

A good response has been received in connection with the R.S.L. ball to be held on board the "Koolinda" on Monday, October 9, 1933 (Show Week). The president of the Fremantle Sub-branch, Mr. Jack Lynch, is the organiser, and reports that tickets are obtainable from the State Secretary, R.S.L. Headquarters, Perth; R.S.L. Institute, Fremantle; Musgrove's Ltd., Murray Street, Perth, and from Mr. Lynch, c/o Carter & Co., Market Street, Fremantle. Arrangements have also been made with the omnibus company to run special buses from the Fremantle wharf to Perth at the conclusion of the ball.

An exhibition dance will be given by Miss V. Stewart and Mr. W. Wilcox. The object of this ball is to raise funds for amelioration purposes.
Varia

"Billy Fineday" writes from Njookenbooro—The announcement that the Osborne Park Sub-branch, together with other local bodies, intends to form a choral society, has been received with mixed feelings. Already in the Park there is plenty of bacterial activity and chemical research for the purpose of eliminating pests and it is hoped that the new society, on its initiation, will be able to charm away the parasitical larvae from the vegetable gardens, thereby obviating the necessity of gardeners eating cabbage leaves to show that spraying with poisons is not dangerous. At the first concert we shall probably have the pleasure of listening to the "Soldiers' Chorus," not from Gounod's "Faust," but that ancient roundelay, given with zest at the conclusion of smoke socials, "Show me the way to go home." Billy, who possesses a voice like a cross-cut saw—working overtime, intends joining and will submit a number of items for immediate rehearsal.

Our Premier in recent speeches on the financial emergency has made some apt metaphors. For the benefit of members of Parliament during the next few months "Billy Fineday," of Njookenbooro, has sent us a selection—very much mixed—which he says he can use ad lib to describe the emergency situation: "The wolf was at the door, and it was imperative that his wings should be clipped;" "The promise of a return to prosperity was nothing less than a white elephant in sheep's clothing;" "Possibly, we may be accused of attempting to throw a wet blanket over the rainbow of optimism, but we know too well on which side our bread is buttered;" "We were standing upon a volcano and it was time to nip it in the bud;" "Threatened by the sword of Damocles we hitched our waggon to a star, and rode triumphantly over the troubled waves;"

It is rumoured that at the next reunion of sub-branches, the Executive will provide tomato cocktails, the fruit to be obtained from Wanneroo. Yorkshire relish and a dash of cayenne will be among the ingredients, just to give it the "kick;" A great waste of rhubarb is reported from Osborne Park. This "fruit" contains many medicinal properties, and is a most useful article of food. Like dwellers in the lands where bananas grow, who think nothing of them, suburban Perth is wasting a large quantity of rhubarb, and buying tinned fruits. In the market gardens much is going to seed, wasting and withering, as it is scarcely profitable to harvest. There are hospitals where some of this neglected commodity would be a blessing.

Recently a whisky testing (not tasting, Mr. Lino) was held in the local hostelry, Osborne Park, to ascertain if competitors could distinguish the respective brands by smell. "King George" was first on the smelling list; second, "John Stewert," and, third, "Old Court." Johnny Walker also started. It was subsequently ascertained that the winner had been a Customs House officer.

A digger who had lost his job through the depression immediately set up in the rag, bone and old clothes business. One of the first prospective clients he called upon was the Padre of his old battalion. The Padre had no rags nor bones to dispose of, and the good man, like most of us, these days, needed all his old clothes himself. "Perhaps ye've a bundle of old newspapers I c'd take," the digger suggested.

"To tell you the truth," the Padre explained, "my wife and family are in Perth for the school holidays.

"You don't say," the digger replied. "Tell yer what, Padre, I'll make you a sporting offer. How w'd it be if I come round in a few days for the empty bottles?"

H. Peters (vice-president, West Leevedale) writes—Being obliged to visit Victoria lately through the death of my mother in Ballarat, I was asked by a relative who is greatly interested in R.S.L. affairs to visit Dunolly for the week-end. There I met the president and secretary of the local sub-branch. Two trees were procured and I planted them in the enclosure which surrounds the Soldiers' Memorial. This gesture I appreciated very much, as it showed the goodwill that does exist between the diggers of Victoria and far away W.A. (as they say). The secretary of the sub-branch is a brother-in-law of Benton, who plays for West Perth Football Club.

Mr. Harry Boan, who is a native of

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"Wake-Up" writes:—Let every digger look the word "preference" squarely in the face and ask himself this question: Am I conscientiously giving to my fellow-digger that preference I advocate?

Speaking generally, my answer is "No, you are not."

If you who advocate a thing are not prepared to carry it through, how do you expect others to support what you, yourselves, are not prepared to give?

Take the action of the Minister for Employment, and others. No preference is shown by them to returned men. Do they think you, as diggers, are sincere and take you seriously in what you advocate?

Wake up, digs, and stand shoulder to shoulder again, this time in giving your preference to diggers in all classes of business, giving preference to those that are willing to support you and offer those concessions to you that are only given from men and women who have your interests truly and honestly at heart.

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"Pixie Pie," by Bonnie Walker. (Imperial Printing Company Ltd., Perth. Price, 2/-.)

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Unit Association Re-Unions

44th Battalion Association

The members of the "Eggs-a-Gook" are holding their Show Week Re-union on Tuesday, October 10, in the Soldiers' Institute.

This year the function is taking the form of a dinner, instead of the usual smoke. "Cookhouse" will be blown at 7 p.m. To ensure adequate catering arrangements being made, members intending to be present are requested to ring the secretary at B3358; drop a note to G.P.O. Box G445, or leave their names at 99 St. George's Terrace. As this is the first occasion the attempt is being made, it is hoped members will do as requested and help make the association's first dinner a great success.

10th Light Horse Reunion

CONFIDENTIAL

Scouts report that large numbers of Light Horse are seen all over the country preparing for an attack. Lines of communication report the rendezvous is the R.S.L. Institute on Wednesday, October 11, at 7.30 p.m. (Show night). Lines will be all laid, nose bags filled, and President Ted Knight says all will be ready to feed and drink at 8 p.m., after the preliminary meeting for the election of officers. The attack should last well into the night, and all Light Horsemen, Camel's and Engineers from the Palestine front are expected to answer Roll Call.

SECRET

(Overheard the other day.) A member of "A" Squadron says that "B" and "C" Squadrons would be outnumbered this year at the Re-union. He said he was so certain that he would throw Headquarters in with 'em—I wonder?

"The game is on," as Colonel Todd used to say, so "Gentlemen of the Light Horse" make a point of being present at your Re-union and spread the news to your old pals to come along, too.

Remember:

Wednesday, October 11, R.S.L. Institute, St. George's Terrace; 7.30 p.m.

11th Battalion A.I.F. Annual Reunion

In consequence of the success that attended last year's Annual Reunion, it has been found necessary to seek more commodious premises, and in this regard the Association has been particularly fortunate in obtaining permission from Brigadier Martyn for the function to be held in the Drill Hall, Francis Street, Perth. As usual the Reunion has been arranged for Show Week, and will take place on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10. Note the date and help to surpass the record created last year.

Another function that should appeal to old 11th men is the trooping of the Battalion Colour on Sunday, October 17, 1933, at Perth Oval. The C.O. 11/16th Battalion has extended an invitation to the Association to participate, and it is hoped that we will be able to field two companies (about 140 all told). The Colours are yours, to which you, as a member of an A.I.F. Battalion, helped to add additional battle honours. Keep this date free and help the young Battalion to make a showing worthy of the occasion.

28th Battalion Association

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Association finalised arrangements for the Annual Smoke Social, to be held on Monday, October 9. As in previous years, the holding of the function during Show Week is designed to give those members residing outside the metropolitan area, and who come to town for that occasion, an opportunity of meeting old friends. In the past these functions have been attended by members resident far and wide, and it is hoped that we shall again see them.

The programme has been left to Lt. Col. McLean and Mr. Vic Pascoe, and

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A new policy has been adopted in regard to the publication of the History, and this will be communicated to the meeting.

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**Pension Restoration**


Referring to previous correspondence, particularly circular No. 13/33, you are advised that the above matter has received the constant attention of this office, the Federal President having on several occasions interviewed the Prime Minister and quite recently had a further interview with him on the subject, when he, (the Prime Minister) promised to give every consideration to the request.

Similar requests have also been made to the Minister for Repatriation, who, needless to say, has also been interviewed.

You may rest assured that everything possible has been done to ensure favourable consideration by Cabinet.

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**An Appeal to W.A. Women**

Miss E. Hooton, hon. secretary W.A. Women's Economic Council, writes:

The Minister for Employment, Mr. J. J. Kenneally, M.L.A., recently formed the W.A. Women's Economic Council, as a section of the State Economic Council, to co-operate by directing the attention of women throughout this State to the necessity of purchasing whenever and wherever possible, goods made in Western Australia. Twenty-two women's organisations are represented on the Council, which is holding two or three meetings weekly.

The first work of the Women's Council was to divide the city into eight blocks. The business men trading in these areas were then interviewed, and asked to stock goods made in this State, and invite their employees to introduce locally-made goods to their customers before imported articles. Local factories have been visited, and meetings held in the surrounding districts with the object of forming committees to carry on the work. Women are being appealed to throughout the State by means of municipalities, road boards, women's organisations, etc., and the Minister is now arranging to meet unions concerned, with the object of asking the members to push the sale of local goods. These organisations are asked to get in touch with each other, and if possible, hold joint meetings to draw attention to the importance of using local goods. Leading citizens might be asked to speak, and it may be possible for the Women's Council to send representatives, if invited to do so. Committees might then be formed to keep the matter, in various ways, before the people.

The Women's Council in Perth is arranging to hold a Local Products Poster Ball in November, and is organising concert programmes and fashion parades at the Exhibition of Local Goods, which the State Economic Council will open at Government House Ballroom from September 20 to October 5. We appeal to you to help in this work. The Lady Mayoress of Perth is the president of the Council, with Mrs. M. B. Vallance and Mrs. Warkins as vice-presidents.

We appeal to one and all, therefore, to

1. Make the purchase of W.A. products, wherever possible, a personal matter.

2. Join with other women in asking shopkeepers and their employees to co-operate.

3. Induce the organisations with which you are connected to hold public meetings, and

4. Endeavour to set aside five minutes at each of your meetings, socials, children's balls, and other functions, to draw attention to this important matter.

At a recent meeting of the Women's Economic Council, it was resolved to invite correspondence from housewives, suggesting how the steps of women could be saved when planning a model house for West Australia, which the architects of the State Economic Council are now engaged upon. Please oblige.

During the next few months a representative of the State Economic Council will visit various country towns, to arrange displays of W.A. goods, and we are anxious to form local committees of women to help him in this work. The itinerary of this officer will be published later. Meanwhile I will be glad to hear from women throughout the State regarding any of the points here presented.

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At the annual general meeting of the R.S.L. Cricket Association on August 25, Harold Hoppeeton (Perth) was elected president, D. A. James (North Perth) vice-president, and H. King (Maylands) secretary and treasurer. The matches for the coming season will be played on No. 1 and 2 pitches at Wellington Square; and with nine sub-branches competing for the pennant donated by the State Executive, an interesting series is expected.

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Carlisle Sub-branch has called a meeting to form a local branch of the Sons of Soldiers’ League at the Carlisle Memorial Hall on October 12. The new organization will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Fathers are requested to attend the opening meeting.

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When the Navy wasn’t Silent
(By W.B.R.)

It happened in Wales—North Wales, on a canal from the River Dee to be exact—right away from the sounds of war and miles away from the sea.

There had been a happy re-union of five of us from various parts of the world. There was Morris, last seen on the Singapore-Australian coast as chief officer of one of the coasters, now Lieutenant R.N.R., and proudly wearing the ribbon of the D.S.C.; Riddell, a Fleet Paymaster from Scapa Flow, where the Grand Fleet watchfully waited; Bowen, a subaltern from the Royal Welsh, on leave from Pilkmem Ridge; Bowen’s father; the Padre, who in times of peace (and war) was Headmaster of the Grammar School, was too old to go to the front, but was “doing his bit” as a Captain of Cadets; and myself, an Aussie gassed at Ploegsteert Wood, sent to Blighty, and now on sick leave recuperating in the pine-scented air of North Wales, awaiting a boat back to “The Land of the Southern Cross.”

