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A House is Built

There is always something fascinating about the building of a house, in watching the foundations laid, the framework take shape, and the application of the finishing touches to the edifice. More fascinating still is watching the erection of a house in which you, yourself, have some small title. Thoughts like these occur to us every time we pass the structure that is already taking form, and which will one day be Anzac House. The future home of the League will be something more than a home, more than a utility; it will be a fitting memorial to the League when we are all dead and gone, just as St. Paul's Cathedral is the monument of its architect, Sir Christopher Wren.

When the building of Anzac House was first mooted, there were those who honestly believed that it was too late in the day for such undertakings. There were also those who never fail to throw cold water on any spark of enthusiasm. Others, again, were dubious about the scheme on the grounds of expense and practicability. But honest doubters and "firemen" alike fell into line when the League, through its accredited representatives at Congress, decided that the League must have a permanent home, and that advantage must be taken of the State Government's generous provision of a valuable block of city land. It was up to the League, and the problem was tackled in the true digger spirit which entertains no thought of failure. The building, which was designed by an ex-service man and is being erected by ex-service men, has now progressed far enough for the ceremony of laying the foundation stone, which will be performed on Sunday, March 25, at 3.30 p.m., by that father of soldiers and very good friend of all diggers, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir James Mitchell. That ceremony will be an imposing one, and it is to be hoped that it will arouse diggers and their friends of the general public to the importance of the occasion. There is also good reason to believe that the completed building will be officially opened by His Royal Highness, Prince George.

But, in our flights of enthusiasm over a seemingly impossible task being virtually accomplished, we must not blind ourselves to practical issues. Those brave new worlds which the economists are planning for us are still a long way off, and until they are created we must pay for what we buy in the old, old-fashioned way. Effort, and continued effort are essential to augment the Anzac House fund to the point at which we can sit back and say, "well, at least the home of the League is paid for." During the past year, various sub-branches played their part yeomanlike and bravely. Two ventures that were outstanding successes, financially as well as socially, were the Anzac House Ball, conducted by the Press Sub-branch, and the Neldands Diggers' Carnival. We cite these examples not because the spirit underlying them was greater than that of relatively smaller efforts, but because they were the most spectacular and ambitious of the various functions that were financial successes. Nor must the efforts of the smaller sub-branches be discounted. Like the widow's mite, their contributions were as great in proportion as those of the bigger sub-branches. Unfortunately, every effort was not as successful as its promoters had hoped. In several instances, the promoters, instead of having a tidy little sum to hand over to the Anzac House Committee, had to face a deficit. That is no reflection on those responsible. Such things are the fortunes of war, and of peace as well.

That the effort to raise funds should be a continuous one is realised by the Press Sub-branch, which is now preparing to repeat the success of the Anzac House Ball of last year. This year's ball promises to be another brilliantly successfully function, and the committee concerned has the experience of the previous venture to build upon. The response to the invitation to become foundation members has been somewhat disappointing. We suppose that "flyers" are not very plentiful in these hard times, but now that the economic situation seems to be improving, let us hope that more may see their way clear to achieve the honour of foundation membership. Meanwhile we must, one and all, concentrate upon the task of freeing our building from debt. It will not be an easy one; nor a short one, but we diggers have solved tougher problems in the past, and we would be entirely unworthy of the reputation we made for ourselves in the past, if the future of Anzac House is not assured by our continued efforts.

R.S.L. Relief Fund

During the month of January the trustees of the H.Q. Relief Fund received 86 applications for assistance, 58 being from ex-A.I.F. men, and 28 from...
the position of Commonwealth Fuel Adviser. Mr. Rogers has a wide knowledge of developments overseas, and is able to advise the Government on the many and varied fuel problems with which it is confronted.

"The resolution contains reference to an agreement entered into between the United Kingdom Government and Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. Under that agreement the company undertook to install a hydrogenation plant at Billingham-on-Tees, England with a capacity of 1,000 tons of coal per day, capable of producing somewhere about 40,000,000 gallons of petrol per annum. The agreement provided for a guaranteed preference at 4d. per gallon. The present import duty is 8d. per gallon, but the agreement provides a margin against the reduction of import duty or the imposition of excise duty."

"Being anxious to enlist the co-operation of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. in the development of the process in Australia, Mr. Bruce has, at the request of the Government entered into negotiations with that company. The position is that Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. has stated that the company is willing and anxious to give the fullest co-operation and assistance in establishing a large-scale hydrogenation unit in Australia, and, with that object in view, engineers in the service of the company have already fully surveyed the possibilities in Australia. The company desires, however, to have six months' experience of running of the plant, which is in course of erection at Billingham-on-Tees, England, before entering into any negotiations for the erection of a similar plant in Australia. In the view of the company, this period of trial is essential, because of the demonstrational character of the work and the probability that operations will reveal that some modifications in design and construction are necessary. A similar plant would cost about £10,000,000 in Australia.

"Senator McLachlan, the Minister in control of Development, is maintaining close touch with the management of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., in Australia, and during the present month will confer with two technical officers of the company who are arriving from overseas. It is understood that both those officers were closely associated with the details of the constructional work, etc., which is being carried out at Billingham-on-Tees."

"In view of the foregoing," I think that the League will agree that all possible steps consistent with prudence are being taken to speed up development in Australia."

Manufacture of Power Alcohol

The following resolution was passed at the Federal Congress:

"That the Commonwealth Government be urged to investigate the possibilities of the manufacture of 'power alcohol' in Australia, and to take all steps necessary to ensure that such industry may be established on an economic basis."

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Preference, P.M.G.'s Department

At the last Annual Federal Congress the following was carried:

"That representations be made to the Federal Government that ex-service men employed as temporary officers in the P.M.G.'s Department who were dispensed with when work was curtailed shall have preference over all others when further work is available." The Commonwealth Government has replied as follows:

"I am directed to inform you that under the Public Service Act and Regulations preference for temporary employment must be given to returned soldiers, but selection for temporary employment, as amongst returned soldiers, is in the order of their registration, subject to first preference being given to married returned soldiers.

"There is no provision under which returned soldiers who were formerly employed in the Commonwealth Service shall have special preference for further employment, nor would it appear equitable to other returned soldiers that such a preference should be allowed.

"The Public Service Board of Commissioners advises that there are many returned soldiers registered for temporary employment who were previously in private employ and did not seek engagement in the Commonwealth Service, but who now find themselves unable to secure employment and that it is considered to be only right that these applicants should be given equal consideration with those previously employed in the Service for any temporary employment that may offer."

Country Railway Fares

At the instance of the Waroona Sub-branch State Congress passed a resolution that country railway fares be reduced to a mileage basis equivalent to that operating in the metropolitan area. The Commissioner of Railways in reply stated that a revision of country fares will be made in the near future, when the matter referred to will receive consideration.

Freight, Artificial Manures

Sponsored by the Waroona Sub-branch the following resolution was carried at the last State Congress:

"That the whole year cheap rates on artificial manures be introduced on all South-Western railways."

A reply has been received from the Commissioner stating that he is unable to alter the present arrangements regarding this traffic.

State Congress Resolutions

OFFICIAL REPLIES

Re Veterinary Officers.—The Minister's policy is to station officers in country districts, and wherever it has been possible, with the funds and staff available, this procedure will be continued.

Re Experimental Farm.—The matter is at present receiving attention.

Marketing.—The Minister for Agriculture states that the question of marketing is a matter of policy, but control is very largely experimental, and has proved very costly. Except in special cases the results are not always satisfactory. It is not proposed to introduce general marketing legislation except in such cases where it can be shown that there is a great and exceptional need for such.

Science of Agriculture and Research.—This resolution is in accord with the policy of the Hon. Minister, who is anxious that the Government should secure additional accommodation in order to carry out research projects. At the present time it is impossible to secure additional money, but the Director is hopeful that the position will improve.

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Sustenance and Relief—Mr. Kennedy's reply.—The Government's policy is to give consideration to persons who are not receiving sustenance, but this is governed by the amount of loan money available for putting in hand Government works. As finances are limited, attention must first be directed to providing work for those who are already a charge on the revenue of the State, and, in determining a man's position, regard must be paid to any assistance he might be receiving from outside sources, as his position might in many cases be more favourable than those who are receiving relief from the Government by reason of their destitution.

Reduction of Interest.—Mr. Troy advises that the Honourable the Treasurer had now agreed that interest on re-purchased estates shall be reduced to 4½% on amounts falling due after January 1, 1934. Instructions have been issued accordingly.

Butter Fat Bonus—Minister's Reply.—The manufacturer receives 1/7 per lb. for butter, for which he pays in butter fat prices 8d. per lb. to the producer. The margin of profit is too great, and before approaching the Government, the people in the industry should put their own house in order and reduce the margin between the manufacturer and the producer.

Goldfields Tour of Vice-President
COLONEL A. C. N. OLDEN

Definite arrangements are being made for an organising tour of the Goldfields

APPOINTMENTS TO BUTTER FAT PRICE FIXING BOARD

The Director of Agriculture stated that the Board is a voluntary one and is constituted by representatives nominated by each of the factories, including the co-operative factories. The factories contend that they represent the producers, and the Agricultural Department has no say in the appointment of the Board.

The Director of Agriculture replied, with reference to the resolution passed at your Congress relating to the reduction in the price of meat meal and blood and bone manufactured at the Government abattoirs: "I wish to inform you that this matter has been carefully looked into by the Acting Controller of Abattoirs and it has been decided that it is not possible to make further reductions on either of these lines."

TEACHING OF AUSTRALIAN HISTORY IN SCHOOLS

The Director of Education replied: "I shall be glad if your League will point out any serious inaccuracies or misleading information given in the books published by this Department."

by Colonel A. C. N. Olden (Vice-President of the League and Chairman of the Anzac House and Prospecting Committees). He intends to leave Perth about March 3, and, travelling by road, will visit Merredin, Moorine Rock, Southern Cross, Kalgoorlie, Boulder, Menzies, Laverton, Leonora, Gwalia, Lawlers, Wiluna, Meekatharra, Cue, and Magnet. Colonel Olden is expected to be absent from the city for about three weeks, and will endeavour to stimulate interest amongst goldfields members for the big Anzac House project and League affairs generally.

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SWAN BRAND VINEGAR IS PURE AND WHOLESALE
Soldier Settler Wheat-growers

The Royal Commission, recently appointed by the Commonwealth Government to enquire into the wheat industry and to formulate recommendations in its interests, arrived in Perth on Monday February 19. During the afternoon, the State Secretary, together with representatives of other organisations, had a preliminary discussion with the members of the Commission, during which a country itinerary was decided upon. The Commission will leave Perth about March 12, and will take evidence at Geraldton, Morawa, Bencubbin, Morine Rock, Kondinin, Lake Grace, Gnowangerup, Quairading, and Cunderdin.

It is desired that each sub-branch in the centres visited come to some arrangements for the appointment of a League member to state the case for soldier settlers. It is also suggested that to obviate overlapping, the local sub-branch representatives co-operate with the Primary Producers' Association and the Wheatgrowers' Union, the idea being to mutually agree upon arrangements aiming at some relief for those who have been hit so badly by the collapse of the overseas wheat market in 1930.

It is understood that a member of the Land Committee will tender evidence to the Commissioner in Perth, covering the general position of soldier settlers. It is desired that the individual position of the settlers, as illustrating the position of wheat growers generally, should be stated by a settler actually engaged in the industry. The Chairman (Professor S. M. Wadham) promised to let the State Secretary have a parcel of questionnaires, which will be distributed later for completion by individual settlers. Sub-branches, and particularly, those who have formulated resolutions for past congresses, are earnestly invited to give this matter serious consideration, as there does appear to be a sincere inclination on the part of the Commonwealth Government to make some permanent concessions for the wheatgrowers' benefit.

Service Superstitions

(By C. R. Collins)

It is all very fine for scholars and savants to tell us that superstitions are bred of ignorance and fear. No doubt this is true of the untutored savage, but every soldier can recall instances of men of proved courage and education blenching when a shaving mirror was broken in a trench, or refusing to accept the third light from a match. In fact, it is safe to say that there was hardly a man on the Western Front who did not retain his pet superstition while ridiculing the superstitions of others. Certainly there was this difference; the individual refused to recognise his own superstitions as such; they were merely essential reactions and sensible refusals to spit in the face of Fate. This was but a new version of the old "Orthodoxy's my doxy, and heterodoxy's your doxy." The word "superstition" itself is of military origin. Among the Roman legionaries, the survivors of a battle were called "superstites," the fellows who still stood above ground. When Imperial Rome imposed her religion on subject races, vestiges of the older faiths survived, and by a legitimate transference of thought, the portion of an older belief that persisted in an age of greater sophistication became the "superstition," the survivor of a battle of creeds, hence the superstition of modern times.

