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PIERRE RONSARD, one of the earliest and most delightful of French poets has said "Time stays tis we who go." Perhaps this is why old soldiers fade away and summer has entered so reluctantly of late. There is always a tinge of sadness about the passing of an era, or even a year, and this aspect has been brought out by another French poet who declared that a parting was a little death. But while the poet and the moralist may lament the passing, the practical man, and we all like to think we are practical men, uses the occasion for a stocktaking of blessings and progress, and for the formation of plans for the future.

The year generally has not been a bad one for the country or the League. Economists tell us that the worst of the depression is over. Unfortunately the man on the land, on whose prosperity the prosperity of the country is based, is still in the throes of difficulty and, though schemes for rural rehabilitation have been formulated, one would like to see Governments more active in applying these plans. Side by side with the relief schemes have appeared suggestions for expanding our markets overseas, and conferences at which our producers have been asked to accept reduction of the sales of meat and other commodities in the British market. Next year will certainly be an important one from the standpoint of overseas trade. The Ottawa Agreements will undergo revision and, perhaps, profound modification, for a growing body of public opinion insists that the time is ripe for Australia to conclude trading agreements with other countries.

In the international sphere, we have seen the rearming of Germany and Italy's defiance of the League of Nations. Fortunately, German rearmament has marched in step with the growth of friendship relations between Germany and the Empire, a new spirit of mutual understanding which, in all probability, will be extended to include France. In the case of Italy, it has generally been admitted that the League of Nations is on trial. So far, the League has stood the test well. After all, the League is still in the experimental stage and for the first time in its history it has had to apply in modified form the sanctions provided for in the League Covenant. Italy's reaction, especially to the threat of extending the embargo to oil, is sufficient evidence of the severe economic blow that has been dealt her. As we go to Press, the cables are full of the prospects of an early peace. The fact that peace can be discussed at this time shows that lack of success in the field, combined with the effects of the sanctions, have reduced Italy to a more reasonable frame of mind. One may hope, and the hope would not appear to be based on undue optimism, that peace will be concluded before the end of the year.

Coming nearer home, our own League has had a most successful year. In the purely domestic sphere, we have held our first congress in our new home, Anzac House. The Anzac Club has overcome the many difficulties that attended its formation, and has also had a successful year, both socially and financially. But more important than the social side is that of improving the lot of the aging and incapacitated ex-service man. In this respect, the Western Australian Branch may congratulate itself on one outstanding success. Many months ago, The Listening Post published an editorial advocating the claims of the man who has become prematurely aged through his war service, the "burnt-out" man as the Canadians so expressively put it. The matter was taken up by both State and Federal Congress, with the result that the proposals of this Branch are embodied in the Repatriation Act Amendment Bill now before Federal Parliament. The League has also consistently advocated an adequate defence policy for Australia. The recent provisions for expansion in the defence estimates have been entirely due to this advocacy, for they are part of a general scheme of reconstruction which was in operation and would have continued irrespective of what is happening at Geneva and in Africa. But, even with the additions to various services, these are still below the strength in personnel and equipment shown in the establishments of the year that preceded the drastic reduction during the depression. Mention of defence reminds us that through service transfers and retirements, Western Australia loses two good friends, temporarily we hope. Commander Griffiths-Bowen, the District Naval Officer, retires at the end of the year, and Brigadier A. M. Martyn, the District Commandant, is for transfer to a similar appointment in South Australia. They have both been good friends and active members of the League and we wish them both the best of all good fortune.

In conclusion we would extend the season's greetings to all readers, advertisers and critics, especially the latter, for they do render good service by keeping the paper up to the collar. That you and all yours may have an enjoyable Christmas and New Year, happier and more prosperous than any of its predecessors, is the earnest wish of the Editor and staff of The Listening Post.
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16th December, 1935

EARL JELLYCOE

Another of the great war leaders has gone to his long last rest. John Rushworth Jellicoe, first Earl Jellicoe, was born at Southampton on December 5, 1859. He served as a lieutenant in the Egyptian War, which culminated in the victory of Tel-el-Kebir in 1882, and was chief staff officer and commander of the mixed naval brigade of the Allied Force which relieved the legations at Pekin during the Boxer Rising of 1900. Quiet efficiency rather than spectacular brilliance was the keynote of his character. He was director of naval ordnance from 1905 to 1907, and second-in-command of the Atlantic Fleet, 1907-1908. He was gazetted K.C.V.O. in 1907 and in the same year was promoted to flag rank. From 1908 to 1910, he was third sea lord of the Admiralty, being in charge of the construction of ships, under Sir John Fisher. Then, after commanding the Atlantic Fleet, 1910-1911, and the 2nd Squadron of the Home Fleet, 1911-1912, he was again at the Admiralty as second sea lord.

On the outbreak of the Great War, Sir John Jellicoe was appointed to the command of the Grand Fleet. He did not belong to one of the great naval families of England, and so far his name was little known outside the service. His strategy embodied measures for the defeat of the German employment of mines, submarines and torpedoes. In the memorandum he submitted to the Admiralty on October 30, 1914, he stated that he would aim at fighting in the northern portion of the North Sea, and would assume, if the enemy turned away, that the intention was to lead him over mines and submarines, when he would refuse to be so drawn. This plan was approved by the Admiralty and carried out at Jutland.

During his period of command, he overcame immense difficulties. Scapa was defenceless and open to submarine attack. The Grand Fleet at the outset was poorly equipped. Its organisation was carried to a high point of material efficiency, and constant sweeps were executed to cover the cruiser forces watching the northern entrance to the North Sea and blockading Germany.

Jellicoe fought only one battle, that of Jutland, May 31, 1916. Round that battle has raged a controversy almost as bitter as the war itself. Until all the details were published, there was a tendency to blame Jellicoe for overcaution, and to belaud the more daring Beatty at his expense, but the winning of the war depended on keeping the Grand Fleet intact as far as possible. It was the first battle in history between two highly organised fleets provided with modern equipment. Therefore, there were many factors hitherto untested which had to be reckoned with. Owing to incomplete information and misleading information from the Admiralty, the battle commenced with Jellicoe under the impression that the German Admiral Scheer was still in port and that all the Grand Fleet had to contend with was another cruiser raid like those of the previous year. The weather also favoured the Germans who were able to escape in the mist. The heavy British losses were also a source of disappointment. For the first time in recent naval history, a weaker fleet, with only 21 Dreadnoughts against 37, inflicted twice its own loss in tonnage of ships sunk and in casualties upon the greater. Jellicoe explained after the battle that his ammunition was defective, and that his tactics were dominated by the wish to keep the battle fleet intact, because of its supreme importance for the victory of the Allies in the war. The soundness of this course is admitted by Mr. Winston Churchill in the statement, "Jellicoe was the only man on either side who could have lost the war in an afternoon." It was only after the publications of vindications of Jellicoe’s tactics by Admiral Sir Reibnald Bacon and Admiral J. E. Harper, that there was a strong revulsion of feeling in his favour.

But whatever politicians and land critics might have thought Jellicoe retained the confidence of both the Navy and the nation. On November 28, 1916, he became first sea lord and went to London, to organise measures against the German U-boat menace. Zealous and energetic to a degree, he has been criticised for doing the work of his subordinates in this office, but here again, it must be remembered that he was meeting new conditions with new and untried weapons. He could not afford to fall down on the job, nor could he afford to let anyone else fall down. At the end of the war he was raised to the peerage, and received the thanks of the nation and a grant of £50,080. From 1920 to 1924, he was Governor-General of New Zealand, and he succeeded Earl Haig as

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CONSCRIPTION REFERENDUMS

During the past month, while all manner of interested but uninteresting persons have been prating about peace, frequent references have been made to the anti-conscription campaign in Australia. "Campaign" is quite a good word in this instance. It is amusing to hear the pacifism which passes all understanding, adopt the phraseology of war, but more amusing still is the assumption that there was something heroic in opposing a proposal which would have been accepted with little demur had the Government of the day had the courage to impose conscription, as Britain, Canada and New Zealand did, without making the matter a subject for referendum. The advocates of peace at any price, even the price of the fundamental decency, have told us so often that the troops on active service gave a majority vote against conscription on two occasions that men of the A.I.F. have accepted the statement without question. The men on service who voted against conscription did so for many reasons other than those of pacifism. Some had a healthy contempt for the fellow who had to be forced to do his duty and did not want men of that type beside them in a dangerous situation. Others wanted the A.I.F. to retain the honour of being the last voluntarily-enlisted force in the field. Others again did not wish to see Australia denuded of men, fearing that Japan would take advantage of the position. This suspicion concerning a loyal ally was vigorously fomented by anti-conscriptionists in Australia and was conveyed to soldiers abroad in letters from home.

While both referendums were being taken, Corps Orders expressly forbade anything in the shape of what we would have called "electioneering" in those days, and propaganda now. Doubtless the order was infringed by both "pros" and "ants," but in effect the "ants" had what the troops call an open go. The system of exemptions could not be explained officially to the men, and at least one politician in khaki was impelled to leave a safe seat at Horseferry Road and go to France, as a private in the Army Service Corps, to organise a huge vote against conscription. He was back at Horseferry Road within three weeks.

What the purblind pacifists of these days forgets, or wilfully ignores, is that the anti-conscription vote, as far as it was registered by men on active service, was not a pacifist vote, and those who voted that way still retained their healthy

TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS

We have on numerous occasions appealed to contributors to send us legible copy, but with little success. We are now reluctantly compelled to advise that we will in future refuse to accept—

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contempt for the "conchy" and the slacker. Nevertheless, that view, if view it be and not the mental myopia of the propagandist, was put forward by the egregious Collings of Queensland during the debate in the Senate on the sanctions. After stating that the conscription referendums in 1916 and 1917 were rejected by members of the Australian Imperial Force then on active service, this Senator who did not see active service, though for some reasons or other one of his own party described him as the gamest man in Australia, went on to say, "I want to convey to the Senate what their (the troops') actual opinion was as to the duty of Australia at the time."

The double-barrelled fallacy, that the troops rejected conscription, and that the referendums had to do with national and not recruiting policy, was definitely exploded by Colonel Collett who said, "The official figures show that both referendums were answered in the affirmative by our soldiers overseas. At the first referendum, held on October 28, 1916, 133,813 votes were cast. Of that number 72,399 voted for, and 58,894 voted against conscription, while 2,520 votes were informal. The majority for conscription on that occasion was 13,505. At the second referendum, held on December 20, 1917, the number of soldier voters was 199,677, of whom 103,789 voted for, and 93,910 against conscription. The number of informal votes was 1,978, and the majority for conscription 9,879.

The figures can be verified from official sources which are just as accessible to Senator Collings as they were to Colonel Collett, but the former preferred to hug to his bosom the ignorance which is the mother of prejudice and so provide the Commonwealth with the exhibition of the representative of a State and the leader of a political party being corrected in an error for which there was no excuse.

No. 2 DISTRICT COMMITTEE

At the meeting of the State Executive on November 20, the State President (Mr. A. Yeates) reported:—

In company with Mr. Philp and the Assistant State Secretary (Mr. Ferguson) I journeyed to Wyalkatchem to attend the No. 2 District Reunion on Saturday, November 16.

Mr. F. L. Warner, M.L.A., also attended, and very kindly conveyed the State President and secretary of the Women's Auxiliary State Executive.

Approximately 200 men and women attended the dinner and reunion and a most enthusiastic evening was spent. The gathering was presided over by Mr. C. E. Miller, the president of the Wyalkatchem sub-branch, and the organisation of the evening reflected great credit on him and the secretary, Mr. H. A. Leslie. I wish to compliment the women's auxiliary of the sub-branch for their wonderful effort in catering for the evening. The members of that body, under the president, Mrs. B. Corr, and the secretary, Mrs. R. Chappell, deserve the highest commendation for their efforts. Addresses were listened to and I would like to mention that Mrs. McKinlay, State President, made a very fine and statesman-like address on the work of the auxiliary.

After the dinner and addresses, dancing was indulged in and carried on until the early hours of the morning.

Representatives attended this function from Dowerin, Koorda, Bencubbin, Trayning-Yelbeni, Nungarin, Kununoppin and Mt. Lawley.

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ANZAC CLUB

The first birthday of the Anzac Club was duly celebrated at the annual general meeting on Friday, November 22.

The president's report showed that there were 519 financial members at the close of the financial year. Two had died since the last annual meeting. Several improvements had been made, resulting in greater comfort and easier control of the premises, and further improvements were contemplated. Entertainments had consisted of a ladies' night, three members' nights, and a social evening extended to the Westralia sub-branch of the League. Snooker and billiard tournaments had been held during the year. The club had been conducted in a manner which had set a standard of dignity. Members regretted the impending departure of the District Commandant (Brigadier A. M. Martyn) who had been a keen supporter of the club and its good status.

A motion for the amendment of the rules to provide for the expulsion by the committee of a member for improper conduct or behaviour derogatory to the interests of the club, and for the right of appeal to a special general meeting, was carried on the voices. The mover of the motion, Mr. Arthur Hullett, explained that this would spare the feelings of an offending member by removing the obligation of exposure before a general
meeting, unless he chose to submit his defence in that manner.

Other motions in favour of extending associate membership to adult members of the S.S.L. and efficient members of the naval, military and air forces (including the militia) were lost, the former through not obtaining the two-thirds majority required for an alteration to the rules.

Officers were elected as follows:—President, Mr. A. Yeates, re-elected unopposed; vice-president, Mr. W. A. Wilkins, re-elected unopposed; committee: Messrs. R. Alexander, H. B. O'Conner, C. R. Collins, W. J. Eddington, A. Hullet, W. J. Hunt and G. S. Mellor; auditor, Mr. J. J. Prendergast, re-elected unopposed.