Leave for all was drawing to an end, and it was decided a tramp across the Moors and a final champagne dinner at “Brother Sam’s” Hotel in Llangollen, would be a fitting finale. A bus for the ladies and the gassed Aussie was included. The tramp and ride across the Moors in the pine-scented air, everyone happy, singing, without thoughts of war or approaching departures, will not soon be forgotten, no will the happening at the end of the tramp—Arriving at Llangollen too early for dinner, the ladies departed to rest. The beauty and placid waters of the Canal proved tempting, and it was decided a canoe trip would be a pleasant method to while away the time. Two canoes were obtained. The Padre, in military uniform with clerical collar, decided he would be quite safe if he embarked with the Navy (also in uniform); Lieut. Bowen and I embarked in the other. All went well for about half a mile, when a great shout and splash were heard—and there was the Padre’s and Naval Officer’s canoe upside down, and the late occupants struggling to stand in breast high water, spluttering and gasping for breath. Then and there it came. Never more can I think of the Navy as the Silent Service after hearing the language from that lieutenant R.N.R. As an Anzac I take off my hat to him. He surely had benefited by his sojourn in Australian waters. And the Padre wasn’t far behind him; he was quite “upset” and carried away, and his queries as to why the Navy had never included the handling of canoes in its many courses were a treat to hear. And although the Padre had in years gone by been the tutor of Morris, the tables were turned on this occasion and the Padre was an apt pupil. Horrors! There was suddenly discovered a spectator of the whole capsize—and the spectator was within earshot. He was the Curate of the Padre’s parish! The look of sadness on his face was tragic!

The canoe was rescued, and two dripping, shivering members of church and navy carefully, very carefully, paddled their way back to Llangollen, where they dripped their watery way to “Brother Sam’s,” right in the main street. They stripped in the kitchen in front of a giant stove whilst a motherly cook made a hot toddy, warmed blankets, and dried uniforms. Bowen junior and myself were sent to see the sights; the ladies were still resting. That toddy was strong and plentiful, and combined with the champagne that later helped the dinner down, made me more than ever decide that the silence of the Navy was a myth, and the peace of the Church past all understanding.

No wonder “Brother Sam” said the combination of Church, Navy, Army, and Australians was bad for a respectable hotel, and that the service rendered by his tittering staff that night the worst experienced.

How often do we find that some reason or other our eyes get blurred? How often we say—not quite right? Yet it may not be the right, but the effect of something else. Mr. Fisk, the well-known optician, is the only optician in the State who displays—by a special method. When in town it pays well to see him.

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**Personal**

Ex-Sergeant Eddy, storekeeper, Main Street, Osborne Park, late 6th Field Ambulance, installed eight Airzones in different homes in the district, so as to enable residents to listen-in to the re-union of sub-branches broadcast through 6WF on August 4. Mr. M. Georgeff, of Hector Street, Osborne Park, a staunch supporter of the local sub-branch, installed his wireless plant in the Soldiers’ Memorial Hall on the same date.

In our report of the history of the Osborne Park Sub-branch in the last issue of the *Listening Post*, an accidental omission was made in connection with the foundation members. Mr. Joe Black was a foundation vice-president, and, together with the other two officers, Messrs. W. Anderson and R. Corlett, did yeoman service in the establishment of the sub-branch and took an active part in many of the early functions. In the report it was also stated that the Health Board Hall, on the disestablishment of the local health authority, was transferred to the “Perth Red Cross.” It should have read “Perth Roads Board,” but good old “Printer’s Error,” as usual, will shoulder the responsibility.

Big Matt Ryan, of Nedlands Park Sub-branch, was unlucky enough to have to spend a portion of his annual leave in Ward 11. He is on deck again, and was in good form at the sub-branch meeting on September 12. Bill Earnshaw, another Nedlandsite, recently underwent an operation in Ward 10. We hope he will soon be on parade again.

Dr. McKellar-Hall is looking well and fit after his trip abroad. The doctor is a member of Nedlands Park, and probably the boys will be asking him to give them the good oil about Europe in one of those “Talks” which are becoming so popular at sub-branch meetings.

Percy J. Barblett was the recipient of many messages of condolence on the loss of his father recently. Percy is a chartered accountant by profession, but he is also a glutton for work. He is finishing off his Arts and Law courses at the local University. If some of you old married men want to know what work really means, just try to settle down to a few years of intensive study of that sort in addition to the day’s toil.

The R.S.L. would appreciate advice concerning the whereabouts of Lieutenant-Colonel John P. Mott, M.C., whose relatives in Victoria are enquiring for him.

The stork has been visiting the Pemberton district. A small parcel was left for that good Tenth Light horseman, Albert Guppy. The proud father, who is the president of the Pemberton Sub-branch, has promised to wet the new arrival’s head at the next sub-branch meeting.

This infernal “flu” has been extending its ravages to the country districts. Alf. Collins and Ted Walker, of the Tambellup Sub-branch, have both been victims, but are now happily convalescent. Our Tambellup correspondent informs us that J. P. Markey has been transferred from Tambellup to Roebourne. We join with his Tambellup cobbers in wishing him the best of luck in the new sphere.

Spending a well-earned holiday, digging up old friends in Perth, Northam and elsewhere, is Captain W. H. A. Phillips, late Controller of Syrian Railways. Captain Phillips commenced soldiering in Northam, where he was for a time O.C., 4th Squadron, 18th Light Horse, formerly the West Australian Mounted Infantry. He filled the vacancy in the commissioned ranks caused by the resignation of an officer named James Mitchell, now Sir James Mitchell, the Lieutenant-Governor of the State, and, on being gazetted, "Phil" bought "Jimmy’s" uniform, equipment and

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horse. And Jimmy's clobber did not have to be taken in for Phil, either, so you will know now why these regiments of heavy cavaliers are called Light Horse. Captain Phillips went to the war with the 10th Light Horse, but during the Palestine Campaign the Brass Hats found out that he had had considerable experience of railway work in this State. Accordingly, he was transferred to the Royal Engineers. He remained in the railway service of the occupied enemy country after the Armistice. During the recent anti-Jewish riots in Palestine he was well in the thick of things and had some very interesting experiences. The Jewish engineer in charge of a powerhouse, and Jewish and Arab enginedrivers all refused to work without armed protection. "Phil" routed out a number of obsolete firearms, which his predecessor had collected as curios, and supplied the armed guards. There was no ammunition, and other defects through what the quartermasters call "fair wear and tear" prevented the weapons from being fired, anywhere. Nevertheless, the timorous ones went on with their work, well satisfied with the protection afforded. Captain Phillips is now living in retirement near Jaffa, where he whiles away the time growing oranges.

"Jingbie" writes from Bayswater:-
The other day I called on "Hendy," our recent assistant secretary, who is now caretaker of the rifle range situated along the Kalambnda railway. Found the Sergeant-Major at home in a pretty little cottage surrounded by shady trees, kangaroo paws, and "Joe Blakes." Hendy said he has a lot of time for the shady trees and kangaroo paws, but can't tolerate the "Joe Blakes." I pointed out to "Hendy" that from my experience I always found "Joe," a gentleman. He was quite timid and respectful—providing he was not interfered with. "Hendy" reckoned that he did not mind the eight or nine footers, but he thinks it's time that the old sixteen-foot "Tuckage," who dwells near the railway line, drew the line and stopped growing. He may. Quen Sabe!

Digger Ernie Harrington, the new landlord of the Osborne Park Hotel, was a proud man on the 16th. It was a red-letter day in connection with the district, for on that day Mr. and Mrs. Harrington entertained a large gathering of the members of the W.A. Hunt Club, who held a "meet" in the district. The spacious balcony and side rooms were tastefully decorated with the colours of the club, the numerous tables were adorned with local flora, and there was an abundance of afternoon tea and cakes. There was an extra large attendance, and the show of horses when the followers were drawn up in front of the hotel was very attractive. In addition to the usual huntsman attire, the large attendance of the fair sex displayed some appropriate riding habits, while others were attired in various coloured costumes. It was a huge crowd that gave the customary honours to Mr. and Mrs. Harrington as it moved off up Royal Street, and it is stated that one of the best runs of the season resulted. The various local bodies were well represented amongst those on foot. Nearby 90 guests enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Harrington.

Our Today's Correspondent writes:-
Toodyay diggers gathered in force to say "au revoir" to Arthur Stott on Monday, September 4, at the Freemasons' Hotel. Arthur is a foundation member of the Toodyay Sub-branch, and has stuck to the ship through all its vicissitudes. Mr. R. A. Johnstone, on behalf of those present, wished him every success in his new sphere. Arthur had carried out the secretarial duties for a number of years, and the sub-branch would miss him greatly.

Mr. W. Howie said that he had known Mr. Stott for over seven years, and always found him an enthusiastic worker for the R.S.I.

Mr. Stott left on Wednesday morning for Mt. Barker. Our loss is Mr. Barker's gain, and we hope that the Mt. Barker Sub-branch will be able to take advantage of Mr. Stott's keenness on the R.S.I.

Some good talent was unearthed for the concert, at which the winner of the Victoria Park Popular Lady competition was crowned. Jack Cunningham officiated at the piano in his usual pleasing style, and young Gibbs, son of the sub-branch's old stalwart, gave a clever and interesting display of conjuring.

Three additions to the staff of the Imperial Printing Co. Ltd. during the month are Keith McKenzie, Dick Deshon, and Reg. Vincent. Keith McKenzie, who until recently conducted his own printing establishment, served with the 28th Battalion with commissioned rank. He is one of the outstanding rifle shots of the State, having won the State Championship, and on a number of occasions has been placed within the first three of the "King's." He has been selected for every State team to leave the State since 1913.

Dick Deshon went abroad with the 1st Mining Battalion, and was transferred in France to the 59th Battalion, where
“Pompey” Elliot gave him a commission. Dick has taken charge of the advertising section of the Listening Post, and an evidence of his success is the increased number of advertisers in this issue.

Reg. Vincent, who has been apprenticed, is the son of James A. Vincent, who served throughout with the 11th Battalion until November 2, 1918, when he died of wounds.

Delegates to the Soldier Settlers’ Conference will miss the cheery presence of Fred Warner, M.L.A., who has had a long and weary period of inaction, due to an unfortunate motor accident, which resulted in a badly fractured thigh and other minor injuries. On August 4, Mr. Warner, who was co-opted by the Executive as a member of the Land Committee, was returning to the city to take part in the deputation to Mr. Troy on the position of soldier settlers, when the accident occurred, and since that time he has been lying in St. Andrew’s Hospital, at Midland Junction.

W. E. Barclay, a prominent city chemist, was a member of the 57th Battalion, one of “Pompey’s” boys. Sergeant’s stripes adorned his arm when on service. “Sarge” is a true supporter of his digger friends, and loyal to the Cause. We believe Sir John Monash grabbed him from the battalion to do a bit of poisoning, and he is still on the job.

Many of our Light Horsemen will remember Alf. Ainsworth, of “A” Squadron, one of the old originals. Alf. gave farming a go at Kojonup, but gave that up to come to the city, where he is now the proprietor of that much sought-after hostel, the Alexandra, of Hay Street. His wife has the guest home at North Beach, where many diggers and their wives spend the summer months.

After getting all the experience possible in the tyre trade, Cpl. Clarence Sinclair, of the 32nd Battalion, left the Dunlop Rubber Co. and started on his own at 806 Hay Street. A live wire is Clarrie, and one who makes many friends, for he believes in a square deal and always gives it.

Norman Corell has dug in to a new possie at 549 Hay Street, where he is putting over a great meal for the modest sum of sixpence. Norm. was a member of the 2nd (1st Cheshire) Brigade R.F.A. and for a long period chef at the Alhambra Bars. Norm. and Mrs. Norm. are running their own show now and it’s better than ever.

We ran across Jack Hextall in Maylands recently. Jack was a sergeant in the old 28th, and had many good cobbers. He is making prams out there for members of our new league, the Sons of Soldiers and Sailors, so get busy, boys!

