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The Re-arming of Germany

The ink of the signatures to the Treaty of Versailles was hardly dry when public men in France and elsewhere began to draw attention to Germany’s deliberate evasions of the Treaty’s main clauses, especially in the matter of reparations and disarmament. A treaty, dictated virtually at the point of the bayonet cannot remain permanent, and treaties of any sort cannot survive the conditions which call them into being. Notwithstanding Germany’s deliberate evasions; it soon became apparent that Germany could not be compelled to defray the whole cost of the War on the Western Front. After the failure of the Dawes Plan, and other expedients, there came a day when Germany announced to all concerned that she neither could nor would pay anything more in the way of reparations.

One plank of the Treaty having been sprung, Germany apologists and pacifists in other countries who believed that an enforced settlement contained the germs of future wars, began to agitate for a revision of the Treaty as a whole. Meanwhile, Germany had been admitted to the League of Nations, and there is no reason for doubting that the Stresemann regime honestly endeavoured to fulfil Treaty obligations. But the voice of the Nazi was heard in the land. Youthful Germany, no longer conscripted into the army, formed itself into physical culture associations, bodies that could easily be inflamed by political propaganda and turned into storm troops. Just as were the Turnenverein a hundred years ago. Nazism’s the natural offspring of that inferiority complex engendered by the bitterness of defeat and Germany’s implied outlawry among the nations. The Nazis, intensely patriotic in the national sense were opposed to Roman Catholicism, Judaism and communism, mainly because the two creeds and the one crankiness had an international significance. They were virulently hostile to the Treaty of Versailles, and one plank of their platform was the demand for the return of Germany’s lost colonies. The Junker class, sighing for its former military prestige, readily made use of a movement which aimed at the re-arming of Germany. Out of this alliance grew the equality proposals of which we have heard so much lately.

Quite logically, Germany took the stand that, in the terms of the Treaty of Versailles, her disarmament was to be the preliminary of a general disarmament and she could not, or would not see why she should remain disarmed while her neighbours were increasing their land and air forces. The picture of a Germany disarmed and helpless, ringed round by armed enemies, was thrust in the face of a generation which had already forgotten Mons and Marne in favour of Gravelotte and Sedan. The whole situation was a vicious circle that was already assuming a Gilbertian flavour. Treaty evasions and the reports of secret forces and munition factories, compelled Germany’s late enemies to remain armed, not only to enforce the terms of the Treaty, but also as a safeguard against future German aggression. Germany could see in the League of Nations nothing but an anti-German syndicate directed by France. The spirit of Locarno prevailed while Stresemann was in power, but with the rise of Hitler that spirit vanished like last year’s rains.

Hitler’s utterances at home caused alarm abroad which his more moderate assurances to foreign ministers have failed to allay. “If Hitler has been misunderstood abroad, he has only himself to blame, specially when it is known that the risings which culminated in the murder of Dr. Dollfuss last year, were part of a Nazi plot against Austrian independence.

From the time that Germany resigned from the League of Nations, it was evident that she would eventually re-arm, and equally evident that no nation would wage war to prevent her from re-arming. Like the hero of a Gilbert play, she maintains that her re-arming is an essential preliminary to disarming, and she has taken full advantage of the present position. The reimposition of conscription is but the logical outcome of her demands in the matters of equality and re-arming. In a sense it is a reply to the increased defence estimates in Great Britain and France, which were originally inspired by doubts as to Germany’s good faith. What is more, the action has been taken during the consideration of the Anglo-French formula which admitted the impracticability of the disarmament clauses of the Treaty of Versailles and was prepared to concede to Germany the equality she demands, provided that she first returns to the League of Nations. Thus, Germany’s aspirations and the fears they have engendered among her neighbours, are causing a general increase of armaments as a preliminary to disarmament. The whole thing is paradoxical, but it is of such paradoxes that life is made, all of which shows that man is more biological than logical.

Even in the present instance Germany
has replied to protests by stressing her peaceful intentions. On the other hand, Dr. Goebbels, the Nazi Minister for Education and Propaganda, speaking on the subject alluded to the war which was not of Germany's seeking, but which was forced on Germany, presumably by the Entente Powers who were wicked enough to hit back when they were attacked. The utterances of 1914, about the time having arrived for Germany to give the rest of the world the benefit of German culture, the bullying of Serbia and the rape of Belgium, have been conveniently forgotten. The belief has grown, and has been disseminated by German apologists, that the Kaiser and his advisers dragged the German people into the last war. The present situation is even more dangerous than that of 1914; it has been brought about by the German people themselves. The reparation clauses of the Treaty have been abrogated and the disarmament clause nullified. It may be expected that Germany will now demand the return of the mandated territories, especially as the demand can now be supported by a show of armed force. And then the fun will start.

The instructor, having delivered a lecture on parachute work concluded: 'And if it doesn't open—well, that is what is known as 'jumping to a conclusion.'

War Pensioners were, from the first, divided into two classes.—(1) Those whose injuries were due to service in the Great-War, and (2) those whose injuries were merely aggravated by War Service. It is a differentiation which should never have been allowed; the determination of which, in the shape of appeals, clerical labour and medical examination, had cost the country far more in solid cash than if the mean and petty distinction had never been decided on. It is a glaring injustice which the soldiers' organisations should have fought and defeated the instant it was suggested, and which even at this late period they should fight, and not cease to fight, till it is erased. It serves no purpose, or rather it serves the one purpose of providing a loop-hole whereby the pensioner can be jockeyed out of his pension.

Until the end of the War the administration of War Pensions was a fairly easy matter. The distinction between the due to claim and the aggravated cut no ice, and the Medical Boards entered when they did err, on the side of generosiy. It was only with the end of the War that the problem of the War Pensions really arose.

There was, of course, no problem about the soldier who had been wounded and discharged medically unfit. It was an easy matter to pension him off: the only trouble likely to arise was in regard to his assessment. The wounded soldier still in hospital under treatment was also no problem; he would go on to a pension automatically the moment his A.I.F. pay stopped. But—

(a) There was the soldier who had been wounded, but had recovered sufficiently to take his discharge as "fit," only to find out sooner or later that he was not fit.

(b) There was the soldier who had contracted an illness for the first time during his War service, and was suffering either from that illness or from its effects.

(c) There was the soldier who had suffered pre-war from some sickness which he had forgotten, or which had cleared up sufficiently for him to be accepted as "fit" on enlistment, but which had broken out afresh during his war service and was worrying him.

(d) There was the soldier who had enlisted with some trifling condition, such as flat feet let us say, but which had worsened during his service.

(e) There was the soldier who, after discharge, developed some disease such as tuberculosis, and who claimed that it had its origin in his war service.

And there were numerous others. They could not all be "classified." Their variety grew with the passing of time, and is still being added to. For example, there are soldiers to be found who, though suffering from a war wound or war illness, scorned to claim a pension on discharge and were discharged as "fit." They signed the usual form declaring they were fit and had no claims against the authorities—so anxious were many of them to get out of khaki and back to work: but the thing was so palpably false that, at any rate in England, the M.O.P. directed that no notice whatever was to be taken of their declaration on Form 22 as it was known there.

All these were problems and many of them most difficult problems for the
Department. Some could be unravelled by the lay staff under the regulations, but most of them were problems which called for both the lay staff and the doctors to settle. How they settled them is a matter of history now in the majority of instances, but not in all, for there are still cases claiming and awaiting settlement. Apart from those which necessarily will demand reassessment from time to time on account of their disability either worsening of improving, there are cases which the doctors are still diagnosing or rather re-diagnosing; cases where pensioners are appealing against a reduction of assessment, or against disentitlement; and another class of case which must not be forgotten, those whose claims for pensions are now being submitted, or will hereafter be submitted, for the first time.

These latter are not to be ignored; nor are they to be received with that raising of the eyebrows or shrug of the shoulders which signifies anything from a mild doubt to a positive disbelief in the bona-fides of a war disability coming to light fifteen years after the War. It is strange how some people can see nothing peculiar in a war-disabled soldier already on a pension getting worse with the passage of time and desiring an increased rate of pension, but are frankly amazed that anyone should have had in him a quiescent state the germs of some war complaint which only begin to assert themselves with the passage of time. There is nothing at all strange about it if we meditate a little. For one reason the soldier is older, and his resistance to disease is not what it was in that upstanding young man who on the threshold of his life enlisted for the War; nor in the man who donned the uniform after the War, strong in the consciousness of duty done and (more important still) full of hope and of plans for the future.

For another reason, the labour conditions are against him. "Ah," there will be some ready to exclaim. There—the secret is out. He's out of work—up he goes for a pension. But there is nothing strange about that either, if that also is meditated on. Every doctor knows that it is a common thing for the unemployed man to find out that he has various aches and pains, some trivial, many alas, terribly serious, which he had suffered from but tried to forget while he was in work. If there is one person who should know that the average working man is not a fooler it is the doctor, for only the doctors know the number of men—and women, too, who should be in hospital or in bed, who should be operated on or in the Sanatorium or Convalescent Home, but who protest they cannot afford to lose their job. But when the job is done, as happens in time of distress or during a strike, the out-patient numbers go up at the hospital, the attendance on the doctors increases. It is not a strange phenomena. It is perfectly natural.

