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We have commemorated another Armistice Day, and another year is drawing to its close without bringing us appreciably nearer to anything resembling a permanent peace on earth. In fact, if one set of publicists can be believed, the world is nearer another war than it has been at any time since 1919. There are not wanting signs and portents that seem to support such a contention. The disarmament of Germany has never been anything but a delusion. Germany, now claims the right to re-arm, probably as the prelude to a demand for the return of her lost colonies. There is also much evidence in favour of the belief, openly expressed in France and elsewhere, that Germany has already re-armed and is awaiting a favourable opportunity to confront the world with an accomplished fact. There is, of course, the possibility that the Hitlerian demands are nothing more than a sop to national pride, but the circumstances surrounding the murder of the Austrian chancellor take a lot of explaining away, and it is now an open secret that had Italy been compelled to intervene on behalf of Austrian independence, Yugoslavia would have arrayed herself on the opposite side. Though the tension that almost provoked another war has now relaxed, European conditions preclude any immediate possibility of disarmament.

Nor are conditions more reassuring in Asia. Even now Japan is clamouring for the scrapping of the Washington Treaty and demanding naval parity with Britain and America. There is no likelihood of the demand being conceded, so that a deadlock in the conversations preliminary, to next year's naval conference is now imminent. Japan is no longer a member of the League of Nations, and she has evinced a marked disinclination to relinquish the Pacific islands that she still holds under mandates from the League. Fear of Imperialist Japan on the one hand, and of anti-communist Germany on the other, has impelled communist Russia to Join the League of Nations.

Western Europe hailed with glee the adoption of Russia into the fold, but the Franco-Russian rapprochement which made this possible has lent colour to the German charge that the League has degenerated into an anti-German syndicate. Australians, we think, will find it hard to believe much of what is being said and written about the League. So much of it is obviously the work of propagandists, and should be discounted as such. The League has accomplished much during its short period of existence and despite the limitations under which it has laboured. The fact that it has had failures will no more prevent it from attaining its ultimate goal than Wellington's occasional retreat prevented him from winning the Peninsular War.

But we do not think that the goal can be attained by attributing miraculous powers to the League or by making extravagant claims on its behalf. Before improvement can be made facts must be faced. Overweening optimism can be as dangerous as the gloomiest of pessimism. Most of the Armistice Day addresses we heard or read this month summed up the situation as the individual speaker saw it, and the suggestions made for the maintenance of peace resolve themselves into the choice of disarmament, more armaments, and the use of educational propaganda. It is the old conflict between the idealist whose simple faith in his fellow men induces him to believe that if we disarm the whole world will follow suit, and the realist who points to the failure of disarmament conferences, to the fact that Britain has already disarmed to a dangerous extent, that no country could be more disarmed than Australia, is at present, and that, notwithstanding all these things, other countries have not disarmed, but, on the contrary, are increasing their naval, military, and air force establishments.

In a letter we publish in another column, a valued contributor to the Listening Post, Mr. F. A. Law, of Merredin, has classified the writer of this article among the realists. The soft impeachment is admitted, though the writer is not nearly as pugnacious as Mr. Law's letter would imply. Mr. Law also takes up the cudgels on behalf of certain University professors who have been criticised in these pages. He does so needlessly, we think, for these gentlemen have many avenues of publicity, and they continuously exploit them all. We fail to see why even a University professor should be immune from criticism when he bombard the public with his personal views on controversial topics, and especially when, in doing so, he makes uncomplimentary remarks about men who fought and died for the very freedom he insists on exercising.

While we do not believe that disarmament is advisable, or even possible, in the present state of international politics,
Soldier Settlement Problems

Following the resolutions of the last Congress, particularly where they aimed at relief from debt for harried Soldier Settlers, the Land Committee lost no opportunity in making representations to State Ministers and to the Bank Trustees, and on October 11, the committee, accompanied by Mr. Roche, of No. 4 District Committee, was introduced to the Right Honorable Senator Sir George Pearce in the Federal Ministers' Room, Commonwealth Bank Buildings, Perth, by Colonel Collett.

The League representatives reminded the Commonwealth Minister of that part of the Prime Minister's Policy Speech which intimated that ten million pounds or more would be raised for the purpose of reconstructing the rural industries of Australia. The deputation got a very sympathetic reception from Sir George, who stated that although the policy speech enunciated by the Prime Minister had been confirmed by the people of Australia, the Cabinet had not yet given consideration to the details or the form that relief would be expended to the rural industries. He gave his personal opinion that each State would be asked to set out proposals as to the best method of achieving the object of the Commonwealth Government in the various States where conditions of climate and phases were so varied as, for instance, between Western Australia and Queensland.

Mr. Hunt reiterated what had already been submitted to the Minister for Lands (Mr. Troy) indicative of League policy. This included a writing down of capital liability, replacement of essential plant, and an early announcement and prompt settlement of this year's Wheat Bounty. Sir George Pearce, in reply, suggested that although the correct action had been taken in approaching him, the best course for the League first to adopt would be immediately to get in touch with the State Minister for Lands. This suggestion was acted upon, and the committee conveyed to Mr. Troy the views of Sir George Pearce, particularly that one which said that the State would have to lay down the lines upon which the Commonwealth relief would be implemented. The committee also suggested to Mr. Troy that in order to acquaint the Commonwealth of the actual position in the central States, the responsible Ministers dealing with Soldier Settlement should be called together in conference at some central meeting place. This proposal Mr. Troy agreed with and recommendations on the lines set out were immediately conveyed to the Federal Headquarters of the League. It was also recommended that special consideration should be bestowed on districts affected by crop failures and with reference to the deplorable effects of rust in certain parts of the North and the Midland districts.

On November 13 the League received a telegram from Sir George Pearce notifying that Cabinet had not yet decided the method of distribution of the Wheat Bounty, and the Commonwealth was awaiting recommendations by the Federal Royal Commission, such recommendations being expected within a fortnight.

Sir George stated that the State Executive of Western Australia could be assured that earnest consideration would be given by the Federal Cabinet to the question of crop failures.

Another important phase of the Land Committee's work was covered by a conference held in the Board Room of Anzac House on Friday, November 9.
There were present Messrs. W. J. Hunt (chairman), J. Cornell, M.L.C., Fred Warner, M.L.A., C. H. Henning (Waroona); Arnold Potts (Kojonup), and J. A. Brown (Yandanooka). The purpose of the meeting was to review the amending Agricultural Bank Bill, and also to determine the correct action to bring home to the authorities the disastrous effects of rust, as reported from Upper Chapman and other districts where Sub-Branches of the League are operating. The action already mentioned in this report in connection with rust position was decided upon. In reviewing Mr. Troy's new Bank Bill, queries were raised by members of the committee as to the position of the Soldiers' Representative, and whether the new Commissioners would assume all the powers of the Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act to the extinction of a representative of the soldiers themselves. This point, it was agreed, should be referred to the Minister.

The following further provisions of the Bill it was agreed should be discussed with the Minister:

Section 41 (c): Urging that the Commissioners have power to advance up to 100 per cent. on any particular permanent improvement, such as water conservation.

Section 45: Urging that wheat and wool growers should only be called upon to pay annually and that general discretion be left with the Commissioners.

Section 46: Agreeing with Mr. Latham's proposed amendment giving the Commissioners power to exempt accommodation interest from arrears of interest were justified.

Section 54 (Para. 2): The wide powers placed in the hands of the Commissioners in case of repudiation and the necessity of a dispossessed owner having the right to tender when his property was submitted to public tender.

Section 67: The committee considered that an internal auditor should be appointed for the protection of the Commissioners and also to safeguard the interests of the settlers themselves.

Section 50: The Committee considered that the Statutory Lien on all main products should eliminate side lines.

The matter of transferring of the bank staff from the Public Service to the Commissioners was considered a matter for the staff themselves, or the Public Service Association.

The committee was unanimous in their approval of the general principles of the new Bill, subject, of course, to certain details being discussed with the Minister.

Mr. Troy was interviewed on November 13 and gave a very sympathetic reception to the views of the League as contained in the committee's recommendations and promised to discuss them with the Crown Solicitor. The Minister, however, was inclined to the view that the new legislation is usurping all the powers contained in the provisions of the Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act, and would do away altogether with a Soldier Representative. The committee, however, pointed out that one clause of the Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act provided for the appointment of a soldiers' representative, and whilst this provision remains on the Statute Book, a soldiers' representative would be necessary to legally effect the decisions of the Soldier Settlement Board. This aspect of the matter, the Minister also agreed to discuss with the Crown Solicitor.

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Why did you Enlist?

Dr. H. L. Fowler writes:

Will you please let me thank your correspondent for the piece of spirited verse which appeared under the heading "Research" in your October issue. I read it with great amusement, and with some misgivings.

Before I touch on the latter, however, I should like to draw your attention to the error which your correspondent made in thinking that the University authorities had anything whatever to do with the research in question, the grant for it being made by another body entirely— the Australian Council for Educational Research—and even then only on the condition that when planned it has a distinctly educational bias. Your verse-maker, therefore, is at liberty to amuse himself, and me, at my expense entirely.

And that brings me to the misgivings I mentioned above. I must, I suppose, stand the racket of his good natured banner (while thanking the writer for his reference to the "genial psychologist") but shall find myself entirely unable to bear such expenses as those suggested by him. The idea of providing free beers for the entire A.I.F. had not occurred to me, and though the idea has attractive features I fear I shall have to decline. The whole enquiry may be a scatter-brained idea, but at least my association with the A.I.F. was long enough to realise the futility of trying to loosen tongues on such a scale. No further applications for free beers will, therefore, be entertained, and unstamped communications will be returned unopened.

But, joking apart, I think the idea of trying to find out, after this lapse of time, the reasons which impelled men to enlist in the last war is well worth the effort. There is a spirit abroad which seeks to discredit the soldier, while, all sorts of motives are suggested as to the reasons for his enlistment. I heard the other day, for instance, that enlistments were due to mere adolescence, the implication being, as I read it, that those who went were not capable of making a considered judgment in the matter. Others pin their faith to the explanation that it was the mere spirit of adventure, and so on.

Those of us who have "had any real contact with the digger, realise that the motives were by no means simple, and differed enormously from individual to
individual. And so it occurred to me that, if the digger would co-operate, some really reliable information might be collected by means of a questionnaire.

War talk is in the air. Before we are faced again with a similar set of circumstances, it might be of some considerable value to learn what exactly were the motives and hopes which led to such a generous response during the last.

It was my intention, when the enquiry was first proposed, to enlist the aid of the different branches of the R.S.L., in collecting and forwarding replies and I have no doubt that this help will be forthcoming.

(In publishing Dr. Fowler’s letter, we feel sure that all members of the R.S.L. will aid the researches of one who, himself a good front-line soldier, was decorated with the Military Cross. One way we might help would be the preparation of questionnaires by sub-branch and unit association secretaries. In answering the question, it is hoped that diggers will try to recall their attitude at the time of enlistment and not what it may have become ‘in the light of after-experience. Replies should be sent to Dr. H. L. Fowler, at the University of W.A., Crawley, but, if sent to The Listening Post, we shall forward them to him. —Ed. L.P.)

While a student there he gained, annually, the South Kensington scholarship for that school, and was also the winner of four national awards in the national competition conducted by South Kensington. For many years before he came to Western Australia, Mr. Barker was on the council of the British Water Colour Society, and on the council of the Devon Art Society. He has exhibited his work in London, Manchester, Leeds, Bristol, Bath, Harrogate, and many other important cities of the United Kingdom. At present he is a resident of Albany.

Mr. Barker conceived the idea of the picture about three years ago, while reflecting on the Anzac Day dawn ceremony and its meaning. The intention was to depict the Dawn of Anzac Day symbolically, and the artist has painted in the impression he had in mind then and which, he thought would be in the minds of the people taking part in the ceremony, or of anyone visiting the Memorial. He made many sketches embodying different ideas from time to time when thinking of it, but his mind always came back to the original thought; hence “Remembrance.”

The stately monument,” says Mr. Barker, “with the Union and Australian flags draped on the plinth, ‘represents the

**“Remembrance”**

Mr. J. Barker, the painter of the beautiful picture, “Remembrance,” which Mr. M. E. Zeffert presented to Anzac House, received his education in art at the York School of Art in England.
The Agricultural Bank Bill
(By W. J. Hunt, Chairman Land Committee)

"For an Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Agricultural Bank of Western Australia;" thus commences the preamble to the new Bill before Parliament. To those who have any knowledge of our rural industries, as well as those who realise the importance of successful rural development, the Bill is of absorbing interest. The proposed terms will be far reaching and sweeping in their effect, if the Government succeeds in placing them upon the Statute Book. That the need for some drastic alteration exists none will deny. To the question of whether the Bill in its present form is the best way of achieving the desired reconstruction of our Agricultural Bank is now being earnestly considered by Parliament. The Government of the day is to be congratulated on its courage in tackling this big problem in so thorough a manner. That the opposition appreciates this fact will materially assist in the successful passage of the Bill in a more or less amended form, with consequent benefit, we hope, to this important industry, which under present conditions is suffering so seriously from the malady of "Over Capitalisation and low Prices.

The Bill proposes to repeal the Agricultural Bank Act, 1906, together with all subsequent amendments, leaving for the administration by the proposed new commission only. The Industries Assistance Act, 1913-1951, the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act, 1918, and amendments, the Group Settlers Advance Act, 1923, and the Wire and Wirenetting Act, 1926.

In place, however, of the repealed Acts, there shall be created for the control by three Commissioners (one of whom shall be the Under Treasurer or his deputy), powers which will place upon them large responsibilities for the future welfare of the rural industries in this State. The success of the proposed new measures will depend largely upon the wisdom displayed by the new Commission in the use of its powers as set out in the Bill. A reading of this document is apt to make one wonder whether a Commission of two, together with the Under Treasurer, can administer with full and complete success all the various ramifications, at the same time having regard to the urgency with which the provisions of the Bill must be applied if more irreparable damage to the industry is to be avoided. We must remember when considering this point the various sections of rural activity to which this Bill is intended to apply.