Reg Beeton, of the Market Garage Service Station, West Perth, is a keen supporter of the diggers in all their activities. His up-to-date service station and garage attract many of the boys, for you have only to mention who you are, and Reg. is out to meet you.

Dave Griffiths, late of the 1st Machine Gunners, saw most of his active service on the Palestine front. He can’t leave the butchering business, for he is dug in in that line at 116 William Street, just opposite the Wentworth Hotel. Dave’s friends will be pleased to hear that he is going to join the married brigade, and the happy day will be October 17 next. Good luck to you, Dave, and best wishes from us all!

Prominent in the radiator business in W.A. are the Howie brothers, Harry and Charlie. Charlie was originally an infantry man, 25th Reinforcements of the 16th Battalion, but was seized by the higher command, with his brother Harry, for Air Force work, as they were both highly skilled mechanics and radio specialists. Many a fly these boys had in France (in the air, of course). They are again back in the old business at 10 Milligan Street, that Dad conducted during their absence.

Judge: “You say this man robbed you. Can you distinguish any of your property amongst this heap?”

Plaintiff: “Yes, I know that handkerchief with ‘B’ in the corner.”

Judge: “But that is no proof. I have a handkerchief with ‘B’ in the corner.”

Plaintiff: “Yes, sir, I lost two.”

Perhaps Ernie Shacklock, of the 11th Battalion, now of the Mirror, has one of the most unique distinctions of any lieutenant in the A.I.F. When the Railway boys enlisted, Ern had a company comprised of N.C.O. and officers, but not a single private! He must have found it hard to get mess orderlies from the bunch.

Ern Harvey, who is in business on his own account as an upholsterer in Murray Street, Perth, was a member of “Pompey” Elliot’s Brigade in France, being attached to the Intelligence Staff. Some day we

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will get Ern to allow us to publish some of his experiences behind the German lines.

Another good digger in business in Perth is Alex. Cunningham, who served abroad in the 112th Howitzer Battery. After his first six months in the line he came out and enjoyed the luxury of a Turkish bath. No doubt this prompted him on his return to give the same facilities to others in Perth. Alex is the proprietor of the Turkish baths in Pier Street, and is assisted by a diggeress in Sister Boileau.

Don Ferguson, late of 11th Howitzer Battery, is manager of the distributing branch of Houghton W.A. Wines, which have recently won championship honours at the Melbourne Royal Show. His brother Jim, who left with the original 10th Light Horse and served throughout the war, was killed at Zagazig during the Egyptian riots just after the war.

Joe Saunders, who was affectionately known to his unit, the 2nd Aus. Siege Battery, as “Holy,” is now manager of Dependable Car Sales, of Perth. If he had been known as “Dependable” Sanders, we would understand it, for dependable he is, but why he was nick-named “Holy” is a mystery for the solution of which we are prepared to give a prize of sixpence to the winner. Coupons obtainable nowhere for 10/-.

Ron. Shafto, the digger manager of the Luxor Theatre of Perth, is offering a special concession to ex-service men of two seats for the price of one to his splendid show, to all who present his desideratum, which appears in this LISTENING POST, at the box office.

One of the old 26th Division (division of big men we all know so well), is C. N. Williams, pharmaceutical chemist, now of 110 Oxford St., Leederville. For some years Bill was the manager of Craven’s Pharmacy, but decided to start on his own. He gave a splendid service in the army, 1914-1918, and the same good service he hands out to the diggers and their wives.

Paddy Radford and his brother are the proprietors of the Premier Catering Co., of Guildford Rd, Mr. Lawley, one of the biggest of its kind in the State. Paddy belonged to 2nd A.S.H. and was a W.O. Most of his service was seen in Palestine, but he never learned the habits of its natives, and never runs behind a train to save 2d.

Fred Deshon, brother of Dick, has been 33 years in West Guildford (now Bassendean) and must be classed as one of the oldest agents of the district. He is a fellow who, if he can’t do you a good turn, will never do you a bad one. An active member of his district in any movement to uplift and place Bassendean further on the map.

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Perth is rapidly extending on the south side of the Swan River, and its future is assured, as evidenced by the widening of the Causeway and construction of a pedestrian bridge, the combined work of dredging the Swan River, and reclaiming of the Causeway islands, the erection of the new bridge across the Swan River from Belmont to Maylands (between the Aerodrome and Perth Race Course)—the possibility of the early construction of a subway at Rivervale, also the South Suburban Railway from Midland Junction to Fremantle on the south side of the Swan. Further particulars from Croper Milligan, Merredin, or D. Keating, Como St., Como.

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Reminiscences of 1914-18

(Conducted by M. H. M.)

The War has reached the reminiscent stage, and our valued contributor, "M. H. M." in conducting this page, which will be a feature of the LISTENING POST each issue, appeals to diggers (this name includes all ex-Tommys) for contributions. Every ex-service man had numerous experiences during the war worth recording. Let's hear of them. "M. H. M." bounces the ball with a few of his own stories, and you all have a guernsey.

THE FIRST SHELL-BURST—AND THE LAST

"Well, Bill, here we are at the war at last. Actually in the fighting area, and to-morrow we've got to man the front line. They say Armentieres is a 'quiet' sector, but I suppose we are pretty sure to see one or two shells burst. I'm dead anxious—aren't you—to see a dinkum shell explode. Wonder what it feels like to be close to one when it goes off? However, this is not a bad billet, so let's have one decent night's rest at least."

Morning

"All ready, Bill? Come on, I'm dead keen to go up the line and see the real war. This shell bursting's got me tickled—All set? Right, off we go."

"Now we're in the subsidiary line, and I suppose we'll soon be in the front line trenches. Seems quiet plenty, doesn't it? Haven't heard a gun go off yet, let alone see a shell burst. Hello, look! That must be one! Look over the top here; quick, Bill—see—away over there, all that woolly-looking smoke drifting away into thin air! And did you hear the 'pop'? Wasn't much, was it? Still, there you are, that's the first shot we've seen and heard in this great war. Not so bad if they're all like that!"

1917—Plassendael

"Struth, Bill, isn't this a bombardment ever going to stop? I'm well and truly fed up of hearing shells explode, aren't you? There's a beast, not very far away either. And there's another, closer still. He seems to be finding our range here. Well, I suppose we've got to put up with it—there's two more, just outside—look out, Bill! Bill! This one—"

Blighty

"What, Bill, you here too? Spare me days, lost an arm, eh? Well, my old-left peg's gone, too, so we're a good pair. Where did you get knocked? At Plassendael? Why, so did! You remember that shell that knocked our dugout? That was the last shell I heard in the war. Knocked me silly and I woke up in a base hospital. What? The same shell got you, too? Well, I'm d—d. So we both experienced the 'glorious effects' of our first and last shell together, eh?"

MONSIEUR THE BRAVE

Oui, Monsieur, the Uhlans came first, swooping over the hill and into our village with yells of exultation. Without stopping, they passed on over the bridge, and out of sight and sound before we realised what had happened.

"Kill? Oh no, they did not kill, Monsieur, they were too quickly away. But, ah! the German infantry, Monsieur! They march into our village with bands playing and looking all so very grand. Then the staff officer with the big moustache, ah! he was so very gruff, Monsieur. He orders his men to search our houses for rifles and ammunition. And they were so very rough, Monsieur, yes, so very rough. They illtreat our girls, they eat all our good food, and the children, Monsieur—ah, the little children were all so very frightened of the Germans."

"Into this house, Monsieur? Ah oui, four big Germans marched into this house with rifles and bayonets, and knock at our door. The door it was locked, Monsieur, but Madame walked bravely and opened it. Frightened, Monsieur? Madame? Ah non, non. Madame not frightened, she was very brave, Monsieur, so very brave."

"What did I do, Monsieur? What did I do? Ah, Monsieur, the Germans they do not catch me. While Madame talk with the Germans I run quickly and hide myself in the wood. Ah, Monsieur, the Germans, they do not catch me!"

THE PHANTOM GAME

The war was over. Armistice season with the troops was in full swing. Time had to be killed somehow, and sport was the most popular medium. In a small Belgian village, several units of the A.I.F. were enjoying the sweets of semi-civilian life. Regular sleep was at last obtainable in soft beds with clean sheets and warm coverlets. "Stand to's" and other alarms of war were relegated to mere dim and distant memories.

A large hall had been erected for the benefit of the troops' indoor recreation. Basket-ball was very popular, and a competition amongst the various units was in full swing. The qualifying rounds had been disposed of, and the finalists were scheduled to decide the issue that night. The hall was commodious, properly floored, and installed with electric light. Thus conditions were conducive to a large audience viewing the final battle.

Long before the appointed hour of 8 p.m. the eager troopers had flocked to the hall and claimed all the vantage viewpoints. Betting was rife, and the chances of the "Reds" and "Blacks" were evenly fancied. At ten minutes to eight, a capacity house was causing a continuous buzz of conversation to reverberate through the large building. At two minutes to the hour, the gladiators appeared in the ring, clad in their respective colours, and accompanied by various shouts of advice and encouragement. In a hustled atmosphere, the players took up their appointed positions, alert and eager to circumvent their opponents by brawn and brain, and force the round leather ball into the goal area.

Then the lights failed. Total, disappointing, exasperating blackness descended on all and sundry encompassed within the confines of the hall. Frantically the officials endeavoured to coax a glimmer from the omnipotent plant. Not a spark, not a flicker; and the troopers becoming more impatient as the moments fled. Never noted for patience in like circum-

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stances, the diggers, in typical fashion, indicated their desire for the evening's entertainment. Without light this was impossible.

Presently, in a lull of the buzzing conversation, a waggish voice from one side of the hall was heard, 'Come on, the Reds.' Taking the cue in a flash, the challenge was accepted. 'Come on, the Blacks,' from a sententious voice in a far corner. Immediately, as if pre-arranged, the audience divided into supporters of the 'Reds' and the 'Blacks.'

Commencing, as it were, with double pianissimo, the voices, in a crescendo of encouragement, followed the imaginary game in detail—from the centre to the wings, back to the centre; a dodging run to the goal area; back and forth, each side shouting advice to the phantom teams, until, as if by common consent, in one mighty, double forte crash, the 'Reds' supporters yelled—'Goal!'

Then the lights came on. Blinking in the sudden glare, the diggers appreciated the humour of the situation, and probably enjoyed the phantom game in the dark more than the real contest which followed.

"SUBS."

For many days the troops had been alert and ready for the sudden appearance of a Fritz submarine. Full instructions had been issued as to the course to pursue in the event of an attack. The alarm would be unmistakable—three blasts on the ship's siren, with a distinct pause between each.

Nearing Devonport, the transport, escorted by two perky destroyers, ran into a dense fog. Feeling her way carefully, the big steamer ploughed steadily on her way. The troops were in various attitudes of boredom, each, however, equipped with the regulation lifebelt in case of necessity.

Feeling that their position was made fairly, secure from the prying eyes of "subs," by the density of the fog, the troops were startled into expectant activity by an ear-splitting blast from the ship's siren. One—and a short pause. Thoughts many and varied flashed through each digger's head as he wondered what to expect. Again a piercing hoot—the second—and again a pause, inexpressible, it seemed to the strained ears of the listening men. Would there be a third? And if so what would happen? A loud explosion; a slowly sinking vessel, and floundering troops grasping at floating wreckage for safety.

A quiet grin spread over the weather-beaten face of the skipper, as he released his grip after the second shriek of the siren, and contemplated the various looks of relief when the diggers recognised—the fog signal!

The late Mr. W. H. Christie

A correspondent writes—It is a saddening thought that the death of a dear friend should cause but the merest ripple on the surface of our lives. Perhaps it was the tragic suddenness of the death of Mr. W. H. Christie, lately accountant of the Lands Department, that has shocked his friends into silence, but the memory of a man who was borne to the grave in such company as was "Bill" Christie should not be allowed to flicker out without at least one personal tribute. Cabinet Ministers and leading officials and prominent members of the community guarded his bier, but it was the faces of old friends gathered round the graveside that re-called the precious memories of youth. There were those there, many shining and grey of head, others surprisingly youthful, who had fished for gillies with "Bill" in the streamlets in front of the Central Railway Station; had yelled fish with him in the river from Cole's Jetty to the Causeway; had fled through the streets of early Perth with him pursued by demented Chinamen into whose lives we had endeavoured to introduce some local colour.