There is nothing to wonder at and certainly nothing to scoff at, then, in the spectacle of soldiers at the present time, even though it be fifteen years after the War, discovering the existence of injuries and ailments which they attribute to the War. Whether or not they are to be attributed to the War in any way is another matter, and this is or should be for the doctors to settle after examination and after due consideration of every aspect of each case.

There is one other class of case demanding notice here. It is the case of a soldier in receipt of a pension for one particular War injury when he has several other disabilities which he is under the impression are being recognised and taken into account in estimating the amount of his pension. Merely to be under the impression is not enough. Every pensioner with multiple disabilities which he claims are war-caused should obtain from the Department some written assurance that they are all being recognised and taken cognizance of for pension purposes. If they are not being so recognised, it is for him to appear, in writing, and put his case in order. It has not been an uncommon case in the past for a pensioner to be suffering from an injury and, say, a heart lesion at one and the same time, and to be in receipt of a pension for the injury only. On the injury and its effect having worn off the pension has ceased, and only then has the pensioner realised that his heart condition has never been taken into account. His file is innocent of any claim by him for a pension for this heart condition and, accordingly, he has after the lapse of many years to prove connection between this disability and his war service. It might have been an easy matter years ago; it is certainly not going to be an easy matter after the lapse of a dozen or fifteen years.

It has often been urged against the war pensioner that all the troubles in regard to his pension is due to the fact that he is, and always has been, too casual. Exactly; but it was his very casualness that made him drop his pick or his pen, his hod or his hammer and enlist, bunions and all. If he had not been so casual he would have said to

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(By F.B.)

Whilst on a visit to Perth during the Christmas holidays, I was privileged to be present at a meeting of the State Executive of the R.S.L. at Anzac House. On entering the room, I was at once struck by the businesslike air which pervaded it. Members, with their coats off and papers before each, were seated round a large table. At the head, in a special chair, the gift of the South Australian Branch, sat our President with his coat off and sleeves rolled up.

Each member has his own seat and his own copies of the minutes and agenda paper. Many keep files and notes for their own use and reference.

After the customary silence the minutes were dealt with. These are not read, of course, as each member has a copy posted to him some days before, so that he can read them and vote accordingly.

Notices of motion and adjourned business then come before the meeting. The next item was reports. It was here that I was astounded at the amount of work dealt with by our Executive. As each Committee was called (and there are thirteen of them!) a member arose, read his report and tabled a written motion if necessary. This was then discussed freely by the members present as a whole, and the report was adopted or amended as the case might be.

After this came correspondence. This is, of course, sifted before hand, and only certain letters are read out. Others go direct to the Committees concerned, to be read there. I noticed that each letter was dealt with as read out, and so much valuable time was saved. When the correspondence was finalised items on the Agenda Paper were attended to. Finally the meeting was thrown open for general business, and free discussion took place on all subjects brought forward.

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AROUND THE HOSPITALS

By M. S. McK.

Perth Public

"We are looking for Returned Soldiers."

Someone trying to be helpful will reply: "Oh, they are in Ward 11." But the auxiliary visitors explain that there are quite a number of ex-servicemen in the other wards and that it is they who are sought.

Every Wednesday afternoon, two members of the Women's Auxiliary State Executive visit the civilian wards, that is, wards Nos. 6, 1, 2, 9 and 10. They take with them cigarettes, granted by general business, and free discussion took place on all subjects brought forward.

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It is not the easiest thing in the world to ask patients if they are ex-service men, but it is the only way to do the job properly. The cigarettes are very acceptable especially to those who have no friends in town. Tastes in literature are studied. Ex-Imperials delight in the English Times and Mirror, Victorians in the Australasians, and the majority in Smith's Weekly! Weekly lists show a diversity of units, mainly in the A.I.F., of course, but the navy, the Essex, Lancers, Highlanders and South Africans have had their quota of late.

For proof that the war has adversely affected the constitutions of men who were seemingly fit on demobilisation, one has only to hear the hospital records of some of the soldier patients. The majority are in through accidents and common ailments, but there are a number who spend months and months in hospital, and others who are more often in than out. Some are very sick men, and have been given little hope of a cure. One admires their continued cheerfulness and realises how difficult it must be for them to keep smiling under the circumstances. As their illness cannot be proved to be war caused they have not the satisfaction of knowing that their dependants will be provided for in some small measure.

There is always a welcome for the auxiliary visitors, but at times some patients express a longing to see some of their former comrades. One sub-branch has a member who visits them weekly. In an average there are twenty to thirty ex-service men in those wards per week.

On Anzac Day, those who did not return will be remembered at the many services. What of those still sick unto death, lying in hospital? Some lonely and disillusioned! Cannot remembrance extend to them in the practical form of a visit and a handshake?

NOTE.—If any battalion associations or sub-branches cared to pay a visit, a list of patients and their units could be supplied by auxiliary visitors.

M. S. McK.

THE LISTENING POST

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Memories of March 1915

March 1.—Mr. Asquith announced in Parliament that a real blockade of Germany would be undertaken, no goods of any kind being allowed to enter or leave that country.

March 2.—The text of the American note to Germany making suggestions which would lessen the risks of neutral merchantmen entering the submarine zone, together with the German reply, were published in a message from Amsterdam.

March 3.—The Glyde engineers who had been on strike resumed work with the stipulation that there should be no overtime and that if an advance of 2d. an hour were not granted by March 5, they would work at lower pressure.

March 4.—The Admiralty reported that during the naval bombardments at the Dardanelles 40 enemy field guns had been destroyed. The Russians gained successes in the Carpathians and East Galicia.

March 5.—A British squadron shelled Smyrna and a French battleship destroyed a Turkish oil depot at Said near Gaba Tepe.

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(See next issue of “Listening Post” for continuance of Tour.)
March 6.—M. Venizelos, Prime Minister of Greece and his Cabinet resigned because of King Constantine’s refusal to declare war against the Central Powers as the ally of Britain and France.

The Queen Elizabeth, supported by Agamemnon and Ocean, attacked the forts at the Narrows by indirect fire across the Gallipoli Peninsula, firing at 21,000 yards.

The French Press Bureau published a list which estimated the German casualties at 3,000,000, including killed, wounded and prisoners.

March 7.—Six British aeroplanes raided Ostend.

The Indian Office announced that a force of 10,000 Turks and Arabs had inflicted a check on a British reconnoitering detachment in the valley of the Tigris.

Four French battleships covered the bombardment of the defences of the Narrows by H.M.S. Agamemnon and Lord Nelson.

March 8.—In Greece, M. Zaimis declined the task of forming a cabinet while Parliament and people declared in favour of M. Venizelos and his Pro-Entente policy.

German attempts to capture Woods west of Perthes, in Champagne, were repulsed.

March 9.—Mr. Lloyd George announced that the British Government would take powers to commander factories and, if necessary, turn them into National workshops for the manufacture of munitions.

March 10.—The Battle of Neuve Chapelle commenced with a striking British advantage in the La Bassee region. The village of Neuve Chapelle was stormed and heavy casualties, including 1,720 prisoners, were inflicted on the Germans.

The German submarine, U12, was rammed and sunk by the British destroyer Ariel.

March 12.—Enemy counter attacks were repulsed at Neuve Chapelle.

March 13.—It was announced that H.M. auxiliary cruiser Bayance had been torpedoed by a German submarine, and that of a crew of 216, only 27 were saved.

March 14.—By sudden assault, the Russians captured an Austrian battalion and carried enemy positions near the village of Malkovce, in the Przemysl region.

The German cruiser Dresden, the sole survivor of Von Spee’s squadron which was destroyed off the Falkland Islands, was sunk near Juan Fernandez by H.M.S. Glasgow and the auxiliary cruiser Orama.

March 15.—Drawing attention to the grave situation which had arisen through arrears of output, Lord Kitchener commended the Government’s Bill for taking over factories for war work.

The Government published the text of the Order-in-Council establishing the “Real Blockade” of Germany in reply to Germany’s campaign of unrestricted submarine warfare.

March 16.—The Russians reported advances on both flanks of the long Eastern Front.

March 17.—Sir Edward Grey replied to the American Ambassador that the blockade of Germany was one “effectively controlling by cruiser action all passages to and from Germany by sea,” but that full penalties would not be enforced from neutrals for breaches of the blockade.

March 18.—Seven persons were killed in Zeppelin attacks on Calais. The Swedish steamer, Geheland, laden with provisions, alleged to be consigned to a German port, was arrested by the British cordon of cruisers.

The Russians commenced a new invasion of East Prussia. British and French warships again bombarded the forts at the Narrows.

March 19.—The Russians occupied Memel in East Prussia.

March 20.—Four Zeppelins carried out an early morning raid on Paris dropping bombs on the north-western quarter, but causing only trifling damage.

During the process of an unsuccessful sortie from Przemysl, 3,974 men of the garrison were captured by the Russians.

A letter to the Secretary of the Dock Labourers’ Union, Lord Kitchener warned the workers against persistence in their refusal to work overtime.

March 22.—The great Austrian fortress of Przemysl surrendered after a siege of six months; the prisoners amounting to 126,000.

Speaking on the origin and the objects of the War, Sir Edward Grey stated that one essential condition of peace must be the restoration of freedom to Belgium with reparations for the damage inflicted on that country.

