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In his history of the Greco-Turkish War of 1897, Mr. A. Hilliard Atteridge writes: "Most modern wars begin while men are crying 'Peace, peace!' and, as a rule, a belated declaration of war comes when hostilities are already in progress." How often within our own lifetime has history corroborated the statement of this veteran war correspondent and military historian? Although Mussolini's bellicose speeches have left no doubt as to his intention and contempt for the League of Nations, many of us still hoped that a peaceful solution to the African problem might yet be found. Congress delegates and others, therefore, experienced a rude shock when they saw flashed on to the screen of the Capitol Theatre the announcement that war had broken out.

The questions now exercising the minds of most are, will Italy's violation of treaty obligations and her consequent defiance of the League lead to another world war? Will the League crumble under this direct blow to its prestige? Or will it control the situation and emerge from it with enhanced dignity and power to function for the good of humanity? A hundred years ago, even twenty-five years ago, a war between Italy and Abyssinia would have had little effect upon the people of neutral countries other than that of giving them something interesting to read about in the morning paper. To-day, it is a matter of vital importance to the whole world. The rights or wrongs of the original quarrel, even the disappearance of Abyssinia from the roll of independent states are, in themselves, relatively unimportant. What is of paramount importance is the manner in which the League of Nations, the instrument fashioned by man for the preservation of peace, will stand the test, for it is being tested now as never before.

Each belligerent has presented a bill of rights to the world. Italy states, with a certain amount of justice, that she received no colonial mandates after the Great War, and that she is just as entitled to seek in colonial expansion an outlet for surplus population, and a source of the raw materials she needs in her economic life, as were Spain, France and Britain in previous centuries. It may be argued that aggression in the past, if we admit the Italian claims for the sake of argument, is no excuse for present aggression. The ethical aspects of the British policy in South Africa, or the French policy in North Africa, are beside the point. In South Africa, even in 1899, Britain was nominally the suzerain of the Transvaal, and it was President Kruger who declared war and not the British Government. Moreover, there was no League of Nations to whom Britain could refer her dispute with the Boers, or France her quarrel with the piratical Dey of Algiers. It may be pleaded in extenuation, if any extenuation is needed, that France brought peace and progress into Northern Africa, while South Africa, under the British flag, presents the unusual paradox of a conquered people ruling its conquerors. It will be for the historian of the future to determine precisely what benefits, if any, an Italian conquest will confer upon Abyssinia.

Although Italy holds no colonial mandates, she did get a large slice of former Austrian territory, and she did seize Fiume. That act of aggression was followed by the bullying of Greece, in which an Italian squadron wantonly bombarded Corfu, and Italians occupied Greek islands in the Aegean, at a time when Greece was crippled by her disastrous campaign in Asia Minor. Italy has never hesitated to use the mailed fist against a weaker opponent, and her Abyssinian policy is only consistent with her general foreign policy since the Great War. She can still acquire all the raw materials she can use by purchase at rates more economical than the cost of a war of conquest. The way is not yet closed to a revision of the Treaty of Versailles and a redistribution of colonial mandates in favour of both Italy and Germany; but it would be egregious folly for the League of Nations, or any of its members, to give Italy mandates, or cede her territory under a threat of war.

The Abyssinians, if their civilization is not very highly developed, are a people with a political and social organisation. At every stage of the dispute, Abyssinia's conduct has been constitutionally correct. She has made her appeal to the League of Nations and agreed to abide by the League's decisions. She has, at the instance of Britain and France, agreed to make concessions that, in another age, would have been deemed most humiliating concessions which fall short only of a complete surrender of independence. If she has not abolished the slave trade, in accordance with the conditions on which she was admitted to the League, she has at least checked it as a preliminary to total abolition. She has trusted in the League, but she has been denied not only the League's protection, but the very arms with which she might protect herself. As a sovereign state, Abyssinia is entitled to resist invasion of her terri-

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France sticks to her guns and supports Britain, as agreed, in the event of an Italian attack on British naval or land forces, it is difficult to see how Mussolini's rhodomontades can be carried beyond the bounds of hot air. It is even more difficult at present to see where Italy can secure an effective ally.

Italy, in short, is, even without the sanctions, in that position of isolation which Lord Rothermere and others would like to see Britain adopt. The British isolationists urge Britain to withdraw from all Continental commitments which might drag her into war and to resume that policy of splendid isolation which she maintained throughout the nineteenth century, and which depended on an invincible navy. Another political school calls for disarmament with one breath and a vigorous application of the naval and military sanctions with the next. Rightly or wrongly, the Empire's foreign policy, and that of every British Dominion, are synonymous with the League of Nations Covenant and acts which supplement it. Britain has disarmed to an extent which is inconsistent alike with national safety and action in support of the League. The French, with that cold logic which is their racial characteristic, have realized that armed force is essential in giving effect to the League's decisions, and they have been blamed as being militaristic on this account. Italy has taken full advantage of the situation which, to use Mussolini's own phrase, has left Britain as helpless as a stranded whale. Honest doubts may be entertained as to the truth of the Duce's assertion, but it is morally certain that he would not have treated the League with such studied truculence if Britain had not led the way in disarmament, and if the British Press had not given such prominence to Oxford resolutions and similar anti-war hysteria. It would be idle to suppose that Mussolini has not been influenced, if not entirely misled, by such happenings, just as it would be idle to suppose that the Kaiser was not influenced and misled by the condemnations of naval expenditure and the alarmist claptrap about the inferiority of the British navy to the German before 1914.

Whether Britain continues to honour her obligations under the League Covenant, or goes over to the isolationists, one thing is as clear as crystal: she must provide herself with adequate defences, otherwise she cannot stand alone, nor act in concert with others to prevent international bullying. It is not suggested that she should take independent action against Italy as certain local cranks would have her do, but Britain and France together, or Britain alone could accomplish much without resorting to the final dread arbitration of battle. Even now, plain speaking backed up by a display of force, without its actual exertion, may be all that is necessary.

CONGRESS JOTTINGS

Congress, this year, was a far more serious affair than usual. Possibly the greater attention being given of late to national and international affairs and the gravity of the African situation imparted an atmosphere to the proceedings which, though by no means dull, lacked the fire and humour of former years. As was anticipated, the most keenly debated item of the general Congress was Kalgoorlie's motion in favour of a different method of electing the State Executive. Though this motion was lost, the Kalgoorlie plan gained a number of adherents and gave all present much food for thought. Congress displayed its usual aptitude in sifting the practicable from the impracticable, and business was despatched so expeditiously that for the first time in the history of the W.A. Branch delegates did not find it necessary to hold a night session. This was without doubt due to the number of items which were grouped and the number which were either withdrawn or lapsed. In its final report, the Agenda Committee commented on this aspect, suggesting that sub-
branches, might save both time and trouble if they were to make enquiries before putting motions up to Congress, which a little explanation beforehand would render unnecessary.

But there is one aspect of Congress which never changes, that is the feature of extended reunion. Many of the old country stalwarts of former years were present. We missed Harry May, the retiring country vice-president, but his stalwart officer, Bert Stubbury, was well to the fore in debate, especially when, once, he had to deal with a grave issue in melancholy strain, and Collie was well represented as usual. Clarrie Fairlie kept Kalgoorlie’s end up with his accustomed vigour. Big Ted Randolph was in charge of Merredin’s motions. Other old friends present were The Listening Post’s valued contributor from Aradth, George Retall, Mason from Bunbury, Alec Craigie from Albany, Ray from Yannay, J. Sheridan from Boulder, Charlie Henning from Waroona, and others who will forgive us if in the haste of writing we have omitted their names.

State Executive delegates can feel complimented that in spite of the occasional states to which they are subjected they were all re-elected with the exception of Dr. Cyril Bryan, whose precarious health demands that he take a well-earned rest for a while. Now, that all remains, is the facing of a year of redoubled effort for the cause which is strengthening with the years.

**RIFLE CLUBS**

Early in the month, Senator Collett asked the Minister, representing the Minister for Defence, what assistance and concessions, in the way of money and material, are granted to rifle clubs; what conditions, if any, are attached to the granting of such assistance and concessions; what is the strength of the personnel of rifle clubs in each State; and what percentage of these were classified as efficient at the end of the year, 1934-35?

In reply the Minister stated:—

For each efficient rifleman, that is to say, one who has fired the practices required by the Military Board and has kept his rifle in serviceable condition, an efficiency grant is paid annually to rifle clubs on the basis of 5s. per efficient of country and 2s. 6d. per efficient of city rifle clubs. The efficiency grant may be expended on payment of markers, upkeep of ranges and for general expenses in connection with the club’s interior economy.

Country clubs are assisted by a monetary grant not exceeding £75 for the construction and upkeep of their ranges. They are to assist in these matters by the provision of funds and of working parties.

For the encouragement of recruits, rifle clubs may be issued, with rifles on the scale of one per five members. The clubs are responsible for their maintenance and good condition. Riflemen may purchase a converted rifle with a new heavy barrel for cash, £4, or on a deferred payment system extending over four years.

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- Each non-efficient member, on payment at reduced rates, 70 rounds.

In addition, each efficient may be issued free with 100 rounds of the obsolescent Mark VI. ammunition while stocks are available.

Clubs may purchase at departmental rates accessories and spare parts for rifles and target and cleaning material.

Riflemen in metropolitan area are assisted by the grant of free travelling to rifle practice on a limited number of occasions per annum.

(For strength of personnel of rifle clubs in each State on 30/6/35 was:—

Queensland, 7,375; New South Wales, 12,695; Victoria, 13,622; South Australia, 6,360; Western Australia, 5,258; Tasmania, 2,330; total, 47,640. Of this total, 7,009 are members of regimental rifle clubs.

The percentage of efficiencies to strength on 30/6/35 was 92 per cent.

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Congress opened in the ballroom of Anzac House, Perth, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 1935. The State President, Mr. A. Yeates, presided.

Sub-branches were represented by delegates as follows:


Correspondence.—A telegram of greeting was received from the Federal President, Sir Gilbert Dyett, and it was decided that a reply reciprocating good wishes be sent.

A telegram was also received from Colonel Collett, Canberra, regretting his absence and conveying greetings to all old comrades, and best wishes for successful Congress. A reply reciprocating good wishes be sent. Greetings were also received from Mr. E. S. Watt and from Mr. S. W. Perry.

Greetings were received from Mr. C. R. Gilbert and Dr. C. Bryan, and it was agreed that the sympathy of delegates be conveyed to them and best wishes for restored health.

A letter was received from the City of Perth, advising that His Worship the Mayor and Councillors would render a civic reception to delegates on Thursday, at noon, in the upper room, Town Hall, Perth.

Greetings were received from Mr. Frank Leake, the League's honorary solicitor.

On the motion of Mr. Warner, seconded Mr. Anderson, it was agreed that a letter should be sent expressing the League's thanks for the generous assistance rendered by him during the year.

Empire and Local Trading.—A letter was also received from the Chamber of Manufactures, conveying greetings and thanks for assistance rendered by the League and its sub-branches, particularly in connection with local products.

Mover Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded Mr. Randolph (Merredin), that the letter be circularised to sub-branches.

A letter was received from the Medical Services Association concerning their efforts to establish a library at the Repatriation Ward.
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Questions.

That item to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire into the Australian Banking and Monetary System. (See "West Australian" 27/9/35).

Question No. 2-Norwood.

What is there to report arising out of item 77 of the 1934 Congress?

This item read-Congress urges the Federal authorities to extend the grant at present allowed to defray funeral expenses of such A.I.F. soldiers who may die in Australia under similar circumstances, and that the Federal authorities open negotiations with the Imperial authorities on the matter of expenses incurred.

Answer.-This item was considered by the Federal Executive at its meeting 11/11/34 and was referred to the B.E.S.L.

Question No. 3-Norwood.

Will the Executive please report on Item 83 of the 1934 Congress?

This item read-Congress is of the opinion that a more equitable division of the $2 per week pension payable on account of Imperial ex-service men in hospital by the Ministry of Pensions is desirable, and recommends five-eighths to the man and three-eighths to the hospital as a more reasonable division of the sum laid down in the Royal Warrant now payable, 21s. to the pensioner and 19s. to the hospital.

Answer.-This was considered by the Federal Executive and referred to the British Empire Service League.

Question No. 4.-Norwood.

Is there any information arising out of Item 128 of the 1934 Congress?

This item reads-Congress make representations to the Commonwealth Government through the Federal Congress to obtain for ex-service men the payment of old age pensions at the age of 55 years.

Answer.-This item was forwarded to the Federal Executive meeting 11/11/34, but withdrawn in favour of Federal Item 51 dealing with same subject. The Federal office has advised that strong representations have been made both to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Repatriation, and if granted it is intended that the proposed pension should be paid under the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act.

Question No. 5.-Norwood.

What decision did the Trustees of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund arrive at in connection with Item 169 of the 1934 Congress?

The item read-That this matter be referred to the Trustees of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund for further consideration.

(1) That when the financial liability on Anzac House has been liquidated a similar effort be made throughout the State to raise funds for the purpose of building a group of cottages for such of our old comrades who may require to be housed under medical supervision, and at the same time enjoy home comforts outside of an institution.

(2) That the abovementioned sub-committee go into ways and means for supply of the suitable age of the Government be approached with a view to the necessary site being made available to the R.S.L. or other methods of obtaining a site as the committee deem necessary be employed.

(3) That qualifications for entering such cottages be finalised after Congress has approved of this worthy objective.

Answer.-The Trustees decided that this matter was already covered by the provisions of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund.

Question No. 6—Norwood.

"Re Item 80 1934 Congress: what information is available re this Fund?"

This item reads-Congress instructs the Executive to obtain and place before Congress each year a statement of accounts and a record of the operations of the $3,000 Imperial Grant.

Answer.-The Secretary for Group Settlement advises that the Fund has been administered by way of secured loans for small amounts up to $50 (clearing or stock) with interest at 5 per cent. and small amounts for amelioration. The present position of the Imperial Service Fund is-

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Question No. 7-Kalgoorlie.

"What has been done re Item 155 of 1934 Congress?"

This item reads-Congress recommends to the Minister for Education that the saluting of the Australian flag be part of the curriculum for all State schools, and if so the flag be observed on the first day of every school week.

Answer.-This was submitted to the Minister for Education who stated that the suggestion would receive consideration.

Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield Competition.-Mr. D. A. James (Chairman of the Committee controlling this competition) read his report and announced that the Mr. Hawthorn sub-branch has been successful in winning the Shield.

Archdeacon C. L. Riley presented the Shield to Mr. T. Damon, president of the Mr. Hawthorn sub-branch, who accordingly responded.

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State President's Address.—The State President then delivered his address.

In moving its adoption Archdeacon Riley moved that the thanks of Congress be extended to the State President for his excellent report and that it be printed, and copies distributed to sub-branches.


Newdegate Cup.—Archdeacon C. L. Riley reported on the findings of the Newdegate Cup Committee and announced that the Gnowangerup sub-branch was the winner for 1935.

Sir J. Telbot Hobbs presented the Cup to Mr. B. F. Garnett, president of the Gnowangerup sub-branch, who suitably responded. The sub-branch received the congratulations of Mr. James (North Perth) and Mr. F. M. Voot (Forest Grove).

The following items on the Agenda Paper were carried; those lost, lapsed or withdrawn not being published in this report:

Auxiliary Report.—Moved by Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Fairley, That the report by the president of the State Women's Auxiliary be taken on the first day of Congress, and so avoid the necessity of the ladies of the auxiliary wasting so much time attending R.S.L. Congress waiting for the presentation of their report.

Congress Discussions.—Moved Mr. Hunt, seconded Mr. Wells, While realising the national character of the League and the advisability in moderation of taking an active part in matters not directly affecting returned soldiers Congress is of opinion that motions in this category should be placed at the end of the time available for Congress, and so allow full scope for discussion on matters vitally affecting the League and the ex-service man and his dependants.

Annual Report and Balance Sheet.—Moved Mr. Hunt, seconded Mr. Randolph, That State representation to the Federal Congress be not restricted to members of the State Executive.

Annual Report and Balance Sheet.—Moved Mr. Fairley, That the Annual Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.

Anzac House Redemption Fund Trustees.—Moved Archdeacon Riley, seconded Mr. Fairley, That Congress confirms the appointment of Sir Charles Nathan, Colonel C. H. Lamb, and Colonel A. C. N. Olden as Redemption Trustees in respect to the existing liability of Anzac House, and resolves that the overdraft with the National Bank of Australia shall be pegged at £16,000 and that no further increase of the overdraft be permitted unless with the unanimous approval of the Redemption Trustees, whose appointment shall be permanent or until the overdraft is extinguished, the appointment of a successor to any trustee dying or resigning, or being unable to act to be made by the State Executive on the recommendation of the surviving trustee or trustees subject to confirmation by the next State Congress.