They had served with and under "Bill" when he was a red-coated sergeant in those first cadets, brought into being by Colonel Wilson in the 'nineties.' They had gone with him to the old Perth Boys' School when G. W. Bell strove to keep their active minds from ever wandering outside its four walls. They had bird-nested with him in the "bush" from William Street to Wanneroo; had chased (and caught) many a 'possum in Howick Street and Hutt Street—now, like the 'possums, vanished from the map. They were glorious days. If there were no cinemas, there was a circus once a year; and with "Bill" Christie as one of our leaders we saw it every night, although we only paid once.

It is only a year since Mr. Christie returned from London, where he was the accountant in the West Australian Agency. He had gone to London to get relief from the intolerable trouble that he experienced as a result of a wound gained while serving with the 44th Battalion. But neither the doctors there nor anywhere else were able to discover any cause for the pains of which he complained, although every device that science could devise was employed. He seemed to have no organic trouble whatever; yet he had a sudden return of the old pain on Friday, Sept. 8; another on the Saturday, and in a few hours he was dead. It is something to ponder over, especially for those who are over-ready to think that so many of those odd pains and aches complained of by soldiers of the Great War are—in the absence of something that someone else can see and feel—purely imaginary.
Frontier Cameos—II

“FRONTIER JUSTICE”

(By T. G. Retail)  

It came again, small and mysterious, vague as the shadows within the hut itself, and Ashmid Khan propped himself on his elbow to listen.

Pushing back the goat-skin rug from his shoulders, he stripped his ears to catch that weird elusive sound—which twice within the last hour had sent him soft-footed on a fruitless tour of the hut.

Soft, sibilant, like the beating of a bat’s wings in the velvety darkness, seeming to die away in the hot air and rise again from nowhere.

He could hear the regular breathing of his father, Dost Mohammed, who lay on his charpoy behind the grass mat, sleeping soundly in the half of the hut used as a bedroom by the parents.

Tense and still Ashmid waited, his ears strained, listening for that strange sound to come again, and as he waited his senses registered the absence of another familiar sound.

... statements recorded in books to be read by generations that are and are to be are disloyal and contemptible. There has to be a discipline (red-tape, in other words) when handling thousands of individuals with a thousand different wants and desires, otherwise a damnable chaos would result.

... the individual must realise the enormous organisation of a modern army, immense in peace-time but gigantic in war. If the enemy—and all our neighbours are potential enemies—is a disciplined machine, we must be a disciplined machine also (despite the League of Nations), otherwise it will be equally as disastrous as a man scything his crop instead of using a harvester and hoping to be a success. Realising all this, we must treat the commissioned ranks with a modicum of good-will instead of jeers. As for immorality—Mr. Horner is to be congratulated on his inferred purity exonerated for his lack of courage. Immorality is not confined to commissions, nor war.

Therefore, I would ask our R.S.L. parents to give tolerant truths and helpful advice and not give way to pettiness when discussing a subject which the babies and sucklings have still to learn first-hand—from all accounts, a hell-more sulphurous than before.

His brain reeled as a dread suspicion grew in strength. Allah be merciful! Could it be?

Already at sixteen Ashmid Khan was counted a man of this fierce tribe which married young, the men buying their wives as they bought camels or sheep, yet regarding death as the only punishment for unfaithfulness.

Women were scarce on the Frontier, where only sons counted in the family, and received the clothing and food denied to daughters in bad times, so that mortality was high-on the female side.

Soft-footed as a cheetah, Ashmid slipped from his couch of skins and made his way to the door, pushing aside the loosely-hung skin to peer out.

A brilliant moon hung heavy shadows around the mud wall, and as he made his way with stealthy steps to the corner of the hut, he caught the sound once more.

Reaching the corner the sound resolved itself in to a sibilant whispering of male and female voices, a darker blotch in the shadowed angle of the hut marking their source.

Without noise Ashmid lowered himself to the ground and wriggled his way forward, his body close to the wall, peering into the shadow ahead to identify those who disturbed his rest with their secret-laughter.

Fierce hot rage burned in his heart, and his hand closed convulsively on the haft of the long Afghan knife. The dread suspicion which had brought him outside was proved beyond doubt. His mother! But who was the lover who came whilst his father lay ill?

A faint rustle from the shadow, and suddenly, without warning, a bearded face and turban showed clear for an instant in the brilliant moon.

Nash! He who kept his herd a short mile away, living with his aged father in a solitary hut in one of the many nullahs which cut the earth deep.

Restraining the anger which tempted him to hurl himself forward, knife in hand, Ashmid wormed his way back to the hut door.

He would awake Dost Mohammed, his father, so that the pair should be caught in guilt. It was his father’s duty and right to kill both, for the tribal law demanded the blood vengeance for this betrayal of his honour.

A touch on the shoulder and Dost Mohammed was awake, whilst his son, in excited whispers, made known the disaster which had befallen.
A double tragedy, in truth, for Dost Mohammed greatly loved Amina, the faithless wife.

"Allah, hurry, my father, will you let the treacherous dog escape," cried Ashmid in a frenzy, forgetting caution, for, to his amazement, his father did not seem too anxious to mete out justice with the swift bullet.

"Nay, my son, be not over-hasty in thy actions, for mine is the injury, and thy mother, Amina, has been dear to me for many years."

"Let her say what she can, for it may chance that the matter has not passed beyond forgiveness."

Even as he spoke Amina, alarmed by the movement within the hut, pushed aside the skin and entered, gazing from husband to son in guilty uncertainty.

Ashmid seized the ever-ready rifle and threw the muzzle forward to cover the shrinking woman. Bitter rage and disappointment possessed him.

"Then if thou wilt not slay the wanton who makes thee and thine sport for her love, I, thy son, must take vengeance."

Dost Mohammed sprang forward to shield Amina, attempting to push up the barrel of the rifle as he did so, but even as he sprang the rifle cracked and the old man fell.

For a moment Ashmid was stunned, then grief and anger flared, and a second shot placed the faithless wife out of the reach of mortal judgment.

Seizing a bandolier of cartridges the youth dashed from the hut. The village was aroused now, and he meant to kill Nasho before he could count his task complete.

Into the hills he raced, grasping his rifle. He was making for the nullah where Nasho's hut stood.

There hidden behind some boulders close to the spring Ashmid waited patiently whilst the sky paled and dawn came.

Presently the door of the hut opened, and a man came out carrying a chappi to the spring. At twenty yards Ashmid fired, and the man pitched forward, tried to raise himself on his hands, peering at the boulders from whence the shot came.

Quite deliberately Ashmid fired again, and with a quiver Nasho's father died.

Nasho, the guilty one, had been too cunning to come straight home, bearing vengeance, and in the half-light of the dawn his father died instead.

The day was still young, but the Political Agent, breakfast finished, was on his verandah finishing his morning pipe when the police Havildar sought him out.

"Sahib," he exclaimed as he saluted, "one comes from Khojak, who has taken blood vengeance, and calls on the Sahib for justice."

"Escort him here, Havildar, but search him first and take any weapons, and we shall hear him," ordered the Agent.

Tired and excited, Ashmid told his tale. "Justice, Sahib, on the betrayal of my father's honour; for though I have taken blood, Nasho yet lives."

"Ay, justice you shall have," said the Political Agent, who was wise in the ways of the Frontier. He knew that justice could not begin with the hanging of Ashmid. That would have been futile and stupid, defeating its own ends, for the death of the youth would have started a blood feud, which would involve the death of many, perhaps even those as yet unborn.

So, in his wisdom the Political Agent sent for the elders of Ashmid's village, and to them he stated the case as he knew it.

"You know of these things which have occurred," he concluded, "and that I will see justice done to all so that the law may be preserved. Go to the shade of the trees there and ponder the matter so that I may give judgement on Ashmid Khan in accordance with the custom of your people."

The grey-beards withdrew, and in the shade of the trees a murmur of excitement soon arose from the squatting figures.

Complications of this kind had arisen from time immemorial, and had always been easily dealt with by the village elders.

But this matter was unusual, as was made clear in the argument which was being carried on by the little group.

One, Mizrat Ali, a bearded, hook-nosed old Baluchi, whose upright figure and jet black hair belied his three score years, was speaking.

"Hark ye, my brothers, is not the matter simple? Trouble of this kind has disturbed our peace at times before many years as it disturbed our forefathers also."

"Has not blood been taken, the penalty has been paid, naught now but to impose the blood fine on the youth."

"Nay! Nay! No so, Mizrat. How can that be called justice?"

"Would ye that Nasho, that son of Shaitan, should receive blood money from the youth?"

"Has not Dost Mohammed also died by his son's hand? How is the matter to be called simple?"

The protests came from all sides, and Mizrat for the moment gave way.

For some few minutes various opinions were given and solutions submitted only to be rejected. The matter was very difficult.

Presently an old man rose to his feet, and leaning on his staff, surveyed those present, man by man. Karim, the patriarch of the village, whose wisdom was infinite, as his gaze wandered over the group which he surveyed, man by man, a deep silence fell, and finally, his eyes resting on Mizrat Ali, the old man spoke.

"All! All! My son, as ever thy tongue is quicker than thy wit, and thy ready knife keener than either. Ever ready to war and a brave fighter I know thee, my son, yet always hast thou been over hasty in the council."

Again he surveyed the silent group, leaning on his stout staff of mountain ash. Then he spoke quietly, half to himself, as if his thoughts were wandering down the long years to his distant youth.

"Hark ye, my sons. I have listened to ye all in patience, to hear which would treat the matter in fairness, but none has done so, for of a truth it is something strange to ye all; I have but once seen such a business, and that when I was a youth."

"Ye know that for murder we demand a forfeit of three thousand rupees as compensation from the murderer, but this is outside the blood law."

"I remember, well the matter which occurred in my youth, and in this fashion was it settled.

SWAN BRAND TOMATO SAUCE IS DELICIOUS
"Had the matter fallen that the woman and her lover died, then would the blood vengeance have been complete and the thing settled.

"But the youth, Ashmid, has killed his father in carrying out the vengeance on the woman, and for this he must be compensated.

"As the death was not by the hand of the lover, the youth should not receive so much, but having been deprived of his father, who will now provide him with a wife?"

"Will ye not agree, my sons, that Nasho be made to pay to Ashmid the sum of 500 rupees and provide him also with two wives so that the seed of Dost Mohammed may multiply and peace be preserved?"

The old man sat down, and for a few minutes the group pondered the new aspect of the problem, until presently, Mizrat Ali struck his thigh a mighty blow, exclaiming, "Bismillah! Is it not Justice and Wisdom?"

A rumbling chorus of aii aii signified full agreement, and in a body the elders moved back to the verandah to that quiet figure so peacefully smoking whilst they deliberated.

Seated in his chair the Political Agent heard the decision of Karim, the patriarch, and knew from his experience that it was wise.

Undoubtedly the death of Dost Mohammed had complicated matters and inspired Ashmid's cry for justice on Nasho, whose father had paid the blood debt for his son.

The woman had died as the law demanded, and it was just that the lover should pay compensation to the youth.

It had been the established custom of the tribes from time immemorial, and in time had become the law amongst them, and as such was inexorable.

"Have ye brought Nasho here," demanded the Political Agent, rising from his chair.

"Nay, Sahib," answered Karim, "Nasho remains hidden until thy Judgment, but whatever he be we shall see that it comes to pass, or Asfham shall hunt him." Even as Karim spoke a cry went up. "Ho! Nasho hither a thou art judged," and the culprit was escorted to the verandah by two huge tribesmen.

Turning to Ashmid, who had heard the decision, the Political Agent addressed one question only.

"Are you satisfied that this is Justice?"

"Ai, Sahib, I am content," replied Ashmid.

To Nasho, who stood with his escort, on his face a look of bravado, belied the uneasy movement of his eyes, the Political Officer made known the verdict, and added sternly, "let this be the end of thy knavery."