Notice was given of the re-introduction of the two defeated motions for the amendment of the rules at the next annual meeting.

Brigadier Martyn expressed his regret at leaving Western Australia, and commended the League for what it had done to help those who were giving their services in preparation to defend their country.

REPLIES FROM AGRICULTURAL BANK COMMISSION

The following communication has been received from the Manager Agricultural Bank:

In connection with the resolution that every soldier settler should be provided with a probate Life Insurance Policy, the premium to be a first charge on farms proceeds,” the Chairman instructs that the matter is outside the jurisdiction of this Bank.

“Congress is of the opinion that an extension of preferential liens is necessary to cover a reasonable supply of stores for 12 months to carry on the operations of the farm.” The Commissioners decided that the present system is satisfactory and they cannot agree to the proposals.

“That, in view of the disastrous season in the North-Eastern wheat belt, the Government be urged to waive all claims for rent and interest this year.” The Commissioners decided that each case would require to be dealt with on its merits.

“That, considering the scanty living allowance made to wheat farmers, costs such as Life Assurance Premiums and medical charges be a preferential claim upon the produce of a farm.” The Commissioners decided that no general rule can apply, but that they were prepared to deal with each case or claim separately.

“That rabbit netting should be available at the same price as British netting landed duty free and that where properties are seriously affected by rabbits and no Federal Funds are available the Bank be requested to provide funds for the purchase of netting.” These questions are ones affecting the Commonwealth and State Governments, and the Commissioners are unable to take action.

“That greater decentralisation be given effect to and wider powers conferred on district officers and, that, as Field Inspectors are too extensive for efficient supervision of the district, the Agricultural Bank be asked to arrange for smaller districts, or provision of assistance.” The Royal Commission which recently inquired into the general working of the Bank, found that the Bank was overstaffed in the field.

“That a sum equal to a reasonable sustenance allowance for the household be a first charge on all farm revenue, such sum to be calculated and varied as required by locality, climatic or other circumstances incidental to farming operations.” The Commissioners stated that this was not a question for them to decide.

RELIANCE TO PURCHASERS OF WAR SERVICE HOMES

The following was received from the Prime Minister’s Department, by the General Secretary:—

With reference to your letter of 7th February on the question of affording relief to purchasers of War Service Homes, as you are aware the Government has decided to extend the scheme of relief which was introduced following upon the report submitted by the Committee of Enquiry in 1932, until 1936, when it is proposed to again review the matter. In the meanwhile, as you know, the Government proposes to amend the War Service Homes Act to liberalise the conditions of purchase for widows and widowed mothers of Australian soldiers, a Bill for this purpose being at present before Parliament.

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This price is far below pre-war prices and superphosphate is one of the few, if not the only farmers' requisite, that is below the 1914-price.

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The above minimum price of £3.9s. per ton does not include the 15s. per ton bounty that is given to farmers using superphosphate for other than wheat growing.

**LAND RENTS**

Referring to the resolution passed by the State Congress, "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," the Under Secretary for Lands writes:

I am directed to point out that the present position is that the utmost consideration is extended to any settler who is genuinely unable to make payment of his instalments, and that interest is not payable on ordinary Conditional Purchase leases, but only on holdings in re-purchased estates. Furthermore, as regards ordinary Crown lands, soldier settlers are granted their land at half-price.

Any applications for the capitalisation of arrears is considered on its merits, and, where granted, payment of the arrears is spread over the balance of the term of the lease by half-yearly instalments.

Fines are only a comparatively small matter and do not exceed 6d. in the £, even though the rent may be a number of years in arrears.

I am further to state that the utmost consideration will continue to be given in the case of any settler who is genuinely unable to pay his instalments, but the Hon. Minister for Lands is unable to sanction the general extension asked for by the State Congress of the League.

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**R.S.L. CRICKET ASSOCIATION NOTES**

By W.L.M.

The following is the position of clubs up to December 8:

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It will be noted that Maylands have won from seventh place on the list to fourth place and on their present form will give all clubs now a hard fight.

The eighth round of matches, completed on December 1, resulted in a win for Maylands and Fremantle clubs against the two Nedlands teams. Maylands against Nedlands No. 2 declared with 3 wickets down for 173, of which their skipper (Leo McCormish) made a sparkling 87 not out, including 3 sixes and 7 fours. He was backed up by an excellently made 43 by Hackett, who was playing his first game in R.S.L. cricket, and Wally Stooke 19. The best bowling was done for Nedlands No. 2 by Forrest, 1 for 18; Stone, 1 for 23, and Brooke, Nedlands No. 2 (skipper), 1 for 48. Nedlands No. 2 could only manage to score 27, and 57 to which Lowe scored 10, and 16 being the only double figure score on his side.

Fine bowling was done for Maylands by Bill Graham, 6 for 19; McCormish, 8 for 33; Syd Smith, 5 for 20. Maylands won by an innings and 89 runs.

In the other match Fremantle just beat Nedlands No. 1 by 12 runs. Nedlands No. 1 making 118, of which Sorensen made 38 not out; Green, of football fame, 34; and Hewitt 10. Phil Carter taking 4 for 20, Irving 3 for 27, Mudie 2 for 19, and Munstedford 1 for 4.

Fremantle replied with 138, Phil Carter 42, Sheldrake 28, Mudie 28, Barnes 11. Crain 5 for 38, Breen 4 for 52, Mayhew 1 for 19 were Nedlands No. 1 best bowlers.

Matches will be suspended on December 29 and January 3.

The following are the matches dating from December 15, all matches being played at Wellington Street Reserve. Players are asked to be on the ground by 1.45 p.m. each day, so that matches shall start on time:

December 15—
No. 1 wicket: Maylands v. Nedlands No. 1.
No. 2 wicket: Mt. Hawthorn v. Fremantle.

December 22—
No. 1 wicket: Nedlands No. 2 v. Perth.
No. 2 wicket: North Perth v. Midland Junction.

December 29, January 5, 1936, Christmas and New Year, no matches.

January 12—
No. 1 wicket: Cottesloe v. Maylands.
No. 2 wicket: Nedlands No. 1 v. Mt. Hawthorn.

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Keen interest is being taken in our matches, attendances have been from 300 to 400 at each match. Some fine performances by club players are making our competition very popular.

The final meeting of December will be held at Anzac House on Friday, December 20. Important business is to be transacted, and all delegates are asked to attend. Christmas Greetings will also be exchanged.

Any R.S.L. country cricketers who are arranging to be in Perth for the Country Cricket Week, and are desirous of playing in the annual match Town v. Country R.S.L. match, which takes place this year on Sunday, February 16, 1936, at Cottesloe, are asked to write to the hon. secretary of the association (Mr. H. King, c/o W. A. Farmers, Perth), or Rankin Road, West Subiaco. This was a great day last season and it was estimated that the attendance was about 1,000. All arrangements are well in hand for this great event.

Mr. H. Hopperton, president, and Mr. H. King, hon. secretary, R.S.L. Cricket Association, wish to extend the compliments of the Season to all R.S.L. cricketers generally, and wish them all the best for a prosperous New Year.

Cottesloe R.S.L. cricket club have sustained another loss through the transfer to New Guinea of Jim Hanley of the Commonwealth Audit Department. Jim has been appointed chief auditor in New Guinea and expects to sail before Christmas. He was always recognised as a fine sport and will be a distinct loss. He is a Queenslander, having held a commission in the 41st Battalion, 11th Brigade and since residing in W.A. he has represented the State in cricket and hockey. He has also been a leading "A" grade tennis player, having played for Hensman Park for the past few seasons. For several seasons he was hon. secretary to the West Perth Cricket Club and is at present secretary of the Commonwealth Clerical Association. Personally the writer has known Jim for many years and is sure that all diggers will wish him the best of luck in the future, and congratulates him on his fine appointment.

Bill Eddy, of Cottesloe R.S.L. Cricket Club is without doubt one of the best liked and hard worked of those connected with the association. During the war he served with the 44th Battalion, returning from active service in 1919. He is now captain and hon. secretary of Cottesloe R.S.L. Cricket Club, and has as a player put up one or two good all-round performances. On one occasion he was responsible for the dismissal of nine of the opposing side. He and Bert King, hon. secretary of the association, did fine service during the Town v. Country R.S.L. match last season, and are both planning the big match for this year.

Prominently associated with R.S.L. cricket is Fred Winbridge, of the Perth R.S.L. Cricket Club. He was a State footballer for many years; he played with Perth when they were in the running for the Premiership. He played a fine innings of 46 against Mt. Hawthorn last week. He showed the spectators how cricket should be played. In his spare time he does a little coaching for Mt. Lawley amongst the boys.

Perth R.S.L. Cricket Club is most fortunate in having players of Fred's standing. Perth is at present one of the strongest teams in the competition, having players like Harold Holmes, Bill Stokes, late W.A. Interstate wicket-keeper. Thomas, their skipper, is showing great form at present. Perth should take a lot of beating this season.

North Perth has certainly improved, having now secured the services of Gerald O'Grady, who years ago played senior cricket for Claremont. A hard hitter and a fine sportsman he also plays with the Commercial Travellers' Matting Club. Louie Lobashar has also signified his intention of joining the ranks. There are a very fine lot of workers in the club in Messrs. Stan Dival (captain), who is also president of the sub-branch, Harold Davy (vice-captain), Neil McIlwraith their scorer, Jack Rankin (secretary), and D. C. James, who is chairman of the sports committee. It would not be surprising to see North Perth higher up on the list before the end of the season. By the way, they practice every Friday at Woodville Square, from 5 o'clock.

The new club, Mt. Hawthorn R.S.L., is to be congratulated on their performances up to date. The players are certainly very fortunate in having as secretary our good friend Mr. S. V. Stockmin. He is doing a great job. He told me recently that next year Mt. Hawthorn would be at the top of the list. Keep it up, Mt. Hawthorn.

Bill Eddy
Phil Allen is at present a very pleased man over the way his club, Maylands, is gradually climbing to the top of the list. It certainly won't be his fault if Maylands does not win. It is also very pleasing to see brother Jack taking the score book once again. All diggers will be pleased to know he is gradually regaining his old time good health.

The R.S.L. Cricket Association was represented at the Herne Hill Smoko by Messrs. Phil Allen, Jack Shanahan, Bill Menkens. This sub-branch is to be congratulated on being one of the first to recognise the great amount of social work that the cricket association is doing for the League. The toast of the cricket association was proposed by Mr. D. Ferguson, who congratulated it on the fine work being done. It was responded to by Messrs. Menkens and Allen.

One of the oldest umpires now connected with the R.S.L. Cricket Association is Mr. E. Roberts. He served with A. S. C. for four years in Egypt and France. He has been officiating in R.S.L. cricket for the past three seasons, umpiring the first finals connected with this association. He also officiates with the W.A.C.A.

Arnold H. Evans, another good old digger, is one of our official umpires, having been with the association for the past two seasons. Of late the gas has not been treating him too well. He officiated with Jim Smith in the Town v. Country match last season and did a good job. On Saturday he is with the Senior Matting Association.

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AVENUE OF HONOUR
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BY ALFRED CUNNINGHAM
Professor of Singing Conservatorium of Music, Sydney

Oh Avenue of Honour grow
In beauty, grandeur, grace;
Let Time's unsparing hand be slow,
Thy tribute to efface.
Thou emblem fit for warrior folk
Who sacrificed their lives;
Like thee, thou stout and sturdy Oak,
Their spirit still survives.
Though iron tablet mark each tree
With proudly honoured name;
When tree and tablet none shall see,
Will flourish Anzac fame!
Hold high your heads proud folk of Perth,
Proclaim the joy it gives;
That you those noble sons gave birth,
Whose valour deathless lives.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

War Anniversaries of December, 1915

December 1.—The Russians routed the Turks near Lake Van.
December 2.—Fall of Monastir.
December 3.—General Joffre appointed Commander-in-Chief of the French armies, with General Castelnau as his Chief of Staff.
December 4.—Rumanian authorities commandeered all foreign vessels anchored in Rumanian ports. General Townshend's forces reached Kutel Amara after their retirement from Ctesiphon during which they fought rear-guard actions, losing two river boats and suffering 4,367 casualties.
December 5.—Fighting continued in Champagne for the possession of an advanced trench south of St. Souplet.
December 6.—German attacks in Champagne repulsed.
December 7.—Successful French counter-attack east of the Butte de Souhain.
December 8.—Russian success between Teheran and Hamadan in which several thousand Persian rebels were defeated.
December 9.—French artillery seriously damaged the German first line and support trenches in the sector of Bouchet Woods on the Heights of the Meuse. Turkish attacks on Kutel Amara repulsed with heavy losses.
December 10.—Greece agreed to allow the necessary freedom of action for Allied troops at Salonika. Arab force in Western Egypt defeated by British under Colonel Gordon.
December 11.—General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien appointed to supreme command of British forces in German East Africa.
December 15.—General Sir Douglas Haig succeeded Field Marshall Sir John French in command of the army in France and Flanders.

December 17.—Russian troops, under Grand Duke Nicholas, occupied Hamadan in Persia.

December 18.—French aeroplanes attacked Metz.

December 19.—Unsuccessful German gas attacks against British lines north-east of Ypres.


December 22.—In Alsace, the French forced their way to the summit and down the eastern slopes of Hartmannswillerkopf. Sir Charles Monro succeeded Sir Douglas Haig in command of the 1st Army Corps in the West.

December 23.—It was announced that the total Dardanelles casualties to December 91 were 112,921. Total British casualties on all fronts up to December 9 announced as 528,227.

December 24.—Montenegrin troops attacked near Mutchido.

December 25.—German attack near Hartmannswillerkopf repulsed.

December 26.—Russian forces in Persia occupied Kashan.