Note.—In a conference between the Redemption Trustees and the League's solicitor (Mr. Frank Leake), it was considered that the foregoing would protect the Redemption Trustees against further unauthorised expenditure, and Mr. Leake said that the terms of the resolution were quite in order.

Charter for Sub-Branches.—Mr. Riley reported that as the outcome of a resolution from last year's Congress, enquiries were made in regard to the issue of a Form of Charter to sub-branches. The League's solicitor (Mr. Frank Leake) advised that the State Branch would be within its rights giving all sub-branches a Certificate that they were duly established.

On the motion of Mr. Wilkins, seconded Mr. Pady, it was decided to issue a Charter to all sub-branches, the charter to be retained as the property of the W.A. State Branch.

Certificates of Service.—Moved Mr. Correll, seconded Mr. Sheridan, That the provision to rule 26 (a) be amended to read:—

Provided also that additional Certificates of Service, not exceeding one in any year, may be issued by the Executive to any member of a sub-branch when a resolution to that effect has been passed by a majority of members at a properly constituted meeting of any sub-branch, and the Executive notified accordingly.

Sub-Branch Fees.—Moved Mr. Roberts, seconded Mr. Charles, That no member of a sub-branch shall have the right to peruse the sub-branch files at headquarters without the authority of the Executive of the sub-branch.

State Wide Appeals.—Moved Mr. Garnett, seconded Mr. Aberle, That any State-wide appeal on behalf of the Returned Soldiers' League be endorsed by the State Executive through their office.

Congress Items.—Moved Rabbi Freedman, seconded Mr. Aberle, That the Executive be instructed to distribute to all sub-branches a report on action as and when taken by the Executive following motions passed by Congress.

League Functions.—Moved Mr. Lovell, seconded Mr. Rigg, Congress re-affirms the principle of Item 21 of the 1926 Congress and instructs the State Executive to give effect to same whenever possible.—That Congress strongly recommended that the State President, acting Executive the advisability of holding all functions tendered to distinguished visitors and others in the evening instead of the afternoon, thus giving all members in the suburb an opportunity of being present.

B.E.S.L. Conference.—Moved Mr. Cattermole, seconded Mr. Jackson, Congress regrets that so far as Western Australia is concerned practically no information has been made available through the Press or the League of the proceedings of the B.E.S.L. Conference recently held in Australia.

Visitor.—Mr. W. E. Male, a past president of the Port Augusta sub-branch, was welcomed by the President, Mr. Yeates. He was tendered a hearty welcome by delegates and responded with greetings.

Correspondence.—A wire of greeting was received from the president of the newly-formed Bullbrook sub-branch.

Funerals of Returned Soldiers.—Moved Mr. Pady, seconded Mr. Whiteman, That wherever a returned soldier passes over, the nearest sub-branch shall be represented at the graveside and a poppy be cast in the open grave as a mark of respect from his comrades.

The Report of the Soldiers Settlers' Conference held in the Board Room of Anzac House, Perth, from September 30 to October 1, was read by Mr. W. J. Hunt, Chairman of the Land Committee.

League of Nations.—Moved Mr. Stuchbury, seconded Mr. Ensom, That Congress Item 119 of 1933 Congress be reaffirmed, as follows:

"That the League should associate itself with the principles embodied in the constitution of the League of Nations, and that sub-branches throughout Australia should discuss such principles, prepare suggestions whereby those principles may be brought to fruition more promptly and so be the means of preventing war between nations for all time."

World Crisis.—The following was submitted to Congress by the State President, seconded Mr. Stuchbury, and carried unanimously without discussion:

"This Congress of ex-service men deplores the present outbreak of war in Abyssinia, but hopes that the efforts of the League of Nations will restore the peace of the world and pledges itself to do all in its power to…"
wards the restoration and maintenance of that peace."

It was agreed to forward a copy of this motion direct to the Federal Executive.

Names on State War Memorial.—Moved Mr. Anderson, seconded Mr. Bailey, That the Deputy Commissioner of the Repatriation or Defence Department be requested to advise the State Secretary of the W.A. Branch of the League of the regimental particulars of all ex-service men whose deaths are due to war service, in order that appropriate action may be taken to have the names recorded on tablets at the State War Memorial.

Mons Sunday.—Moved Mr. Cattermole, seconded Mr. Mellor, That it is desirable that the flags be flown at the State War Memorial on Mons Sunday and that the warden be informed accordingly.

A.R.M.S. Competition.—Moved Mr. Anderson, seconded Mr. Smith, That the State Executive endeavour to formulate a scheme of competitions for country districts on the lines of the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield Competitions in the metropolitan area, and that a prize be offered to the spirit which prompted the donation of the Shield, and the inception of the competition.

Women's Auxiliary Constitution.—The State Executive decided that the following rule be re-drafted:

"That whereas in the Rules and By-laws of the W.A. Branch, R.S.L., it is stated in Rule 3, Section 1, That the formation of women's auxiliary branches shall be with the sub-branch concerned; there is nothing in the rules to say they shall disband their auxiliaries, nor is there any amendment published to that effect."

It was decided that the incoming Executive revise this rule and include it in the new book when printed.

Defence Force.—Moved Mr. Nicholas, seconded Mr. Matthews, That the League actively associate itself with the Defence Force of this State by the earnest encouragement of enlistments in the militia and senior corps, so that the traditions won by the A.I.F. and handed down to serving units can be better fostered and upheld.

Headstones.—Moved Mr. Stuchbury, seconded Mr. Sagar, That the attention of the Defence Department be directed to the quality of the workmanship, particularly the lettering connected with the Commonwealth headstones erected on the graves of ex-service men who die of war causes.

Point Walter Avenue.—Advice was tendered to Congress to the effect that some plates in Honour Avenue, Point Walter, were in a state of disrepair. It was agreed to bring the matter before the State War Memorial Committee.

Sons of Soldiers' League Report.—In accordance with Section 12 of the Final Report of the Agenda Committee, Rabbi Freedman submitted the committee's report, arising out of which the following items were approved by Congress:

That to enable the Sons of Soldiers' movement to be placed on a sound working basis the S.S.L. of Western Australia be empowered to pass such domestic legislation as is deemed necessary for the next three years without reference to the Federal Congress, provided that such legislation be subject to the approval of the State Executive of the R.S.L.

That Clause 2 of the S.S.L. Constitution be amended by striking out the words "being 12 years of age," and adding to the clause as it now stands:

"isms, provided he was not eligible and was not rejected for the Great War."

This motion was passed unanimously by the last S.S.L. Conference, and this committee recommends its adoption, as this would enable branches to deal with younger boys, if, in their opinion, they could effectively handle them.

That paragraph (a) of the S.S.L. Constitution sub-paragraph 2 (a) (b) should not apply to a returned soldier who is also the son of a soldier and who enjoys the full financial membership in both the parent League and the S.S.L., and who is a proved staunch worker for both.

This should read "clause 8" instead of paragraph (a). This committee recommends the adoption of Item 187 and this would be best effected by adopting a resolution that sub-paragraph (a) and (b) of Clause 8 of the S.S.L. Constitution be deleted.

This committee also recommended to Congress that Clause 5 of the S.S.L. Constitution be amended by adding the words "Provided also that in any subsequent years the president and secretary may be appointed by and from members of the sub-branch of the R.S.L." The recommendation was adopted.

Vigil.—His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, Sir James Mitchell, attended Congress and was welcomed by the State President. He addressed delegates and a vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Sagar, seconded Mr. Craigie, and carried with acclamation.

Condolence.—The State President moved on behalf of Congress, That this Congress places on record its appreciation of the service and work of ex-service men of the late Archbishop Clune, Senior Chaplain, and conveys to the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Perth its sympathy in their great loss.

Delegates stood in silence.

Educational Facilities.—Moved Mr. Rigg, seconded Mr. James, That all educational facilities available to totally incapacitated soldiers' children born before the amendment of the Repatriation Act in 1931 be granted to children born after that date.

Repatriation Act.—Moved Mr. Mellor, seconded Mr. Rigg, That the Repatriation Act be so amended as to provide for at least three months' notice being given to all 2nd schedule pensioners before their being reduced to 1st schedule rates.

Moved Mr. Mellor, seconded Mr. Foreman, That all Repatriation benefits be allotted to successful appellants for 2nd schedule rates as from the date of allowance stipulated by the deciding body.

Funeral Grant: Referred State Executive.—

Moved Mr. Mellor, seconded Mr. Briggs, That the Repatriation Commission be requested to give consideration to the withdrawing of the Grant of £15 when the total cost of the funeral exceeds £25.

After some discussion Congress agreed to refer the matter to the State Executive in conjunction with both the sub-branch and the Repatriation Department. Sub-branches to be notified finally of the progress.

Commotion.—Moved Mr. Mellor, seconded Mr. Grey, That in cases where the disability of a committed pensioner can be proved to be at an equal or greater assessment, after a period of ten years than at the

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time of commutation, such ex-service men be given the right to apply for a continuation of pension.

Reparation Act.—Moved Mr. Cattermole, seconded Mr. Anderson, that the Reparation Act should be amended to empower an Assessment Appeal Tribunal to give to any of its decisions for increase of pensions, retrospective operation for any period prior to the date of judgment of the appeal.

War Caused Injuries.—Moved Mr. Simpson, seconded Mr. Warner, that the line of demarcation between injuries due to war and those aggravated by war be abolished.

Pension Applications.—Moved Mr. Simpson, seconded Mr. Grey, that men applying for pensions, or for alteration or re-instatement of pension, be furnished with a definite report on the result of their appeal.

Anzac Day.—Moved by Mr. Cornell, seconded by Mr. Riley:
(1) That the Government be urged to declare Anzac Day as a sacred holiday ranking equally with Christmas Day and Good Friday.
(2) That failing Statutory enactment being given to Congress decisions, in respect to the observance of Anzac Day, Congress is of the opinion that such day should be proclaimed as a fully paid statutory holiday applicable to all workers.

Moved Colonel Margolin, seconded Mr. Cornell, Congress records its satisfaction at the result of the ballot taken in Queensland recently regarding the retention of the existing form of Anzac Day commemorations.

Moved Mr. Woods, seconded Mr. Anderson, that the provisions of Section 42 of the Factories and Shops Act, 1920, be amended so that all males employed in a factory be granted a holiday on full pay on Anzac Day, thus bringing them into line with boys and females.

Medical Attention.—Moved Mr. Stuchbury, seconded Mr. Sheridan, that as the war disabilities of ex-service men have now become more pronounced and the necessity for medical attention more intense, Congress urge the advisability of amending the Reparation Act to enable it to function commensurately with the suffering of ex-service men, further, that if this is agreed to by the Commonwealth Government, sub-branches of the League be asked to submit suggestions for inclusion in the amended Act.

Pensions.—Moved Mr. Panton, seconded Mr. Warner, Congress re-affirm Agenda Item 114 of the 1934 Congress:—"That all soldiers' wives and children who are debarred from receiving pensions at the present time under the Financial Emergency Act should have the same privileges as prior to 1931."

Moved Mr. Stuchbury, seconded Mr. Lovell, that the old scale of dependent pensions be again urged by the League.

Moved Mr. Stuchbury, seconded Mr. Ryley, that ex-service men who are in receipt of a war pension should not have same deducted from the Old Age and Invalid Pensions.

Tribunal Appeals.—Moved Mr. Stuchbury, seconded Mr. Silver, that where it is so desired by sub-branches the League endeavour to arrange with the Repatriation Department to have appeals, both Assessment and Entitlement, grouped locally in order to allow the League's local pension officer to appear with appellants.

Old Age Pensions.—Moved Mr. Davies, seconded Mr. Smith, that efforts be made to obtain the support of the British Legion in obtaining the following:—That old age pensions be paid by the British Government to all British born subjects eligible by old age resident in the Dominions and Colonies until they qualify by residence in the Dominions or Colonies for old age pension there and the same vice versa for British, Dominion and Colonial born men now resident in England or other British Dominion or Colonies.

Medical History.—Moved Mr. Stuchbury, seconded Mr. Sheridan, that the League urges the acceptance by the Repatriation Department of affidavits by ex-service men covering their post-war medical history when local doctors have become deceased and no records are available.

Reparation Ward.—Moved Mr. Foreman, seconded Mr. Riggs, that a large slate be hung in the entrance to No. 11 Ward with the names of diggers and their unit and No. of beds.

THE LISTENING POST

W.A. Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund.—Archdeacon Riley read correspondence from Mr. C. Flower, submitting suggestions that might be helpful to the fund.

Aged Soldiers.—Moved Mr. Whiteman, seconded Mr. Hopper, that Congress communicate to the Executive to form an Old Men's Home Committee to look after the interests of sailors and soldiers in the Old Men's Home; (b) That consideration be given to a scheme like "Chelsea Hospital for Aged Soldiers and Sailors' Relief Fund."

Pensions and Superannuation.—Moved Mr. Stuchbury, seconded Mr. Sheridan, that the Government be urged to refrain from deducting the amount of soldiers' pensions from sustenance and relief worker's pay.

Funeral Expenses.—Moved Colonel Margolin, seconded Mr. Fairley, that the Federal authorities be again urged to extend the grant at present allowed to defray funeral expenses of such A.I.F. soldiers as may die in indigent circumstances to Imperial soldiers who may die in Australia in similar circumstances.

Pension Appeals.—Moved Mr. Craigie, seconded Mr. McKay, in order to expedite pension appeals, admission to hospitals, etc., Congress press for the appointment of a resident Commissioner of Pensions in Australia with authority to finalise Imperial Pension applications and appeals.

Imperial Pensions.—Moved Mr. Cattermole, seconded Mr. Riggs, that representations be made through the B.E.S.L. to the Imperial Government that as a common act of justice the seven years bar for lodging of claims be removed.

Dental Treatment.—After discussion on the motion of Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Simpson, this item was referred to the incoming State Executive for enquiry and the necessary action.

"That in the event of a relief worker working extra time for dental treatment that the aforesaid dental treatment be allowed in his home town up to allowance limit."

Aged Relief Fund.—Moved Mr. Cattermole, seconded Mr. Bailey, that a list of subscribers to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund be incorporated in the State Secretary's Annual Report, or otherwise made available for Congress information.

War Service Homes.—Moved Mr. Wilson, seconded Mr. Pay, that Congress re-affirms

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its opinion that the time is long overdue for a revaluation of War Service Homes and instructs the incoming Executive to endeavour to obtain this.

Moved Mr. Hummerston, seconded Mr. Jackson, That the War Service Homes Act be amended to allow that the returned soldier owner of a war service home which has been fully paid off be allowed to retain the benefit of the insurance rate.

Moved Mr. Stuckbury, seconded Mr. Forrest, That more liberal terms apply to applicants for War Service Homes that have been forfeited and are re-submitted to further occupation.

Language Test.—Wiluna.—That alien labour in the mining industry be restricted and that the language test be strictly enforced.

Railway Freights.—Moved Mr. Fairley, seconded Mr. Grey, That the Government be urged to readjust the freights and passenger fares throughout the State so that the urban and suburban lines be made for self-supporting and the monies accruing on country lines be spent by a reduction in freights and passenger fares, and so enable the returned man and other primary-and secondary producers to reach their market with a better chance of competing with the Eastern States producers.

Perth-Kalgoorlie Road.—Moved Mr. Fairley, seconded Mr. Cornell, Congress urges the State Government to have the whole of the Perth-Kalgoorlie Road declared a Main Road and to take immediate steps to have it made into a first-class road.

State Battery.—Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Brown, In view of the fact that the Coolgardie State Battery has rejected prospectors' parcels from different places in Yilgarn and referred them to the Copperhead Battery, Bullfinch, this battery be officially subsidised to give prospectors the same benefits as those derived from crushing at State Batteries. The Government be asked to reduce State Battery sand extraction charges.

Education Books.—Moved Mr. McKay, seconded Mr. Simpson, That in the case of school children whose parents are not in receipt of at least the basic wage, the Education Department should supply free of charge such literature and books as are necessary for their proper education.

Wireless Sets for Schools.—Moved Mr. Coote, seconded Mr. Collins, That to enable schools generally, and particularly those in distant country districts, to benefit by the broadcast talk to school children, the Government be asked to subsidise the purchase of wireless receiving sets for schools.

Meetings.—A telegram was received from Mr. Tom Sten, of Narrogin (Country vice-president), acknowledging compliment and extending greetings.

