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The wonderful progress made in aviation since the war, and the development of the air route from England to Australia, have greatly enhanced the strategic importance of our open and relatively unguarded north-western gate. For several years, too, the League at its annual Congress has passed resolutions advocating an adequate defence policy for Australia. So far, the unoccupied north has proved the Achilles' heel of any defence scheme yet evolved. Apart from the tiny garrison of Royal Australia Artillerymen, recently transferred from Thursday Island to Port Darwin, and occasional visits from, vessels of the Royal Australian Navy, the tropical portions of Australia are, to, all intents and purposes, undefended.

Unlike certain omniscient weeklies which imagine a place is undefended unless a battleship is anchored at its front door, the League does not dictate to the Department of Defence as to what constitutes an adequate defence policy. That is a matter which is best left to the experts in the correlated fields of strategy and science. Neither do we seek to stir up international feeling by designating any country as the potential and inevitable enemy. But it does seem to us that our empty north, taken in conjunction with our White Australia policy, is a direct challenge to the teeming millions of Asia. If we mean to hold it, obviously it must be populated.

With the exception of North Queensland, neither Commonwealth nor State Governments have made a success of settling the Australian tropics. That the depression, supervening upon the war, has hindered progress, may be an explanation but it is no excuse. The slick urban lawyers, and the glib union secretaries, the small-town business men and the successful farmers, whom we elect to represent us in our several Parliaments, while honest enough, are men of obvious limitations. Their experience, such as it is, has head-gereed them with the blinkers of land-settlement schemes. Get men on the land at all costs and then bankrupt posterity with rural relief grants when the bottom falls out of the wheat market.

We have often wondered what politicians read beside Blue Books and Hansard reports. Judged by the arguments put up before disarmament and other international conferences, not to mention conferences in our own country, one might imagine that history became a forbidden subject in the schools of the Empire the day the Armistice was signed.

One has only to acquire a smattering of the history of our Empire to realise that settlement has always marched from the sea inland, and not seawards from the undeveloped hinterland. Our tropical coastline is long and deeply indented, and it abounds in marine wealth. To cite one instance, Australia produces much of the world's output of pearl-shell, and though the pearl industry is suffering a slump at present, a Royal Commission, if appointed, might devise means of re-establishing it on a paying basis. Fish and other marine products abound in our tropical waters. We ignore the potential wealth of our coast-line which, if scientifically exploited would dot our tropical inlets with settlements—and sturdy defenders.

Other nations are not so blind as we. Since the economist and the idealist in combination hamstrung the Australian Defence Forces, since February, 1933, to be precise, the Japanese, who, in their own country have developed the world's most scientific fisheries, have been systematically poaching within Australian waters. There may be reasons of state for the Commonwealth's persistent turning of the blind eye to the obvious and for the ignoring of the Queensland Premier's repeated warnings but, at this distance, the recently reported activities of sampans and other 'strange craft in northern waters' look like a concerted scheme to kill at birth any plan for settling the tropics by ruining Broome, Darwin and Thursday Island, the three pearlimg centres, and the chief outposts of civilisation in a vast and unsettled territory.

There is an obvious reply to such a threat. If the Government is powerless, give chartered companies a chance; develop fisheries which might exploit wealth we are allowing to go to waste, fisheries which can be made the nuclei of settlement and recruiting grounds for the R.A.N.; and while such fisheries are being developed, have those lonely miles of coastline patrolled regularly by warships, or aircraft, or both. It is all very well for Tokyo to deprecate "alarmist rumours" about what we know is happening in Torres Strait, and near Broome, but the instructions Japanese poachers are all the more irritating when we remember the drastic treatment meted out to foreigners caught poaching on Japanese fisheries.

And the institutions complained of—by the Premier of Queensland, and pearlimg in Broome, would never have occurred had we not allowed successive Governments to whistle away our defences.
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Soldier Settlers

The main features of the Bill for the reorganisation of the Agricultural Bank, now before the State Parliament, are the reconstruction of the Bank under a Commission which will be independent of political control, and the authority that will be given the Commissioners to provide relief in deserving cases, which will be judged on their merits, by writing off or otherwise reducing the indebtedness of borrowers. The details of the Government’s proposals, which aim at reha[ilitating the settler and the agricultural industry, will be discussed during the full-dress debate in the Legislative Assembly on October 30. Last week, the Minister in charge of the Bill gave a sympathetic hearing to a deputation from the League, which interviewed him in the interests of soldier settlers.

The Land Committee of the State Executive is watching the position and is anxious to preserve the integrity of the Soldier Settlement Scheme, for the soldier settler will be under obvious disadvantages should that scheme be embraced or absorbed in the proposed scheme of general rehabilitation. It must be borne in mind that the Soldier Settlement Scheme is a Federal as well as a State responsibility.

As a result of the Soldier Settlers’ Conference this year, four active soldier settlers will join the Land Committee to review the clauses of the Bill now before Parliament. The four members co-opted are Mr. Henning, of Waroona, who represents the dairying industry; Mr. Brown, of Yandanooka, representing the wheat industry; Mr. Ports, of Kojonup, representing the wool industry; and Mr. Jay, of Yanmah, who will look after the interests of Group Settlers.

The immediate objective of the Land Committee is to secure the reduction of capital indebtedness, the replacement of essential plant, and to press for the expeditious payment of the wheat bounty. Increased membership in the country districts would greatly enhance the effectiveness of the Committee’s work.

Murder Most Foul

When the news of the apparently purposeless murders of King Alexander of Yugo-Slavia and M. Barthou, the French Foreign Minister, was conveyed to a horrified world, there were many who, with the memory of the tragedy of Sarajevo still fresh in their minds, feared that this double assassination might plunge the world into war again. Fortunately, the murder of the King, though planned in one foreign country and perpetrated in another, is not likely to have any such dreadful consequences. From the evidence available, it seems to have been the outcome of a conspiracy of Croatian malcontents, who have always resented the incorporation of their land and race with Serbia, and its repercussions are not likely to spread beyond the borders of France and Yugo-Slavia.

Natural regret will be felt by decent men in all countries that two such men as King Alexander, who, besides having been a resolute and forceful personality, fought gallantly for his country during the World War, and M. Barthou, the French statesman who may be fittingly described as one of the keepers of the world’s peace, should have died by the hand of an irresponsible criminal. Regrets will be deepened when it is remembered that the Marseilles murders have interrupted negotiations that must inevitably have resulted in the provision of yet another safeguard against the recurrence of war in Europe. Suspicion of the spread of Italian influence on the Balkan side of the Adriatic were gradually detaching Yugo-Slavia from France, whose ally she was by virtue of being a member of the Little Entente, and driving her into the arms of Germany. The Serbs themselves would rather see Austria incorporated with Germany than in combination with Hungary under a revival of the Dual Monarchy. It is an open secret now that, had the Italian troops marched into Austria after the murder of Dr. Dollfuss, Yugo-Slavia would have intervened on the side of the Nazis.

Since the murder of Dollfuss, it the cable agencies are to be believed, more
cordial relations have been fostered between Yugo-Slavs and Italians. M. Barthou, the murdered Foreign Minister, has consistently opposed Germany's claims to equality in armaments, and he was the one European statesman who could have allayed Yugo-Slavia's suspicions of Italy and re-cemented her friendship with France. The most probable effect of Alexander's visit to France would have been the formation of a pact between France, Italy, Yugo-Slavia and Rumania which would have been a valuable compensation for the failures of the disarmament conference in the matter of perpetuating peace with security.

The League's Officers

At the State Congress the following officers were elected:

*State President:* A. Yeates (unopposed)
*Past-President:* Col. H. B. Collett
*Vice-Presidents:* Archdeacon C. L. Riley and Col. A. C. N. Olden
*Country Vice-President:* Mr. H. May (Collie)
*Trustees:* Messrs. G. H. Philp, A. H. Panton, and J. S. Denton
*Auditor:* Mr. J. J. Prendergast.


The delegates were allotted by Congress to electoral districts as follows:

W. J. Hunt, Guildford, Midland; W. J. Lovell, Bunbury and Sussex; E. S. Watt, Subiaco, Nedlands and Claremont; H. E. Wells, Albany, Katanning, Wagin; E. W. Edmonds, Perth, East Perth, Maylands; F. J. Aberle, Leederville, Mt. Haw-

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Question 2. (Harvey and Yannham): Reference Item 128, 1933 Congress. Has the State Executive during the year which has since elapsed made any effort to implement the principle of this resolution of Congress, "whether work be available or not to ensure the unemployed a home and an adequate standard of living?"—Answer: Taken to Federal Congress and lost.

Question 3. (Norwood). (a) Has any money been received by the W.A. Branch of the B.S.L. from the B.E.S.L.? (b) If so, what is the amount and the name of the fund? (c) If not, what action has the State Executive taken to ensure that the promise of Earl Jellicoe be implemented?—Answer: (a) Nil; (b) nil; (c) submitted to Federal Congress.

Question 4. (Yannham). What will be the total sum paid in interest on Anzac House Building, to whom is such interest payable and over what period of years?—Answer: Interest 5% per annum on total of overdraft £13,000—equal £650 per annum.

Question 5. (Darling Range). Will country sub-branch members be allowed the privilege and use of all that portion of Anzac House which will
be occupied by the W.A. Branch of the League without payment of additional fees?—Answer: Yes, with the exception of space-sublet to Club Committee and for that accommodation they may be elected honorary members.

Visitors.—His Excellency, the Lieut.-Governor; Sir James Mitchell, attended and addressed delegates. The following visitors were also present: Lt.-Col. Sir J. Talbot-Hobbs, Major-General G. W. Barber, Major-General A. T. White, Brig.-General A. J. Bassell-Browne, Brigadier-General E. F. Martin, and Mr. Chas Taylor (Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation).

Presidential Address.—Mr. Yeates delivered his presidential address to Congress. Moved by Rabbi Freedman (Greenhouses), seconded by Rev. Riley (Albany):—"(1) That the thanks of this Congress be accorded to the State President for his address and that it be printed and circulated amongst delegates and sub-branches. (2) That the apportionment of delegates be recorded in the minutes of Congress for the devoted, effective and unstinted service rendered to the League by the State President, Mr. A. Yeates, in his first year of office."—Carried.

The following resolutions or amendments were carried. Resolutions withdrawn or lost are not published hereunder unless specially mentioned:

—Congress Agenda.—Moved by Mr. Edmonds, seconded by Mr. White:—"That extra pages be inserted in the August issue of the Listening Post to allow for space for printing the agenda items."—Carried.

—Annual Report and Balance Sheet.—Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Rabbi Freedman:—"That the annual report and balance sheet be adopted."—Carried.

—Branch Visits.—Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Watt:—"That the metropolitan sub-branch representative on the State Executive visit the sub-branches that he represents at least once every six months or whenever practicable."—Carried.

—Transfer of Members.—Moved by Mr. Paton, seconded by Mr. Gibson:—"That a member of a sub-branch whose subscriptions are in arrears, or who is indebted to his sub-branch for any monies, shall not be granted a transfer to, or permitted to join, another sub-branch until he obtains a satisfactory clearance from the sub-branch of which he is a member."—Carried.

—Women's Auxiliary Report.—This was submitted by the retiring President (Mrs. T. C. Wilson) and, on the motion of Rev. C. L. Riley, seconded by Mr. H. May (Collie) the report was received and it was agreed to submit same to the Agenda Committee for its report, except for Item 14, which was adopted by Congress. This item read as follows:—"That a lady J.P. sit on the Bench when children or young girls are tried." (A deputation of the Makinderry Women’s Auxiliary, represented by Mrs. Seawell (Wagin) and McGlynn (Geraldton) led by Mrs. Hopperton to wait on the Minister for Justice on receiving permission from the R.S.L.) Congress concurred in the thanks to the Women’s Auxiliaries for the excellent work which they have carried out.

District Committee.—Moved by Mr. Cornell, seconded by Mr. Retallic:—"That a new by-law be added to the by-laws governing the formation and control of District Committees as follows:—Each District Committee may annually elect one representative belonging to the District. The District Committee electing him, and such District Committee may be any responsible cause remove such representative."

Japanese Goods.—Moved by Mr. Lofthouse, seconded by Rabbi Freedman:—"That our Government and our Chambers of Commerce be urged to inquire fully as to how it is that Japan can consistently undersell her competitors in the world’s markets."

Community of Interest Sub-Branches.—Moved by Mr. Cottrill, seconded by Mr. E. Parqueharson:—"That no further Community of Interest Sub-Branches be formed."—Carried.

Daughters’ League.—Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. F. W. Bateson:—"That the matter of the formation of a Daughters’ of Soldiers and Soldiers’ League be referred to the incoming State Executive for consideration and report to the next Conference."—Carried.

Soldiers’ Welcome Committee.—Moved by Rev. Riley, seconded by Mr. Fairley:—"That the Soldiers’ Welcome Committee be affiliated with the R.S.L."—Carried.

Defence.—Moved by Mr. Birtwistle, seconded by Mr. Collins:—"Congress re-affirms the resolution passed by a previous Congress affirmin the need for a stocktaking of the Nation’s defences, and welcomes the announcement that some action is being taken by the Government for strengthening and improving of Australia’s defences."—Carried.

Funeral Expenses ex-Imperial.—Moved by Mr. Harwood, seconded by Mr. Sykes:—"Congress urges the Federal authorities to extend the grant at present allowed to defray funeral expenses of ex-A.I.F. soldiers who may die in distant circumstances to Imperial soldiers who may die in Australia under similar circumstances, and that the Federal authorities open negotiations with the Imperial authorities on the matter of the expenses incurred."—Carried.

Imperial Grant.—Moved by Mr. Cattermole, seconded by Mr. Shaw:—"Congress instructs the Executive to obtain and place before Congress each year a statement of account and a record of the operations of the Trustees of the £3,000 Imperial Grant."—Carried.