December 27.—German attack near Hill 193 in Champagne repulsed.

December 28.—Indian Army Corps left France for service in the East.

December 29.—More French gains in the Vosges during which 1,668 prisoners were taken.

December 30.—Austrian destroyer sunk and another blown up by a mine in a seafight between Allied and Austrian vessels off Cattaro. German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish Consuls arrested at Salonika and placed on board French warships. P. & O. liner Persia torpedoed; 192 missing. British cruiser H.M.S. Natal sunk in harbour as a result of an internal explosion; 14 officers and 373 ratings saved.

December 31.—German attacks in the Vosges repulsed.

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RETURNED SOLDIER POLITICAL CANDIDATE

Mr. H. C. S. Colebatch, who is a candidate at the forthcoming Legislative Assembly election for the Northam Electorate, is a returned soldier with a very distinguished career. He is the eldest son of Sir Hal and Lady Colebatch, and was born in 1897. He came to Northam with his parents in 1905 and has resided there ever since, with the exception of his school days, A.I.F. service, and his trips abroad.

He was educated at the Northam State School and Guildford Grammar School, where he was a prefect.

He enlisted in the A.I.F. at the age of 19 years and served in France with the 9th Battery Australian Field Artillery. He returned to Australia in 1919 and immediately took up journalistic work and soon became the editor of the "Northam Advertiser," which position he still holds.

Like his father, he has always taken a great interest in public affairs, and has

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served Northam in many capacities. After a term as a councillor he became Mayor of the Municipality at the age of 29 years, and thus probably was the youngest Mayor of any municipality in this State. It was during his term as Mayor that the plans and specifications were obtained of the sewerage scheme which is at present being carried on in Northam, and he has rightly been termed the father of the scheme.

Mr. Colebatch has been a president of the Northam sub-branch, is now a vice-president and a very active member. He was an early member of the State Executive and journeyed to Perth from Northam at his own expense regularly to attend meetings.

In addition to his public activities in his own town, Mr. Colebatch is at present a State vice-president of the National Party of W.A., and president of the Country Press Association of W.A., and has on two occasions attended as one of the State delegates to Press Conferences in the Eastern States, in 1929 at Canberra, and in 1933 at Sydney.

Mr. Colebatch has always kept himself in close touch with world affairs, and since his return from the war has had two trips abroad, once in 1924 and then again last year. On each occasion he travelled extensively in Britain and on the Continent. In 1926 he married Miss T. S. Hester, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hester, early pioneers of the Bridgetown district. Mr. and Mrs. Colebatch are now the proud parents of three young Western Australians. Mr. Colebatch is a Justice of the Peace of many years standing, and undoubtedly is a distinguished son of a distinguished father. If he is elected to the Parliament of this State, he will undoubtedly be a great acquisition to it as he has very methodically and sincerely applied himself by wide reading and wide travelling to the study of politics, and further he is gifted with the power of speech and of the pen.

Rumour has it that Captain T. S. Edmondson may be leaving the Katanning Districts where he has spent the last six years as Inspector of Schools. The sub-branch can ill afford to lose a member of his calibre, and the sub-branch which gains his membership will indeed be most fortunate. All diggers wish him every success and prosperity.

Geoffrey Arthur de Courcy Hillman, who has just been awarded the Rhodes Scholarship, is the son of Captain A. A. Hillman, who died of illness due to war service on 27th April, 1922. Geoffrey was a student of Guildford Grammar School, having been granted a scholarship by the school through the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust and as the son of a deceased soldier has been assisted under the provisions of the Soldiers' Children Education Scheme of the Repatriation Commission, and on his matriculation in the Faculty of Engineering proceeded to Western Australian University in March, 1932, from which date he was transferred to the Sir Samuel McCaughery Bequest who continued his assistance. This is the second instance of a Legacy boy winning the Rhodes Scholarship in this State, the other lad being John La Nauze whose father, Captain La Nauze, was killed at the war. John is at present lecturer of Economics at the Adelaide University.

Captain Hillman, M.C., was a member of the Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Department prior to the war, and occupied the position of Chief Assistant Engineer. He enlisted in the A.I.F. early in 1916 and obtained a commission in the 6th Tunneling Coy., of which he became adjutant. This company was absorbed in France by the 3rd Tunneling Coy. and Captain Hillman was delegated to the control of mine listening and mine rescue work. The duty of this office called for unusual courage and responsibility and Captain Hillman exhibited these qualities in a most pronounced degree. He received his M.C. decoration for outstanding work in this connection, and, moreover, gained the greatest admiration and respect of all officers and men of the company. On return to Western Australia from hostilities, Captain Hillman resumed his old position with the Metropolitan Water Supply Department and was always regarded as one of the most efficient and capable engineers in the service of the Government. Unfortunately, the effects of mine gas impaired Captain Hillman's health to such an extent that he succumbed to pneumonia at a comparatively early age—an undoubted victim of the war.

We have just received Christmas greetings from Alan Crooks. Alan was on the staff of the Repatriation Department and later was accountant for Clarksons, Ltd., of Perth. About four years ago he left for England and after experiencing difficult times at last won through and is now very comfortably placed at Kent.

There passed away at the Victorian Repatriation Hospital recently Joseph O'Neill, Joe, who was well known in this State, was badly wounded at the war. He became prominent in League circles soon after his return, being secretary and guiding spirit of the famous East Perth sub-branch. When this sub-branch was disbanded by the State Executive Joe formed the break away "Dinkum Diggers' Association," but like most organisations of its type, it did not last long. Joe had a flair for being "agent Government" but for all that he was not a bad chap. He suffered considerably from his wounds which eventually caused his death.

We ran across an old digger friend during the month in Alf Morey. He is conducting a boxing and physical culture school in Beaufort Street, near the Luxor Theatre. He took it over from another digger, Ernie Hickling. Associated with Alf is Cedric Paterson, who, until re-
cently, was president of the Mt. Magnet sub-branch. Alf, who served abroad with the 3rd Brigade Artillery, was a wonderful boxer in his time, being lightweight and welter-weight champion of Australia, welter-weight champion of the British Army in Egypt in 1916 and holder of six other different State championships.

The condolences of this paper and of his many friends are extended to Jack Carroll, V.C., on the recent loss of his wife.

The Bassendean sub-branch must thank Mr. Fred Smith for his wonderful work in connection with the smoko. We are sorry that he has had to go into the Repatriation Ward and hope to see him about again very soon.

Gordon McAullay, the energetic secretary of the South Perth sub-branch, S.S.I., was the victim of a motor cycle accident and is in No. 10 ward of the P.P.H. suffering from injuries to the leg. We wish him a speedy recovery and trust that he may soon be able to see the many friends and admirers who are waiting to pay him a visit.

John Collins, a foundation member and foundation committee-man of the Claremont S.S.I. took a toss over the handle bars of his bicycle while on the way to Perth Boys’ School a few weeks ago and severely damaged his frontispiece, thereby hanging up the appearance of a rather important juvenile publication. We understand he is now well enough to tell his aged parent how cowboy and bushranger stories could brighten up The Listening Post.

An “Old Contemptible,” now on a Group Settlement, where he has been for nine and a half years, during which time he has been an active member of the League, a sub-branch secretary, delegate to State Congress, and in the thick of all local activities, asks us to announce that he is willing to transfer to any other sub-branch in exchange for a job. We know the man concerned is worthy of employment, and would be glad to hear from any-reader with a suitable suggestion to offer. Further information will be supplied on request.

The Medical Services Unit Association’s Christmas meeting will be held at Anzac House on December 21. The president (Mr. C. A. Davies) extends a cordial invitation to all members to be present and a prize of ten shillings is offered for the best yarn told during the evening.

The Nedlands sub-branch intend to introduce at their next meeting a new form of remembrance to our fallen comrades, which will be observed in future at all functions held by the sub-branch. It is intended to dispense “with the usual silence at the beginning of the meeting and introduce a short ceremony, during which a silence will be observed, at the conclusion of which the president will repeat those famous lines of Laurence Binyon’s poem:

“They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.”

The last line, “We will remember them,” will be repeated in unison by everyone present, at the conclusion of the president’s words.

In order to add impressiveness to the ceremony a replica of the State War Memorial has been made by members of the sub-branch, and this will be flood lit and the lights turned low. The observance will be short, but impressive.

Mr. H. W. Rigg, honorary secretary, Medical Services Unit Association, writes:

I have to express, the appreciation of the President (Colonel McWhae), the Chairman (Mr. C. A. Davies), and committee of the Medical Services Unit Association for the splendid response made to us in the gifts of books and other assistance in the formation of the library now placed in Ward 11, Perth Hospital.

particularly do we thank the State Executive, the many sub-branches of the League and the women’s auxiliary unit, and other associations, the Commissioner W.A.R., and the Manager, Midland Railway Co., the many private well-wishers, who have worked hard in procuring books and monetary assistance on our behalf, the Press, who have given us the publicity.

The library activities are much appreciated by the patients, and arrangements have been made to extend them to Lemnos and Edward Millen Homes.

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By "Pip Tok"

Advocacy of an amendment to the Police Act to stop "civilians" from using the title "detective" and other designations of police rank reminds one that it is nearly time the civil police ceased calling other people civilians in contradistinction from themselves. Some years ago a police witness in Queensland referred to another man as a civilian. He was promptly corrected by the Chief Justice who was trying the case. The Chief Justice informed the witness that he was a civilian himself and that the only members of the community who were not civilians were serving members of the navy, army and air force.

Referring to the Battle of Jutland in a leader on the late Earl Jellicoe, a writer in the West Australian says, "In these controversies the layman cannot judge." Surely the leader writer has heard of Lloyd George—and Professor Murdoch.

A recent newspaper paragraph suggests that the Abyssinians acquire their fortitude and contempt of pain and death through the use of a little-known drug called "Kat." In other words the Kat cases refuse to become cot cases.

At the speech days of our leading schools the examination system has come in for another spate of criticism. All the same it was left to a speaker at the South African reunion this month to expound the theory that war gives one a proper appreciation of the classics. In his schooldays he had read Livy's story of the Roman cavalrmen who asked their general for some relief from the rigours of a stubbornly contested campaign. The only relief they got was permission to dismount and scratch themselves. "It was only after I had taken part in Kitchener's last drive in the Transvaal," the speaker concluded, "that the way from the Old Country to be present on this historic occasion, and the 32nd will also be rejoined by Major B. Wark, V.C. Western Australian members are reminded of a rally to take place in the Supper Room, Anzac House, on Monday, December 23, at 8 p.m. In the meantime, the secretary, Mr. L. Lobascher, extends seasonal greetings to all comrades.

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General Denton has received a letter from General E. G. Sinclair MacLagan in which the former commander of the Fourth Australian Division sends Christmas and New Year greetings to all Australian comrades. The General, unfortunately, has been suffering from heart trouble, which, he says, has curtailed his usual active life. Diggers will condole with him on the recent loss of his son-in-law. He concludes by saying, "Have no news of any of our old friends, except Price Weir (10th Battalion), whom I heard from recently, and he gave me news of many of the 10th Battalion stalwarts and R. Leane of the 11th Battalion. Saw some Aussies over for Jubilee Celebrations this summer, and they seemed to be giving life to the old country." General Sinclair MacLagan was the first commander of the 3rd Brigade, A.I.F., and the last commander of the Fourth Division.

In connection with the South Australian Centenary celebrations next year, the South Australian section of the 32nd Battalion Association will hold a monster reunion. Colonel Davies is coming all of the teachers in the service of the Western Australian Education Department are women and are, therefore, not likely in their teaching to make war more attractive than it is. As a reasonably educated man and parent of State schoolchildren I strongly object to attempts by well-meaning idiots to interfere with the specialists to whom the education of my children has been entrusted. And this brings me to another point which seemingly was overlooked during the discussion at the meeting of the State Executive. The books under criticism have been in use for over two years now. Why this belated attempt to secure their revision? To me, it seems on a par with a former attempt to force the broadcasting stations to cut out all march music and national songs because of their alleged effect in stirring up martial feeling. The authorities in control of broadcasting stations ignored these clamant extremities and I for one hope that the Education Department will do the same.

Difficulty is being experienced in filling vacancies for employment in the country. The State Secretary desires to ascertain from metropolitan sub-branches if they have any unemployed boys who would be willing to undertake country work. Positions offering as much as £1 a week and keep have been refused.

At the West Leederville sub-branch reunion on December 9, Mr. Fred Golley, a good citizen of Leederville, who has always stood foursquare behind the digger during the war and after the war, alluded to the influence of the League in public affairs. Mr. Golley, who is Ward of the Leederville War Memorial, said that he could speak as a citizen and he assured his hearers that the general public looks to the League for guidance in many matters, knowing that the ex-service man not only has no axe to grind, but through his experience abroad is more competent to give an unbiassed opinion on questions than most others.

A suburban correspondent writes:—May I suggest that the Poppy Day committee consider the advisability of changing the colour of the tabs on poppies and branding them with the year at each appeal. That would relieve purchasers of the uneasy feeling that they may be wearing last year's poppies, and it would be a real giveaway to ungenerous people who actually do wear last year's poppies.

"Groupie" writes:—I was glad to read of the State Executive's resolution in connection with the recent impertinent attempt to interfere with schoolchildren's reading-books. One point I thought some of the speakers to the motion might have made was the fact that 70 per cent.

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I appreciated the full significance of that story.

The question was raised in the Federal Parliament whether or not a war nurse in receipt of a pension ceases to draw her pension after marriage with a digger pensioner. It seems rather patrly to raise such a question. After her experience abroad, one would think that any nurse game to put up with a digger for the duration of life deserves more than a pension.

Our Maylands correspondent informs me that in the return match between Maylands and Subiaco, in connection with the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield games, Subiaco won at bridge, quoits, and table tennis. The only series Maylands won was at draughts. Maylands must have been very windy that night.