Empire and Local Trade (special committee's report on three items, submitted combined resolution carried).—That Congress being of the opinion that the future of the British Empire is largely dependent upon same Empire Trade, urges upon members of the League throughout the State the necessity for purchasing goods of British origin and for giving every possible support to assist movements such as the Empire Shopping Week; and that—in view of the abolition of the Empire Marketing Board, the British Government be approached through the British Empire Service League with a request to continue the publication of Empire Marketing posters; and further, the sub-branches be notified at least three months prior to the opening of the Empire Shopping Week Campaign.

We further recommend—(a) Members of the State Executive be asked to emphasise Empire and Local Trade when visiting sub-branches; (b) That the State Executive be asked to arrange for speakers to broadcast on this subject at least once a month; (c) That the Women's Auxiliary R.S.I. State Executive be asked to keep this matter before the members of their respective sub-branches with a view to co-operation with sub-branches of the League; (d) That exhibition of local products be continued when and wherever possible with greater co-operation of sub-branches.

Economic Problems.—Moved Mr. Jay, seconded Mr. Foreman, That the League give its moral support and encouragement to any enquiry having as its object the solution to the problem arising from the paradox of malnutrition amidst abundance.

'Country Children.—Moved Mr. Whittell, seconded Mr. Coote, That the Executive ap-

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proach the Government to consider the ways and means of women and children leaving the bush for a holiday in the city.

Daily Press.—Moved Mr. Jackson, seconded Mr. Warner, that the pre-war price of 1d. for daily postage be restored.

Postage.—Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Grey, that the time is overdue for a reduction to 1d. postage and that Congress do its utmost towards this end.

Petrol Charges.—Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Cobbold, that a conference be held to consider the matter of petrol charges and that (a) the Minister of Industry and Commerce submit his report; (b) the money be reimbursed.

Electricity Charges.—Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Grey, that the Minister of Industry and Commerce be asked to consider the matter of electricity charges.

Interest on Government Deposits.—Moved Mr. Grantham, seconded Mr. Warner, that interest be paid on Government deposits.

Banking.—Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Grey, that the Government be asked to consider the matter of banking.

Trade Unions.—Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Grey, that the Minister of Industry and Commerce be asked to consider the matter of trade unions.

Nominations for State President.—Moved Mr. Fairley, seconded Mr. Cornell, that no nomination be made for the position of State President unless it be the written or telegraphed consent of the nominee.

Final Report.—Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Grey, that the final report be adopted.

Report.—Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Grey, that the report be adopted.

Adjourned.—Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Grey, that the meeting be adjourned.

The report read—

Mr. President and Delegates:

We recommend that the thanks of Congress be extended for services rendered and favours conferred to—

(a) The President.

(b) The State Secretary, assistant State Secretary, Office and Club Staff, the ladies of the auxiliaries for gracing our Congress.

(c) The Chairman (Mr. W. J. Hunt) and the delegates to the Soldier Settlers' Conference, and the several committees of Congress and Congress.

(d) Employers generally, for facilitating the attendance of their employees as delegates to Congress.

(e) The Messrs. and Councillors of Perth for hospitality.

(f) The Hon. Minister for Agriculture (Mr. White) for attending Congress and submitting much valuable information.

(g) His Hon. the Speaker (Mr. Alex. Panton, M.L.A.), as Returning Officer and Messrs. Jay and Retalick, as scrutineers at the election of the Executive.

(h) The Anzac Club, Mr. S. W. Perry, and United Theatres, Limited, the Australian Broadcasting Commission, the W.A. Trotting Association, the Belmont Race Club, the Aero Club, the National Football League and other organisations who have assisted towards promoting the comfort of delegates.

(i) The Press for their excellent reports.

(j) The artists at the smoke social and the House Committee. The retiring country vice-president, Mr. Harry May, and Dr. Cyril Bryan, Colonel A. R. D. Crow and Messrs. E. W. Edmondson and E. M. H. Faircloth for services on the Executive.

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It was decided that copies of the last day's minutes be forwarded to sub-branches.

Appreciation.—The State President congratulated delegates on the expeditious dispatch of items on the Agenda, and thanked them for their assistance in the conduct of the Congress.

SOLDIER SETTLERS' CONFERENCE, 1935

The Conference opened in the Board Room of Anzac House at 11 a.m. on September 30, when the chair was taken by Mr. W. J. Hunt (Chairman of the Land Committee).

Delegates present were—Messrs. Warner, Nungarin and Traralgon; Jaya, Payanah; Waterhouse, Secretary; Commissioner; Darling Range; Bateson, Herne Hill; Potter, Manjimup; Foreman, Osborne Park; Cattermole, Montana;

adgin; Garnett, Gnowangerup; Randolph, Merredin; Budd, Kellerberrin; Potts, Kooyunup; Henning, Waroona; Noakes, Brunswick Junction; Day, Wubin; Keat, Quairading; McKee, Pemberton; Smith, Upper Chapman; Davies, Yealering; Wall, Perth; Jackson, Kelmscott; Farris, Boyup Brook; Nicholson, Moora; Brown, Yandanoopka; Retalick, Araloth; Whittam, Torbay; Cornett, Pemberton; and Samwells, Crook, Reckon, Hoppett, Forest, Stewart, Mallewa; Orr, Gosnells; Craigie, Albany; and Lofthouse, Harvey.

Letters of apology were received from Mr. Thynne, Mr. Minister; Mr. McCullum, Chairman of Commissioners, Agricultural Bank, expressing regret at their inability to attend the Conference. Mr. McLarty also sent an apology.

Agriculture, the Minister for Agriculture, advised that he would be pleased to address Congress at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

Report of the Land Committee.—Mr. W. J. Hunt, the Chairman, read the report of the Committee, and advised delegates that this would be included in the Annual Report to Congress.

The following addendum was added to the report.

"There have been 14 set meetings of the Land Committee during the year and several deputations."

Attendances at meetings were—Messrs. Hunt 14, Warner 15, Cornett 12, Wells 9, Denton, 9, Henning 4, Brown 4, Roche 4, Potts 3, Jay 2. Colonel Olden has also helped the Committee, attended the last four meetings.

Expenses of country delegates visiting the city for Land Committee meetings amounted to £11 19s. 3d.

On the motion of Mr. Tanner, seconded Mr. Randolph, the Land Committee's Report was adopted.

Condolence.—Moved Colonel Olden, seconded Mr. Warner, that this Conference desires to express its deep regret at the death of Mr. J. H. Blakey and its heartfelt sympathy with the members of his family in their great loss. This was carried with all delegates standing.

Motions carried were—

Valuation.—Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Tanner, that the Minister of Industry and Commerce be instructed to seek practical ways of benefiting all soldier land settlers is an equitable writing down of principal and arrears of accrued interest based on the productive capacity of each holding.

Agricultural Bank.—Moved Mr. Retalick, seconded Mr. Tanner. That the resolution, just carrying referring to the writing down of principal and interest be submitted to the Agricultural Bank Commissioners during the course of Congress; also an intimation to the Commissioners that unless >=.

It is taken in the terms of the resolution. heavily indebted soldier land settlers have not a reasonable chance of meeting their liabilities or carrying on by other than direct help by the Government or the Federal Government be urged to adopt the scheme.

Superphosphates.—Moved Mr. Brown, seconded Mr. Simpson, that the manufacturers
be approached for a reduction in the prices charged for superphosphates.

Artificial Manures.—Moved Mr. Tanner, seconded Mr. Whiteman, That a request be made to the Commonwealth Government for the relief granted on artificial manures to be based on a percentage of cost instead of, as at present, on a weight basis.

Sustenance.—That a sum equal to a reasonable sustenance allowance for the household be first charge on all farm revenue, such sum to be calculated and varied as required by locality, climatic or other circumstances incidental to farming operation. Moved by Mr. Jay, seconded Mr. Orr.

 Preferential Items.—Moved Mr. Warner, seconded Mr. Waterhouse, Congress is of the opinion that an extension of preferential items is necessary to cover a reasonable supply of stores for twelve months to carry on the operations of the farm.

Primary Producers.—Moved Mr. Jay, seconded Mr. E. Randolph, That Item 9 of the 1934 Congress be re-affirmed and be given full support:—That in view of the importance of primary production all farmers be placed on an equal basis and should be considered citizens engaged in other branches of industry, thus enabling them to enjoy privileges at present obtaining when, through circumstances over which they have no control, they feel the wholesome compulsion to relinquish their business.

Land Rents.—Moved Mr. Davies, seconded Mr. Simpson, That the Government be asked to extend all arrears of land rents until the end of existing leases, thus relieving farmers of interest and fines.

Interest.—Moved Mr. Simpson, seconded Mr. Randolph.—That interest should be payable annually for wool and wheat growers.

North-Eastern Wheatbelt.—Moved Mr. Warner, seconded Mr. Budd, That in view of the disastrous season in the North-Eastern Wheatbelt the Government be urged to waive all claims for rent and interest this year.

Assurance.—Moved Mr. Jay, seconded Mr. Warner, seconded Mr. Retalik, That considering the scantly living allowance made to wheat farmers, costs such as for life assurance premiums and medical charges be a preferential claim on the proceeds from revenue.

North-Eastern Wheatbelt and R.S.L. Relief Fund.—Moved Mr. Warner, seconded Mr. Randolph, That the R.S.L. Relief Fund be thanked for its laudable action in assisting North-Eastern Wheatbelt soldier settlers.

Transfer Fees, etc.—Moved Mr. McKay, seconded Mr. Keast, That when an ex-service man owning a location under mortgage to the Agricultural Bank dies intestate his next of kin or dependants should have first option of retaining the block, and that no transfer fees should be charged in such cases.

Rabbit Netting.—That rabbit netting should be made available at the same price as British netting could be landed duty free.

That where a property is in any way affected by the rabbit menace as to injure the settlers’ prospects, and where no Federal funds are available, the Agricultural Bank be requested to provide funds for the purchase of the necessary wire and netting to be furnished by Mr. Simpson, seconded Mr. Retalik.

Funeral Expenses.—That the taking out of life insurance premiums on soldier settlers be compulsory and that the cost of such premium be a first charge on farm production. Such premiums to be at normal rates, any extra loading to be borne by the Commonwealth Government.

Powers of District Inspectors.—That a policy of greater decentralisation be given effect to by the Agricultural Bank, thereby conferring on District Officers wider powers in the administration of their districts, and that as in some instances the districts controlled by Field Inspectors of the Agricultural Bank are too extensive to enable the inspectors to efficiently carry out the varied duties of several departments in the best interests of all parties concerned, Congress is of the opinion that smaller districts are necessary, or alternatively, assistance should be provided.

Federal Grants.—That any distribution of future Federal Grants to the Agricultural Industry be made by a purely Federal organisation as was the case of the distributor of the 1932-1933 Wheat Bounty.

Representative on Soldier Settler Board.—Moved by Mr. Keast, seconded Mr. T. Simpson, That the identity of soldier settlers be recognised on the administrative Board under the Soldier Settlement Act, and that the Government be asked to re-appoint a nominee of the R.S.L. submitted as a result of the ballot taken as the Soldier Settlers’ Conference.

Nominations in connection with this item were received as follows:—Messrs. Tanners, Randolph, Keast and Simpson.

The ballot resulted as follows:—

- Tanner Darling Range 1.
- Randolph (Merredin) 2.
- Keast (Quairading) 3.

Correspondence.—A letter was received from Mr. J. C. Gast of Lennons Hospital, with reference to wheat for poultry use.

Bank Inspectors.—That where any report by Agricultural Bank Inspectors is seriously prejudicial to any soldier settler, and District of Chief Inspector should personally confirm or otherwise such reports.

Visitor.—Mr. Wise, Minister for Agriculture, attended the Conference, and was welcomed by the Chairman, Colonel Olden. He addressed Conference and answered numerous questions referred to him by delegates. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Neakes, seconded Colonel Nicholson.

Imperial Grant.—Moved Mr. Cattermole, seconded Mr. Whiteman, Congress requests the General Manager and Trustees of the Agricultural Bank to review sympathetically the terms and conditions governing the administration of the £3,000 Imperial Grant with a view to assisting therein any eligible Imperial migrant settled on the land under any heading—Fruit, poultry, bee-keeping, dairying, wheat, etc. Congress further suggests the abolition of interest and asks that recommendations along these lines be forwarded to the proper authorities for permission to implement same.

Amended Mortgage Scheme.—Moved Mr. Jay, seconded Mr. Coote, That the Commissioners of the Agricultural Bank be requested to consider with a view to its adoption where practicable, the amended mortgage scheme similar to that set out in “Report of Commission on Dairying Industry, 1932,” whereby payment of principal and interest for capital amount be deferred until the stock and implements be discharged in full.

Dairying.—Moved Mr. Loftinhouse, seconded Mr. Henning, That the superintendent of dairying be requested to have a departmental tester and grader stationed at all factories receiving milk or cream for manufacturing pur-
poses, and that all supplies be accepted and paid for on the testing and grading as certified by that official, and further that test graders be interchangeable.

Group Settlement Holdings.—Moved Mr. Jay, seconded Mr. Coote. Congress urge that in the re-clearing of Group Settlement holdings more efficient, profitable and economic methods be adopted.

Adjoining Group Blocks.—Moved Mr. Coote, seconded Mr. Bateson. That group settlers at present on blocks which are insufficiently developed to provide a reasonable standard of living for a family be granted the right to be released from the block and extended transfer fees, and have priority of any good abandoned blocks now in the hands of the Bank.

Adjoining Blocks.—Moved Mr. Coote, seconded Mr. Cornell. That as the majority of group settlement holdings are at present insufficiently developed, settlers be given temporary use of vacant blocks adjoining their own.

Marketing Powers.—Moved Mr. Henning, seconded Mr. Whittem. That a Board of Control with statutory powers be appointed to control the marketing of potatoes.

Marketing Act.—Moved Mr. McKay, seconded Mr. Jay. That Congress press for immediate and continuous enforcement of the Dairying and Marketing Act, Section 10 (c), 11 (1), 12 (1), 14, 15, 23 and 54.

Price of Wool.—Moved by Mr. Roche, seconded Mr. Jay. That the price of wool be fixed to local settlers, holiday makers from inland districts, overseas tourists and others, and Congress directs that the Fisheries Department be approached with a view to encompassing this object by the general prohibition of net fishing in the estuaries inlets and river mouths, etc., of the South-Western portion of the State.

Supply and Sale of Land.—Moved Mr. Cornell, That in order that a greater number of farmers may benefit by the scheme of employment of relief workers on holdings the Government be urged to employ more economical methods.

Water Supply.—Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Warner. That efforts be made to get the Minister for Water Supply to reticulate the Goldfields, Water Supply the Meade Rock area.

Railway Facilities.—Moved Mr. Simpson, seconded Mr. Warner. That the Commissioner for Railways be asked to introduce fast steam or motor coaches for services in the country centres where the population warrants a fast service for the carrying of passengers and perishable goods.

Freight Charges.—Moved Mr. Brown, seconded Colonel Nicholson. That the Midland Railway Co. management be approached for a reduction of freight charges to the level charges by the State railways.

Blackwood River.—Moved Mr. Coote, seconded Mr. Cattermole. That the Government be urged to clear and keep open the present sand bar.

Normanlp-Northcliffe Railway.—Moved Mr. McKay, seconded Mr. Retalick. That the construction of the Normanlp-Northcliffe railway be pushed on immediately.

South-West Inlets.—Moved Colonel Olden, seconded Colonel Nicholson.

Amended to Read.—In order to render the seaside resorts of the State more attractive to local settlers, holiday makers from inland districts, overseas tourists and others, and Congress directs that the Fisheries Department be approached with a view to encompassing this object by the general prohibition of net fishing in the estuaries inlets and river mouths, etc., of the South-Western portion of the State.

Country Representatives on Land Committee.—Moved Mr. Osborn, seconded Mr. Roche, seconded Mr. Randolph. It was decided that in fulfilment of the resolution of the 1934 Settlers' Conference in the appointment of four country representatives to act as country representatives of the conference recommends to full Congress the re-appointment of Messrs. J. A. Brown (Yandanooka), A. Potts (Kojonup), C. H. Henning (Varoona), and H. Jay (Yampee) as members of the Executive Land Committee.

Notices of Motion were then taken as follows:

Moved Mr. Tanner, seconded Mr. Henning. That Congress press for the implementation of the resolution passed at previous Congresses, i.e., the establishment of a bank when sending out Bank accounts do so in sealed envelopes.

Moved Mr. Roche, seconded Mr. Davies. That where a returned soldier Agricultural Bank client has effected permanent and vital improvements to his farm, at his own expense during the currency of any one year, that the registered lien be reduced by the capital amount of such improvement.