Experience is an essential factor, and the work of our present Trustees, although the subject of adverse criticism, is very valuable for the Minister to consider if and when the new appointments are made. The work of these gentlemen under such a Bill as the present one would be vastly different to their work under the restrictions placed upon them as Trustees by the Legislation previously in force. "Better the Devil you know," etc., might be well quoted here for a guide when this difficult problem arises.

The proposed powers of the Commissioners to recommend cancellation of indebtedness, which in their opinion the farm will never be able to pay, is both drastic and necessary. Numbers of farmers are in our towns to-day, eking out an existence for the simple reason that, through low prices, they were unable to maintain themselves on their properties and pay their way under reasonably decent living conditions to which every man who works is entitled. Many other clauses exist which, if administered wisely, will allow the Commissioners to give hope and incentive to those engaged in rural industry. Never perhaps in our time was a more opportune moment for the granting of relief to our farmers than the present. We see crops that gave promise of excellent yields seriously damaged by the ravages of rust. The effect of this to a struggling farmer who has already been called upon to bear a three years' period of low prices, can well be imagined.

This fact brings us back to the question of the necessity for prompt action. Promptness by the Federal Government in the distribution of the bonus promised by the Prime Minister in his pre-election speech is as essential as the urgency with which the present Bill should be put into operation. To Mr. Troy we offer congratulations for what we consider an honest offer to bring about a new order of things for the benefit of industries, upon the success of which the whole welfare of the State depends.

The decision by the framers of the Bill not to repeal the Discharged Soldier Settlers Bill may be taken as an indication that the affairs of Soldier Settlers will retain their identity. This is the desire of the League generally. Apart from the half per cent. interest rate, in favour of the ex-soldier as compared with the ordinary settler, it is possible that any subsequent reduction that may be in the power of the Government or the League to secure for the benefit of the repatriated men from the Commonwealth, may be more easily applied, if the soldier remains as he is, a separate entity from general settlement.

For the time being, then, beyond indicating at every opportunity the urgency of application of remedial measures, the Land Committee of the League is watching closely the progress of the Bill through Parliament.
The Group delegates who attended the 1934 Congress have submitted a statement of the present position, as they see it, of Group Settlers in Western Australia. Group settlement commenced in 1921. On September 13, 1933, Mr. Troy said: "We have tried out over 6,000 settlers on 2,000 farms." The farms condemned and abandoned now number 300. Page 3 of the Royal Commission's report on group settlement discloses that by 1932 only 50 settlers had met their obligations to the Agricultural Bank, and that the average gross payment was £125. The framers of the statement declared that there have been over 99 per cent. of failures on the groups, and contend that a system with so many failures is obviously wrong, and that the workers cannot be held responsible. It is pointed out that the 50 settlers who have met their obligations to the Bank were mostly new comers with capital enough to pay up the back interest of their predecessors. The average debt on a group block is £1,500, and that these 50 were not capitalised on the same basis as others. The group delegates assert that in 1934 we have not anything like 50 paid up settlers, that those who have met their obligations have met them out of other funds or have had to use large tracts of land to which they have no title. They reiterate that an industrial system that produced 99 per cent. of failures should receive scant respect from the Government or anybody else.

The delegates say definitely that under present conditions it is impossible for the genuine settler to pay interest. On September 13, 1933, Mr. Troy said, "All we ask is that the settlers try to pay some of the interest." Mr. McLarty said, "I consider that it is not possible for a man to pay his way on a capitalisation of £1,500 with butterfat at one shilling a pound."

On page 9 of the Royal Commission's report, Mr. Baron Hay is represented as saying, "On the Peel Estate a fifteen cow herd producing milk at fourteen per cent. above the average State yield will cost 11½d. a gallon." We average fifteen cow herds and the Milk Board give us 11d. for milk at the gate. At the present time no dairymen will buy our evening milk.

The delegates do not consider the general condemnation of group settlers justified. We started with 2,000 farms, and after culling the original settlers and replacing them by settlers of various nationalities with previous farming experience in Australia, we have over 99 per cent. of failures. Before any just condemnation can be made it must be ascertained what the settler has produced, what is his percentage of rejects and what he has cost the State.

The State average of production is 342 gallons, that of the Groups, 400, that is, 14 per cent. above the State average.

Take into consideration that the bulk of the 90 odd thousand dairy cows are situated in the S.W., and milked in the flush period for butter fat. Switch these cows over to maintain a summer production for the whole milk market like the cows on the Peel and Bateman Estates, and the State average would show a big decline.

Also if you move the S.W. cows into the metropolitan area, with its longer summer, the State average would decline still further.

According to Mr. Baron Hay's Better Dairying, 1933, Table 9 shows that cows on whole milk decline 17½ per cent. from butter fat cows. This would reduce the State average, if judged for whole milk, to approximately 300 gallons. Therefore, production on the Peel and Bateman Groups is 30 per cent. above efficiency point or State average.

Mr. Baron Hay has just published (August, 1934) his report on Better Dairying. He points out that the 1,633 cows of the herd testing societies have increased their butter fat production to 208 lbs. per cow. These are the best cows from some of the State's best herds. The milk yield from these cows, to produce 208 lbs. of butter fat, would be about 500 gallons. If these cows were switched over to maintain a daily quota and moved into the metropolitan area they would not produce anything like 500 gallons.

From the above comparisons it will be seen that the settlers in question cannot be condemned on the matter of production.

Even before the advent of the Milk Board, the percentage of rejected milk was small. Today, with a strict control, the milk must be up to standard or the settler loses his license.

The cost may be high, but as far as the costs within the control of the settler are concerned, they are not wrong until they have been proved wrong in practice. So far this has not been done. We have a growing number of farms run by the Government, but no attempt has been made on these farms to prove Group costs wrong.

The Metropolitan Milk Board refuse to entertain Group costs, they say that at over £100 per cow capitalisation milk cannot be produced at a fair figure. Their estimate is not more than £50 per cow. They also state that they are not concerned with costs, as they have to base their price on butter fat. Butter fat has
now advanced fivepence per lb. and milk is still 11d per gallon.

The interest on Group Settlement is approximately £400,000 per year. The Groupies contribute nothing.

Administration costs £17,000 a year, of which the Groupies finds about half (Mr. Troy, 13/9/33).

Each year the Government has to find super for a number of vacant farms. It is doubtful if this will be recovered.

Road Board rates, etc., are unpaid.

There is an increasing number of vacant farms which have to be maintained by the Government through caretakers. These are all losing propositions.

In too many cases the assets only exist on paper, or are depreciating in value.

The delegates supply answers to various criticisms of group settlers:

**ANSWERS TO VARIOUS CRITICISMS OF GROUP SETTLERS**

Late milking of cows?

There is no milk bus to be seen on the Peel after 7.30 a.m.

The settlers, too, require culling from time to time. (Mr. Lambert).

We have culled 4,000 out of 6,000 and made things worse.

Why don’t the settlers go in for sidelines?

The most progressive have—and paid for their experience.

The settlers feed the cattle too heavily on concentrates, instead of making the farm produce.

They follow the example of successful private producers along the railway line. The group settler who pays most interest is the man who uses most concentrates, the settlers who are removed from their blocks are all men who economise on concentrates.

What did the settlers do with the cheques they got for contract work?

Used part to pay for hire and keep of horses, hire and repairs to machinery, etc. One man put all his surplus into the farm. The farm was condemned. He started all over again, still using his surplus to develop his second farm. The second farm was condemned. He started again on his third farm and is still there.

Did we not revalue all farms on a fair basis and write off two-thirds of the debt?

A settler contested a re-valuation; the bank wrote to him in October, 1929, that the bank’s valuation was fixed as required by law on the prospective income from the holding. The prospective income was estimated on twenty cows—the man only had twelve and naturally fell behind in his first year, compound interest started, he could not overtake it and today is in a hopeless position.

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Then why have 99 per cent. failed? Because there was a string attached to everything that could bring it back to the State. After thirteen years’ work, the settlers do not own a yard of group land between them. The State claims everything.

In the report of the Royal Commission on the Agricultural Bank, the Commissioners state: ‘The necessity for their visit to Group Settlements was ended by the Minister for Lands and the Managing Trustee of the Bank making an extended tour of the area.

Why were Commissioners content to leave this matter in the hands of a man they so scathingly condemned as incompetent?

Why was the evidence of the Peel Estate settlers refused?

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In writing *Iron in the Fire,* Mr. Edgar Morrow, who is a member of the Press Sub-branch, has unfolded a plain, unvarnished tale which carries conviction because of its unaffected simplicity. The writer is one of three brothers who served with the A.I.F., one of them, Albert, whose name appears in the dedication, paying the supreme sacrifice. To our mind, the book's greatest value is in its psychological appeal. It is the candid story of a sensitive and thoughtful young bushman, caught up in the machinery of Mars, and his reactions to his experiences. We have reviewed many war books since this particular vogue became popular, but few that have interested us as this one has. Remarque, for instance, presented a fantasy of filth and snivelling in the guise of fiction. Had the German soldiers been as he portrayed them, the war could not have lasted more than a few months. Wilfred St. Mande's book is an excellent novel, brilliantly written, but when we regard it as a personal narrative, we have grave doubts as to St. Mande's veracity. With such a wonder hero as the good Wilfred in the war, it is a mystery that we ordinary warriors were needed at all. The trouble with such writers is their obvious effort to write what they think the public wants them to write.

Mr. Morrow's book, on the other hand, is characterised by a sincerity that will give it an historical significance. The writer joined the 28th at the age of 19. Your bushman is nature's own individualist. That is why he was noted for his initiative and resource in two great wars and in various campaigns. It is also why he sometimes finds camp routine and the distinctions between military ranks an irksome change from the free democracy of the bush. Mr. Morrow's point of view on such matters is always interesting and, though many will not agree with it, it has the merit of being clearly and logically expressed, for he gives the reasons that led to his conclusions. One suspects that there is much of the Celt in Mr. Morrow's physical and intellectual make-up. He has the far-away look in his eyes that we have noticed in Arran Islanders.

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"I should like to know her age,"
"It is not easy. As a matter of fact, she has entered the thirties and refuses to come out."
and men of the outer Hebrides. There is something of the traditional Celtic mysticism in his book. The general tone is grave, but the gravity is relieved by occasional flashes of humour. He has that rare quality of being critical without being malicious. Much of his experience he finds dissatisfying, yet there is no attempt at writing down anyone or anything. He takes us through the periods of training at Blackboy and in Egypt, on to Gallipoli, France, English hospitals and depot camps, and the final phases of the fighting that preceded the great Armistice. Closing his book, we are left with the uneasy suspicion that Edgar Morrow did not enjoy his war, but we rejoice that a brother West Australian has given the world such a capital book. Buy it, read it, and then present it to your sub-branch library.

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Gems from Edward Millen Home

(By A. Grave Digger)

"Old Nick," of Njookenbromo, is now an inmate of the Edward Millen Home, Victoria Park. He appears happy amidst the pleasant surroundings of the home. The other day he had the headphones on and, judging by his facial expressions, he was amidst-enjoyment. Suddenly the Sister appeared with all the paraphernalia of temperature-testing, medical chart, etc. Taking off the headphones, "Nick" exclaimed, "Oh, Sister, you've disturbed me whilst listening to the loveliest of love songs. How could you?" "Well, Nick," said Sister, "Duty is duty. What was the name of your love song?" "Won't you come home, Bill Bailey," replied Nick.

Bill Fineday, late of the Blackboy Lancers, is also here. Bill tells us that when he enlisted he was a widower with two children.

In England he married a widow with two children and returned to West Australia and took up farming. By and by two more kids were added to the family circle. One day recently he went into the adjoining paddock and what he saw caused him to shout: "Mary, Mary! Come here. Your two kids are fighting my two kids, and our two kids are acting as referee."

We might be designated the Legion of the Lost so far as social activities are concerned. With the exception of the ladies of the Victoria Park R.S.L., a few relatives, we seldom have an opportunity of hearing a concert party. Madame Bennett Wilkinson sometimes entertains us with musical selections, but we can't expect Madame to do too much now. We read about concert parties entertaining other institutions. Even the prisoners at Fremantle obtain a little harmonious relaxation. I throw out the hint to friend Menkens of the North Perth Pleasant Sunday movement, now that he has closed the season. We have a spacious lawn, a roomy verandah suitable for stage presentations and, with the help of the Victoria Park R.S.L., a large audience could be obtained in the district, if well advertised. Anyhow, the main object is a little recreation afforded to inmates.

There is a hum of industry heard on the verandah on week days, and, whisper it, occasionally on Sundays, when the basket-makers at are work. Cane supplied by the Red Cross is transformed into trays, work baskets, fancy baskets, and other wicker-work, and several inmates are proud of their skill. One inmate has stated his intention of constructing a large cane lounge for Anzac House. In another portion of the building the fancy workers are engaged in embroidering cushion covers. Some of the tapestry work will compare favourably with that of Southern Europeans at local agricultural shows.

I must retail news of our wild bird sanctuary. We have a covey of magpies so tame that they eat from the hand, wander into the corridors in search of tasty morsels, give an early morning call from the lilac trees in front of the main ward, gambol in the sunshine and under the sprinklers, and otherwise form a source of enjoyment to patients and visitors. "Stumpy," a sage of discriminate intelligence, landed in some scrub with the kookaburras, keeps guard, and sees that other birds do not encroach on his preserves.

We have a large library given by friends in early days, but the books are a bit old-fashioned. I read in the advertisements about soiled books on sale at the big stores; and I thought a good
To Contributors

As fully half of the work of editing the LISTENING POST consists of preparing contributions for publication, contributors, particularly those who forward sub-branch and auxiliary notes, are requested to observe the following rules:

1. Use the terms "sub-branch," not "branch," and "Women's," not "Ladies' Auxiliary." The only branch in this State is the W.A. Branch.

2. Coverings letters are not necessary, and sub-editors abhor such introductions as "Will you kindly publish the following, &c., in next month's issue of the LISTENING POST?" If we receive it, we know it is not intended for any other paper.

3. Make sure you give the dates of your meetings in this way, November 9, not 9th, and avoid such confusing expressions as "the 3rd inst.," "the 15th ult.," "Sunday last," and so on.

4. Do not waste valuable time and space telling us that the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; that the proceedings commenced with the loyal toast and that of "Fallen Comrades," or that they ended with the singing of the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne."