That this Solomon-like judgment was sound was soon evident, for Nasho paid the 500 rupees to Ashmid, and gave him his niece, promising also a daughter as yet unborn, when she should reach marriageable age.

Ashmid and his Uncle Nasho have lived in peace and harmony since the families were united by the marriage tie, the settlement being made before the elders of the village according to ancient custom.
them group of Armies. He it was who, on behalf of the whole of the enemy forces at the Dardanelles, had signed, jointly with myself, the Armistice of May 21, 1915, for the burial of the 3,000 Turkish dead in front of the Anzac lines. Three days later I had met him as representative of Turkish G.H.Q. on the burial ground.

During our conversation, on post-War Turkey, he remarked, quite incidentally, that his country had lost too much blood to recover herself quickly—the 350,000 dead left at Gallipoli would take a lot of replacing. The figure, 350,000, startled me, and I stopped him, suggesting that he meant casualties. He said, no; that he was well aware of those other figures, but that they had been deliberately given—incorrectly! I asked him, why? He replied, because, even after the War, the Turkish Higher Direction, could not afford to let their Balkan and other neighbours know the real extent of their enfeeblement. As his statement, made to me alone, would not carry much historic weight, I asked him if he would mind seeing the Historical Section of the British General Staff. He said he would be very glad to do so, and, in fact, has done so, though as the Official History was by then already in print, I fear his evidence will have to stand over in the meantime.

The British dead numbered, as is shown in the War Graves Commission’s latest papers, 31,737. This figure includes deaths from all causes, in all branches of the Service; British, Anzac or Indian; whether on the peninsula itself or at sea en route to or from the peninsula.

**BRITISH WAR GRAVES**

The work which has been done by the Imperial War Graves Commission has given each private soldier of the Empire a resting place which may yet vie with that which the proud Ptolemy’s have found in the Pyramids. For is it not at least conceivable that these may be the last war graves? Neither statistics, nor photographs, nor adjectives can bring home to the minds of our people the work that has been done out there under a very special set of difficulties. Only by a pilgrimage to the spot can this wonder be fully grasped. Still, I will try to give an idea of the Gallipoli graves. But before doing so I must explain how I am able to do so.

Early in 1925 I was invited by the New Zealand Government to unveil the war memorial which now stands on Chunuk Bair as a landmark to show to every ship that passes how, for a few fleeting hours, the British had gained fire command of the Narrows. I accepted; but later on in the year the High Commissioner for New Zealand called on me and told me he had been sent for and informed that, as our relations with Turkey were, at the moment, rather strained, it would be unwise to run risks by letting the ex-Commander-in-Chief of the British make a second landing at the Dardanelles.

Quite a natural idea, but showing perhaps some lack of knowledge of soldiers. Were old Hindenburg to come on a visit to London, there is one lot of people, anyway, who would give him a cheer, and they are the ex-Service men. So I received in due course a letter from the Prime Minister of New Zealand—one of the very last he ever wrote—expressing his personal disappointment, and there the matter seemed to end.

Now back to the sequel. A friend who lived not far from the Dardanelles heard what had happened. He felt that it was unfortunate that the psychology of our late gallant adversaries should be rated at so low a standard. Besides, he said, it is a mistake to creep to pay respect to your dead. If you do it all, do it with fife and drum,” to use his very words. So he made a plan, and, as a result, I did go to Gallipoli, where I was received as was Coriolanus by the Volscians.

**THEN AND NOW**

The Turks showed no desire to drink my blood, but drank my health instead, and yied with one another in receiving me with every mark of courteous respect. Only in virtue of their good will and of the unforgettable kind trouble of the officers of the Imperial War Graves Commission am I able to write this article. One day in Suvla, one day at Anzac, one day at Helles. What a retrospect!

Then years ago those mountains were teeming with eager life—naked men darting out of holes they had burrowed like sand-martins just under the brow of the cliff; darting out with fixed bayonets to reinforce. Naked men burnt to a deep bronze by the sun and of a physique resembling those lined down to us on Greek bas-reliefs. Naked men sweating up the gullies and ravines with water or ammunition. Naked men bringing down wounded. The ceaseless crackle of musketry—the hiss of the blind bullets—the cheers and the counter-shouts of Allah! The very air alive to the handle and crash of shells; now, not a sound; silent as the grave, handed over to the dead.

Will those dead be remembered? Can the War Graves Commission do for the British what Homer did for the Trojans and the Greeks? What sign remains of the flower of the Turkish Empire? One broken-down wooden signpost commanding Lancashire Landing; upon it a few words—almost illegible—about the brave deeds of the one named Osman. On the “Nek”; at Anzac, (a spot saturated with the best of New Zealand’s blood) a singular, somewhat pathetic memorial to a certain Sergeant Mahomet. There is a small plinth of rough concrete with some of the steel masks worn by snipers at each corner of it; and a 15-in. Queen Elizabeth shell set up on its base in the middle of a monolith of steel instead of stone.

Mahomet was a very brave fellow. He was well known. For many days he had stuck to his rifle-pit and it had become the one fixed point in the ebb and flow of charge and counter-charge.

At last the Turks were driven right back and the New Zealanders swarmed over the Nek. Mahomet was not going. No “hands up.” for Mahomet. Hit by many bullets he felt death had him by the throat. Yet even in that mortal agony he still found strength to shout so that his words carried back to the bearing of the defeated army: “I die, happily, for my country; and you, my comrades, will avenge me.” Is it too late for the Turks to do honour to their dead? They have deserved it.
The Reply Courteous
(By M.H.M.)

"Give him an inch, he takes an ell."

Monsieur was very grateful for the small gift. It had been a terrible time during the occupation, and food was scarce—so scarce. Yes, Monsieur would certainly appreciate the pound of cheese—and Madame, and Mariette—how they would enjoy their tea that night! The cheese would be so very nice. Merci, Monsieur, Merci.

Ah! Monsieur, six tins of pork and beans! Bon! Bon! You are too kind. Madame will make, lovely, stewed, with the beans. It is nothing? You can get plenty? Oh, Monsieur, how beautiful! You are too good. Merci, Encore, Merci.

Would Monsieur be pleased to bring a small loaf of bread from the Quartermaster? Yes? It is no trouble? Oh, it is so good of you, Monsieur, so good. Ah! You have brought it! Merci. It is easy for you to get? How nice! Bread for us is hard to get. We will enjoy it, Monsieur, Merci!

Bon jour, Monsieur, Bon jour. Would it be possible for Monsieur to bring from the Quartermaster two pounds of cheese and twelve tins of pork and beans? Ah! You hesitate! You think it not possible, Monsieur? Yes, oh, you are so good to us, Monsieur, so good. We think there are no other soldiers like Australian soldiers. Merci, Monsieur, Merci!

Ah, Monsieur, it is so cold. The winter is so very hard this time, so very hard. All the time we need the fire. Coal is so scarce, Monsieur, would it—ah, but it is too much to ask—but I wonder, Monsieur? Perhaps Monsieur would not be angry? Would Monsieur—would Monsieur ask the Quartermaster for the Army lorry to bring for me from Charleroi—one big load OF COAL! ! !

Oh, Monsieur, I am sorry. Qui, Monsieur, compre "No"—compre « No » Monsieur—but no compre "Greedy Old Blankard" Monsieur.

She looked at him doubtfully after the proposal. "The man I marry," she said, "must be both brave and brainy.

"Well," he declared, "I think I can lay claim to both."

"I admit you are brave," she replied; "because you saved my life when our boat upset the other day; but that wasn't brainy, was it?" "It certainly was," he retorted, "I upset the boat."

An attempt was being made to arrest a man in a theatre, but unfortunately the culprit escaped. The country constable was endeavouring to explain matters to the inspector. "Got away, hasn't he?" asked the inspector. "Did you guard all the entrances?"

"Yes," replied the country constable; "but we think he must have left by one of the exits."

"You are wanted on the telephone, sir," said the office boy.

"Who is it?" asked the manager.

"Your wife, sir."

"What does she want?"

"I don't know. I only heard the word 'idiot.'"

"Give me the phone. Don't you realise she wants to speak to me personally?"

"We never need them new-fangled scales in Ireland," said O'Hara. "There's an easy way to weigh a pig without scales. You get a plank and you put it across a stool. Then you get a big stone. Put the pig on one end of the plank and the stone on the other end, and shift the plank until they balance. Then you guess the weight of the stone, and you have the weight of the pig."

One of Levinsky's customers was notorious for his slowness in meeting his liabilities. He simply would not pay for goods purchased. In desperation Levinsky sent the following letter:

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To Contributors

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

Jimmy Stiles (who seems to be quite a power in the picture world these days) was known as an expert with the needle during the long months spent in hospital in London, after being dumped back in Blighty. James saw service in France with the A.I.F. Artillery and his glimpse of England intrigued him so that, in later years, he couldn't resist the chance of touring the shaded lanes of old England in a Morris car in company with "Bunger" Bellion, of Leederville's New Oxford Theatre. Jimmy doesn't mind exhibiting some cushion covers he worked whilst under the C.M.O. in England—though he rather favours more "human" pursuits such as football and cricket.

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SWAN BRAND GHERKINS ARE GROWN IN THE STATE
Last of the War Pigeons

The carrier pigeons employed for delivering messages during the war were the subject of many jokes. One story is told of the first Portuguese unit to enter the firing line. The usual complement of pigeons in crates was supplied to the battalion headquarters. The following day, higher authority was astounded to receive a note of thanks from the Portuguese commander, stating that the birds were an appreciable addition to the ration scale, and asking for a further supply. Another wartime fancy was the suggestion that G.H.Q. was contemplating crossing the pigeons with parrots in order to evolve a bird capable of delivering verbal messages.

The Portuguese story may have had some foundation, for there were cases of French civilians being prosecuted for snaring these birds and adding them to the family larder. However, this is a true one, as the club bore says after you have just told your best yarn. On the Wytchlea Ridge, in August, 1917, the writer’s company, headquarters was blown to pieces by two German shells. This happened at breakfast time when the place was full of batmen, signallers, runners, and the rest of the spare parts who usually congregate around company headquarters. There were seventeen casualties, mostly killed, two men being killed by the concussion, but a couple of pigeons who were also present came out of it unscathed.

Now, a report from the Old Country states that Lightning, the carrier pigeon who carried messages for four years at the naval base at Lowestoft, has just died. As he was seventeen years old at the time of his death, he must have commenced his war service very young. Lightning was the last but one of the three carrier pigeons that survived the war until this year. Rupert, who predeceased him, had an unlucky fate, for that brave old bird was killed recently by a stray cat. The sole survivor of these feathered heroes, who, by the way, have their own war memorial in France, is Old Bill, who for three years was an emissary of General Headquarters at Montreuil in France.

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State Executive Meetings
August 29, 1933

At the meeting of the State Executive on August 29, there were present Messrs. Collett, Riley, Philip, Hunt, Watt, Lovell, Tozer, Pady, Margolin, Cornell, Paraghasian, Able, McDowall and Collins. All were of the opinion that the police of the State Government should be more specific, and that special consideration for all returned soldiers does not enter into its scheme of things at all. The Minister also intimated that the present practice of supplying from the League’s Employment Bureau for Government employment would be discontinued in favour of a centralised scheme. A general discussion took place, and a statement was made by the State President. He suggested that the same deputation which went to the Premier to ascertain the views of the Government at a whole on this question. It was agreed that the president’s suggestion be adopted, and that only his statement be made available for publication. It was also agreed that, if necessary, the State President call a special meeting of the Executive to consider the report of the deputation.

Anzac House Committee.—A report was submitted on behalf of the Anzac House Committee reporting progress in connection with the Anzac House Ball. The report also indicated that tenders had been called for the building contract on August 19, election being held on September 9. The Bill authorising the League to borrow money on the land had passed both Houses of Parliament.

Visits.—The State President reported having visited Bunbury, with the State Secretary, on August 23. Mr. Yeates reported that he and the Assistant State Secretary had visited the Osborne Park Sub-Branch, and Mr. Collins reported having represented the Executive at the Y.A.L. Memorial Service. Mr. Collins submitted a report on the activities of the National Safety Council, and informed delegates that the council would be pleased to supply speakers, for lunch-hour addresses to

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any sub-branch of the League. The President reported in connection with Monday Sunday.