Banking Act.—Moved Mr. Roche, seconded Mr. Potts. That in arriving at the amount of interest an Agricultural Bank client can pay, consideration be taken of his current commitments, if not sufficient proceeds to meet commitments the money available to be paid proceeds.

Congress Decisions.—Moved Mr. Potts, seconded Mr. Keast. That in view of the urgent need of action to save the remnants of soldier settlement, it be a request to the State Executive that immediately after Congress they give prior consideration to all motions affecting soldier settlement and Agricultural Bank policy and take up the question contained therein with the authorities concerned. Failing a favourable outcome to such representations our soldier members of Parliament be advised of the position and requested to help to the best of their ability to obtain the result desired by the League.

Representative Soldier Settlement Board.—Moved Mr. Jay, seconded Mr. Simpson. That failing the granting by the Government of an independent representative on the Soldier Settlement Board the League press for all cases involving the welfare of soldier settlers to be placed in the hands of the Land Committee for investigation and action where such is warranted.

Appreciation.—Mr. Hunt expressed his appreciation of the assistance rendered by delegations in the deliberations of Congress.

On the motion of Mr. Orr, seconded Mr. Retalick, the delegates expressed their sincere thanks for the able manner in which the Chairman, Mr. Hunt, had carried out his duties, and also their thanks for the excellent work carried out by the Land Committee on their behalf during the past year.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONFERENCE

On the recommendation of the Agenda Committee, items approved by the Women's Auxiliary Conference were dealt with by the State Congress as follows:

(a) Item 1 not allowed. This reads—'That new members joining an auxiliary at an annual meeting be not allowed to vote at that meeting.'

(b) Items 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, 37 are purely domestic to the women's auxiliary.

(c) Items 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35, 36, 39 be referred to the State Executive, R.S.L., for consideration and any necessary action. These items read—

Item 5.—That no sub-branch shall have the power to put its auxiliary in recess until the grievance has been thoroughly investigated at a meeting of both R.S.L. and auxiliary at which representatives of both R.S.L. and auxiliary are present.

Item 7.—That all funds and property of an auxiliary put into recess or disbanded are taken charge of by the State Executive of the auxiliary.
Item 8.—That before a sub-branch asks consent of State Executive for an auxiliary to be placed in recess that the sub-branch notify the auxiliary the reasons for such action being taken.

Item 10.—That all reports and complaints relating to auxiliaries be sent in writing by the sub-branch secretary to R.S.L. State Executive.

Item 12.—That new members be allowed to attend the last meeting of the old executive.

Item 14.—That the acts prohibiting children born after October, 1931, be annulled so that children born after the above-mentioned date can be placed on the same level as their elder brothers and sisters.

Item 20.—That owing to much inconvenience caused by the absence of rule books, this Conference urge that more rule books be made available to auxiliaries.

Item 21.—That in future a small charge be made for copies of rules and by-laws and standing orders of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L.

Item 22.—That a typed slip, stating revised rules be sent to sub-branches to be attached to rule books.

Item 23.—That when a dispute between a sub-branch and its women’s auxiliary cannot be mutually settled by the action of both parties it should be referred to a select committee of the State Executive and the women’s Auxiliary State Executive whose decision shall be final, or that a member of the R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliary State Executive preferably the State President, be appointed liaison officer to act as intermediary between the two executives in any disputes that may arise between auxiliaries and sub-branches.

Item 24.—That the baby bonus be given back to the women of Australia irrespective of their income.

Item 25.—In order to cater more fully for the needs of country mothers the Conference urges that all country hospitals, where maternity cases are taken, should accommodate such cases for 14 days after confinement and not for 10 days only. The amount charged at King Edward Memorial Hospital for that period, 14 days, applying also to the hospitals mentioned.

Item 26.—That Conference urges that all death duties on the first £2,000 on both the Federal and State, should be abolished. When the estate, real or otherwise, is left to the widow and children or widower and children.

Item 27.—That the Commissioner of Railways be asked to reduce rate on cases of fruit sent to farms.

Item 28.—That the Federal Government be asked to reduce postage rates to 1d. within the Commonwealth.

Item 29.—Conference is of the opinion that a crematorium should be established without further delay.

Item 30.—Having in mind a certain presentation in the 1933 Undergraduates Procession, Congress should approach the Vice-Chancellor of the University of W.A. with the request that he issue instructions to the Undergraduates’ Guild preventing them from giving vulgar presentations during any procession conducted by them.

Item 32.—We desire that the Committee organising and responsible for the allocation of the proceeds of the Jubilee Appeal be requested to consider granting portion of the above proceeds to be used for the purpose of vocational training for the benefit of those youths who attained the age of 21 years during the depression, and who, owing to the depression, were deprived of the opportunities to learn a professional trade.

Item 34.—Conference desires that one month’s notice be given of dental clinic visits to country schools. Visits to be more frequent especially in the country districts where there is not a doctor in residence, also the age be increased from 7 to 10 years.

Item 35.—That a policeman be on duty at the East Victoria Park School at lunch hours and when children come out of school.

Item 36.—That we urge this Conference to press the Government to take some action in the cases of widows’ sons being compelled to take work in the country when local work could be secured.

Item 39.—That a school tram be run from the Mends Street Jetty at 8.30 a.m. to the South Perth school for the fare of 1d.

Item 40.—That the Commissioner of Railways be asked to reduce rate on cases of fruit sent to farms.

Item 41.—That this Congress request the League to use every endeavour to have the pensions of disabled soldiers’ children restored to the level ruling before the reductions which were made under the Financial Emergency Acts, 1931.

Item 42.—That the children of permanently incapacitated soldiers be included under the Repatriation Education Scheme and the Sir Samuel McCaughy Bequest.

Item 31.—That preference for caretaking work at all Government (State or Commonwealth) places be given to soldiers’ widows without pensions.

Item 33.—That the Government be asked that in all cases of new appointments through the Government service boys and youths be given preference, all things being equal for employment over girls and young women.

Item 38.—That on bed-head cards of returned soldiers in civil wards at Perth Hospital an indication of A.I.F. or Imperial or ex-Naval men be placed as a guide to our hospital visitors.

Item 40.—That the R.S.L. use their influence to obtain for aged and homeless sailors and soldiers a retreat fitting to the services they rendered their country.
October 6.—M. Venizelos, the Greek Premier, resigned.

October 7.—German and Austro-Hungarian troops invaded Serbia.

October 8.—Great German attack on Loos repulsed.

October 9.—Sir John French reported that the British trenches had been pushed steadily forward north-east of Loos between Hill 70 and Hulluch. Belgrade was occupied by Austro-German troops.

October 10.—French progress to the north-east of Tahunre in Champagne.

October 11.—The Bulgarians invaded Serbia.

October 12.—Miss Edith Cavell, English nurse, shot by Germans in Brussels. Russian victory in Galicia.

October 14.—During a Zeppelin raid on London 56 persons were killed and 114 injured.

October 15.—Great Britain declared war on Bulgaria. Germans retook the summit of Hartmannswillerkopf in the Vosges.

October 16.—The Russians pierced the German lines at Ustie, on the western shore of Lake Boginskoe.

October 17.—The French regained Hartmannswillerkopf. The Italians captured Pregasina.

October 18.—General Sir Charles Townshend succeeded Sir Ian Hamilton as ander-in-chief on Gallipoli. On the Salonika front, the Allies captured Vranitza.

October 19.—New German attack at Riga. Salonika railway cut by Bulgarians. Germans suffered heavy losses in an unsuccessful attack on Hulluch.

October 20.—General Ivanoff carried the town of Chortorysk by assault, capturing 790 prisoners and 9 guns.

October 21.—The Russians carried the German positions to the east of Baranovitschi, capturing 3,500 prisoners. The Russian fleet bombarded the Bulgarian port of Varna.

October 22.—Allied fleet bombarded Dedeagach.

October 23.—French troops crossed the Greek frontier and united with Serbians.

October 24.—German cruiser, Prinz Adalbert, sunk by a British submarine off Libau, in the Baltic. Strong German salient on the south-western slopes of Hill 196, one and a quarter miles to the north of Mesnil les Hurlus, known as the Courtine, carried.

October 25.—Franco-Serbian troops recaptured Veles.

October 26.—British transport, Marquette, torpedoed in the Aegean with the loss of 99 men.

October 27.—Austrians crossed the Drina, east of Vishegrad. Uskub was taken by the Serbians. German attack on a large scale, with the use of poison gas, to the east of Rheims, repulsed.

October 28.—French ministry resigned and M. Briand became Prime Minister.

October 29.—H.M.S. Hythe, auxiliary mine-sweeper, sunk after being in collision with another ship off Gallipoli, with the loss of 175 men.

October 30.—The Germans retook the Butte de Tahunre.

October 31.—After fierce fighting, the Germans recaptured portions of trenches east of Neuville St. Vaast, some of which were recovered by a French counter-attack.

The newly-formed Dumbleyung sub-branch will hold its first reunion in the form of a smoke social, at Dumbleyung, on November 21 next. As the sub-branch has been reformed after a period of recess, members would like to see a good muster at the festivity and extend a cordial invitation to ex-service men in the district and to comrades of the neighbouring sub-branches of Katanning, Wagin and Lake Grace.

At Congress, a country delegate who has attended for a number of years in succession drew our attention to the number of prominent Leaguists who have taken to glasses since last year's Congress. This, of course, had no reference to the number of impromptu congresses at the nineteenth hole upstairs.

A recent addition to the roll of honour of digger authors is Rowland Edward Lording, well-known in Sydney as honorary secretary of the 30th Battalion Association and an active member of the Limitless Soldiers' Association, whose book, "There and Back," under the pen name, "A Tivercote," has just been published. The author, who was educated at the Burwood Public School, Sydney, was a noted footballer and swimmer as a lad. He saved two lives from drowning before he was fourteen years of age. He would also be in the running for the youngest digger competition, having succeeded, after several rebuffs, in joining up on his sixteenth birthday, June 20, 1915. He left Australia with the signalling section of the 30th, and after service in Egypt was grievously wounded at Fromelles on the disastrous day of July 19, 1916. A courageous fight for life ensued during which tetanus intervened, and blood transfusions became necessary, and it was not until January, 1917, that he was able to get out of bed for the first time, with both arms useless and his legs semi-paralysed. During the past fifteen years he has undergone no fewer than 52 operations. In admiring the grit which has enabled this sorely harassed man to render personal service and gain the laurel-crown of authorship, one cannot but feel thankful that romance has also come into his life. He met his good wife on one brief occasion in England, shortly after his arrival at Fort Pitt Hospital. "They corresponded for five years and then his great-hearted little lady came out to Australia to marry him. We

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Warden's Report

The Hon. J. Nicholson, M.L.C., the 1935 Warden of the State War Memorial, submitted the following report to Congress:—

Congress last year did me the great honour, which I desire to acknowledge, of appointing me as Warden, and I have sought since taking over that office to discharge the duties devolving upon me to the best of my ability and I trust to the satisfaction of all concerned.

It has been more than a pleasure to me to have found the very capable assistance as sub-wardens of the members of the Nedlands Park sub-branch R.S.L., who have responded at all times readily and willingly to the many calls which have been made upon them and the Members wish them both success and happiness, and good sales for the book which may be obtained from the R.S.L. Trading Department, Wingello House, Angel Place, Sydney, for the modest sum of six shillings.

memorial and its surroundings bear ample testimony of the care which they have constantly exercised, whilst recommendations they have made at various times through me to the Committee marks the great interest they have evinced in their work. Without under estimating the good services of individual members of that sub-branch I feel bound to mention in particular my great appreciation of the services of the past president of the sub-branch (Mr. H. C. Newman) and the present president (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson) and the Secretary (Mr. R. A. Wood) whose help and ever-ready cooperation have tendered to make my duties not only easy, but also a pleasure.

I have been impressed as a result of my observations during frequent and regular visits to the Memorial by the fact that the Committee acted very wisely when they decided to erect the handsome railing which now adorns the front of the Memorial. When the access to the Memorial was open at all times, there was a growing tendency amongst many to regard or use the site of the Memorial more as a vantage point for viewing the surrounding scenery, but now that the railings and gates are erected, visitors can be reminded tactfully as to what the sacred Memorial represents, and I feel sure that our people of Western Australia have only to be reminded and they will respond willingly to the wish of the members of your League to maintain its sacred character.

One regrettable incident did occur in the month of March last when some person or persons bestowed with bitumen some of the tables whereon the names of fallen comrades are inscribed. Such vandalism is incomprehensible. The removal of this bitumen involved special care and work on the part of the sub-wardens. I trust that no one will ever again be guilty of such an act of desecration.

The sub-wardens have alluded in their report to several matters including the continued seepage of water during wet weather into the Crypt, and this is also noticeable under the Arches. Attention of members of the Committee has been called to this and I understand that further examination is being made into the matter with a view to remedying same.

By way of marking the fact that the memory of our fallen soldiers is preserved I may mention that the following amongst other wreaths were laid on the Memorial:

1. Delegates from England, South Africa, Rhodesia and Malaya who were returning to their respective homes after attending the Conference of the British Empire Service League in Melbourne, each placed wreaths on the Memorial on behalf of their respective associations.
2. The Admiral and officers of visiting Japanese Training Squadron.
3. Representatives of the ex-Naval Men's Association, also attended later and placed a wreath in memory of their comrades who were killed at the battle of Jutland.
4. Members of the 48th Battalion Association attended and placed a wreath in commemoration of their comrades who fell at Pozieres.
5. Members of the Old Contempti-
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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

R.S.L. WOMEN’S AUXILIARIES

In making her presidential address at the Eighth Annual Conference of Women’s Auxiliaries, Mrs. J. L. McKinlay said:

I wish to welcome you all to our eighth annual conference. To some it is a double welcome because it is your first visit to Anzac House. Although many distinguished visitors have been received in Anzac House since the official opening by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Gloucester, none have been more welcome that you are today. During Conference we trust that you will feel at home in your own headquarters and be proud in the knowledge that you have done your share, however small, to make so fine a building possible.

The auxiliaries have been fortunate in being allotted one of the brightest and most spacious rooms in Anzac House. For them it has many uses. It is both office and committee room. The trustees use it every Wednesday for amelioration work. Exhibition-classes and small social functions have been held there during the year. Auxiliaries without a district use it for their monthly meetings and last week it was a store for exhibition goods. There are still a few adjustments to be made, but we realise the colossal task it has been to create Anzac on this occasion.

on this occasion flags were not flown as is done on Anzac Day. It is considered that it would be a graceful gesture to extend this courtesy and recognition to our Imperial ex-service comrades and suggest that the matter might be referred to the State Executive for decision. The R.S.S.I.L.A. for favourable consideration.

Box for Keys.—The sub-branch is of the opinion that your action in providing a suitable receptacle for the custody of the keys is worthy of thanks, and the members are indeed proud to have obtained your permission to place the inscribed plate on the inside of the lid in commemoration of our joint service.

As you know, the sub-wardens would be failing in their duty if they did not acknowledge the ever ready assistance by Mr. Heath, the Superintendent of King’s Park. Apart from his position as Park Superintendent, he takes a very keen personal interest in the memorial, and it is recommended that the thanks of the State Executive be forwarded to him in appreciation of his interest and assistance.

Conclusion.—May we be permitted, Sir, to add in conclusion that the association of the sub-branch as sub-wardens and yourself as warden has been most happy, and express our deep appreciation of the honour conferred on them in having, with you, the joint care of that sacred memorial.
House, and remember also, that even Rome was not built in a day!

Auxiliaries grow in strength and number. This year we have reached the 70 mark, and to-day most heartily welcome delegates from some of our youngest branches who are already doing good work in the country. A notable feature of the post-war period has been the number of women's organisations which have been formed to further the interests and ideals of women. But with ours there is a difference. The auxiliaries are formed by sub-branches of the R.S.L., our service is for returned men and their families and our aims and objects are those of the R.S.L. At the beginning of the Constitution there is set out in full the objects of the League. May I suggest that these be read by the president of each auxiliary at one of the meetings during the year? In these objects will be found many suggestions for service and a useful guide in the making up of a programme for the year's work.

At present, when the world is overcast by clouds of war, we all hope and pray in our hearts that they may soon disperse. Who longs for peace more than those who have experienced the realities of war? Who are the most justified in saying how peace should be maintained? Let us follow closely in the present crisis the policy of the R.S.L. which holds for the integrity of the Empire and an adequate Defence Force: "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance" is the motto of the League.