Many of our popular superstitions, in the services and in civil life, have their bases in religion. Friday is an unlucky day because, traditionally, that was the day of the Crucifixion. Thirteen is an unlucky number, because the number of those who sat down to the Last Supper was thirteen. Man's disinclination to walk under a ladder may be due to fear of the paint-pot that might drop on him from above, but in the case of his forefathers it was because the ladder was associated with executions. It was used to affix ropes to gibbets, or perhaps the I.N.R.I. inscription to the Cross. On the other hand, the ladder superstition may have been born of the cave-man's fear of passing through any narrow, confined space, where an enemy may be lurking to intercept him. Children cross their fingers to avert trouble or to secure sanctuary in their running and chasing games because their mediaeval ancestors used to make the sign of the cross that way to ward off the baneful effects of the evil eye. Similarly, people touch wood for luck, because their forefathers used to carry about with them small pieces of wood, which they believed had forged part of the True Cross, and touch them reverently in their hours of need. The hare's foot, or other mascot carried by the gambler had its origin in the relics of the saints, or in talismans provided by that curious inversion of religion, witchcraft.

The Crusaders brought back with them the Oriental custom of offering a
stranger salt in token of friendship. The spilling of salt at a meal was more than a piece of clumsiness in those old days; it was a mortal insult, a deliberate refusal to accept hospitality or friendship, and its consequences were far more serious than are those of refusing to drink with a man in these days. The practice of divination, as an integral part of the older religions, provided us with most of our signs and omens. Natural phenomena, too, were not without their significance, especially when their appearance coincided with important events.

"When beggars die there are no comets seen; the heavens themselves blaze, forth the death of princes." Coincidence and tribal taboo have ascribed good or ill luck even to inanimate objects. Why does a horse-shoe bring good luck? Certainly it is lucky to find a horse-shoe in any country where farriers are few and the miles between forges are many. But how must a horse-shoe be hung so that the luck may be retained? The more usual way is to hang it with the points downward, so that luck may descend on those who pass underneath. According to another school of thought, the points should be upward, lest the luck fall out. The notion of the horse-shoe as a luck container will doubtless be a new one to most Australians. Nevertheless, it is held by many excellent people in other countries. During the war, when Lord Gieghen became G.O.C. of the 37th Division, B.E.F., he designated a golden horse-shoe with its points downward as the divisional sign. When Sir H. Bruce Williams, K.C.B., succeeded him in the command, it is recorded that the regimental tailors throughout the division had to work overtime reversing the horse-shoes to keep the luck from spilling. Men who served in that Division have assured me that the position of the points of the horse-shoe never seemed to reduce the number of casualties.

As one might expect from the derivation of the word, most superstitions, especially in the services, have to do with death. The three volleys fired over the grave are fired in the name of the Trinity, and the custom has been traced back to Sir Philip Sidney's funeral in the sixteenth century. There is also an old service superstition that the doors of men's hearts stand ajar at the burial of a comrade-in-arms, and it is at such moments that the devils who are always lurking in the air are most likely to enter into the unguarded hearts. Accordingly, three volleys, the number of the Trinity, are fired into the air to drive the devils away. The reversed arms are an acknowledgement of the shame of killing. "Death puts the rifle to shame," as an old seventeenth century manual has it, "and the reversal of the barrel is a fitting sign of reverence."

Perhaps the most popular war-time superstition was that attached to the third light from the one match. It was always regarded as a preface of death. The third light superstition is presumed to have arisen from the Scottish and also the Russian custom of placing three lighted candles in the death chamber. My own belief is that the match version was invented by two enterprising gentlemen named Bryant and May. All the same, it was, and still is, the favourite superstition among those who served in the world war. Another war-time superstition was that attaching to the soldier's identity disc. Men exchanged identity discs for luck. Some disliked wearing them at all. Carelessness, rather than superstition placed me in the last-mentioned class. Then Divisional Headquarters issued a very drastic order on the subject of not wearing discs, in obedience to which I wore mine into action for the first time. The result was a magnificent "blighty," which kept me out of the rauky business for four months. The Old Army right of an elder brother to claim a younger for service in his own unit was also looked upon with extreme disfavour in my own Division on account of the number of fatal sequels to the act of "claiming." In fact, it think it may be accepted as a general rule that brothers in the A.I.F. disliked serving in the same unit, as this was believed to concentrate the risk. Most people have heard of those presentiments of approaching
Broadening the Broadcast

The worst of these long-distance controversies is that they are so hard to finish. Therefore we wish our old friend F. A. Law, of Merredin, had weighed in with his letter sooner. We publish it, giving Rady O'Listener, who by the way is very annoyed at the Irish twist we have given his pen-name, the right to a final reply in our next issue, after which this correspondence positively must cease.

F. A. Law writes:

I am glad to see that Rady O'Listener is not letting Mr. Lamb and Mr. Johnstone have matters all their own way with those sweeping assertions of theirs concerning wars and money systems. Anyone who had read the contributions of these two gentlemen would

...death which were so often fulfilled; but it must be admitted that there are many men safe at home to-day who experienced presentations just as strong.

To every man, his pet superstition. What is mine, do I hear someone ask? I have none. Almost every important event or my life has happened on a Friday. While in France I flouted the third light superstition with impunity. I cross knives, spill salt, and walk under ladders without a tremor. But—and I think that, in view of the economic situation, this should be made public—no power of darkness or of light could induce me to lend anyone thirteen pounds.

I am very surprised at Mr. Lamb wanting to "substitute something unspecified for the present monetary system or lack of system." Contrary to Rady O'Listener I feel that this is in no wise "astute proselytizing," although, perhaps it is "intellectual blackmail," whatever that may mean.

Previous publication under Mr. Lamb's name in the LISTENING POST had already convinced me that he wanted to substitute a very definite something in place of the present lack of money system, but the difficulty is, as Mr. Lamb must realize, the something he advocates is not to be gathered in like picking peas. To get a good grip of that something one must be prepared to forego a considerable amount of golf, and tennis; or even surfing, and quaffing foaming tankards as an evening's recreation; and one must be prepared instead of these to devote considerable mental exercise over physical economic facts with a mind open and alert to catch new ideas. That last is most important. You can generally pick out the people who are not prepared or able to do this because their readiest excuse when one discusses the New Economics is "I don't understand what you are talking about." As a rule they have not even the decency to say "AND I DON'T WANT TO UNDERSTAND." But of course you cannot win an argument logically by that means.

Still I think the whole bone of contention was not economics but pacifism. The point we are concerned about is that Professor Murdoch said things over the air which Rady O'Listener did not like.

A lot of other people did not like them either. I know quite positively that Mr. Sydney Stubbs didn't, because he said so in our Parliament. And after what Professor Murdoch said back I dare say that Mr. Stubbs doesn't even like the Professor any more. But I do understand that quite a lot of people did like those wireless addresses because a thousand copies of them have been printed and sold and another thousand will be ready for sale shortly. Which seems to indicate that in the things he said, this Professor has a fairly big following. Rady O'Listener suggests that both Mr. Johnstone and Professor Murdoch would look very foolish if called upon to prove their statements, as defendants in a libel action.

I suppose anyone would look a bit foolish on being dragged into a court of law to "please explain," but I have a notion that if such a case as this took place there would be more foolish looks than those on the faces of Mr. Johnstone and Professor Murdoch, and I should hope that a very large portion of our community would be admitted to the court to see who looked most foolish.

I am quite certain that no action will be taken against Mr. Johnstone or Professor Murdoch because if it was there would be so much of the dirty linen of the armament trade washed that we should never have another jolly old war any more. I am very certain that the two delinquents are safe because NO ARMAMENT FIRM IN THE WORLD WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ITS BUSINESS BOTH ANTI AND POST WAR CLOSELY INVESTIGATED.

I am sorry that Rady O'Listener is even reluctantly in agreement with Mr. Somerville in regard to muzzling our university professors. My own very humble opinion is that no man should
The Listening Post

Bluffs

Our contributor "T.V.T." defends his sex in this article. Perhaps some member of the Women's Auxiliary will state the case for the opposite sex.

In your January issue I read a very interesting article by "H.J.W." under the title "Bluffs." I desire to controvert his last paragraph. Twenty-five years of professional experience has proved to me that, in a great number of cases, a man's "life in his home" is not in any way a guide to his nature or character, and H.J.W.'s statements are an injustice to and a libel on a great number of honourable, kindly men who are unfortunately unhappily married and try to "play the game," in spite of all. May I cite three cases taken from my records which contain over two hundred similar cases.

"A" Sober and industrious, making a success of his business, he desired a HOME and children. His wife was a "climber." Suburbia and its pretensions were her "Mecca." He carried on despite a continual struggle to retain his own identity and not to be known as the husband of Mrs.---. After twenty years these two find that they have not one single interest in common, hard times have caused "Suburbia" to "drop" them and their home life is just an "armed truce."

"B" in a fair position with good prospects. He desired a home and children, he was an accomplished musician and his leisure was a musical treat to his friends wherever he was. He took the leadership of a good choir and wished to have evenings at his home. His wife could not be bothered with children, she was a devout missionary worker, and she refused to have people, noisy ones especially, "messing up her house." Her tongue was acid, she was of the snubbing sort in private or public, and only her husband's quiet forbearance prevented open rows (99 men out of 100 would have twisted her neck). Five years of this and they hated the sight of each other and went their separate ways.

"C" a young couple, the man with fair prospects and earning a good salary, the woman an ex-shop assistant, clerical department. He is an open-air man, good at sports and an exceptionally good musician. She wants a "home," she could make "divine sponges," her lammingtons are "a dream," her picnic sandwiches and fruit compotes are "scrumptious" and she cooked meals and dinners a "fearsome mess." She detests music other than dance and jazz. Quoting from a letter to her parents (I was privileged to read it), she is going to live her life and is not going to be "bothered with children." Where will these two be in ten years time? As the years roll by will this man's "home life" reflect his true character? I say no: she will develop into a dissatisfied, grumbling, non-such, with an acidulated tongue and he will wish the devil had flown away with her before he met her.

Psychology brings many strange experiences and I am certain that there are more homes wrecked by the woman than by the man. I have known men who dread the sound of their wife's voice, and others who for years have never been able to do or say any single thing to their wife's satisfaction. If H.J.W. went home to a perpetual daily round of complaining, from the "wipe your feet before you come in," through the series of don't's and do's, until the final "certain lecture" brings a pause, until a.m. starts the next day's list, he would find his temper getting frayed in a few years and his attitude towards his "home" and "home life" undergoing a very definite change for the "worse."

It is the duty and privilege of the man to provide the "home," and of the woman to "make the home," and my experience is that there are more failures through the woman than through the man, especially in the late middle life.
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Mr. Reginald Moore, whose address is "The Homestead," Thames Street, Balmain, N.S.W., has got together an extensive collection of autographed photographs of celebrities of the Great War. The latest addition to the collection is a fine portrait of H.R.H., the Prince of Wales, and he would like others, duly autographed, from V.C. holders and senior officers in this State. He intends bequeathing the collection to the Australian War Museum or possibly the Mitchell Library.

The Launceston Sub-branch are endeavouring to ascertain if the late D. M. Lynch, No. 3168 Aust. Army Medical Corps, who died on 26th June, 1918, and was buried at Hove, Sussex, England, has any relatives in Australia. We are informed he is the only Australian buried at Hove and a friend places flowers on his grave on Armistice Day, and she would like his people to know that he is remembered.

Apart from the troubles incidental to the life of the man on the land in these days of low prices and accumulating bank interest, the yeomen of Yamnah have been having more than their fair share of sickness. Two members of the sub-branch, Bert Hillier and Jack Sheridan, were undergoing treatment in the Perth General Hospital during January. We wish them a speedy return to the front-line of this new war we're having against the forces of General Depression.

Our Nannup correspondent stresses the sense of loss experienced by the district at the transfer of President F. Clayton from Nannup School to Herne Hill. During the few years he was at Nannup, the departing president endeared himself to the sub-branch by his manly qualities. His speech is ever to the point, in both seriousness and wit. He is a man of prowess with both bat and ball and also on the tennis court, besides being a skilled amateur in both serious and comic roles. His histrionic performances will be long remembered in Nannup. As his departure almost coincided with his leaving the late and wobbly path of belchlordom to become a beneficent, he was the recipient of farewells and wedding presents, before the school vacation began.