Imperial Pensions.—"That in order to expedite pension appeals, admission to hospital, etc., Congress requests the appointment of a Royal Commission of Pensions in Australia with authority to finalise Imperial pension applications, etc."—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sykes, seconded by Mr. Harwood:—"That Imperial ex-service men be placed on the same basis as ex-A.I.F. men as regards medical examinations and pensions, and that the British Government be approached through the B.E.S.L."—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cattermole, seconded by Mr. Gibson (see item 120 of 1932):—"Congress is of the opinion that a more equitable division of the £2 per week pension payable on account of Imperial ex-service men in hospital by the Ministry of Pensions is desirable, and recommends five-eighths to the man and three-eighths to the hospital at a more reasonable division, of the sum laid down in the Royal Warrant now payable, 21/- to the pensioner and 19/- to the hospital."—Carried.

Pension Appeals.—Moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. White and amended:—"That no pension be reduced until the pensioner has been allowed an opportunity of appearing before the Assessment Tribunal."—Carried.

Financial Emergency.—Moved by Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Stubbley:—"That all soldiers’ wives and children who are debarred from receiving..."
ing pensions at the present time under the Financial Emergency Act, should have the same privileges as prior to 1931.

Treatment.—Moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Love: "That any ex-soldier in receipt of a pension be eligible for in-patient or out-patient treatment at the discretion of medical officers."

Pension Review.—Moved by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Mulqueeny: "That the Repatriation Department be requested, when calling up pensioners for review; (1) To give more consideration to the convenience of teams, in order to avoid an excessive time being spent on the journey, and (2) to so arrange their business as to avoid calling pensioners for 10 a.m. and keeping them waiting all day."

Artificial Dentures.—Moved by Mr. Pady, seconded by Mr. Parson: "That the Executive take steps to ensure that, in cases where a Repatriation doctor orders the extraction of soldier pensioner's teeth, artificial dentures shall be replaced at the expense of the Repatriation Commission."

Anzac Day.—Final report of Agenda Committee. Before proceeding to discuss items under the heading Anzac Day, it is recommended that Congress recall or otherwise the resolutions of the last eleven congresses; viz.: (1) That the Government be urged to declare Anzac Day as a sacred holiday, ranking equally with Christmas Day and Good Friday. (2) That failing statutory enactment being given to Congress decisions in respect to the observance of Anzac Day, Congress is of opinion that such day should be proclaimed a fully-paid statutory holiday applicable to all workers.

After considerable discussion a basis on the two resolutions carried at the last eleven Congresses, the following motion was submitted and carried. Moved by Rev. Riley, seconded by Mr. Warner: "That, in the opinion of this Congress, stage is overdue for the passing of legislation placing Anzac Day on the same basis as Sunday and for the purpose of achieving this objective, a deputation from the Executive wait on the Premier at the earliest opportunity."

Amelioration.—Moved by Mr. Fairley, seconded by Mr. Watts: "That the incoming Executive formulate and introduce a scheme of inter-branch co-operation for the purpose of preventing the amelioration funds of sub-branches being imposed upon, and so assist in shepherding the resources of the respective distress accounts."

Preferences: "That the efforts to obtain recognition of the principle of preference to returned men be intensified."

Moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Watt: "That Federal Congress take up with the Postal Department the question of preference to returned soldiers in the Telephone Construction Branch in W.A. with a view to the absorption of returned soldiers who have passed the necessary examination."

"Listening Post" Appreciation.—Moved by Mr. Farquharson, seconded by Mr. Matthews: "Congress places on record its congratulations to the management of the "Listening Post" for its excellent production in the special Anzac House issue of the "Listening Post."

Age Limit.—Moved by Mr. Hopgood, seconded by Mr. Esmont: "That in the case of a returned soldier seeking a position in the service of the State Government, the age limit be raised from 35 years to 45 years, always providing the applicant can pass the doctor."

Disabled Soldiers.—Moved by Mr. Cattermole, seconded by Mr. May and amended to read: "That the Commonwealth Government be asked to provide for adequate employment for those partly disabled ex-soldiers who are unable to obtain regular work through their war disabilities."

Water Rates.—Moved by Mr. Cattermole, seconded by Mr. Baird: "Congress re-affirms Item No. 137 of 1933 Congress reading at follows: Congress requests the Metropolitan Water Supply Department, Municipal bodies and Road Boards to consider the desirability of providing temporary employment for unemployed pensioners to enable them to pay their rates."

Unemployment.—Moved by Mr. Hammer, seconded Mr. Fairley: "That the Executive be instructed to investigate the question of local unemployment of returned soldiers in country centres, where Government relief work is being carried out."

Relief Work.—Moved by Mr. Mellor, seconded by Mr. Mulqueeny: "That the State Government be requested to reconsider the position of unemployed single returned soldiers, particularly in regard to their sustenance whilst awaiting relief work."

War Service Homes.—Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cornell: "That the incoming Executive approach the Commonwealth Government and request that a greater amount of money be allocated to W.A. for improvements, extensions and renovations to War Service Homes."

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Pady: "That as the capital value of property is, and probably will be for many years, in a state of depreciation (a) the capital value of War Service Homes be brought to a level more in
keeping with the present price of house properties, especially in view of the fact that several War Service Homes properties have been sold at a great reduction to non-service men during recent years; (b) the interest charges thereon be reduced to 3½%.

**Aid Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund Act.—Re-Amending Act.** Due to a query raised by the Maimed and Limbless Men's Association and their request for information, it was moved by Mr. Rigg, seconded by Mr. Bateson: "That the Congress acknowledges the right of the Maimed and Limbless Men's Association to participate in the League's annual Poppy Day Appeal, subject to the conditions laid down by the State Executive."

**Certificate of Merit (J. T. Clarke).—**It was recommended that the name of Mr. J. T. B. Clarke, of Geraldton, be submitted to the Federal Executive for the Certificate of Merit. This was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Fairley.

**Old Age Pensions.** Moved by Mr. Cattermole, seconded by Mr. Rigg: "That the Congress make representations to the Commonwealth Government through the Federal Congress to obtain for ex-service men the payment of old age pensions at the age of 55 years."

**Sons of Soldiers' League.—**Moved by Mr. Stuchbury, seconded by Mr. Bateson: "That the age limit of admission to the Sons of Sailors and Soldiers' League be reduced from 12 years to 10 years."

**Nurses' Memorial Service.—**Moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Whittem: "Congress suggests it be a recommendation to sub-branches that all ex-service men hold in their own district a service in memory of those gallant nurses who gave their lives in the execution of their duty, such service to be held on the nearest Sunday prior to Red Cross Day, May 12th."

**Unemployment of Youth.** Moved by Mr. Birtwistle, seconded by Mr. Watt: "That in view of the effect of unemployment upon older youths in the community, this Congress urges the State Government to take the lead in organising social centres at State Schools at night, at which physical culture would be an important feature."

**Munificience.** Moved by Mr. Birtwistle, seconded by Mr. Rigg: "That the Congress recognises the importance of the prospectors having stores, other than and in addition to actual stores, recommends to the Honourable the Premier that instead of the whole of the 15/- per week being inalienably allocated for foodstuffs, 1/- in every 15/- be granted to allow of other necessary stores."

**Tourist Trade.—**Moved by Mr. Birtwistle, seconded by Mr. Watt: "That encourage-ment be given to tourists both from other parts of Australia and from overseas, by means of government and private propaganda, and by accentuating both at home and abroad the natural beauties of the State and advantages to be gained by taking advantage of its salubrious climate and enchanting beaches, and the numerous mineral and medicinal waters which are available in many places."

**Australian Flag.** Moved by Mr. Fairley, seconded by Mr. Enouf: "Congress recommends to the Minister for Education that the saluting of the Australian flag be part of the curriculum for all State Schools and that the rite be observed on the first day of every school week."

**Borrowing.** Moved by Mr. Jay, seconded by Mr. Murray: "That every effort be made to obtain the cessation of borrowing and instead utilise the Nation's credit for Australian purposes."

**Public Works.** Moved by Mr. Birtwistle, seconded by Mr. Aberle: "That an active policy of public works be evolved and pushed forward, particularly bearing in mind the enterprise and activity of the early pioneers of the State who carried through great works and enterprises with very much restricted facilities, and that as far as possible public works of this character should be devoted to the expansion of..."
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Unemployment of Youth.—Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cornell: "That this item be referred to the incoming State Executive." As a suitable means of absorbing many unemployed young men now rapidly becoming unemployable, Congress recommends the State Executive to seek the co-operation of the Executive Councils of the League in other States in urging the Commonwealth Government to establish four brigades of permanent regular infantry, to be known as His Majesty's Australian Commonwealth Guards. The units comprising the Guards to be identified by the numbers and colours of those A.I.F. battalions which landed at Gallipoli on 21st April, 1915. Similarly, contemporary units of Field Artillery, etc., to be represented by small establishments of regulars. It is suggested that in normal times of peace, the respective battalions be kept at a minimum strength equal to that of a full company. Attention on enlistment to exclude service outside Australian territorial limits. Further objects to be served by institution Guards regiments in Australia are: (1) To fittingly commemorate one of the greatest epic events in military history, by creating a living memorial to the units which took part in it, in the form of a permanent force worthy to carry their colours, and maintain the traditions they made. (2) To set up a standard in discipline, military precision and esprit-de-corps, in order to stimulate efficiency in the citizen forces. (3) To provide a suitable training ground and source of supply to which to draw sergeant instructors, battalion commanders and adjutants for the Citizen Forces. (4) To ensure that each State Capital can parade a brightly uniformed infantry unit of which its citizens may justly feel proud, thus serving to stimulate recruiting the citizen forces."

"Revelle."—Moved by Mr. Oliver, seconded by Rev. Riley: "That a gramophone record of "Revelle" and "Last Post" be produced for country services.

Friendly Societies.—Moved by Mr. Stuchbury, seconded by Mr. Fairley: "That the State Executive be congratulated on the restoration of Friendly Societies' sick pay not being deducted from Repatriation allowance whilst ex-soldiers are inmates of Repatriation Wards."

Sandalwood Industry.—Moved by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Mulqueeney: "That this Congress request the Conservator of Forests and the Government to remove the irksome restrictions on sandalwood as imposed by the Forests Act of 1924, further that the royalty of 19 per ton be waived by the Government."

Drainage Act.—This item was referred to the Executive Land Committee: "That Congress request the Executive to support any movement initiated by the settlers of Osborne Park (which includes Return Service Soldiers' Settlers) after February, 1924, to have their drainage scheme approved by the Government."

Thanks were then extended to many people for services rendered and favours conferred. The country delegates then made a presentation to members of the staff in appreciation of services rendered, after which Congress concluded with the singing of the National Anthem at 12 noon on Saturday, September 29th.

Poppy Day

This year's Poppy Day Appeal will be conducted in the Metropolitan Area on Friday, November 9, and the League is under a debt of gratitude to soldiers and Members of Parliament of both Houses for securing the safe passage of a Bill to protect the rights of the League on this Annual Appeal Day. Any persons other than those authorised by the R.S.L. are now liable to a fine of £100 for selling the Imitation Flower of the battle fields on Poppy Day or any other day of the year. The price of poppies to the public will be 1/-, as of former years, and after paying 4d. for each poppy to the Central Amelioration Fund, sub-branches may halve the balance and apply half to their own Amelioration Fund, and the other half to the Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund.

Poppy Day Committee) exhorted all lady workers to be early afield and to thoroughly staff all railway stations, buses, and taxi stopping places. He impressed upon the meeting that every suburban area must also be attended to, and not too much importance attached to city sales. A few years ago Poppy sales only amounted to less than 3,000, and this total with a growth of sub-branches has increased to upwards of 30,000. Poppies are for remembrance of the Empire's dead, and weavers indicate a sympathetic and practical interest with those who survived the battle of life.

The Duke inspecting the Parade of ex-service men at the opening of Anzac House

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Realising and appreciating the splendid work carried out at the Fremantle Fallen Sailors' and Soldiers' Memorial by the Fremantle Council, the Fremantle Sub-branch—decided that delegates to State Congress should have an opportunity of visiting it and paying due tribute to those who had accomplished such wonderful improvements. With this object in view, Mr. Alf. Pady was authorised to extend an invitation to delegates.

His efforts were more than satisfactory, for on Sunday, October 1, approximately sixty-five delegates and members were met at the Fremantle Railway Station and taken to the Monument. There a further gathering awaited them, which brought the number to well over a hundred. His Worship the Mayor was present on behalf of the Fremantle Council.

Mrs. McKinley, on behalf of the Women's Auxiliary, placed a wreath at the base of the Memorial, after which a minute's silence was strictly observed. The visitors expressed great pleasure at beholding the picturesqueness of the view surrounding the monument and the beauty of the site.

Later, His Worship the Mayor, Mr. F. E. Gibson, received the assembly at the Town Hall, and afternoon tea was served. President J. Lynch welcomed the visitors to Fremantle and thanked them for their kind response to Mr. Pady's invitation. His praise for the Fremantle Council was, indeed, a reward for their untiring efforts and deep interest in all ex-service men's activities.

Mr. F. E. Gibson explained that the money raised for the Memorial was money given by citizens, and it was to their efforts and to the Fremantle Council, who had contributed a considerable sum towards its cost, and the improvements effected that praise was due. (Applause.)

Rabbi D. I. Freedman, responding on behalf of the visitors, said, he had been afforded the opportunity of being present on this occasion because of the fact that he could not get his people to attend church on a Sunday. (Laughter.) "And I don't mind telling you," continued the speaker, "that I cannot get them to attend church on a Saturday!" (Prolonged laughter.) Continuing, the Rabbi congratulated Fremantle Sub-branch upon its

The Anzac House Bell

It has been stated that the bell in the Anzac Club originally came from a cathedral at Corbie. It was thought by many that if such were the case, it should be returned to where it came from. The bell was a donation from Mr. Ross S. Steele, Agricultural Bank Inspector, of Tambellup, and we took advantage of his visit to Perth for the opening of Anzac House to get the story from him.