Our auxiliary badge, like that of the R.S.L., stands for good citizenship and loyalty to the Empire. Home ties do not prevent members from carrying out some of the very important features of our auxiliary work. A mother can be the first to instil into her children the love of Empire and of Australia, respect for the National Anthem and for all war memorials. It is she who can tell the heroic story of Anzac and the real meaning of Anzac Day. It is well for children to belong to the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, for not only must they pledge themselves to do their duty to God and the King, but their organisation, is one which has become a training ground for true international harmony.

Trade within the Empire is another of the League's precepts. As it is the woman in the home who does most of the buying, she has a large part to play in promoting the sale of local and Empire goods. A shopkeeper must stock the brands that are asked for by his customers. Youth's greatest need to-day is employment, and this would be found with increasing demands for primary and secondary West Australian products. We admit there are difficulties, but these are being solved we can be laying the solid foundations of local and Empire trade. Which country overseas do we wish to see flourish? If it be Britain and her colonies we should buy British in preference to foreign.

Another sphere in which the women of the R.S.L. can help is in advocating preference and employment for returned soldiers. It may be an old story, but the need is still great. Although it is 16 years since our men returned to civilian life, many have never been able to make up for their five years overseas. They are growing old now, and handicapped as many of them are with war-caused disabilities, what prospects have they in competition with younger men? Already over 30,000 have had to find shelter in the Old Men's Home. There is a great debt owing to these ex-service men and we, in our auxiliaries, must do all we can to help by giving preference in our trade and finding them employment whenever possible. With them let us remember the widows. Many are without pensions and have had to become the breadwinners for their families. We are indeed thankful for the Legacy Club and for the Soldiers' Scholarship Trust, who give such practical assistance to the sons and daughters of the fallen and incapacitated soldiers. The annual donations to the Soldiers' Scholarship Trust Fund may be considered as a token of gratitude on the part of auxiliary members. It is also very gratifying to find in one large city store a considerable number of S.S.L. badges worn by the ladies employed there.

As the years pass the need for hospital work increases. The branch reports will show what individual auxiliaries are doing. Theirs is a steady and faithful devotion which never tires and their reward is a deep appreciation by the hospital patients themselves. Lemnos, Edward Millen, Ward 11 and the civilian wards of Perth Hospital all have their regular auxiliary visitors. Concert parties and motor outings are given, literature and tobacco distributed. We are indeed fortunate in having in these hospitals, matrons who give more than paid service to their patients. They are always delighted to co-operate with auxiliaries where the interests and enjoyment of their patients are concerned. Last year there was an appreciable increase in the amount of Christmas Cheer sent in for distribution. The soldier patients in Wooraloo received Christmas parcels also, and a few comforts have been sent there since. District hospitals in the country owe much to the local sub-branch of the R.S.L., and their auxiliaries, some maintaining a bed or a ward, others furnishing a ward or equipment necessary for the theatre. One sub-branch installed radio, the women collecting part of the funds.

There are many ways in which auxiliaries give direct and valuable help to their own sub-branches to the mutual benefit of both. In amelioration work it is now the general custom for the auxiliary to look after the needs of the women and children. Sub-branches have also found that their auxiliary members delight in catering for reunion and district dinner. A house does not become a home until a woman has left her touch upon it. In the erection of halls and rest rooms sub-branches have had the assistance of their womenfolk not only in inspiring the project, and raising funds, but in adding the finishing touches which have made all the difference to the comfort and inside attractiveness of the building. On Poppy Day, of course, we are a necessity. There must be a complete understanding and cooperation between

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Scabbards Off!

By Pip Tok

Herr Julius Streicher, who makes the stirring-up of anti-Jewish sentiment his main excuse for existing, said recently: "The great Jew who lived in England, Benjamin Disraeli, became Premier. Later he was elevated to the peerage under the name of Lord Gladstone." A similar translation took place in our own century when the well-known Irish politician, Mr. Eamon de Valera, was made Lord O'Duffy.

"How Man Came," (by Air Mail) are the headings a contemporary gave to an anthropologist's version of the origin of man. However, the suggestion of arrival by air mail does not dispose of the stock theory.

The strategical phrase, "The fog of war," is finding its way into print again, and with some reason, for it is far from clear whether the Italians are dinging the dongs, or the Abyssinians are dinging the dings. Anyway, the war seems to be a ding-dong go.

It's extraordinary what youngsters pick up in these days of premature sophistication. During the week before the grand final of the football competition little gold-dickies, aged nine, asked her bewildered parents had they heard the latest Mae

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fact that we owe them a tremendous debt and that service through our R.S.L. auxiliaries is a very potential way of paying off just a little of that debt.

sub-branch and auxiliary before any work worth while can be done. This may sometimes call for infinite tolerance and tact when a misunderstanding arises, but it will be worth it if complete harmony is to be the result.

It may sometimes be difficult to keep the work of the auxiliary distinctive from that of other country organisations. In such cases we must remember that our first duty lies with the sub-branch who formed the auxiliary, the second to the needs of the ex-serviceman and his dependants, and the third to the various funds connected with the R.S.L. and kindred bodies. But when there is a special district appeal for some worthy object it may be advisable for auxiliaries to combine with the other organisations in the district. In the Youth and Motherhood Appeal, no direct auxiliary appeal was launched from headquarters, because the Executive realise that each would be required to help to raise the quota allotted to its own district.

Bound as we are by the ties of wartime memories, with Anzac Day as our inspiration and the two minutes' silence preceding our meetings as a constant reminder of sacrifice, our auxiliaries should be of a very high standing in the community. Besides service we seek to promote comradeship and friendliness among ourselves. In the metropolitan area, women's socials have been a great success and are becoming increasingly popular—one auxiliary inviting several neighbouring ones. Over 300 attended the Jubilee Social which was held in Anzac House on the 3rd of June. Picnics are also held, the Rural Science Students being entertained at a river picnic in February. One event to which we all look forward is our annual picnic to Caversham House, the home of Mrs. T. C. Wilson. In this way practically all the members of the metropolitan auxiliaries have become acquainted with one another. No doubt it would be possible to have such gatherings among country branches, not too far scattered.

The Wilson and Hopperton Cups are adding zest to the work and it is hoped that more reports will come to hand next year.

Our third annual exhibition proved a great success. There was a record number of entries, and the exhibits were displayed to splendid advantage in the ballroom. All the judges commented upon the excellence of the work and also the cookery. Great credit is due to the committee, stall-holders and stewards who gave so much of their time and labour to make the exhibition so attractive.

A start has been made this year in interstater and overseas correspondence. It is hoped more links will be taken up so that we may keep in touch with those who are doing similar work in other States and in other parts of the Empire.

It has been a great privilege to visit some twenty auxiliaries during the year, six of which have been in the country. Such visits are invaluable, because of the knowledge gained—both by the auxiliary and the visiting auxiliary member. A country district which has been but a name before becomes alive with interest and people with many friends.

The members of the State Executive whom you elected at Conference last year have given 12 months' splendid service. They had indeed shown an example of what can be done by a woman's auxiliary. Besides the trustees, who form the amelioration committee, we have had a management, a hospital, a motor-outing and a social committee. Those on the Exhibition and the Congress Ball committee have borne extra burden. From the secretary's and other reports you will find what the members of these committees have really done.

The responsibility which you placed on my shoulders at last Conference I have been able to bear much more easily that I expected, all because of the loyal support and devotion of the members of the State Executive. Each has done her share to ease the burden. May I say of Mrs. Wilson that she is the perfect past president. She has always been ready to advise and has been most tolerant. Her smile of approval has oftentimes been most heartening. Mrs. Hopperton has been right through the year where she is today—at my right hand.

My grateful thanks is also due to those members of the State Executive R.S.L. who have so kindly helped us throughout the year, and also to the editor of the Listening Post, for the generous space he grants us. We look forward to greater co-operation which will lead to greater achievement.

To-day the battle-fields of twenty years ago are unrecognisable. The scars made by the shells have disappeared in the cultivated fields. Devastated areas have been re-built. But the scars left on the maimed, the limbless and the blind, and on the hearts of the wives and mothers are still there, and it must be our earnest endeavour to comfort and cheer when we can. Let us keep ever before us the
West one. Parental fears were allayed when the child innocently explained that it was "May West Perth win!"

A teetotaller is a man with no spots on his reputation.

A motion carried by this year's State Congress advocated the reduction of the price of newspapers to the pre-war level of one penny a copy. I felt like making an amendment in favour of a similar reduction in the retail price of beer, but a good unionist beside me suggested that if that were carried it might also bring about a corresponding reduction in the family breadwinner's spending silver.

In his special pleading on behalf of Italy, in an article published in the "West Australian," Professor Murdoch wrote: "The Italians are tired of being told they are a picturesque and charming people. They will not be content to be the keepers of museums and picture galleries, and to run hotels for foreign sightseers. So that is why they have gone in for the wholesale butchering business.

After listening to three wearying speeches in succession at Congress, a country delegate said to me: "When you have chops like these in the metropolitan sub-branches, I'm hanged if I know why you need women's auxiliaries."

Archbishop Duhig, of Queensland, stated recently that before Australians condemn the Italians they should remember the treatment meted out to the aborigines in the early days of this country. True, but that treatment was not nearly as rough as that which medieval Italians, with the approval of the Church gave to Savonarola and Galileo, or which Mussolini and his followers gave their own countrymen who dared to oppose them.

CRICKET ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting the following office-bearers were elected for the season 1935-36:—President, Mr. H. Hopperton; vice-president, Mr. D. C. James; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. King; Publicity officer, Mr. W. L. Menkens; auditors, Messrs. C. Watkins, J. Rankin.

The season promises to be very successful, eight teams are competing, namely: Nedlands, Maylands, North Perth, Mt. Hawthorn, Cottesloe, Midland Junction and Fremantle.

The following have been appointed umpires for the season:—Messrs. W. L. Menkens, E. Luff, H. V. Langdon, J. Hurnphries, A. H. Evans, G. Underwood, W. Allen, T. J. Cox, E. Roberts and J. A. Smith, all diggers with good experience.

In addition to the shield presented by the State Executive of the R.S.L. in Western Australia, and the pennant presented by the association, a trophy has been presented to the association by Mr. William Paton, of Coburg, Victoria. The trophy, which is a very handsome cup, will be known as the Paton Challenge Cup, and was presented when Mr. Paton was spending a brief holiday in this State recently. We are also pleased to say that Mr. K. E. Drake-Brookman, of Surrey Chambers, has presented the association with a very handsome cup.

The new team included with the association this season is the Mt. Hawthorn cricket club. At a recent meeting they were welcomed into the association by the president (Mr. H. Hopperton).

The following were the results of the opening matches of the season which took place on Wellington Square on October 13:

**Cottesloe v. Fremantle**

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The following matches will take place between October 20 and November 24, commencing at 2 p.m. on Wellington Square, No. 1 and 2 wickets.

October 20:—

No. 1 wicket—Maylands v. Perth.

October 27:—

No. 1 wicket—Cottesloe v. Nedlands No. 2.
No. 2 wicket—Midland v. Nedlands No. 1.

November 3:—

No. 1 wicket—Fremantle v. Maylands.
No. 2 wicket—North Perth v. Perth.

November 10:—

No. 1 wicket—Mt. Hawthorn v. Midland.
No. 2 wicket—Nedlands v. Cottesloe.

November 17:—

No. 1 wicket—Nedlands (2) v. Fremantle.
No. 2 wicket—Maylands v. North Perth.

The publicity officer (Mr. W. L. Menkens) would be glad of club notes for the Listening Post. Please send to his address, 30 Redfern Street, North Perth, by the 10th of each month.

THE LEAGUE'S OFFICERS

At the State Congress the following officers were elected:


REALLOCATION OF DISTRICTS

Delegates were allotted by Congress to electoral districts as follows:

SIXTEENTH BATTALION
A Melbourne Reunion

On September 25 a few "exiled souls" met to swap a "few" under the banner of the 16th Battalion and W.A. Units Association at Anzac House, Collins St., Melbourne. Although the Association has been in existence for some time and has usually been responsible for a decent muster for each Anzac Day parade, there may be still; many W.A. stalwarts now domiciled in Melbourne who are not aware of it, and would welcome the opportunity of linking up. The secretary is Mr. E. A. (Ted) Piper, address, 376 Neerim Road, Carnegie, S.E.9.

At the annual meeting on September 25 some 35 were present. The retiring president, Colonel L. E. Tinney, D.S.O., V.D. (so well known to many in the West as a Commissioner for Repatriation), was in the chair. Quite a happy evening was spent, and the election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in Colonel Baker, a former C.O. of the 16th Battalion, being installed into the presidential office. Ted Piper will still guide the Association destinies as an energetic and enthusiastic secretary should.

Maybe some of those present have been "lost in the blue" to friends in the West. Anybody wanting to contact with any of the chaps whose names appear could do so through the secretary at the address given. You will note that one lone representative of the 10th Regiment was present, so the meeting "did the decent thing" and put him in office as vice-president. We missed Pat McCarthy's jovial jib, but by an unfortunate misunderstanding, his notice went to the wrong address. All in the West will be delighted to know that Pat is still living up to his name, and retains the genial happy temperament that so endeared him to the boys.

Those present were: Colonel Tilney, 16th Battalion; Colonel Baker, 16th Battalion; Major D. H.arder, 11th Battalion and Messrs. G. James, 10th L.H.; E. A. Piper, 16th Batt.; J. M. Dalgleish, 16th Batt.; G. McKenna, 16th Batt.; W. Kendall, 51st Batt.; W. J. Hill, 16th Batt.; J. Higgins, 16th Batt.; N. R. Bissier, 16th Batt.; R. Giles, 16th Batt.; F. W. Gee, 16th Batt.; S. Fry, 16th Batt.; H. Stubbs, 16th Batt.; P. Gardner, 16th Batt.; H. E. McIntosh, 51st Batt.; H. Gough, 51st Batt.; D. Smith, 16th Batt.; J. T. Reilly, 16th Batt.; T. T. Mowforth, 48th Batt.; W. Newsome, 16th Batt.; E. Coram, 28th Batt.; R. Cummings, 16th Batt.;

The Country Vice-President

In succession to Harry May, of Collie, who retires from the office of country vice-president with his blushing honours thick upon him, this year's Congress unanimously selected Tom Sten, of Narrogin. The new country vice-president is a schoolmaster by profession and a graduate of the University of Western Australia. Wherever he has been stationed, Tom Sten, who served overseas with the 44th Battalion, has been a tower of strength to the League. Both in Beverley and in York he was largely responsible for giving local sub-branches new leases of life, and his Anzac Day address in York, a few years ago, is still remembered as one of the outstanding speeches ever delivered in this State on such an occasion. We are indeed fortunate in securing his services for a term in this most important office.

The death is reported from Boulder of a member of the sub-branch, W. Stacey, who died suddenly whilst at his employment as engine-driver at Comet Vale. The deceased had been farming at Bridgetown before coming to the Goldfields in January, 1934. It is assumed that being badly gassed with engine fumes a few months ago had much to do with our late comrade's sudden death. We join with the members of the Boulder sub-branch in extending sincere sympathy to Mrs. Stacy in her sad bereavement.

At the next general election for the State Parliament, North Perth is to have a digger candidate in the person of Karl E. Drake-Brockman, a member of a distinguished Western Australian family who was born in the constituency whose suffrage he now seeks, on October 14, 1891. The candidate is the fourth son of the late F. S. Drake-Brockman, a former surveyor-general and explorer of this State. Incidentally, we must congratulate him on the recent death of his mother, a member of the well-known Bussell family, whose heroic exploit in connection with a ship-wreck earned her the title of the "Grace Darling of Western Australia." Karl was educated at the Guildford Grammar School and elected Rhodes Scholar for Western Australia in 1910. He graduated in Arts with 1st-Class Honours at Oxford three years later, after which he became a barrister of the Inner Temple. He was practising law in Perth when he joined up for the war, during which he served with the infantry from 1915 to 1918, being severely

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wounded and attaining the rank of captain. After a short period of private practice in Perth again, he was in 1921 appointed a judge of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, where, with the other judge, he opened the Civil and Criminal Courts under the new civil administration of the Territory, and assisted in drafting legislation. Since his return to Perth he has been engaged in practice as a barrister and solicitor. He is a member of North Perth and Perth sub-branches and very active in the public life of the northern suburb. His is no lip service to the cause of the digger, and if elected he will certainly not be the type of member who attends the House only sufficiently to avoid the stigma of continued absence from his parliamentary duties.