Old Bill Anderson, late No. 1 A.A.H., was at one time a member of the old defence force of W.A. On arrival from the Old Country he joined the Fremantle Rifles, and being a stranger to guns and ammunition, was in every respect a recruit. In twelve months after mastering the intricacies (?) of the old Montini rifle, he secured the coveted marksman's badge, and was always one of the leading marksmen in all rifle contests. He served in the same regiment with Sergt. Sam Nugent, father of the present "Newgee," of the Executive, and subsequently was in the ranks of the Metropolitan Rifles, when the late Steve Chippens was a sergeant and record registrar at all rifle competitions. It was frequently remembered that "Steve" registered more "bulls" than any competitor — on the score book. In connection with a rifle competition with the permanent men at the forts in Albany nearly 40 years ago, the then commandant, Colonel Fleming, was in the team from the forts, and made the top score up to luncheon of 70 at the 200 and 500 yards. Later the commandant and other officers from the forts returned to the range and Colonel Fleming asked: "Well, has my score been topped?" "Yes," replied Lieutenant Troode, who was in charge of the red coats. "Private Anderson has made 72." Not a word of congratulation, nor a request to "have one with me," and the officers walked away to an observation post. What a difference when the men returned to the canteen. Congratulations were distributed ad lib at the thought that a common private had beaten the General of the W.A. Army. Any how, the Commandant made amends by giving the Fleming Cup. Bill holds personal letters from Royalty, including the Queen, Prince of Wales, and Princess Mary in recognition of the receipt of the Xmas number of the Boomerangs published at the No. 1 A.A.H., a publication that became popular in the county of Middlesex and other parts of the world. Bill, on leaving W.A., served in the hospitals of Tel-el-Kebir, Helipolitis, Ras-el-tin, 60th Battalion, Cudferd, Lackhill, Hardcot, and ultimately after service at No. 1 A.A.H. was appointed hospital orderly on the good ship Geuka, conveying convalescents to Australia, and sailed from Plymouth on Armistice Day.

Ernie Harrington, late 8th Light Horse, has become popular in the district since his advent to the Osborne Park Hotel. He has been appointed assistant secretary of the sub-branch of the R.S.L. and elected on the committee of the local agricultural society. He is also in great demand at socials as a musical contributor.

A recent Sydney Bulletin reports the death of Major Hughes Connal, D.S.O., of the 35th Battalion, who passed away at Newcastle, N.S.W., at the age of 49, on January 31. While still in his teens, the late Major Connal became a student at the University of Sydney, where he gained first-class honours in economics. He was afterwards called to the bar in Melbourne, and entered the army in 1914, serving with the rank of major. He was killed in action in the first Battle of the Somme, and is survived by his widow and three children.

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teacher in the service of the New South Wales Education Department. As a young man he had three hobbies, music, volunteer soldiering, and politics, and, like most of the young intellectuals of New South Wales, in those days, he was a staunch adherent of the Labour Party. It was while he was serving in France that friends at home nominated him for one of the Hunter River district seats in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly, and he had the unique distinction of being elected without having to contest the election. In fact he did not actually take his seat in the House until after his return from the war, but, throughout all the trials and tribulations of the New South Wales Labour Party, Hughie Connal held that seat.

Health impaired through war service was the cause of his early death. His loss will be deeply regretted by all who knew him, and will be keenly felt by men of all shades of political opinion.

Bert Stutchbury, secretary of Collie Sub-branch, has just come out of hospital after undergoing a serious operation. At one time it was feared that this notice might have to be made an obituary, so serious was Bert's ailment. Fortunately he pulled through, and were pleased to announce that, although he is still very weak and obliged to take things easily, he is back among his sub-branch friends and well-wishers.

All who know Mr. W. P. Odell (particularly returned soldiers), will be glad to hear of his well-deserved promotion to the position of Under-Secretary for Lands. "W.P.O." was not a youth by any means when he went overseas, and did his bit with the 32nd Battalion in France. Returning at the conclusion of hostilities he took up the position of senior assistant Under-Secretary for Lands.

Mr. Odell, who has been a member of the West Perth Sub-branch of the R.S.L. from its inception, was at one time a prominent rower and general all-round sportsman. Diggers are always assured of a good spin at his hands.

The members of the West Perth Sub-branch of the R.S.L. extend their congratulation to Mr. G. L. Needham, on his appointment to the position of accountant in the Lands and Surveys Department. He was until recently an inspector in the Treasury Department, and served overseas with the 51st Battalion, A.I.F.

The State Executive sustained a severe loss last month when pressure of private business compelled Captain J. Tozer, M.C., to resign from the governing body. "Jack" Tozer has always been a tower of strength to the League. He was one of the founders of the Nedlands Park Sub-branch, of which he is a past president. On the State Executive, his services were requisitioned mainly in connection with the Finance Committee, and the Empire and Local Trading Committee. In this last capacity he worked strenuously during the Wool Week Campaign of 1932, and the League's "Miss Westralia" competition. After trying to induce him to reconsider his resignation, the State Executive accepted it with deep regret, and placed on record its appreciation of Jack Tozer's valuable services. He won his M.C. while serving with the 28th Battalion.

Dr. Cyril Bryan, who succeeds Captain Tozer on the State Executive, is a writer of grace and charm, imbued with an incorrigible sense of humour. Though he is no long-haired aesthetic, he brings to his literary work profound scholarship and varied experience. As a youngster he saw service in the South African War of 1899-1902, and in the Zulu Land Rebellion of 1906. He was a gunner officer during our little unpleasantness with the Kaiser. After the war, Cyril Bryan did his medical course, no mean effort of concentration when one considers how difficult most of us found it to settle down again to the ordinary routine of peace. Dr. Bryan served for some years with the British Ministry for Pensions, and practised for a time in the Doctors' Holy of Holies, Harley Street, London. He is now practising in Perth, and is a valuable member of the Press Sub-branch, of which he is a committeeman.

A brother, Captain W. Bryan, 44th Battalion, was killed at Messines. Another brother, Aidan, besides being well-known in the newspaper world, was one of the original Area Officers of this State, but medical disabilities prevented him from seeing active service abroad.

There passed away suddenly at the Wagin Hospital recently Frank Smith, who served abroad with the 11th Battalion. Mr. Smith was a settler under the S.S.S. in Darkan, and his funeral, which was of an semi-military nature, was one of the largest held in Darkan.
for many years. Among the returned soldiers present were N. W. S. Greateaux, A. S. D. Johnson, H. M. Good, J. Steady, H. Jones, D. Quill, L. Hull, W. J. Cunningham, and R. Moule.

A chap who has worked consistently and well in the League since the war is R. W. (Bob) Webb, who is now a committee man and publicity officer of the Mundaring Sub-branch. At different times he has assisted sub-branches at Kelmscott, Narembeen, and Augusta. He served abroad with the 51st Battalion, losing an arm at Mouquet Farm in 1916.

While holiday-making at Scarborough Beach, on Sunday, February 4, Mrs. H. Hopperton met with a burning-accident which might have been even more serious but for the prompt attention she received. While refilling a stove the methylated spirits ignited and Mrs. Hopperton sustained severe burns about the legs. Her husband immediately rolled her in the sand, to put out the flames, and Mrs. W. Philip, another member of the party, covered the patient with a rug. Damp bandages saved the upper portions of the body from injury, and Mr. Philip drove Mrs. Hopperton to the doctor and then home. Mrs. Hopperton suffered severely from shock as well as from burns, but has made steady progress towards recovery. Though most of the burns healed rapidly, the more serious ones will probably require treatment for several weeks yet.

The late Lieut.-Colonel A. M. Ross, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Few Commanding Officers of the A.I.F. were more widely known or more deservedly popular than the late Lieutenant-Colonel A. M. Ross, C.M.G., D.S.O., who died in England, aged 54, on November 15 last. Ross was a genial soul with a puckish sense of humour that greatly appealed to the digger, though it was not always appreciated by officers of higher rank. But underlying this sense of humour there was a high sense of duty and an efficiency which bore valuable fruit in the training of the Australian soldier. He commenced his soldiering in the West Yorks and, on the establishment of the Royal Military College at Duntroon, A.M. Ross, then a captain, was lent to our service as an instructor on the staff of the College. He left in 1914 as Staff Captain of the 3rd Brigade. In France, after commanding the 51st Battalion, he was the first commandant of the 1st Anzac Corps School, afterwards the Australian Corps School, and he ended his war service as G.S.O.I., 5th Division. All who served under him, or who passed through his hands during instructional courses—and their name is legion—can testify to his gallantry in action, his unflagging professional zeal, and his never-failing good nature. Colonel Ross retired from the Army in 1922 and became connected with an advertising business in Manchester. His death will be greatly regretted by many old friends and comrades-in-arms.

Perth's New President

Harold Hopperton, the new president of the Perth Sub-branch, was born in Hull (the Yorkshire city that opened the English Civil War by snubbing King Charles I) in 1890. He received his schooling at Hymen's College, Hull, and a liberal education in the ranks of the A.I.F. During his boyhood, he was trained as a singer in the Holy Trinity Church (Hull) Choir, and as an older student under Professor Parsons, and with the Moody Manners Opera Company. He also served an apprenticeship in electrical engineering with the Earl's Shipbuilding Company. Then he developed the itching heel and the desire for travel. Consequently, the good Harold came to Australia, in the course of completing his apprenticeship with the black gang of the S.S. Dept of Ogil. One glimpse of Melbourne convinced him that Australia is not the worst spot in the world, and he decided to remain under the Southern Cross.

He has travelled through every State of the Commonwealth, eventually landing in Western Australia, where he enlisted with the fourth reinforcements of the 12th Battalion on January 15, 1915. He was on Gallipoli, and remained on the strength of the 12th until he was discharged from the A.I.F. on January 14, 1920. He was severely wounded during the street fighting in Merton in 1918, and during his service overseas he helped, with his professional knowledge, in the formation of several of the concert parties which made the war more or less endurable. Unfortunately for his chosen profession, the wounded lung ended Hopperton's career as a singer, but notwithstanding this he can still give a good turn at digger smoke socials.

Harold Hopperton has been vice-president of the Perth Sub-branch for the past four years, but his greatest distinction is being the husband of the bonny little lady he married, who is secretary of the State Executive of the Women's Auxiliary.

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"The lode material running north and south," he writes, "appears to be on all holdings with good east and west reefs. Intersecting reefs are practically vertical and all appear to go down.

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Notes of Preliminary Evidence for Royal Commission on Agricultural Bank

Submitted by the Chairman, Executive Land Committee, Colonel A. C. N. Olden.)

When the Great War ceased at the latter end of 1918, two great problems confronted the Governments of Australia. 332,000 men had been transported to the war areas overseas. Some 60,000 of these died from wounds or sickness. Transport facilities had to be found for survivors, and in Australia tremendous efforts had to be made to find suitable employment for them.

As an outcome of conferences between the States and Commonwealth, a gigantic scheme for settling ex-soldiers on the land was evolved. Under an agreement between the States and the Commonwealth, (a) The responsibility and control of soldier settlement was vested in the State Authorities; (b) The Commonwealth undertook to lend moneys to the States for the purpose of soldier settlement up to an amount not exceeding £625 per settler (afterwards extended to £1,000).

Moneys were advanced by the State to the settlers at a rate below the rate of interest at which the money was raised. A loss would therefore be suffered, and it was recognised and agreed that the States and Commonwealth should equally share the losses. The soldiers' rate of interest for advances only commenced at 3½ per cent. and increased by one half per cent. annually until it reached 6½%. Interest on the price of repurchased estates has been 6% and 6½% on improvements.

Altogether the Commonwealth raised £5,463,782 for soldier settlement, and, in fulfilment of its undertaking to share equally in losses, the Commonwealth has allowed to Western Australia concessions amounting to the sum of £1,477,688. (For particulars see Report of Mr. Justice Pike on Soldier Settlement in Western Australia, pages 50 to 55.) This amount was made up of contribution from Commonwealth Revenue towards interest charges, £681,688; contributions for other losses, £796,000; total losses borne by Commonwealth, £1,477,688.

The last contribution of £796,000 was made in consequence of strong personal representations made by the Land Committee of the R.S.L. to the then Prime Minister (Mr. S. M. Bruce) in an interview which took place in Perth in March, 1925. One condition of the second concession was that it was to be applied by the State for the benefit of soldiers still in occupation of their lands. It would appear, however, that a great proportion of this money meant for the personal relief of settlers was used by the Treasury to meet general losses on soldier settlement, including losses incurred in selling re-possessed properties to civilians and/or aliens.

Of course, losses were inevitable, particularly with re-purchased estates and the sometimes peculiar manner of their acquisition. Some estates would seem to have been acquired for the purpose of actually and literally "settling" the soldier for all time by placing him on land which could never redeem its purchase price by productivity. Heavy losses have occurred in the acquisition, sub-division, and development of most of the repurchased estates.