Ross is a South African and served with the South Africans through the German South-West Campaign as a member of the Cape Field Artillery. In July, 1915, he went to England and enlisted with the 15th Scottish Division, where he secured a commission.

"It was on Easter Monday, 1917, that the bell was found," said Ross. "An advanced ammunition dump was being formed in a captured German strong point at Tilloy, not far from Arras, on the Arras-Cambrae main road. The champion artillery scavenger was a sergeant, and immediately on arrival commenced to fossick around and found the bell hanging up at the mouth of a German dugout, where evidently it had been used by Fritz as a gas alarm. I souvenired it from the sergeant," said Ross, "and for a few months it was used as a dinner gong in our officers' mess. Later, when I went to England on leave, I took the bell with me." Ross then explained that after the war he took the bell back to South Africa, where it was used as a farm bell for two years, and when he came to this State in 1922, he brought it with him.

Ross was glad of an opportunity to explain. "If the bell had come from a cathedral," he stated, "it would have been sacrilege to have kept it, and I would have sent it back."

One can only guess its source. More than likely it was taken by Fritz from some school-yard. Ross gave it to the League as a tribute from an Imperial ex-service man, to the good work the League was doing for all men who served in the British Army during the war.

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Official Opening of Anzac House

From our own point of view, the most important function during the Royal Visit was the official opening of Anzac House, which H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester performed on Friday, October 5, in the presence of a huge gathering of ex-service men and their wives, and of the general public. Earlier in the morning, the Duke showed his solicitude for suffering ex-service men by visiting the Repatriation Ward of the Perth General Hospital and conversing freely with the patients.

Including the Guard of Honour, 2,400 diggers and ex-Imperials paraded in the Terrace before Anzac House, and the Duke spent some time going through the ranks, for his inspection was no perfunctory one. Ascending the dais, the Duke was formally welcomed by the State President, Mr. A. Yeates.

In returning thanks, His Royal Highness paid personal tribute to the gallantry of Australian soldiers in the Great War and especially to them whose fate it was to die for their country. They had made for themselves an abiding reputation surpassed by no other troops. "Those whom I now see before me," he continued, "as well as those who are not here, set an example of courage and self-reliance which should prove a permanent inspiration to future generations. The united stand of the Empire was the decisive factor of the Great War. Remembering what co-operation and true comradeship were then able to achieve, it is for us to take up the burden which has been passed on to us and by service to one another and to the Empire to prove ourselves worthy successors."

"As an additional link between our two countries, I am glad to be able to announce that His Majesty the King has approved of an alliance between my own regiment, the 10th Hussars, and the 10th Light Horse. (Loud applause.)"

"I see in this building, which I am about shortly to declare open, a practical reminder of our past achievements, and our future responsibilities. As such may it long continue."

Mr. Yeates then presented Lieutenant-Colonel A. R. Baxter Cox, who handed over the golden key with which the Duke performed the opening ceremony. Later, in the board room, the Duke met the members of the State Executive, and formally presented to the State President the presidential chair, gavel and gavel-stand, donated by the South Australian Branch of the R.S.L., and the instand donated by the Queensland Branch.

The Duke was conducted through Anzac House, which was beautifully decorated with baskets of magnificent blooms placed throughout the building by the firm of Moondoo Glads, of Bassendean. The League is grateful to the proprietors and we add our own praise to them for their generosity and artistry.

Anzac Club Membership

Frequent enquiries are addressed to Head Office concerning membership of Anzac Club. It is explained that all men and women who are eligible for membership of the League are eligible for membership of the Club at a fee of £1 1s. per year. This may be paid half-yearly or quarterly as desired. Country diggers who are not full members may be accepted as Honorary Members of the Club during their stay in the City. Application form for membership can be secured from Mr. Jack Andrew, the Secretary of the Club. It is further explained that the Club only occupies a small portion of Anzac House, and is required to pay rental for the floor space to the League. The conveniences include a bar, reading and writing room, billiard tables, shooting gallery, and, moreover, a cheery atmosphere and an unrivalled view of the city from the Club rooms.

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It was fitting that the first foundation member of Anzac House should be Alex Anderson, not only because of his early life but also because he was one of the founders of the League. Alex is 68 years of age, and has had a most interesting life. He was born in America and came to Australia at an early age. Many years ago he served with General Monash in the volunteers in Melbourne. Alex was a sergeant in the Richmond Corps at the same time as Monash was a sergeant in the University Corps. He also taught Colonel Irvine some of his first recruit drill. Alex was wounded on Gallipoli with the 11th Battalion, and was invalided home in January, 1916. He was an original member of the old 11th Battalion Association, which, in May, 1916, became the R.S.A., and has been a member ever since.

Alex is a builder by trade, and with his wife, motored overland to Melbourne to attend the Centenary Celebrations.

Major-General Howard Vyse, who was here with the Duke, was G.S.O. of the Desert Corps during the Palestine campaign. The morning after the official opening of Anzac House, Captain J. A. D. Phillip invited the General up to the Club where he had the opportunity of fighting old battles over with a number of officers of the 10th Light Horse.

Mr. Tom Tandy, Regimental Sergeant-Major of the 16th Battalion, won seven medals for turning out the best guard during his sojourn at La Gréve, and by a strange coincidence has again demonstrated his forte by winning seven first prizes at the recent Royal Agricultural Show for his Swan Brand Products. His guard turned out the pride of the battalion, now his effort in peace has placed his manufactures, sauce, pickles and vinegar in the pride of place in this State.

Among those honoured during the Royal Visit was Bob Alexander, who was presented with the Royal Victorian Medal by His Royal Highness at Government House on Sunday night, October 7. Bob travelled with the Prince of Wales during the whole of his Western Australian tour in 1920, and was in attendance upon the Duke and Duchess of York in 1927, and on the Duke of Gloucester during his brief stay in Perth. The recipient of this well-deserved honour served with the 32nd Battalion during the war and finished up with a lieutenant's stars. He is the past president of the 32nd Battalion Association, and a past president of the Victoria Park Sub-branch.

We ran across Les and Mrs. Les Riches in the Terrace during the week. Les, who served with the 11th and 51st Battalions, has just undergone an operation on the eye, which was injured by a bomb during the war. In spite of the bandages, he looks well and fit, and is looking forward to a few weeks' holiday in Perth before going back to Ora Banda. Both Les and Mrs. Les declare that having had a spell of chasing the elusive gold they would not care for city life again.
We condole with our old comrade, Fred. Reeves (ex-H.M.A.S. Australia) and his good wife, on the death of one of their twin daughters born on Anzac Day last. Let us hope that troublous seas will not prevail in the future, and that good fortune be his lot.

Dan Bell, of Fremantle Sub-branch, has unfortunately been compelled to return to the Repatriation Ward of the Perth General Hospital for treatment. His fellow diggers of the Past and his many friends elsewhere wish him a speedy and lasting recovery.

General Jan Christian Smuts, who has just been installed as Rector of the ancient University of St. Andrew's, was a university man before he became a soldier. Born of Boer parents at Bovenplaats, Cape Colony, on May 24, 1870, he graduated B.A. at Victoria College, Stellenbosch, and then entered Christ's College, Cambridge, where he took a first in the Law Tripos in 1892. In 1895, he was admitted an advocate by the Supreme Court at Cape Town. The following year he settled in Johannesburg, where he was admitted to the Transvaal Bar and practised law until the outbreak of the Boer War of 1899-1902.

Mr. Arthur Rogers, who managed the R.S.L. Trading Coy. Ltd., recently resigned from that position, having served for many years of good and efficient service. Applications were called for the vacant position, the successful applicant being Mr. Morrie Lewis. Morrie served with the 48th Battalion, reached the rank of Captain, and was awarded the Military Cross. He has been a member of the League since his return from the war, and for a period was president of the Bassendean Sub-branch.

The late Peter Wedd

Diggers, and a host of others who were not Diggers, will regret the passing last month of one who was ever a public-spirited citizen and a good comrade, the late Peter Wedd. Peter was one of the first men on the Eastern Goldfields in the Roaring 'Nineties, and soon proved himself a stalwart champion of miners' rights. Though not a young man when the war broke out, he emerged an expert in the A.I.F. and saw active service overseas. He returned in 1918, and was a leading member of the Labour Party, and for many years a member of the State Executive. His cheery personality was in itself an inspiration, and in public and private life he set an example of moral rectitude and public spirit that is well worth following.

It is understood that Major Charlie Marr, M.C., the Minister for Repatriation who was recently in Western Australia in charge of the proceedings connected with the Royal Visit, is retiring from the Federal Ministry at his own request. This will be a cause for regret to ex-service men and members of the general public who have had the good fortune to meet him on or off duty. The retiring Minister is a digger of diggers, who, while being a gentleman to his fingertips, can walk with kings and keep the common touch. He has had a splendid war record and a clean political record, which is no mean feat in these days. While in Perth, he renewed old friendships and cemented new ones. In his Ministerial capacity he was mainly responsible for the restoration of pensions to their former level, and diggers who have had to interview him from time to time on repatriation matters considered him a very practical and sympathetic minister.

A visitor to Perth during the month was Reg. C. Wood, the secretary of the Koorda Sub-branch, and brother to the late C. W. Wood, the well-known digger.

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B. R. HUSBAND, Secretary.
of Beans' life who died in July last. Reg.
served abroad with the 51st Battalion,
and reports that Koorda is once again on
the R.S.L. map with 40 members, under
the able leadership of Mr. Chas. H.
Smith. A big stunt being organised by
the sub-branch is an Armistice Ball, on
November 10.

Jack W. Lynch
PRESIDENT FREMANTLE SUB-
BRANCH, R.S.L.

South Fremantle Ward, is Bill Beer, a
well-known digger in the Port, whose
spacious premises in South Terrace are
a monument to his pluck and energy
and determination in business. Bill is a
product of Birmingham, England, and he
was first attracted to Western Australia,
at the age of 16. He anticipated being
selected in the second batch of twelve
boys for the Fairbridge Farm, but was
turned down, through being too old. He
was passed on to the Agent-General for
Western Australia, and at nineteen years
left England for the Immigrants' Home,
Fremantle. In 1913, Bill was working
underground in the Ida H. Gold Mine,
near Laverton. A Red Cross Fund was
started when war broke out, and Bill
was hon. secretary, collecting at the pay
office over £150 up till November, 1915.
At this time, Bill, although a very young
married man, enlisted in the A.I.F., at
Laverton, 600 miles from Perth. In
February, 1916, he left for Egypt, and
was in Fleurbaix with the 11th Bat-
alion just in time for the 30th of May
stunt. Bill was in all the big stunts,
and collected at Polygon Wood, returning
to Fremantle in May, 1919.

For the last ten years he has been
selling furniture, auctioneering, etc., in
the northern end of the old Base Hos-
pital, and perhaps another queer coinci-
dence in life, he owns the building
adjoining the Immigrants' Home, which
was his first home in Western Australia.
Having proved himself a worthy and
progressive citizen, Bill, who is still a
young man of 40, with plenty of con-
fidence, should give a good account of
himself at the South Fremantle election
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WARDEN'S REPORT

Brigadier-General Bessell-Browne, the 1934 Warden, submitted the following report to Congress:

Assisting Wardens.—The Assistant Wardens have carried out their duties to my entire satisfaction. They have been on duty on all week-ends, and all public holidays, and on all occasions it is noticeable that they are conscious of the sacred duty entrusted to them.

Memorial Surroundings.—When the Boys' Scouts' Association took over the duty of Assisting Wardens, the grounds and gardens in front of the Memorial had been newly laid out, with the result that there were no flowering shrubs in the beds, and no grass growing on the lawns. To-day the lawns are fully grassed and the flowering beds a blaze of colour. This improvement is due to the concentrated attentions of the Sub-wardens, and their activities were such that they obtained the hearty co-operation of Mr. Heath, the Superintendent in charge of King's Park, and I would like to support the appreciation expressed in the Assisting Warden's report with reference to this gentleman.

Barriers.—It has been noticed that on occasions of ceremonies, such as Anzac Day, that a congestion of the general public takes place on the Memorial, to view the wreaths placed on it, and for the information of the incoming Wardens, it is suggested that a small barrier should be installed retained in the Memorial itself, so that it could be quickly erected with view of causing the flow of traffic to move on to the Memorial and off again in one direction.

Preservation.—For the information of the incoming Wardens, I would mention that there is a slight leak in the roof of the Crypt, at present only noticeable, but may develop, otherwise the Memorial is in a good state of preservation.

In conclusion, I would like to express a deep sense of appreciation to the Boy Scouts' Association for the loyal manner in which they have carried out their duties, and would particularly mention Senior Assistant Warden, Albert V. Hunt. Their sentiment of duty is expressed by the following incident: "A youth who was misbehaving himself in the precincts of the Memorial, who, when spoken to was very rude, but later came back and apologised."

ASSISTANT WARDEN'S REPORT

The following report was submitted to the Warden on behalf of the Assistant Wardens by Mr. Albert V. Hunt, Public Service Commissioner, Boy Scouts' Association:

The following is a resume of the activities of your Sub-Wardens for the ten months to September 16. There is a marked improvement of respect on the part of the general public to the Memorial, and where it had not been shown previously, it was only due to lack of thought and not any disrespect.

The guards have been on duty every Saturday and Sunday afternoon, also on all public holidays. Many particulars have been given to overseas visitors and helping to find names on the tablets in the crypt has also been asked for a quite a number of times.

The flower borders have been kept freshly planted with flowering annuals, also the lawns at the back have been kept in good order and the watering throughout the summer season was performed by the guards on duty. The paths and crypt were swept on every occasion, and the marble tablets were washed periodically.