5. Do not tell us that "the usual monthly meeting" was held on such a date. The word "usual" is unnecessary chance for some good samaritans to cater for the intellectual pabulum of inmates by a purchase. We would welcome a change of literature.

The men of the Electoral Postal Union are hereby enrolled as members of our honour board for Life-Savers. They have installed a new radio, home-made, in place of the obsolete machine, re-wired the wards and renovated each bedside headphone; all buckshee. A powerful toned-instrument gives us the latest music and news, sporting, religious and otherwise. We like the otherwise. A flaw occurred, and on the eve of the Melbourne Cup the instrument was taken away for overhaul with the strictest injunction for its return on Cup Day. However, the best-laid schemes of mice and men, etc. We were without our radio on Cup Day. Matron came to the rescue with a small crystal set, and very faintly we heard the result, sufficiently loud enough to enable us to pay out on our little flutter.

By observing these rules contributors will greatly facilitate the Editor's work and aid him in producing a better and brighter paper.

Recently, a visiting band decided to lay a wreath on the State War Memorial. The band paraded in full dress, marched up to the memorial and played through an appropriate programme; but unfortunately nobody remembered to bring along the wreath.

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PERSONALITIES

Bill Earnshaw was on active service with the Signallers for three years, from July, 1916. Since his discharge in July, 1919, he has been with the Taxation Department. Bill was elected senior vice-president of the West Perth Sub-branch recently, after several years on the committee. He is an energetic worker and well versed in Commonwealth Service matters affecting returned soldiers. His services have been of great value to the sub-branch.

Another recently elected vice-president of the West Perth Sub-branch is Mr. S. T. Falc, who keeps the wolf from the door by helping the Treasury Departments to un-balance the State funds. Enlisting at Albany in 1915, he was on active service with the 51st Battalion.

Mr. M. J. Offer, who was recently elected President of the West Perth Sub-branch, enlisted in January, 1916, and served with the 44th Battalion as a corporal. He was put out of action in June, 1917. After his return to Australia, he was discharged, at the end of 1917, minus an arm. Merv. holds down a good Job in the Taxation Department. He has always taken a keen interest in sub-branch affairs. A likeable and good sort, he will not be amiss in his new office.

Fremantle sub-branch has a very proud father in H. G. Wilson. His daughter, Dawn, aged 14 years, has just succeeded in becoming a Gold Medallist for the State, in the Intermediate Division of the Trinity College, London, pianoforte examination. Congratulations, Bert.

On account of 'ill-health, Bill Tincoste, the popular secretary of Fremantle sub-branch, has been compelled to resign, and go home to the Old Country. He will be greatly-missed, and we sincerely hope that both he and his wife will benefit by the change. Bill has always taken a keen interest in the ex-service man, both in England and here in W.A. He was a foundation member of "The Comrades of the Great War," which was formed in 1917 in England. He arrived in W.A. in 1921, and joined the Perth sub-branch, transferring later to the Wellard sub-branch. An accident in that district affected his health, and he was compelled to give up the land. Coming to Fremantle, he joined up with the local sub-branch and put in a lot of time and energy for the benefit of the ex-service men in the Port. He was appointed Publicity Officer in 1931 and carried on till February, 1934; Employment Officer from 1933 to February, 1934; secretary to the Sons of Soldiers' sub-branch, 1933 to February, 1934, and secretary to our sub-branch from February, 1934, to December 15, 1934. Truly a worthy record. We know Bill leaves Australia with deep regrets, and we feel that he will always uphold the traditions of the R.S.L. Good luck and best wishes for the future, Bill, from all the Diggers.

Victoria Park's energetic president, A. C. Shadegott, is not seeking re-election this year. His health has not been of the best for some time now, and the sub-branch's year of strenuous achievement

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has taken its toll of a willing worker. Mr. Shadgell has been keenly interested in the building of the Memorial Hall, and it is with great reluctance that he vacates the chair he has filled so admirably. His many friends hope that a well deserved rest will mean a marked improvement in health.

Other retiring officers of the Victoria Park Sub-branch are Tom Chandler, who was acting secretary for four years and secretary for three years; Jack Smith, who has been of great assistance to the building committee, but whose work will now take him away to the country; Joe Barnett, Fred Matthews, through whose efforts the land for the tennis courts and the Memorial Hall were secured; Big Bill Fitzsimmons, who was responsible for the formation of the Victoria Park S.S.I.; Reg. Hocking, Bob Hewson, Harry Taylor, the auditor and gardening enthusiast to whom credit is due for the pleasant garden around the Memorial; Harry Bantock, Hildebrandt, Jim Jennings, and Bill Colley. We understand that these stalwarts are not seeking re-election. The incoming committee will have a high standard of service to live up to.

A welcome guest at the second November meeting of the State Executive was Mr. A. H. Farr, who proudly wore the R.S.I. badge in token of the fact that he is Australian by birth and went to the War in the ranks of the 3rd Field Company (Engineers) of the A.I.F. Mr. Farr represented Singapore at the Seventh Biennial Conference of the B.E.S.I. and on his way back has spent a short holiday in Perth.

Bill Lovell, of the State Executive, is home again after a holiday tour of the Eastern States, and looks well and fit, even if a little collar-proud. While in

the East Bill attended most of the celebrations and was present as a visitor at a meeting of the New South Wales Executive.

Bill Andrews, of the South Perth sub-branch, is leaving the river-garden suburb to take over an orchard property in Darlington. What with fowls, pumpkins, pigs and passion fruit, Bill will be a happy and busy man. Ever industrious, despite the handicap of ill-health, this life should suit him and we join with South Perth diggers in wishing him all health and prosperity.

South Perth has suffered another severe loss in the person of Ron Haydock, one of the chief fun-makers of the sub-branch and a prominent member of the popular Whizz Bang Concert Party. He has just accepted an appointment in Geraldton, where he will have ample opportunity to employ those social and equestrian talents which will be so sadly missed in South Perth and other suburbs.

Wells serves well, might be taken as the slogan of a popular member of the State Executive, who carries the ideal of service into practice. Herb. Wells, formerly M.L.A. for Canning, is having a fly for the City of Perth Council this month, and his many friends wish him the best of luck.

South Perth sub-branch reports the death at the Edward Millen Home of Jack Sinclair, a valued member of the sub-branch, who, through long years of suffering, maintained, as far as was humanly possible, a cheerful demeanour. Jack Sinclair, who was gifted with a keen intellect, realised just all that his ailments would eventually mean, yet he faced the position four-square. Through it all he was ever solicitous for the welfare of ex-service men and of the sub-branch. He was secretary of South Perth until ill-health compelled him to relinquish this office. At the October meeting of the South Perth sub-branch all stood in silent respect of a popular and esteemed comrade.

A competition open to all British sculptors is announced by the Government of Victoria. The subject is an equestrian statue of Sir John Monash and the figure is to be one and a half times life size.

The Seventh Biennial Conference of the British Empire Service Legion, which was held in Melbourne during the Centenary celebrations, closed with the dedication and official opening by H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, of the Shrine of Remembrance. The ceremony was witnessed by over 300,000 people. This imposing memorial contains a stone bearing the simple inscription, "Lest We Forget." It is so placed that the lance-like ray of sunshine coming through an aperture above strikes the inscription precisely at 11 a.m. on the eleventh day of each November. Those who attended the ceremony last Armistice Day had an opportunity to witness this phenomenon.

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Our Monthly War Memory
The South African Rebellion

For several years before the outbreak of the war, the German Government had confidently expected that the Boers of South Africa would eagerly avail themselves of any opportunity to re-establish their independence. It must be remembered that in 1914, the Boer War had been over only twelve years. Many of the Boer irreconcilables still resented the settlement under the terms of the Treaty of Vereeniging, which brought that long and unfortunate struggle to an end. At the time of the Jameson Raid the Kaiser had contemplated declaring a German protectorate over the two Boer republics, and he was deterred from this step only when his advisers pointed to the size and might of the British Navy. From that time onward, German agents had been busy in South Africa, aiding and abetting every movement in favour of independence, especially the new and virile movement towards that goal which originated in the Orange River Colony in 1913.

But the settlement after the war of 1899–1902 had done much to reconcile the conflicting aspirations of Boer and Briton. Self-government had been granted in 1906, and the inauguration of the Union developed a spirit of co-operation between the best elements of the two races which was ultimately responsible for the frustration of German intrigues. Even the Nationalists, of whom Hertzog and Steyn, the former president of the Orange Free State, were the recognised leaders, intended securing their aims by constitutional means and not by armed rebellion. It was fortunate for the Empire that, in 1914, Louis Botha was Prime Minister of South Africa, and that Jan Smuts was his Minister for Defence. Both had been prominent Boer leaders in the old war, and both commanded the respect of every section of the South African people. Immediately the news of the declaration of war reached South Africa, Botha telegraphed the Imperial Government that the Union of South Africa would undertake its own defence and thereby release British garrison troops for active service abroad. No one knew his own people better than Botha, and the importance of this step cannot be over-estimated.

Of British troops in South Africa might have stirred up Nationalist sentiment, and the crushing of the subsequent rebellion by British troops would have caused resentment and bitterness that it would have taken years to allay. Botha's action had the further effect of forcing the disaffected to show their hand.

The Nationalists, as the party of independence were, called now sorted themselves into two distinct groups. Hertzog and Steyn, the constitutional wing, favoured the maintenance of an attitude of neutrality. They realised the folly of declaring war on the Empire. The war in Europe was, to them, an affair between two foreign nations. If the restoration of independence were the outcome, well and good, but they had no intention of exchanging British domination for German. In fact, they were very suspicious of the German interest in South African affairs. At the same time, they strenuously opposed the plans for the invasion of German South-West Africa. The more militant Nationalists, men like De Wet, Beyers, commandant of the Union forces, Major Kemp, and Lieutenant-Colonel Maritz favoured an immediate rising backed up by the German forces in South-West Africa. Maritz, who was in command of a force of 1,600 on the western border, was in the anomalous position of holding commissioned rank under both the British and German flags. His German rank had been given him while serving with the German forces during the campaign against the Herreros. For weeks before the war he had been in reasonable correspondence with the Germans.

DELAREY'S FATE

Much depended on the attitude of General Delarey, for whose support both loyalists and rebels angled. Delarey was a man of proved courage and high personal standards of honour. His capture of Lord Methuen at Tweefontein in 1902, was the last important success gained by the Boers in the previous war. At first Delarey was opposed to rebellion, but the Commission that inquired into the causes of the rising in 1916 was of the opinion that subsequently he was in complicity with his old comrades, De Wet and Beyers. The fact is that Delarey had fallen wholly under the influence of Van Rensburg, a religious fanatic who had gained the reputation of a seer and a prophet among the more ignorant of the Veldt Boers. Some of his prophecies in the old war had come true. It was because of this man's visions that Delarey decided to attack Methuen, and the success of the engagement greatly enhanced the seer's reputation. Van Rensburg now told of another vision in which he had seen five big bulls fighting across the ocean and a blue bull, which represented Germany, had badly gored a red bull which represented Britain. Delarey arrived in Pretoria for the special war session of the Union Parliament in a state bordering on religious mania.

At first Beyers approved of the plans for the attack on South-West Africa. He even suggested amendments to the original plans which Botha adopted. Parliament was prorogued on September 14, and the very next day, Beyers resigned his appointment as, commandant of the Union forces. Wild rumours were the order of the day. Van Rensburg told of another vision in which a Boer commander had met with German troops, talked with the Germans, and returned without firing a shot. Delarey, who had hitherto advised his countrymen to remain quiet and watch events now threw in his lot with the rebels. It was arranged that De Wet and Beyers should motor him out of Pretoria to visit a commando of western Boers. Then occurred one of those strange accidents...
The police had furnished armed patrols to intercept and arrest a gang of motor bandits who had been operating in the district. The Boer generals were challenged by a patrol. Thinking that their treason had been detected and that arrest was imminent, they ignored the challenge. The police fired and Delarey was killed. From that moment the rebellion was doomed to failure.

With commendable forbearance, Botha endeavoured to preserve the peace. He suggested that Hertzog and Steyn address public meetings advising their countrymen to refrain from unconstitutional acts. Hertzog refused flatly. Steyn declined for a time, and then gave way when it was too late. Before he could deliver a single speech, Maritz had seized all his officers who would not join in his treason and sent them as prisoners of war into German territory.

THE RISING

Loyal forces under Colonel Brits and Colonel Van Deventer soon scattered Maritz's troops. Maritz fled into German South-West Africa, and later in the war he was court-martialled and shot for treachery to his new associates. Botha's plan was to unite with de Wet and Kemp and then move westward to join Maritz and the Germans. Then with a reinforced and well-equipped army, they were to move against Pretoria. The flight of Maritz upset these arrangements so that the only course open to Beyers was to effect a junction with De Wet. But Botha struck too quickly for him. The total rebel strength was never more than about 10,000. The Government soon had approximately 40,000 men under arms, but of these, a few thousand had been detailed for the occupation of German ports in South-West Africa. Beyers was defeated at Rustenburg on October 28, and his commando was dispersed. Botha might have made the victory more decisive, but he held his hand hoping that the rebels would surrender. Beyers, however, crossed into the Orange River Colony and fought a second engagement at Gruis Drift, on the Vet River on November 7. As a result of this fight over 400 of the rebels were captured. Beyers then consented to accept Steyn's mediation. He was granted safe conduct through the loyalist lines and back to his own men after the negotiations with Steyn had proved abortive.

Botha was equally reluctant to take drastic action against his old comrade-in-arms, De Wet, but as Smuts reminded him, unless Christian de Wet were "convinced by force" he would not listen to reason. During the campaign, too, the loyalists were, in many instances fighting, brother against brother, and father against son. It was but natural that these men preferred enduring casualties themselves to killing their own kith and kin. There were many instances of their remaining under fire for a long time, without hitting back, in the hope the the rebels would be surrounded and forced to surrender at discretion. In all, the loyalists lost 132 killed, and 277 wounded, while of the rebels 1,700 were captured or surrendered. The total number of rebels killed and wounded during the month and a half's fighting will never be known.