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Owing to the fall in the overseas price of wheat the same man is now reduced almost to a mendicant through no fault of his own. He is the sport and victim of conditions beyond his control, and knows not from day to day what his fate is. His assets are attached by statutory lien. An official list tells the firms the state of his indebtedness to the Agricultural Bank. The result of his year’s work is held by the mortgagee, and he waits impatiently for the wherewithal to provide the necessities of life. Whilst he waits his urgent pleas have in some cases been put away in some District Office and chance-alone or the whim of an official will again discover them. His annual interest met, he finds that some wheat orders completed on the solicitation of an important Bank Inspector are also deducted from his meagre cash returns, and greater than all these ills is the nightmare of accumulated interest.

The bitterness here related epitomises the complaints which reach us almost every day of the year. It is not intended to offer hostile criticism of Bank Officers. The Trustees and those associated with them at Head Office are regarded by the Land Committee as men of high integrity, ever ready to lend a sympathetic ear to a genuine case.
We think that the operations of the Bank are of such a magnitude, however, conditions are so varied, and personal qualifications so dissimilar that to a certain extent the institution and its ramifications have become top heavy.
We have never in nine years experience known the Bank Trustees reject a straight out common-sense proposal, yet some reports from country centres almost bring about a feeling of despair.

The gulf between Field Officers and the Head Office is too wide.
Doubt and uncertainty in an official’s mind will never restore the settlers’ confidence. Too much heed by country inspectors to general practice and regulations regardless of personal characteristics of the settler has tended to standardise the official attitude to Bank clients.

More initiative could be shown by Field Officers and their authority should be fully extended for the benefit of proved triers.

We claim that the S.S.S. has not been a failure. Ex-soldiers revived languishing districts. New localities were opened up. Men engaged in apple-growing at Mt. Barker and Bridgetown have been successful. The S.S.S. absorbed thousands of men into a creative industry, who, for 4½ years previously were only concerned with destruction. The whole of the State profited by the millions of money obtained under the S.S.S. Scheme.

As previously mentioned, less than half of those originally settled remain in occupation, and something must be done...
— and that quickly — to encourage the survivors of the S.S.S. to continue.

The League invites the representatives of soldier settlers to meet annually in conference, and arising out of discussions and a full interchange of opinions, resolutions have been framed for submission to the authorities. Some of these can be presented to the Commission for earnest consideration.

In doing so, we claim that soldier settlement should be extended with special consideration owing to the fact that special moneys were raised for it and special concessions allowed by the Commonwealth. Further, the repatriation of soldiers was a national responsibility, and, therefore, has special claims on the community.

Arrears of Principal. It is recommended that arrears of principal be placed in a suspense account and remain in abeyance for five years.

Arrears of Interest. — That arrears of interest be placed in a suspense account and remain in abeyance for five years, and that interest on such arrears be suspended for that period.

Current Interest. — Where it can be shown that further development is necessary in order to bring a soldier settler's holding to a stage of productiveness which will afford him a reasonable prospect of eventually meeting his obligations and giving some outlook for the future, the policy of deferment of payment of current interest, provided a proper proportion of such interest be expended in further development of the Bank's security, be pursued.

Where through circumstances beyond the control of the settler proceeds are not sufficient to pay current interest and provide sufficient to carry on, current interest be deferred.

Revaluation. — At the end of five years a re-valuation of all holdings be made by a special revaluation Board, consisting of a representative of the S.S., a representative of the Bank, with an independent chairman. The settler to be given an equity in his holding, and such equity to be determined by the revaluation allowing for any repayments made by him in the past.

The foregoing decisions are the result of long and searching review, and are made with a full appreciation of the State's financial limitations and the responsibility of the soldier settler thereto.

All sorts of reasons have been advanced as to why there can be no general deferment and no reduction of indebtedness, but what is the logical alternative?

A war of attrition, with depressed prices and a staggering debt on one side and the helpless, hopeless settler, at last driven out by cruel, unalterable circumstances. Left abandoned, repossessed and vacant, the property falls into the hands of a new-comer at a drastically reduced price, and with arrears of principal and interest written off with a stroke of the pen.

This has had the effect of greatly unsettling the soldier settler, who sees a new chum take over a property at a very low purchase price, whilst the staggering debt remains for the original occupier.

It should be our duty to make things attractive for the old purchaser or mortgagee, and this can only be done by removing for at least five years the spectre of dispossession. Create a feeling of security, revive the pride of possession and ownership, and stabilisation is inevitable.

On the other hand, the loss of individual morale provokes general disintegration and a national calamity.

We have urged that the self respect and standing of settlers be restored by reserving to them sufficient for themselves and families from the annual farm revenue based on an amount of three pounds per week. Realising that this is a national responsibility, this request was submitted to the Commonwealth Government, and by them referred back to the State.

The Agricultural Bank should declare its policy in respect to the distribution of each settler's proceeds early in the year. It was said that this was done when the proceeds were known. Such is not the case however, and inordinate delays occur at District Offices. (See File S.S.S. 12/28, where a straightforward case remained unadjusted from February to June, and was then only discovered by a letter from the League to Head Office Trustees.)

Until markets improve the Bank should be satisfied with one year's interest. An honest settler strives to meet his statutory lien only to feel dismay that with one year's interest in sight, some field officers, consider he should complete wheat orders for a bit more. That again helps to destroy the germ of returning confidence, a quality which is absolutely vital to the State and nation.

War pensions have in some cases been taken into account when assessing settlers' revenue. This was a miserable practice, and in effect abrogates compensation payments made by the Commonwealth for injuries sustained on patriotic service.

In some ill-informed quarters there is a tendency to say: "Oh, Jones gets a war pension of £1 per week, so he's alright." Would any of us change places with a war pensioner for the sake of his pension? Soldiers as a class have a much shorter expectation of life than men of similar age not subject to the mental and physical torture of front line conditions. Life is sweet and cannot be measured in terms of cash. Therefore, let us be charitable to the men who have survived frequent and searching medical reviews and for injuries received on service receive a war pension. That is a sacred national obligation, the repudiation of which would bring lasting dishonour.

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That special moneys were raised a certain number of rural Bank debtors. The Bank has quoted the extra expenditure incurred if the practice was changed and that debtors’ lists were confidential. Nevertheless, it all tends to strengthen the links of bondage, and nothing tends to create rebellion more than the feeling that one is held in subjection. Self-respect and personal pride are lost when the gofers of a district can gable of one’s impoverished condition. Secrecy in business dealings is essential.

District managers should be given more powers in certain directions, or the powers they already have should be exercised to the full where prompt decisions are necessary in the interests of settlers.

District Inspectors or Field Offices should exercise care to see that repossessed loose assets are sold to the best advantage. Complaints have been made where assets have been practically given away to favoured settlers and the security of the settler thus reduced by loose methods of sale.

More method and expedition should be shown in retiring settlers from inferior and condemned blocks and their transfer to other vacant properties.

The policy at present seems haphazard and indefinite. If systematically attempted, unsuitable holdings could be amalgamated and grazing more extensively undertaken.

We recommend that the possibility of amalgamating settlers’ accounts be investigated, particularly those of the Lands Department and Agricultural Bank, which should be brought under one head, and thus the interest on re-purchased estates be brought in line with the S.S. interest.

In conclusion, we urge that the Commission bestow special attention to soldier settlement for the following reasons:

1. That the S.S.S. was a special scheme apart from other Bank operations.
2. That special moneys were raised for it.
3. That special advances and interest rates were provided.
4. That a special Act governed it.
5. That special qualifications were necessary.
6. That special concessions were provided by the Commonwealth Government.
7. That Commonwealth concessions have not been wholly applied for the relief of overburdened soldier settlers still in occupation.
8. That at least one report of the State Auditor-General referred to the irregular use of concession credits.
9. That deserving men are urgently in need of relief.

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**Varia**

At a recent sale in London, an autograph of Napoleon was sold for £30. A mere trifle! We know a very retiring official of the Agricultural Bank whose autograph cost a digger-cocky £130. It was on a receipt.

The expression, “son of a gun,” derives from the eighteenth century, when a certain number of ratings on each warship were allowed to keep their wives aboard. The expression signified a child actually born on board ship under the berthing of a broadside gun.

That dear, unsophisticated damsel whom the boys call “Dumb Dora,” thought that the heading, “Uniform Taxation,” which appeared frequently of late in the West Australia, had reference to a disarmament stunt for abolishing armies by making their clothing more expensive.

Dora also thought that the Listening Post was a new type of wireless mast.

According to an English exchange, Brigadier-General Fullest Publicity Cregier told an interviewer that he writes books about himself because he must live. “We fail to see the necessity.”

Some of the Young Lochinvars on the West have christened the new broadcasting station “6 C.P.”

It happened in a country town, not more than a day’s march from Perth. Several member of our free and enlightened democracy were assembled outside a newspaper shop, discussing the Armistice Day poster. “The A.I.F. did things at the front,” said one. “What beats me is why the diggers haven’t brought some of their methods of doing things into our everyday life.” “They have,” a victim of the depression quietly assured him. “It’s seven to a loaf at our place now.”

Old yarns, like old soldiers, never die. They are dished up periodically as new ones. We discovered this old friend of a far-distant innocent childhood in the February issue of Reveille. Through a typographical slip, a West Australian newspaper once called an old soldier “a bottle-scared veteran.” In the subsequent apology, the paper described him as “battle-scared veteran.” In an age when the linotype machine has super-
Sisters Only!


The list of war books published by Messrs. Angus and Robertson, of Castlereagh Street, Sydney, is steadily lengthening, and this is as it should be; for during the vogue of the fifth school of war books there were so many, libels launched against the Australian soldier, that it is high time that someone who was actually in the war should commence writing about it. These publications of Messrs. Angus and Robertson will enable the historian of the future to study the war, and the part Australians played in it, from many angles. A new and valuable addition to the fund of knowledge gained at first hand is supplied in "The Grey Battalion," by May Tilton, who was a nursing sister with the A.I.F. from 1915 to 1918. To quote the Foreword by Sir William Birdwood, Miss Tilton's reminiscences "recall to memory recollections of the devotion to duty shown by our Army Nursing Service throughout many different theatres of war—a devotion that sustained and uplifted our men through many dark and difficult days." Looking back over the years one often wonders how those dear devoted women put up with us roughnecks. That they did so with unfailing kindness and real sisterly sympathy is no mean tribute to their womanliness. Miss Tilton has the genuine Australian sense of humour without which it might have been even harder to withstand the strain of constant association, with human suffering. Her style is direct and simple, and the reminiscences are interspersed with many amusing anecdotes. And what a varied experience she had! Hospital ships, hospitals in Egypt, on Lemos, in England, France, Belgium, and South Africa. During her service she came into contact with troops from many countries, Diggers, Tommies, Indians, British, West Indians, and others. She could note the essential points of difference between the troops of various countries and see good in them all. Her descriptions of places visited are also interesting. Miss Tilton is one of those keen observers who sees life clearly and sees it whole. Her loyalty to her associates and to her patients is apparent in every line she writes, and yet there is no attempt at fine writing or to build up

The Bugle

The bugle badge worn by Rifle and Light Infantry regiments is really the ancient form of that instrument. The name is derived from an old Teutonic word which means curved, and which, in its turn, has affinities for the Old French word for "wild ox." The real expression was "bugle-horn," or "wild ox horn." In mediaeval times, the bugle was essentially the horn of the chase, and in the fourteenth century, horn signals were most elaborate. Bugle calls were systematised and written down by the great Austrian musician, Joseph Haydn, somewhere about 1793. Though they had been used in the Army for centuries, they were not officially recognised in the Royal Navy until 1865. The first buglers in the Navy came from the Royal Marines, but in 1870, instructions to train a certain number of bugler boys annually were issued.

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Anzac House Foundation Membership

It is now fairly definite that Prince George will open Anzac House, Perth, during the first week in October next. The foundation stone is to be laid by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Sir James Mitchell, on March 25, at 3.30 p.m. Invitations for this function will be issued to every sub-branch throughout the State.