Another sub-branch has notified this office that, at its New Year Hop, dancing will continue from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. This sub-branch, however, it not making such a marathon of the dance and the one in a waterside suburb which made its parade hours from 8 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A very naive remark is attributed to one of the leaders of a movement to find less restricted gambling quarters than the League's House Committee care to provide. When the legal stage of the matter was put to him, he replied, "What if you are raided? You'll be able to afford it." True, but what about the League's reputation, and wherein lies any moral obligation on the part of the League to provide free operating theatres for professional gamblers?

Senator Joseph Silva Collins, of Queensland, said in the Senate that he did not smoke nor drink because he had too much respect for his mentality to do either. A mentality like his would seem to require very careful nurture.

**PHYSICAL FITNESS**

The complacency with which we have regarded ourselves a healthy, vigorous people was rudely shocked by the publication of the unduly large percentage of rejections for physical unfitness among young men offering themselves as candidates for Dunroon and the ranks of the fighting services. A similar disproportion between applicants and candidates occurred during a recent recruiting for the Western Australian Police Force. No doubt Insurance companies could unfold a similar tale if they choose.

In a country with such opportunities for sport and exercise as Australia affords, it is surprising to find such a large number of men and youths unconcerned with physical culture, and forgetting that a "sound mind in a sound body" should be the aim of all. "Mens sana in corpore sano" was the ideal of the ancients.

On thinking it over one comes to the conclusion that the idea is only natural and healthful. Striving after physical perfection is a natural impulse in youth.

The older man realises that material success is worthless unless good health goes with it, so he is on the look out for some easily followed system of exercise with the view to fitness being assured.

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A little boy had been reported to his father for stealing apples from the stall outside a fruiterer's shop, and the parent was pointing out the evils of theft.

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Important Amendments to Repatriation Act

The amendments to the Repatriation Act recently agreed to by the Federal Parliament are the most important event affecting ex-service men that has occurred for many years.

It is particularly pleasing to report that all political parties supported the changes. So far reaching are the changes that we consider it advisable to publish the Prime Minister's speech introducing the Bill. We are indebted to Colonel Collett for sending it to us.

Prime Minister's Speech

The Prime Minister (Mr. Lyons), who is also Minister for Repatriation, in introducing the Bill to amend the Repatriation Act, gave the House of Representatives an exhaustive history of the Commonwealth's repatriation work and explained the provisions of the new measure. The Bill was introduced on November 20, 1935. Mr. Lyons said:

"The Bill which I have the privilege of introducing has a two-fold purpose. Firstly, there are amendments to sections of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act designed to facilitate administration and to ensure smoother and more expeditious working; secondly, there is a new division authorising the Repatriation Commission to pay service pensions to returned soldiers who are between the ages of 60 and 65 years and to returned nurses between the ages of 55 and 60 years, provided they served in a theatre of war. For those soldiers who served in a theatre of war, and whom the stress and strain of their experiences may reasonably be regarded as having made permanently unemployable, there will be a service pension at any age, and for those former members of the Australian Imperial Forces who suffer from pulmonary tuberculosis which has not been accepted as due to war service, there will be a service pension irrespective of age, capacity for work, or nature of their service.

I am sure that all Honourable Members will, with me, regret that circumstances have rendered it impossible for the Rt. Honourable Member for North Sydney to introduce this Bill. Together with other members of the Cabinet, he displayed an active interest in the preparation of the measure. His earnest desire to alleviate the condition in which former soldiers and their dependants find themselves, coupled with his knowledge and experience, have been of material help to the Government in the preparation of the Bill now about to be presented for consideration.

Colossal Task

The introduction of this Bill provides me with an opportunity of enlightening not only Honourable Members, but the public generally, of the colossal task which has been successfully performed by the Repatriation Commission and its staff over the past 15 years, and some reference to the organisation and administration will prove of both interest and value.

The administration of the Act is entrusted to three Commissioners—a chairman and two members—one of whom is appointed by the Government from a list submitted by returned soldier organisations and the other two directly by the Government. The Commission operates on behalf of the Government as its instrument for providing what the sense of gratitude and equity of the people has resolved upon as being properly due to the former soldier and his dependants, and has ensured that no effort is wanting to reduce to a minimum the deprivations inevitably resultant from participation in modern warfare.

At present the Commission's main activities are the granting and renewal of war pensions, provision of medical treatment in properly equipped and efficiently staffed institutions, and the granting of educational training for the children of deceased or of totally and permanently incapacitated or of blinded soldiers.

In each State there is a Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation who is responsible to the Commission for the whole of the organisation in his particular State, and he exercises such functions as are delegated to him by the Commission or prescribed by the Regulations.

Boards, composed of the Deputy Commissioner as chairman, one senior departmental officer, and one member representing returned soldiers, are appointed in each State to determine claims for war pensions and to deal with such other matters as are prescribed by the Act.

There is also a Soldiers' Children Education Board consisting of representatives of the Department, the returned soldier organisations, and the primary, secondary, technical and university educational authorities in each State to deal with applications from eligible children for training under the Soldiers' Children Education Scheme.

The Commission has also appointed a Purchase and Contract Board in each State to deal with the purchase, by public tender, of the various commodities required in its branches and institutions. This Board, which consists of a business man as chairman and two senior departmental officers, also arranges the disposal of any surplus products.

In 1929, the Government of the day decided that the provisions of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act would be improved by providing Appeal Tribunals separate from the ordinary Repatriation administration, so that soldiers should have the right of appeal to an entirely independent authority. At that time one Entitlement Appeal Tribunal and two Assessment Appeal Tribunals were appointed. The Entitlement Appeal Tribunal is of three members, the chairman being one who has been admitted to practice as a barrister or solicitor of the High Court or of the Supreme Court of a State, one member representing returned soldiers and the other a Government nominee; the Tribunal de-
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It is necessary to find several jobs for the one man. To assist further in obtaining employment, tools of trade, equipment and rail warrants to the value of £3,388,774 were made available, and, in addition, the Government granted £420,000 to the municipal authorities throughout the Commonwealth to provide employment for returned soldiers.

For many years past, an amount of £2,500 has been paid annually to the Returned Sailors and Soldiers’ Imperial League of Australia to assist that organisation in finding suitable employment for returned men.

It is an unfortunate fact that the returned soldier has suffered in common with all other members of the community during the difficult times through which the Commonwealth has passed, but I am sure Honourable Members will agree that successive Governments have done all in their power to help those who served abroad.

Training Scheme

For the soldiers who enlisted under the age of 20 years, and for those who, as a result of injuries received, could not return to former occupations, there was established a comprehensive scheme, of vocational and industrial training.

Throughout the States, leaders in education and commerce advised the Commission of the necessary requirements, and Trade Unions co-operated most heartily with the Government in making the scheme an undoubted success. Practically £5,000,000 was spent in building and equipping proper training institutions, in providing highly qualified and experienced instructors for training soldiers, and for placing in employment over 27,000 who had qualified as wage earners. In addition, night courses were approved in about 46,000 cases so that those who were employed during the day could increase their efficiency and qualify for positions of greater skill and responsibility with higher rates of pay.

One interesting phase of this work was the Industrial Training Scheme. As Honourable Members will readily appreciate, the soldier who had been withdrawn from the industrial world for such a lengthy period, had fallen behind his fellow artisans and was not up-to-date in the use of tools or in current commercial procedure. In other words, his efficiency had been lessened, and to assist him to regain his normal place in the industrial sphere, it was arranged with some industrial concern to employ him and pay, say, 40 per cent. of the award rate of wage, the Government making up the balance of 60 per cent., so that even though his efficiency was low he received the ruling wage for the industry in which he was employed. From time to time his efficiency was re-assessed and eventually the employer paid the full award rate.

Training of this nature was of distinct value to the economic life of the community.

The Commission has made available gifts and loans totalling £1,106,765 for furniture, and £422,000 has been spent in the establishment of businesses, the purchase of stock, live stock, plant, etc. Whilst in some instances failure resulted, there are to-day many successful business men who commenced operations

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R. N. PERCIVAL, Secretary,
with the assistance given by the Commission.

In connection with employment, vocational and industrial training, and the business ventures of the Department, there was established a Problems Committee to deal with cases of severe illness or injury, e.g., loss of both legs or the loss of one leg and one arm. This committee, consisting of the Deputy Commissioner, a senior Medical Officer, a business inspector, and at least one sympathetic experienced honorary worker interested in the welfare of returned soldiers, interviewed each applicant for assistance and made endeavours to find employment or a business within the man’s physical powers.

Medical Assistance

The medical aspect of the Commission’s activities has received particular attention. Associated with the Commission in Melbourne is a committee of eminent consulting physicians and surgeons who assist in medical policy and in the determination of difficult medical cases. This committee is known as the Medical Advisory Committee and has numbered amongst its members some of the most noted physicians and surgeons of the Southern Hemisphere.

In each State there is ample hospital accommodation, staffed, where possible, by returned soldier doctors, returned war nurses, and returned soldier administrative and other officers. Independent observers have frequently remarked that this system ensures that as those dealing with the work are appreciative of the hardships suffered by the patients, there has been developed a sympathetic temperament which specially fits them for the work.

There are Repatriation General Hospitals for the treatment of general diseases or illnesses; there are sanatoria in which pulmonary tubercular cases caused by war are treated and instructed in hygiene and health measures; there are Anzac Hostels specially equipped and maintained for those whose injuries are abnormally severe. There are most up-to-date artificial limb factories, staffed by highly qualified, well-trained artisans who in most instances are limbless men themselves. In these factories are manufactured artificial arms and legs, crutches and walking sticks, surgical appliances and other essential aids which have earned favourable comment from those who use them and from others who are qualified to express an opinion.

Many of the cases are visited regularly by consulting surgeons and physicians, who also served abroad and are representative of the leading members of the medical profession of the capital city of each State. The X-ray, pathological, neurological and bio-chemical works are in the hands of very highly qualified and well experienced practitioners. Major operations are performed by visiting surgeons, and medical cases are attended to by visiting physicians with the help of the full-time medical staff.

In addition to its own hospitals, the Commission utilises State Institutions, and bears the expense of treating returned soldier inmates for war disabilities.

One feature of the medical organisation is worthy of special mention. In over 800 country areas, the Commission has appointed medical practitioners to act as local medical officers. This is very convenient for returned soldiers who may require immediate attention for a war disability and not infrequently this service has saved life, limb and expense.

Some returned soldiers have been so severely injured that their locomotion is confined to wheelchair chairs or cots, and to assist these cases to have a change of environment and some pleasure in life, the Commission provides a special recreation allowance of £20 per week in addition to pension and attendant’s allowance. It is possible for a soldier with a wife and three children to receive, by way of pension and allowances, a weekly amount of £10 6s.

As an integral part of the medical work, the Commission has arranged that widows, widowed mothers and children of those who died as a result of war service shall, at the expense of the Commission, become members of a Friendly Society. To ensure the success of this scheme, agreements were entered into with the British Medical Association, the Pharmaceutical Society, and various Friendly Societies, and I take this opportunity of making public the Government’s gratitude for the co-operation of those bodies.

At the present time, there are about 1,600 inpatients receiving treatment, whilst there are over 17,000 outpatients in attendance. Last year some 40,000 cases were treated; and there were more than 146,000 outpatient attendances at departmental institutions.

Manufacture of Artificial Limbs

The Commission has manufactured over 10,750 artificial legs at a cost of £194,000, over 1,090 artificial arms at a cost of £22,000, 132 wheel chairs at a cost of £19,000, 28,000 pairs of surgical boots at a cost of £72,000, 77,000 stump socks at a cost of £12,000, 3,376 pairs of crutches at a cost of £25,000, over 77,000 surgical appliances at a cost of £104,000, 167,000 stock or repair jobs costing about £183,000 have been carried out by the Commonwealth Artificial Limb Factories.

The Transportation Recreation Allowance assists over 100 men, and last year involved the expenditure of over £13,000, while the medical treatment for widows, widowed mothers and orphans cost over £15,000 to assist about 14,000 cases.

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From this brief outline, Honourable Members should feel reassured that medically the war disabled soldier has been and is being well provided for by the Government.

**Education of Children**

One of the most interesting and valuable sections of the work is the scheme of education for children of those who died, or are totally and permanently incapacitated or are blinded as a result of war service. So far as practicable, the child’s natural vocation is selected and education continued through the primary, secondary, technical and university stages where necessary. Financial assistance ranging from 5s. per week to £2 10s. per week is made available according to the circumstances of the case and the nature of the training. In addition, a scheme of apprenticeship or indentured apprenticeship helps considerably to absorb these young people in suitable employment. In addition to the skilled artisans and professional students, there is a big group of trainees employed in business and commercial occupations, and whilst these do not call for the manual dexterity of the trades, nor for the extended academic knowledge of the profession, they do require specific training and specialised experience. This frequently takes the form of a course of accountancy, secretarialship, economics or commerce. This scheme so far has cost £1,500,000, the expenditure for last year exceeding £80,000. Over 18,000 applications have been dealt with and more than 10,000 children have completed their training and are qualified as wage earners. At present over 2,000 boys and approximately 2,000 girls are at school, whilst over 1,500 are in apprenticeship, 189 are doing professional training and 46 in agricultural training. This scheme has a definite social value and national significance, and is a contribution of incalculable value of the economic life of the community. The Government is grateful to members of the Education Boards—experts in primary, secondary, technical and university education—who skilfully and scientifically, in a voluntary and honorary capacity, guide the beneficiaries to ultimate success.