Notice of Motion—Colonel Margaret moved and Mr. Farquharson seconded a motion that accommodation in Anzac House be provided for ex-service men who, through stress of circumstances, are unable to become fully contributing club members. The motion was lost.

An amendment moved by Messrs. Watt and Philip, that the consideration of this matter be deferred until Anzac House is nearing completion, was carried.

Federal Correspondence.—A letter dealing with the possibility of the importation of poppies for sale on Anzac Day indicated that there was very little to fear in this respect.

Advice was received that the Eighteenth Annual Congress would be held at Canberra, commencing on Friday, November 10, and ending on Monday, November 13. The matter was deferred until next meeting.

War Service Homes.—The Tasmanian Branch advised concerning meetings held in Hobart with reference to matters connected with purchasers of War Service Homes. Resolutions passed at this meeting were forwarded to State branches for consideration. It was agreed to advise Tasmania that this Executive was in accord with the objective sought, and that no decision be made by the Federal Council for discussion.

Citizen Air Force.—A letter was received from Dr. D. R. Gawler concerning the formation in this State of a citizen air force similar to those in existence in the Eastern States. A sub-committee was appointed and that sub-committee desired the cooperation of the League. On the motion of Messrs. Tozer and Riley, the Executive resolved to cooperate as desired.

Collie Land.—Advice was received from the Under Secretary for Lands that the Minister for Lands could not agree to the transfer of any portion of Reserve 11595 to the R.S.L. A copy of the letter had been forwarded to Mr. A. Wilson, M.L.A. Mr. Cornwell agreed to make further inquiries.

Sir Nicholas Lockyer.—It was moved by Mr. Tozer, seconded by Mr. Cornwell, that this Executive places on record its regret at the passing of the late Sir Nicholas Lockyer, son of the founder of the first settlement at Albany, and also its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him as Chairman of the late Sir Samuel McCaughley Soldiers' Children Education Bequest. The resolution was carried with delegates standing.

General.—The appointment of officials in the West Perth and Mundijong sub-branches was confirmed.

Information was received that a sub-branch of the Sons of Soldiers' League had been formed at Harvey.

The R.S.L. Cricket Association conveyed appreciation to the Executive for the donation of a pennant for the coming season, and advice was received of the election of officers.

A letter from the Customs House Sub-branch (Sydney) was received in regard to the Central Council of C.P.S. sub-branches. The State Secretary had sought further information from the State Secretary (N.S.W.). His action was endorsed and the matter deferred for future consideration.

Collie Sub-branch forwarded a letter of appreciation of the good work done by the League Committee in having obtained exemption in interest payments.

A report of the activities of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust was received and laid on the table.

A suggestion about Armistice Day was received.

September 13, 1933

At the meeting on September 13, there were present Messrs. Collett, Riley, Yeates, Panton, Philip, Denton, Olden, Hug, Nugent, Watt, Lovell, Tozer, Pady, Margolin, Edmonds, Farquharson, Wells, Aberle, McDowell, Collins and Ross. Apologies were received from Messrs. Cornwell and Mellor.

The State Secretary's action in the disposal of a gift from the C.S.R. Company was confirmed.

The Finance Committee was empowered to expend up to £7 10s. for the purchase of an office bicycle.

Anzac House.—Colonel Olden reported that the tenders for the main building contract would close at noon on September 18. The committee had recommended that the Executive authorise it to complete the acceptance of a tender, providing that everything is satisfactory and that the amount tendered comes within the original estimate of £20,000. The necessary authority was granted. The report of the Ball showed a profit of £202. Appreciation had been extended to all helpers by the Press Sub-branch. On the motion of Messrs. Yeates and Philip it was decided that the Executive place on record its appreciation at the success of the Ball and tender its thanks to the Press Sub-branch.

Employment.—The report of the Employment Bureau for the month of August showed that 49 positions had been found and that there were still 119 positions registered.

Consultative Council.—Messrs. Edmonds' report on a meeting of the Consultative Council on August 24, and the recommendations it contained concerning pensions, were referred to the Pensions Committee.

Visit.—Mr. Aberle reported on his visit to Harvey. Several matters affecting Harvey members would be referred to the State Secretary by Mr. Aberle.

Federal Congress.—Messrs. Watt and Riley were appointed to represent the W.A. Branch at the Federal Congress to be held at Canberra on November 9.

Correspondence.—A letter from No. 2 District Committee, suggesting that a Memorial be arranged showing the names of sub-branches which, have contributed to the cost of Anzac House, was referred to the Anzac House Committee.

A communication from the Perth Sub-branch with reference to a gymkhana was referred to the Anzac House Committee.

The appointments of sub-branch officials at Geraldton and Lake Grace were confirmed.

Invitations.—The following invitations were accepted:—10th Light Horse re-union, October 11, Mr. Edmonds; Three Springs, September 30, Colonel Olden; North Perth, September 15, Messrs. Aberle and Edmonds. It was decided that the Executive be represented at the Women's Auxiliary Congress.

No. 4 District Committee.—The minutes of the meeting of the No. 4 District Committee, on July 29, were received.

Preference.—A communication from the Secretary of the Premier's Department was received stating that the Premier would meet representatives of the League to discuss the matter of preference returned soldiers but he could not do so immediately, however, owing to pressure of work incidental to the preparation and presentation of the Budget. It was agreed that a further communication be sent to the Secretary of the Premier's Department, explaining the pressure under which the Premier has been working as at present, but fixing that he meet League representatives at the earliest possible date.

Citizen Air Force.—A communication from Dr. D. R. Gawler stated that a committee of a sub-committee would be held on September 22, and asked that the League be represented. Captain C. R. Collins was appointed as representative.

Soldiers' Welcome Committee.—This committee, requested affiliation with the League. It was agreed that the matter be brought before Con-
GLAREMONT

In the absence of the president and the two vice-presidents (the latter on account of sickness), Mr. Harvey G. Rae occupied the chair at the monthly general meeting on September 7.

The concert in aid of the A.G.L.H. Building Fund, which was held on August 31, was a failure financially, largely through the apathy of the majority of the members. The programme, as arranged by Mr. S. Sprattling, was worthy of a capacity house, and it must have been a keen disappointment to the artists to so generously give their services, to see so many empty seats.

A strong committee has been elected to deal with matters connected with the R.S.L. Cricket Association. Charlie Bannister, of 26 Gugeri Street, Claremont, is the chairman, and he or any of the other members of this committee in the persons of Messrs. S. Wainwright, E. Woodlands, J. Hall or E. Mackintosh will be on the lookout for cricketing talent. The first match in which Claremont took part is on October 15. In an endeavour to liven up the games which take place after a meeting, Mr. E. Woodlands was elected sports director of the Sub-branch. Two new members were enrolled.

BUCKLAND HILL

There was a good attendance at the annual reunion on August 8 and a very pleasant evening was spent. Mr. J. Cornell, M.L.C., and Mr. Pady

gress by its special leave, and that the Executive endorse the request of the Soldier Detective Committee.

B.E.S.L. Conference.—Rabbi Freedman wrote from London in regard to the B.E.S.L. Conference.

Building Revival Campaign.—The Secretary of the Building Revival campaign asked that the Executive appoint a representative to act on the committee. Mr. Aberle was appointed.

"Koolinda": Ball.—Fremantle Sub-branch requested the assistance of the Executive in connection with a ball the sub-branch is conducting on the M.V. "Koolinda."

State Congress.—The following procedure will be adopted for the forthcoming State Congress:

The Lieutenant-Governor, the Premier, and General Officers will be invited to the opening. The President’s address, commencing at 11 a.m. and ending approximately at 11.45 a.m., will be broadcast, as well as being printed. There will be no departure from the previous socalled programme. The Agenda Committee will arrange the order of business so as to allow more important items to receive full discussion. Mr. Yeates will preside at the Soldier Settlers’ Conference.

A secretary (shorthand writer) will be engaged for the S.S. Conference, and his services will be utilised for the general congress when available. It will be a recommendation to Congress that General Bosell-Benbow be appointed Warden of the State War Memorial, and that the Boy Scouts’ Association be appointed Assistant Wardens.

B.E.S.L. Delegate.—It was decided that Mr. L. A. Robb, C.M.G., who will be passing through Perth on Tuesday, September 19, and Mrs. Robb be entertained at a luncheon by Executive delegates and their wives.

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At the monthly meeting on August 12 Mr. Campbell’s motion, “That five years’ rent be paid the Wagon Road Board for hire of hall (1/-),” and the Board be thanked for the splendid treatment always accorded to returned men, was carried unanimously by Messrs. Prince and Visco to hold a smoke social on November 1.

BUNBURY

Colonel Collett’s Visit

(At the meeting of the State Executive on August 29, the State President reported on his visit. It was likewise decided to grant £1 1s. towards the Wagin Road Board. It was decided visit to the Bunbury Sub-branch.)

"Responding to an invitation from the president and members of the Sub-branch," Col. Collett stated, “the State Secretary and myself visited Bunbury on August 23, on the occasion of the annual reunion. The townpeople took considerable interest in the proceedings, which included a procession in costume through the streets, followed by a smoke social in the Bedford Hall. The theme of the procession and the decorations and music in the hall itself suggested a night at Cafto.” Mr. N. C. Ryder presided over a gathering of some 250 persons, and was assisted by Mr. C. B. Gillett, Mr. F. W. Roberts, and a strong and active committee. Amongst those present were His Worship the Mayor, representatives of the churches, and an unusually large number of delegations from the other sub-branches in the South-West. Needless to say, your own delegation was most warmly welcomed and host President Noonan reported on the meeting of the District Committee No. 4, the report being admirably entertained. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent, and I am able to assure you that, thanks largely to the excellent foundations laid by Mr. Gillett during the period of his office as president, the Sub-branch is flourishing and continuing to do excellent work. A speaker from Celle Sub-branch, when responding to the toast concerning neighbouring units, referred in terms of considerable satisfaction to the attitude and action of the State Executive in its recent negotiations with that body. Before leaving for Perth on the 24th, Mr. Benson and myself were the recipients of a somewhat unrequested, but always appreciated, a Civic reception and a feelingly expressed gratitude for the valuable tribute to the standing and prestige of our institution.”

OSBORNE PARK

Mr. A. Yeates (vice-president), accompanied by Mr. C. Ferguson (assistant State secretary) represented the State Executive at the annual reunion of the Osborne Park Sub-branch on August 23. The function was held in the R.S.L. Hall, which is now entirely freehold, and which is a lasting credit to the energy and interest displayed by the members. It is understood that

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between forty and fifty members of the Sub-branch, as well as the residents of the district, who have always responded to any call made by the Sub-branch, are responsible for the erection and completion of this hall. Visitors from metropolitan sub-branches were present, and the usual toasts were honoured. Mr. Yeates presented a Certificate of Service to the past secretary, Mr. Miller. The League has reason to be proud of a very fine and enthusiastic Sub-branch in this district.

MOORINE ROCK

The monthly meeting on September 2 drew a good attendance. The energy and persistence of Secretary Mr. Alan McKittrick has resulted in a membership of 45, which, considering 90 per cent. are farmers and many in more or less distressed circumstances, can be considered very creditable.

It was resolved to ask Mr. Law, of Merredin, to lectured at a public meeting on the Douglas Social Credit scheme.

The members who did second wheat bounty cheques had gone astray informed the sub-branch that he was still without the money, of which he was very badly in need, and that he had had no reply to his letters, either from the State Secretary or the Agricultural Bank.

It was decided to obtain the support of the Women's Auxiliary in an effort to introduce "Community Singing" to the district through the medium of a dance.

COLLIE

Well attended meetings still continue to be the rule with the Collie Sub-branch.

Membership is on the increase, and a considerable amount of interest is taken in the doings of the sub-branch by returned soldiers generally.

Notwithstanding distance, Kirup, Cardif, and Bunbury sub-branches have each been visited in their turn.

The pensions committee remains busy, and the sub-branch makes a feature of keeping in touch with all returned soldiers in the district who may enter hospital.