The Committee has announced that the following Foundation Membership subscriptions of £5 have already been received:

- Mr. Alex Anderson, Subiaco.
- Mr. S. M. Johnson, Pemberton.
- Mr. J. Hunter, Perth.
- Mr. W. W. Garner, West Perth.
- Mr. F. White, Carlisle.
- Mr. J. W. Campbell, Corrigin.
- Mr. C. R. Cornish, Carnarvon.
- Mr. R. S. Brandon, Kalgoorlie.
- Mr. J. P. Prendergast, Perth.
- Capt. F. N. House, Albany.
- Mr. E. Stanley Watt, Perth.
- Mr. J. Knopp, Kimberley Sub-branch.
- Mr. P. G. Morgan, Three Springs.
- Mr. T. Huggan, Midland Junction.
- Mr. F. Knapp, Boyup Brook.
- Mr. H. Hansen, Marble Bar.
- Col. C. H. Lamb, Perth.
- Col. C. H. E. Manning, Guildford.
- Mr. A. Yeates, Millendon.
- Mr. A. E. Sandover, Perth.
- Mr. J. T. Tandy, Perth.
- Mr. S. M. Wreford, National Bank, Perth.
- Mr. Chas. E. Prior, Wiluna.
- Lieut.-Col. J. Ferguson-Stewart, Carnarvon.

Hospital-Ities

Relayed to Ward XI by courtesy of LISTENING POST, by "Old Bill" Njookenhaaroo.

Now boys, a few words on science at Scarborough. In hotels and restaurants these are numerous ingenious mechanical devices designed for the comfort and convenience of guests. It is only fair that seaside holiday makers, who only occupy common or garden boarding houses and busb humpies, should enjoy the benefits of modern science. The following might be adopted by the Perth Road Board as "gadgets" on the numerous beaches under their control:

1. Periscope to be used from windows of bedrooms to prove that they have a sea view.

2. Magnifying glass fixed over breakfast plate with the object of making the chop or steak look more presentable. Also saw-bladed knife for cutting same.

3. Coloured glasses to be worn in the "sitting" room of "digs" to relieve eyes of strain caused by gazing at weird and wonderful ornament and decorations.

4. Pneumatic apparatus for extracting sand from shoes, stockings, hair, pockets, ears, and sandwiches.

5. "Correcting glass" for holding in front of boarding house distorting mirrors while shaving, thus gaining correct perspective of face.

6. Notice bearing words, "I do not want to buy fruit or papers, and I don't know the time" to be affixed to chair while asleep on the beach.

7. Tonic to be taken after reading the boarding house bill.

It was in Ward XI. A one-armed patient was served with his dinner. Sister: "Can I help you to cut up your meat, Corp.?" "Thanks, Sister, but I haven't found it yet."

M.O. (to patient who has been put on egg and port wine diet): "And how do you like the new diet, ladde?"

Patient: "It would be alright, sir, if the eggs were as new as the port and the port as old as the eggs."

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Armed merchantmen have long played a prominent part in the naval wars of the Empire, but after Waterloo Britain was not engaged in hostilities with any first-class naval power until the outbreak of the Great War. During a period of almost one hundred years, therefore, the armed merchantmen, with the exception of the old East Indiamen, who carried guns for their own protection against pirates in Asiatic waters, went out of fashion. The practice of arming and commissioning vessels of the Mercantile Marine was resumed very early in the Great War. Vessels of this class did valuable work and played the leading role in several historic fights. Not the least interesting of these was the mutually destructive action between ALCANTARA and GRIEF, on February 29, 1916. The story is graphically related by the writer of War Memories, who uses the pen-name of "Chatsworth."

The Admiralty, he writes, had received information, which was passed on to Admiral Jellicoe on 28th February, 1916, that another German commerce raider was likely to attempt to run the blockade as the MOEWE had done, so successfully a few weeks earlier. Cruisers and destroyers were thereupon ordered to various parts of the North Sea to search for any suspicious ship, whilst certain armed merchant cruisers of the 10th Cruiser Squadron were also ordered on patrol; all of these ships were, of course, additional to the normal patrol ships in the area. One of the vessels of the 10th Cruiser Squadron was H.M.S. ALCANTARA (Capt. T. E. Wardle), which was about to be relieved by H.M.S. ANDES, and both of these ships received orders to remain in the vicinity and watch for strangers. At about 8.45 a.m. on the 29th the ALCANTARA received a wireless message from the ANDES to the effect that she was chasing an enemy ship, which she described; giving course and speed; the ALCANTARA immediately turned to join in the chase and very shortly sighted a vessel flying Norwegian colours, which, although by her description and course did not appear to be the ANDES's quarry, Capt. Wardle decided to stop and search. Informing the ANDES of his intention, he put two blank shots across the bows of the stranger, which promptly heaved to and reported that she was the RSA, which ship she appeared to be since her size, markings, and position tallied exactly with the information Capt. Wardle had concerning that ship, but as the RSA was down on his list for searching, he continued to make his first observation, with all hands at action stations and with the boarding boat hanging from the davits. The ALCANTARA had closed to 1,000 yards when the ANDES, now about ten miles distant, sent a searchlight signal: "That is suspicious ship"; in a moment the whole scene was changed. As if the signal was one for which she was waiting, the alleged RSA discarded her disguise. The Norwegian flag was dropped, and the German ensign run up, false deck houses, etc., disappeared, revealing guns, and a hot fire was immediately opened on the ALCANTARA. The first salvo fired at such short range naturally did considerable damage, the boarding boat being smashed and the crew either killed or wounded; the ALCANTARA also received a good many other hits. She was not, however, slow in replying, and made equally good shooting and in a few minutes both ships had suffered severely and their decks were a shambles. For nearly half an hour the fight raged in murderous fashion, until the ALCANTARA was able to draw away in order to increase the range, and although the ANDES had been doing some long-range firing as she raced up, it was a fair and square fight between the two. The enemy ship was on fire and being abandoned by her crew; the ALCANTARA also ceased fire and was listing badly, it was evident that she would not much longer remain afloat. At 10 a.m. Captain Wardle gave the order to abandon ship, he and his officers having to jump into the sea, so quickly was their ship turning over; they were picked up and had barely got clear when she turned bottom up and in a few minutes quietly
Reminiscences of 1914-1918
(By M.H.M.)

TWO NIPS IN A DUG-OUT

A tunic-less white-haired member of the 28th Battalion was reclining outside a rear support dugout, when he was accosted by a digger pioneer.

"Say, Snow, do you know where a bloke could get a drink?"

Snow: "Certainly, come with me."

Leaving the way down into the dugout, the pioneer was agreeably surprised to be handed a nip of rum. As the warming beverage found its resting place, the digger casually surveyed his immediate surroundings, and reckoned other ships of the 10th Cruiser Squadron were packed with wood and empty iron drums in an effort to make them more buoyant if holed badly, but as none of them was again to meet an enemy surface ship in battle, the efficiency of the plan was not put to the test, but as the presence of a quantity of timber on board would certainly add to the risk of fire, the scheme was of somewhat doubtful utility.

the locality a good one where nips could be had for the asking.

Noticing a colonel's tunic hanging on the wall he remarked, "Is that the boss' coat, Snow?"

"No that's mine," was the quiet reply.

The pioneer, in a state of collapse, stammered an apology, but "Snow," otherwise Colonel Currie, C.O. of the 28th Battalion, smilingly replied, "Oh, that's alright, old man, have another nip."

Sir George Aston, in his book, "Secret Service," tells the following interesting story of some captured English and Australian troops in France:

"In the preceding chapter we took account of the anxiety lest prisoners taken before August 8, 1918, from the 18th Division and from a small Australian patrol, should have given away the secret. Five officers and 231 other ranks of the 18th Division had been captured in the heavy attack which was intended as a reprisal against the Australians, who, until recently, had occupied that portion of the line. The captured Australian patrol had consisted of five men under a sergeant. Reports of their examination on the 6th of August were captured from the enemy during the Fourth Army's successful advance.

"The officers and men of the 18th Division gave away no information about the preparations, then reaching a climax, for the great battle, and the report of the examination of the Australian patrol speaks for itself:"

"The prisoners are young men 21 to 31 years of age. They give one a good soldierly impression, although their military knowledge is limited (by their discretion in not disclosing it)—Author. The sergeant, who was the only one who had served a long and unbroken period with the troops, refused to make any military statement, and could not be shaken in his resolve by any means employed. The remainder were, some a short time; with their battalion, others, on account of wounds, a long time in hospital, or convalescent. Whether their statements are pretense or truth, there is no means of proving. All were reticent.

"Their general feeling was confident. They speak a great deal of the American assistance. No reports could be got from them about lights, air service, meteorological service, Very lights, dirigible balloons, captive balloons, butts..."
for Lewis guns, long-range shooting, attachment of guns to mechanical limbers, bombing of back areas, or defence against yellow cross gas.

"That patrol earned special mention in Australian Corps orders. Nearly all the headings on the German examination form were marked 'No information' or 'Nothing of importance.'"

Extract from a 'captured German Divisional Order. The Division was holding the line near Clery when this order was written—

"The Division must hold its new sector against all attacks of the enemy. It must be made clear to our men that by using our small arms and the excellent support of our artillery, we can beat off even a British attack superior in numbers. The infantry, however, must not leave the artillery in the lurch."

Note.—We captured Clery on the day after this order was issued.

Extract from a captured German Divisional Order to the Pioneer Battalion—

"Corps has ordered that the bridges which are still standing at Clery, whatever happens, are to be completely destroyed and rendered wholly useless for traffic as soon as possible."

Extract from the order from the Pioneer Battalion to one of its companies on receiving the above—

"It is imperative that an attempt be made to carry out the above corps order. Perhaps it will be possible for a small patrol of two or three courageous men to cross the destroyed bridges on the northern arm of the Somme and reach the bridges which are still standing, and carry out the demolition with concentrated charges.

"Division offers the Iron Cross, First Class, leave and a money reward for a successful attempt.

"Men who volunteer for the task and make a determined effort to carry out the task, will receive fourteen days leave, even if they are not successful."

Note.—The result of the above order was that a German platoon commander of their Pioneer Battalion made a plucky attempt to blow up these bridges, but was only partially successful, as he says in his report, owing to the deterioration of the charges. He also states that "it was only by violence" that he could induce his men to go forward.

11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The quarterly general meeting and social of the 11th Battalion Association was held at the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, on Monday night, February 12. There was, as usual, a splendid attendance, approximately 70 ex-members of the Battalion being present. A feature of the attendance was the number of new faces present, which shows how the boys are waking up to the fact that their Association is a live and flourishing organisation. There were many apologies from old members of the Association owing to leave, duty, and, unfortunately, sickness. However, the time is coming fast when we will want larger accommodation for our quarterly gatherings.

Captain "Billy" Kruger presided, and Captain "Wally" Blair was in his time-honoured position of secretary.

The main business of the meeting was the picnic, and, all details being attended to, and other business transacted, the social part of the evening took place.

The picnic was held on February 18, at the 10-mile well, Naval Base. The committee appointed to handle it had done their work well, and it was a very happy throng returned home on the Sunday night after a perfect day. The children had a glorious day, and the ladies had the oft-promised chance of fraternising with each other. The attendance proved how long-delayed this function was, and the success it has proved seems to indicate that is has to-become an annual affair.

The next general meeting and social will be held on Monday, April 16, at 8 p.m., at the Soldiers' Institute. This is the 'usual gathering held prior to the Anzac Day parade, so all are expected to be present. Incidentally, this will serve as a chance to bid our president, Bill Kruger, "bon voyage," as he sails on a health trip on April 21. Billy has battled for the Association since its inception, and it is mainly through his efforts—in conjunction with Wally Blair, as secretary—that the Association is in the position it stands today, like a shower-bath on the desert, on its own! So, diggers, if you don't roll up to this gathering of the nob on April 16, somebody will want to know why.

Anzac Day will be with us again soon, and as the Eleventh has topped the parade state now for several years, why not make it a record for many years to come, and thus encourage the other battalions to try to catch up with us. We only want 500 on parade this year.

Anybody who fought with Captain "Wally" Halloran at any time from 1914 till his end, and knows anything of his exploits during that period, would please get in touch with Wally Blair, 79 William Street, Perth. Reveille, an Eastern States returned soldier publication, wants details for their celebrity column, and have commissioned our Association to supply the material. It will be collated here and forwarded on. So, if you remember any incidents at all, no matter whether large or small, please forward them on.

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February 24, 1934

State Executive Meetings

January 31, 1934

At the meeting of the State Executive on Wednesday, January 31, 1934, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Olden, Collett, Philip, Denton, Friedman, Watt, Edmonds, (Hunt, Pady, Aberle, Marquardt, Lovell, Collins, Ross, Mellor, Williams, and Lamb. Leaves of absence were granted to Messrs. Anderson, Nugent, McDowell, and Farquharson. Mr. Nugent was granted leave of absence from two further meetings.

Resignation.—Mr. J. H. Tozer advised that he had given further consideration to the matter of his resignation from the State Executive, but regretted that he could not alter his decision. It was decided that his resignation be accepted with regret and that appreciation of his services as a member of the Executive be placed on record.