**Pensions**

I turn now to the war pension aspect of repatriation. From time to time we are prone to criticise the actions of the Commission regarding individual cases, and I feel that sometimes the intricacies of the situation are not thoroughly appreciated, nor do we always bear in mind that the Commission must work within the limits of the Act. The basic principle underlying any sound system of war pensions is that a pension is made available for a war-caused disability in accordance with the degree of incapacity revealed by a careful and competent medical examination. The Act, as it is at present, provides a limit beyond which the Commission dare not go, but I am satisfied from a careful examination of the position that the Commission has made a sympathetic attempt to grant claimants the fullest possible measure of relief that an honest interpretation of the Act would permit.

£130,000,000 Paid in Pensions

An amount exceeding £130,000,000 has been paid in war pensions; last year this expenditure was over £7,569,000. Each fortnight about £280,000 is paid to the war pensioners of the Commonwealth. Each day approximately £20,000 is added to the bill. There are at present about 75,000 soldiers and 189,000 dependants receiving pensions.

Since the inception of the scheme...
over 443,000 cases have been granted, over 57,000 rejected, and over 35,000 pensioners have died. The administrative cost for every £100 of pensions paid is £2 2s. 5d., which may be regarded as a very satisfactory figure.

One particular section of the rehabilitation scheme of any other country may be more liberal than any one provision in the Australian Act, but a comparison of the whole of the benefits available shows that Australia has every reason to be proud of her Repatriation effort. The Special Rate pension of £4 per week is not found in any other legislation, nor is the loss of one eye compensated at such a high rate by Great Britain or any other Dominion. The irreducible pension at 100 per cent. rate and at higher rates for severe sufferers from pulmonary tuberculosis is not found elsewhere, nor is there such a liberal scheme of allowances for those whose injuries are so severe as to warrant the services of an attendant.

I trust that I have shown that wise and helpful provisions have been placed upon the Statute Books that the wellbeing of those entitled to benefits for reasons arising out of war service has been carefully safeguarded. The effort may have fallen short of perfection, but viewed as a whole in the light of what has been achieved in the face of unprecedented social and financial stress and industrial dislocations, the result is regarded as extremely favourable.

"Burnt Out" Cases to be Helped

An endeavour has been made to alleviate the conditions of those who suffered through war service, but as time progressed it became very evident to those administering the scheme that, suffering some intangible effects, was a big class which so far had not been catered for. In Canada, these men were referred to as "burnt out" men; in other words, men who had become prematurely aged, and special legislation was introduced in the Canadian Parliament in 1930 to give them some form of amelioration by making available a veteran's allowance, the maximum for a single man being about £1 per week, and that for a married man about £2 per week, provided that the total income in the former case does not exceed £76 per annum and in the later case £152 per annum.

The British Ministry of Pensions has not found it necessary to make special provision for this class of sufferer because returned soldiers, in common with other members of the community in Great Britain, benefit under the scheme of National Health and Unemployment Insurance.

New Zealand now proposes to help these men by granting certain allowances, and the Government, after a careful review of the position, has decided that the Commonwealth will also do something. The view is held that a man who served in the past or at any time in the present War and was damaged even to a slight extent, either traumatically or by disease, and has superimposed thereon civil disabilities which combine to render him permanently incapable of earning his living, should not have to depend upon the public or upon institutions or personal friends for help. Frequently, it is impossible to make any arbitrary difference between the pre-war, war, post-war, constitutional, domestic or economic circumstances which render the individual concerned of little or no value in the industrial world. It seems undeniable that his period of usefulness has been shortened when compared with that of the civilian, and it is also undeniable that the strenuous conditions of modern war are quite capable of hastening the process of decay which impairs organic functions.

Soldiers and Nurses

The Government, therefore, contemplates making provision for a pension at 60 years of age for those soldiers, and at 55 years of age for those nurses, who served in a theatre of war as defined and whose experiences and hardships may reasonably be presumed to have prematurely aged them. Also, it is proposed to assist that class who, though not having reached the ages mentioned are in a physical or mental condition which renders them permanently unemployable, and for those soldiers who suffer from pulmonary tuberculosis it is proposed to provide a pension either than they served in a theatre of war or not or whether they are permanently unemployable or not. In addition, having in view the national significance of doing everything possible to prevent the spread of this disease, the Government intends to give treatment in Repatriation institutions for all soldiers suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis.

The maximum rate of pension will be 18s. per week for a single man or widow, 30s. per week for a man and his wife, and 2s. 6d. per week for each child limited to 4. The total allowed income in respect of any pensioner will be £79 6s. per annum.

The Government desires it to be fully understood that permanently unemployable is regarded as a state in which a person is rendered incapable of work by physical or mental impairment, and that incapability of work is to be construed as meaning not solely inability to pursue a remunerative occupation, but includes as well the almost insuperable difficulties some men will face when seeking employment. Inability to resume or follow a particular calling at which the applicant has hitherto earned his living does not in itself warrant payment of a service pension for the remainder of his life. The possibility of taking up some other work will be explored and service pension paid so long as by reason of his state of health, previous training, aptitude or other circumstances, no such work is, or can be reasonably made available for him to take up. On the pensioner rests the responsibility of making a genuine effort to fit himself for uncustomed work; it is expected that he will endeavour to adapt himself to changing circumstances, because by so doing he may regain his earning capacity. The question of capability for work, or suitability for work of an alternative nature will be viewed in the light of all the surrounding circumstances and in a reasonable manner, having regard to all the facts and conditions pertaining to the applicant's education, experience, age, general qualifications, and previous employment.

Medical opinion and recommendation in arriving at a determination in these cases will be sought and given due consideration and weight, but the Government intends that the deciding authority shall accept the responsibility of making a decision and in arriving at that decision will use commonsense, justice and sympathy.

Existing Provisions to be Liberalised

In addition to this new scheme of pensions, the Government has given consideration to other phases of pensioning, and proposes to liberalise the existing provisions. The Repatriation Commission, by powers conferred upon it under Section 32 of the Act, commuted pensions in many cases. These commutations, or lump sums, were not paid unless it seemed that the condition for which the pension was received had become stationary. It now transpires that, unfortunately, some pensioners have become worse and they have an increased disability, but no pension.

The Government, after a careful con-
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The Government and Returned Soldier Organisations

This Bill is the result of the Government's experience of the working of the Act, and of representations made to the Government by returned soldier organisations, to whom the Government is always ready to listen.

My own relations with the executive of the various returned soldier organisations, all through my Ministerial experience, have been most cordial, and I have learned to appreciate the great value of the work they are doing for their comrades. I look forward to a continuance of the co-operation which has always existed between these bodies and the Government.

I also desire to pay a tribute to the splendid work done by the officers of the Repatriation Department, who have carried out their duties conscientiously and sympathetically. In the preparation of the present amending Bill they have been particularly helpful.

We, in Australia, may well be proud of our humanitarian achievements—regarding Old Age, Invalid, Repatriation and other pensions. No country in the world does better. Probably no one does anything quite as much. About 540,000 people—men, women and children—receiving pensions of one sort and another, invalid, old age, or war pensions. The cost of pensions and similar benefits (Old Age and Invalid, and Repatriation) this year will be over £21,000,000. This is heavy burden, but one that we are proud to bear.

The annual cost of the proposed new pensions and benefits is estimated to be:

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I commend this Bill to the earnest and sympathetic consideration of all Honourable Members, and take this opportunity of voicing the pleasure it has given me to introduce legislation granting additional assistance to those who served in the Great War.

The provisions are as liberal as the existing financial situation of the Commonwealth permits.

SMILES

Most golfers when doing badly in a score competition tear up their cards and try to forget. But in one event a player who was either perversely dogged or utterly insensitive went on to the bitter end and handed in a card which topped the century.

The secretary, when collecting the scores, looked at the card in question and said: "Who brought this in? Bradman?"

One Sunday, on his arrival home after playing in an "away" match, she greeted him with: "Well, darling, and how did you get on?"

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The highest scorers of the teams representing the sub-branch in the shield competition were presented with cups donated by the sub-branch and friends at a social on October 23. Mr. D. Foreman (shooting and table tennis), R. Corbett (draughts), A. Dahlziel (quoits and bridge) were the winners. Ted Damon, president of Mr. Hawkthorn sub-branch, presented the cup. Halloween Night, led by the Scots Brigade, was declared a huge success by large crowds who attended. On Saturday, November 16, a Night in Cairo was held instead of the usual social. The hall was beautifully decorated with palms, lanterns, etc. All the different regiments were represented and egg and cook found a ready sale. The thanks of the members go out to those who assisted on Poppy Day, although it was felt that poppies were sold out. The sub-branch's social activities are very popular, the hall being almost crowded out at some of the gatherings.

NELANDS

The general monthly meeting was held on November 12. There were over one hundred members present. President J. Anderson occupied the chair. After general business was discussed, Mr. A. Bentrott, chairman of the Neldrums Road Board, and our old friend, Lou Brigatti, presented prizes to the successful competitors in the lawn bowling competition. The president presented two fine books to the successful scholars of the local school (winners of Essay Competition "Why we should support local industry"). On Thursday, November 21, a trip on Monday, December 8, was planned and a good day out is in store for the members and their families. Nominations for office-bearers for the ensuing year were received and a keen ballot should take place on December 17. After business was concluded Old Bill produced the "Tiger," and with Jack Cunningham at the piano everyone was soon in good voice. Comrades Cox, Gillies, Olsen and Crowe leading the choir, which was silent only when the "Tiger" disappeared.

VICTORIA PARK

All the meetings lately have been well attended, new members and visitors helping to swell the crowd. Reports of Poppy Day and a busy bee were received, and our thanks are due to all who assisted on those occasions. Final arrangements for a river trip on Saturday, December 8, were completed and a good day out is in store for the members and their families. Nominations for office-bearers for the ensuing year were received and a keen ballot should take place on December 17. After business was concluded Old Bill produced the "Tiger," and with Jack Cunningham at the piano everyone was soon in good voice. Comrades Cox, Gillies, Olsen and Crowe leading the choir, which was silent only when the "Tiger" disappeared.

Buckland Hill

By "Stretcher Bearer"

There was a fair attendance at the general monthly meeting held on November 28 and those present enjoyed themselves both in good social and intellectual sense. After much discussion the question of plans for the proposed hall to be built by the sub-branch was left in the hands of a sub-committee. They will be required to draw up plans and submit the same to the Board for approval. A resolution, recommending the State Executive to grant a Certificate of Service to Mr. Cliff Nixon, immediate past president, who occupied the chair of this sub-branch for three consecutive years, was carried unanimously. After business our president (Lt.-Colonel Goadby) delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture on the capture and administration of German New Guinea. This phase of the part Australia played in the Great War is little known. It was overshadowed by the Gallipoli and European fighting which followed, and to most of us present the facts as related by the Colonel were heard for the first time.

On August 8, 1914, volunteers were called for to form a battalion for active service abroad. They were drawn from all walks of life: from shop, factory and profession, and by August 14 they were an established unit being equipped ready for embarkation. They left Sydney Harbor and boarded the armed transport "Berrima" on August 18, steamed to Palm Island, near Townsville, and there awaited the arrival of the H.M.A.S. "Sydney" to escort them to their destination.

During their ten days stay at Palm Island
they were taken ashore each day and taught to handle the main touch in thickly wooded country, and the Japanese afterwards proved invaluable in the dense jungle of New Britain.

Leaving Palm Island on September 2 they arrived at Port Moresby on September 4, and after coaling they set out on the last stage of their journey on September 7. September 11, just a few short weeks after the declaration of war, found them doing their job like disciplined and seasoned campaigners, completing the task allotted them without hitch or fuss.

On September 12 at Rabaul, Colonel William H.G. Hopley, C.O., V.D., Brigadier commanding the Australian Naval and Military Forces, proclaimed New Britain a British possession.

The captain of the wireless station at Bitaupaka entailing, as it did, the advance along a narrow road flanked on both sides by dense jungle, from which the unseen enemy had it all in their favour, was a triumph for Australian bushcraft and initiative. In this fighting the Australians lost 6 men, killed, 4 wounded, while the losses on the German side were 31 killed, 11 wounded, 73 prisoners.

Lieut.-Colonel Godfrey was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for this very lucid and enlightening lecture on the history of the digger immigration in the Great War.

KATANNING

This year’s Armistice Day Service proved to be the best for years. Quite a number of diggers were unable to attend owing to business reasons, but the parade at the Memorial was very representative. The two minutes’ silence was observed with the usual dignity, and following this, the presidents of the W.W.I. sub-branch and women’s auxiliaries placed wreaths on the Memorial.

The diggers appreciated very much the beautiful wreaths made by Mrs. Highman.

Our year ending has been on a par with 1934. The membership has maintained, but there is still room for a good number of diggers to join, and we hope to see their names added to the list for 1936.

Digger Bill Cobb, whose service took him away so often, was most vocal items are required at any of our functions, is a sick man. His friends sympathise deeply with him and wish him a speedy return to health.

Diggers will be pleased to know that our esteemed member Bert Fidler is home again after prolonged treatment in the Repatriation Ward at the Wollongong Hospital. Although still feeling the effects of the treatment, we all hope to see him again taking part in his usual activities of the sub-branch.

We wish to extend our hearty congratulations to the new sub-branch, Gnowangerup, on winning the Newdegate Cup.

WEST LEEDEERVILLE

The sub-branch sponsored a meeting of ex-service men of the Wembley area, held in the Church of England Hall, on Tuesday afternoon, the 4th December. Two members of the executive, Rabbi Freedman and Mr. E. S. Watt, were present and spoke of the desirability of increased League membership and suggested that the present Wembley members link up with the West Leederville with the object of forming a local sub-branch. After a general discussion it was agreed to form a sub-branch of West Leederville. The following Wembley ex-soldiers were formed in a committee to canvass the district with a view to getting members—Messrs. Cudd, Malone, Longmuir, McPhee, North and Younghusband. Of those present, Messrs. Longmuir, North, Clarke and Tindall joined the sub-branch and others promised to link up in the new year.