March 23.—The Russians withdrew from Memel.

The attempt of a Turkish force of 1,000 to raid the Suez Canal was repulsed by a British detachment under Sir G. Younghusband.
March 24.—Five British naval aircraft, operating from Dunkirk, successfully bombed the submarine building at Hoboken, near Antwerp.

In the Carpathians, the Russians captured several fortified heights on the front between the roads leading to Bortfeld and Uzzok, taking 4,000 prisoners.

March 25.—The German submarine U29, commanded by the officer who sank the three Cresseys and had distinguished himself as “the polite pirate,” was sunk with all hands.

The German submarine, U28, sank the Dutch steamer Medea off Beachy Head.

March 26.—French aircraft raided Metz.

March 27.—The British liner Falaba was torpedoed to the south of George’s Channel, sinking in ten minutes. About 240 survivors were picked up and 236 persons were reported missing.

March 28.—The Russian Black Sea Fleet bombarded the outside forts and batteries of the Bosphorus, on both sides of the Straits.

March 29.—Mr. Lloyd George received a deputation from the leading shipbuilding firms who requested total prohibition of the sale of alcohol during the war.

March 30.—The Home Secretary appointed a commission to consider the conditions of the retail trade in regard to the further enlistment of men.

General Hughes, the Canadian Minister for Defence, announced that his Government was prepared to maintain 30,000 Canadian troops in the firing line throughout the war, if necessary.

March 31.—The German submarine, U28, sank the British steamers Flaminiand and Crown of Castille.

French airmen successfully bombarded the maritime station at Bruges and the aviation camp at Gits.

At the meeting of the State Executive on February 27, there were present: Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Olden Collett, Philip, Panton, Hunt, Aberle, Freedman, Margolin, Warner, Bryan, Watt, Cornell, Lovell, Pady, Ross, Wells, Mellor, Collins, Farquharson, Cox and Roche. Leave was granted to Messrs. Mag, Denton, Lamb and Wilkins.

Reports.
The State Secretary reported having visited Mundaring, and on an interview with the Premier concerning appointments in the State Audit Department. He also stated that the matter of concession fares for Anzac Day was still under consideration by the State Government.

War Service Homes.
Mr Aberle reported having accompanied the State Secretary to interview Mr. Petersen, the Commissioner for War Service Homes. Several individual cases were put up to the Commissioner and in two cases success was achieved.

Anzac Day.
The Anzac Day Committee reported having reviewed the Hymn Sheet from which several verses would be deleted in future.

S.S.I.
Rabbi Freedman reported on behalf of the S.S.I. Executive Committee and recommended that the Colonel Collett Shield Competition proceed. This was agreed to. Details concerning the registration of unemployed sons of sailors and soldiers at the League’s Bureau and at country centres were submitted and agreed to.

Visits.
It was regretted that representation of the State Executive at the Osborne Park picnic on March 3 could not be arranged.

It was decided that an Executive delegation attend the opening of the staff quarters at the Talbot Hospital on March 30.

Reports on visits were submitted as follows:—Mundaring, Midland Junction and Narrogin (the State President), Bassendean (Archdeacon Riley), Waroona (Mr. Collins), and Maylands (Mr. Wilkins).

Mr. Pady reported that he had attended the cricket match between country and city members.

Messrs. Hunt and Cox were appointed to represent the State Executive at Belmont on March 26.

Gascoyne Sub-branch extended an invitation for an Executive delegation at Carnarvon.

Officials.
The appointment of officials as advised by the following sub-branches was confirmed—Goomalling, York, Forest Grove.

No. 4, District Committee.
Mr. H. L. Roche, who had been appointed representative of No. 4 District Committee on the State Executive, was formally welcomed to the meeting by the State President and took his seat.

Gramaphone Records.
A communication from the New South Wales branch regarding gramaphone records of the “Revelle” and “Last Post” was referred to the Anzac Day committee for action and publicity.

Women’s Auxiliary.
A communication from the Women’s Auxiliary in regard to a holiday home scheme was referred to the Management Committee, as was a request from the same organisation for permission to send a delegate to a meeting of the Primary Producers’ Association with respect to a proposed home for girls.

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Congress Items.
The following Congress items were disposed of as follows:—

Item 73.—That the Soldiers’ Welcome Committee be affiliated with the R.S.L. The necessary notification to be forwarded.

Item 158.—Development of wireless.—To be sent through the Federal Executive.

Item 169.—Cottage Homes for ex-service men.—Referred to the Trustees of the W.A. Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund and the Pensions Committee.

Other Business.
The annual report of the Collie Sub-branch was referred to the Membership Committee.

The question of a clause in the lease of sub-branch premises at Albany was referred to the Management Committee.

The State Secretary reported that the case of F. W. Miller had been referred to the Minister for Lands and that the result of the reference had been successful.

Mr. Hunt reported that, in company with the State Secretary and Messrs. Harvey and Stanley of the Cottesloe Sub-branch, he had interviewed the Minister for Lands with reference to a grant of land to the sub-branch at Cottesloe and that the result of the interview had been quite satisfactory to the Cottesloe delegates.

It was agreed that a suitable letter of thanks be sent to the York Sub-branch in acknowledgment of a donation of £5 5s. to the Anzac House building Fund.

In connection with a request for the free use of the Ballroom at Anzac House on Sunday, April 7, for the final of the Baby Week Appeal, it was decided on the motion of Messrs. Cox and Hunt “That, where applications are received for the free use of any part of Anzac House for worthy charitable objects, the usual charge be made, and a recommendation submitted to the Executive that a donation equal to the charge be made to the organisation concerned.”

On the motion of Messrs. Philip and Aberle, it was decided “That the State Secretary ascertain whether it is the intention of the present owners and/or occupiers of the old Soldiers’ Institute, now known as Stirling Institute, to continue to let the premises and under what conditions, and to sub- (Mr. W. J. Hunt).

The following letter was read:—

Mr. J. A. Tomlinson, 58. T. Street, Mount Lawley, W.A.

March 20, 1935

Sir,—In reply to your letter of March 20, I have the honour to forward herewith a report of the meeting of the executive of the War Service Homes Committee held on Tuesday, March 12.

The Chairman, Mr. C. Cottrell, presiding, said the object of the meeting was to discuss the question of the war service home at Mount Lawley and the possibility of the Mount Lawley Chamber of Trade providing funds for the purpose.

Mr. W. J. Hunt, who attended the meeting, said the decision of the executive was to recommend to the committee that it should make a further contribution of £200 to the war service home fund.

Mr. C. Cottrell said he understood that the Home was nearing completion.

Mr. J. A. Tomlinson said he was much pleased with the results of the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. Tomlinson

Secretary, W.A. War Service Homes Committee.

Invitations from Mornington Mills, No. 4 D.C. (March 30), and Mt. Helena (March 23) were referred to the Management Committee.

Mr. Harvey, M. P., reported to the State Executive at Brunswick on March 15, and Mr. F. G. Aberle at Mt. Hawthorn on April 12.

Northam Sub-branch advised that the best month for visiting wheat-belt sub-branches would be June.

Anzac Day.—The Federal Executive forwarded Anzac Day Greetings from His Excellency, the Governor General, General Sir John Plunkett, to C. Brudenal White, and the Federal President.

Wheat Industry.—A supplement to the First Report of the Royal Commission on the wheat, flour and bread industries was received from the Federal Executive and referred to the Land Committee. In this regard it was pointed out that this report was available in November last, and it was agreed that the Federal Office be advised that earlier receipt of such reports would facilitate consideration and any necessary action by the Land Committee.

Sub-Branches.—The appointment of secretaries as advised by Kelmscott and Maylands Sub-branches was confirmed.

The Annual Report of the Maylands Sub-branch was received.

Kalgoorlie Sub-branch advised that action had been taken to form a new sub-branch at Menzies and asked for stocks of the necessary badges, crowns, and a receipt book.

It was agreed to thank the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch and point out that Clause 5 (3) of the Constitution would have to be complied with before approval for the formation of the new sub-branch could be given.

Appreciations.—Mr. J. T. Clarke of Geraldton extended appreciation for the League’s Certificate of Merit and Badge.

The Blinded Soldiers’ Association thanked the State Executive for entertaining Capt. Sir Ian Fraser and Lady Fraser during their visit to Perth.

No. 1 District Committee.—This Committee advised that Mr. A. Sagas had been appointed Executive Delegate in accordance with the resolution passed by Congress last year.

Anzac Ball.—The Press Sub-branch advised that its members would again organise an Anzac Ball, requesting that £50 of the proceeds be devoted to the S.S.L. Press Sub branch of the motion of Messrs. Collins and Lamb the proposition as submitted was accepted.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor advised that he would be pleased to attend the Anzac Ball.

R.S.L. Cricket Association.—This Association expressed regret that the Executive was not officially represented at the Luncheon during the cricket match between the Association and country returned soldiers on February 17. The letter was received and the State Secretary was asked to explain the position.

R.S.L. Trading Coy.—The R.S.L. Trading Company advised that the Annual Meeting of the Company would be held on March 20.

War Service Homes.—A communication from the Hobart Sub-branch concerning the case of a war service home was referred to the War Service Homes Committee.