Change of Districts.—Mr. F. Warren allotted representation of Toodyay, Mount Marshall, and Avon; and Mr. Millor, representation of Geraldton, Irwin Moore and 'Indigo Gough' Sub-branches. The change will be reported to Congress.

Royal Visit.—It was resolved that the Premier be requested to include the League in the programme of events in connection with the projected visit of His Royal Highness Prince George.

Archbishop Clune.—The State President was requested to forward greetings to Archbishop Clune on the occasion of the Archbishop's seventieth birthday, and to express the League's wish for his complete restoration to health at an early date.

State War Memorial.—The report of the State War Memorial Committee meeting, held on January 30, indicated that the ceremony of handing over the Memorial by the Warden and Assistant Wardens on Anzac Day to its successors was in the hands of a committee consisting of Archdeacon Riley, Rabbi D. I. Freedman and Colonel Collett.

A resolution from State Congress suggested the desirability of arranging for a deceased soldier's unit being inscribed on the State War Memorial of those Western Australians who died while serving with British Units. The committee recommended that this would not be practicable because of insufficient space.

The State War Memorial Committee had been appointed by Congress to act as an advisory committee to all sub-branches or local authorities in regard to War Memorials.

A suggestion that gates be placed in front of the State War Memorial was also referred to the report. It was stated that Lieutenant-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs had agreed to prepare and submit designs and estimates of gates for the committee's consideration.

Land Committee.—Colonel Olden reported that he had given evidence before the Royal Commission on the Agricultural Bank. Further information had been requested by the Commission and they were being prepared. The report was received.

S.S.L. Committee.—The report of a meeting of the S.S.L. Committee, held on January 25, was received. Delegates were advised that a meeting of representatives of sub-branches of this League and representatives of the parent sub-branches had been called for February 12 at 8 p.m. The report contained a recommendation that the Executive should donate a shield for competition among the sub-branches of the S.S.L. on the lines of the Archdeacon Riley Memorial Shield, to be known as the Colonel Collett Shield. The matter of cost was referred to the Finance Committee.

A recommendation that the S.S.L. should march as an organisation on the Anzac Day Parade was referred to the Anzac Day Committee.

A recommendation that steps of ex-service men should be admitted to membership of the S.S.L., provided that they came under the legal guardianship of the ex-service man, was lost. The remainder of the report was adopted.

Visits.—Reports on visits as follows were received: Subiaco (Mr. Watt), Buckland Hill (Mr. Pady), Claremont S.S.L. (Archdeacon Riley), Returned Maiden and Limbless Men's Association (State President), Ardath (Mr. Hunt).

The following invitations were accepted: Gosnells, February 7 (State President); Mundaring, February 16 (Mears, Watt, and Millor); Maylands, February 8 (Messrs. Edmonds and Wilkins). It was decided to ask the Country Vice-President (Mr. A. Anderson) to represent the Executive at Geraldton on February 10. Invitations from Kulin (March 10) and Brunswick (March 9) were referred to the Management Committee.

The late Mr. D. M. Lynch.—A communication from the Federal office asking that endeavours be made to trace relatives of the late Mr. D. M. Lynch was forwarded to the Listening Post for publication.

Lotteries Commission.—On behalf of the W.A. Branch R.S.S.I.L.A., the State President congratulated Mr. W. Hunt on his recent appointment to the State Lotteries Commission.

Anzac Day.—The Private Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor advised that it would be convenient for Sir James Mitchell to lay the foundation stone of Anzac House on March 25 at 11:30 a.m. The letter was referred to the Anzac House Committee.

Anzac Day.—Nedlands Park Sub-branch asked if any objection would be raised to holding the local Commemoration Service on the Sunday before Anzac Day instead of on April 25. It was decided that the sub-branch's attention be drawn to the policy circular issued annually by the Executive in this regard.

Colonel F. W. Abbott.—The Secretary of the British Empire Service League advised that Colonel F. W. Abbott, Chairman of the Paris Bureau, the British Legion, would arrive in Fremantle on February 6. Empire Headquarters would greatly appreciate Colonel Abbott being met on arrival. It was agreed that the matter be left in the hands of the State President.

State Congress Resolutions.—Replies as follow have been received concerning State Congress resolutions. In each case it was decided that the sub-branch responsible for the resolution should be advised.

Resolution 43: Representation of Producers on Butter Pat Price Fixing Board.—The reply indicated that the Board was a voluntarily constituted one. The representatives were nominated by each of the factories, the Department having no say in their appointment.

Resolution 217: Reduction in Price of Meat Meal and Blood and Bone.—The reply stated that it was not possible to make any further reduction.

Resolution 68: Railway Facilities, Lake King District.—The reply indicated that the matter would receive further consideration.

Resolution 141: Aliens on Gold Mines.—The reply stated that when the order was introduced this resolution would be borne in mind.

Resolution 186: Teaching of Australian History in Schools.—Further information was requested by the Education Department.

Resolution 209: Reduction of Freight on Prim.

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The Listening Post

Anzac House Committee.—Colonel Olden's report included the form of ceremony for the laying of the foundation stone of Anzac House by His Excellency, the Lieutenant-Governor, on Sunday, March 21, at 3.10 p.m. On the motion of Mr. Watt, the form of ceremony and the proposed inscription on the foundation stone were approved. A section of the report referring to an appeal for funds on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone was referred back to the Committee.

The Committee recommended that the Executive accept the offer of the Press Sub-branch to conduct the Second Anzac House Ball in the Government House Ballroom on the evening of Empire Day, May 24, and that the Executive be represented on the organizing committee by the Chairman and the Secretary. It was agreed that the recommendation be adopted and that the Press Sub-branch be thanked.

Empire and Local Trading.—On the recommendation of Mr. Watt, Messrs. Hunt and Aberle were appointed to the Empire and Local Trading Committee.

The report of this committee mentioned that a conference had taken place between the committee and two State officials, and included extensive references by the Secretary of the Institute of Architects on the uses of local timbers.

R.S.L. Relief Fund Trustees.—On behalf of the Trustees, Mr. Philip reported that during January £17,12/6 had been appropriated from the fund, and in addition £17/12/6 had been specially approved. In the month's distribution of relief, A.I.F. men had participated to the extent of £48/8/9 and ex-Imperialists, £17/7/1.

Visits and invitations.—The following reports on visits were received—

Warrorns and Claremont (the State President)....

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At the meeting on Wednesday, February 14, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Olden, Collett, Philip, Panton, Denon, Watt, Hunt, Pady, Aberle, McDowell, Margolin, Lovell, Collins, Ross, Mellor, Young, Lamb, Paterson, Warner, and Dr. Bryan. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Anderson, Freedman, Edmonds and Nugent. Dr. Cyril Bryan, who succeeded Captain J. H. Tozer on the Executive, was formally welcomed by the members.

Management Committee.—In connection with the Management Committee’s report, the appointment of a delegate to represent this Executive at the meeting of the Federal Executive, on March 14, was deferred. It was agreed that the State President and Mr. Wilkins represent the State Executive at the meeting of the Narrogin Sub-branch on March 10, and Colonel E. L. Margolin, at the meeting of Brunswick Sub-branch on March 13.

Dr. Cyril Bryan was appointed to the Pensions sub-committee and the Empire and Local Trading Committee, and Colonel Collett to the Finance Committee, vice Captain J. T. Tozer, resigned.

On the motion of Mr. Watt, it was decided that a suggestion of the Management Committee that a tour of the goldfields by Colonel Olden be approved. Further action on a question arising out of the sale of poppies was deferred.

State Secretary’s Report.—The State Secretary’s report referred to a meeting with the Public Service Commissioner and the contemplated appointment of a new soldier to the Audit Department. Mention was made of the discussions between the State Secretary, the Premier and the Public Ser-
Sub-Branch Notes

YANNAH

The sub-branch officials for the year are Jim Stall (president), Dick Homer (vice-president) and Arthur Hodgson (secretary). Unfortunately, several active members are on the sick list, while the slump in dairy produce has forced others out of the district. Much has been helped from the ministerial visit and no doubt Mr. Troy will be able to do something to remedy the dairy men's ills. It is not only a knock to the sub-branch, but a severe blow to the district as well, when good men are being forced to go elsewhere to knock up a crust. In this respect, Yannah's

to provide a Visitors' Book for headquarters.

Archbishop Riley was granted leave from the next Executive meeting.

Appreciation.—It was decided that suitable publicity be given to a letter from an ex-Imperial soldier in which he expressed appreciation for the League's interest and efforts on his behalf over the last twelve months.

Darling Ranges Branch's letter expressing appreciation of the League's services in pension matters was also received.

Resignation.—Mr. Panton tendered his resignation from the Anzac House and State War Memorial Committees, stating that pressure of other general and sub-committee work made this step necessary. On the motion of Colonel Collett the resignation was accepted with regret and Mr. Panton was thanked for his past services on both committees.

Genius Staff, Canberra.—It was agreed that the Employment Committee frame a suitable resolution for submission to the Federal Executive asking for special consideration for the repatriation of W.A. clerks temporarily employed at Canberra, and the State Secretary was asked to ascertain from the Federal Executive what action, if any, had already been taken.

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OSBORNE PARK

Mr. R. Corbett presided at a social meeting held last month when members and friends of Mr. Fred Timms, a good friend of the sub-branch, met and presented him with a handsome pocket book on the eve of his departure on a health visit to Singapore. A very pleasant evening was spent.

At the close of the last dance of the season, Mr. Ern Harrington, on behalf of the members, presented Mrs. A. Glass, the sub-branch's musical director, with a lovely present, and referred to the years of hard work she had put into the social side of the organisation. Mrs. Glass feelingly replied.

Meetings are now held monthly, and Mr. Corlett, the President, has the social and sports committees working in a way that will make next winter meetings more enjoyable.

The annual three-day Sub-Branch Camp on Sunday, January 14, Twelve motor trucks conveyed the members and friends. The picnic proved a great success. Messrs. Gillett, Dave Miller, and other helpers were to be congratulated on the success that attended their efforts.

The Hall has been launched on another year, with Mr. Frank Gillett as president, and Mr. Eric Garner as secretary, and Messrs. Alf Mitchell, Dave Millar, and T. Mulcahy as guardians.

NANNUP

The evening of February 17 is looked forward to, for on that occasion the sub-branch will entertain, at the annual reunion, the State President (Mr. A. Yeates), the Immediate Past President (Colonel H. B. Collett), the Senior Vice-President (Archdeacon C. L. Riley), and the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Beinseg). To see Colonel Collett again will be an added pleasure, and members' thoughts go back to other reunions in which he presided.

Alfred Hutchens has succeeded Fred Clayton in the presidential chair. Fred's successor at the local school, Mr. Bill Williams, is also a digger. He is assured of a warm welcome both in the district and in the sub-branch.

CARLISLE

The Carlisle Sub-branch is making very good progress in various directions. At the January meeting forty members were present, in addition to a goodly number of visitors. A most enjoyable night was spent in singing and games, bowls being a popular feature of the programme.

The weekly dances held in the Carlisle hall continue to be as popular as ever, and attract large attendances. Credit for this is due to the excellent social committee now in office, and to Mr. Greaves, the secretary, Mr. Webb, social secretary; and Mr. Gillies, who carries out his duties as M.C, in an excellent manner.

A Sons of Soldiers' League has been formed in the Carlisle district, and a membership of forty, and all are very enthusiastic about the work in hand, which includes boxing, cricket and physical culture. Every effort is being made to determine the high principles for which the League stands.

The Women's Auxiliary of which Mrs. Monckhouse is president and Mrs. Cable secretary, also are indefatigable in giving their help and services in any way they are needed, preparing supper, etc., for the weekly dances, and giving
their time, services and financial assistance to those in sickness and need of help. They are to be highly congratulated on their success.

Mr. Nicol was again elected president, which gave much satisfaction; as in the past, he has carried out his duties in a most efficient manner.

**MT. LAWLEY**

At the monthly meeting of the Mt. Lawley Sub-branch a fair attendance was recorded. The Sub-branch is holding a fishing excursion outside Fremantle on February 24, and all the Isaac Walton-ites are urged to send in their names. The annual smoker will be held in Wallish’s Hall at the end of March, and a very good night is promised.

**BROOME**

The annual general meeting of the above sub-branch was held at the club on February 1, when Mr. H. D. Forbes was elected President for the ensuing year, other offices being filled as follows:—Vice-president, M. J. Tytherleigh; secretary, Mr. F. E. Lee; committee, Rev. Dow, Meiers, Webbe, McNee, Thorning, Hill, and Goldie. The retiring president, Mr. S. V. Ogilvie, and secretary, Mr. E. Stantoff, were warmly thanked for past services.