During Show Week the office was enlivened by a visit from Albany's war correspondent whose wife has just come out of dock after a serious operation. Syd Cole, otherwise “ex-Gunner” of the Diggers' Diary. Amongst other activities on behalf of the League he is publicity officer, war correspondent, hon. secretary of the entertainment committee of Albany sub-branch, hon. secretary of the Albany S.S.L. and on the sick visiting committee. During his stay he managed to visit all the Institutions which cares for the disabled men, and has promised an article later in with maybe others to follow in Palestine, India and other countries he has soldiered in during his long period of service with the Colours.

The R.S.L. Cricket Association is certainly very fortunate in having enthusiastic delegates. One in particular is Colin Watkins, the hon. secretary of the Nedlands sub-branch cricket club. He and Wally Crain were the first to move in the formation of the association. They reckon that Nedlands will finish at the top of the list this year, and it certainly won't be his fault if they don't.

Billy Eddy and Bill Waterman represent Cottesloe on the R.S.L. Cricket Association. Billy Eddy played cricket with Subiaco “B” W.A.C.A. for many years, and gave service as skipper, and on one or two occasions reaped quite a bag of wickets. He and Bert King did yeoman service last year in organising the Town and Country R.S.L. match, which was such an outstanding success.

One of the outstanding personalities in the R.S.L. cricket world to-day is Wally Crain, who, with Colin Watkins, were responsible for the formation of the association. He has been outstanding in all sports. He has played League football with Subiaco, “A” Grade hockey with Guildford for five years, and cricket with Subiaco, North Perth and West Perth, all “A” teams. Latterly he has played with Nedlands “A's”. On several occasions he has secured the 100 wickets for the season, and during his services with the Nedlands team he has secured 400 wickets. Last season he won both batting and bowling average for the Nedlands R.S.L. club, and also captained the Town team against the country.

For the next few months both Messrs. Phil Allen and Bill Petersen will be kept busy in organising the Maylands R.S.L. cricket club. In conversation with Phil recently he assured us that Maylands will again lead in the cricket final. Bill Petersen will be in charge of the score book. It is also hoped that Jack Allen will have recovered well enough to be among the barrackers once again.

Another well-known, digger cricketer of Maylands sub-branch is Bill Witte, who rendered great service with bat and ball for the sub-branch last year. He has signified his intention of playing again this year. On a Wednesday afternoon Bill plays with the incognito C.C. with which club are Val Sparrow, Bill Glowes, Bill Menkens, hon. umpire.

At a recent meeting of the Maylands R.S.L. Mr. Harold Baker was chosen as their new hon. secretary, vice Mr. W. Graham, who recently resigned. Harold has been a very hard worker for the sub-branch for some time now, and should be an ideal man for the job.

Harry Pritlove, the new treasurer of Maylands sub-branch, has always put in a lot of time and good work on behalf of the organisation. We wish him a successful term as treasurer.

Readers will be very glad to hear that Joe Kemp, one of the stalwarts of the Maylands sub-branch, has recovered sufficiently from his recent serious illness to recommence his dental practice at Railway Terrace, Maylands.

The route march of the years has just carried two popular naval officers on to the retired list in the persons of the District Naval Officer, Commander R. G. Griffiths-Bowen, and his next in command, Lieut.-Commander Hatten. Both officers have had long association with the R.A.N. Commander Griffiths-Bowen was one of the first Australian casualties.
in the Great War, having been severely wounded at the taking of German New Guinea. Lieut.-Commander Hatten, who came to the Australian service from the Royal Navy, went to China during the Boxer rising, on the old gunboat Protector, and, of course, served during the Great War.

"Laugh and grow fat," is well-known advice, but Tom Towers, president of the re-formed sub-branch at Dumbleyung, is one of those happy wights who can laugh vigorously without running to avoid pox. Tom is the genial schoolmaster at Dumbleyung, but in his strenuous life he has played many other parts. He saw active service with the Yanks in Cuba in 1898, with a Bush Contingent in the Anglo-Boer War, during which his party just missed capturing Kruger when that shrewd old Dopper nicked off to Europe with the Transvaal treasury, and he held a captain's commission during the Great War. Tom has been many sorts of athlete in his day and is still a keen golfer and rifle-shot, with an eye for the right horse to carry a man's money on a Saturday afternoon. A son, who is following in Dad's footsteps, is an international rugby footballer who recently went to England with the famous "Waratahs."

The annual recommendation for the League's Certificate this year, as approved by Congress, goes to Mr. W. H. Melvin, J.P., of North Perth, who, as one-time Mayor of that suburban and good citizen generally has ever proved himself a valued friend of the sub-branch and a good supporter of all digger activities. He, with his good lady, are regular and honoured guests at all functions of the North-Perth sub-branch at whose instance the recommendation was made. The proposer and seconder of the resolution which Congress passed with acclamation were Archdeacon C. L. Riley and Mr. Dunn.

Among the Eastern States visitors to this year's Royal Show was Lieut.-Col. G. C. Somerville, C.M.G., D.S.O., now secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society, New South Wales. "Barney" Somerville, as he is known to his intimates, was born in Goulburn, N.S.W., in 1878, and was an officer of the Permanent Forces when war broke out in 1914. His service included Gallipoli and France and while abroad, besides wounds and promotions, and British decorations, he was awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre. He left the service to take up his present appointment in 1924.

The father of the State Executive is Alf. Pady of Fremantle, who has passed the allotted three score and ten with honours, being still hale, hearty and younger than many of his juniors. Alf, who soldiered with the 28th during the war, has been a member of every State Executive since the inception of the League, and has now been re-elected for his twentieth term of office. In his spare time, he is a very enthusiastic cricket umpire.

A member of last year's Executive, whose health debarring him from seeking re-election, is Dr. Cyril Bryan, a veteran of the South African War of 1899-1902, the Zulu Land Rising of 1906, and a gunner officer in the Great War. He completed his medical course after the war and had considerable experience in England with the Ministry for Pensions. In addition, he was formerly a member of the Perth City Council, and has built up a reputation for himself as a graceful and witty writer. His many friends are glad to see him about again, and the rousing reception he received the day he visited Congress leave but little doubt as to the esteem in which he is generally held.

MIDLAND JUNCTION

The Midland Junction sub-branch held its meeting in the R.S.L. rooms, Town Hall, on October 4. Invitations were received from Presbyterian and Methodist churches by the sub-branch for the members to attend services for Armistice Day. Unfortunately, there was not a big muster of members present. It was decided to attend the Methodist church. All members are requested, if possible, to notify the secretary or president if they are available for that service. As a gentle reminder that Poppy Day is close at hand, arrangements are to be made for a systematic canvass. Diggers of Midland, the women's auxiliary and sub-branch need your help to relieve the distress among the diggers. Buy a poppy. The secretary of the cricket club reported on the operations of the club for the past season and said that the prospects for the coming season were very bright. New members wishing to join the club are requested to notify the president of the sub-branch or J. F. Shanahan (secretary of the club). Bert Stephens gave a short review of the State Congress which he had attended as delegate for the sub-branch.

ALBANY

The monthly meeting was held on September 16 at 8 p.m. with Mr. E. Y. Butler, R.M., in the chair. An offer by Mr. St. Clare to do the piano up—not in—in return for the use of the hall for 6 Saturdays, was accepted. With reference to a solicitor's letter on the use of Australian copyrights, at entertainments the secretary was instructed to write and point out that all such entertainments run by this sub-branch were for charitable purposes only. As a result of the report of the social committee the secretary was instructed to forward a vote of thanks to Mr. W. H. Carson, late 16th Batt., for the splendid and interesting lecture on the Abyssinian question which he had given the previous week, one result of which was the raising of £1 1s. 4d. for our amelioration fund. The first social evening of the season proved a splendid success from all points and we hope to follow up with many others. The thanks of the sub-branch are tendered to all those who assisted in the effort to make the success it was.

Report of building sub-committee was received. After a long, serious, and earnest discussion it was resolved, "That this sub-branch take over the whole of the buildings and grounds on the condition that the succeed in modernising and equipping the property." This will be another big job, but Albany sub-branch is noted for tackling the big things. A new feature will be a debate with the local Toc H on the subject of Australian participation in the present conflict, and we take the affirmative side. Rumour has it that quite a run on historical and geographical books has been made just lately. Mr. F. Jacka was elected to the vacancy on the building sub-committee which occurred on the resignation of Mr. Lowe.

A very interesting lecture was given on September 3 in the R.S.L. Institute by Mr. W. H. Carson on the subject of Abyssinia. Quite a large number attended and the interest of all was obviously by the close attention which was given. The speaker tackled the question from the viewpoints of all the interested nations and it was clear to all that he had studied his subject very deeply. The applause at the close was proof, if proof were needed, that his listeners had appreciated his lecture. In moving a vote of thanks the sub-branch president, Mr. E. Y. Butler, said that he felt sure that the lecturer had given all his audience a far clearer view of...
on behalf of all those present and of the sub-branch. Our monthly meetings continue to be well attended, but members are urged to bring along more ex-service men, because we wish to have a go at the Shield next year.

DARLING RANGE
(‘By “Aussie Kala”)

The Darlings met in force on September 2. All members had been circularised to attend owing to the absence of two members at the previous meeting by vice-president Bob Nestor. The vital question being a desire to alter the by-laws to permit of more social life in our sub-branch, thereby causing increased interest. The motion was to the following effect “That the sub-branch hold meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month, business meeting to be quarterly, other-nights to be of social and entertaining nature. After some debate the motion was carried convincingly. It was thought the business of the sub-branch could be effectively done by committees and quarterly meetings. Now we trust that by meeting more in social than ever—sober vein it may be the means of improving and adding the moral or desirable in such an association. May it further be the cause of an increased membership roll.

Business relating to Armistice Dinner on November 11 and Poppy Day Appeal was discussed. The final arrangements will be attended to by the committee. We anticipate the dinner to be a “full” success and Poppy Day a most appealing one.

The local Anthony Williams arranged a bridge party recently, but it did not meet with the success of the original warriors’ bridge party. If I remember rightly, a bloke named “Hori tus” and a couple of other foundation members of the League originated the bridge party idea, and they had lots to accommodate. We had only three tables. If any readers feel genuine sympathy for us they can send cheques to our secretary who will acknowledge same.

COLLIE

Attendance at fortnightly meetings are still up to the average, though there has not been anything outstanding lately in the business dealt with. Messrs. H. May and H. Stuchbury were chosen as delegates to the 1935 Congress, but unfortunately Mr. May was not able to attend. The children’s ball, which was held on September 16, was a great success. The hall, which was very daintily decorated, was packed with parents and friends. I suppose a lady correspondent would say: “The dresses were gorgeous,” but I will content myself by saying that they were a credit to the taste and energy of those who made them, and that the children looked splendid. The kiddies were also very appreciative of the dainty supper which was served to them by the members of the women’s auxiliary (I very nearly wrote ladies), but I am informed more or less seriously that I must not use that term when speaking of the better half of the League organisation. However, every dog has his day, which is another way of saying that 27 of the members journeyed to Brunwick Junction on September 28 to pay our respects to that sub-branch and incidentally to meet our State President and secretary and others of the State Executive. Everyone was pleased to congratulate Mr. Yeates on his re-appointment. Mr. Benson was looking the same old D.M., though the writer had not seen him for upwards of fifteen years he looked much the same, except, perhaps, for an extra pound or two of avoindus. Mr. Wilkins was in great trim and his style was very attractive when responding to the toast of the Navy, Army and Air Force. Mr. H. May, country vice-president, spoke in great length and in great style on matters concerning the Re-patriation Act and members generally. The gathering broke up about 11 o’clock in great spirits, everyone feeling that the evening had been well spent.

WUBIN

“Abdul” writes—The annual picnic conducted by the Wubin-Jibberland-Bantune sub-branch was held on September 7 at Jibberland Rocks and was an unqualified success in every respect. Ideal weather prevailed, and a huge crowd of people, drawn from all surrounding districts, enjoyed themselves immensely. The programme was an excellent one and the prizes good. The president (Mr. J. A. Day) and secretary (Mr. Percy White) ably supported the committee, excelled themselves, and are deserving of the gratitude of the public in general for providing a day of excellent relaxation for adults and children. Among those present those to the best of our knowledge were the secretary and H. Peter, president and secretary of the Primary Producers’ Association.

PERTH

The sub-branch had as its speaker on September 24, the Town Planning Commissioner, Mr. D. L. Davidson. Mr. Davidson gave a very interesting lecture on the grouping of public buildings and accompanied his talk with very interesting lantern slides of the public buildings of great cities in all parts of the world. The members who attended listened to one of the most interesting lectures that the sub-branch has had the good fortune to arrange. It is to be sincerely hoped that these very edifying addresses do not command larger audiences.

There was the usual attendance of members at the general meeting on October 6, when quite a lot of business was done. The president, Mr. A. G. Eason, again occupied the chair, having returned from his very profitable kangaroo and emu shooting expedition. By the way, Alf, was accompanied on this trip by Albert Wilkins, the secretary of the Tramways sub-branch who, I believe, played havoc among the kangaroos earning himself the title of “one shot Wilky.” The cricketers are again waxing enthusiastic and many are optimistic to the extent that they are quite sure that this year’s cricket pennant will adorn the sub-branch offices.

At the second meeting (November 26) friendly games have been arranged with the I.O.O.F. Lodge at Victoria Park. It is to be hoped that members will turn up in full strength to help entertain the visitors. A suggestion that the sub-branch should secure accommodation outside of Anzac House is to be considered by the committee.

SOUTH PERTH

The malady of listlessness and apathy which seems periodically to attack even the best of sub-branches, and which had been in evidence in South Perth for some time past, appears to be responding to treatment, and it is with pleasure that we chronicle a revival of interest in the doings of the sub-branch. This is being manifested in a number of ways: a liberal sponsoring of new members, an increased attendance at meetings being very heartening.

The “piece de resistance” at the August meeting was an address by Brigadier Martyn who chose as his subject “Disarmament” and had an attentive audience. At the September meeting there were two guests of honour, the State President and Mrs. Cardell Oliver. After the formal business of the evening was over (election of delegates to Congress—Messrs. Abbott and Day, and the election of Mr. Johnson to the committee vice Mr. E. A. Richardson, resigned) the meeting became a combined one, the ladies of the women’s auxiliary joining in and swelling the attendance to well over 100. Mr. Yeates fell the pleasing duty of presenting Certificates of Service to Rod Beere and Tommy Thompson, the former having been treasurer of the sub-branch for 4 years, and the latter secretary for the best part of 3 years. The popularity of the two recipients of the presentation was evidenced by the hearty way in which they were accorded musical honour. The proceedings were then being followed with a hearty rendering of “Why were they born so beautiful?” Mr. Yeates then made presentations of tea-sets to three stalwarts of the women’s auxiliary, Messrs. Board, Stone and Smith, who have rendered years of man service in connection with the fortnightly dances held by the auxiliary and sub-branch in conjunction. The ladies also were
accorded musical honours to less hearty than those tendered to the men. Mr. Yeates was in his customary good form and in a short but amusing address urged his listeners to continue with the good work.

Mrs. Cardell Oliver gave a very bright talk of over half an hour's duration on her recent trip to Europe, touching more particularly on her pilgrimage to visit the Australian cemeteries on Gallipoli and conditions in Turkey today. She had brought with her some flower seeds from some of the 32 British military cemeteries on the Peninsula and a large number of members availed themselves of her kind offer of some of the seeds for planting in their gardens. A great deal of interest also was shown in the collection of photographs of cemeteries and memorials which Mrs. Cardell Oliver had brought along for inspection. After a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Yeates and Mrs. Cardell Oliver had been carried by acclamation the sub-branch orchestra (under the baton of Mr. W. A. Wilkins) provided the music for dancing. Supper was served by the ladies and games were indulged in to a late hour.

Congratulations were showered upon our genial past president (Fred Aberle) during the evening upon his election as delegate from the W.A. Branch to the forthcoming Federal Congress in Sydney.

Members are jubilant at the success of our "pup" in the Collett Shield Contest. The sub-branch won the Riley Shield in its first year of competition; and now our S.S.L. have repeated the performance by winning the Collett Shield the first year that it was competed for. Congratulations are extended to the boys themselves and to Oscar Bader and Wally Purnell who, as wardens, have had a lot to do with the boys' success.