The committee were somewhat disappointed with the Poppy Day Appeal, although the collections showed an increase on last year’s figures. The helpers were handicapped by the shortage of poppies, the supply being sold out early.

On September 12 at Wembley Park sub-branch, gave a neighbourly greeting and presented a cheque, from his sub-branch. Mr. W. Melvin, our guarantor, read out a list of donations, which he had collected on our behalf, truly a great piece of work. Secretary Fred Charles followed, with a few well-chosen words of thanks to Mr. Melvin and his associates and other donors.

The presidents of the sub-branch, women’s auxiliaries and the committee were supported by the secretary (Mrs. V. Stockin), on behalf of their organisation, presented a beautiful clock to be hung in the hall. The donation was made entirely by the ladies themselves, and they were thanked by the president for their gift. Messrs. Kay and Stockin were presented with tastefully decorated bouquets by Miss Alice Reeder.

Dancing and musical items were the order of the evening. J. B. B. and his orchestra supplied the music, and F. Sinclair officiating as M.C. A word of praise is due to the ladies who did their bit in the kitchen. On December 4 the members turned up in force to christen their new home. Ted Damon presented over an attendance of seventy, including Mr. W. Melvin, Mr. W. James and Mr. Ferguson represented the State Executive. Arts and dancing were put on by Messrs. Foran and Rawlings at the piano and piano accordion; Messrs. Kay, Campbell, Hayes and Bloomer. The toast “Success to the Soldiers’ Memorial Hall” was proposed by Mr. Melvin and supported by Mr. J. J. Frenzberg.

Incidentally, the silent member, Mr. W. Devine, who acted as chief steward, was efficient and appreciated though perhaps not so prominent.

DARLING RANGE

“Aussie Kala” writes—The Darlings meet...
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ing on November 16 produced a goodly roll call. "Mayor" Summerhayes had kindly consented to tell the troops of his experiences as commandant of Rottnest. Many interesting and amusing yarns of and concerning the Internees were given in a delightfully conversational manner by the "Mayor." A few questions were asked, and answered. Thus the speaker was spurred diagrammatically by the diggers to further reminiscences. Then the chairman "Eighteenpence" Bob Tanner, produced a local stalwart, Ted Maloney, to give his version of life on the Rottnest Isle as a "Guard." In typical digger style and veracious Ted surprised his cobblers, and delighted but did not shock the "Mayor." While we were surrounding the refreshments our musical prodigy "Betsy" punched the piano, and with song and story made us appreciate our good luck in "Betsy" choosing the Darlings for his domicile. Community singing of the old ditties disturbed the calm of Kalamunda until it was time for the "Gord Save" broadcast.

A well organised "Carnival Dance" was held by the Darlings in the Kalamunda Hall on November 23.

The seasonable compliments of the Darlings is sincerely tendered to the "Post" from privates to captains, etc., to all readers, diggers, friends and sympathisers, may Christmas be all they could wish it, and the New Year bring all the good things that are good for 'em.

MAYLANDS

A word of thanks is due to Syd. Kainan, who was responsible for the arrangements of the successful grammy night when Sub-branch was entertained. The president, Mr. W. Lovell, welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Mayland sub-branch. Another successful dance, old-time and jazz, was held in the Maylands Town Hall on November 29, under the auspices of the women's auxiliary. There was a very large attendance. It has now been decided to hold these events every Friday night by the Maylands Auxiliary and Mrs. Golding's orchestra. Dancing will continue from 9.30 p.m. till 1 a.m. The Christmas Tree this year will take place in the Maylands Town Hall on Monday, December 23, for members, wives and children. A vote was recorded of the committee (a good worker always). A good ladies' committee will assist the secretary, Mrs. E. Addamson. The president, Mr. W. J. Lovell, asks all members to accept his best wishes for Christmas and a happy New Year.

NORWOOD

On Monday, December 9, Norwood sub-branch held a meeting of ex-servicemen in the districts of Norwood and East Perth. The gathering was a most enthusiastic one and was well attended by H. F. Rigge as chairman of the sub-branch, and reps. Wilkins and Warner of the State Executive, definite progress along business and up to date lines was assured. A strong canvassing committee was formed, and it was arranged to hold a meeting at the Norwood Hotel at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7. All local ex-servicemen are invited. Then at Anzac House on Tuesday, February 4, at 8 p.m., a rally in connection with the State membership drive is to be held to which all ex-servicemen of East Perth are invited. The present members are desirous of handing over to the local men the running, management funds and assets of the sub-branch, being assured that Tommy and Diggers together in co-operation will bring better results.

CARLISLE

(By "McToole")

Members of the Carlisle sub-branch appear to be greatly interested in the change in date of issue of "The Listening Post," and commend this further indication of the care and attention of its editors and staff responsible for its publication.

The social and ladies' race meeting, held on the night of November 27, proved a financial success. Mr. Fred White's generous gift of hobby horses, and other forms of assistance, is much appreciated by his rodman of the sub-branch, "Curly" Macrone, who kept the crowd amused with the "official broadcast and running commentary," and his announcements from "6WC" were extremely funny. Tallilney Powell did credit to his part as the sporting parson, and many of the fair sex were obviously quite willing to become the parishioners of this handsome, young, but pseudo cleric. Others who helped to make the occasion were Charlie Stenning, as "Bokk," Wally Johnson as "The Official Starter." Jemmy, "Timekeeper," Wilson, "Little Boy Blue," Devenish and Manners, "Totalisator," president Les. Gilksen, "Judge," whilst hosts, of others, under the supervision of secretary Harold Hunt in absence, frame the measure. We wish particularly to thank Mrs. Percy Manners and Mr. Harris for their voluntary services as pianists, and those of the Carlisle sub-branch of the R.S.L. women's auxiliary, who so kindly and efficiently managed the refreshment buffet.

Increasing interest and well attended committee meetings was evidenced during the month. Funds are being slowly but soundly built up, and more new members enrolled. It is hoped that our programme of future social activities, will meet the approval of our numerous friends and supporters. The next noteworthy event is the Grand Carnival on New Year's eve. The committee has already got arrangements in hand, and they are determined to make the occasion a memorable one. The word occasionally from our fellow members working the country districts, and we send them herewith a "cheerio." More frequent correspondence is invited by the executive and members of the Carlisle sub-branch concerning their activities and wanderings.

The monthly general meeting held last evening (9th December) was very well attended, and a lot of business proposed. Jim Wilson and Harold Crofts were elected to represent us at the 2nd Poppy Day meeting to finalise this annual event at Anzac House, and I. B. Powell and R. A. McGee Roberts received the confirmation of their office as wardens of the Carlisle Sons of Soldiers.

Nominations were received for the executive and committee office bearers for 1936, and the election of officers will take place at the next monthly meeting. Owing to the proximity of the first Thursday in January and New Year's Day, it was resolved to hold the next monthly meeting on the second Thursday, 9th January, 1936, and members are particularly requested to make a note of that date and start the New Year well by being present.

The business over, a "get together" night was quickly established, and the hall filled with the melodious strains of war-time songs and Other familiar items from the London music hall to Alabama negro spirituals. "Curly" Macrone, Percy Manners, "Taffy" Nicholas, Bert Davis and a few others were in excellent voice, and Bill Harris performed several excellent "terrapins" with great spirit that the exigence of space (?) does not permit the publication hereof of "Curly's" up-to-the-minute Mac West and other stories. Always the same cheerful soul, "Curly" must have been a God-send to his fellow diggers during the dark days of the Great War. May his hair never go straight!

Cheerio, my Carlisle comrades: and please don't forget to bring the wife, kiddies and friends to the New Year's Eve Carnival, and let nothing keep you away from the monthly meeting on 9th January.

NORTH PERTH

A Digger's Diary

(With profound apologies to the Shades of the late Alfred Pepsy.)

November 27: This morning, whilst walking abroad was pleasantly surprised when accosted by Mr. J. Heley, whom Mr. Dival was carrying home from hospital in his private motor-coach. Pleased I was to see Mr. Heley, and he his appearance again; he, poor man, having fallen some weeks past off a building on which he did work and had been a leg in many places and some ribs, which I might say is very sorry at. Did hear a story how a small she pumadog Mr. Bunny...
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Richmond be minding for a friend did, whilst he asleep, lied, lick his face and then sit on it, that is Mr. Richmond’s face I mean.

This, I am told, cause many a one special to his family, but BUNNY to see no jest in it and fume at the matter. I laugh to bursting point almost and would make a merry jest of this, but my informer beg me to have mercy on our friend, which I will. This afternoon to the cricket practice ground, but meet Mr. Harold Davy coming away, there being none others there, he, which bring to any mind how Mr. Dave James, who is chairman of the committee, did, at general committee last mentioned, on the players’ neglect, of practice, saying. “It little wonder we win mighty few games,” which, methinks, a great truth, there being none so proficient of the game to foresee the study of practice.

29th.—This afternoon to North Perth Town Hall where, this night, our sub-branch Poppy Day workers social to be held. There I met Mr. B. Bishop, Mr. I. Watson on Mr. O. Newmarch and Mr. A. Roberts all making sandwiches and other good things to the supper, which was a business they persuade themselves they could do equal to the ladies and would do it themselves. By and by come Mr. Bob McInroy and we two arrange the stage and curtains. When all done I away home to shave my face and wash it and my feet and dress in my best suit. Thence, after dinner, back to the hall. Anon come all the people and the social started, it being opened with a handsome table to the memory of our fallen comrades titled “Lest We Forget,” and followed by much merry singing, dancing and games for the ladies and all the business was suitably handled, assisted by Mr. H. Davy and Mr. B. McInroy did control the programme and do so in excellent manner. I did give myself good content in watching the beauties who prance and frolic to the music as they did wont to do in their young girl days. An exceedingly pleasant evening enjoyed by all and pretty supper. Home to bed about mid-night.

On the 30th.—Met Mr. Harold Massey who come this morning from hospital, he having been in No. 11 Ward the whole past week or more. It give me pleasure to see him better of his illness. Fall in with Mr. B. F. (Kanger) Brooks, of Nedlands sub-branch. He a gentleman I can always pleased to meet, we both being in common tall and thin, liken to lengths from a “ball of string. Mr. Brooks bid me “sink a jug” with him, which I did, and after part of one and another jug we part in good content, our thirst being quenched almost.

December 8.—To general committee. A full muster and much business done. Mr. Secretary Fraser said our membership now 300, and having lost two and gained three. “But,” he said, “I would have the gain a greater number and do ask all members to give in names of any ex-soldiers in our district who be not of our sub-branch that the membership can be sent an invitation to encourage them. Our new members be Mr. Nancarrow, Mr. W. Massey and Mr. Briggs. The last gentleman having transferred from Alice Spence sub-branch. Pleased I was to hear read congratulatory letter from Mr. R. L. Beaver, by telegram, letter, of our making another Poppy Day record (£189 10s.). Mr. Brown be just now at Burbidge goldfields, but still a member of North Perth sub-branch, and did sell at Burbidge 60 or more poppies, there being none others doing so. This do show the high standard of organisation and enterprise of North Perth and the value of Mr. Brown’s interest to that. All of which methinks, could be followed by other sub-branches and members of the League, there being many places in the State, methinks, where no poppies sold on Anzac Day. Mr. D. James in sports report, gave out how Mr. Secretary Fraser did win the shoot trophy presented by Mr. R. P. Lakey, of the Rosemount ale house. There be mightily close shooting, said Mr. James, and three was a most popular result. The business done, and Mr. President Dival did wish all our members, our auxiliary and all the League to spend a merry Christmas and to enjoy prosperity in the new year come. Home to dinner. News brought me this night by Mr. S. Dival how, this afternoon, our cricket team did win handsomely from Cottesloe sub-branch by 92 runs. Mr. H. Garland, he said, did bat mighty fine and put the bowling all on his back with 86 runs in 76 minutes with 11 strikes to the boundary and 3 or more over it. This news do please me mightily and methinks should give heart to other players that they will study more their practice as to become a great player.

SUBIACO

The sub-branch held the annual smoko social in the rooms on Saturday, November 16, when there was a large representative gathering. The toasts honoured included the State President, proposed by Colonel Mitchell, and responded to by Mr. Watt and Mr. James. Mr. Clegg proposed the toast to Colonel S. R. Roberts, who had recorded another birthday the day previously. Musical honours were fairly accorded. The Colonel suitably and briefly responded in his sincere and unassuming manner. The Subiaco sub-branch was toasted by Mr. L. Boas, and responded to by the chairman for the evening (president Bert Coxe). Colonel S. R. Roberts proposed the toast to the Subiaco Municipal Council, this was ably responded to by Mr. L. Downe, who has been elected unopposed for another term as mayor. The sub-branch has tendered him their congratulations at its regular meeting on December 1. The guests were honoured in a toast by Mr. W. A. Wilkins and Messrs. Collins, of the Press, and Mr. Anderson, of Nedlands, responded. The last toast of the evening was tendered to the artists by Mr. E. Compton, Messrs. Glidson, Fraser, Cope, Tatham, Bowden and Cunningham. The latter responding on their behalf. The best thanks of the sub-branch is due to these gentlemen who contributed so much to the harmony of the evening. Community songs were also a feature of the programme, and also there was a liberal provision of eats and liquid refreshments, all provided by generous patrons. Apologies for absence were received from Brigadier Martin, Commander Griffiths, Bowen and Mr. Jacobs.

The monthly meeting was held on Thursday, December 5, president Bert Congdon in the chair. There was a large attendance and much business was dealt with. It was decided that the sub-branch conduct several side shows to assist the women’s auxiliary at their sale of gifts in the Municipal Markets on Wednesday, December 11.