Apart from our headquarters' officers and myself, the following has been the total attendances to date: from our Association as Sub-Wardens, 74 Warrant Officers, 50 Rovers, 40 Sea Scouts, and 398 Scouts, making a total of 562. Our greatest day was, of course, Anzac Day; an all night vigil was undertaken and proper guards throughout the day, the total number of our officers and boys for this day was 101.

Full guards were furnished by us when members of the following Associations attended and laid wreaths on the Memorial: Monday, November 20, 1933, W.A. Branch Aust. Flying Corps; Members of the Imperial Army Band, under Captain Adkins, on March 29, 1934. The Naval Men's Association, on Sunday, June 3, 1934; the 32nd Battalion, on Sunday, July 22, 1934. The 48th Battalion, on Saturday, August 4, 1934; the British United Services Association, and also the Old Contemptibles, on Sunday, August 19, 1934. Various other wreaths have been placed on the Memorial at different times throughout the year, in honour of those who stayed behind.

I would like, through you, Sir, to tender to Mr. Heath, the Superintendent of King's Park, my very heartfelt thanks for all the assistance he has always so gratefully given us, also for the seedlings, etc., for beautifying the borders round the Memorial.

In conclusion, Sir, I would like, through you, to thank the individual members and also the R.S. & S.I. League for the interest and thanks they have given to the boys upon various occasions that they have visited at King's Park, and as the officer in charge this year it will always be to me a happy remembrance of service and duty.

The Hon. John Nicholson, M.L.C., was appointed by Congress as the new Warden for the State War Memorial, the Assistant Wardens being the Nedlands Park Sub-branch. The Committee consists of Sir Talbot Hobbs, Colonels H. B. Collett and C. Lamb, Rabbi Freedman, and Messrs. Watt, Philp, and Tozer.

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One of the disappointments of 1917 was that the long rest so frequently promised the A.I.F., was just as frequently cut short. After Bullecourt, however, the 1st, 2nd, and 5th Divisions did have something of the kind before the Anzac Corps was transferred to Flanders to take part in another phase of the Passchendaele offensive. The weather conditions under which the Passchendaele offensive was launched were deplorable, but the continuance of the innumerable blows at the German line was demanded by the general situation. Nivelle's offensive in the earlier part of the year had been a complete failure. Nivelle had been obsessed with the idea that the success of his counter-strokes at Verdun might be exploited on a larger scale, and that one bold stroke, one break-through, might end the war. His plans failed to legislate for a resumption of the "wearing down" tactics in the event of a failure to break through. His ultimate failure seriously lowered the morale of French troops and French civilians alike. Under these circumstances, German defeatist propaganda found a fruitful soil. Never, throughout the long agony of the war were German agents more active.

It was, for instance, on October 15, 1917, that the notorious Mata Hari was convicted of espionage and shot. What was most serious was the mutiny on a large scale that occurred among the French forces in 1917. Briefly, the situation was that pressure on the Germans had to be maintained, and the French were in no condition to undertake another offensive.

"Something had to be done, if only to restore confidence in the Allied arms and in Allied leadership. To the British Army fell the task of occupying the attention of the enemy in Flanders, and of harassing him persistently until the French could reconstruct their forces, for, at that period, in spite of our own successes, the war was more nearly lost than even during the dark days of early 1918. As Captain Bean, the official historian, puts it, "The British Army, by engaging and striking at the enemy from June to November, 1917, saved the situation, and its exploits in this theatre form one of the most striking happenings of the war. Here again the attacking forces were confronted with a stubborn, resourceful and well posted enemy; while heavy rains and impassable swamps added to their difficulties and only too frequently robbed them of the fruits of victory."

What a Homeric episode those last days of September and the first fortnight of October constitute. One noteworthy feature is that for the first time in the history of the war all five Australian Divisions and their old New Zealand comrades were in action together. In the fighting at Polygon Wood, Broodseinde and Passchendaele, both Anzac Corps played a conspicuous part. The losses, an average of 7,300 for each Australian division, were exceeded only by those on the Somme in 1916, but far more was effected with less agony to those who achieved it.

The principal achievement of the troops engaged was the capture, stage by stage, of the approaches to the Passchendaele Ridge, and the gaining of a footing on the Ridge itself, which made it possible for the Canadians to complete the actual conquest of the Ridge. The fighting also elicited an important piece of information.

Much has been said and written of the German system of defence in depth, perfected in 1917, of which concrete block-houses, called "pill boxes" by the troops, were the essential feature. Documents captured during the October fighting showed that General von Ludendorff and his lieutenants were aware of their latest novel method of defence was a failure. They had first tried the Hindenburg tunnel system. The tunnel system was condemned by Ludendorff, who gave an order that all tunnels should be partly blown up. The heavy concrete block house system was then developed. When, in turn, the concrete forts were mastered, Ludendorff was obliged to return to the old practice of holding his foremost positions in considerable strength.

According to a recent issue of a fashion journal, curves and bulges are to be cultivated once again in the feminine figure.

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Fencing the War Memorial

The report of the decision of the State Executive to adopt the recommendation of the State War Memorial Committee, that a fence in wrought and hammered iron work be erected for the proper protection of the War Memorial, has evoked letters of protest to various editors from the usual energetic writers who rush into print without troubling to acquaint themselves with all the facts of the case.

The proposed fence, which has been designed by the architect, Lieutenant-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs, will be at the top of the approach steps to the terrace on the platform of the obelisk, will be a work of art which will form an integral part of the memorial itself. It will embody crossed torches and other decorative symbols of remembrance and will be provided with double gates that will open at such times as the wardens or sub-wardens are on duty, or on other special occasions.

There can be no two opinions as to the desirability of treating the memorial with respect, and of protecting it from vandalism, such as has happened in other places. Neither is there any doubt that the general public has been lax in rendering the customary tributes of respect. Brains have been clogged with cigarette ends and matches. One most objectionable feature of the public's attitude is the tendency to treat the terrace of the memorial as a vantage point from which to gaze at the city, and during a recent ceremony, the conduct of press photographers in their anxiety to obtain striking photographs left much to be desired. Notice of all sorts of persons laying wreaths recently, too, there has developed the practice of without first consulting the proper authorities, and more in the interests of newspaper publicity than in reverence of our sacred dead. Even the wreath laid by the Duke of Gloucester did not escape mutilation at the hands of the souvenir hunter. The card was stolen before the wreath had been in position for five minutes.

In the matter of the fence, the State Executive unanimously adopted the recommendation of the State War Memorial Committee and this recommendation was based on the previous recommendations of successive wardens. It is not intended to deny the public suitable access to the memorial by erecting unsightly barriers. When the fence is in position it will enhance the beauty of the structure, a fact which we feel sure those who are objecting now will be among the first to recognise.

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Archdeacon C. L. Riley reported to Congress on behalf of the committee as follows:

"This year only four sub-branches submitted claims for the Cup, but that fact did not make the task of the Committee much lighter owing to the even greater closeness of excellence in the work reported upon.

"The financial stress of the times was reflected in the number of members who had dropped out in the year, but the effort of one sub-branch in paying up for 49 members out of an unfinancial members' fund is to be very highly commended.

"An average attendance of 84 over 12 monthly meetings speaks volumes for the keenness of another sub-branch.

"Close and cordial relations with the Women's Auxiliaries are generally reported on, and their help is gratefully acknowledged.

"The routine items of employment and amelioration have been well maintained, one sub-branch having its own labour bureau.

"Anzac House has been well backed by the claimants, and Poppy Day has also had a good report, one sub-branch having reached the splendid total of £122 for the latter.

"The S.S.L. seems recognised as a necessary factor in sub-branch active life, which augurs well for the future.

"A greater number of Dawn Services on Anzac Day reported on shows how the observance of that day is getting beyond the superficial.

"Outside activities have had a very full share of the energies of the sub-branches. Empire Shopping Week, Gardening Competitions, visits to Lemnos Hospital, entertainments by minstrel troupes, all-gender avenues of useful services, are exploited.

"Cricket Clubs and teams for the Memorial Shield occupy a good many members' extra time.

"It is good to find, sub-branches so solid financially that they can have their annual reports printed and their doings recorded monthly in a local magazine.

"The following read well: 'Almost every position of any importance in the town is held by a returned soldier.'

"The Sub-branch has always and will always uphold the slogan, 'The League serves.'

"Charemont are to be commended for the excellence they have displayed, while Collie and Nedlands have both run the winner exceedingly close for the coveted Newdegate Cup, which this year is awarded to North Perth.'

"His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor, Sir James Mitchell, presented the Cup to Mr. W. J. James, president of the North Perth Sub-branch, who suitably responded.

"We are always hearing the question, "Why is it that widows always marry again?"

"Perhaps it is because dead men tell no tales.
This year’s Congress unanimously carried a resolution congratulating the management of the Listening Post on the souvenir Anzac House issue. If we’re not very careful we’ll become popular.

Digger’s Kid: “Dad, why did they have to declare one Senator elected before

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in “HELL AND HIGHWATER”

The Duke acknowledging the Diggers’ Cheers
(Photo by H. Hart)

The Australian perverted sense of humour manifested itself the day the band of H.M. Grenadier Guards arrived at Fremantle. Major Miller had hardly set foot on the quay when a dinger wharf-lumper breathed up and said, “Excuse me, Major, but your fellows are a very young looking lot.”

“Do you think so?” the Major asked guardedly.

“Yes. It’s got me tricked. The band was formed in 1667, wasn’t it?”

One of the features of the Royal Visit was the parade of the band of H.M. Grenadier Guards with the Royal Australian Artillery at the mounting of the Royal Guard at Government House, Perth. For the first time in the history of the British Army, a Guards band played an Australian regiment through the streets of an Australian city.

Mr. F. Harffey, formerly Corporal, 10th (P.W.O.) Royal Hussars, writes:— May I, through the columns of the Listening Post, suggest that the 10th Light Horse Association invite ex-members of the 10th (P.W.O.) Royal Hussars to become honorary members of their Association.

I am sure this would be considered a compliment by the regiment, and I am sure H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester would be pleased to know that such a step had been taken.

The State Secretary, Mr. D. M. Benson, advises:—With reference to the list of donations for Anzac House received from sub-branches and auxiliaries appearing in the last issue of the Listening Post, I have been reminded that a donation of £2/2/- from the Donnybrook Women’s Auxiliary was not shown. Could you please make a reference to this in the next issue?

A successful “Get Together Night” was held by the Medical Units Association on Saturday, October 11, at the Institute. A large gathering, including the Patron, Major-General White, was presided over by A. Hood, One feature of the evening was the beautiful music rendered by the South Perth Sub-branch Orchestra, which was greatly appreciated by all present. Other musical items were given by Mr. Bert Davies. Several new members were enrolled and the evening was voted a huge success.
We regret that the University students’ laudable intention of holding a Peace Service on Armistice Day has not been carried into action. Those of us who remember the hilarious proceedings in London or in Paris on Armistice Night, and who have memories of high life in older universities during an unregenerate adolescence, would have been overjoyed at the prospect of seeing both atmospheres fused. Some time ago, Associate Professor Fox explored the fact that soldiers were not degraded to the level of dustmen and scavengers, and that teachers, associate professors, and so on, were not allowed to attend State Governors at official functions instead of Navy and Army officers. More recently still the same publicist wrote an article in the West Australian on the reactions we experience when we come into contact with Royalty. If the university students ever do decide to combine with the extraneous anti-war organisations and hold a Peace Service, and if the teaching staff of the University are not too busy broadcasting and writing newspaper articles to be present, it would be a sight for the gods to witness the entry of the President of the Scavengers’ Union, attended by Ass-Professor Fox.

We chance the editorial arm by telling the following story, but it is too good to be consigned to the dust heaps of oblivion. While the Grenadier Guards Band was in Perth, George Mellor, our own popular bandmaster, learned that an old Guardsman, who joined the Grenadiers somewhere about 1880, was anxious to see the band, but through ill-health was unable to come into Perth. George made an old soldier happy by providing the transport and taking several members of the band out to see him. Such little acts of Kindness are evidence of the freemasonry that exists among service men and of the spirit that inures the R.S.I.

Returned Army and Home Service Sisters.
The annual dinner of Sisters will take place on Monday, November 12, at the Karrakatta Club. All who intend being present are advised to book early with Miss Howan. The usual sub. of £5/10/- will then be due.

All Sisters who would care to be present at the South African and Imperial Veterans’ Memorial Service have seats reserved for them. They are requested to wear medals.

The University authorities have allocated a sum of £25 to enable Dr. H. Fowler to carry out researches into the causes that induced men to enlist for active service during the World War. One can imagine the average Digger’s reaction to such an inquiry.

Well, stone the crows! This scientific age has made plain sticky-breaking all the rage; and high and mighty coves in cap and gown detail a genial psychologist to ask what made a bloke like me enlist. Arr! Strike me pink and likewise blue and brown and green as well! I reckon cap and bell! Would be a better rig for learned worms. Who’d set a busy doctor such a task?

I’ve heard Old Sweats declare the silliest Mick won’t tell you why he joined, until he’s thick. Could I stop one? Well, Doctor, need you ask? But Doc, is this the dinkum gig? Say, did they let you loose with five and twenty quid to turn it on for all us thirsty lads till we parade our secret memories, and youthful aspirations, to appease the curiosity of undergrads?

It’s going to cost you quite a packet, Doc. Yes, mine’s a beer. Let other blokes drink ‘buck. “His, Hacc, Hoc!” There, I’ve declined it; not the beer. ‘Struth! I’m no Norseman. That’s a joke. That ought to please an educated bloke like you. Thanks, Doc. I’ll have another pot.