De Wet had some slight success at first. At Vrede, on October 29, he issued a rambling manifesto denouncing the "ungodly policy" of Botha and the miserable pestilent English, and characterised the South-West African expedition as "a dastardly act of robbery." On November 7, he scattered a small force of loyalists near Winburg. But De Wet was ever a rough and ready forager. His high-handed methods of commandeering supplies, alienated the burghers and made it easier for Botha to obtain recruits. Botha surrounded him at Mushroom Valley, on November 12, and though their leader escaped, most of his followers were captured. Another of Botha's wise measures was the proclamation of a general amnesty to all who would return to their homes by November 21. It was this proclamation more than the actual fighting that broke the back of the rebellion.

De Wet was now a fugitive. He employed all the devices to avoid capture that had made him famous in the previous war, but this time he was opposed to men who knew the country as well as he did, and the motor car introduced a new element into campaigning on the Veldt. As it was he very nearly eluded pursuit, but he was overtaken and caught at a farm west of Mafeking on December 1, 1914.

In punishing the rebels the Government exercised a wise leniency. De Wet was sentenced to a fine of £2,000 and six years' imprisonment; Kemp to a fine of £1,000 and seven years' imprisonment, and others to shorter terms, but all were released before Christmas, 1915.
Our Rural Industries
COLONEL COLLETT'S ADVOCACY

It will be cause of gratification for all diggers to learn that our old chief, Colonel Collett, was called upon to move the Address-in-Reply in the Federal Senate. During the course of an inspiring speech, Colonel Collett outlined the Federal Government's attitude towards land matters.

Hand in hand with the scheme for finding work, he said, must go an endeavour to rehabilitate our rural industries. It seems that even a world recovery in prices cannot undo the damage of the last five years. In Western Australia, wheat-growing is a young industry, and the depression caught the farmer before he had time to build up reserves or even, in many cases, to pay for his plant. Unaided, he cannot hope to rid himself of the ever-increasing burden of debt. In that State, the estimated yield for this year is only 24,500,000 bushels, whereas in 1930-31 it was 53,500,000 bushels. The shrinkage is due partly to the restricted market, partly to bad season, but chiefly to the inability of the farmer to finance his operations. With wise help, I am certain that those on the land can yet make good. I suggest wisdom in proffering assistance, because the last thing we should wish to see in this country is hand-fed or wholly State-aided production.

The Government has announced its intention to consult the States as to the best methods to adopt. As conditions in each State may vary, only by such consultation can the best results be achieved. In that connection, provision would be made to protect the soldier settler and the investments made by the Commonwealth Treasury on his behalf. These men were placed on the land when values and prices were at a maximum. The very generosity of the repatriation scheme has resulted in the ex-service man finding himself in the worst plight of all. The advances on his holdings were up to 100 per cent., and, therefore, he has little, if any, equity, but, instead, a most crushing burden of interest. I am aware that this Parliament has already made liberal concessions in this quarter, but I have yet to be assured that the States concerned have not to some extent utilised those concessions as an offset to their own losses. Whatever is to be done for the farmer needs to be done quickly. The whole subject has been in a condition of flux for several years past. There is a lack of decision, despite Cabinet committees, Royal Commissions, and conferences, in respect to the major scheme, marketing and a guaranteed price. The consequence absence of everything in the nature of stability and sound prospect is engendering and disseminating a feeling of despair amongst those who, in the interest of the nation, are rightly due for every encouragement of their labours. Yesterday I received the following telegram from the Upper Chapman districts of Western Australia:

"Mass meeting farmers Upper Chapman Districts today desire urgent representation immediate assistance. Conditions desperate; view almost total failure wheat crop, rust and drought. Also advise, unless payable price fixed for further crops, large number owners no inducement continue production."

B.E.S.L. Conference
STATE PRESIDENT'S IMPRESSIONS

Wet weather was a feature of the B.E.S.L. Conference, but the record rains of October did not dampen the ardour of those attending this most important function. Our own State President, Mr. A. Yeates, who has just returned from Melbourne, speaks in glowing terms of the hospitality extended him by the Federal Executive and by the Victorian Branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. It will be remembered that Mr. Yeates went eastward in a dual capacity, that of representing the W.A. Branch at the meeting of the Federal Executive, and of attending the B.E.S.L. Conference. He attended the dedication of the Shrine of Remembrance which he describes as an impressive and unforgettable ceremony, and, with other State Presidents, Mr. Yeates laid a wreath on behalf of our own branch at the Shrine. He brought back with him messages of greeting from General Sir Alexander Godley, who commanded II Anzac Corps in Flanders, during 1917, and Major-General Sir Andrew Russell, of the New Zealand Forces.

Among items discussed at the B.E.S.L. Conference were the B.E.S.L. constitution, the welfare of war veterans throughout the British Empire, Defence, World Peace, Empire Trade and Migration. Representatives of another organisation took up much of the time of Conference in an endeavour to obtain official recognition, but Conference definitely decided that only one constituent member in each British Dominion, Colony, Crown Colony or Protectorate could be recognised and that, as far as Australia was concerned, the constituent member would still be the R.S.S.I.L.A.

During the debate on the estimates for the Education Department, Mr. Norbert Keenan, referring to vocational training, regretted that sons no longer followed their father's occupations. This does not mean that Mr. Keenan would like to see a rigid Hindu caste system introduced into Australia, or that he would deny a son the right to improve upon his father's status. Mr. Keenan, for instance, is a lawyer and politician, but his son is an army officer.

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The Listening Post's old friend Dick Law writes from Merredin—

"While I have no desire to sponsor a controversy in your columns, I should appreciate a little space to express a point of view on peace and pacifists, which I know is shared by many returned men. In the last issue of the L.P., two professors of W.A. University are mentioned in dispatches, 'without honour,' and it is in defence of those who cannot demand the privilege of fighting their own 'peace' battles in our official organ, that I write. I want to explain that in the pursuit of true and lasting world peace, which everybody, even armament manufacturers, pretend they want, we shall find a diversity of opinion on how best to reach the declared objective. Some people, and the number appears to include the leader writer of the L.P., seem to think that the best way of achieving peace is to hold the mailed fist under everybody else's nose; and to build two battaliohms to everybody else's one. That's one opinion. Others, and the number appears to include professors Fox and Murdoch, hold the opinion that the common people of all the nations are not a bit anxious to fly at each other's throats, and that the dispensation of a little neighbourly love and charity would beat the sword into a reaping hook. I really think our national neighbours are not nearly so bloodthirsty as armament propagandists would have us believe."

The British film portraying tbe life of Charles II's girl friend, Nell Gwyn, reminds us that it was Nell who was responsible for the foundation of the Royal Hospital at Chelsea, where six hundred veterans of the Empire's wars are now spending their declining days in comfort. Nell was so outraged by the sight of discharged soldiers begging in the Mall that she mentioned the matter to the King, and the Hospital was the result.

The advocates of universal disarmament as a means of achieving world peace, and those who have been so busy "exposing" the wicked armament-makers, ignore the fact that the Empire's attitude to world disarmament is in no sense ambiguous and remains to-day what it has been since the War. Given the minimum protection for her trade routes, Britain is prepared to cut her defences to the bone if the rest of the world will follow suit, and, to this end, has already allowed the services to dwindle below the safety line. The gesture has had no effect and it would be folly to invite the decision of other nations by repeating it. In the naval sphere, Britain cannot afford it, because the U.S.A., France and Italy are engaged on record building programmes, on the eve of a navy conference, and Japan is demanding naval parity with the U.S.A. and ourselves. It is futile to protest that none of these programmes is directed against us. Our food ships sail on every sea, and, in time of war, would require the protection of a much larger cruiser force than to-day flies the White Ensign. In the air and on the sea, we must obey the law of self-preservation.

"Our Empire," the official organ of the B.E.S., describes as a cynical manoeuvre, Germany's declaration of a complete moratorium of foreign debts which, "Our Empire" adds, can fool few people outside the Fatherland. With Great Britain, she has a balance of trade in her favour and Lancashire operatives are thrown out of work in consequence. Germany finds it impossible to discover the foreign exchange with which to meet ordinary commercial bills, yet, according to the armaments inquiry now proceeding in America, she can pay cash for dozens of airplanes. The impossibility of a general trade revival under such circumstances, is sufficiently serious a consequence of this commercial immorality; but is it the only one? Does Germany's post-war record completely acquit her of the suspicion that she may do harbouring her financial resources for a purpose anything but commercial, or that she would hesitate to bilk her creditor's in pursuance thereof? Another matter which may require an explanation is the announcement, last week, that Germany had called up her wartime pilots and mechanics for further training. As the vegetable man used to say, "Whaf-for?"

A cheque for nearly £3,300, the proceeds of the Duke of Gloucester Cup trotting meeting at Perth on October 5, in aid of Anzac House, was handed over to the State Executive, at a special meeting on November 9, by the President of the W.A. Trotting Association, Mr. J. P. Stratton. In addition to the Executive, Mr. Stratton and all members of the committee of the W.A. Trotting Association, were present. Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. N. Olden, vice-president, and chairman of the Anzac House Committee, took the chair in the absence of the State President.

A publication issued by the Mutilated War Veterans in France states that the total cost of the Great War, which it placed at £80,000,000,000, would have been enough to build a villa for every family in France, England, Canada, U.S.A., Germany, Russia and Belgium, and furthermore, to equip every town with a population of more than 200,000 with a hospital, public library and university.

Several anti-war associations have offered to co-operate with the University students in holding a "peace" service on Armistice Day. We have heard of fighting the devil with fire, but this seems to savour of drowning the Very lights with limelight.
Hill 60
A Tunnelling Epic
(By "Jockand"

So this is the famous Hill! Our expectations are not realised. We had been told that this artificial eminence remained as it had been when the last shells ceased their churning in 1918. We look around. Where might our old dug-out have been located? It had been a shelter safe from the woe of the Boche barrage, though its 14-inch ferro-concrete walls did have a drunken cant. Let us search...

But no. It is of no avail. Of all those monuments of German pillbox engineering dotted over this area where we had held the line, not one remained. Our guide, an ex-official of the War Graves Commission, explained why. The returning peascats, month by month, had pounded away at these concrete bathtubs; the iron they contained; and thus all had vanished leaving no trace. Nor is this the greatest change. Successive seasons of sun, wind, hail and rain have smoothed out the ridges, filled up the craters, and so imposed on this shell festered tegument of earth, weathering's healing balm.

"Behind us arise lines of smiling cottages. In front, over verdant fields lies a fairy city—Ypres—elsen Phoenix-like from the ashes of a smouldering holocaust. To right and left nestle gleaming hamlets basking contentedly in the sunshine. Not twenty years since we had taken this patch of ground so literally to our bosoms! And now, not a memory! Real Rip Van Winkles we, fraught with so much bewildermens, that as hoary ancient. A rusty firelock... No, thank heaven, the peasants had garnered all such, else had the illusion been complete.

We are confronted by an unobtrusive memorial. Examination discloses it to be dedicated to the glory of the First Australian Tunnelling Coy. We are not sure what the Tunnellers have done. Our guide, like a Bard of olden times, was singing their history. "The configuration of this hill," he compassed it with a gesture, "has been completely changed by those same Tunnellers, your countrymen." We are at once aroused from our Kastskillian somnolence with ears quickened for his tale.

"Ypres is a very ancient city," he proceeds, "When these parts were under the Romans we are told of its founding. A Briton, one Hypra by name, with 600 German slaves, made camp at Langemarck—do you see it there over the waving corn, to the left of Zonebeke?—and laid the foundations of the city. The 13th century it was the world's weaving metropolis, boasting 4000 looms. It was then that the vast Cloth Hall was erected. See the Tower rising from the heart of the city? It is all that remains to remind us of the greatest of Flanders' halls."

"We look. We feel less regret than he. That tower shorn though it be of the halls of fame is infinitely more inspiring than the gaunt spectre we had seen leaning over the baleful land less than two decades ago. Nor could we see the connection his story had with Hill 60."

"Well, probably," he continued, "the first shot in the first battle of Ypres, in October, 1914, was fired from the precincts of this hill. It landed at the foot of the Cloth Hall in the centre of the square, thronged with hucksterers, trying to retrieve losses made to the Germans, at the expense of the Tommies.

Alas! for so many of them, they had driven their last bargain! Strange coincidence too—the English in that battle took 600 German prisoners at Langemarck, but though the first battle of Ypres was won by the Allies, Hill 60 remained in German hands."

"The second battle began also on this spot. It opened in April, 1915, taking the enemy completely by shock. The winter months had been spent in mining under the German lines. Five—tunnels were made, a ton of explosive at the head of each. Hill 60 was easily taken, but German revenge was swift and terrible. On May 1, there came rolling across the front from Poelcapelle to Hill 60 a Chlorine Cloud like a breath from Hell. The Canadian, Zouave, and English holders of the line died choking and gasping as their lungs were slowly burnt out."

"A five mile breach was made in our line so that Ypres must have fallen had the Allemans not been afraid to risk a whiff of his own medicine. Thus Hill 60 passed into the invader's hands again, and..."
and so it remained for the next two years, during which period, no doubt, he was busy building those concrete machine gun nests you were seeking just now.

"And on their side the Allies were not unoccupied. Extensive mines were being developed from here across the Canal to Mesines. From the railway cutting ten chains behind their trenches the British commenced. Making for this Hill they passed 90 feet below their own line. By May, 1916, the Canadians had taken over from the Tommies. Within three months they had tunneled well below the German mining system and had penetrated as far as the enemy second line trenches. By August they had 'tamped in' two stupendous mines. One near where we stood was packed with 25 tons of ammonal, whilst another just over the line there, was pregnant with 35 tons.

"Thereafter the work of the miners was in the main to protect these great magazines, lest the Germans discover their danger. It was evident they were mining, too. Constant listening, locating and 'blowing' was necessary. And this activity served as a fine feint, for enemy records show that they, at no time suspected we had passed into their territory. In fact they believed that their measures had effectively removed any danger from Canadian mining. These intrepid miners, like giant termites, had now been excavating caverns in the slimy bowels of the earth for over six months. In justice could they claim—

"With aching heart and bleeding feet
We dig and dig, lay steel on steel.
It was time they rested.