Delegates to Congress this year will be Messrs. Sturchbury and May. The sub-branch is somewhat perturbed over a motion on economics which it was understood would be included on the Agenda Paper for next Congress at the direction of the State Executive, and which also was circularised to all sub-branches, but was not, however, included on the Agenda Paper. The sub-branch, through their delegates, will ask at Congress to have this motion treated as special business, as it is thought to be in the interest of all.

A letter of appreciation of the Land Committee's work was forwarded to the State Executive.

An address on "The Psychology of the Peace Movement" will be delivered at the next meeting.

By appearances the annual Floral and Industrial Exhibition to be conducted by the sub-branch in November next will surpass all previous efforts of the sub-branch, as the committee is leaving nothing undone to make this feature a pronounced success.

Delegates were appointed to attend the local economic and employment committee. This committee has done a great deal of good since its inception and returned soldiers have benefited largely by the sub-branch participating. A report will be submitted at the next meeting.

Action was taken to have the effects of a soldier who was not a member taken care of whilst he was an inmate of hospital.

YEALERING

On August 10 a representative platoon, ably led by the president, Mr. J. H. B. Lawton, attended the annual reunion of the Kulin Sub-branch. All agreed that a profitable and most enjoyable evening was spent.

At the monthly meeting on September 16, it was resolved to donate £1 50 to the Anzac House building project. It is hoped to augment this contribution in the future.

VICTORIA PARK

At the monthly meeting a letter was received from Mrs. Robertson, on behalf of her husband, thanking Messrs. Lewis and Lauder for their assistance in cutting wood and cleaning up the garden. Mr. Fred Matthews was appointed delegate to the State Congress and was instructed to support the nomination of Mr. Payton for State President. The most important business was the declaring and crowning of the winner of the popular ladies' competition. Among the notable visitors were Wally Wren, with his water spade, and Willie Woodbine, who was well known at the recreation room of the old No. 8 Base Hospital.

Members are reminded that the river trip will take place on November 19.

Again we have to congratulate Bob Alexander on being a grandfather.

The Sub-branch will hold the next dance on October 13 at the Victoria Park town hall.

PRESS

At the luncheon meeting of the Press Sub-branch on September 10, the report of the Anzac House Ball committee was adopted. The function on September 2 showed a net profit of £230 16s. 1d., which amount had been handed over to the Anzac House building fund. The president (Mr. C. Longmore), in presenting the report, paid a tribute to the work of the individual members of the committee, namely, Messrs. C. P. Smith, Basil Kirke, A. C. N. Olden, D. M. Benson, R. Olney, R. A. Biggs (secretary), and Mrs. A. W. Jacoby. West Australian Newspapers had donated the cost of the advertising space (£3) to the committee, and this publicity, together with that given over the air by 6WF, 6ML, and 6PR, had assured the success of the function.

Mr. Longmore further stated that the committee was one of the happiest and hardiest-working teams he had ever been associated with.

PEMBERTON

As "Scrap" said to the dancing instructor, "Here we are again."

Yes, "Scrap" is our M.C. at the local digger dances, and he certainly keeps the lads busy. Two dances this month; No. 1 for the sub-branch cricket club, which was not supported too well, as "Diggers in Blighty" were on parade at the cinema; No. 2, to be held on the 23rd, is going to be something out of the bag. The ladies are doing the decorations and tucker, and things are going well. As it is the first ball it is called a "Snowball Carnival." Tom Adams and his mob are working hard to keep the ball rolling.

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"After duty" speakers have been in fine form lately. "Gup" told us how the L.H. won the war in the Eastern Front. (No, "Serap," I am not going to repeat your tale.) We have been promised a lecture at the next meeting—meetings are held on the third Tuesday each month at the Hotel. Mine host, Mr. Johnston, being the worthy treasurer, the boys are always assured of a welcome.

The funds of the sub-branch keep about the same level, that is, just above the water-line. Distress has been bad this winter, and the sub-branch has struck the moito, "Never turn a deserving hand empty," hence the empty coffers.

The Women's Auxiliary is the backbone of local charitable works; sewing, etc., cooking the eats for all the dances. Meetings are held every month (often if the work necessitates), so here's a Bow Santa to them.

NORTH PERTH
A Digger's Diary
(With profound apologies to the shades of Samuel Pepys)

August 21st.—To Sub-branch general meeting. Much business done, among which was the choosing of delegates to the State Congress. Our Sub-branch membership now far over 200, we entitled to three delegates. Those chosen be Mr. J. James (president), Mr. L. J. McDowell and Mr. H. W. Ring, with Mr. E. W. Edmonds and Mr. B. M. McIlwraith to act as proxies. The business done, so to a fine supper of ale and good things to eat. By and by we all fill our glasses and drink to the health of Mr. Secretary Hawkins, he being present with a handsome gold watch, it being to show appreciation of his good work and the esteem in which the Sub-branch members do hold him. A handsome reward which, methinks, Mr. Hawkins do justly deserve. Mr. C. A. Sadler (past president), being abroad in the country, did not receive his presentment, as was intended, but will later.

21st.—By electric tram coach to Perth City, thence to Soldiers' Institute and wait on Mr. D. Benson, whom I find in his office, and he do receive me very civilly. My business was of sub-branch matter, on which he did very agreeably enlighten me. We then fall to discussing the preference to returned soldiers, he telling me how the Bank of Australasia do give preference to soldiers right through their banks and offices where it be possible to do so. Methinks this is a fine example of appreciation of those who, in war-time, did fight and suffer privation while doing their best to save our country from falling into the hands of the enemy. Which, if had happened, would have been a calamity to us all, and our freedom gone.

30th.—To Perth City, thence to the C.T.A. concert in His Majesty's Theatre. I sit with Mr. Alf. Hope, we being behind Mr. C. Wettern, Mr. G. Fraser and Mr. "Bunny" Richmond. "Bunny" did, of a sudden, rise up and leave the theatre, he being in some difficulty with himself, I was told. By and by, when interval come, Mr. Hope and I make for the liquor bars and there we met Colonel T. Flintoff and Mr. O. J. Williams, both of Mr. Lawley Sub-branch. It did give me great pleasure to meet these gentlemen, of whom I had heard but, never met before. We have a merry round of drinks together and pleasant talk. The concert over, so make straight for home, the hour being late.

September 10.—To general committee; little business to be done. Hear news of Mr. C. Jago having got the 'flu, but now getting well again, which was better news. Much talk of the cricket games to this season come. The first match to be on Sunday, October 15, North Perth to meet Maylands at Wellington Square. Mr. J. Rankin told me of an old-time dance in Perth City Town Hall. Mr. Harold Davy, he said, do plan to organise it to aid Anzac House and our cricket club, and good support expected from Sub-branch members and Auxiliary.

12th.—This night Mr. Bill James, Mr. Charlie Jago (who is better of the 'flu), Mr. Alf. Hope and myself did travel with Mr. Len. Hetherington down town, and got a fine view of the Roly-Poly Sub-branch. Mr. F. James, who be on parole to Mr. Alf. Hope, did meet us and introduce us to the members there, who did receive us very civilly, and invite us to drink ale and eat sandwich and white radish, which Mr. Jago did call down, with them. Which we did and very merry at making speeches and telling of witty stories. Mr. W. Hart (president) did tell us how on this 10th September there be a grand sports meeting and barbecue on Kelsmott Hall grounds, organized by sub-branch. Mr. F. G. Tanner (secretary) call for volunteers to pare the ground for the roasting of the ox, and pretty soon get all we want. By and by come Mr. "Uncle" James and talk with me. I learn how he be a returned soldier of two wars, having to the late Great War and to the war in Africa, Africa war before that, and was No. 1, he told me, of the West Australian troops to South Africa. It fine to hear him cry up Mr. Bowtell, of Roly-Poly, for a mighty good supporter to their sub-branch. This lady, he said, do supply supper to their darlings, and show interest in the welfare of returned soldiers in the district. I find Mr. James a fine-spoken gentleman and pleased I was to make his acquaintance. A pleasant evening among very merry company. Home in good conditions about midnight.

15th.—I go to Hilda's Hall, but fall in with Mr. Jim Lang and Mr. A. Sampson, so me to the ale house and have a glass of ale, thence to the hall. There I see many sons of sailors and soldiers who gather to form a sub-branch of the S.S.S.L. Mr. Beaton (Perth Sub-branch) did lecture the boys on the objects of the League. Mr. Edmonds did also speak, explaining the value of comradeship in peace and war. Mr. Hawkins mighty pleased at 21 boys joining, and so a sub-branch formed.

16th.—Hear news this morning that our Sub-branch now have 226 members in all. At this I away to Mr. Hawkins, our secretary, and he tell me it a grand truth and show me a list of new members' names, which I did copy down, they being J. Axford, V.C. (16th Batt'n), T. T. Browther (26th Batt'n), R. Dixon (A.A.N.), J. King (31st Batt'n), Dr. C. H. Leedcan (A.M.C., Attached 31st Batt'n), T. E. Murphy (21st Batt'n), A. McInnes (11th Coy. Engrs.), D. A. McDowell (11th Coy. Engrs.), F. W. Strudwick (6th Coy. Engrs.), L. F. Smedley (1st D.A.C.), I. Stanley (11th Batt'n), A. E. Spooner (28th Batt'n), F. Troughton (4th D.A.C.), W. G. Tyler (28th Batt'n), T. W. Towsley (3rd Corps). Lord! methinks there not be no soldiers in North Perth who not members of our Sub-branch.

TAMBELEUP

At the August meeting it was decided to hold a Radio Dance in connection with the Anzac House Ball Broadcast, and also to present past President Arthur Smith, with his Certificate of Service. The secretary gave Mr. Benson the low.

The Listening Post
down, and Dave himself wafted a few words into the "Mike" to us that night and hoped we were having as good a time as they were at Government House. We had a good time, but the programme we got on the air was not the best to dance to. Still, with Mrs. Bevan at the piano, and Snowy with some good records, we did very nicely. The Women's Auxiliary put on a very fine supper, and thanks are due to Snowy Neilson, Andy Bevan and Mr. Steele for the loan of their radio sets for the occasion; and to Andy Bevan and the Road Board for the donation of overtime charges for the lights and hall after midnight. A few of the boys had a private reunion and John Dewar "Absent, Friends." Some of the lads were on the sick list. A profit of £7 on the evening has been forwarded to Anzac House Fund.

Our President, Mick Collins, is to represent us at Congress, so we are looking forward to some good stuff when he returns.

TOODYAY

The monthly meeting was held on September 6. A letter had been received from the C. and S. Sub-branch, asking for an expression of opinion by the members on joining with Moora, Calingiri and Wongan Hills to form a District Committee. Owing to the geographical position, and the distances being too great, the scheme was rejected.

The Sub-branch decided to approach the Northam Sub-branch with the idea of forming a District Committee comprising Northam, Toodyay, and possibly, Goomalling. The meeting then resolved itself into a bridge class. A challenge has been received from the Toodyay Club for a bridge match, and it is expected that this will be the beginning of brighter and more interesting meetings.

A send-off was extended to Arthur Stott at the Freemasons' Hotel on September 4. The record turn-up was a fitting tribute to the esteem in which Arthur is held.

Toodyay will celebrate its centenary next month, and arrangements are in hand to celebrate in fitting style the birthday of this district.

The secretary, N. H. Millar, Box 41, Toodyay, will be glad to hear from any diggers who can assist in completing a summary of the history of Toodyay.

WEST SWAN

West Swan Sub-branch's September meeting was a monster smoke social and presentation of Certificate of Service to the past president, Mr. J. Woods, V.C. The visitors included Messrs. D. Dickerson, A. J. Dickerson, and Mr. P. J. Woods (the father of the Boys of the Army in his State)—and what a splendid speech the old war horse made in proposing the toast of the S.S.S.! No doubt about Fred, he's A1. The president of the Midland Sub-branch, Mr. A. Tomlin, replied. The Upper Swan and Herne Hill Sub-branches were there en masse, all good men and worthy of our League; also presidents and secretaries of Midland South-west Sub-branches, and many others.