January 9, 1936, was fixed as date for the first meeting in new year and nominations in writing for officers positions must be in by 9.15 p.m. that night. Mr. L. Downe will act as returning officer.

Details for duty on State Memorial for week ending December 21, Messrs. Mitchell and Underwood; December 29, Messrs. Lunn and Burgess; January 5, Messrs. Beaver and Newman; January 12, Messrs. Betts and Beer; January 19, Messrs. Smith and Cartwright.

MOUNT HELENA

On November 29 diggers from the Mount travelled by invitation to Herne Hill where they met a large gathering from various sub-branches. Among those present were Messrs. Years, Margolin, G. Latham, M. L. Thorpe, M.L.A., Philp, Wilson and many others. The president gave a full account of the raising of their sub-branch to its present position. The spacious hall they have built and lined throughout is a credit to all concerned. Much praise must be given the ladies of the women’s auxiliary, for the well-filled tables of good things which were much appreciated. Once again the old saying came to my mind that old soldier never die when we attended to some very fine songs by some of these veterans. Speeches were many and varied, that outstanding being G. C. Latham, M.L.A., being a most interesting account of his recent tour in connection with the King’s Jubilee. The evening was all too short, and everything went with a swing, the company being dismissed at midnight.

A return “match” with Mundaring was played at Mundaring on Sunday, November 1; the scores being Mt. Helena 111, Mundaring 93, this being the second win for Mt. Helena.

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SOUTH PERTH

The October meeting was held on the 24th and was attended by a fair average muster of stalwarts. Our delegates reported regarding the fate of each of the motions sent forward by this sub-branch to Congress and were the recipients of a hearty vote of thanks for their services. The Business part of the agenda having been got rid of at a comparatively early hour, those present were treated by member Tom Marriott and an assistant to a programme of cinema shorts which carried our memories back farther than some of us cared to admit. Charlie Chaplin ran riot with his custom pies to the evident enjoyment of all present, and proved pretty conclusively that though we may justly class ourselves as veterans, we are still all big kids at heart. At the supper table Tom and his side were thanked in the usual manner for their entertainment and, the “hard stuff” being on tap, opportunity was taken to wish, with fully charged glasses, “bon voyage” to Fred Abele on the eve of his departure to represent W.A. at the Sydney Congress.

On November 6 our S.S.L. held a social to which parents were invited and turned up in force. Rabbi Freedman and State sub-Warden Nicholas were in attendance, and an enjoyable evening was spent by all. The Rabbi was particularly intrigued with the roller cycle racing items, and it is hoped to provide a real attraction at some future date by matching him against Bajugard Martyn on racing machines.

An Armistice Day Service was held at St. Mary’s, South Perth, on Armistice eve, and was attended by a fair muster of returned men, sons of soldiers and Girl Guides. Sir William Campion read the lesson, Toc H Padre preached the sermon and president Gordon Day laid a wreath on the roll of honour.

Our women’s auxiliary stalwarts were on the job bright and early on Armistice Day and worked to such good effect that by lunch time practically every poppy had been disposed of and as further supplies were unobtainable, the good work had to be curtailed. The thanks of all members are hereby tendered to the ladies for their great work and also to our Poppy Day Committee who did their job well. Collections were the best for some years and our Amelioration Fund benefits considerably.

On Sunday, 24th November, our cricketers journeyed to Gosnells where they engaged the local R.S.I. team in an epic struggle and emerged victorious. A return match is to be played on our own ground on Sunday, 8th instant, and a keen match is anticipated. The following Sunday, 17th December, we journey to Kelmscott for a full-day fixture, and with pleasant memories of encounters in previous years a good day’s outing is looked forward to.

The November general meeting was attended by approximately 50, and those who came along were entertained by a remarkably interesting address by Major Norman Brearley. He spoke at some length on various aspects of aviation, both war-time and present day, and was assured by an extra hearty vote of thanks at its termination of the enjoyment and instruction gained by his hearers. Harry Kahan, in moving the vote of thanks, was in his usual good fettle, and Ross Harwood, in seconding it, gave a graphic description of the “delights” (?) of flying as experienced by him. (Once was evidently enough.)

During the course of the evening opportunity was taken to congratulate Oscar Bader on his being co-opted to the State Executive of the Sons of Soldiers’ League. Oscar has put in a lot of unsellable hard work as senior warden of our own poppy and this is, as a fitting tribute from the powers that be, as to his worth.

The December meeting is to take the form of a “smoko”, and it is hoped to make it an entertaining one by long talked of. The services of some first-class entertainers have been secured and on Friday, 20th, the hop over takes place at 8 p.m. in the Swan Street Hall.

SONS OF SOLDIERS

We have pleasure in publishing a letter received from the Collie sub-branch. The letter reads:

Is the following suggestion of any use to your Executive Committee?

That at convening periods each country sub-branch exchange visits of members with those of metropolitan sub-branch. For instance, we here, amongst us, could find accommodation, shall we say, for six metropolitan members, if at the same time metropolitan members could accommodate a similar number from Collie. Those boys from Collie would be welcome in the homes of those boys from Collie, who would be staying at the Perth boys’ homes. As far as Collie is concerned, we can guarantee you any amount of sport, swimming, sight-seeing, hiking, cycling, etc., etc. Many of you have not been down a coal mine, very few of you have ever been up on the highest lookout terrace tower in the State, and none of you have seen our new weir at Mungullup, nor the Wellington Dam. You’ve only heard what we ourselves do here, but you haven’t seen us at work. We guarantee that we can introduce metropolitan members for a week, just as we feel you could interest us in a reciprocal visit.

Furthermore, I think it would engender that comradeship which is necessary amongst boys, not of one town, but as between town and country. It would further that “Esprit de Corps”, which every sub-branch should be bubbling over with. The matter of expense should, we say, would not go beyond rail fare and pocket money, for where one boy left home here, a town boy would take his place.

The Sons of Soldiers’ League committee of the Ex-Servicemen’s Membership were pleased to add to their number, and at a conference held at Anzac House on November 4, at which representatives of all metropolitan sub-branches of the S.S.L. were present, a ballot was held to elect two members to the committee. The successful nominees were Mr. Fred Bateson, warden of Claremont sub-branch, and Mr. Oscar Bader, warden of

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COUNTRY BOYS ENTERTAINMENT

The party of boys from the Boddington-Minarading district were the guests of the Press sub-branch of the Sons of Soldiers' League at their weekly meeting at the Y.M.C.A., Perth, on Wednesday, October 30. Among the party, which numbered 14, were a number whose fathers were returned soldiers, and this fact made them feel at home in such a gathering. At 7 p.m. they were met by the president, Mr. R. A. Nicholas, and secretary, Mr. B. A. Bell, and conducted to the gymnasium where for an hour they were entertained watching the sub-branch boys going through their exercises and games, being amused by the youngest members, a small lad of 15 years in his game attempts to do a somersault over the horse, helped by the instructor who grabbed him by the seat of his pants to save a fall. Adjourned to a lecture room the visitors joined in the simple but impressive opening ceremony of the S.S.L., which ends with the words “Let us stand silent in memory of those who died for us and our country. Let us forget.” This was followed by half an hour's interesting talk by Mr. E. S. Watt, subject, “With the Camel Corps in Egypt.” The boys expressed their pleasure and on departure were each presented with a book as a souvenir of their visit to the Press S.S.L.

COTTESLOE

We are pleased to hear that the Cottesloe sub-branch have formed a sub-branch of the Sons of Soldiers' League under the able and energetic guidance of Mr. H. J. Scott. The State Executive extend their hearty congratulations and wish and express pleasure and on the great work of the League in the future.

SOUTH PERTH

The South Perth Sons of Soldiers held a social evening on November 6 in the Swan Street Hall, South Perth. The State Warden, Rabbi Freedman, and assistant State Warden, Mr. R. A. Nicholas, were present. The following artists provided a very entertaining programme:- Miss Simms, soloist; Miss Stewart, mouth organ; Misses Gladys and Phyllis McCaffrey, on the violins; Messrs. Greg Chippier and Clem O'Keefe on the rollers. Members of the S.S.L. who took part were Harold Walton, N. Johnson, R. Bennett, J. Board, C. Fender-grass, B. Rush and W. Purnell. A very instructive exhibition on the horizon bar was given by Fred and Bob Sparks. These two boys, whose ages are under twelve years and who are not members, have rendered yeoman service to the S.S.L. by assisting Instructor Arch Hollis at the sports meetings. The Rabbi showed a very keen interest in the rollers and the boys are wondering if he intends to start training himself.

Mr. G. Day, president of the South Perth sub-branch, introduced the Rabbi, who addressed the audience and then made a number of presentations—a postcard photograph of the winning team in the Collett Shield Competition to each member, a cup to the best all-round senior boy, George Cox, and an enlarged photograph to both the Senior Wardens, O. Bader, and his assistant, W. Purnell. The photographs being presented, theld a sub-branch and the boys every success in their venture. We commend their example to other sub-branches for it is to our sons we look to uphold the traditions and to carry on the great work of the League in the future.

PERTH

At the monthly meeting on November 5, it was decided to hold meetings twice monthly, the first and third Tuesday in each month. Accounts amounting to £3 8s. 11d. were passed for payment. It was mentioned that a member of the S.S.L., Albany sub-branch is an inmate of the Perth Hospital. The president and warden agreed to visit this member, who is a stranger to Perth. Visits from members of this sub-branch would be very much appreciated. Two trophies (cups) were won by R. Nugent and N. O'Farrell for the best attendance, etc., were presented by the president. The girls suitably responded. It was decided to form a sub-committee to deal with the matter of forming a cricket team. It is the intention of this sub-branch to play all and sundry. H. Nugent was appointed to deal with the games in connection with the State Executive for the coming year. It was decided to appoint the warden, Mr. J. O'Farrell, as publicity officer. The election of captains for the various teams was allowed to stand over until next meeting.

NORTH PERTH

We wish everyone to know we are alive and we are after all the outdoor fun and exercise possible. The first camp was held at Kelmscott (the Scouts ground) on November 16 and 17. Good weather and ideal conditions helped very much towards every one being happy. We were sorry it was time to go home. Mr. Discon’s motor lorry took us there and back, consequently no humping of kit was necessary. Huts saved the begging and borrowing, etc., which was done by the P.S.L. and we were able to indulge in all the diving and swimming that could be wished for at the public swimming pool. After all, the camping is the real life and shows what you are made of. Whether you burn your sausages or make a horrid mess of your stew I can assure all readers this will not be our last camp; we are looking forward to the time when every boy can come on a camp and generally look after himself like his dad did years ago. The educational side is not overlooked. We have had several very instructive lectures, including one by Mr. Reg. Nicholas, the Government layman, who showed a lithograph poster in 9 colours was produced and how the colours were blended to give the required shades. The secretary (A. Cameron) is to be given the credit for his utmost efforts in accounting the lads of all fixtures and keeping them up to the scratch. He was re-elected unopposed for the second year of office. The Kelmscott camp was organised and supervised by the new S.S.L. Warden for North Perth (Mr. Eric Bas), late of the Imperial Camel Corps.
A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
from the State President, Mrs. J. McKinlay
Christmas is almost with us again, and there is ample evidence that the spirit of goodwill is abroad.
More than nineteen hundred years ago the humble shepherds heard to the first Christmas message of peace and goodwill. Yet since then the old world has had to struggle through many a devastating war. Despots have reigned and thousands have suffered martyrdom. Nations have risen and flourished, only to fall to decay and obscurity, others rising in their stead. But through all the turmoil and strife there comes each year at Christmas the message “On earth peace, goodwill towards men.” There have been times when it has seemed a mockery, yet it has endured. Does this not carry some significance, some ray of hope with it?
A study of history will show that conditions are improving slowly. Not so long ago war seemed the only possible means of settling disputes. Now, the better method has been evolved of searching for the root of the trouble and conferring over it. The League of Nations is an achievement, not only as the means of settling disputes, but in the international exchange of opinions in the matters of health, social and labour conditions in the world.
There are now many minor organisations also, whose objects are to gain a better understanding of other nations. With the present facilities of travel and broadcast big strides have been made in this direction. Christmas is the time chosen for the Empire broadcast which encircles the globe.
The Governor-General-elect declared recently that returned soldiers and women were the greatest agencies in the world for peace to-day. As auxiliaries to the R.S.L. our task is clear—but let us “act” peace rather than “talk” it. From our sons and daughters will come the legislators of the future, and it is our privilege to train them in citizenship.
In our organisation are those of differing creeds, politics and social standing, yet they meet to co-operate in the same ideals and thereby unconsciously gain a better understanding of each others’ point of view. Unselfish service is freely given and the ties of friendship bind us all closer as the years pass. Surely these are small contributions to that ultimate peace and goodwill—small but nevertheless important.
As we join in the festival of Christmas may we feel the responsibility of the message and pledge ourselves to bring the long promised peace just a little nearer.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE
The members entertained the returned soldiers from the Old Men’s Home to a day’s outing in the hills on Sunday, November 17. A bus was placed at the disposal of the men with Mr. D. Brick, deputy superintendent, and Mr. C. Gower, assistant secretary, of the North-East Fremantle sub-branch in charge. Halts were made at Canning Weir, enabling the men to see this huge structure, and at Araluen, where lunch was served. Two bus loads of members and friends accompanied the party, all helping to serve and entertain the guests. At the close of a most enjoyable day Mr. Brick, in thanking the ladies, stressed the fact that this was the first time that the returned men from the Home had been entertained which would long be gratefully remembered. Mrs. Stockman, vice-president, and Mrs. Stubberfield of the State Executive were present, and congratulated the North-East Fremantle auxiliary for the splendid way in which they had organised and carried out the day’s arrangements. Mrs. E. Bell, president, and members gratefully thank all who helped to make their effort such a success by donations of all kinds. Thanks are also.
due to Mr. Hopkins, who so ably entertained the men with his accordenee.