Women’s Auxiliary, Carlisle.—Carlisle Sub-
29th March, 1935

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E. G. H. writes from Three Springs:
I was pleased to read in a recent issue a very interesting account of Mr. W. H. Carson’s experiences as a prisoner of war in Germany. We who remained on our own side can, of course, relate some very stirring and unique incidents, although I must admit having nearly changed over on several occasions, both in Gallipoli and France. However, the experiences of those captured have been given too little publicity.

A number of 11th Battalion men who returned after the Armistice held vary-

branch advised that it had been unanimously agreed by the sub-branch to recommend to the State Executive that the sub-branch’s Women’s Auxiliary go into recess until further notice. The recommendation of the sub-branch was approved. In connection with a letter from the State President of the Women’s Auxiliary Executive, it was agreed that she be informed of this decision.

Donation.—It was agreed that suitable thanks be sent to the Three Springs Sub-branch for a donation of 45 to the Anzac House Fund.

Notice of Motion.—Mr. C. R. Collins gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting of the State Executive that, “As the League has advocated an adequate Defence Scheme for Australia, and as a national system of physical training is the basis of an adequate scheme of defence, this Executive congratulates the Education Department of Western Australia on its recent steps towards re-organising the teaching of physical training in the State Schools, and requests the Department to appoint a qualified and experienced instructor to take charge of this work in the schools.”

Leave of Absence.—Colonel Collett was granted leave of absence from meetings of the State Executive which will be held during his absence from the State.

Another farm worker spoke of being unmercifully beaten by a racial vindictive guard on several occasions, and when the family killed a goose on Sunday, he was allotted the claws. It was good to see these men back amongst us after Armis-

tice, particularly personal friends. Most of them looked physically jaded, but that was countered by their supreme happiness at being with their comrades again in a British atmosphere.

We have just seen two trophies, one each for the Neddle’s and Bunbury Sub-

branches of the R.S.L., which the Whole Manufacturing and Distributing Coy., are presenting for the members to com-

pete for at the “Corinthian” games.

The above Company offers these trophies to all sub-branches purchasing the game with the idea of stimulating in-

terest in the social games side of meetings. Apart from the financial assistance is given to the sub-branches, as the rule of the competitions that any member can have as many tries as possible during the year at 6d. a try, the highest total for the period winning the trophy; the money going towards the funds of the Games Committee. Harry Ottewell, the proprietor of the Company handling “Corinthian” in this State, and a past President of the Neddle’s Sub-branch, was probably the first President of any sub-branch to get the games organised on regular lines, with the result we now have the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield Competition which also originated from the Neddle’s Sub-branch. Evidently Harrý still has the financial side of the sub-branches in mind as he knows how sixpences can swell the credit side of the funds.

“League” writes:—As Anzac Day this year will be the twentieth anniver-
sary of the Landing, would it be possible to arrange the order of the Parade so that those present at the Landing—the first day on Gallipoli, could march to-
gether as a separate unit, being given pride of place in the parade?

We owe remembrance to them as well as to those who did not return. Per-
haps a luncheon might follow at Anzac House, as a reunion of 20 years ago.

Sub-branches are in unexpect-

ed places. Our own Branch was the first to sanction the formation of a Press sub-branch, and long after the local Press gang had commenced operations, a similar organisation of ex-service writers and printers was formed in London. Last week The West Australian mentioned a sub-branch which had been formed by the officers and crew of the interstate liner Westralia, which is linked up with the New South Wales Branch. Commenting on this new item, Mr. J. W. Lynch, the President of the Fremantle Sub-branch, said that several years ago a sub-branch was formed on the interstate vessel Omiston and registered with the League in Queensland. The master of the vessel was the President of the sub-branch which had 29 members representing the whole of the ship’s complement with the exception of the apprentices. Mr. Lynch said that when the Omiston was at Fremantle about nine months ago, he paid an official visit to the ship, and on the next occasion it visited the port he paid another visit. Mr. Lynch said that as far as he knew there were no floating sub-branches of the League besides those on the Omiston and the Westralia.

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The monthly number of the Listening Post is now being prepared and several stories, articles and verses of outstanding merit are actually in type. In order to make this issue better than anything that has been before, the editor desires further items from our regular contributors and others. He will be glad to receive anecdotes, reminiscences, personal and otherwise, and not necessarily on the subject of Gallipoli. Matter intended for publication in the Anzac Number should reach this office not later than April 13.

SOLDIERS' CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The monthly meeting of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust was held at the Repatriation Department on Friday, March 15th. Rabbi Freedman presiding.

The Secretary reported that to date 17 branches of the Women's Auxiliaries had forwarded donations in response to the appeal made for funds. Twenty-three applications for schoolbooks, providing books for 43 children were approved, making a total of 279 children who have been provided with books since the re-opening of schools, at a cost of £132.

The Secretary reported that on the recommendations of the Trust the following schools had provided scholarships during the month, and the students had commenced studies at the respective schools:

Methodist Ladies' College 1
St. Mary's Church of England Girls' School 1
Stott's Business College 1

This brings the total of scholarships which have been awarded this year to 28.

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DEcoration Allowances

The Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation advises—

I am in receipt of a communication from the Repatriation Commission quoting copy of a memorandum received from the War Office, London, on the above-mentioned subject.

It appears that any further belated claims for the payment of Decoration Allowances in respect of the D.C.M. or M.C. will relate to ex-officers, and in this connection I would point out that an officer cannot be granted the additional pension unless he was awarded the M.C. or D.C.M. before the date on which he was first commissioned and unless his disability pension is granted on the scale applicable to non-commissioned officers.

In order to overtake any belated claims and present them to the Imperial Authorities as early as possible, I shall be pleased if you will take whatever action you consider necessary to acquaint your members and ex-soldiers generally of this aspect.

It is pointed out that enquiries have been made regarding the existence of a list of ex-members of the A.I.F. awarded various decorations, but such a list is not held at Base Records in Melbourne.

A.R.M.S. Competitions

The first meeting of the Committee controlling the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield Competition took place at Anzac House on Monday, March 11, 1935. The competitions will be similar to those of last year—small bore rifle shooting, table tennis, peg quoits, draughts and bridge. All Metropolitan Sub-branches have been circularised as to the intention to enter teams for this year's competition, the closing date for entries being April 20, 1935.

The competition will commence at least a month earlier this year, and it is sincerely hoped by the committee that last year's total of competing teams (14) will be added to considerably. A complete syllabus of fixtures and rules and conditions governing the games will be sent to all competing sub-branches.

A.R.M.S. IndividuaL CHAMPIONSHIP

Peg Quoits

Seven teams—Mt. Hawthorn, Claremont, Nedlands, Bayswater, North Perth, Mt. Lawley competed in the peg quoits competition on March 18. The results were as follows:-

First Round—Mt. Hawthorn (110) beat Claremont (19), Perth (104) beat Nedlands (86), Bayswater, W.O.; N. Perth, W.O.; Mt. Lawley, W.O.

Second Round—Perth (136) beat Mt. Lawley (69), North Perth, Mt. Hawthorn and Bayswater drew byes.


Final—Bayswater (104) beat Mt. Hawthorn (68).

The highest break (67) was made by Parret of Mt. Hawthorn, who incidentally also made the lowest (2).

George Sharpe of Nedlands was O/C for the evening, Ike Thomas of Mt. Lawley was the referee, while Clive Newman officiated as scorer.

The fifth and last of these competitions, bridge, will be held at Anzac House on April 1.

CONGRESS ITEMS

In reply to the request of the last Congress that his Department press forward with greater activity and necessary research work in connection with the problem of animal health, the Director of Agriculture (Mr. G. L. Sutton) has advised the League that the Department is already carrying out research work on the following subjects:

Toxic Paralysis, Denmark Wasting Disease, Pleurisy Pneumonia, Gingin Rickets, Sheep Parasites and Poison Plants, as they affect stock.

Mr. Sutton stated that should any other diseases of sufficient importance affect our stock, these also would be investigated.

Item 45 of the last Annual Congress urged that a flat rate for freight on grain carried over the W.A. Railways be provided, and 4d. per bushel was suggested. To this request the Commissioner has advised that the adoption of the suggestion would increase the
Rates at present paid by a considerable number of producers, whose railage does not entail haulage beyond 130 miles, and consequently the suggestions would not find general acceptance.

Item 46 which was adopted by Congress asserts that the time had arrived for the Railways to make a substantial reduction in wheat freight and other primary products. The Commissioner's reply is that the recent reduction of rates will have a very adverse effect on the Department's revenue and any action tending to aggravate the position could not be favourably considered.

Item 47.—With reference to the desire of Congress that one fast excursion train monthly to and from outlying stations be instituted, the Commissioner for Railways advises that the paucity of populations makes it very difficult to provide purely passenger service for all outlying districts but the Commissioner considers that, taken as a whole, the out-back settler is not altogether overlooked in regard to excursion fares, even though journeys embracing branch line travel may by comparison with the main line services appear unduly prolonged.

PREMATURELY AGED DIGGERS

"Meterin" writes—

Your leading article under the above heading in the "Listening Post" of February, 1935, is indeed timely. The Prematurely Aged returned men is a tragic problem. The writer is a change hand in the building trade and although over sixty (going to France aged 43) I have the good fortune to be very active to date. Heaven knows how soon I may crack up.