Now, let me see. What made me chuck my job and join the Army, like a silly yob? I s’pose it’s up to me to be a sport, and make my twisting tongue extend my cheek, and wink my other optic, while I speak as Anti-War League spruikers think I ought. You want my dinkum reason, Doc? You’ve wet my whistle till I’m nearly blind and deaf.

What made me join the ruddy A.I.F.? Well, ain’t I absent-minded? I forget!

The climate of Chicago can’t be very warm. After all, that is where the frozen meat comes from.
Twenty Years After
(By W. H. Warnock)

Those of to-day, who are old enough to remember that awful night of August 4, 1914—when, on a dazed nation and its distracted people, came the catastrophe of the Great War—will count the tragic years that followed, as the most terrible, and the most trying period of their lives.

Twenty years after that ominous date, we have no doubt whatever, that the World War was a struggle for the very life of the British Empire, and also, the greatest struggle in history for human freedom.

In the long interval, we have had ample time to count the cost of that devastating conflict—not in gold, indeed, but in the desolating toll of precious lives.

Some idea of the appalling sacrifice entailed is gleaned from the estimates compiled since the Great War ended. According to Harmsworth's Universal Encyclopedia, the gross casualties amongst combatants amounted to nearly 40,000,000, and of that colossal number, at least 7,000,000 are dead!

A partial analysis of that seven millions (based on details found in Whitaker's Almanack, 1934) reveals the following calamitous record of the valiant hearts who died for King and Country:

Great Britain and Ireland 812,317
Australia 60,456
New Zealand 18,212
Canada 62,817
Newfoundland 1,609
Colonies 52,044
South Africa 9,032
India 73,432

(Total, British Empire, 1,089,919.) Allied and Associated Countries 2,477,683

The last named authority (Whitaker) gives the Royal Navy and Royal Naval Reserve losses as: Killed in action, or died of wounds, 34,642.

"Toll for the brave!

The brave that are no more!"

In counting the cost, it should be borne in mind, that the figures already quoted do not include civilian deaths resulting from the war. Air-raids alone were responsible for hundreds of deaths.

In the British merchant service 14,000 men perished, as a result of enemy action, together with 6,330 passengers.

Notwithstanding the care taken by expert enumerators, the various estimates can only be accepted as approximately correct. The chances are that owing to the difficulties surrounding a compilation of this nature, our losses have been considerably under-estimated.

But, a truce to description... and to figures. When numbers fade and are forgotten, the links which bind us to that valiant host will still survive, and Time itself will add a lasting lustre to the fame so well deserved... so dearly won.

"Lord, prove us worthy of our dead!"

Armistice Day—the 11th of November, 1918—is, by now, ancient (and sacred) history, but, those who experienced the thrilling sensations of that sudden and unexpected climax, can never forget the delirious joy with which "The Day" was hailed.

The mysterious series of Elevens which centre in Armistice Day, has given food for thought to a host of simple-minded folk, who still can "wonder" at strange events and curious happenings.

Historically, nothing is more amazing than the startling recurrence of the fateful "Elevens" which link up the wonderful chain of events that figure in the chronicle hereunder—:

The greatest of all wars ended—at the Eleventh hour of the day: on the Eleventh day of the month: in the Eleventh month of the year: exactly at the end of the Eleventh month since General Allenby entered Jerusalem on the Eleventh day of December, 1917: and, on the Eleventh day from the signing of the Armistice with Turkey.

A tendency towards mysticism leads many to believe that it was by no blind coincidence or extraordinary chance, but by the absolute Will and merciful decree of Providence, that the carnage should cease, and the "The War" should end, as indicated above.

Whatever be the solution of this inscrutable riddle, it seems too deep for human minds to fathom. Time, the revealer, may disclose the secret... meanwhile—even though it revives mournful echoes of "The Last Post"—the devotion and sacrifice of "The Unconquered Dead" will ever remain an honoured and hallowed memory.

As an emblem of remembrance, no

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more fitting flower could have been chosen than the balm-laden poppy, which, all are agreed, is the only bloom that truly symbolizes the blood so freely shed in the great Cause, for which our gallant troops laid down their lives.

General Haig, whose pride in the men who served with him has become a tradition, took a positive delight in their daring exploits. Shortly after the termination of the war, the veteran Commander closed a notable speech by saying: "Ask the people to remember the dead, who never die, in red poppies." Hence, on Armistice Day, and other commemorative occasions, we wear that red "Forget-me-not" in honour of "the dead, who never die."

The present is a golden opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the following message of consolation, cheer, and hope from the pen of an anonymous writer: Its intimate tone and evident sincerity will appeal to all:

"Time's healing balm has eased the aching scars, and as in thought we lay fresh garlands on our heroes' graves, we breathe the silent prayer that wings its way Beyond, and finds its hallowed mark within the Veil."

REQUIEM

"Not dead—oh, no! but borne beyond the shadows
Into the full clear light;
Forever done with mist and cloud and tempest
Where all is calm and bright."

(The foregoing article was written by a
civilian contributor.—Ed.)

R.S.L. Cricket Association Fixtures

(Objecting December 23rd and 30th)

October 14.—Maylands v. Tramways,
Freemantle v. Midland.

October 21.—Perth v. Nedlands, Clare-
mont v. Cottesloe.

October 28.—North Perth v. Maylands,
Freemantle v. Tramways.

November 4.—Midland v. Perth, Clare-
mont v. Nedlands.

November 11.—Cottesloe v. N. Perth,
Maylands v. Freemantle.

November 18.—Tramways v. Midland,
Perth v. Claremont.

November 25.—Nedlands v. Cottesloe,
Freemantle v. North Perth.

December 2.—Maylands v. Midland,
Perth v. Tramways.

December 9.—Claremont v. Freemantle,

December 16.—Cottesloe v. Midland,
Perth v. Maylands.

January 6.—Tramways v. Nedlands,
Claremont v. North Perth.

January 13.—Freemantle v. Perth, May-
lands v. Cottesloe.

January 20.—Midland v. Claremont,

January 27.—Tramways v. Cottesloe, Fre-
mantle v. Nedlands.

February 3.—Midland v. North Perth,
Perth v. Cottesloe.

February 10.—Claremont v. Maylands,
Tramways v. North Perth.

February 17.—Proposed Country Week
Match.

February 24.—Midland v. Nedlands,
Claremont v. Tramways.

March 3.—Freemantle v. Cottesloe, Ned-
lands v. Maylands.

Armistice Observance

The observance of the sixteenth anniversary of the Armistice, which called a halt to the incessant strife of the four year's World War, will be commemorated throughout Western Australia as in former years. In obedience to the wish of His Majesty the King, there will be a two minutes' silence and cessation of all business activities at 11 a.m. on Sunday, November 11. Church services will be held to commemorate the peace, and buglers will be placed by the League at the principal city street intersections to sound the "Last Post" and "Reveille."

These calls will be broadcast by all stations. At the State War Memorial there will be a simple ceremony at which the incoming Warden and Sub-Wardens will take over from the retiring Warden and Sub-Wardens. In the evening the Perth Symphony Orchestra will conduct a Memorial Concert in His Majesty's Theatre, commencing at 8.10 p.m. The first part of this Concert will be in commemoration of the fallen, and the proceeds will be applied for the relief of distressed musicians.

Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust

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three years.

Applications must be lodged in writ-
ing, and must reach the Hon. Secretary,
Mr. J. R. Fitzpatrick, G.P.O. Box K765,
not later than Monday, October 29,
1934.

"Iron in the Fire," by Edgar Mor-
row, is the magnetic name of the newest
war book that has found its way to our
reviewer's dissecting table. The book,
which should have a great sale, is
written by a Western Australian soldier and comes to us from the publishers, Messrs.
Angus and Robertson, of Sydney. In an
over-crowded issue like the present,
we cannot do justice in a paragraph or so;
therefore we defer the review and will
publish it in the November issue.
Men of Anzac
Then and Now
(By T. G. Retallack)

(Captain T. G. Retallack, an ex-Imperial soldier, who attended this year's Congress for the first time as a delegate, and who contributes the following article, writes, in a covering letter: "I have learned much of the character of the Australian soldier during the war, but I had to attend a Congress in Perth before it was brought home to me what a sportsman he really is. I look forward with considerable pleasure to future Congresses. My first one will be a source of pleasant reflection for some time to come.")

On an April day in 1915, Australia's History paused for a moment, and in that moment her Tradition began. Troops from her States had fought for the Motherland overseas on more than one occasion, but on that April day, on the barren shores and steeps of Anzac was born the tradition of her nationality; born in a blaze of undying glory as befits the tradition of a nation in arms.

That birth is an epic which is blazoned for ever in letters of gold in our history of Empire; a feat of arms which if ever equaled, will certainly never be surpassed by the troops of any other army. Will the records of the Lion Heart and Saladin have gazed down in pride from Valhalla to watch the sons of Cross and Crescent arrayed in battle?

Thus was born the tradition of Anzac. Almost two decades have passed since then. Who were these men—the records of whose heroism and self-sacrifice clothes them in the garb of the immortals?

Were they of different clay from other men that their memory should live on after them? No, not so! Their glory is the story of humble every-day men who rose triumphant to godly heights in their hour of trial—"Whose memory shall live for ever."

Too often are we prone to forget in our services of remembrance that those who returned are of the same mould as those who fell, the Bills and Dicks and Jims we rub shoulders with at all times in the daily round.

The glamour and fever of war days are gone from us, and Time perhaps dulls the keen edge of memory for those who did not share the sacrifice.

Many of the Bills and Jims are amongst us still; older and greyer alas, but still true diggers in spirit and thought. The Spirit of Anzac Still Lives!

Let those who doubt it make closer contact with the living and visible proof, the R.S.I.

No Cenotaph do they need to remind them of their dead. The League itself is the incarnation spirit of Anzac, and the men in its ranks are the living monument to their cobbles.

Cobbers! A homely, slangy word perhaps, but they were homely, cheerful men, and when two were mates they shared everything, even to death itself, and to that extent their loyalty went. "Lest we forget." Can they ever? No! A thousand times no.

"Thy rod and Thy Staff they comfort me." The words of that beautiful and famous Psalm betoken the spiritual comfort of Faith in the hour of need. The R.S.I. is the visible and living sign that the men of Anzac keep faith with their sleeping comrades to-day, as they did in their hour of need twenty years ago.

The spirit of Anzac still lives and the spirit is bent not to deeds of war but to the more patient and less heroic deeds of peace without trumpet sound or glamour.

So each year they gather together to confer over ways and means to help less fortunate comrades, to assist with practical and material assistance the wives and children of those who fell.

They do not forget nor shall they ever. Congress comes and goes with the years, but the spirit still remains; the flame of loyalty is still bright.

Their remembrance is practical. Each for all, all for each.

Just as the war years at Anzac and in France brought out the noble traits in the character of the men of Anzac, so to-day in peace are these traits in evidence.

And in the League are found men of the Imperial Army, who, because of the true spirit of comradeship and sacrifice in the dark days when the whole Empire stood solidly British, share to-day in the ideals of peace and the common weal with their comrades of Anzac.

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The first State Executive meeting to be held in Anzac House was that of the new Executive on Wednesday, October 10, 1934, at which there were present Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Olden, Collett, Philip, Panton, Denton, Freedman, Watt, Edmonds, Hunt, Pady, Aberle, Margolin, Collins, Russ, Melior, Wilkin, Warner, Farquharson, Bryan, Wells and Cornehil. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. May, Lovell, and Colonel Lamb.

Considering that the South African delegates to the B.E.S.L. Conference, who will arrive on October 14, should be met and entertained, as will Sir Fabian Ware, who arrives on October 10, if possible it will be arranged for Sir Fabian Ware to deliver a lecture while in Perth.

Certificate of Merit.—It was decided that the matter of a Certificate of Merit for Mr. J. T. Clarke, of Geraldton, be forwarded to the Federal Executive with the suggestion that it be approved and confirmed by next Congress, as no recommendation was forwarded for the last Annual Congress.

Cricket Association.—It was agreed that £5/5/- be allocated for the provision of a permanent cup for annual competition among the teams constituting the R.S.L. Cricket Association.

Invitations.—The following invitations were accepted:—Meckering (November 9), Mr. F. Warner, M.L.A.; Corrigin (October 27), Colonel Olden and the State Secretary; Aero Club (October 30), Colonel Olden; Wongan Hills (November 3), Colonel Olden; Morin Rock (October 27), referred to Management Committee; Cottesloe (October 30), Messrs. Farquharson and Pady.

Federal Executive.—It was decided that the State President represent this Branch at the next meeting of the Federal Executive.

The following committees were appointed:

- Management:—State President (Chairman), Past President, the two Vice-Presidents, with the Chairman of the Finance, Trustees, and Pensions Committee.
- Finance:—Messrs. Margolin, Lamb, Wilkins and Collett.
- Pensions and Employment Committee:—Messrs. Watt, Aberle, Edmonds, Farquharson, Melior, Panton, Ross, and Bryan.
- Mining and Prospecting:—Colonel Olden, Messrs. Watt and Cornwell.
- Empire and Local Trade:—Messrs. Watt, Lovell, Pady, Bryan, Hunt, and Aberle.
- Anzac Day:—Management Committee, with Messrs. Edmonds, Hunt, Margolin, Melior, and Freedman.
- Hospital Visiting:—Messrs. Freedman, Melior, Panton, and Pady.
- Anzac House:—Colonel Olden, Colonel Collett, Chairman of Finance and House Committees, Messrs. Hunt, Philip, Lamb, McDowell, and Sir Charles Nathan co-opted.

The Secretary of the Buy-a-Brick Appeal advised that this had closed on October 6, and requested that sub-branches who had not finalised be asked to do so in the next month, circular.

The suggestion that a booklet be published, containing the history and photograph of Anzac House, for sale to sub-branches, was referred to the Anzac House Committee for consideration and report.

General.—The appointment of officials as advised by the Mt. Barker Sub-branch was confirmed.