"Accordingly, in November, 1916, the First Australian Tunnelling Coy. took over from the Canadians, who had carried on this subterranean warfare with conspicuous gallantry. At first the Aussies did not make the progress expected of them. Headquarters suspected strikes and go-slow tactics, but the trouble was really ignorance of the "clay kicking" process used. The method of sitting on a special seat, so that the spade might be driven in woth both feet was new to the diggers. So soon as they showed skill in the novel situation their progress improved.

"Their immediate task was that of de-watering the galleries and improving the ventilation. This was necessary in view of the fact that there must have been miles of drives and cross-cuts needed constantly as listening points.

"The Tommies had named the original tunnel leading from the cutting 'Berlin Sap' in playful reference to the fact that its objective was German territory. The Australian Tunnellers kept up the metaphor. The first great shaft dug they christened Sydney, a great offensive gallery, Brisbane, whilst others were known as Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, etc. Thus did humour lighten their dreary task. And all the while the burrowing enemy had to be shouldered away. When silence was imperative the bayonet alone could be used for digging—laboriously slow work. Again and again charges were packed against the German galleries, after which rising smoke from behind the enemy lines indicated effective 'blowing.' By this time German attacks on the shallow galleries had rendered them untenable. A complete new system was burrowed out lower down, making new three storeys—the 'shallows,' the 'deeps,' and the 'intermediate' galleries. Then it was discovered that the electric leads to the great mines had been broken. The 'tamping' had to be cleared for the
Scabbards Off!
(511 "Pip Tok")

Rack, thumbscrew and boot combined will not compel me to reveal the names of the parties concerned, but this conversation was overheard at a recent meeting.

... from here lost itself in unconquerable quicksand.

By this time Brisbane gallery had progressed 1,400 feet, fifteen feet a day being gouged out in a frenzy to place a new mine under the snout of Hill 60. In April, 1917, the Germans raided 600 strong. Samples of mullock taken back showed that we had reached depths no dreamed of by them. But not yet had they an inkling that their daily devours were being performed immediately over 60 tons of super-dynamite.

The mines were to be fired as a curtain-raiser to the Messines operations. On June 7, 1917, shortly before 3 a.m., waves of troops arrived at their jumping off places almost exhausted, having struggled seeming miles sucking at their gas tubes. Quickly they revived as the gas masks were removed, and in the tensest expectancy awaited the greatest "blow" in history.

Night, sable goddess from her ebon throne
In rayless majesty now stretches forth
Her candles sceptre.

But in a flash there came a change! At 3:10 a.m., nineteen mammoth mines from here to Messines were exploded. The trenches rocked with the quaking earth. The land's crust rose in monstrous bubbles. They burst with volcanic thunder! A dust cloud lit up by the fulminations from the earth's bowels, hung above the shattered field like a crown of demonic glory. The advancing men met no resistance, for the earth like some monstrous Titan had devoured the enemy. On Hill 60 alone, 700 were engulfed in its slavering maw.

Thus at the opening of the Third Battle of Ypres, Hill 60 passed easily into British hands, mainly as the result of these determined burrowing moles, your countrymen, whose epitaph is here engraved.

And so we draw away from this modest memorial of a Herculean effort, deep in reverie. For those brave men all honour; for those who perished groping in the slimy gravel, more honour, be they friend or foe. The pity of it all! Shall that lustrum of travail be all vain? Are we to count no gain from it? Shall we never rise above the blind groping of moles in the sloughs of national hatreds, fears and tears, to a realisation of international weal? Who will teach the world's leaders that there is a moiety of truth in the couplet:

"The drying up of a single tear has more
Of honest fame than shedding seas of gore?"

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SOLDIERS' SETTLEMENT

Just before this edition went to press, Mr. W. J. Hunt, the Chairman of the Land Committee, said that he, Mr. Warner, and the State Secretary, had just left the Minister for Lands (Mr. Troy), and had again discussed the position of soldier settlers under the new Agricultural Bank Legislation. The deputation was anxious to clear up the concern consequent upon the published statement of the Minister's, which appeared in the West Australian, of November 23, and which, if left unchallenged, might have led to many misconceptions on the part of country members. In this statement Mr. Troy was reported to have said that the members of the Land Committee had expressed no dissent at the suggested retirement of the returned soldier representative from the Agricultural Bank Board. Mr. Hunt said that the Minister readily appreciated the fact that this would be interpreted in the country as a disregard of the recent Congress resolution, as the League had in all its interviews with the Minister expressed the desire that it should retain its representative on the Soldier Settlement Board.

Mr. Troy said that he would make a statement in the House to clarify the position, and on looking through his notes, agreed that the deputation had submitted views in accordance with the Congress resolution, and he had promised to look into the position and discuss with the Crown Solicitor. This promise, the Minister again repeated, and asserted that he would endeavour by an administrative Act to continue the liaison between the League and the new Commissioners.

The November issue of a sub-branch journal contains an article headed "Our LAST General Meeting." It is sincerely hoped that this does not mean that a very useful sub-branch has ceased to function.

A thought for the month:—

The dogs delight to bark and bite,
The little birds do sing,
But all "The Sunday Times" can do,
Is spit on everything.

During the week, one of those misguided geniuses who make anagrams out of everything, informed me, in his own elegant diction, that if you "muck about with KISCH long enough you'll get SHICK."

A Nazi University professor has just been giving away his entrails with reference to the vulnerability of Australia. Germany must be almost as University-ridden as Perth. The Fritz Prof. rightly drew attention to the weakening of the Australian defence forces and for some reason, best known to himself, averred that Australia is antagonistic to the Mother Country. Possibly he has been reading what the London Daily Express published earlier in the year about body-line bowling, but it seems to us that mental development became permanently arrested in German universities shortly before August, 1914.

The Secretary of the 39th Battalion Association, Victoria, of which this State despatched the sixth reinforcements, de-

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State Executive Meetings

At the meeting of the State Executive on October 24, there were present Messrs. Philip, Denton, Hunt, Abbe, Freedman, Margolin, Banks, West, Edmonds, Cornell, Pady, Ross, Wilkins, Wells, Meller, Collins and Farquharson. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Olden, May, Collett, Bryan, Lovell and Warner. Rabbi D. I. Freedman occupied the chair.

A communication was received from Mr. G. L. Harvey expressing appreciation for the courtesies extended him while passing through on the way to Melbourne.

Land Committee: In adopting the report of the Land Committee, the committee's action in sending a lettergram to the Federal President, concerning the raising of a loan of reconstruction of the rural industries, was approved.

Anzac House: The Anzac House Committee's suggestion that nomination form for club membership be forwarded to all sub-branch secretaries and secretaries of unit associations, was adopted.

S.S.L.: The report of the meeting of the S.S.L., held on October 23, which was received and adopted, indicated that arrangements had been made for the conduct of the Colonnade Shield Competition. The secretary was asked to forward a booklet of the S.S.L. constitution to all sub-branches of the League.

Visits: The following visits were reported:

Yandanooga (Mr. Hunt), Katanning (Mr. E. S. F. Pratt), West Swan (Mr. W. Wilkins), Fremantle (Mr. Hunt), 16th Battalion (Mr. H. E. Wells), Esperance, Norseman, Moora Rock and Southern Cross (Hon. J. Cornwell, M.L.C.).

Council of ex-Imperial Associations: Mr. E. W. Edmonds reported on his attendance at a meeting of this association, and it was agreed that the report be circulated among delegates. The office-bearers of this Council are: President, Mr. A. C. Bond, and Secretaries, Mr. T. Smith.

Memorial Services: It was agreed that as many delegates as possible should attend the service in memory of King Alexander of Yugo-Slavia on October 21.

It was further agreed that Executive delegates should attend the annual memorial service of the South African and Imperial Veterans on November II.

Leederville Memorial: Leederville Sub-branch advised that the Leederville Memorial had already been completed and that it was too late to make any alteration in the names appearing on the memorial, as suggested by the Executive.

Imperial ex-Service Men: The Federal President had requested that an opinion be obtained from Imperial ex-service men expressing appreciation of the treatment received from the League. It was decided that the matter be left to the State Secretary and Mr. E. W. Edmonds.

sires the names and addresses of members of that unit still resident in Western Australia, and announces that the battalion history is now in the hands of the printer.
Travelling Facilities, B.E.S.L. Delegates: Advice was received from the Premier's Department that the application for free travelling facilities on the W.A. railways for delegates attending the B.E.S.L. conference, could not be approved. It was agreed that the Acting Premier be interviewed and if this effort prove unsuccessful that the League accept responsibility for the payment of the necessary fares.

Perth Symphony, Orchestra: The President of the Perth Symphony Orchestra advised that the concluding concert of this year's season would be held on Sunday, November 11, when music appropriate to Armistice Day would be played. It was agreed that a block of about 20 seats be reserved for the State Executive.

R.S.L. Band: The R.S.L. Band donated $19/7/6 to the Anzac House building fund. This sum represented the amount earned by the band at the Trotting meeting on October 1.

Land Settlement: A communication from the Upper Chapman Sub-branch was referred to the Land Committee.

Gutha: Gutha Sub-branch asked that capitalisation fees be remitted in order that it might make an effort to liquidate the liability now existing on the sub-branch's hall. It was agreed that this could not be done but that the request be referred to the Management Committee so that the committee might consider the advisability of renouncing any fees that may be received.

Appreciation: Yannah Sub-branch thanked the League Trustees, and Mr. Waddington, for services rendered to members of the Sub-branch, and the Land Committee for services rendered.

Sir Fabian Ware: It was agreed that Sir Fabian Ware, who was visiting Australia at the invitation of the Federal Executive and would arrive at Fremantle on October 30, should be met at the boat, and arrangements be made for him to deliver a public lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, on war graves, on the afternoon of his arrival.

General: It was decided that Rabbi Freedman represent the State Executive at a meeting of the Australian Branch of the League of Nations Union on October 21. A communication from Mr. P. Kinnane in regard to the Christmas Eve Cheer Movement was received.

Torbay's letter advising that No. 5 District Committee had been disbanded, was received. Details concerning the proposed building of a memorial hall by the Victoria Park Sub-branch were referred to the Management Committee.

The appointment of Mr. J. Lavery, as secretary of the Kirk Sub-branch, was approved. The matter of a grant of land to the Cottesloe Sub-branch was referred to the Management Committee.

Messrs. Paxton, Aberle, Philip, and Pady were appointed to attend the Osborne Park carnival on October 27.

Mr. E. S. Watt was appointed, at the request of the Minister for Industrial Development, to form one of the committee to direct the campaign on behalf of local products.

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At the meeting on November 7 there were present: Archdeacon Riley (Chairman) and Messrs. Olden, Philp, Denton, Hunt, Aberle, Freedman, Margolin, Bryan, Lamb, Watt, Edmonds; Cornell, Pady, Ross, Wells and Farquharson. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, May, Collett, Paxton, Warner, Lovell, Wilkins, Mellor and Collins.

Council of ex-Imperial Associations: The report of Mr. E. W. Edmonds, which had been circulated among delegates, was read, discussed and received. It was agreed that Mr. Edmonds be thanked and that the Council be congratulated on the success of its co-ordinating effort.

State Secretary: The State Secretary reported that an amendment to the W.A. Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Relief Fund Act, giving the League sole right for poppy sales on any day of the year, was passed by Parliament on October 25.

Membership: Reporting on behalf of the Membership Committee, Rabbi Freedman stated that the committee had set an objective of 10,000 members by the end of the year. The report was received and the State Secretary was instructed to ascertain from the Federal office if a date had been fixed for the Federal President's Australian-wide broadcast speech in connection with the membership drive.

Anzac House Committee: In its report of a meeting held on October 27 the Anzac House Committee recommended that the reading and writing room on the club floor be made available to members of the League. It was agreed that the Club Committee be asked to give consideration to this recommendation. The report further recommended that non-members of the League be allowed to use No. 1 Committee Room as a temporary arrangement until 6 p.m. each day, excepting Sunday. After discussion, it was moved and seconded by Mr. J. Taylor, that the House Committee be urged to make every possible effort to see that members and non-members of the League, given entrance to this institution, conform to the rules of ordinary decency, and failing this, the committee be empowered to take such action as it thinks necessary. The motion having been carried, the committee's report was adopted.

The question of calling tenders for catering rights for Anzac House was considered and deferred until the next meeting.

Visits: The following visits were reported: Mrs. Kettering (Archdeacon Riley), Wongan Hills (Colonel A. C. N. Olden), Mooroa Rock (Hon. J. Cornell, M.L.C.), Corrigin (Mr. W. A. Wilkins), Osborne Park (F. Aberle), Cottesloe (Mr. E. S. Pady).

Presentation: Mr. M. E. Zeffert, a former member of the Executive, attended the meeting and presented to Anzac House an impressive picture entitled "Remembrance," painted by Mr. John Barlow. The gift was accepted on behalf of the Executive by Archdeacon Riley, and the Executive expressed its deep appreciation of the gift and the interest displayed by Mr. Zeffert.

Trotting Meeting: It was announced that the League would receive $3,300 as the result of the Trotting meeting on October 5.

General: The appointment of Mr. J. Taylor as secretary of the Ballingup Sub-branch was approved.

Dowerin Sub-branch expressed confidence in the members of the various committees elected for the ensuing year.

Leave of absence was granted to Archdeacon Riley and Colonel Olden for the next meeting, and to Colonel Lamb for two meetings.
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Wongan Hills on October 27. Travelling through heavy thunderstorms we arrived at Wongan Hills in the early afternoon. The Memorial occupies a prominent position immediately opposite the Road Board Hall, and preparations had been made for the unveiling ceremony to be performed on the site. Unfortunately, owing to the rain, this was not practicable. The major portion of the proceedings was carried out in the hall, the unveiling only taking place outside. There was a very good attendance of ex-service men and public, including the chairman of the Road Board (Mr. Ackland). His presence was particularly welcome in view of the fact that the Board, under his control, had not only made the land available, but had defrayed half the cost of the Memorial. The Memorial itself is simple and dignified, and when the surrounding grounds are completed it will compare very favourably with any other. It was dedicated by the Rev. M. Hall.

The Board and the Sub-branch appear to work in perfect harmony in connection with local affairs. Ten pounds had been raised that week by the sub-branch in aid of the hospital. The chairman, in the course of his speech, mentioned this and stated that the money was not yet to hand, but so confident was his Board of receiving it that he had already spent some of it. In the evening a smoke social of the sub-branch was held at which about 40 were present. A bright and happy gathering was the outcome. The State Secretary has already mentioned the statistics of the sub-branch, which go to show that it is a flourishing unit of the League. Our thanks are due to the president and members for their kindness to us during our stay.