The hall (Soldiers' Memorial) was tastefully decorated with streamers, flowers, etc. Toasts honored were: "The King," "Fallen Comrades," "The Men of S.W. and H.H.," "The Guest of the Evening." (Jimmy Woods), "Our Visitors," "Parliament," "Wingies and Stumpies," "The Ladies," and: "The West Swan Sub-branch." Items were supplied by Mr. R. H. Brown (concertina selections), Mr. R. J. Vowles, Upper Swan (recitation), Mr. B. J. Moore, Yeates (from the Executive), and Mr. T. Vowles, and Mr. Francis (songs). Mr. Benson presented, the Certificate and, with some well-chosen words, reminded all the congregation that Jimmy had won the highest honour possible in the field, and now, in peace, also won the highest honour his felloe comrades could give. In replying, Jimmy thanked one and all, of course, saying that he had not deserve it. He met with a rousing reception, both before and after his speech; in fact, he said he felt more at ease behind his glass of water.

BOYANUP

There was a fair attendance at the monthly meeting. Many of those present spoke of the hospitality the Bunbury fraternity met out to them on the occasion of Colonel Collett's recent visit. They congratulated Bunbury as well on the splendid entertainment provided. It was agreed unanimously that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Bunbury Sub-branch. It was further agreed that the Road Board be approached and the suggestion made that a search for the necessary for the completion of the Honour Avenue project. A grand ball will be held on Boxing Night, the proceeds of which will be given to the Anzac House building fund. At this stage Mr. S. E. Turner took the meeting in hand and gave an interesting talk on the subject of "Economics." He was warmly thanked for his efforts on behalf of the diggers present. The secretary, the Rev. A. C. H. Leppin, who is a fine speaker, too, also entertained the gathering.

BAYSWATER

The Sub-branch and the Women's Auxiliary held a combined meeting at Mrs. Power's residence, to discuss means and ways of raising funds in aid of Anzac House building fund. A resolution was carried, "That this Sub-branch and Women's Auxiliary should, jointly form themselves into a social committee, for the purpose of raising funds on behalf of Anzac House, and that a social and dance be held on October 4 for same." A good muster is assured, and there is no reason why the whole affair, socially and financially, should not be a huge success.

Bayswater and South Perth Sub-branches played off the semi-final of the Shield Competition, at South Perth on September 6. South Perth very creditably won by capturing the table tennis and rifle shoot; the drawers proved a draw. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and those who made the trip sang high praise of the hospitality.

The last fortnightly bridge tournament was held at Mr. S. V. Smith's residence. Despite the inclement weather, it was gratifying to notice such a number of enthusiastic players turn out.

FREMANTLE

At a meeting held at the League rooms on September 7 members decided unanimously to support a scheme put forward by Sgt. T. H. Raine, and a deputation has been appointed to go with him and place the scheme before the State Executive. The moral support of all the members was heartily given, which will employ every returned soldier and man returned soldier in Western Australia. Then, probably, if supported correctly, in the Commonwealth. The wages suggested in the plan were 30/- per day for a 5-hour shift. This scheme is recommended by business men and some Government officials as the most wonderful opportunity they have had before them. Sgt. Raine is prepared to give a lecture to any sub-branch, providing that it supplies the means of transport between Fremantle and its headquarters. This is a returned soldier's scheme. Ring FRM 660 for information.

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A Soldier's Mother's Badge which was picked up at Highgate was handed into Mrs. H. Hop- perton, Soldiers' Institute, Perth. Owner may regain same by calling at the Institute.

STATE EXECUTIVE
At 9.30 a.m. on October 2, Congress delegates will meet at the State War Memorial to lay a wreath.

All auxiliaries are invited to attend the united social to be held at St. George's Hall, Hay Street, on Monday evening, October 2, when the delegates from the country will be entertained.

The quarterly social, at the Institute on August 28, was a great success. The auxiliaries were well represented. There were the usual dancing and games, with Mrs. Powz at the piano. A competition, which required some deep thinking over items of household furniture, was won by Mrs. Middleton, of North Perth. Medales Ottaway, Pellew and De Laet contributed songs. A dainty supper was served by Mrs. O'Connell. The lucky supper ticket was held by Mrs. Keegan, of Leederville.

The exhibition will be opened on Saturday, September 29, at 3 p.m., by Archdeacon Riley. It will remain open during the evening. The amuse ment committee promises some interesting features and novel-competitions for Friday evening. It will re-open on Saturday forenoon and remain open until the evening, when the remaining goods for sale will be auctioned. Meanwhile, the carnival organised by the Press Auxiliary ought to be in full swing. Tickets are now available from auxiliary members and at the Institute.

FRIENDLY UNION OF SOLDIERS' WIVES, MOTHERS, AND DAUGHTERS

Mr. L. Quinns, Curator of the Perth Museum, was the speaker at the monthly meeting held in St. George's Hall on September 7. He took as his subject "Fishes," and made it intensely interesting to his audience. Touching on evolution, Mr. Quinns showed how the limbs and ears of human beings could be traced through the ages from the fins and gills of the fish. He explained how the structure of the fish was specially adapted for life in the water, the deep sea varieties differing from those which live in shallow waters. Some astounding facts were given about the tunny, the stinger and the skate. Mr. Clark showed a voice of thanks to Mr. Quinns, and Mrs. Manning, in seconding it, advised parents to encourage their children to visit the Museum, which housed so much that was of interest to them.

A trio of clever young ladies, Misses Gray, Webb and King, entertained with monologues, piano solos and songs. Threafter tea was served. Mrs. Kerr-Parson was in the chair; but the ranks of the executive were depleted through the all- prevalent flu.

VICTORIA PARK

At the Library Hall on Frisday, September 5, a combined social of Victoria Park Sub-branch and Women's Auxiliary was held. The function marked the end of the popular lady competition in aid of funds for a Memorial Hall. The competition resulted as follows:- Mrs. J. Smith, 9,818; Mrs. G. Boland, 8,866; Mrs. D. Pike, 8,642; Mrs. E. Bacon, 8,827, which represented the sum of £128 4s. 1d. Mr. Alexander, president of the Sub-branch, spoke eulogistically.

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donated by the Sub-branch. Harry Murray, of Glen Forrest; Bert Baxter, of Stonetville; Billy Mayne, Dick Stone and Bill McGilvray, of Mt. Helena; Lou Seiser, of Sawyers Valley; Fred Reeves and Morrie Trew, of Mundaring, and "Nipper" Patton, of Mundaring, would be appointed as official representatives and organisers for their respective districts. This proposition is a very popular one, particularly among the general public. The committee appointed to investigate the proposed enlargement, and extension, of Straight-to-the-Point submitted a report. Subsequently, at a special meeting, an agreement was reached with the editor (Aubrey Bastian) in its regard, so that probably the first issue of the new journal will be published in October. A copy of the constitution of the S.S.L. was received and it was decided to invite applications for membership immediately, so that an early start may be made towards the formation of a branch.

SPEARWOOD-HAMILTON HILL

Dear Mr. Listening Post,—
You're a bit 'hot, ain't you—going off crook at me like that in the middle of Hay St. What's wrong—the AESN over the Ane & Hill Yall yet? Dig, if your mines had seen you like I did, digging up bits of broken necklace out of the depths of that blonde under the staircase, you'd be another week or two recovering—so you go easy.

Things have been more than a bit lively lately, one way and another. Albert had an increase in the family a week or two ago. I was telling him about a cobbler I met who'd also missed dodging the stork, and when I asked him who the kid took after him, or the wife, he said it had a nasty look on him. Albert is quite a bit snaky. Both his cows calved last Tuesday, too. It's a great lad, is our Albert!

Next time you meet lit-ley Nick get him to tell you about the duck that shoved its account 'in the waste-paper basket, as I know you've got 'em on your mystery yarns and cross-word puzzles. You'll be glad to hear that the "popular digger" competition was finalised on the 16th—so were the "populars." At the close of the count Spearwood's Jim Morgan was leading the Hill's one and only winger, with Cooge's Curley a couple, of hundred behind. The Spearwood bloke looked so darnation pleased with himself, I borrowed a brown from George Cook and popped it on to Nick's score, so they broke even at 1,466 each. I might as well explain that the Women's Auxiliary held a spring fete at the Institute during the afternoon, and to some purpose, as they have made certain of the kiddies having their Xmas tree. In the evening they ran a dance, but owing to the rain, Wirth's Circus, the day after being Sunday, the day before being Friday, and seven other reasons, the floor wasn't exactly congested.

Last meeting, things went very smoothly, as Hibbo had a book on how to run a meeting. Unfortunately, we wasted a lot of time looking for the place where it tells you how to deal with a bloke that calls another a silly cow, as Andy
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**DONNYBROOK**
- Memorial Hall
- First Saturday, monthly
- Mrs. Harding, Donnybrook
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- Library Hall, Albany Road
- Fourth Friday, 7.30 p.m.
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\text{September 29 and 30. The ladies are very en-} \\
\text{thusiastic and hope to have a fine display of gifts} \\
\text{for sale. Mesdames Aberle and Pottick have been} \\
\text{elected to represent the branch at Congress.} \\
\text{CANNING DISTRICTS.} \\
\text{The Auxiliary held a children's fancy dress ball at the Memorial Hall, Queen's Park, on}
\text{Friday, August 18. The large attendance of}
\text{children in fancy costumes made a brilliant scene}
\text{and the judges, Mesdames H. Hoperton and H.}
\text{Taylor, had a difficult task to select the winners.} \\
\text{The following were awarded prizes: Best set}
\text{(Mesdames Oakes and Rosier's "Carnival"},
\text{Under 7 years: most original boy (pirate), origi-} \\
\text{nal girl (Egyptian lady), best dressed boy (Can-} \\
\text{ning fireman), best girl (Early Victorian), most}
\text{comical boy (Felix), best poster girl (Safety}
\text{First), best couple (Red Cross nurses); specials:}
\text{Remnants, Grandma's Workbasket, Snowball,
\text{Beige, Nursery Rhymes, Rosebud, Pink Fairy,
\text{Nurse. Over 7 years of age: most original boy}
\text{(Capt. Mollison), original girl (bat), best couple}
\text{(Weary Willie and Tired Tim), 2nd (golliwogs:}
\text{poster, 1st (Coles Ltd.), 2nd (Plaisiers); specials:
\text{Grandma's, Herald, Arabian Knight, Burglar,
\text{Carnival, Wet Weather, Chinese, Pink Fairy},
\text{Rainbows, Yellow and Black Pierrot, Yellow Fairy,
\text{Hawaiian, and Columbine. Mrs. E. H. Taylor}
\text{and Mrs. Croft (treasurers) handed out the prizes.
\text{Mr. H. Croft (president of the Sub-branch),} \\
\text{made the announcements and spoke of the good} \\
\text{work of the Auxiliary. Mr. Rorat acted as MC,} \\
\text{while the music for the dance was provided by} \\
\text{Taylor Bros.' band.} \\
\text{NORTHCLIFFE.} \\
\text{In spite of the poor attendance, the Women's}
\text{Auxiliary ran a very enjoyable whist drive and}
\text{social on August 16. The nice little sum raised will}
\text{be very useful. During the last winter many families}
\text{were helped with clothing.} \\
\text{NORTH PERTH.} \\
\text{The Auxiliary organized an outing for}
\text{the patients from Lemnos Hospital on August 6. The}
\text{party left by bus for National Park. The beautiful}
\text{scenery on route was admired, and a halt was}
\text{made to enable the patients to view the}
\text{bathing pool and other interesting spots. On the}
\text{return journey sweets and cigarettes were handed}
\text{out to the patients. 'Tea was served at the}
\text{Soldiers' Institute, where Mrs. W. James formally}
\text{welcomed the party. Mr. Flawich and Mr. G. A.}
\text{Sadler also voiced the hospitality of the Sub-}
\text{branch and Auxiliary in welcoming the guests.}
\text{Mrs. H. Hoperton (state secretary) and Mrs. F.}
\text{Orrill (chairman, motor outing committee)}
\text{thanked the hosts for the kindness shown to all}
\text{present. Mrs. Stubberfield and Mr. MacKeen}
\text{spoke on behalf of the patients. Community}
\text{singing was led by Mrs. M. Randell. After tea}
\text{the patients boarded the bus for Lemnos, one and}
\text{all voicing the afternoon a very happy one.} \\
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