It was decided that this year's annual sale of poppies be held on Friday, November 9.

In response to the request of Mr. J. T. Smith for representation of this Executive at a meeting of the newly-formed Council of Imperial Ex-Service Associations, Captain E. W. Edmonds was appointed as an observer.

The W.A. Government forwarded a lease to be signed by the League's trustees on behalf of the Albany Sub-branch for land at Albany. The trustees were authorised to affix the League's seal for this purpose.

Colonel Collett was granted leave of absence from meetings of the State Executive held during his absence from the State.

The State President and Archdeacon Riley were granted leave of absence from the next meeting.

The Management Committee was asked to prepare an itinerary of tours for the next twelve months and to report thereon to the Executive.

The Executive was advised that the Poet Laureate would be in Perth for a few days in November. The matter of arranging a suitable entertainment was referred to the Management Committee.

Land Settlers' Conference

Owing to the pressure on our news space this issue, it has been found necessary to defer publishing the proceedings of the Conference until our November number. Other features also have had to be similarly treated and others curtailed.

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YANDANOOKA RE-UNION

All neighbouring sub-branches and others further afield were represented at the Zone Re-union Dinner, held at Yandanooka, on Saturday evening, October 26. One hundred and ten stood to attention when Mr. Jock Brown, Yandanooka President submitted the Royal toast. Seemingly every unit in the Empire Forces were represented when those present were asked to stand up and name the unit in which they served on active service. One light-horseman described himself as “10th Light Horse, Yandanooka, and 10th Hussars, Buckingham Palace.” The whole function was a complete success, and reflected great credit on the organising ability of Jock Brown and his popular Secretary, Mr. E. Y. Taylor. The catering was in the capable hands of Mr. Joe Shiner, one time sergeant look of the 28th Battalion. In responding to the toast of appreciation, Mr. Ted Ball, M.C., travelled the way from Geraldton, and safely delivered and returned a party of diggers to their homes. Barry Barnhart, one of the Three Springs’ representatives, expressed satisfaction when representatives of sub-branches decided to hold next year’s re-union dinner at Three Springs.

NARROGIN

The annual meeting was held on September 6. Accounts amounting to £20 16s. were passed for payment. The Sub-branch is building a social night for the Women’s Auxiliary, members’ wives and the S.S.I., in appreciation of valuable services rendered during the year. The Buy-a-Brick Appeal for Anzac House has been well supported, all the “bricks” that were sent having been disposed of. Members of the Sub-branch in the local hospital at present are Mr. George Hunt (Jarringan), Mr. J. Jenkins and Digger J. H. Lawton, from Yedalering. They speak highly of the treatment and staff of the hospital, and hope, to soon report back for duty. Diggers, look out! Tom is on the membership drive again, so kindly pay up and look pleasant; and don’t forget a poppy for November 11.

MT. HAWTHORN-LEEDERVILLE

Members are elated at winning the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield, and our president, Ted Damon, was a proud man when he took possession of the shield from the hands of Archbishop Riley at Congress. The contests with other sub-branches have been a source of enjoyment to all. We met old and new comrades, and were a little bit sorry when it was all over.

The Friday dances are still collecting a few bob each week for the building fund, and young and old enjoy the jazz and old-time provided by Doug Winning, our official M.C. It is the only income earned by the committee at present. Every little helps, they say.

The Sub-branch has reverted to fortnightly meetings, every pension night. Should this meet the eye of any tardy member, please make up your mind to attend and support us.

Although the games have kept members busy, the ordinary work of the Sub-branch has not been neglected. The arrangements for Poppy Day will, as usual, be in the capable hands of the ladies.

Alec. Panton again represented us at Congress, with Fred Charles as proxy delegate. We congratulate Alec on his re-election to the State Executive.

Members are notified that the social committee is making an effort to raise funds for the annual picnic in December, so come along to the next meeting and you’ll be told all about it.

MUNDARING

Very definite success has marked the advance of this Sub-branch since the beginning of the new financial year. At the commencement a plan of action was laid down in order that a recovery be made of lost ground, for the past year revealed the necessity of greater co-operation. The loss of membership through the formation of the new Sub-branch at Mt. Helena caused some concern. The financial state became serious, but that is of the past. President Harry Rutherford found that he had a good working team in Capt. E. H. Sheffield, Nipper Paten, Arthur Doerr, Jack Leutchford, Geo. Simecock, Jim Whilshusen, Percy Grose, who each carried out his particular job in the best manner, so that we may say that the consolidation of our position is an accomplished fact—all that remains is to hold it, and that does not seem very difficult.

A Spring Ball in honour of the debutantes who represented us at the recent Anzac House Ball was conducted at Mundaring Hall and was a very pronounced success, socially and otherwise. Patrons voted it not only the event of the season, but the best yet carried out in the district. Great credit was due to the organising ability of Capt. Sheffield, hon. sec., who, with a very able committee, attended to the intricate details. A feature of the decorative scheme was the individual Dorset patches representing all A.I.F. Divisions. The Navy, Army and Air Force, and Imperial Army, were all featured by a distinctive design upon shields hung around the hall. The supper table presented a beautiful spectacle, tastefully decorated with artificial Flanders poppies. This Sub-branch is profuse in its thanks to Meads Sheffield, Rutherford, Paten, Dunn, Scanlan, Jacoby, Link, Leutchford, Thody, for their untiring efforts; also Mrs. Gordon Hare, who so kindly loaned crockery and glassware; and Mr. Smith, of Buckland Hill, who loaned hunting for decoration of hall. The debs. Misses L. Jones, G. Pepper, M. Massey, Y. de Grancy, D. and J. Ingram, in their presentation gowns, earned considerable admiration for their grace and deportment. A proportion of the proceeds from this function, in addition to the return from the sale of Anzac House “bricks,” was forwarded to the Anzac House building fund.

Among the reinforeements added to strength lately were Jim Wells, R.A.F. Flying Officer R.A.F., Locudd of Perth, Alexander Stewart (the latter received the appointment of Works Supervisor to the local Road Board).

The competition for the silver cup presented by this Sub-branch to the Bridge Association will commence shortly. Arrangements are in the hands of “Nipper” Paten.

The Sub-branch was well represented at the welcome meeting of the H.R.R. Branch of Gloucester at Mundaring, where he alighted from a few minutes while on the way to York and Northam.

GREENBUSHES

The monthly meeting was held on Friday, October 5. At nine o’clock, in the presence of members of the Sub-branch and Women’s Auxiliary, the memorial to the late president, Dr. Anzac House, was unveiled. The president, Mr. Charles Thompson, exhorted the members to give the work of the Doctor to all, and exhorted members to see to it that his ideals were remembered in the future conduct of the Sub-branch. The memorial picture was then unveiled, all standing in line of the eight. “The King” were played, and Doctor looked once more on the members of the Sub-branch from his frame above the door. The members then held an informal social evening, it being felt that such would have been the wish of the late president.

ALBANY

The monthly meeting was held in the Institute on Tuesday, September 18. It was agreed that a further sum be expended to purchase timber for making more frames. In connection with a letter from the State Secretary, it was decided to form a committee to arrange details, etc., in accordance with the desire of the Dept. for Employment and Industrial Development, to further the exhibition of local products. A committee of three, with the senior vice-president (Mr. J. S. Burnett) as chairman, was formed to compile details of a catalogue, and to draw a scheme for the registration for employment of all returned men and their children.

In this connection the Mayor, Mr. J. Scanlan, J.P., has promised his fullest assistance, as also has the president of the local A. & H. Society, and the editor of the local paper.
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An attendance of 52 was registered at the meeting. This is said to be a great improvement on a few months ago, and is hoped that members will note that the number increases until the 160 per cent mark is reached. Apologies were received from Messrs. Barnett, Craigie and Ford. About 8.51 p.m. the president found his gavel and started to give the usual goodnight, blue lights, trash, krummp, smash!—these were the notes. He then began to talk about the war on German hands. The lecture was open to all friends, male and female, and the room was soon packed. At the conclusion of the lecture a vote of thanks was moved by the president and carried in the usual way. Light refreshments were then served and we closed down about 11 p.m.

Next month's lecture will be by Mr. S. Roots.

The monthly social evening was carried out with much success. Saturday, September 25. There were some notable absences on this occasion—Mr. E. Y. Butler, R.M., the president (absent due duty), Mr. L. S. Barnett, senior vice-president (ditto), and our one and only Alex. Craigie, V.P., on furlough—probably he has been among the "up the smoke" and mostly snugly read. Our worthy secretary also, busy sorting out our future legislators, was having an off night. However an attendance of over 60 fully repaid the efforts of the entertainment committee, but a stronger representation of members would help. The following supplied "reliefs" at the piano: Mr. Don. Dewar, Mrs. Barrow and Miss Rowe, ably assisted by Mr. Ted Allen with his violin. Mr. L. Field was well in form and his songs, as usual, were greatly appreciated. Master Page, with his two violin solos, accompanied by Mr. Livesay, was also warmly applauded. We are still left wondering what Jack got those pumps for. Mrs. Pearson quite successfully made her debut in these social evenings with her recitations. The M.C., Mr. Harry Haines, was kept up to speed by the chairman and the entertainment committee.

When the entertainment committee will in future meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.30 p.m.

PERTH

The Duke has come and gone. Anzac House is no longer a dream. The band of the Grenadale Guards has shown us how a military band should play and march. Conference was opened and closed, and the Perth Sub-branch, like the brook, still runs on. Since our last report, one of our popular members in the person of C. G. Gibb has notified us that he has struck it rich on the golfgold. "Gibby" was always an enthusiast for prospecting and deserves everything that comes his way.

Memories were recalled at our last social meeting when "Tom" Monck Mason decided to win the mighty cup. Tom decided to win the mighty cup. All our "crack" shots were starters, but not one to beat "Tom." The passing of time, and the scars of war service, have not dimmed "Tom's" sight. Good luck to the veteran—may you win many more!

The Perth Sub-branch's congratulations are extended to Mr. Hawthorn on their very meritorious win in the A.R.M.S. competition. Perhaps we can see a "revenge" in the cricket cup, or, cricket enthusiasts tell me that we will be hard to beat. We started well by beating North Perth in a social game on Sunday last. The Claremont Sub-branch secretary says that he found a fountain pen which evidently belonged to a Perth Sub-branch member. All claimants are advised to write W. Ford, 31st Ave., Claremont.

During the meeting the president had the pleasure of welcoming Messrs. Salmond and Eyre, visitors from Geraldton and Dalwallin respectively, and Messrs. Lewis and Fisher, two old members who have returned to the fold. Mr. Eyre gave an insight into the workings of the Tow H. and suggests a closer cooperation between the League and Tow H. Mr. Lewis is the newly appointed importer of the R.S.L. Trading Co.

At our last meeting members stood in silence when the Secretary reported the passing of Jim Clark and Fred Reed, both members of long standing.

Country members please note.—A city member of the Sub-branch wants to know if there is a country member with a son about eleven years of age who would like a week at the seaside during the Christmas vacation; if so, please let the Secretary, Perth Sub-branch, know.

FREMANTLE

(By "IODINE")

In spite of counter-attractions, our meeting on September 17 at the Town Hall was well attended and business was put through briskly. After a brief report from Congress delegates, a vote of thanks for their efforts and services to bring members of Congress to inspect and admire our Fallen Sailors and Soldiers' Memorial was carried. The return challenge invitation match with Tow H. (Fremantle Branch) takes place on October 17 at their rooms. We are all looking forward to this, as we usually have a splendid time with Tow H. R.S.L. cricket starts on October 14 and our team has been picked to play Midland Junction. We hope to give a good account of ourselves this time.

NORTH PERTH

A Digger's Diary.

(With profound apologies to the shade of Samuel Pepys)

September 17.—This night I to Sub-branch general meeting. The business done, then a committee of three members, Mr. W. Melvin, Mr. G. Madigan and Mr. G. Morris, did officiate at the opening of prize envelopes to the Sub-branch progressive syndicate, of which there were 25 prizes. Mr. P. W. Cass, mine host of North Perth ale house, to win the first prize of £10, but of this I hear Mr. Secretary Hawkins be half shares. Mr. D. Cummins did come much money sort by secretly pencil portraits of gentlemen in the company and present them. Excellent pictures they be, drawn in much humour and good likeness.

20.—Up betimes and find my wife already asstr with much hustle and bustle, preparing cakes and flowers to the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliaries' exhibition of goods in Perth City. I dress myself in much haste and, after breakfast, sirk away lat the would, like last year, demand me act carry boy for her. When at night I come home my wife give me excellent news of her winning two first prizes for sweet peas, and how Mrs. O. Newmarsh did win nine prizes for goods of all kinds. North Perth Auxiliary ladies, she said, did win 19 prizes in all, and so be champions of all the Auxiliaries.

29.—Mr. President Bill James send me news by telephone wire of our Sub-branch being granted permission by Hay to conduct a Christmas goose club lotter, and of our Women's Auxiliary at Congress being awarded the Flapperton Cup for efficiency this year, which was very good news; but news that pleased me above all was that of North Perth Sub-branch being awarded the Newbregate Cup. We now hold both cups for efficiency, which methinks has never before been done by any one sub-branch. A record of which, we all be mighty proud. This night I to our Women's Auxiliary children's fancy dress ball and pageant, and there basked my eyes on the many happy children in costumes of many kinds. Anon come the coronation ceremonies of the flower queen Dahlia (Miss Norma Hawkins). First come two heralds and, with long trumpets, blow the harbingers to the approaching queen, thence enter the crown bearers, the queen and her court. A truly majestic spectacle, and pretty done as anything I have seen in all my life. The children acting their part like would grown

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people, which be great credit to our Auxiliary ladies who teach them. I spy among the company Mrs. T. C. Wilson, who did crown the queen, Mrs. J. McKinlay, Mrs. H. Hopperston, Mrs. F. Orgill, Mrs. Bearman (president Gnowangerup Auxiliary), Mrs. Alston (president Narrogin Auxiliary), and many other ladies of quality whose names I know not. A very pleasant supper, thence home to bed, tired but in mighty good content at so an enjoyable evening.