The annual smoker social followed on Thursday, February 8, and was well attended. The president, Mr. H. D. Forbes, was in the chair, and amongst the visitors were Mr. J. P. Idries, the author; Captain Bischoff, of the Chinese junk ‘Foo Poo’, and Mr. Taylor, who is on a walking tour around Australia.

An enjoyable evening was spent by all, the usual toasts being honoured, and musical items rendered by Messrs. Webbe, Lee, Williams, and Tytherleigh.

**CARLISLE**

The usual carnival dance was held on Wednesday, January 24, when the hall was filled with a happy throng. Much praise must be given to social secretary Mr. S. Wills, who has a happy knack of getting the crowd together. Dancing was kept up till midnight, and every one agreed it was a splendid turn-out. The music was supplied by the Nedlands Orchestra.

The S.S.L. held a meeting on January 21, which was well attended. The boys are most enthusiastic, and intend to make the Carlisle Sub-branch something to be talked about. Business finished, harmony, bowls, boxing, physical jerks, and table tennis were indulged in, and thus passed a very pleasant evening.

On February 1 the monthly meeting was held. Business over, the Victoria Park Sub-branch was welcomed and entertained. They rolled up in good force, and not a dull moment was spent. Harmony, was supplied by Messrs. Daves, Morris, the Vikers’ Concert Party, and many others. There were liquid and solid refreshments, and the most enjoyable evening finished at midnight.

Our social secretary, Mr. S. Wills, put on another of his famous carnival dances on February 7. This was a huge success. The hall was crowded with smiling and happy couples. There is no doubt that these dances keep the R.S.I.L. well in the limelight, and are very popular in the district.

**COTTESLOE**

The monthly meeting took place on Tuesday, February 2, in the Council Hall, Cottesloe, President C. L. Harvey presiding over a very large gathering of members and visitors. The president extended a hearty welcome back to Lieut.-General Sir Talbot Hobbs, the sub-branch’s patron and member, and in reply, Sir Talbot entertained the gathering to a most interesting address on his trip abroad and the R.S.L. Conference, at which he was a delegate from Australia. A vote of thanks and appreciation was carried with loud applause at the instance of Captains Hubbard and Cragg. There is no doubt about the popularity of the General at Cottesloe.

Mr. E. S. Watt, of the State Executive, attended the meeting and addressed members on matters concerning the League, at the conclusion of which he answered many questions. The sub-branch hopes to see and hear much more of Mr. Watt. Of course, members understand that State Executive delegates are kept very busy, having to attend to League business daily.

Other visitors welcomed were members of the neighbouring sub-branch at Buckland Hill, and included Mr. Ashworth (acting president), Mr. Avery (secretary), and Mr. Lillis (late secretary).

Mr. Harold Scott has recovered from his recent illness, and called in for a few moments at the meeting.

With a view to ascertaining the best means of raising funds for Aitken House, and to give sub-branches an opportunity of knowing the results of their efforts, this sub-branch desires to know if it would be possible for the Perth Sub-branch to publish (or circulate to sub-branches) a copy of the balance sheet of the recent carnival conducted in Perth.

**VICTORIA PARK**

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the wheel being the private property of Joc.
Barnard, will find kindly return to this
sub-branch. The river picnic arranged in
connexion with the Women's Auxiliary was
a huge success. Two hundred and fifty persons
spent an enjoyable day on the river, calling at
Bicton for lunch and tea. A profit of 28/-
shown on the venture was divided between the
two organisations. Several members accepted
the invitation of the Carlisle Sub-branch to their
meeting, Wally Wren provided the conveyance,
and, as Mr. Nicolls promised, a very enjoyable
evening was spent. In fact, recollections of the
evening is still beginning to dawn on a few.
The membership drive competition resulted in a
draw between Bob Alexander and Jack Matthews.
The resignation of Mr. Gibbs, vice-president,
because of inability to attend the committee
meetings, was received and accepted. The invi-
tation of Cannington Sub-branch to attend
their smoke was accepted by Bob Hewson. The
report on the Sons of Soldiers' League was re-
cieved from Chandler and Hewson. It was
moved that a committee be formed at the next
general meeting. A special appeal to the busi-
ness people in the district in aid of the Memorial-
Hall building fund will shortly be published. A
donation of three guineas from Mr. Fred White
for this purpose was acknowledged. A letter
received from the Lotteries Commission in an-
swer to an appeal on behalf of the Amelioration
Fund, stated that no money was available for
this purpose. Members were pleased to see Fred
Matthews back again on the committee. Mr.
Matthews has not been enjoying the best of
health lately, but still is able to say constitution
as plainly as ever. An invitation was received
from the South Perth Sub-branch. The sub-
branch always puts up at least one good show
a month. This month's promises to eclipse all
previous meetings. Certificates of service will
be presented to Bob Alexander (past president),
and Mr. Tolmie (past treasurer). The musical
programme has been arranged by the president,
Mr. Shadgett. Mr. Dave Donaldson, of the
Balmoral Hotel, has kindly donated a keg of
beer. Carlisle and South Perth Sub-branches are
to be specially invited. A record attendance is
expected.

Collie
The Annual Meeting has been held back and
the annual visit of the sub-branch to Dyeannah
has been postponed a month on account of sec-
retary Stutebury's dangerous illness. But, we
are very pleased to see old Bert about again
and once more occupying his usual place at the
meetings.

Collie Sub-branch must surely be the most
tavelled sub-branch in the league. To pay
visits to other sub-branches distance seems to be
no object as upwards of 140 miles in a night
have been undertaken.

Other sub-branches have always managed to
give them a jolly good time and hearty wel-
come which is why such long journeys are under-
taken.

To travel 70 miles, sit through an enter-
tainment and then return 70 miles to start work
by 8 a.m. is an achievement that speaks well for
the enthusiasm of members of this sub-branch.

The visits that will be undertaken in Feb-
ruary are the S.W. District Council Meeting at
Brunswick; the annual meeting of the Warooma
Sub-branch; the annual meeting of the Cardiff
Sub-branch; and a two days trip to Durannah—
quit a formidable list for one month of which
more will be said in our next report.

Equally long distances are covered by the
committee of the sub-branch, who undertake
to investigate all cases of distress, etc.

It is hoped that many of the sub-branches
adjoining will visit Collie on the occasion of the
Annual Re-union.

It is regretted very much by members that
the itinerary of the visit by the headquarters'party to South West Branches could not include
Collie.

Claremont
Instead of the monthly meeting the sub-branch
held its Annual Smoke Social in the Parish Hall,
on Feb. 1, when between 120 and 130 members
and visitors were present.

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In the unavoidable absence of the President,
Brig. A. M. Martyn C.M.G., D.S.O., the senior
Vice-President, Capt. H. L. Ball, took charge
of the proceedings in his usual capable manner,
and the weather being favourable to the occasion,
everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves when
the gathering dispersed at about 11 p.m. Special
thanks are due to those members who gave their
time to the preparations before the event, and to
the clearing away the following day.

On Jan. 23 the Claremont S.S.I., had its inau-
ugar meeting when 21 boys enrolled, and
received their badges from Archdeacon C. L.
Riley. Members of the sub-branch are reminded
that it is their duty to foster and help in any
way possible the growth of the S.S.I. in Clare-
mont.

We are confidently looking forward to mak-
ing 1934 a year outstanding, in the history of the
Claremont Sub-branch, but that is only possible
if every member puts his best endeavours into the
work, chiefly by introducing new members,
and making the sub-branch attractive to any
newcomers. It would indeed be gratifying if our
members are sufficient to warrant two dele-
tates to the next State Congress for the first
time.

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

January 23.—This night fall in with Mr.
George Reeves and walk with him to his home,
there I meet Mrs. Reeves, a pleasant lady who
hath been poorly ill for some time past but now
of much better health, which I am pleased to
see. Mr. Reeves show me some war photos, his
certificate of the Royal Humane Society for a
noble act he did some years back, and his wire-
less musical box, which he played very pleas-
antly. An enjoyable hour I spent with them, and
then, after ale and sandwich, home to bed.

26th.—At invitation of Mr. W. James I did
follow in his private motor coach, which was
driven by Mr. G. Ryder, the funeral of the
wife of Mr. J. Woodthorpe. Mighty sad at heart
we be that a lady of so noble disposition, as I

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am told she was, do leave this life so young. When back in North Perth I take leave of my friends and away to the cricket grounds, expecting to find many of our sub-branch players at practice, but find a few only. This, with their method of practice did vex me. It stupid, methinks, that they not practice as they would play. Most of them are trying to play smartly between wickets, to return the ball in a smart manner, and to the right place. To bat and bowl seem their only objective, and their fielding, which is mighty dull, left to chance. Good fielding might be helpful to keep down the score of a good batsman, but dull fielding is an assistance, even to a dull batsman.

28th.—To Wellington Square and watch the cricket match. North Perth to play Maylands Sub-branch. North Perth batsman did vex me at their slow running between wickets, many runs being lost through this fault. Pleased I was at the fine batting of Mr. Harold Day (North Perth). He make 76 runs, but then, when pulling the ball back past the keeper, did, with his foot, bump down his stumps and declared out before umpires. Which we all sorry to see, Maylands to win and gain 3 points. A pleasant game, enjoyed by all. February 4th.—This morning I did spy, over the back fence, Mr. C. Sadlier, his wife and children, who came just last night from the sea village, Scarborough, who look mighty healthy and browned by the sun and sea wind. This afternoon, I to Wellington Square and watch the cricket. North Perth and Claremont sub-branch play. North Perth did win and gain 3 points. A pleasant change from losing.

Mr. H. Garland (North Perth) make a fine score of 68, and not out at that. Mr. S. Dival (North Perth) with his queer slow bowling did cause the dismissal of four Claremont batsmen, one of whom I did hear cry out "That be not bowling, it is tripe." Very how he smile to my sleeve and think, if it be tripe as he cry, how strange that he do lose his wicket by it. Home in good content.

5th.—To sub-branch general meeting. The meeting soon done, there being but little business. The President did give welcome to Mr. A. C. (Gus) Rigg of Harvey Sub-branch, who visit us. He be brother to Mr. Bert Rigg of our sub-branch, who be not at this meeting, having to stay home and mind his family. His wife being abed with child, another fine son I told. Bert now has a family of five boys and one girl, all healthy and strong. By and by to playing of games in preparation to the Archbishop Riley Shield Competition. The sports secretary did call for names of all who wished to compete in this competition. Hear news by Mr. F. E. Sharpe that his wife do be ill abed and under doctor's care. This news I am sorry of and hope the lady soon come to good health and herself again soon.

14th.—Fall in with Mr. A. Hawkins, this morning. His friend, he said, is Barnard, a gentleman of the 10th Light Horse that was, but now a farmer by quality and a member of the Gnowangerup Sub-branch. I find him a well spoken, merry gentleman and observe his hands hard and his face tanned by the hard work and hot sun of farm life. He told me I was to make his acquaintance and would make more of it should I by good fortune meet him again. Mr. Hawkins did tell me how the Swan Brewery Company did make a free gift of 28 gallons of ginger beer for the children of our sub-branch. A fine gift, and one that will make glad the hearts of our young folk, and methinks, perhaps, some of the old ones.
South-West District Council Meeting

The quarterly meeting was held in the Brunswick Junction Memorial Hall on February 5, when the various sub-branches were represented as follows—Bunbury: Messrs. N. C. Ryder and Murray; Collie: Messrs. Giblett and Stirling; Harvey: D.R. A. N. Jacobs and Messrs. B. H. Lofthouse and T. W. D. Smith; Brunswick: Messrs. A. Sugar and W. Noakes; Capel: Mr. A. Perren (proxy); Donnybrook, Mr. A. C. Dedman (proxy); Mornington: Mr. J. Vaughan (proxy).

Mr. Giblett asked what had been done concerning the resolution forwarded by the Collie Sub-branch that an invitation be extended to ex-soldier organisations overseas to a world-wide congress to be held in Melbourne during the Centenary celebrations. The matter was first dealt with at a State Congress and later approved of at a Federal Conference. The idea of the Collie Sub-branch was that such a gathering would serve to engender cooperation with the work of the League of Nations.

Mr. N. C. Ryder said that from reports he had read of the utterances of Rabbi Freedman since his return, he learnt that the proposition had been approved of at an Empire Congress of returned men held in London.