OSBORNE PARK

A great gathering of the clan (cannons) took place in the R.S.I. Hall on Saturday, November 3, for the annual Halloween party held by the sub-branch. Lots of old friends rolled up and the fine organisation of Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Foreman made the evening a complete success. Being a Scots night we had the unexpected pleasure of a visit from the Loch Ness monster, in the middle of the evening. This wee beastie, who is not a bit shy, paraded the hall, but unfortunately, like Bo-peep's little lamb, he left his tail behind him. Of course the monster is no longer a mystery to Osborne Park. Doug and Bob captured him in one of the swamps, and Douglas is now the self-appointed keeper. We were all very pleased to see our president "Noogie" back with us again, and it is the sincere wish of all members that he has fully recovered his health.

Jim Nicoll was there on this night and I am sure the members were very pleased to see wee Jimmie looking like his old self. He had a very bad fortnight, but this has not affected his enthusiasm for all sub-branch affairs. A member, Lionel Eddy, passed away on November 7, just 39 years of age, and the whitest ever; his many good deeds will be remembered in the district. Our deepest sympathies have been conveyed to Mrs. Eddy.

The thanks of the sub-branch are due to all the workers of both sexes on Poppy Day.

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Armistice Day service was held in the Methodist Church in the morning and the Baptist Church in the evening. A large number of the boys rolled up and both services were thoroughly enjoyed.

On November 7, Subiaco visited us in answer to our challenge. Subiaco will let you know who won!

MOUNT HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDERVILLE

We gave a fitting welcome on the 17th of last month to the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield. Mr. Ted Damon (President) was in the chair and the evening went with a swing from start to finish. Most of the competing sub-branches in No. 2 Zone were represented with a good muster from Nedlands, our opponents in the final. With song and story to entertain, short speeches and noise, dry moment it was voted the best effort the sub-branch had yet put in.

Poppy Day appeal was in the capable hands of our Women's Auxiliary. The ladies had a good stand in the Terrace and profited thereby by doubling last year's sales. It is trying work, this poppy selling, and the ladies are to be commended for the gallant work they carried out in a splendid cause. The sub-branch is to show appreciation of their efforts by giving them a complimentary social and dance on Thursday, November 29, at the old Council Chambers.

The next meeting of the Building Fund Committee will be held at the Oxford Hotel on Friday, November 23.

Arrangements are in hand for the annual picnic to Bicton on the first Sunday in December.

The sub-branch is still a going concern. A great deal of hard work is put into it by the President (Mr. Damon) and Secretary (Mr. Charles) and it is only right that members should give them all the support they possibly can. So, let us roll along to the meetings every Thursday (pension) night and hear what has been done and what is to do and help it.

MOORINE ROCK

The annual re-election of the Moorine Rock sub-branch was held on Saturday, October 27. A company of 42 set down at the tables which were beautifully decorated with flowers. Much credit to the donors of these and to Mrs. Rowe for the layout of the tables. Mr. Harris Friedinger kindly lent bunting to decorate the hall. The guests included Sir John Kirwan and Mr. J. A. Marston (President) who was ably assisted by the secretary (Mr. R. Maham) kept things going with a swing and the evening ended all too soon. Many a good story was told and songs sung. The usual toast was honoured. Sir John Kirwan, who takes a great interest in League matters, responded to the toast of the “Visitors.” He admitted his love of a good tale and complimented the sub-branch on the interest taken in matters concerning the returned man. Mr. Cornell, as a representative of the State Executive, explained the policy of the League, past, present and future. Thanks were due to Mr. R. West who devoted most of the evening to the piano and to those members who contributed songs and tales. A pleasing feature was the attendance of such a number of our far-out members.

CARLISLE

We have had a rather slack time lately, but hope to live things up from now on. At our last meeting we received our Delegate’s report re Congress. This was well received by those present and the vote of thanks to Mr. Griffiths was carried with acclamation. We discussed and made arrangements for Poppy Day after which we indulged in refreshments and bowls, etc.

Members are reminded that at our next meeting on Thursday, December 6, the business will include nominating Officers for the ensuing term and a full attendance is required. The weekly dances still retain their popularity.

BULLFINCH

Bullfinch Diggers and many supporters of the League assembled at Golden Valley, eight miles N.W. of Bullfinch, on Sunday, November 4, in quest of social entertainment. President Yule was in command, but as the crowd was very orderly in spite of its enthusiasm, Geordie’s duties were not too exacting. Golden Valley, the scene of the meeting, will go down in mining history as the first place on the Eastern Goldfields where a mining lease was pegged out. Premier Collier some few years back unveiled a tablet at the spot out past the Valley homestead. Needless to say the picnic lunch was much appreciated as several travelled a long way to be present. After lunch two tug-o’-war teams captured by the President and the Secretary took the strain. A pleasant feature of this event was the fact that the President’s wife acted as coach for the winning team which, incidentally, was not her husband’s. Mrs. Berry (Vice-President’s wife) acted as coach for the second team. A very full programme of sporting events was indulged in.

The married men’s race (hilariously described as the worried men’s race) was won by popular Jimmy Nixon, that dark horse who originated here from sub-branch. He certainly does not let the grass grow under his feet. Jack Goodwin, as usual, was on parade. Jack is a very staunch Leagueite, Mr. Tom Edwards, of Navy fame, was in attendance and brought his little Scots bride with him. The action of Forest Grove Bob and the Sub-branch was favourably commented on some time ago. This sub-branch gave Bullfinch kids a real treat last Sunday, and after the way in which the nippers regaled themselves we hope there were no sure tummies amongst them. Well, here’s to another picnic like this one!

CORNIG

Members held the annual smoke social on the night of October 27. Under the able direction of President G. A. White, assisted by the very capable Secretary and a special fatique squad, proceedings went off smoothly and with a swing except on occasions when Brickie, Dave and Dickson put in more than their fair share of the best services. The sub-headquarters were still going strong, and in a well chosen speech (except Fergie and his cobber) to charge glasses and drink deep to the State Executive. There did not appear to be any hesitancy in obeying this command. Mr. Wilkinson, by responding, gave the sub-branch and all speakers a very fine idea of the part to be played by our League. It would be perhaps well to state here that there is an open invitation to “Wilkie” to come here and take charge of our concert party. Members are unanimous that with his help and guidance we could put on a tip-top show in next to no time. The success attained by the smoke-out is due in no small measure to this gentleman whose cheery spirit and ease of command took and held some eighty Diggers, made them sing songs before unknown to them, and in a way that he wanted them sung, Lordy, what a producer. “Fergie,” in recapping his cobber’s effort, gave the troops—right thing about Anzac House, that building of which all returned men must be proud. The toast of the “Visitors” was proposed by genial John Bremner. —Cecil Ewing’s address on behalf of sub-branch commander. Cecil was followed by the President of Quinlan Sub-Branch and by Mr. Sykes, on behalf of Kondinin Sub-Branch. It was at this juncture that “Wilkie” showed his real merit, leading members present in harmony and perversion of well known songs. The next toast, “The Ladies,” coupled with “Our Nurses,” was ably proposed by Jack Christie, and was the most popular toast of the evening. “Our Nurses” will be honoured while ever soldiers live, and “The Ladies,” on this as well as on all other occasions, have done a real good job of work, in providing the supper and setting out the tables in such a very fashion. Mr. De Grouchy presided at the piano and the many items of Messrs. Edwick and Taylor, were greatly appreciated.

WEST SWAN

The annual smoke social was held in the Memorial Hall on October 18. A splendid evening was enjoyed by all members and visitors, 53 Diggers and supporters having a wonderful time. The tables, set and decorated by the ladies, presented a wonderful sight and all speakers specially referred to their efforts. Representatives from adjacent sub-branches attended and the Executive was represented by Mr. Wilkins.

The programme included songs, Col. T. C. Wilson; concertina and bagpipes by C.P.O. Prinn
(Royal Navy); banjo and guitar duets and quartettes; piano, Mr. Tate; and community singing led by the "mob." A certificate of service to the President's Secretary by Mr. Wilkinson. Speeches were short, by a special order issued by the C.O. (Mr. W. Day). We are still 95 per cent. efficient. Some of our members are nomadic, consequently we cannot get the full roll call.

NORTH MIDLAND ZONE

A successful social gathering was held at Yandoonooka on October 20 when the Yandoonooka sub-branch held the third annual reunion and Holiday. The North Midland Zone. The President (Mr. J. A. Brown) occupied the chair, being supported by Mr. W. Hunt, a member of the State Executive, and Mr. D. M. Benson (the State Secretary). Over a hundred sat down to dinner, including representatives from all sub-branches within the Zone, as well as many from more distant areas. The guests included Mr. E. H. Hall, M.L.C., Mr. J. M. Drew, M.L.C., the Member for the District (Mr. W. D. Patrick, M.L.A.), and the President of the Geraldton Sub-branch (Mr. M. E. Anderson).

After a well supplied dinner for which the caterer (Mr. H. Chivers) excelled himself, a roll call was taken, each one in his turn standing and expressing his name, unit, and sub-branch. This roll call brought many together to recall days long past.

The President of the Carnamah Sub-branch (Mr. G. F. Brown) proposed the toast "Forces of the Crown." Messrs. J. Tyler (Morawa), A. Williamson (Three Springs), and Dr. Rettinga (Dongarra) responded. The chairman proposed the toast "The Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League," dealing with the activities of the Executive who did everything possible to further the objects of the organisation. Mr. W. Hunt (Executive) and the State Secretary both responded, and referred to the growth of the League and its operations. Mr. F. J. Crawwell (Geraldton) in proposing the toast "North Midland Zone" made reference to its extensive and productive area. Mr. J. C. Burgess (Dongarra) and Mrs. R. Barlow (Three Springs) responded. "Our Visitors" was proposed by Mr. G. D. Ferrier (Mingenew), who welcomed the sub-branch members as well as the guests chosen from those who had supported the League and its objects. The President, E. H. Hall, M.L.C., responded and congratulated the League on all that had been done to assist the returned men, even if not a member of the movement. Mr. P. T. Bridge (Mingenew) also responded.

A call being made for the caterer, the chairman introduced Mr. H. Chivers, when his health was drunk with musical singing, and E. Y. Taylor in proposing the toast, "The Artists," thanked one and all for their successful items rendered between the toasts and the responses. Messrs. J. S. O'Halloran (Mingenew) and R. Swan (Morawa) responded. The Press, proposed by Mr. Spencer Gwyne, was responded to by Mr. Howard ("Irwin Index") and Mr. Haynes ("Northern Producer").

ALBANY

The monthly meeting was held on October 16, with Mr. W. Y. Butler, R.M., in the chair, presiding over an attendance of 41. The toast of the "Falken Commandos" had a more special significance on this occasion through the loss of Mr. Stonehouse and of yet another ex-A.I.F. comrade in Mr. Rodgers. Letters of condolence were sent by the Secretary to Mrs. Stonehouse and Mr. A.

Craigie, (Vice-President). It was decided that the Albany Volunteer Fire Brigade Band be thanked for turning out for the funeral and requested to attend at the Town Hall during the exhibition of local products.

It is regretted that the sub-branch cannot nominate a candidate for the State's Ambulance Ugly, Men's competition. Members decided to await in every way possible.

It was resolved that a register of all unemployed ex-service men and their children be kept by the secretary. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Jones for donation of a flag, and to Mr. Page for the gift of a load of hardwood. A committee consisting of Messrs. Butler, Finan, Vincent, Bell and Lanchester was formed to formulate plans for a Christmas treat for children.

The fourth social evening was carried out "according to plan," and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended, and Jack did his dancing pumps at last. To make the occasion a more notable one he went into the 'Lancers. Mr. Haines, as M.C., was quite up to the mark, being ably assisted by the Big White Chief in the community choirs. Our thanks are extended to the following artists who contributed to the success of the evening: Messrs. Dewar, Allen, Field, Sharp, Woodhall and Master Page, also Mrs. Haines and Miss Mary Haines. Light refreshments were served at 10.30 under the capable management of Messrs. Haines and Lawton.

The local Products Exhibition was opened by His Worship the Mayor of Albany (Mr. J. Scanlan, J.P.), who was introduced by the President of the sub-branch. The Mayor, in declaring the exhibition open, welcomed the officials and urged the greater use of Westralian products of all kinds with special reference to Albany's primary and secondary industries, i.e., farm produce and Albany butter factory and our woollen mills. Those present included the President of the Chamber of Commerce (Mr. A. H. Richardson), and the President of the Albany A & H Society (Mr. J. Norman, Jnr.), and Mr. L. S. Bumertz (our Vice-President). A good attendance was noticed at the time and on other occasions since. The thanks of the sub-branch are again extended to the A.V.F.B. Band, who turned out to play for two of the evenings, rendering some very good items. Mr. Anderson (the exhibition officer) expressed his extreme satisfaction at the interest shown and the good attendance. A rough estimate places the number at about 2,000. Many enquiries were made and perhaps orders may be sent in. One remark heard frequently, too, was in the writer's opinion, "help to boost the Westralian goods, that was the attractive nature of a large number of the labels." A suggestion that the 'Black Swan' and a more conspicuous use of the words "Made in West Australia" would materially help. Seeing that there were 51 different classes of exhibits there was no lack of variety. Two of the stands were purchased outright by a local tailor for Albany-ites will be able to taste as well as see. The exhibits of Watsonia, Rex and the 'Swan Brand products were particularly attractive. Incidentally, one local firm had a large window most strikingly filled with Swan's goods, evidently believing that pays to advertise W.A.'s goods and at the right time, too. Mr. Anderson wishes me to convey, per the medium of the "Post," his very grateful thanks to all members of the R.S.L. who assisted in making the show a success and to the visitors.

VICTORIA PARK

A mock divorce, a sequel to the mock wedding, will be heard on Thursday, December 6, the
principals being the aggrieved wife (Mr. Shadges) and the erring husband (Mr. Colley). The entertainment will be held, and is hoped, the memorial hall building fund. Archie Jennings is arranging the programme. Plans have now been drawn and tenders called for the erection of the memorial hall. The annual river picnic for which family tickets are £2 5s. and single tickets 5s., will be held on Sunday, December 17th.