VICTORIA PARK

The auxiliary has had a very busy time since the last meeting on October 25. At the social that followed Mr. Hinchcliffe’s pupils (the Quintette) contributed items which were greatly appreciated. Thelma Barry almost tied herself in knots for our benefit, and a skit by the Park Skeeters, composed by Mr. F. Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Matthews and Co., caused considerable amusement. The stalls held on October 26 proved a huge success, and was opened by the Lady Mayoress (Miss Mabel Teather), who said that it gave her great pleasure to be present in the new hall for the first time, which she hoped would not be the last. Stalls were—miscellaneous, Mesdames Stockton and Phillips, assisted by Miss Rothwell; lucky dip, Mesdames Kanzler and Haigh; cake stall, Mesdames Scrase and Barnes; afternoon tea, Mesdames Barnett and Ayling; confessionery, Mesdames Colley, Massingham and Wilkinson; Johnny-all-sorts, Mesdames F. Matthews and Peedy; produce, Mesdames Jack Matthews and Caldwell; ice-cream, Mrs. Cox; and the dancing stall, Mrs. Cable. John Cox presented the Lady Mayoress with a bouquet tied with the auxiliary colours, and in return received a fancy box of lollies, with which she was highly delighted. Mr. H. Taylor, J. Hocking and others, who assisted, have the auxiliary committee’s appreciation of their help. The committee desires to thank all those who gave donations, and the stallholders for all their efforts to make our first bazaar a huge success. On the Monday night following we were the guests of Bayswater auxiliary, and had a royal time. The card evenings are proving successful, and a tea cosy, raffled at one of these evenings, was won by Miss M. Butt, with ticket No. 16. The dances are still popular, the hall being well filled at each. After the meeting on November 22 the auxiliary will go into recess until January 4, meanwhile the committee will carry on. On December 1 we are entertaining the Lemmings’ boys, and possibly the Edward Millen patients, to high tea in the new Memorial Hall. On December 8, the which river trip will be held, family tickets 2/6, including children up to 16. This year, although we only had a few sellers, last year’s Poppy Day sales were doubled. Mrs. Howard, our secretary, is away on sick leave, and we wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs. Haigh, one of the committee, is travelling on the “Strathaven” with her husband, who has just recovered from a serious illness.

CARLISLE

There was a large attendance at the social and dance in the Memorial Hall on October 30. Among the visitors were the State President (Mrs. McKinlay), the State Secretary (Mrs. Hopkinton) members of the Carlisle sub-branch and S.S.L. and the president, secretary and members of the Victoria Park sub-branch.

Certificates of Service were presented to the retiring secretary (Mrs. Cable) and the treasurer (Mrs. Nicol). Both Mrs. McKinlay and Mrs. Hopkinton, who made the pre-arrangements, expressed the work of these two officials. Their remarks were supported by Mr. Ash, who has been the auxiliary’s honorary auditor for the past two years, and Mr. Nicol, past president of the sub-branch.

Both ladies suitably supplied. Beautiful posies were handed to Mesdames McKinlay, Hopkinton, Cable and Nicol. In the intervals between dances, items were rendered by Mrs. Croft (president Victoria Park sub-branch), Mrs. Zena Cable, and Messrs. Burns and Tatham. The brass dish, donated by Mrs. Cable, was won by Mrs. Dyson, who kindly presented it to be raffled for the funds of the S.S.L. The stage dance was won by Zena Cable and T. Everard. A dainty supper brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The president (Mrs. Dyson) and secretary (Mrs. Croft) are to be congratulated in the success which attests their efforts to arrange and conduct such a delightful function. Mrs. Williams provided the music.

The bridge prize at the card afternoon on November 28 was won by Mrs. Percy. During the month visits were paid to No. 11 Ward and to diggers in general wards of the Perth General Hospital, when 41 packets of cigarettes were distributed. The Poppy Day effort was a huge success.

The general meeting, which was well attended, saw the enrolment of two new members. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month.

BAYSWATER

On Thursday, October 31, Bayswater auxiliary had the pleasure of entertaining the members of several other sub-branches to a social in the Town Hall, Bayswater. We were very gratified at the number that responded to the invitations. A very friendly spirit prevailed and dancing and games were in the air. The composing and singing of impromptu verses to the visitors proved quite a hit, also the item by “The Village Choir.” Auxiliaries intending to form a village choir are warned to keep their eyes off our red-headed conductor.

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provided. The Christmas cake was cut by Mrs. Martyn and handed round by members of the executive committee. Votes of thanks were accorded to the office-bearers and to the afternoon party, and Mrs. Dean was surrounded by members and given musical honours, a tribute she richly merits for her enthusiastic and sympathetic leadership of the F.U.S.W.

STATE EXECUTIVE

At the request of the Women's Auxiliary, State Executive, Mr. A. Yeates attended the November meeting and received a cheque for £23 10s., being the profit from the Congress Ball and donations by auxiliaries to the Anzac House Building Fund.

As this was the first meeting of the State Executive for the ensuing year, Misses Randall and Gregor were welcomed.

The following committees were arranged:
- Trustees, Mrs. Kirby (chairman), Mrs. Pendegrast and Mrs. Stubberfield, Motor outing, Mrs. Stepkin (chairman), Mrs. Downe, Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Stubberfield, Mrs. Hopperton: Hospital, Visiting, Mrs. Stone (chairman), Miss Hawton, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Gregor, Mrs. Doran and Mrs. Pike: Social Committee, Mrs. James, Mrs. Middleton and Mrs. Henderson.

The quarterly at-home for past and present members of the State Executive took place in the auxiliary room, Anzac House, on Friday, December 6. The afternoon passed quickly with a competition won by Mrs. Gregor and afternoon tea served by the social committee. Mrs. Pike won the lucky number. Occasion was taken to wish bon voyage to Mrs. Kirke, who was leaving next day for the Eastern States.

A warm welcome is extended to all former executive members to these at-homes. The next will be on the first Friday in March. Please remember that no invitations are sent out.

20/11/1935

At the meeting of the State Executive on November 20, 1935, there were present: Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Philip, Freedman, Margaret, Watt, James, Lovell, Wilkins, Mitchell, Pady, Ross, Collins, Nicholas and Roché.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, Sten, Collett, Panton, Denton, Aberle, Cornell, Warner, Wells, Lamb and Henning.

Anzac House.—It was reported that the State Executive of the Women's Auxiliary had donated £23 10s., the proceeds of a recent dance, to the Anzac House Building Fund. It was agreed that the women's auxiliary be thanked for this effort.

Sir William Birdwood.—A communication was received from Sir William Birdwood appreciating the action of the Geraldton sub-branch in naming their new headquarters Birdwood House.

Land Committee.—Colonel Olden reported on behalf of the Committee that he and Mr. Warner had joined a deputation which had waited upon the Minister for Health in connection with the closing of meat inspection depots in Perth and Fremantle. The Minister had promised to review the position. The report was received and adopted.

Poppy Day.—The report of the Poppy Day committee indicated that 35,932 poppies had been distributed to 114 centres. Sixty sub-branches did not order and, presumably, did not participate in the appeal; 2,550 stickers and 126 remembrance wreaths had been sold by the State Executive. North Perth sub-branch again topped the sales, collecting over £190.

'After discussion, it was agreed that the 60 sub-branches which had not ordered poppies should be communicated with and asked for the reasons of their inactivity on Poppy Day.

It was agreed that it be a recommendation to the Poppy Day committee that the distribution of wreaths to all Road Boards and Municipalities in Western Australia be considered.

Relief.—The report of the Relief Fund trustees showed that during the month of October, £50 1s, 3d. had been distributed in relief to 46 applicants.

War Service Homes.—In response to a telegram from Colonel Collett, which asked for the Executive any views on the War Service Homes Bill now before the Federal Parliament, it was agreed, after discussion, to advise Colonel Collett that the Executive had no comment to make and supported the provisions of the Bill.

Disabilities.—Medical opinions collected by the British Empire Service League concerning the effects of mustard gas and war neurones were referred to the Pensions Committee.

Visits.—Visits were reported as follows:
- State President, Darling Range, Beverley, No. 2 D.C.; Wyalkatchem: Mr. E. S. Watt, Subiaco; Rabbi Freedman; South Perth, S.S.; Colonel Olden, laying of wreath on State War Memorial by Italian Consul, Armistice Service, St. George's Cathedral, Northam sub-branch, South African and Imperial Veterans' Memorial Service, ex-Naval Men's Association.

In reporting on the last visit Colonel Olden stated that some criticism of the League had occurred at this function, the allegation being that sufficient recognition was not afforded ex-naval men in League activities. The matter was referred to the Management Committee for consideration and investigation.

Schoolbooks.—Mr. Collins moved, and Mr. E. S. Watt seconded a motion, that this Executive congratulates the Education Depart-
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YELBENI</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Antac House, Perth</td>
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<td>R. W. Walker, Yelbeni</td>
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<td>3rd Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTING,</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street,</td>
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<td>W. J. Earnshaw, Taxation</td>
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<td>YEAGERING</td>
<td>Comm'1 Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
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| R.S.L. Sub-Branch Women’s Auxiliaries |

| VICTORIA PARK         | R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Albany Road    | 4th Friday, 7.30 p.m.   | Mrs. E. Tolmie, 88       | Mrs. C. B. Howard, 225   |
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Associations of Ex-Service Men

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<td>11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leandar Ave., Leederville</td>
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<td>FORTY-FOURTH ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHT BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
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<td>Lt.-Col. I. E. Dunkley, 86 Angrove St., North Perth</td>
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<td>L. D. Lobascher, 27nd Floor, Economic Chambers, Perth</td>
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<td>When called</td>
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from the Relief Fund for the provision of comforts for ex-service men in that institution.

Repatriation Act.—A suggestion for a further amendment to the Repatriation Act to include the provision of pension for widows and dependents of deceased T.B. ex-service men whose disability was not accepted as due to war service, had been telegraphed to Col. Collett, who had replied that the government was not likely to agree to this amendment.

Land Committee.—The report of the meeting held on November 29 was received and adopted. Discussion took place on replies received from the Agricultural Bank to representations made as the result of resolutions carried at the State Congress. It was agreed that these replies be published. Other matters dealt with were the distribution of Federal bounties and the marketing of potatoes.

Trustees.—The report of the trustees of the Relief Fund for the month of November disclosed that £140 11s. 7d. had been disbursed in assisting 97 cases.

Visits.—The following visits were reported:—Bassendean, December 3, Rabbi Freedman reported and paid a tribute to the secretary and treasurer of the sub-branch for their very successful efforts in obtaining over 100 members in 12 months by a system of canvassing. Most of the week-ends during that period had been spent in this work.

Herne Hill, Press and Flying Corps Association, State President Collie, Colonel Marigold and Mr. H. E. Wells; Murrindindi, Mr. H. E. Wells; Dumbleyung, Mr. T. Sten; Denmark, Mr. E. Y. Butler; York, Archdeacon C. L. Riley.

Poppy Day.—Reasons for non-participation in Poppy Day sales were forwarded by Boyanup, Serpentina and Torbay sub-committees, and referred to the Poppy Day Committee.

Mr. W. M. Hughes.—A communication from the Claremont sub-branch regarding the Hon. W. H. Hughes was received.

Nedlands.—In thanking the executive for the loan of tables for a bridge evening on November 21, Nedlands sub-branch stated that the effort was in aid of the widow and children of a deceased member and had resulted in about £35 being collected for the family. The secretary was instructed to write congratulating the sub-branch on this effort and convey the thanks of the State Executive.

Mr. Hawthorn Sub-Branch.—Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch requested reconsideration of the executive's decision not to donate a flag for the sub-branch's new building, and regretted that the executive had not been represented at the opening of the new hall. After discussion it was decided that the previous decision of the State Executive be reaffirmed.

Mr. Nicholas explained his inability to attend the opening of the hall on behalf of the State Executive. The State Secretary was instructed to forward the explanation to the sub-branch.

Government Servants.—Gnowangerup sub-branch forwarded the following resolution:—"That headquarters be asked to adopt the policy of approaching the Government in respect of Government servants who are eligible for pensions should be compulsorily retired at the age of 60 years." It was agreed to advise the sub-branch that this should be submitted as a resolution to the next State Congress.

Statutory Lien.—Fingrup sub-branch forwarded the following resolution:—"That until the policy of the Agricultural Bank is definitely defined with regard to wheatgrowers who have suffered from seasonal difficulties and depressed prices for their products, the Bank be asked to refrain from exercising lien rights except from crop proceeds." The matter was referred to the Land Committee.

Eviction of Settlers.—The Torbay sub-branch forwarded the following resolution:—"We most heartily condemn the policy of evicting settlers of the coastal areas and ask that more favourable consideration be given to these men in view of the fact that where they have been deprived of any profitable markets for their produce through no fault of their own they are paying flour and other taxes to keep wheatgrowers on their farms, and assisting others in no greater need than themselves." The matter was referred to the Land Committee.

Poppy Tabs.—Gnowangerup sub-branch recommended that the colours of "Lest We Forget" tabs be changed on the poppies sold annually and the date of the current year be printed thereon. This suggestion was referred to the Poppy Day Committee.

"Listening Post."—The Gnowangerup sub-branch requested information regarding the "Listening Post" which the executive authorized the State Secretary to supply.

Norwood Sub-Branch.—It was advised that the Norwood sub-branch had called a meeting for December 9, in order to extend the scope of the sub-branch to include the area after which it is named. It was agreed that Mr. Wilkins be asked to attend this meeting.

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