I have had many tortured men working under me during the last ten years, many of whom are not 100 per cent. industrial value, and I think at least something should be done to correct the difference. If one's vision is defective he consults an ophtalmologist who corrects the difference by giving a prescription and one has glasses constructed to suit the exact equation. The same thing should happen in every instance when a returned man has lost a percentage of his earning capacity. A medical man should have the power to examine such men and recommend a pension. Men who were patriotic enough to undertake their age should not be compelled to suffer. The same thing applies to the lads, mere school boys, who over-stated their age for the same patriotic reasons to join up.

I hope the "Listening Post" will keep on humming away, and the R.S.L. in every State have the question on every agenda at every conference right throughout the Commonwealth.

We have Lemnos for our poor comrades whose mental balance is a little out of plumb; our Repatriation are those still suffering from war wounds and diseases. Why not a separate Home for the Old Soldier, built by the Federal Government in every State, when the old veterans can be together to the end. We must insist on Governments moving at the double to bring about reform, and that at once.

Mr. A. Turner, now in charge of the State School at Huntly, must have been the youngest Digger to enlist in this State, if not the Commonwealth. Born on October 27, 1899, he was attending Caversham State School when the Kaiser decided to give the world the benefits of German culture, and he went into Blackboy Hill in August, 1914, as a Boy Scout messenger. After being attached to camp headquarters, and later, to the 3rd Field Company, Australasian Engineers, and to "H" Company, he enlisted with the 11th Battalion, but was left behind when the Battalion embarked. He celebrated his fifteenth birthday in Blackboy and sailed with the 4th Reinforcements to the 14th Battalion. In Gallipoli, young Turner served as runner to Colonel "Tipperary" Johnson, and was invalided to England after Lone Pine, spending his sixteenth birthday in a London hospital. From January to May, he was on the headquarters staff at Weymouth and during this period he took part in the first Anzac Day parade in London. Rejoining the 11th Battalion to France in May, 1916, he was invalided to Australia in the following September and his seventeenth birthday found him on a hospital ship, homeward bound. After his discharge from the A.I.F. he immediately joined No. 8 A.G.H., transferring thence to the 5th District Guard, in charge of the Lewis Gun section with which he served until finally demobilised. Since 1922, Mr. Turner has been a teacher in the service of the Western Australian Education Department.

A good League stalwart is the Rev. J. A. Sanders, who has just been elected President of the Methodist Conference of Western Australia. Mr. Sanders went to the war as a digger and served in the ranks until near the end of the war when someone higher up discovered that he was an ordained minister and had him transferred to the Chaplain's Branch. When stationed at Kalambunda, the

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Padre was a very active member of the Darling Range Sub-branch and he is now carrying on the good work at Maylands Sub-branch. We join with the Maylands Sub-branch in congratulating one of Nature’s best on his recent and well-deserved honour.

We notice that genial Ted Corboy is again to the fore in the Maylands Sub-branch, being one of this year’s committee men. Ted, who served with the 28th Battalion, is another example of the good man who cannot be kept down. He has been a member, the youngest in each instance, of both Federal and State Parliaments, and has a vast fund of experience to draw upon when the yarn-spinners foregather. Ted has one of those happy dispositions that success cannot spoil nor adversity quench.

Any information concerning No. 3220, W. E. Trevelyan, who left Australia with the 6th Reinforcements, 46th Battalion, and who is supposed to have died in Western Australia, about five years ago, will be welcomed by his relatives. Such information should be addressed to C. Pilley, care of Vetter and Co., Murray Street, Perth.

The funeral of the late Sister Edith Maude Clifton, of 22 Stone Street, South Perth, took place in the Church of England portion of the Karrakatta Cemetery on March 8, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The first portion of the service was held in St. Mary’s Church, South Perth, where the Rev. John Bell and H. E. Hall officiated. The late Sister Clifton, who was born at Invercargill, New Zealand, was trained at the Government Hospital, Kohoorgie, and, for some time, conducted a maternity hospital in South Perth. In 1912, Sister Clifton took charge of a patient returning to Nurenburg, Germany, and, being in that country when the war broke out, she was interned and remained a prisoner of war until 1918. She suffered many privations during her internment, but eventually landed in England just before the Armistice was signed. Sister Clifton was a woman of remarkable strength of character, great courage, and wonderful kindness of heart. She will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends. The Executive was represented at the graveside by the Senior Vice-President (Archdeacon C. L. Riley) and the M.O.I. Convalescent Home by Mr. F. Blythe. The North Perth Sub-branch and the Army Medical Units’ Association were also represented.

The new President of the Mt. Lawley Sub-branch, Mr. O. J. Williams, who succeeds the late Colonel Tom Flitoff, was born at Guildford, and enlisted in 1914, at the age of 18, with the 11th Battalion. He was at the Landing, wounded at Lone Pine, and invalidated to England where he did duty with the Instructional Staff, M.G. School. Going to France with the 4th M.G. Coy, he collected his issue at Bullecourt (left leg).

He was discharged from the A.I.F. in January, 1918, and has been on the staff of Boans Ltd. ever since. A good worker for the League and Sub-branch, “Ollie” is also an enthusiastic Sea Scout, being a member of the State Executive, Boy Scouts, and also District Commissioner, South Suburban Scout Association.

MAX MONTESOLE

Max Montesole, whose articles, which have appeared from time to time in The West Australian, are now being published in book form, and who has won fame as an actor and a director of plays, has also had a distinguished war record. He was in the American city of St. Louis in 1915, producing the Shakespeare Birthday festival, a series of open-air performances, guaranteed by the municipality, which averaged audiences of 10,000 a performance. He joined up with the 26th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, with whom he served nine months, seven of which were spent in the line in France. “My first tent companions,” he says, “were a lawyer, an accountant, two Royal North-West Mounted, a doctor who wanted to be a ‘Tommy’ and a wanted, hold-up American crook from Detroit—all good fellows, but I am not sure whether the crook wasn’t the nicest of the lot!” Max’s salary in America had been four hundred dollars a week, his salary in the Army a dollar a day. Fed up with the mud and muck of the infantryman’s lot, he secured a commission in the field in the Royal Flying Corps. The average life of a pilot at the front was 100 hours; Max Montesole flew for 1,300 hours, crashing in 1916, and badly, crashing in 1917, before being classified as a permanently unfit pilot or observer.

He was then transferred to the Camouflage Corps and in his new capacity of Chief Instructor of Aerial Camouflage, he lectured to Field Marshals and Generals for over a year. His commanding officer was Sir John Rhodes, D.S.O., who was formerly in Western Australia as A.D.C. to Lord Strickland. His decorations include the Croix de Guerre, gained while attached to the French at Nancy, and the Cross of Italy, gained whilst flying in the Independent Air Force. Two brothers were killed in action, Lieutenant R. Montesole, at Festubert in 1915, with the 1st Royal Sussex, and Lieutenant Eric Montesole, at the Hohenzollern Redoubt, in 1916, with the same regiment. A third brother, Lieutenant Alan Montesole, was rendered permanently unfit through the effects of gas at Givenchy.
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WHEAT BELT TOUR.

Just before going to press, we learn that the tour of the north-eastern Wheat Belt Sub-branches by the Vice-President (Colonel Olden), Mr. Fred Warner, M.L.A., and the State Secretary was most enjoyable and successful from a "League" point of view. The tour was a strenuous one and the delegates on returning to Perth said that the unbounded hospitality and extraordinary enthusiasm and confidence shown in the League by members and non-members was a great inspiration and an encouragement to them throughout the long sequence of meetings.

Mukinbudin and Kulja Sub-branches were formed and are likely to be strong out-posts of the Western Australian Branch. At Mukinbudin our old friend Jack Mulqueeny is President with Mr. L. N. Blenkinsop as Honorary Secretary. At Kulja, a promising wheat district, Mr. Oscar McKay, a nephew of H. G. McKay of "Sunshine" fame, is a Vice-President. Mr. W. Lamb was elected President of this Sub-branch and Mr. H. W. Watson Honorary Secretary. Both the President and Secretary are ex-Imperials.

The delegates stated that both Warralackin and Yanoning Rocks areas situated on the fringe of the wheat belt, are splendidly offered and although two hundred and forty miles from Perth the utmost enthusiasm for the League abounds.

At Wyalkatchem, where Mr. Mick Miller (President) and Mr. Hugh Leslie (Secretary) had organised a social gathering attended by the ladies, it was stated that the financial membership had doubled. One of the outstanding features of the night was the singing of the French marching song "Madelon" by Count DePiers, a prominent local identity who served with the French Army.

The week's tour concluded with a big district reunion at Koorda, the host being the President of Koorda Sub-branch (Mr. C. H. Smith, ex-2nd Field Ambulance). The local hall was decorated to resemble the deck of a battle ship, the artist being Mr. Jimmy Cole, who served with the Royal Navy. There were over two hundred present, representing eight sub-branches, and after the visitors from Headquarters had been piped on to the deck with a dinkum boom's whistle, twenty local girls dressed as sailors (navy uniforms and pants included) served the repast which was a hefty one.