MUNTADGIN

There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting on September 28, the president, Captain J. J. Hooper, being in the chair. The hon. secretary reported on the two final euchre parties in the series of eight, all of which had been financial and social successes. He also reported that donations had been made to the local hall fund, C.W.A. Hospital Appeal Fund and the Youth and Maternity Appeal Fund. A portrait of H.I.S. Majesty the King had been given to the school children, the presentation being made by the sub-branch president to the senior scholar at the school. The secretary also advised that he had made arrangements for a public gathering to be held in the near future in aid of the school library fund, and a talk by Mr. Chas. Latham, M.L.A., on his trip to the Jubilee celebrations. Receipts for the month were £2 0s. 2d. and disbursements £2 1s. 3d., leaving a balance of £7 6s. in hand. The condition of the desks and forms at the school came under discussion, and it was decided to protest against the practice of the Education Department in sending second-hand furniture to country schools, and also to support the local C.W.A. in their efforts to have better conditions made available in the Muntadin State School.

A challenge from the Muntadin Rifle Club for a shoot on October 20, although we would possibly do better with the bayonet, was accepted. Mr. Tom Hooper being elected as selector and Mr. A. J. Crawford as captain. Another fixture for October 28, the opening of the new school that afternoon. The programme is in the hands of the hon. secretary, so we hope for something original and expect an enjoyable evening.

NORTH PERTH

The Flower Show and Homecrafts Exhibition was held on Saturday, September 14. Members of the sub-branch and ladies started work at 8 a.m. and were there the whole day and night—afternoon and high teas were served in the lesser hall and the ladies in that section must be congratulated on the excellent way in which everything was carried out. Mrs. Richmond won both the McDowell trophy, awarded for gaining the most points in the Homecrafts Division, and a gold watch donated by Mr. Melvin in the Floral Section. Congratulations, Mrs. Richmond. The financial result of the fete was a profit of over £70. The next function was the exhibition in Anzac House: North Perth taking charge of the kitchen, serving luncheon, afternoon and high teas, the latter causing much fun dishing up hot dogs and hard boiled eggs. Delegates for Conference this year were Medesman Richmmond and Rigg. We are very pleased that our own president and secretary, Margaret Smith and Miss Smith, are again on the Executive Committee, and that Mrs. Stubberfield was elected a trustee.

A large number of our ladies were present at the social held at Anzac House in the evening of the first day of the Congress. We enjoyed meals in the country delegates and had a jolly evening with dancing and several items. Certificates of Service were presented to Mrs. Stubberfield and Mrs. Richmond.

The bridge evenings held on alternate Tuesday have, again commenced, the next one being held at the Oxford Bowling Club. They are being run by Mrs. Cliff who works most untringly and has arranged 13 tables for the first evening.

SUBLIACO

On October 3 the regular monthly meeting was held, there being a large attendance of members with President Bert Congdon in the chair. Confirmation was received of the appointment of sub-branch as sub-wardens for the Armistice year, and the Armistice Day is appointed for the coming year. Arrangements have been made for the holding of the Armistice Social, probably on Saturday, November 16. A charge will be levied on all members and visitors to meet expenses. At the meeting an appeal was made to all local residents for the gift of books, to go to the formation of a library for the use of patients in No. 11 Ward, Perth Hospital. So if this should catch the eye of anyone who can spare a few books, they can send them along. Sub-branch members are pleased to note that Colonel S. R. Roberts, a member of the sub-branch, has been appointed Chief Warden to the State War Memorial for the coming year. The handing over from Nelder sub-branch will take place on Armistice Day.

CLAREMONT

The president, Mr. C. H. Briggs, again had the pleasure of welcoming two new members at the monthly meeting, held in the Parish Hall, on October 3, and with the active cooperation of members we should be able at the end of the year to touch the 150 mark.

On Sunday, November 10, an Armistice Day service will be held in Christ Church, Claremont, at 7.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. J. Bell, who incidentally is a member of the sub-branch, and whose help throughout the year, although not broadcast, is very much appreciated. We trust that the attendance of members will be worthy of the occasion.

Arrangements for canvassing the district on Poppy Day are practically complete. The women's auxiliary are very keen on this work, and with their valuable assistance we are looking forward to establishing another record.

The members of the S.S.L. had a most enjoyable evening in the Drill Hall on September 25, the occasion being the visit of the Midland S.S.L. to take part in the games appertaining to the Colonel Collett Shield. The match resulted in a win for the home side, after which supper was disposed of. We are pleased to be able to say that the fathers of the majority of the boys are mem-
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bers of the R.S.L. Would these fathers please help the boys to remember the evenings the S.S.L. meets, the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in each month.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE

A gala night was being arranged for the opening of the Memorial Hall, which is rapidly nearing completion. Members were disappointed at not having better weather for the laying of the foundation stone. The sub-branch appreciates the help the ladies gave on that occasion in preparing and serving afternoon tea, which was very acceptable on such a boisterous afternoon.

At the next meeting, the sub-branch will welcome home, for the second time, the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield. Members should note that busy bees are being arranged for various small jobs about the new building for which it is hoped there will be no shortage of volunteers. The sub-branch congratulates Mr. Yeates on his re-election as State President, and to the members of the incoming State Executive.

BASSENDAN

At the fortnightly meeting held on October 3, the president (Mr. Grieve) had the pleasure of presiding over the biggest muster of members since the reconstruction of the sub-branch. The members were glad to see their member Mr. Shields amongst them again after his painful accident. The secretary (Mr. Leng) informed the sub-branch that a smoke social would be coming off in a few weeks time. Mr. Grieve kindly donated the Book of War Pictures (Memorial) to be disposed of as the Entertainment Committee thinks best.

BOULDER

The president, Mr. J. Sheridan, presided over a good attendance of members at the general meeting just before he left for Perth to represent the sub-branch at Congress. Several applications for distress relief received sympathetic consideration. The secretary reported that the necessary repairs to the billiard table were now completed, which included new cloth, cushions, cues, etc., to a total cost of £10, and that the table was now equal to the best in town. A good deal of discussion took place in regard to the appointment of a new caretaker, and it was finally decided that the final decision be left in the hands of the executive committee. It was decided to donate the sum of two guineas towards the portable X-Ray plant for the Government Hospital, Kalgoorlie. The president reported having in company with the secretary attended the last meeting of the Hospital Welfare Committee, and gave members present an outline of the business dealt with. The secretary reported on the number of pension cases dealt with during the past month, employment found, visits to sick members in hospital, and various other matters of interest.

The annual sweep on the Boulder Cup was again a huge success and the secretary sincerely thanks all members and supporters for the great assistance they rendered. The sub-branch owes a deep debt of gratitude and thanks Miss W. McDonald, Mrs. J. McMahon, Mrs. E. McMahon and Mrs. A. Wilson for the very valuable support they rendered during the period of the sweep. Messrs. V. Whiteley and T. Smith also were a tower of strength.

The executive committee is a happy family and the Wednesday night meetings are looked forward to with pleasure, especially when someone moves a "bob in" and standing orders are suspended for a brief interlude. Treasurer Syd. Hoare is now employed on the Trans. train and is popular with all the train crew. Vice-president Alex Wilson occupied the chair at last executive meeting and a good job he made of it. Next general meeting October 23.

BUCKLAND HILL

Last week a delegation from the Buckland Hill Road Board to request the allocation of a building site for the purpose of erecting a hall. The members were given a good hearing and were advised that the matter would receive due consideration. Already a building fund has been inaugurated, which, with the help of enthusiastic members of the district, should soon amount to a substantial deposit.

The increased attendance at the monthly meeting was decided encouraging and those present had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. In my last month's report I quoted Mack's forecast of the shoot with the Free Gardeners "a foregone conclusion." Let me state here that his conclusion was not justified for we were twilled to the tune of - I'd better not say. Of course, as Mack said, the fault was with the rifle. He had it from good authority that Arthur had inadvertently been using a square ramrod, with the result that the square bullets, which left the square muzzle, failed to reach their objective, owing to the rounded nature of the target. Be that as it may, Mack has taken the "gun" with the specific determination to put it in order and when that is done if any sub-branch in the metropolitan area care to observe how accurate 22 leaden missiles can be flung, let them just name terms, piece and time.

VICTORIA PARK

On Friday, September 20, in the Victoria Park Soldiers' Memorial Hall, the sub-branch held its monthly meeting. Vice-president Harry Taylor was in the chair. Quite a lot of useful business was quickly disposed of... and comrades Nicoll, Straw and Samels were elected to vacancies on the committee. Bowls, quoits and cards filled the remainder of the evening, the social committee provided the necessary refreshments. On Tuesday, October 1, delegates to the State Congress and the Women's Auxiliary Congress were the guests of the sub-branch. A grand roll up of town and country visitors was the result. Fred Mathews was M.C. and had arranged a fine programme of items while Streketon and Haynes Rythm Band provided the music for the dancing. All present voted the evening a great success. On Friday, October 4, the Victoria Park S.S.L. held a children's fancy dress ball... Over 200 children in every variety of costume made a wonderful sight as they danced or marched to Stockton and Haynes orchestra. Messames McKinlay and Hopperton acted as judges.

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and their decisions appeared to give general satisfaction. Many useful prizes were awarded to the children and our thanks are due to the donors of prizes and the supper. All Victoria Park ex-service men are reminded that the third Friday each month is digger's night, and a hearty welcome awaits them.

**MOUNT HELENA**

On Saturday, October 19, we had a much looked for visit from the Neldans sub-branch "Digger Darkies," this being their performance in Mt. Helena and the form of entertainment not too well known by the present generation was much appreciated by a large audience. A serial chart among the diggers and some light refreshment were followed by a dance, music for which was generously provided by the minstrel orchestra. The writer having taken part in digger minstrel 30 years ago in 'outback' goldfields and southwestern townships as "Brother Jones," heartily congratulates Neldans sub-branch on their very excellent show. Mt. Helena sub-branch wishes them all the best of luck in their further efforts.

**WEST LEEDERVILLE**

Arrangements are now being finalised for the Poppy Day appeal. A large staff of helpers is required and the secretary would be pleased to hear from members or any ladies who are willing to assist, the auxiliary during the day.

Permission has been received to conduct a raffle club and tickets are now available at 3d. each. The ten prizes are good ones and members are urged to press the sale of tickets. Any member not holding a book can obtain one from the secretary or Mr. H. Peters, Woolwich Street. The committee would be pleased to receive a donation from any member who is unable to sell tickets.

After the last meeting members entertained visitors from the Claremont sub-branch, and it was a very merry gathering. The sub-branch won the table tennis, draughts and bridge: Claremont winning the quotas and shooting. President Briggs claimed that his team's success in the latter games was due to their steady nerves during the hard going.

A new member, Mr. Parker, joined up on meeting night—he comes to us from Outback with a good reputation as a sub-branch worker.

It was pleasing to see Messrs. Beckham, Conlan and Hart at the meeting; they have been unable to attend recently on account of sickness and other causes.

Amongst the absentees were Messrs. Watt (away in the East on a Master Printers' Conference), Jose (at Bunbury), Paterson (A.W.L.), and Ingle, who has been noticed early and late since the opening of his new business premises in Wellington Street. We wish him every success in his venture.

The secretary reported a record attendance at the last bridge evening: 20 tables being in use. This is excellent and if the attendance continues to grow extra accommodation will be necessary.

**MAYLANDS**

Meeting are held fortnightly at the Lesser Town Hall, Maylands, commencing at 7.30 p.m. At the last meeting president W. J. Lovell gave his Club talk, which was very impressive. Alf. Cook is the new editor of the local paper, "The All Quiet," who would be glad of any news from members.

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**CONGRESS, 1935**

A fitting prelude to our Eighth Annual Conference was the laying of the wreath on the State War Memorial before attendance at Anzac House. The delegates were received by Mr. J. Nigholston, M.L.C., the warden and Messrs. Wood and Maddaford, sub-warden. After the wreath had been laid by the State President, Mrs. McKinlay, members filed past and paid their silent tribute.

Conference was held in the supper room which thoughtful hands had made bright with vases of poppies. Flowers were also presented later to Lady Mitchell, Mrs. McKinlay and Mrs. Hopperston. The Conference was opened by Mr. Yeates. After the presidential address Lady Mitchell made the presentation of Cups. Collie won the Wilson Cup for less than a year's work, but yet outstandingly the winner. The Hopperston Cup was won by Press, whose auxiliary membership is only 14. North Perth and Narrogin as last year's winners, received small ëups as a memento.

Among the visitors to Congress were the following, who each spoke a word

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of greeting:—Rabbri Freedman (Soldiers' Scholarship Trust Fund), Mr. J. Nicholson (Red Cross Society), Mrs. Lawrence (Maimed and Limbless), Mrs. Dean (F.U.S.W.), and Mr. Philp (R.S.L. Trustees). In the afternoon, Mr. C. Taylor attended and advised upon motions dealing with Repatriation matters. Mr. Cornell, as returning officer, outlined the method of voting and the appointment of scrutineers.

There were 85 delegates at Conference. Of the 95 items on the agenda, 40 were passed. The majority of these were dealt with during the second day, the first day being taken up with the opening, State Executive and sub-branch reports, all of which proved most interesting and instructive to delegates. Certificates of Service were presented to two well-known members of North Perth auxiliary, Mesdames Stubberfield and Richmond, just before the close of Conference.

The following will serve on the State Executive during the coming year:—State President, Mrs. J. McKinlay; vice-presidents, Mesdames V. Stockmin and H. L. Downe; State Secretary, Mrs. H. Hopperton; assistant secretary, Mrs. D. Pike; trustees, Mesdames Pendergast, Kirby and Stubberfield; committee, Miss Hawtin, Mesdames James, Randell, Stone, Dorian, Gregor, Henderson, Middleton, Harding and Taylor. Mrs. T. C. Wilson retains her office as past president, and Mrs. Wellard was elected as country vice-president.

Social Functions

On the Monday evening of Conference auxiliary members and delegates attend a united auxiliary social in the Anzac House ballroom. There were over 300 present. Dancing was very popular and encores were numerous. The Mine Carlo was won by Mesdames Shand and Underwood of Subiaco. The lucky supper ticket was held by Mrs. H. E. Smith of West Leederville.

The items contributed were much appreciated, the artists being Mrs. Webster (recitations), Mesdames Yiend and Styles (humorous song), Mesdames Yiend and Henderson (duet), and Mrs. Jacobs (songs). Mesdames R. Irvine and C. H. Golding played for the dancing.

During the evening the trophies won for most points in the Exhibition were presented by Mrs. McKinlay, also Certificates of Service to Mesdames Ketterer and Perry, of Nedlands, and Mesdames Walter and Wellard, of Wagin. Supper was served by members of the State Executive, assisted by members of the Victoria Park and South Perth auxiliaries.

On Tuesday evening the Victoria Park sub-branch and auxiliary entertained Congress delegates in the new Memorial Hall. A most enjoyable evening was spent, a very pleasant relaxation after a strenuous day. The thoughtful gesture on the part of Victoria Park was greatly appreciated and will be long remembered.

A good programme of British pictures was enjoyed by delegates on the Wednesday evening as guests of the Westralian Cinemas, Ltd., at the Regent Theatre.

On Thursday afternoon the delegates were the guests of the F.U.S.W., at their monthly meeting. The accommodation of the supper room was taxed to its utmost, as there were nearly 400 women present. Mrs. H. Dean extended a cordial welcome to all the guests, and asked Mrs. T. C. Wilson, their old friend, to give an address. The subject chosen was "Woman, the Homemaker and the Citizen." Mrs. Wilson urged all mothers to remember the children's hour in the day. The influence of that hour with them would mean much to them in the future. A woman must be a citizen as well as a homemaker. No matter how little she did, it was her influence that counted. If one shirked her duty, however small, it meant a flaw in the scheme of things as a dropped stitch mars the whole of a knitted garment.

A pleasant programme of music and recitations was contributed during the afternoon by Mesdames Clear and Lewis, Mr. S. Lynch, Miss L. Barber (songs), Miss Brennan (recitation), and Miss Alice Heydon (pianist). While afternoon tea was being served the gathering received a visit from Mr. Yeates, Archdeacon Riley and Mr. Male, of Port Augusta R.S.L.

Congress Ball

The Congress Ball was a fitting finish to the week's activities. A number of R.S.L. and auxiliary delegates were noticed among the dancers. Although the attendance was not up to expectations,
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this did not in any way detract from the enjoyment of the evening. Owing to the indisposition of Mr. Ross, Mr. Bresland kindly acted as M.C.; Mrs. Bates' orchestra was in attendance, and dancing was both old-time and modern.

Supper was handed round by members of the State Executive, who had also prepared it during the afternoon. The balance sheet is not yet complete, as all monies are not to hand, but it is hoped that it will be possible to show it next month with a small sum to the credit of the Anzac House Building Fund.