CLAREMONT.
At the October meeting the chair was occupied by Mr. S. W. Smith, vice-president, in the absence of the President, who has of late been very busy socially in his official capacity as District Commander.

Because of the meagre attendance, the report of the delegates to Congress was held over to the November meeting, and as there are also several other matters of importance to the Sub-Branch to be dealt with at this meeting, a large muster is desired.

It is hoped to make the Poppy Day appeal a 100 per cent. success, the Secretary will be grateful to hear of anyone who would be willing to help in the sale of poppies. The Sub-Branch has expended a lot more in amelioration work during the year than for some time past, and as this is the only time during the year when a public appeal can be made for a strong effort it appears.

A most enjoyable evening was spent with the Claremont Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters on October 11, at their meeting place in the Princess Theatre, when shooting, parlour, bowls and bridge were indulged in, which resulted in favour of the Sub-Branch. After the games were completed, refreshments were partaken of, and it was the opinion of those present that more evenings of a similar nature would be acceptable.

BOULDER.
The President, Mr. J. Sheridan, presided over a good attendance of members at the general meeting held on September 28, when final arrangements were made in connection with the guard of honour to H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester and the parade of school children on the recreation ground on October 9.

For the purpose of raising funds to assist the Anzac House building fund, it was decided to conduct a carnival on October 20, and a large committee is now busy making final arrangements for this function.

The recent competition on the Boulder Cup was the most successful yet held, the sweep being fully subscribed, and the Distress Fund will benefit as a result.

The Secretary reported that during the past month no fewer than 42 ex-soldiers had been placed in employment, the majority of these men being placed on the Tram line, and our sincere thanks are due to Mr. Lockwood, roadmaster, and Mr. P. Glover, S.M., who always apply to the Sub-Branch when men are required from time to time.

Quite a number of ex-soldiers have arrived here of late in hopes of securing employment, but for the benefit of unemployed ex-soldiers who may read this, we state that the positions have now been filled and no more men will be required this side of Christmas.

Our President, Jack Sheridan, who has had the proud distinction of serving under three Monarchs, was presented to the Duke of Gloucester after the luncheon in Kalgoolie, and after questioning him as to the various regiments in which he served, H.R. Hignness expressed surprise at our President's youthful appearance.

About 1800 school children assembled on the recreation ground for inspection by H.R.H., and the good behaviour of the children was freely commented upon.

Our sincere thanks are due to members T. Juggins, C. Steel, A. Wilson, R. B. Hopkins, A. J. Bastian, and the Rev. W. R. Forbes for the manner in which they organised the children.

His Royal Highness was presented to each of the executive members in charge of the children, and was lustily cheered by the children on leaving the ground.

On leaving the ground each child was presented with a bag of sweets, and our thanks are due to Treasurer Dick Haynes and his assistants for their capable handling of this part of the programme. A large number of applications for relief have been dealt with during the past month, and in most cases necessary assistance granted.

BRUNSWICK JUNCTION.
On September 28 a very happy event took place in Brunswick Soldiers' Memorial Hall. All sections of the community gathered as a token of respect and esteem to our worthy President (Fred Sagar), who has retired from "active" service with the W.A.G.R. Save for the period when he was abroad with the A.I.F., Fred has an unbroken record of over forty years with the railways.

During the twenty-five years that he has resided in Brunswick he has been associated with every movement for the improvement and progress of the district. Mrs. Sagar and he are affectionately known to all as "Auntie" and "Dad." All bodies and associations in Brunswick and district combined to make the evening a success and the hall was filled to capacity. A pleasant evening was devoted to music and dancing, while the local Diggers acted as mess orderlies during supper interval.

The secretary of the Brunswick Agricultural Society spoke of Mr. and Mrs. Sagar's work in the district and their excellent public spirit. The Railway Workers' Union secretary made a special trip from Perth to be present and paid tribute to the work done by the members of the railway service. Mr. Biggett, the local stationmaster, after a happy little speech, presented "Dad" and "Auntie" with a silver coffee set and tray suitably engraved. An album containing the signatures of all present was also presented as a memento of the occasion.

Fred responded and gave an account of his wanderings whilst on his three months' leave. He grew rather perplexed and confused while attempting to describe the nether garments of the workers in the Willum arancie plant. "Auntie" also responded and both spoke feelingly of their appreciation and thanks.

WEST LEEDERVILLE.
Our last meeting, the Mt. Hawthorn Riley Shield team visited the Branch and competed with members in the various competition games. The local members did their best but the champions won, easily. Members certainly gained an insight into the way to win the competition. It is now up to the local club to put in to the railway and arrange teams for the various sections of the competition so that West Leederville can compete next season. Talent is available in the district (if not in the Branch) and it is up to us to scout around and rope in the players.

Poppy Day is near at hand and members can assist by getting their wives, daughters, or sweethearts to assist in the street collection. The president or secretary of the Auxiliary will be pleased to enlist their services and will give any information required.

A noticeable absentee from recent meetings is Matt Ephus, a stalwart of the Branch, who is at present engaged in nightwork and unable to attend any functions. Another absentee is Harry Trott, who is at present working in Northam. Members were pleased to see Captain Joe after his absence in Bunbury.

The next meeting will be held on November 12, and a bowling competition is to be held. This will be a "wet" night.
A worthy successor to Mrs. T. C. Wilson, who for several years has done such splendid work as State President of the Women’s Auxiliary, is Mrs. Mary S. McKinlay. Mrs. McKinlay was born in Adelaide, but was taken to Scotland at a very early age, and was for some time a school teacher near Edinburgh. She returned to Australia in 1920 and settled in this State. Mrs. McKinlay joined the Guildford-Bassendean Auxiliary in 1928, and has long been an energetic and ungrudging worker for the welfare of the ex-service man and his dependants. She was secretary of Guildford-Bassendean for several years and during her term of office she has been trustee, assistant secretary and, last year, a vice-president. She is also an active member of the Press Auxiliary.

Mrs. McKinlay’s husband is Major J. L. McKinlay, M.M., who sailed for the war on August 26, 1914, as a sapper with No. 4 Section of the 1st Division, the first section to leave the West, under the command of Captain T. C. Wilson. At present he is O.C. 13th Mixed Brigade Signals.

The Message of the Poppies.

Upon his arrival in Australia, the first act of H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester was to place on the State War Memorial his tribute to the fallen soldiers of W.A. The large, stately wreath was of dark crimson poppies and laurel leaves, with a cluster of poppies at one side. The black centres of the flowers were stamped with the words “Haig Fund.” Attached to the wreath was a simple “blue-edged card,” bearing in the Duke’s handwriting “In Memory. Henry.”

The Duke’s tribute was a very real link with the Mother Country. In remembering our dead, he expressed it through the work of their disabled comrades employed in the Haig Poppy Factory, England.

As Armistice Day draws near, our thoughts turn to the poppy, not only as an emblem, but as a practical means of assistance to the R.S.L.

“In Flanders’ fields the poppies grow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place . . . .”

It was well if our sons and daughters learned this poem by heart, for it is youth telling what war actually meant to youth. Written during the conflict, it was intended by Col. M’Crae for the men who took the place of the fallen. (He himself died of wounds shortly after, making his message—all the more poignant.) But it can be applied to the present day for all of us.

“...To you from failing hands we throw The torch—be yours to hold it high— If ye break faith with us who die, We shall not sleep though poppies grow In Flanders’ fields.”

CONFERENCE TIME

Delegates who have attended past conferences will agree that the 1934 one was the “best yet.” Not only was there a fine spirit of comradeship and friendliness, but also a keen desire to advance the work of the auxiliaries in all its phases.

The simple ceremony of laying a wreath on the State War Memorial was performed by Mrs. T. C. Wilson.
Wilson, an hour before conference was formally opened. Lady Mitchell attended the first session and, after the presidential address, presented the Wilson and Hoppeton Cups to the winning auxiliaries, Narrin and North Perth.

Mr. A. Yeates (State President). Mr. Panton and Mr. Cornell visited during the session and each complimented the auxiliaries on their work and Mrs. Wilson on her successful term of office. Mr. C. Taylor, of the Repatriation Department, also paid a visit and gave a helpful address upon hospital and repatriation matters.

The business part of the proceedings ran smoothly under the capable direction of Mrs. Wilson. The motions discussed dealt with recommendations regarding constitution, pensions, (Poppy Day, domestic and general items. (These and the reports will be dealt with more fully at a later date.)

A particularly happy feature of this congress was the number of opportunities given to the delegates to meet one another. Some visited the Exhibition, the previous week, and became acquainted. On the Monday night, a united auxiliary social was held to welcome country delegates.

An entertainment was given by the "Digger Darkies" of Nedlands and a recitation by Mrs. Maydock, of South Perth. Dancing proved very popular, especially the merry mix and the barn dance; Mrs. Irvine, of Bassendean, was at the piano.

On Wednesday, Hoyts Theatre management entertained 81 delegates to a picture night. Several members of the State Executive and country auxiliaries attended the opening of the R.S.L. Conference and the mayoral reception in the Town Hall supper room, where a toast was given to the Women's Auxiliaries and responded to by Mrs. Wilson. Delegates met again on Friday afternoon, when they were conducted over Anzac House by the club manager, Mr. Andrews. Tea was served later at the Institute.

On the invitation of the Mayor of Fremantle, delegates visited the Memorial to the Fallen on the following Sunday afternoon. A wreath was laid on by the president-elect, Mrs. J. McKinlay. The company adjourned to the Town Hall, Prémantle, where, after tea, a pleasant half-hour was spent in the Mayor's Parlor, all delegates signing the visitors' book.

At the opening of Anzac House, members had another opportunity of meeting, owing to the Auxiliary room and other parts of the building not being quite completed, no social function could be held.

The seventh annual conference should bear much fruit. There were 81 delegates present, from districts extending from Geraldton to Northcliffe. With friendships renewed, links formed with other auxiliaries and full of enthusiasm, they have now returned home. They have many messages to their branches from the congress, and their experience should be of great service to their auxiliaries.

The following were elected during Conference to positions on the State Executive for the ensuing year. They take up their duties on November 1:—State President, Mrs. J. L. McKinlay; Vice-presidents, Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Stockman; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. H. Hoppero; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. D. Pike; Trustees, Mrs. E. Ogilvie; Mrs. H. Taylor and Mrs. Stubberfield; Committee, Medesdale Stone, Power, Middleton, Prendegrast, Miss Hawtin, Medesdale Downe, Harding, Doran, James and Aberle. Mrs. T. C. Wilson remains on the Executive as past-president.

PRESENTATIONS

During the conference there were several presentations, all of which came as surprises to the recipients. On the opening day, the State Executive expressed their esteem and appreciation towards their president and secretary in the form of two beautiful posies. Mrs. Stockman and Mrs. Harding received Certificates of Service, from their respective auxiliaries, Mt. Hawthorn and Donnybrook.

As a token of affection and regret at her retiring from the office of State President, conference presented Mrs. Wilkin with a clock and a pair of candlesticks. The presentation was made by Medesdale Wellard, Durkin and Turnbull on behalf of the delegates.

The number of auxiliaries has increased from 5 to over 60 under Mrs. Wilson's presidency, and no leader could be more admired and loved than she has been. As past-president, Mrs. Wilson will still have a part to play in the State Executive work, devoted some time to organizing a holiday scheme for R.S.L. children in the bush.

THE SECOND ANNUAL EXHIBITION

The Town Hall was chosen for our exhibition this year. Stalls and exhibits made a brave display and afternoon teas were served in the adjoining supper-room. There were in the number of exhibits and the balance sheet shows a financial success. Great credit is due to all who worked so willingly both before and during the exhibition.

The flower section was very gay, poppies, roses and other flowers made a fine show. The decorated tables were an innovation. Particularly noticeable was a bowl of exquisite double stocks from a country branch and also a magnificent display of wildflowers, freshly gathered from the hills.

Iced cakes were a feature of the cookery section. The appearance of the jams and cakes proved that there are many expert cooks within our Auxiliary ranks. The fruit section had a good show of lemons; but, as in the photography, keen competition is still required.

Mrs. Wilson had a difficult task to decide upon the winner in the baby's woollen knitted set, as all were dainty and of light weight. Lacey jumpers, toddlers' frocks and tea cosies had a large number of entries. There were also some handsome wool rugs. As last year, the needlework section showed much beautiful and detailed work. The judges were extremely particular, so that a first prize meant excellent work. A collection of tatted articles attracted admiration.

In the handicrafts section were raffia work, painted pottery, barbola, felt show and wax dolls. Most of the paintings were done by a member of a country auxiliary and were of first-class standard. As usual, the thrift department members showed some very bright ideas, and artistic aprons and oven clothes from sugar bags, mats from discarded silk stockings and a pair of surfers made from old rubber tubing.

During both afternoons demonstrations of raffia work and cake icing were given by members of South Perth Auxiliary, and held the interest of many spectators. The stalls and afternoon teas did brisk business. Mrs. Hobbis graciously consented to declare the Exhibition open on the afternoon of September 20. The auxiliaries are indebted to her for her kindly interest, and also to the judges, who gave their services so willingly. Messrs. Panton and Martin again adjudicated in the flower section, and Mr. Cross in the fruits, Mrs. Butement in the cookery, Mr. and Mrs. Rees in the handicrafts, Miss Scibbs, the paintings, and Mr. Flood, the photography. Mrs. Shears and Miss Jessie Robertson spent the afternoon and evening of the previous day judging the woolen articles, the needlework and the thrift exhibits.