This brief reference to the tour will be supplemented in a later issue when fuller details will be made known. In the meantime on behalf of the Headquarters representatives, the State Secretary said that they were under a deep debt of gratitude to the officials of the following sub-branches:—Dowerin, Wyalkatchem, Trayning, Kununoppin, Nungarin, Wafralackin, Mukinbudin, The Rocks, Mount Marshall, Kulja and Koorda. Not only did the hospitality continue without apparent cessation, but most elaborate arrangements were made for the comfort of the visitors, and the whole programme had been laid out by Mr. H. A. Leslie, Hon. Secretary of Wyalkatchem Sub-branch.

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THE URGENCY OF THE 
SUPER QUESTION

Probably the most pressing business facing the new Agricultural Bank Commission is that of making available supplies of super for this coming season. Already the sowing period is upon us and there is far too much uncertainty among farmers regarding the arrangements of super supplies by the Agricultural Bank. Admittedly the stupendous nature of the task facing the newly appointed Bank Commissioners is such that they must needs trade with caution, particularly at the outset. However, they are there to administer the Bank's affairs for the advantage of its clients, who already are an extremely harassed people, and any avoidable delays, we feel sure, will not be tolerated by the members of the new Commission. The following letter is written by one of our old friends Arnold W. Potts of Kojonup, who is a country member of the State Executive Land Committee:

He writes:—War's a b— and so is farming. That ought to be the end of the letter to be true to type, but I'll have to add to your worries, much as I dislike it, etc., etc.

Kojonup Sub-branch has a couple of cases where the Agricultural Bank has refused super, and that means that other cases exist, as both these men are far from the useless type.

If super is supplied at all it will have to be in the very immediate future, and God knows if it is fair to ask the Bank to accelerate itself—for itself.

As I see it—though such cases can be classed as "on their merit" cases, a guiding policy does exist, at least it was promised in 32. Where it is necessary for the upkeep and general maintenance of the farm, it was conceded as fair that the client should be able to get assistance from the Bank in the way of suspension of current interest; a reasonable proportion of its value being spent on the farm on improvements.

Since then the concession has been confined to as few cases as possible, and chiefly in cases where the Bank was amply safeguarded.

One of the necessities is super, and it is one with which you can't afford to be niggardly. All this has been said and said, and apparently we've got to say it again.

We have cases in plenty where either because there was no money to pay interest; or because the clients of the Bank "played the game" and paid interest or part of it, the carrying capacity of the farm in sheep has dropped 15 per cent. to 20 per cent., and the lbs. per head of the same sheep has come down 10 per cent. if not more—the lambing naturally follows suit.

The remedy is super, and it is a remedy.

If a settler can't buy super—no money—he is getting to the stage when he is so fed-up that nothing matters.

If they want him as a caretaker, they can keep him. For the sake of argument concede that he is a mere cipher, useful as a caretaker, but not worthy of any sort of human treatment.

A farm of 500 acres cleaned land, never mind the bush country, will carry 500 sheep but not too well. Positively no such farm will meet its Agricultural Bank values if placed on the market, so the Bank loses on a forced sale, and poor old "cipher" goes out on his head.

The Bank "couldn't afford" to help him, but why the devil not help themselves.

On such a farm, to top dress and sow sub clover on 200 acres first year will cost £35 for super, and say £10 for seed—£45. Next year top dress that and another 200 acres, £70 plus £10 for seed—£80. Third year the whole 400 top dressed and the remaining 100 added £100 super plus £15—£115, and the whole 500 acres is properly treated at the cost of £250, and is capable of carrying 1,000 sheep and decent sheep at that.

Whatever the price of land it has doubled its carrying capacity, hence it has a doubled value. This can be elaborated to include increased yield per head, increased lambing, and after building up the flock, surplus sheep for sale—a state that never existed in the original property; also maintenance cost.

If things are as they are stated, can you see why the Bank is taking such de-
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A.I.F. CRICKETER

Oldfield in Perth

The advent of the New South Wales cricket team has given its captain, Bert Oldfield, the famous Australian wicket-keeper, and the only member of the victorious A.I.F. team, now playing first-class cricket, many opportunities of renewing friendships with Diggers. During his visit he was kept busy broadcasting and speaking at civic receptions and Digger functions. At the welcome extended him by the Nedlands Sub-branch on March 12, he showed himself in good form and was brimming over with personality. There, he maintained the breathless interest of his hearers as he described how Australia won the deciding match of the last contest for the Ashes, playing against the opposing team and the clock. At various gatherings and in various interviews, the veteran player referred to his career on the cricket field and his meetings with Royalty and all sorts of other distinguished and interesting persons.

After the Armistice, he said, when arrangements were being made for the selection of an A.I.F. team to tour England, prospective players were asked to submit their names. Of the hundreds who volunteered; 50 were tried out, of whom 26 were selected and divided into two teams, one to represent the A.I.F. and the other to play at Oxford. Oldfield was in the Oxford team, and as he had not struck form, the future wicket-keeper did not show to advantage. In the next match he was dropped in favour of another player who also did not come up to expectations. In another match at Oxford, Oldfield was again tried out, and this was his real entrance into big cricket. In the fourth match, against Surrey, he met such giants as Hobbs, Strudwick and Hitch. "Strudwick," he said, was most generous to him and gave him very valuable advice. His entertaining reminiscences included references to Spooner and George Gunn. The latter was able to see a ball about twice as quickly as the average player which accounted for much of his success as a batsman. The phenomenal success of Don Bradman was due to similar ability.

Of the members of the A.I.F. team, Carl Willis had died, but the others were all alive and prosperous though most of them were no longer active cricketers. He spoke very highly of the Australian cricketers always received in England. They were telephoned, written to, and they were repeatedly called for by people of high position, and every endeavour was made to add to the enjoyment of the tour.

Judging by appearances, the years have dealt lightly with Bert Oldfield for he is one of those men who absolutely refuse to become even middle-aged. During his visit to Perth, he has shown himself in a new role, that of a pleasing speaker and an entertaining broadcaster. We hope the present visit will be the forerunner of many more.

"Yes," said the old man, "my son went out West several years ago to make his fortune."

"And what is he worth now?" asked his friend.

"I don't exactly know; but six months ago the authorities were offering £1,000 for him."

An accountant was called in to reorganise the tangled affairs of a business, and the directors were introduced to him as Colonel A—and Major—

He replied: "Well, I'm Lance-Corporal C—and I'm here to get you out of the mess."

Mrs. Smythe-Browne was making the final arrangements for her big reception.

"Bridget," she said to her new maid, for the first thirty minutes after six o'clock, I want you to stand at the drawing room door and call the guests' names as they arrive."

Bridget's face lit up. "Very well, ma' am," she replied, "I'll do my best. I suppose the first thing that comes into my 'ead about them will do, won't it?"

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ARDATH-BABAKIN

“Cilater” writes. It’s a darned funny thing how an acquaintance with royalty upset the most democratic system.

The mob had a most respectable meeting this time, on March 2, and I don’t mean in size, either.

Of course I know that taking them all as individuals the members of this sub-branch are respectable, if you bear in mind that no one gets hung for murder at any time—but only for being caught out. You know what our polite force is.

However, to get back to that respectability stunt—Bill Meredith reckoned that one of the mob wasn’t respectable, because he belonged to the Wheatgrowers’ Union. However, that’s the subject which led to my opening remark.

I wish a certain royal personage hadn’t gone and introduced royal privilege to the gentlemen of the 10th. Ever since it happened Bill is getting more and more particular who “shouts” him. Still, when he takes exception to the presence of a respectable and respected member of a respectable branch of the Corncroakers’ Union, and never bothered to object to the Archdeacon—or perhaps he didn’t notice the gentleman—well, as I say, the Duke has something to answer for, and if Bill isn’t careful I won’t let him shout for me again.

The mob don’t usually go to church (parade) more than they can help, but they are always glad to see the Archdeacon’s cheery smile when he is in the district. As usual, he gave us all the latest news, right up to the minute.

No use trying to get any athletic games going up here. We have a cricket team, but above his penny, pal-a-poo, or two-up would be real nice for a change during the winter.

The scribe suggested getting a miniature rifle team, but the mob weren’t enthusiastic, not even when it was pointed out that we could challenge the Women’s Auxiliary.

The general opinion appeared to be that the scribe wanted to take returned soldiers too seriously, mucking about with guns and things.

Thank God carpet slippers are cheap enough. A bloke can wear them during the progress of the indoor athletic championships this coming winter.

It was decided to hold the Re-Union dinner on April 9th, and the Executive members will be able to attend without breaking their schedule. At least, that’s what the Executive members think; but between you and me Mr. L.P., I reckon they will need to turn up without wearing their funny little discs (complete with nick-names) so we will be able to sort them out afterwards, and it might be a useful thing to put the number of the Executive car on the discs as well—just in case the schedule didn’t work out quite as it ought to.

Of course Bill Meredith will keep an eye lifting to see that we don’t get too er—democratic and so our respectability will be maintained.

Further, I might mention that as the 6th of April is next sub-branch meeting, this has been postponed until the 15th, and you can think what you like about it, you are bound to be wrong, anyway.

I will tell you about it next month if I can find my disc (complete with nick-name), if I don’t you will know I have bust my schedule.