A wreath was laid on the Memorial on Armistice Day, the customary calls being sounded by Bandmaster A. E. Stewart, of the Victoria Park Town Band. The Rev. Andrew Baxter held a special Armistice service at Jamestown Church and England. Two members of the committee received the sub-branch on the Victoria Park Relief Committee which is engaged mainly in amelioration work. Nominations for officers for the ensuing year will be received at the November meeting.

Women's Auxiliary

FREMANTLE AND DISTRICTS

(By 'Idones')

A good roll-up of members on November 18 extended a hearty welcome to visitors from Perth Sub-branch. Messrs. Hopperton (President), Hooper, W. Holders, Connor, Eddington and Eti-ouf made the trip, and judging by their expressions they thoroughly enjoyed the journée. W. Hunt, a member of the State Executive, was also present. Jack Lynch welcomed the visitors, ably supported by Messrs. Jane and Braacks. Bill Hunt gave brief recollections of his trip to the Federal Congress in Brisbane, and to the various State Memorials. This was very interesting and a number of members regretted that the late hour prevented further discourse.

A warm welcome awaits all newcomers to our sub-branch, as Messrs. Willmott and Hades (two new members) will testify. It is very gratifying to see the steady progress we are making.

Recently Toc H. Fremantle, entertained some of our members with a return games competition at their rooms. We were not strong enough to beat them, but we all thoroughly enjoyed our selves, and are looking forward to our next meeting with them.

Mr. Farquharson has been appointed to our pension committee and will be a great acquisition to it.

The opening match of the cricket season was played on October 14, against Midland (last sea-son's champions). Unfortunately we played short-handed and were beaten, but gave a better account of ourselves on October 28 when we played Tramways Sub-branch and beat them by a narrow margin. In our next match we met Maylands and beat them also by 20 odd runs.

On November 15, our meeting was well attended and only urgent business was dealt with, in order to give our late Secretary and his good wife a send-off social. Councillor Rennie, of the City Council, was appointed Warden for the Fallen Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund for an ensuing 12 months. Bill Tinscombe handed in his resignation as Secretary, to the sub-branch, on the eve of his departure for England on account of ill health. This was received with regret. S. T. V. Harrison was elected to fill the vacancy. Jack Lynch, in the course of his remarks, made a presentation of a Certificate of Service to Bill, and a bouquet of mimosa to Mrs. Tinscombe. Every member present had a button-hole of the same flower. An unknown Digger sent a letter with a £1 note enclosed to Bill, in appreciation of services rendered by him, and a "tarpaulin mutter" resulted in a further presentation being made. A musical programme by Messrs. Jim Hinchins, Winfield and Mrs. Seastream, and community singing, interspersed with toasts, brought a happy evening to a close.

BOULDER

The President, Mr. J. Sheridan, presented over a good attendance of members at the general meeting held on Friday, October 26, and had the pleasure of welcoming several new members who suitably responded. Accounts totalling £31 5s. were passed for payment, and a large amount of correspondence was read and dealt with. It was resolved that a complimentary social be tendered to the ladies who assisted during the recent sweeps on the Boulder Cup and the social which was held on Friday last was a great success. During the evening the President, on behalf of the Branch, presented each lady with a box of handkerchiefs for services rendered. As the ladies were apparently shy, Mr. Ted McMahon responded on their behalf, and a very enjoyable evening followed with dancing, games, etc.

The usual commemoration service was held at the foot of the monument in the Railway Reserve on Armistice Day. At 10 a.m. a procession formed by the Golds Opes Band, followed by the Boulder Mines Band, a large number of ex-soldiers and Boy Scouts, marched from the Town Hall to the Monument where a large crowd had assembled. Our President gave a very stirring address, and appealed to all those ex-soldiers still outside the League to link up and help the men. After the service the members of both bands and all ex-soldiers who attended the service were the guests of the sub-branch, and a very pleasant hour was spent at the Rest Rooms.

During the past month ten new members have enrolled, and it is hoped to enroll several more in the near future. During the past 13 months over 100 ex-soldiers have been found employment on the trans. line, and it is to be regretted that in spite of promises made only about 13 of these men have joined the sub-branch. Just recently over 40 ex-soldiers have been retrenched from the line, and it is noticeable that as soon as their money is gone, in many cases within a week they call on the sub-branch in search of assistance, but these men never think of the League until they want something from it.

During the month another one of our cun-rades passed away, and the funeral rites were carried out by the sub-branch, Mr. Ted Mc-Mahon sounding the Last Post at the gravestones. Our late comrade, Frank Herbert, was a member of the 28th Battalion, and had been a very sick man for some time past.

Executive member Alec Wilson is now manager of the Albion Hotel, Boulder, and always has a welcome for the boys. Bill Deering, who has not been well for some time past, is back in harness again at the meetings.

Fred Johnston, Hoppy, and Ern Boustow rarely miss a meeting and are keen debaters.

Several matters of importance will be dealt with at the next Executive meeting on Wed-nesday night, when a good attendance is expected.

Many of our members will be in from the trans. line for their Christmas vacation shortly, and 'things will be lively in the old town when they arrive.

It has been the custom of the three ex-soldier organisations on the Goldfields for years past to provide a Christmas tree for the Children's Ward at the Government Hospital, and a Christmas parcel of comforts for every ex-soldier in both hospitals. A similar treat will be provided this year.

Dr. H. O. Irwin, our popular Boulder medicos who, by 'the way, is the only man on the Goldfields in possession of the League's certificate of merit, is a great supporter of this Branch. Ever since the inception of this sub-branch the doctor has provided the Bulletin, the Western Mail, Smith's Weekly, etc., for the reading
room, and the members are deeply grateful to him for his thoughtful kindness.

**MORAWA**

On September 28, Diggers and their wives were invited to the Morawa Hall to help to "welcome home" Mrs. Hannant, the wife of our Secretary and ex-President. Mrs. Hannant had spent 12 months in England and while there had laid a wreath on the Cenotaph in London on behalf of the Morawa sub-branch. The sub-branch thought it fitting to welcome her home and -as a mark of appreciation presented her with a small oak tray suitably inscribed. Mrs. Hannant, in thanking the R.S.L., told us how good everyone was to her. Through the good offices of Capt. Robt. Gee, V.C., a vice-President of the Morawa sub-branch, Mrs. Hannant went home armed with letters of introduction to Sir Aylmer Hunter Westen, Capt. Stanley Bruce, Capt. Donald Simpson, of the R.S.L., and Major Anderson, of the British Legion. Mrs. Hannant delivered these letters personally and told how pleased all were to help her. The wreath came from the British Legion poppy factory and had a broad ribbon of black and gold (W.A.'s colours) with the inscription "From the Morawa R.S.L., Western Australia." Mrs. Hannant then presented to the President of the Morawa sub-branch (H. P. Groom) a letter from Sir Aylmer Hunter Westen and he stated as his title was so long, that he was more familiarly known as Hunter Hunter. The letter was signed "Hunter Hunter." Mrs. Hannant also presented to the sub-branch a small wreath sent from the former President of the Old Contemptibles. The wreath was made of laurel leaves and poppies made in the Earl Haig poppy factory. The sub-branch decided to have a suitable box made of polished jarrah and glass to enclose the wreath which will hang over the Honour Board in the hall.

At the opening of Anzac House the Morawa sub-branch was represented by Messrs. H. P. Groom (the President), Hannant (Secretary), McLean and Maurice, while Capt. Robt. Gee, V.C., was in charge of the ex-Imperial. All voted it was a good day and are high in their praise of Anzac House.

October 28 saw a contingent from the Morawa sub-branch journeying to Yandanooka to the Northern District annual dinner. Great praise is due to Yandanooka for the way the affair was carried out, especially the catering, which it was informed was done by an old Babling Brook of the 28th Battalion (Sergt. Chivers). "The men who never flogged a ham-bone."

Armistice Day was celebrated in the hall. In addition to the returned men on parade, for the first time in Morawa history the Boy Scouts were represented by Scoutmaster E. A. Leete.

**COLLIE**

Our pension officer, Mr. H. May, is being worked harder than ever. It is only now that some of the disabilities that diggers are suffering have been made apparent, and thus the work of pensions is intensified. However, Harry has so far been able to cope with the demands made on his time and it is good men like him that help to keep a sub-branch like ours right in the forefront. The honour of being a Country Vice-President conferred on Harry was very well deserved and the sub-branch is very proud of the fact, knowing that it is so well deserved. Truly his motto has been "Service."

The Flower Show run by the sub-branch was a great success in every way and thanks to the great efforts of the Women's Auxiliary poppy sales this year have been far in excess of previous sales. The Women's Auxiliary is doing great work and long may it continue to do so. We have been receiving quite a number of visitors lately and they are always welcomed.

The Toi Hi will combine with the sub-branch to welcome Sir Talbot Hobbs at some future date.

A garden competition, conducted in conjunction with the Annual Flower Show this year, was won by a Digger.

We had recently a visitor from Campsie, N.S.W., who gave us a report on the doings of the League in that centre and when he returned he took back with him good impressions of the League's activities in this State.

Our old President, "Pat," is still on forestry work and finds it extremely difficult to visit us. Unfortunately he will not be with us on our annual trip to Duranillin this year and we will feel his loss. However, we hope all is well with him and the twins. He was seen at the opening of Anzac House looking as well as ever and we are looking forward to hearing from him of his impressions. He also visited the annual State Congress and as far as the Collie sub-branch was concerned there was a gathering of the clan of ex-presidents: Messrs. A. Anderson, who represented Geraldton; S. Plattin, of Northcliffe; D. W. Paterson from the Never-Never. The two delegates have also held that position in the sub-branch, so when our members leave the district, it is seen that they carry on the good work wherever they are.

**Women's Auxiliaries**

**Peace on Earth**

"Peace on Earth, goodwill towards men," was the angels' song on that first Christmas morning. Yet the world is restless and rumours of war are still being heard. But, on the other hand, there is a great desire for peace and many efforts are being made to procure it.

Women in their wider spheres of life to-day, are striving hard to attain a lasting peace. Some only speak of it but offer no practical solutions—others act it, either through the international section of their organisations where the other...
nations' points of view is heard and understood and friendship fostered, or by "remembering" as our auxiliaries do.

We are often misunderstood in our attitude to peace, for we uphold the League in its policy for an adequate defence force for Australia. But surely those who are best fitted to advocate protection from invasion are those who fought to keep Australia in peace! Our keeping of Anzac Day and Armistice Day, and our care of war graves and memorials are some of our practical ways of speaking peace, "The greatest factor for peace to-day is the memory of the Great War, and we must bring up our sons and daughters not to forget it," so said Sir Alex. Hire Kuthven, in a farewell message to the returned men in Adelaide.

Besides "remembering," there is still much to be done. "Peace on earth"—the task appalls us, but "goodwill to men" is more within reach. Starting from home, it can radiate far beyond our ken. Were the Christmas song to be practised all the year through in all spheres of life, it would help to bring the ideal of a lasting peace a little nearer.

Knitting in Schools

The following letter was received by Mrs. Hopperston too late to be read at conference. Readers are asked to pass on the information to their auxiliaries—

"With further reference to your resolution that knitting be taught in all State schools if wool is provided by the pupil." I have placed the matter before the Inspector of Needlework, and she reports as follows:

It is a well-known fact that I have done everything in my power to encourage the children attending our State schools to take up knitting. Last winter the majority of the children did some knitting, while a number, who could not previously do so, learned to knit.

During the winter months, especially in country schools, where the small classes make the teaching of knitting practicable, knitting is taught to the children in accordance with instructions published in the May-June "Circular," 1932.

To keep up the interest in knitting, I always enquire what the children have done or what they are doing, and I find that only a small percentage of the children are neglecting this work. In addition, I have interested the Royal Agricultural Society and Foy and Gibson Ltd., with the result that special sections in the competitions organised by them are set aside for the children.

In our large town schools we do our utmost to encourage knitting, but to insist on "knepping being taught in all State schools if wool is provided by the pupil" would entail a reorganisation of the needlework classes, a further staffing of the schools to provide additional teachers to cope with the large numbers (knitting classes could not consist of more than 25 girls, and the girls who did not bring wool, but who must be kept occupied during the knitting period.

"You will see, therefore, that the Inspector of Needlework is taking much interest in knitting, but her statements in para. 4 shows the impracticability of carrying out your resolution at the present time."

NEDLANDS

On a recent Sunday the Nedlands R.S.L. Auxiliary entertained the patients from Lennox Hospital. The patients were conveyed by car to Mr. Hatfield's picture theatre, Nedlands, where a splendid programme was shown. This was specially arranged by Mr. Hatfield. After the pictures the guests were entertained to tea served in the lesser hall by members of the Nedlands Auxiliary. Mrs. Ketterer (president of the Auxiliary) welcomed the visitors. On behalf of Nedlands R.S.L., thanked Mr. Hatfield for his generosity in loaning the theatre and passed a vote of thanks to the Auxiliary. Mrs. V. Stockman (chairman Motor Outing Committee) thanked Nedlands members for their hospitality. Mrs. Hopperston (State Secretary) thanked the car driver and all of whom were members of Nedlands for conveying the patients. Mr. Ketterer replied on behalf of the drivers. Martin O'Meara, V.C., spoke on behalf of the patients, and Mrs. Randall (Nedlands) expressed pleasure at having the "boys" there. After tea a community singing was enjoyed to the accompaniment of the piano by Mr. Jones. The following are thanked sincerely for voicing their cars: Messrs. Greenhills, G. Randall, E. Tressider, V. Ketterer, Hatfield, Vicker-Smith, Pendlebury and E. Kenny.

VICTORIA PARK

The attendance of the general meeting held on October 26 was rather disappointing as regards numbers, and members are again reminded that the monthly meetings are held on the fourth Friday in the month.

During the meeting Mr. F. Mathews asked for help for Poppy Day, stating that this year the sub-branch was leaving the organisation entirely in the hands of the ladies. In this connection the committee desires to thank Mr. Sourthe (chemist) for the use of part of his premises in Perth for a depot, Mrs. Gibb for the use of his office as a depot in Victoria Park, Mr. F. Mathews for his help, and last but not least, the ladies who had best their duty to make the day a success.