A carnival dance completed the second day of the exhibition. Donations and trophies are gratefully acknowledged from the following: Mrs. T. C. Wilson, Imperial Printing Co., Foy & Gibson, Boans, Aherns, Levinsions, and Mr. Flood.

Members of the State Executive and the Auxiliaries who assisted at the exhibition, gave of their time and services, unstintingly, and the team work was excellent.

VICTORIA PARK

The monthly meeting, held on September 21, was well attended. Medesdale Mathews and Kin-
nane reported on their experiences at Conference. Members were pleased to hear that Mrs. H. Taylor and Mrs. Pike were again elected on the executive committee, Mrs. Taylor as a trustee and Mrs. Pike as assistant State secretary. The social that followed went with a swing, and a pleasing feature of the evening was the presence of Mrs. Walters, the Wagin delegate. Dancing was interspersed with songs by Mesdames Saunders, Birkett and Miss Holzberger, and a recitation by Miss Granpner. The potato race was won by Miss Barretts, and Mr. Stewart. Mrs. Bacon won the raffle. A dainty supper was served by the Auxiliary ladies, and the floor was in the capable hands of Mr. F. Mathews.

MT. LAWLEY.

Just at present members are working very hard for the annual sale of work to be held in the Congregational Hall, corner William Street and Raglan Road, Mount Lawley. The October meeting was presided over by Mrs. Doran (President). The attendance was not quite up to the usual standard, a number of our ladies being on the sick list.

Miss Hawtin was welcomed back from a holiday spent at Kalgoorlie.

In appreciation of a very enjoyable social given by the Sub-Branch to the Poppy Day helpers and others, the ladies decided to give a return social, in the Congregational Hall, on Saturday, November 10, to which all members of the Sub-Branch and their wives are cordially invited.

SOUTH PERTH.

The meeting on September 21 was well attended. The dance will be held as usual until November 3, and on November 17 a plain and fancy dress ball will be held to wind up the season. The proceeds of this ball will be set aside as a donation to the South Perth Sub-Branch.

The Auxiliary needs a small bath or wash bin for a young baby, and a piano. The Auxiliary Officers would be very grateful if these could be donated to the Auxiliary.

It is now definitely decided to hold a local exhibition and fete in the Swan Street Hall on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, December 1.

Raffa classes will be held at Mrs. Aberle's home, Rosc Avenue, on Mondays, October 15 and 29, and November 12 and 26. Members of the Auxiliary are very pleased that out of thirty-seven entries from South Perth we carried off about twenty-six prizes, for exhibits in all classes, in the State Executive Exhibition.

Mrs. Puttick reported on the deputation which waited on Mrs. See, and made the presentation which had been given by members of the Auxiliary. Mrs. See was delighted with her gift.

In addition to the proceeds of the fancy dress ball on November 17, it has been decided to donate the sum of £10 to the Sub-Branch Fund. Mr. Aberle, the Sub-Branch President, happened to be present when this resolution was carried, and at the conclusion of the meeting he addressed the members, and thanked them for the Auxiliary's financial assistance.

Mr. Aberle then presented certificates of service to Mrs. Philip and Mrs. Beere, and was in turn presented with a bouquet by the Auxiliary President, Mrs. Pendergrast.

Mrs. Pendergrast and Mrs. Aberle were our delegates to Conference. The resolutions submitted by South Perth were all 'carried, with the exception of one. Our two delegates have been elected to the State Executive of the Auxiliary. Congratulations, Mesdames. The Auxiliary was officially represented at the opening of Anzac House by the President, Mrs. Pendergrast, and Secretary, Mrs. Haydock.

NORTH PERTH.

During the month there have been many pleasant meetings with some of our country friends. Mrs. Bearman, of Gnowangerup, Mesdames Alston and Durkin, from Narrogin, and Mrs. Potter, from Merredin. We offer our congratulations to our country link, Narrogin, on capturing the Wilson Cup. We are pleased to share the honour by winning the Hopperton Cup.

We also extend to our own Sub-Branch our heartfelt congratulations at their bringing the Newdegate Cup to North Perth.

At Congress Mesdames James, Stubbfield and Middleton were elected to the State Executive.

On October 20 we are holding a jumble sale in St. Hilda's Hall, and on October 29 our birthday social, to which all Sub-Branch and Auxiliary members are invited. This is to be a grand affair, so all roll up.

At the next meeting, November 7th, arrangements for Poppy Day will be made.
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<td>J. Stirling, c/o Power House, Collie</td>
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<td>R. V. A. Bush, Cowaramup</td>
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<td>COWARAMUP</td>
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<td>1st Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>Parish Hall</td>
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<td>DENMARK</td>
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<td>C. A. P. Gostelow, Carnarvon</td>
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<td>Dr. H. F. Olake, Gawlia</td>
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<td>GUALIA</td>
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<td>B. H. Litchouse, Wokalup Phone Harvey 109M</td>
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<td>HAVEN</td>
<td>War Memorial Hall</td>
<td>Last Tuesday</td>
<td>R. R. Gibbons, Bank of N.S.W., Hannan St</td>
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<td>'Club Rooms, Carew St. Memorial Hall, Kojonup</td>
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<td>H. W. A. Tylor, Katanning</td>
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<td>KOJONUP</td>
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<td>LAKE GRACE</td>
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<td>J. Collinson, Lake Grace</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Supper Room, Town Hall, Maylands</td>
<td>Alt. Thursdays, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>P. R. Allen</td>
<td>W. J. Lovell, 19 6th Av., Maylands</td>
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<td>MUNDARING AND DISTRICTS</td>
<td>Midland Junction</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>20 Coode St, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>H. Patten, Mundaring</td>
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<td>MIDLAND JUNCTION</td>
<td>Town Hall Committee Rm.</td>
<td>3rd Thursday</td>
<td>J. Shahanan, Lindsay St, Perth</td>
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<td>Road Board Hall, Bencubbin</td>
<td>Third Sunday, alt. month, 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. H. Rice, Bencubbin</td>
<td>R. F. Breakell, Bencubbin</td>
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<td>MOUNT LAWLEY</td>
<td>Wallace Hall, Grovenor Rd., Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>Col. T. Flintoff</td>
<td>J. K. Craze, 118 Central Ave., Maylands</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON MILLS</td>
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<td>Every Alt. Sunday</td>
<td>A. Turner, Mornington Mills</td>
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<td>NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt St., Fremantle</td>
<td>2nd Monday</td>
<td>Major G. P. W. Meredith, Artillery Barracks</td>
<td>Sergeant G. McMurray, Artillery Barracks</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>L. E. Ash, Northampton</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>Northam Bowling Club House, Wellington St.</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. F. Robertson, c/o Court House, Northam</td>
<td>G. C. Curlew, 145 Fitzgerald St., Northam. Tel. 1274,</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda’s Hall, Globe St. (Off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. James, 21 Myran St., Woodville</td>
<td>A. J. Hawkins, 24 York St., North Perth. Tel. B3260,</td>
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<td>PERTH (Office hours 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.)</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Hopper, 30 Waterloo Cres., East Perth</td>
<td>Geo. S. Mellor, Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Anzac House</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>K. Henderson, c/o, West Australian, Perth</td>
<td>R. Biggs, c/o, West Australian</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
<td>Billiard Saloon</td>
<td>1st Saturday, 10.30 a.m.</td>
<td>W. E. Elston, Pithara</td>
<td>H. K. MacLean, East Pithara. Tel. No: 10</td>
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<td>SOUTH PERTH</td>
<td>Public Hall, Swan St.</td>
<td>4th Thursday</td>
<td>F. J. Aberle, 10 Rose Ave., South Perth</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Roeby Rd., Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. A. Wilkins, 262 Hammerley Rd., Subiaco</td>
<td>B. W. Saunders, 546 Albany Road, Toodyay,</td>
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<td>TAMMELUP TOODYAY</td>
<td>Road Board Lesser Hall</td>
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<td>R. A. Johnstone, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TRAYNING YELBENI</td>
<td>Trayning (T)</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>M. Collins, Tambleup</td>
<td>N. H. Miller, Box 41, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TRAMWAY</td>
<td>Yelbeni (T)</td>
<td>4th Sunday</td>
<td>R. Y. Walker, Yelbeni</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Library Hall, Albany Road, Victoria Park</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. C. Shadegg, 13 Gallipoli Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>M. J. O’Keefe</td>
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<td>WUBLIN, BUNTING, JIBBERDING WEST LEEDERVILLE</td>
<td>Each place alt., commencing Bunting, March 1</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. H. Day, Bunting</td>
<td>W. A. Cadwallader, Wubin Tel. No 7</td>
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<td>YEALERING YORK</td>
<td>Commercial Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Peters, 57 Woolwich Street, Yealering</td>
<td>J. W. Smethers, 18 Woolwich St., Yealering</td>
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<td>WYALKACHEM</td>
<td>Yealering Hall</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday alt. months</td>
<td>C. E. Lawgood, Yealering</td>
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<td>WAROONA</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday Quarterly</td>
<td>J. Baseden, York</td>
<td>C. Vernon Harris, P.O. Box 99</td>
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<td>Yealering Hall</td>
<td>June, Sept., and Dec.</td>
<td>B. O. Read, Kereloocking</td>
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<td>C. Henning, Hamel</td>
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| DONNYBROOK       | Memorial Hall                          | First Saturday, monthly                   | Mrs. Harding, Donnybrook |
| VICTORIA PARK    | Library Hall, Albany Road              | Fourth Friday, 7.30 p.m.                   | Mrs. O. Taylor, 54 State St., Victoria Park |
|                  |                                        |                                          | Mrs. V. T. Miller, Donnybrook |
|                  |                                        |                                          | Mrs. D. Pike, 38 State St., Victoria Park |
ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICE MEN

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<td>ARTILLERY COMRADES' ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>Bgr.-Gen. A. J. Benell,</td>
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<td>ENDIED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>Brown</td>
<td>Lands Dept., Perth</td>
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<td>ELEVENTH BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m. on 11th of month</td>
<td>D. M. Benson,</td>
<td>Vts. W. James,</td>
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<td>EX-NAVAL MEN: Freemantle Sub-Section</td>
<td>His Majesty's Hotel</td>
<td>2nd and last Wednesdays</td>
<td>Soldiers Inst. Perth</td>
<td>19 Marion St., Leederville</td>
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<td>FORTY-FOURTH ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard's Avenue, Leederville</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Third Thursday, quarterly</td>
<td>J. A. Main, 10 Wray Ave., Freemantle</td>
<td>A. J. Rate, Royal Oak, 23 Mary St., Freemantle</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Committees, as arranged</td>
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<td>Col. C. H. Lamb, Victoria House, St. George's Ter., Perth</td>
<td>J. H. Gratwick,</td>
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<td>THIRTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Annual Re-union, July, 1935</td>
<td>Col. D. M. McWhe (Chairman, A. H. Hood, 39 Tug St., W. Leederville)</td>
<td>G.P.O. Box G44,</td>
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<td>10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>Lt.-Col. I. E. Dunkley, 86 Angove St., Nth. Perth</td>
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32nd BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION

A particularly enthusiastic rally of members was held at Anzac House on the night of Tuesday, October 9th, at the annual general meeting of the Association.

Mr. G. V. Abjornson, the chairman, welcomed members, particularly visitors from the 31st Battalion, and our old friend Mr. J. Andrew (one of the 32nd men who has his hitherto stationed in the country).

In moving the adoption of the president's report, Mr. J. Andrew particularly expressed his gratitude at receiving the congratulations of his comrades of the 32nd, who were among the first to express their appreciation of having one of their number chosen to take charge of the affairs of the Anzac Club.

Resolutions expressing appreciation for the kind donations of Messrs. C. Beckley and A. White, and also of the fine work carried out by the Hon. Secretary, and other officers during the past year were carried by acclamation.

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: President, Mr. G. V. Abjornson; vice-presidents, Colonel T. Flintoff, A. Geddes, C. Beckley, Kalgoorlie vice-president, Mr. C. Massey; Fremantle representative, Mr. W. Flindell; Hon. secretary, Mr. L. D. Lobashcher; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. F. R. Turton; Hon. treasurer, Mr. W. E. Junners; hon. auditor, Mr. J. Andrew; committee, Messrs. S. Gordon, R. Murray, J. Rutledge, E. Mellowy, W. O'Shea, C. Bubb.

After the business of the meeting had been concluded occasion was taken in a very fitting manner by Mr. W. Flindell to accord to Mr. R. Alexander the congratulations and gratitude of fellow-members of the Association, on his (Mr. Alexander's) receiving the Royal Victoria decoration at the hands of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester. There is no need here to urge the appreciation felt for the work done by Mr. Alexander, not only for the Association, but for all returned men, and it was truly, particularly pleasing that he had been chosen for this decoration.

We bade farewell to our good friend and brother-member Padre R. C. Foyster, who has, at this date, left to take up duty in Victoria. Padre Foyster, in a particularly feeling speech, regretted in one way his departure from amongst comrades and friends he has made here, but insisted upon paying his subscription for the ensuing year, and remaining still a member of this association. All members joined in thanking his health to musical honours and wishing him every success.

Appreciation for the excellent work in visiting sick members at various hospitals was accorded to Mr. Alexander and Mr. Wolfson, and also to Mr. C. Massey, for his kind donations to the association during the past year.

Music was provided by Mr. J. Cunningham and some excellent "magic" was performed by one of our members (Mr. J. W. Barnard) who also played the xylophone very effectively. Songs by a visitor, Mr. Dann, were thoroughly enjoyed.

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America announces a new campaign against malaria.

Can anyone tell us what those Malarians have been up to now?

The loose-leaf system is the oldest business device known.

It was used in the Garden of Eden.

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We read in the daily press that several industries benefit as soon as fashion decrees that women's frocks will be worn an inch or two longer. It seems to us that a great many husbands would benefit if they could be worn a month or two longer.

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