SONS OF SOLDIERS’ LEAGUE

Albany

The monthly meeting of the S.S.L. was held in the R.S.L. Institute on Tuesday, March 5, with Mr. G. L. Field in the chair. Apologies were received from the President and several members. The meeting opened with the S.S.L. ceremony of “Silence,” after which two new members were initiated.

Letters about a Model Aero Club were received and discussed. The Report of the Sick Committee was received. D. Langley was elected to the sports committee and appointed captain of cricket team. It was proposed to hold an outing on bikes and that, should another picnic be held by the P.S.B., a cycle race be run to Emu Point on that day. Grade 1 “Seniors” needs recruits so we appeal to all members with sons 16 and over who are not enlisted that they be sent along.

The lecture given some time ago by Mr. W. H. Carson on “Life as a F. of W. in German Hands” will be delivered again very soon at the Albert Hall, Duke Street. Admission by silver coin, 50 per cent. of profits in aid of R.S.L. Amelioration Fund and 50 per cent. in aid of Toc H. distress Fund.

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R. R. Gibbs. Both of these ex-soldiers are heart and soul in the League, and their enthusiasm is extended to the Executive, and on into the Sub-branch itself.

When this goes into print, our Secretary will have been in Perth, having been ordered there by the Repat, for an overhaul. We all trust that he comes back to us fully recovered, and his usual vital self.

Our President is just now on leave, and first of all went for a fishing trip, "somewhere off the coast of W.A." He then went East to see his people in Melbourne. Our worthy Vice-Presidents Dr. Webster and C. B. Manners are carrying on in the good old army fashion.

The usual lecture was omitted last general meeting, and the night was spent in listening to war-time reminiscences by members. Some good yarns were told, but Digger Calle brought the house down with his yarn about the cow and the working party.

This Sub-branch is exceedingly fortunate in being able to invite some of the most talented members who have combined in a society known as the Goldfields' Comedy Company. This company puts on plays under the auspices of the League at intervals during the year, and the Sub-branch funds benefit thereby. Last year they played the "Middle Watch" with remarkable success, and are now busily engaged in preparing "Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure", for the end of April.

The March General Meeting was well attended as usual, there being about 60 members present.

The business part of the meeting was taken up with preliminary arrangements for the Anzac period, and with a discussion on the formation of a Study Circle, in connection with the Adult Education Scheme sponsored by the W.A. University. A small sub-committee was formed to organise a Circle and report progress at the next meeting.

The visitors were welcomed by the Chairman and all responded. Many of them expressed astonishment at the amount of work dealt with by the Sub-branch, and the many sided activities undertaken. At the moment of writing both our President and Secretary are away, but the matters are carrying on under Charlie Manners and Dr. Webster. Our Secretary (Clarrice Fairley) has left for Perth and will be under the tender ministration of Repat for a while. We all hope to see him back very soon—livelier than ever (if that is possible). The debate listed for March General Meeting lapsed because the leader one side was unavoidably delayed in Perth. However, the troops joined in singing a few of the old songs and a pleasant evening was spent.

GOSNELLS

The annual meeting was held at Maddington Hall on Monday, February 27. Mr. A. Lie was re-elected President. A vote of thanks was given to retiring officers and Mr. W. Orr was thanked for his good work for the Sub-branch during the year, both as a member and Chairman of Road Board. A very enjoyable cricket match was played at Gosnells against Kelmcott Sub-branch which the latter won by 40 runs. The ladies provided afternoon tea and the Sub-branch the beer so all were happy.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 4

A conference of the No. 4 District Committee will be held in Katanning Club Room, Carey Street, on Sunday, March 31, at 10.30 a.m. The business which is set out in the Agenda should have the serious consideration of all Country Sub-branches in the State. Without weight of numbers we, cannot hope to make progress.

An appeal is issued to all Sub-branches in No. 4 District to be represented and endeavour to assist in the important discussions for the future welfare of Soldier Settlement.

Since the last meeting, important legislation has been enacted and the efforts of the District Committee together with others has been of great assistance to the State Land Committee in securing a representative of the Returned Soldiers to assist the Agricultural Blanket Commission in the work of Soldier Settlement Scheme matters.

The Gosnellup Sub-branch has already had a conference with District Parliamentarians on the question of Rehabilitation, and it is considered advisable to have representatives present at this conference from the State Executive Land Committee to hear their views on this important matter. The Hon. A. Thomson, M.L.C., and the Hon. H. V. Piesse, M.L.C., will also be in attendance to advise and discuss the Federal and State schemes which are now in contemplation.

The arrangements for the Re-union Dinner have been undertaken by the Katanning Sub-branch and no effort has been spared to ensure a good time for all.

TOODYAY

At the annual meeting the following officers were elected:

President, K. Somers; Vice-Presidents, H. Ullock, W. A. Roberts, W. Howie; Secretary, N. H. Millar; Assistant Secretary, E. Hardwicke; Auditors, H. Annear, E. Hardwicke; Committee, K. Somers, H. Ullock, W. A. Roberts, K. Somers, H. Ullock, J. W. Thompson, W. Howie, Park Warden, G. Wroth.

To raise funds for the maintenance of the Memorial Park a very popular, and successful dance was held in the Town Hall on Christmas Eve. The Dance Committee, especially the lady members, were fittingly commended at the January meeting for their wonderful effort.

The same committee has been entrusted with the organising of a Ball for Friday, June 14, with a Children's Dance on the following night.

BALINGUP

(By "Fustiger.")

The annual meeting of the Sub-branch found Mr. H. Scott, one of the 44th Battalion re-elected as President for the ensuing year. His "Herb" has proved himself a popular choice and can hold his own in any company from delivering an address on Anzac Day down to telling the latest "Mum West" yarn. The Vice-Presidents were Mr. D. Scott (elected for the umpteenth time) and Mr. C. Bird. "Dave" is a "canny Scot" whose natural instincts do not prevent him from shouting the boys a pot, but they could not persuade him to take the President's job. Mr. Bird is now to office but he is considered to be the right man in the right place. He is in charge of the young "diggers" of Baltingup at the State School.

On New Year's Day the Sub-branch conducted a sports meeting on the Show Ground which was a great success. As the afternoon progressed the time came for the event of throwing at the wicket, and the stewards who had taken the entries were reported to be over at the local "kestamint." Ex-President "Charlie Russell" was very emphatic in his denunciation of the delinquents for neglecting this opportunity of good service. A rather long interval Charlie dived his hands deep in his pockets with a gesture of despair, and then a genuine look of surprise spreading over his face he dragged a card from his pocket exclaiming: "Spare me days!" and the throwing at the wicket commenced.

The dance held on New Year's night was a great success and the Sub-branch funds were greatly increased thereby.

Sub-Gatees met at Kirup Sub-branch met a similar number of Kirup Sub-branch delegates at Kirup to discuss details of a joint children's picnic to be held at Baltingup on March 23. The two sub-branches will play a friendly match on the same day, and a number of theatricals will be given. On the following night that Jerry White and Harry Shelley had improvised a bat from a piece of four-by-two jarrah and were hitting lumps of blackboy all over the paddock, while the indispensable kerusse tin lid made the wicket.

KATANNING

On February 18 the Katanning Sub-branch held the annual meeting at the Institute with an attendance of 17 members. The general spirit shown at the meeting was one of hope for the progress of the Branch and satisfac-

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CARLISLE

The New Year opened well for the Sub-branch, the monthly meetings showing a great improvement in attendance and an increase of membership. At the monthly meeting held on March 7, the Executive Officers of Victoria Park Sub-branch attended and were welcomed. They extended us an invitation to visit their sub-branch on March 15, which was appreciated.

Carlisle, March 10, was a great day for the children. The Sub-branch in conjunction with the Women’s Auxiliary held the annual picnic. Section Greaves, as usual, arranged for everything to go off smoothly. Trams were provided to take the whole party of about 200 children and adults from Victoria Park to Barrack Street Jetty where all embarked on boat for a trip to Gage Roads and then back to Freshwater Bay which was reached at mid-day, where plenty of ice cream, etc., was handed out to all. Races were also held and by the time the boat arrived back again at 7 p.m., to pick up the party up everybody had had a great day and all were prepared to return to Perth. It was one of the best picnics the Sub-branch had ever had.

The next meeting (the 1st Thursday in April) will take the form of a social evening. All members are requested to be there and make the evening a pleasant one.

ALBANY

The second picnic, again to Emu Point, held by the sub-branch on Sunday, February 24, was a greater success than the first. Larger numbers attended and a very enjoyable time was spent by all. Sports were arranged for both old and young, and many interesting items were entered. Lollies and fruit were provided for the barrows and transport freely given by members. Our thanks are especially due to the latter, otherwise the expense might have been too much. Also we thank the stewards and have no doubt they deserve the next meeting of importance to look forward to—

1. The re-union in which I hear Torbay will join (guess we shall hear the Markiss again).
2. The Anzac Day Parade at the S.S.L. will be in force on that day and we shall have something fresh on the programme.

SUBIACO

President Bert Congden presided over a good attendance of members at the monthly meeting held on March 7.

The Sub-branch continues to attract new members and much greater interest is being shown by lively and breezy discussion on several matters of importance.