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Rabbi Freedman's recent description of the festival of remembrance held in the Albert Hall, London, on Armistice night, recalls the noble part played by

Members considered that the Sons of Soldiers League should be given some specific tasks to undertake such as the care of war memorials, while the opinion was expressed that efforts might be made to give the sons a prominent role in the ceremonies associated with Anzac Day. A further suggestion was made that Armistice Day or the anniversary of the signing of the peace treaty might be set aside as the "Sons Own Day." Harvey delegates explained that Dr. Jacobs had taken over members of the Harvey Sub-branch as a first-aid class. The secretary (Mr. Murray) promised to forward the suggestions to headquarters. Mr. B. H. Lofhouse succeeded in having a motion carried that the Council urged districts of Parliament to have an orderly marketing system instituted to deal with the demands of the dairy industry. Action in this direction had already been taken in other States. The State could be made self-supporting so far as the production of butter was concerned, and if the importation of butter from the Eastern States could be prohibited for three years, the return to the producers could be materially increased. M. B. H. Lofhouse made mention of the decision of the recent conference held at Waroona, when the Collie-Brunswick, Harvey and Waroona irrigation districts had been represented and when it was decided to invite the Irrigation and Drainage Commission to visit Harvey to listen to the presentation of a case in favour of the fixing of the rate on a sliding scale.

Brunswick delegates promised that the district would be represented at the conference with the commission to be held at Harvey this month.

The Brunswick representatives drew attention to the representations made to the Minister for Works (Mr. A. C. McCallum) for an adequate water scheme for the town and to the obstacles which had cropped in connection with its immediate establishment. It was contended that the position was a very critical one, whilst several delegates stressed the fact that the water being supplied at present was not fit for human consumption. Mr. T. Stanley stressed the position of settlers in the vicinity of the old State Farm, who were required to pay a rate equivalent to £16/10/- per year which would be but never was supplied from the old dam scheme, as well as pay the irrigation rates.

Delegates engaged for some time in a discussion of the condition of single unemployed men. It was contended the Government refused to assist. The meeting reaffirmed the motion carried at the State Congress that all unemployed single men should be adequately provided for.

Secretary, and Mr. Hopperton (President of Perth Sub-branch): He stated, I attended the Waroona Sub-branch Annual Smoke Social on Saturday, February 10. The function was held in the local Memorial Hall, a brick building erected by the Roads Board at an approximate cost of £1,300. In this fine structure the local sub-branch has been allotted for its permanent use for social or meeting purposes, a very fine room leading to the main passage. This consideration by the local Road Board is very highly appreciated by the men concerned.

Waroona Sub-branch has a membership of 48. It has £14 in its general fund and £8 in an Amelioration Account. Interesting to relate, Mr. A. L. Anderson (now country Vice-President of the League) was president of Waroona in 1919.

Mr. C. H. Henning (the President) gave us a very cordial welcome in the dual capacity as President of the sub-branch and Chairman of the local Roads Board. Mr. Henning is a very ardent member and is a fine type of the Australian Light Horseman. This is his third year of office. I had the opportunity of responding on behalf of the W.A. Branch and Mr. Wilkins toasted the S.S.I., with the State Secretary doing the toast of "The Chairman." There was a most delightful musical programme contributed to by both A.I.F. and ex-Imperial soldiers. A French soldier, a Cuban soldier, who served with the American Forces and a comrade who had his origin in Spain also added to the programme. In addition, one gentleman sang "O Sole Mio," in Italian.

Among the visitors were noticed representatives from Collie, Harvey, Murray and Perth sub-branches.

It was noticed during the evening that one of the stewards attending to the thirsty was Mr. Frank Nye, an ex-Imperial soldier who is known locally as "Eric," and who was awarded the D.C.M. in South Africa at the engagement when young Lieutenant Roberts won his V.C.

Altogether the function was most enjoyable and your representatives had a safe passage on the return journey. The re-conditioned car functions satisfactorily, but in the corrugated roads near Serpentine, we had the misfortune to lose the old radiator cap.

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She toured Great Britain from end to end on behalf of the ex-servicemen, opening sales of work and exhibitions, attending memorial services, and organising the manufacturing of poppies and toys to give work to the disabled men. Towards November, she would begin her campaign for Poppy Day. In one day, she would visit more than a dozen schools, and the children would listen attentively as this quiet, sad-eyed lady told them why everyone should wear a poppy on November 11. For years she was early abroad with her tray of poppies on Armistice Day, and continued selling all day.

The fruits of her organising were soon apparent when toy and poppy factories were opened throughout the country.

The factory in Edinburgh has become her special interest. During last year 31 million poppies were made there, consisting of 1d., 6d., and 1/- varieties. Before Armistice Day orders are received there for magnificent wreaths, which are laid on memorials by the different associations. These are made as replicas of regimental crests, V.A.D. badges and coats-of-arms. To lay on the Stone of Remembrance, the King's wreath last year was in the form of a huge St. Andrew's Cross of poppies against a background of magnolia leaves. Thousands of little wooden crosses were also made, as eleven Scottish towns had their Field of Remembrance in 1933 as against only one in Edinburgh the previous year.

When not speaking on the theme of Poppy Day, Lady Haig is advertising the goods made in the workshops by the disabled men. These are now of the finest workmanship—handbags, leather-work, lamp-shades, book-ends, and soft toys. Every wedding present given by Lady Haig has been made in one of her factories, and her example is being followed by her friends.

Although, through failing health, she has had to retire from the more active part of her work she still inspires others to carry on, and as one of her disabled men said, "She never forgets."

STATE EXECUTIVE
River Picnic

Instead of the usual social, held each year in honour of the Rural Household Science students, the State Executive with the aid of the auxiliaries organised a river picnic, so that the students from the country might enjoy the pleasures of the river.

The outing took place on Thursday, the 8th of February. After a week of intense heat, a sudden change in the weather made the prospects for the afternoon very uncertain. But at noon the sky cleared and the rest of the day was fine, with a fresh breeze blowing.

The S.S. Perth left Barrack Street jetty at 2 p.m. with over 200 on board. These included the Rural Science students as guests, members of auxiliaries, and friends. Music supplied by Mr. McLeod, violinist and Mrs. Power at the piano. On arrival at Point Walter the tea committee arranged the tables while the races were in progress. The winners in the various events were, Miss Nalda Wilson of Busselton, first in Rural Science race; Mrs. I. Huxley Herbert of Cranbrook, first in Open race, and Mrs. L. B. of the

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<td>Armadale Hall</td>
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<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
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<td>R. E. Potts, State School, Albany</td>
<td>F. W. Thorn, P.O. Box 34, Albany</td>
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<td>BUNBURY</td>
<td>Council Chambers</td>
<td>3rd Wednesday</td>
<td>N. G. Ryder, Stephen St., Bunbury</td>
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<td>BAYS WATER</td>
<td>Town Hall, Bayswater</td>
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<td>BUCKLAND HILL</td>
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<td>Alternate Thursdays (Pension Nights), 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
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<td>A. C. Shadegg, 15 Gellipoli Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTING, JIBBERDING</td>
<td>Each place slt., commencing Bunting, March 1</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 5 p.m.</td>
<td>P. G. Miller, Taxation Dept., Perth</td>
<td>T. Chandler, 31 McMillen St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge St., Lederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>J. Day, Bunting</td>
<td>W. A. Gadwalder, Wubin</td>
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<td>WILUNA</td>
<td>Mine Boarding House</td>
<td>First Sunday, monthly</td>
<td>H. Peters, 57 Woolwich Street, Lederville</td>
<td>L. W. Smethers, 18 Woolwich St., West Leederville</td>
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<td>YEALERING YORK</td>
<td>Commercial Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. Paterson, Yandil Station, Wiluna</td>
<td>L. W. Cruckshank, C/o Wiluna G.M. Ltd.</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
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<td>D. M. Benson,</td>
<td>Mrs. W. James, 19 Marion St, Lilydale</td>
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<td>ELEVENTH BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard’s Avenue, Nedlands</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. Main, 10 Wray Ave., Fremantle</td>
<td>A. J. Rata, Royal Oak, 223 Mary St, Fremantle</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Third Thursday, monthly</td>
<td>Col. D. M. McWhae (Chairman, R. Trautz, Public Works Department, Perth)</td>
<td>H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth St., N. Perth, Phone B 3994</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. Dunkley, 86 Angove St, Nth. Perth</td>
<td>W. C. Armstrong, 20 Ruislip St, West Leederville</td>
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<td>THIRTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Annual Re-union, July 24th, 1934</td>
<td>G. Abjornson, 19 Esplanade, South Perth</td>
<td>L. D. Lobacher, 26 Second Floor, Economic Chrs., Perth</td>
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<td>10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>J. A. B. Philip, Agricultural Bank, Hay Street, Perth</td>
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BAYSWATER
The Auxiliary held their first meeting for this year on 8th February. There was a fairly good attendance. Everyone was in good spirits, prepared to take up the work for another year and looking forward to both work and play. The social part of our meetings always goes off well, leaving a feeling of fellowship and a desire to meet next month.

A letter was read asking assistance for Madame Bennett-Wilkinson. We are calling for voluntary contributions, being sure of success. Everyone must remember how Madame organised entertainments for the benefit of our men during and after the war. As recently as twelve months ago, the patients in Ed. Milken Home had the pleasure of listening to a good concert.

The evening finished with dancing and items, a competition being won by Mrs. Clough.

GUILDFORD-BASSENDAN
On the 4th of February, the auxiliary assisted Col. and Mrs. T. C. Wilson in the entertaining of patients from Ed. Milken Home and the Repatriation. Mr. Geo. Gardiner of Bas sendean was also able to be with the party. The day was intensely hot but pleasant cool shade was found under the trees and verandah of Caversham House. Watermelon, grapes and cool drinks were dispensed as intervals. High tea, was served in the billiard room by the auxiliary, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Wallace said a few words of welcome and the patients spoke in appreciative terms of the afternoon’s outing. Mrs. H. L. Downe, representing the motor outing committee, thanked Mrs. Wilson and the auxiliary for their hospitality. The patients returned to town in the evening laden with grapes and figs for those of their comrades who were unable to be present.

The auxiliary appreciates the donations given by friends towards the tea and the ready response of Messrs. Brisbane, Chipper, Faithful, Kirk, Telfer, Paul and Miss Staines in conveying patients and auxiliary members to and from Caversham by car.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE
The North-East Fremantle Auxiliary, which re-commenced operation on August 19, 1933, numbers among former supporters, Mr. and Mrs. W. Angwin and Miss Angwin, who were welcomed home from England at the re-inaugural meeting. Through the courtesy of Major-Meredith, R.A.A., the meetings are held regularly in the Barracks. The office-bearers for this year are:- President, Mrs. Rankin; vice-presidents, Mesdames Purcell and Hicks; secretary, Mrs. N. Irving; treasurer, Mrs. Bell; committee, Mesdames Kirby, Jackson, and Waterhouse.

The Auxiliary, once revived, commenced operations in earnest. A subscription tea, held at the factory of Bushells Ltd., through the courtesy of Mr. Moneur, of that firm, was both a social success and a financial success. Successfully also was a concert, conducted on October 26, by the Fremantle L.W.H. On December 16, with the assistance of the sub-branch, a car-outing, followed by tea at the R.A.A. Barracks, was given to the patients of Lepean Hospital.

During the course of the evening the Regimental Orchestra contributed greatly to the enjoyment of everyone present.

The Auxiliary also played its part in the Poppy Day Appeal, and in selling tickets for the sub-branch’s Christmas cheer.

One touch of sadness marred a half-year’s happiness. This was the sudden and deeply regretted death of Mr. Truscott, a prominent member of the sub-branch, whose widow is an enthusiastic worker of the Auxiliary. Condolence and sympathy were extended to Mrs. Truscott by both sub-branch and auxiliary.

COTTESLOE
The ladies of above will hold their first meeting since Xmas on Tuesday, March 13, 1934, at the residence of the President (Mrs. E. May), 68 Forrest Street, Cottesloe, at 8 p.m.

Will members kindly make a note of the date, also the representative of the branch on the Executive?

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There was a full muster at the Committee Meeting, held on Feb. 16, at Mrs. Taylor’s home, and it looks as if a busy programme is in store for the Auxiliary.

Included in the various items discussed was the all-important Picnic to the Zoo, which has been given to the children annually, ever since the Auxiliary formed, and is, incidentally, looked forward to by old and young. The date suggested for confirmation of the General Meeting was March 11.

Final arrangements have been made for the Women’s Auxiliary picnic for the children. Truck conveyance is being donated by Messrs. Wright, Caldwell, Bracey, and Bolley. Trucks will pick up the children at 9.15 a.m., at Cargill Street, Mint Street, Tuam Street, Library, and the Post Office. The parents will travel by tram.

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