The social that followed the meeting took the form of a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Davy Jones and family, who sailed on November 3 for "Blighty." Mrs. Jones has always been a cheerful worker for the Auxiliary, and she will be sadly missed. The programme arranged was a good one, and items were contributed by Miss O'Keefe, Mrs. Elenmore, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. F. Mathews, Mr. Jim Desmond, and the "Hairy Fairies," consisting of members of the Sons of Soldiers whose President (Mr. Vickers, junr.) in addressing the meeting, said this was only a sample of what his team could pull up, and invited support for a show they were putting on at the Victoria Park Town Hall very shortly. The raffle was won by the donor, Mrs. B. Appleton, who handed it back, and, on being raffled again, it was eventually handed to the guest of the evening (Mrs. Jones) to take home as a memento of the Auxiliary's farewell.

On December 6 a mock divorce will take place in the Library Hall, and on December 9 a combined river picnic will take place.

EXHIBITION SOCIAL

In order to have presented the trophies and money prizes gained at the second annual exhibition, a united auxiliary social was held at the Institute on October 21. One hundred and sixty members attended. Dancing was very popular and encores were numerous. Mrs. Power was at the piano and Mrs. Pendergast acted as M.C. Between dances Mrs. de Laet sang. Little Joyce Moore contributed a dainty dance item and later in the evening gave a recitation.

Mrs. T. C. Wilson presided and welcomed the large gathering of members. Certificates of Service were presented to Medanews Lewis and Ran-
dall, both foundation members of Nedlands Auxiliary. The president's trophy for most entries in the exhibition was won by Mrs. Nezwarch, who also gained another for the highest number of points. Mrs. Roger came second and Mrs. Dunning, third. North Perth carried off a trophy for the best auxiliary effort, and Pingrup for the greatest number of points according to membership. About $6 was distributed in money prizes. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

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GUILDFORD-BASSENDLEAN

A very successful ladies' night was held in the basement of the Town Hall, Bassendean, on October 30. About fifty were present, including members from the auxiliaries of Maylands, Bayswater and Midland. The visitors were welcomed by Mrs. J. Gallagher, president of the sub-branch.

Dancing and games took up the greater part of the evening. Items were given by Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Carr, both of Bassendean. Mrs. Irvine presided at the piano. Most of the prizes were won by visitors. Mrs. Power, of Bayswater, on behalf of the guests, thanked the auxiliary for the pleasant evening.

At the monthly meeting on November 8, regret was expressed at the indisposition of several members who always take an active part in the work. Preliminary arrangements were made for the annual Christmas visit to the Edward Millen Home.

PRESS

Members held their annual general meeting at Mrs. O'Connell's on November 7. In her address, Mrs. Biggs reported on a successful year's work. Donations had included a second £10 to Anzac House, £2/2/- to the Scholarship Trust Fund; and £2/2/- to the R.S.L. cot at the Children's Hospital. The Lemenos patients had been entertained early in the year.

Although the working committee was very small, dances had been held monthly during the winter at the Soldiers' Institute. The last two for the season took place at Anzac House and were very successful.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Mrs. Sorensen, president; Mesdames Stone and Flood, vice-presidents; Mrs. Biggs, hon secretary; Mrs. Shaw, treasurer; Mesdames McKinlay, Martin and Williamson, trustees.

BAYSWATER

It's so long since you received a report from Bayswater R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary that you doubt you think we've defunced. Any doubts would have been dispelled could you have seen us on November 1, the night of our annual fancy and freak social. Barnacle Bill, from over the sea and his last Pansy being amongst the most noticeable characters; they were complete even to the parrot. We have since heard that the poor bird was so overcome that it didn't speak for days after, and no wonder. A lady wearing a mask and a very funny crinoline, a ghost that fluttered in when the lights were switched off, also the Grenadier Guards wearing bearskins (I believe they were only kangaroo skins, after all). It's impossible to describe all, even if I could remember. All were good and splendidly carried out. This much I do know, the first of Apell would have been a fitting date. We were all so happy, visitors from Bassendean and Maylands thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The judges were Mrs. Hop- perton (State Secretary) and Mrs. McKinlay (State President). It was strange that November 1 was Mrs. McKinlay's first day as State President. In a happy little speech, she wondered if the rest of her term of office would be as merry and full of laughter. We most sincerely hope so.

Our general meetings have taken place as usual. From now on we expect to be very busy as Christmas is near.

"We spent" a most enjoyable evening at Bassendean last month, the Women's Auxiliary entertained us right royally.

F.I.S.W.

Members were delighted to welcome Lady Campbell to their meeting on November 1, in St. George's Hall. Lady Hobbs president and was supported by Mesdames Clark and Cleary. On behalf of the Union, Lady Hobbs presented the guest of honour with a dainty posy.

For her talk Lady Campbell chose the subject of the International Association of the Country Women. Rural organisations all over the world have been linked up since 1929, and there are now 1,000,000 members. Lady Campbell is representative for W.A. on the board which meets monthly in London. Both the local and international associations are of great aid to country women, socially, industrially, financially and mentally, and are a means of creating friendship and peace throughout the world. This year the annual conference was held at Stockholm and was representative of 21 countries. There were eight Australian delegates attending. Visitors included the Crown Princess of Sweden and Lady Aberdeen, who first conceived the idea of an international organisation.

Before afternoon tea, a very pleasing programme of music was given by Mesdames Clear- and Lewis, solos and duets; Mrs. Westcott, piano tions. Mrs. L. Jones distributed tickets for the annual goose club.

Sons of Soldiers’ League

CARLISLE

A most enjoyable concert was held in the Carlisle Hall on September 28. We have formed a male ballet and have worked hard rehearsing for some weeks. The ballet and burlesque turns, coupled with the fancy dancing by Miss Vickers and party were highly appreciated by a large audience.

The annual meeting took place on October 11 when the boys celebrated their first birthday. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mr. G. Vickers, President; W. Morris, Vice-President; T. E. Andrews, Secretary; E. Andrews, Treasurer. The retiring president (Mr. T. Powell) was presented with a handsome smoker's stand. Mr. Nichol (President of the parent branch) complimented the boys on their successful first year and exhorted members to keep the good work going.

On October 25 the sub-branch entertained the following at a social and dance: The Victoria Park S.S.L., South Perth S.S.L., Carlisle R.S.L. and the Women's Auxiliary. A very large number of guests were entertained by the Carlisle "Hairly Fairies” revue. Exhibition dancing, music, games, refreshments, brought a most successful night to a close. By request, on Thursday, November 29, in the Victoria Park Town Hall, the Carlisle S.S.L., assisted by artists from revue Coy's in Perth, will give a grand entertainment. Tickets are obtainable from the secretaries (Mr. Andrews), of 41 Langier Street, Victoria Park, Adults; 1/-, children, 6d., no tax.
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<td>BUCKLAND HILL</td>
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<td>A. Jagger, Brunswick Junction</td>
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<td>CARLSLE</td>
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<td>COLLIE</td>
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<td>H. Nichol, 31 Millar St., Vic. Park</td>
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<td>COWARAMUP-CLAREMONT</td>
<td>Cowaramup Institute Parish Hall Clarmont</td>
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<td>DENMARK</td>
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<td>D.S.O., Swan Barracks, Perth</td>
<td>W. Ford, 11 First Avenue, Claremont</td>
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<td>HARVY</td>
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<td>KALGOORLIE</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
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<td>LAKE GRACE</td>
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<td>LAKE KING</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
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<td>P. R. Allen, 20 Coode St., Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>Mount Lawley</td>
<td>Wallis Hall, Grovenor Rd., Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Col. T. Flintoff, Second Ave., Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>J. K. Graze, 113 Central Ave., Maylands</td>
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<td>Mornington Mills</td>
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<td>North-East Fremantle</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Fremantle</td>
<td>2nd Monday</td>
<td>Major G. P. W. Meredith, Artillery Barracks</td>
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<td>Northampton</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>L. F. Ash, Northampton</td>
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<td>North Perth</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. 174</td>
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<td>Perth</td>
<td>St. Hilda’s Hall, Glebe St. (Off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. James, 21 Marian St, Leederville</td>
<td>A. J. Hawkins, 24 York St., North Perth Tel. B3260</td>
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<td>Press</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Hopperton, 10 Waterloo Cres., East Perth</td>
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<td>Pithara</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>Poppanyinning</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>Pilbara</td>
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<td>Ravensthorpe</td>
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<td>South Perth</td>
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<td>Subiaco</td>
<td>Public Hall</td>
<td>4th Thursday</td>
<td>F. J. Aberle, 10 Rose Ave., South Perth</td>
<td>H. S. Thompson, 98 Coode St., South Perth</td>
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<td>Tambellup</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Rokey Rd., Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. A. Wilkins, 262 Hamersley Rd., Subiaco</td>
<td>Benj. Williamson, 87 Salisbury St., Subiaco</td>
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<td>Toodyay</td>
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<td>Trarina-Yelbeni</td>
<td>Toodyay Newsagency</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. A. Johnstone, Toodyay</td>
<td>N. H. Miller, Box 41, Toodyay</td>
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<td>Trarina-Yelbeni</td>
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<td>R. V. Walker, Yelbeni</td>
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<td>Trarina</td>
<td>Yelbeni (1)</td>
<td>Every 3rd Wednesday from January 10, 1934</td>
<td>G. J. Robertson</td>
<td>W. F. W. Saunders, 546 Albany Road, Victoria Park</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. Shadgett, 19 Gallipoli Street, Victoria Park</td>
<td>T. Chandler, 31 McMillan St., 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. Offer, Taxation Dept., Perth</td>
<td>P. L. Ross, Workers’ Homes Board, Perth</td>
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<td>Wubin, Bunting,</td>
<td>Each place alt., commencing Bunting, March 1</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>J. Day, Bunting</td>
<td>W. A. Cadwallader, Wobin Tel. No. 7</td>
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<td>Jibbering</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge St., Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Peters, 57 Woolwich Street, Leederville</td>
<td>J. W. Smethers, 18 Woolwich St., West Leederville</td>
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<td>Yelbeni</td>
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<td>C. L. Elsegood, Yelbening</td>
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<td>Yerbury</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday alt. months.</td>
<td>J. Basteden, York</td>
<td>C. Vernon Harris, P.O. Box 99, Phone 3</td>
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<td>Yerbury</td>
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<td>B. O. Read, Kerrelocking</td>
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<td>Fourth Friday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>Mrs. O. Taylor, 14 State Street, Victoria Park</td>
<td>Mrs. D. Pike, 38 State St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>When necessary</td>
<td>D. M. Benson</td>
<td>Mrs. W. James, 19 Marion St., Leederville</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>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard's Avenue, Leederville</td>
<td>R. W. Blair, 79 William St., Perth</td>
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<td>EX-NAVAL MEN: Fremantle Sub-Section</td>
<td>His Majesty's Hotel</td>
<td>2nd and last Wednesdays</td>
<td>J. A. Math., 10 Wray Ave., Fremantle</td>
<td>A. J. Rate, Royal Oak, 223 Mary St., Fremantle</td>
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<td>FORTY-FOURTH ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>Col. C. H. Lamb, Victoria House, St. George's Ter., Perth</td>
<td>J. H. Gratwick, G.P.O. Box G441, 99 St. George's Ter., West Perth</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Third Thursday, quarterly</td>
<td>Col. D. M. McWhee (Chairman, A. H. Hood, 19 Tate St., W. Leederville)</td>
<td>H. W. Riggs, 26 Elizabeth St., N. Perth, Phone B4894</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
<td>2nd Monday</td>
<td>Lt-Col. I. E. Dunkly, 86 Angove St., Nth. Perth</td>
<td>W. C. Armstrong, 20 Ruislip St., West Leederville</td>
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<td>10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>Tom Kidd, Agricultural Bank, Hay Street, Perth</td>
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RETURNED ARMY SISTERS

The Returned Army Sisters held their annual re-union dinner on November 12 at the Karrakatta Club and spent a happy evening renewing friendships. Among those present were Misses Ashton, Horst, England, Hayes, McNicol, McKay, Carson, Tait, Ediss, Bottel, Carpenter, Conolly, Clifton, Kirnan, Capon, Maunder, James, D. Smith, Gower, Collinson, Jeffries, Armstrong, Myers, Davidson, Head, Potter, Cook, Foster, McKenzie, Downe, Brookhall, and Newman. Some familiar faces were missed. Holidays, sickness and death have each left empty places.

The Sisters' annual meeting takes place on Wednesday, December 1, at Anzac House.

T.B. SAILORS’ AND SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION OF WEST AUSTRALIA

This Association held its monthly meeting on November 6 when the following officers were elected: President, Mr. A. G. Rowberry; Vice-President, Mr. E. L. F. Harvey; Secretary, Mr. J. A. Thomson; Committee, Messrs. Chalonier, Toomey and Rogers; Auditor, Mr. W. Culley. The secretaries was instructed to procure 100 badges to be issued to members at 1/- each, which will entitle them to free admission to the pictures once a week, either in Perth or Fremantle. It was also hoped that further benefits will shortly be available under the scheme which the secretary is formulating. We would like to give a Christmas joy to the inmates of the Edward Milten Home, if our funds will allow; we ask for friendly suggestions and assistance that any kind friends would give. After nine years' hard fighting, the Association has succeeded in having placed on the Statute books of the Federal Parliament an Act whereby a T.B. pension is now recognized. Should the reader know of any T.B. returned sailor or soldier whose war disabilities are not recognised or disallowed by the Repatriation Department, this Association will be only too pleased to get in touch with him.

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RETURNED ARMY SISTERS

The Returned Army Sisters held their annual re-union dinner on November 12 at the Karrakatta Club and spent a happy evening renewing friendships. Among those present were Misses Ashton, Homan, England, Hayes, McNicol, McKay, Carson, Tait, Edin, Bortel, Carpenter, Connolly, Clifton, Kiernan, Capon, Meadows Donald Smith, Glowery, Collison, Jeffries, Armstrong, Myers, Davidson, Head, Potter, Cook, Foster, McKenzie, Downe, Brownhill, and Newman. Some familiar faces were missed. Holidays, sickness and death have each left empty places.

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