THE THIRD ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Seldom has the ball room looked more attractive than it did on the day of our exhibition. The horticultural section, with its masses of beautiful blooms and daintily decorated tables, extended the whole length of the hall. Alongside were tables laden with all sorts of delectable cookery exhibits, more numerous and (according to the judge) of a higher standard than previous years. The other sections had their articles tastefully displayed, the trestle tables having been converted into stalls by willing hands (male) the evening before. Attractive stalls filled up the intervening spaces, these being stocked by the auxiliary in charge of each. On the stage was a special exhibit by Subiaco of a doll's wedding, complete with church porch and military escort. Alongside was the flower stall in charge of Bayswater auxiliary. Subiaco's stall was laden with novelty dolls; Mt. Lawley's with jams and pickles. South Perth were responsible for the cake stall. Hessian novelties made by members of Press were easily disposed of, and Victoria Park's doyley stall was also popular. In the supper room North Perth not only provided afternoon teas, but were busy from early forenoon to evening catering for the stewards and stall holders.

There was a large attendance at the opening ceremony which was performed by Lady Mitchell. Her Excellency spoke at length on the splendid idea of holding such an exhibition—even the humblest household tasks were an achievement when done well, and members should be proud of their cookery prizes. It was indeed cheering to find that the auxiliaries were doing so much to help the sick and disabled soldiers, and their dependants and their efforts were to be commended.

The stalls did brisk business during afternoon and evening. What remained at closing time was auctioned by Mr. Blight, of North Perth. Although it was a one-day exhibition the stewards, stall-holders, secretary and treasurer were busy all week and great credit is due to them for the efficient way in which they carried out their work of preparing and arranging the display. The excellence of the exhibits showed, too, how many hours of patient and careful handwork had been expended by the competitors during the past months, most of them being busy mothers.

The trophies for the greatest number of entries in each section were won as follows:—Flowers, Mrs. Newmarch; cookery, Mrs. Dinning; needlework, Mesdames Halse, George and McIlwraith; thrift, Mrs. Martins; woollens, Mrs. Cassells; handicrafts, Mrs. Martins; photography, Mrs. Purcher; decorated table, Mrs. McIlwraith; finest photographic exhibit, West Leederville auxiliary.

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A mock wedding in which Captain Rokeby, R.S.L., was united to Miss Suby Auxiliary, was celebrated in the presence of the ladies of the auxiliary and members of the sub-branch on September 21, by the Rev. B. Good. The various parts were played by members of the auxiliary who acquitted themselves well, especially those who donned the guise of masculinity for the occasion. The wedding breakfast was followed by musical items and dancing. Misses Jacobs, Wearne and Hackfath contributed songs, and Mrs. Cribb recited. The auxiliary is justifiably proud of gaining seventeen prizes in the recent exhibition for which members worked hard. Subiaco’s novelty stall was the centre of attraction. Special thanks are due to Mrs. Anderson for her instruction in doll and toy-making, and to Mr. H. L. Downes for the use of a room at the Council Chambers during recent activities. Membership is steadily increasing.

COLLIE
(By “Arem”)

The Collie auxiliary held a most successful function on September 16 in the form of a children’s nursery rhyme ball. The results exceeded all expectations. All members worked tirelessly under the capable organisar, Mrs. Gillies, smt. The judges, Mrs. Bartlett (the Mayoress) and two strangers to Collie in Messrs. R. Attey and C. Stanwell, had a most difficult task, and their decisions were received with entire satisfaction. Supper being served to the children at an early hour the floor was given over to the adults for dancing.

It is impossible to restrain the exuberance of members’ enthusiasm on their magnificent effort in winning the Wilson Cup; and this really on about ten months’ work and in their first year of existence. We feel, however, that the wonderful reports tendered by the secretary (Mrs. E. Marshall) did much towards bringing the Cup to Collie. Members are now trying to decide on what brand of champagne they will fill the Cup with.

On October 12, a very successful and enjoyable function took place at Hamilton Creek, a few miles out of Collie. At this place a hall of sons has been constructed by Mr. Carter, the resident engineer for the Railway Construction camp for use of workers engaged in the railway deviation work. The sub-branch co-operating with the Collie group of Mr. H. undertook to look after the welfare and social side of these workers’ lives, and the first function took place in the shape of a community concert. Probably the greatest surprise of the evening was the supper tendered by the auxiliaries after the concert, the size and daintiness of which was only equalled by the amount of work they put into the job.

The forthcoming flower and industrial show, which is an annual event of the sub-branch, is due on the 7th, 8th and 9th November, and auxiliaries are working hard on the stalls they are to superintend—produce, gift, bran tub, lucky number, refreshment and mystery lady.

Just by way of a finishing touch this year an annual ball is being inaugurated by the sub-branch, and will take place on November 11. It will take the form of an Armistice fancy dress and masked ball. Auxiliaries have promised their aid in putting in as many sets as possible, and their ingenuity is being taxed regarding the costumes and type of set.

The president, Mrs. R. Morrison, visits the local hospital every Thursday, accompanied by one member in her turn. Each patient in the hospital receives eggs and oranges and all returned men receive either tobacco or cigarettes and matches. At present members are busily engaged in making bed jackets for the patients, and quite a large quantity have so far been delivered. This particular item will prove an all-year-round job.

VICTORIA PARK

Preparations are well in hand for the coming Auxiliary Fair, which will take place on October 26, and will be opened at 3 p.m. in the afternoon by the Lady Mayoress, Miss Teather, at the Memorial Hall, Salford Street.

Other auxiliaries are invited to pay us a visit on this occasion. On October 1, we were entertained by the sub-branch to a social and dance, the occasion being to welcome the Congress delegates and give them an opportunity to see our new hall. The programme arranged by Mr. Fred Mathews and H. Taylor, was a varied and entertaining one. Items were rendered by Cliff Sanderson—from the Leving (conjuror and ventriloquist), Mrs. Holmes (Trot and Cossy), Mrs. Cox (song), a monologue by Fred Mathews, Mrs. Smith of Beverley (songs), and a humorous sketch by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Matthews. Dancing filled the gaps, and there was no time to sit down during the evening. A cushion, raffled, was won by ticket No. 706. We congratulate those on giving us such a good night. Some delegates had to walk home—they lost their last bus—it was rumoured, but they said they would not have missed it for anything. Mrs. McKillop (President) and Mrs. Hopperston and others were present from the Executive. We also have to thank Mr. McIntosh, who has donated us a full-length mirror for our auxiliary dressing room. These functions are proving very successful.

The mandolin guitar, donated by Mrs. McIntosh, to raffle for our funds, was won by Miss Beckwith, with ticket No. G30.

CARLISLE

There was a good attendance at the meeting on October 14, Mrs. Dyson, president, was in the chair. The American Tea that followed was in the form of a sale, each member bringing gifts and buying freely. The inklings, donated by Mrs. Cabe, was raffled and won by ticket No. 51. Dancing and vocal items were enjoyed by Mrs. Williams acting as pianist. We had much pleasure in welcoming Mrs. Tolmie, president of the Victoria Park auxiliary, R.S.L.

The children’s fancy dress ball, run by the sub-branch, was largely attended, the dainty supper was prepared by the members of the auxiliary. A card afternoon was held on September 23, Mrs. Nicoll kindly lending her home for the occasion. The lucky tickets were won by Messrs. Croft and Kerns. Mrs. Nicoll donated the prizes. It was arranged to hold a card afternoon in the Carlisle Hall on Monday, October 28, admission sixpence.

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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Supper Room, Town Hall, Maylands</td>
<td>Alt. Thursdays, 7.30 p.m. (pension/week)</td>
<td>W. J. Lovell, 98 Sixth Ave., Maylands</td>
<td>W. G. Graham, Maylands</td>
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<td>MIDLAND JUNCTION</td>
<td>Town Hall Committee Room</td>
<td>3rd Thursday</td>
<td>R. Vickery, Victoria St., Midland Junction</td>
<td>H. B. Stephen, 19 Amherst Road, West Midland Junction</td>
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<td>MOORA</td>
<td>Road Board Room, Moora</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>F. H. Boyce, Moora</td>
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<td>MOUNT MARSHALL</td>
<td>Rd. Bd. Hall, Bencubbin</td>
<td>Third Sunday, alt. month</td>
<td>E. H. Rice, Bencubbin</td>
<td>V. M. Greagh,</td>
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<td>MOUNT LAWLEY</td>
<td>Wallish Hall, Grosvenor Road, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>O. J. Williams, 31</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON MILLS</td>
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<td>Every Alternate Sunday</td>
<td>T. E. King, Mornington Mills</td>
<td>A. R. Wood, 127</td>
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<td>NARROGIN</td>
<td>Soldier's Institute</td>
<td>2nd Sale Day, Monthly</td>
<td>T. Sten, Schoolmaster, Narrogin</td>
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<td>NEDLANDS PARK</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building, Broadway, Nedlands</td>
<td>Second Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>J. M. W. Anderson, 33 Tyrell Street, Nedlands</td>
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<td>NEWDEGATE</td>
<td>Newdegate</td>
<td>Every 3rd Friday, 2.30 p.m.</td>
<td>D. G. Kinlock, Newdegate</td>
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<td>NORTH-EAST</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle</td>
<td>2nd Thursday</td>
<td>Lieut-Colonel G. P. W. Meredith, Artillery Barracks</td>
<td>J. H. Kane,</td>
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<td>FREMANTLE</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>L. F. Ash, Northampton</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Avon Bridge Hotel, Northam</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. F. Robertson, c/o Court House, Northam</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe St. (off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. James, 21 Marian Street, Leederville</td>
<td>McMurray,</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. G. Emmouf, Australian War Memorial House, Perth</td>
<td>A. Glance,</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>(Office hours 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Mondays, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>B. A. Bell, 469 Murray Street, Perth</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Anzac House</td>
<td>1st Saturday, 10.30 p.m.</td>
<td>W. E. Elston, Pithara</td>
<td>A. J. Hawkins, 24</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
<td>Billiard Saloon</td>
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<td>T. Cowan, Yarning</td>
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<td>POPANYINNING</td>
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<td>L. E. Talpin, Pr. Hedland</td>
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<td>PILBARA</td>
<td>Port Hedland</td>
<td>First Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. R. F. Kehdi, quairading</td>
<td>Geo. S. Mellor,</td>
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<td>WAIRADING AND</td>
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<td>H. Stockdill, Ravens</td>
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<td>RAVENSTHORPE</td>
<td>Miners' Arms Buildings, Morgan Street</td>
<td>4th Thursday</td>
<td>Gordon Day, 151 Angelo Street, South Perth</td>
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<td>SOUTH PERTH</td>
<td>Public Hall, Swan Street</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>L. E. Talpin, Pr. Hedland</td>
<td>&quot;West Australian&quot;</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Roeby Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. R. F. Kehdi, quairading</td>
<td>R. H. MacLean,</td>
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<td>TAMBELLUP</td>
<td>Road Board Hall</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Stockdill, Ravens</td>
<td>East Pitha, Tel.</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
<td>4th Sunday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. W. Walker, Yelbeni</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YELBENI</td>
<td>Trayning (3) Yelbeni (1) Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Jas. Cox, 201 Washington Street, Victoria Park</td>
<td>C. J. Mcgarrigal,</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Vic., Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. Earnshaw, Taxation Department</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Yelbeni, Anzac House</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. E. Smith, 166 Railway Parade, West Leederville</td>
<td>E. J. Gregan, Pr.</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTINE,</td>
<td>Each place alternatively</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. H. B. Lawton, Yelering</td>
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<td>JIBBERDING</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, alt. months</td>
<td>S. Hardwick, Avon Terr.</td>
<td>W. A. Cadwallader,</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE</td>
<td>Yelbeni, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, Quarterly</td>
<td>B. O. Read, Korrelocking</td>
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<td>YEALERING</td>
<td>Comm'H Tel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. Cookan, Hamel</td>
<td>H. J. Hains, 97</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. E. Smith, 166 Railway Parade, West Leederville</td>
<td>Blencowe Street,</td>
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<td>WYALKATECHM</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>1st Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. H. B. Lawton, Yealering</td>
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**R.S.L. Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliaries**

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<th>VICTORIA PARK</th>
<th>R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Albany Road</th>
<th>4th Friday, 7.30 p.m.</th>
<th>Mrs. E. Tolmie, 88</th>
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## Associations of Ex-Service Men

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<td>BLIND SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>When necessary</td>
<td>D. M. Benson, Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Mrs. W. James, 19 Marion St, Leederville</td>
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<td>11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m. on 11th of month</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard's Ave, Leederville</td>
<td>C. Pilley c/o, Vetters &amp; Co., Murray St, Perth</td>
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<td>FORTY-FOURTH ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>As advertised</td>
<td>Annual Reunion, Tuesday of Show Week</td>
<td>Col. C. H. Lamb, Victoria House, St. George's Terrace, Perth</td>
<td>P. C. Rogers, 65 Fairfield St, Mr. Hawthorn</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHT BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
<td>2nd Monday</td>
<td>Lt.-Col. I. E. Dunkley, 86 Angrove St, North Perth</td>
<td>W. C. Armstrong, 20 Ruaisp St, West Leederville</td>
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<td>10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>Tom Kidd, Kitchen Ave, West Subiaco</td>
<td>R. W. Perry, c/o, Repat. Department</td>
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### UNIT ASSOCIATIONS

#### 32nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the 32nd Battalion (A.I.F.) Association was held at Anzac House on October 14, when there was a representative gathering of 40 members.

The matter of a representation of this Battalion Association at the festivities in September, 1936, when Adelaide centenary celebrations will be held, was discussed, and about 12 members signified their intention of making the trip. The 32nd Battalion A.I.F. Club in Adelaide is arranging accommodation and preparing a wonderful entertainment programme for the W.A. diggers of the 32nd, who will visit Adelaide at that time. The fares will be considerably reduced, and the trip should be a very cheap one.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. R. T. Alexander; vice-presidents: Metropolitan, J. J. Andrew, J. R. Johnston, C. Beckley; Goldfields, Chas. Massey; Fremantle, W. Flindell; Country, R. A. Geddes; hon. secretary, L. D. Lobascher; assistant hon. secretary, F. R. Turton; hon. treasurer, W. E. Junner; hon. auditor, W. C. Napier; committee, S. Gordon, C. Bubb, R. Murray, J. Rutherford, J. Herlihy, W. O'Shea.

The retiring president, in his report, mentioned the loss of two of our comrades during the year—Sergeant Luly and Colonel T. Elton, and the meeting stood in two minutes silence in their memory. Eulogistic comment was made regarding the flourishing state of the Association’s finances. The officers who had worked for the interests of the Association were warmly toasted by various speakers, and the health of the retiring president and the hon. secretary was drunk to musical honours.

The Association is endeavouring, in the coming year, to extend its membership, and it is asked that any man who served at any time with the 32nd Battalion A.I.F. get in touch, at an early opportunity, with the hon. secretary, Mr. D. Lobascher, No. 27 2nd Floor, Economic Chambers, Perth.

#### EX-MACHINE GUNNERS’ ASSOCIATION

The ex-Machine Gunners’ Association conducted another highly successful evening at Gregson’s Mart, Murray Street, on October 9, the occasion being the annual reunion. The State executive of the R.S.L. was represented by Mr. F. Aberle.

Before commencing the festivities the annual meeting of the Association was held, but the business was quickly completed by the re-election of the retiring officers. Mr. E. S. Everett will continue in the presidential office. Messrs. H. Day and W. Gregson were elected vice-presidents, and Mr. L. J. Parks continues as hon. secretary. A feature of the evening was an excellent programme of films provided by courtesy of Mr. A. Lightfoot, of Fox Films. Musical items were supplied by Mr. H. Mundy and his party, Mr. Billy Edwards and Dr. Donald Smith. Those present did full justice to the liberal supper while reminiscences were exchanged among growing brassies. Mr. Gregson and those contributing to the programme were heartily thanked for their generous assistance.

#### 112th HOWITZER BATTERY

The 112th Battery held the second quarterly smoke social on October 12, at Anzac House. There was a good representative gathering of ex-members, which included several country members. Mr. Bill Lollan, the chairman, very ably assisted by Alec Cunningham and Wally Masters, conducted the evening’s entertainment to the satisfaction of every one present. Songs were contributed by Messrs. Fred Yeomans (16th Battery), Fred Cunningham, Peter McElone and others, interspersed with old war songs. Comrades exchanging reminiscences of their active service days in France, Belgium or Egypt caused much hilarity. The whole of the Battery wish to convey to the staff of Anzac House every sincere thanks for the facilities and conveniences afforded them. It was proposed and carried that the next smoke-oh take place at Anzac House on January 27, 1936, at 8 p.m. Send in name and address to Mr. Alec Cunningham, House and Land Agent, Albany Road, Victoria Park.

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