An interesting debate should ensue at our next meeting on the question as to what attitude the Sub-branch should adopt in connection with the future of the Sons of Soldiers’ League, the issues arising out of this question may seriously affect the R.S.L., and all members are urged to attend and join in the discussion.

The notice of motion “That the Sub-branch revert to the fortnightly meetings on the first Thursday of each month, the general business meeting, and the third Thursday a social evening, when various games will be conducted” will be of interest to members.

Any amendment was eventually carried, making the first Thursday of each month, the general business meeting, and the third Thursday a social evening, when various games will be conducted. The Sub-branch is to put up anything like an effort in the forthcoming A.R.S. Competition, plenty of practice is required by the competitors.

Will all members please note the new arrangement as to meeting nights.

NORTH PERTH

Extracts from a Digger’s Diary.

(With profound apologies to the Shades of Samuel Pepys.)

February 17.—Up early betimes upon my self and family going to the sub-branch picnic at the Zoological Gardens. I shave and, the day being promising fine and warm, dress

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into a sport shirt and my handsome blazer of many colours, whilst my wife pack a fine hamper of food: When ready, we to the rendezvous, where, chartered by the sub-branch wait three great electric tram coaches. All the players in the coaches, much chatter from the ladies and children, and some of the gentlemen. anon, when to the picnic ground, to merrily sport and games, 'us very pleasant to observe the delight of the children when called by the ball-ringer to free ice cream, fruit, sweets, watermelon, etc! Lord! methinks there are many little bellies with aches on the morrow if physio not freely used this day. As exceedingly pleasant planed the day all. Methinks great credit deserving to those members of the sub-branch who work so hard to make it so. Home, and, being tired, straight branch representative, did make a fine score toread.

Hear news how Mr. H. Garland, our sub-of 53 in the cricket game between the city and country ex-soldiers yesterday. Which did please me to hear, this night to sub-branch general meeting. A poor muster of members which would be most wise in future there be some lecture or entertainment of interest, which might attract members who wish not to suffer the dulness of unnecessary talk and twaddle on matters of uninterest, as sometimes do occur. Home, hoping of a large muster and brighter meeting next month.

23.—The weather mighty hot, the past three days being 102, 100 and 106 in the shade, which put notion in my head that if I were here, this be it. Hear news of Mr. O. Newell, whilst returning from holidays but I have not seen him. Met Mrs. S. Treasurer who told me how yesterday, her husband "Mintie" did have an aching tooth and was fearing to visit the tooth-puller. "But," said she, "he did go quick enough on my promise to give him brandy." A knave's trick to obtain a nip, methinks. Home to dinner, and find outside my home the private motor coach of Mr. Anster Tucker (31st Batt.) of Carnamah Town. Inside I find Mr. and Mrs. Tucker (my wife's sister and brother-in-law) and their two small daughters. Also my wife's mother, who did ride with Tucker, to Freemantle Town, and will stay awhile at my home. A fine old lady of 84 years. Anoth to a pleasant dinner with much talk of country news.

March 2.— Saw Mr. Tom Brown, come this day on a short business trip from Yellow-dine goldfields. He returned this Monday come he told me. It did please me to see him looking so fine and well of health. Mr. Brown did show me small stones in which I could plainly see much gold. It mighty strange methought, as I look, that such stuff have power, given only by man himself, the misuse of which bring much trouble and bad conditions in the world and joy to but a few, which, methinks, shows the fallacy and greed of man's nature.

8.—This night, while drinking a woodset at the Rosemount Hotel, was much accosted by one D. W. Paterson who did invite me with him and did ask my pleasure to talk of North Perth Sub-branch, of which he do hear so much praise, he said. Mr. Paterson, I learn, be ex-President of Collie Sub-branch and do journey to Fremantle City Port with his wife and twin children (I know not if he's or she's or one of each) going the

morrow by steam ship to England. I pleased at meeting this gentleman, a tall, sun-browned fellow and one of great frankness. He giving much praise to one Mrs. Lloyd whom, he said, journey from Durnillian Town that she might bid farewell to her friend, his wife. A pleasant talk, which I enjoyed.

10.—To sub-branch general meeting where I observe many absent without apology. It appears some committee men value not their seat, there being little room for those living afar and none for those living hard by. When booking Lord's Day morning when all free. Mr. Jago report our bridge games in North Perth Bowling Club House, Woodville Reserve, be well attended of last week. Which I was pleased at, although methinks more support from members could come. Mr. President James give it out that now be time of preparing gardens to our flower show come this September. Home to dinner, afoot in fine sunshine with Mr. Clarrie Sadler.

BUCKLAND HILL

On February 28 the monthly meeting was held at the local Town Hall. The usual number of enthusiasts were present. The main business of the evening was the formation of a scheme to augment the membership, whereby each member will be responsible for securing a recruit. The new member will make himself more support from members could come. Mr. President James give it out that now be time of preparing gardens to our flower show come this September. Home to dinner, afoot in fine sunshine with Mr. Clarrie Sadler.

MOUNT HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDERVILLE

There has been a marked increase in the attendance at the ordinary meetings of the sub-branch later which must be gratifying to the President and Secretary and to those who have the interests of the sub-branch at heart.

We offer our congratulations to members Barrett, Billing, Jones and Hemsworth on their discharge from hospital and hope they will continue on the road to complete recovery. Billy Ring was not looking particularly spry when I saw him on his discharge, but Reg. Jones tried himself out at table tennis which is a good sign. Hemsworth has had a bad spin having his wife and kiddles sick as well as himself. Clarrie Barrett in progressing as well as can be expected.

We also offer our congratulations to our member Mr. Matong on winning the droughts championship, he put up a great fight and won through. We are backing Fred Barrett to win the quots.

The Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield Competition is on the horizon and we have started to get in trim for the various events. Seeing that the Shield came our way last year we did the sensible thing by putting last years sports directors in office again, yet Billy Rowles and Jim Young, with Jim Morton in a consultative capacity.

We are keen to retain the trophy and members are asked to nominate for the try outs which will be held after every meet-

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ing. There is every evidence that we will have to be all out to attain our objective.

The Women’s Auxiliary has been asked to assist us in various ways, and they certainly have responded very heartily, now it is up to us to support the ladies at their bridge and rummy tournaments held every Wednesday fortnight in the Council Chambers.

We pay another visit to Lemmox on Sunday, March 31, and indulge in cricket and tennis with our friends down there. The same transport arrangements will obtain as on our last visit.

We again urge any returned soldier in the district who may see these lines to join up with us. We promise you good comradeship, pleasant evenings and the chance to help another maybe not so fortunate as yourself.

GREENBUSHES

At the monthly meeting of the sub-branch, it was unanimously decided that the sub-branch should appreciate of the services rendered by the Bridgetown St. John’s Ambulance in connection with their late comrade Thomas Greenough by making a donation of one guinea to the Ambulance Fund, to which amount our good friend Mr. J. Hutton has added a further donation of five shillings.

It is felt by members that the ambulance will fill a long-felt want in the district which it serves.

KENTDALE

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year at the annual meeting held on February 7,—President, J. Tindale; Vice-President, C. Westwood; Secretary, A. R. E. Leader; Treasurer, F. Fidler; Committee, W. Cullen, T. Mills, Trustees, E. Southall, A. Burns; Auditors, E. Salebail, T. Kelby, Stewards, W. Hopkins, W. Cullen.

On February 17, we defeated the local Sports Club at cricket, several Sons being included in our team. The highest scores were 78 by Tindale and W. Simpson. Alf, Tindale 17" and Westwood 134 years made a great stand. A return match was played on March 3 when the result was reversed. Credit must be given to T. Tindale, who was an opening batsman, and was still at the wicket when the last batsman went in and came out.

Arrangements have been made for an Anzac Service to be held in the School on April 25 at 2 p.m.

BAANDEE

The annual smoke social was held in the Baanee Agricultural Hall on Wednesday, March 9. There were several visitors present as guests of the sub-branch, kindred Associations and twenty members of the sub-branch. The President, Mr. Levings, proposed a toast of the work and doings of the R.S.L. in general. Between the numerous toasts and proceedings, the proceedings were interspersed with songs and company singling with the “cup” that cheers being well looked after. The nights entertainment, which came to an end at 1 a.m. was voted a very pleasant one. The members are eagerly looking forward to the visit of the Executive on Sunday, April 7, for a good day’s outing.

COLLIE

The Collie Sub-branch is still sparkling on all plucks attendances are good, and the variety of our activities is not to be excelled. Very keen interest is always shown in the business of meetings, all items being freely discussed. Lately a point has been made of debating a set question at the end of the meeting with great success the first question was, “Are Re-unions Necessary?” followed by “Should we join the League?” and the one to be discussed at our next meeting, 19th inst., is, “Should returned men receive pensions?” Apart from the ordinary meetings, members find time to attend committee meetings which amongst other things are convened for the purpose of extending the field of our activities. Our members are also almost to a man members of other local organisations, we also maintain the closest touch with the Municipal Council, Road Board and Parent and Citizens’ Association. Fortunately we have a very capable and efficient secretary in Bert Stuchbury, and he needs both qualities to enable him to cope with the affairs of the sub-branch without suffering a nervous breakdown. In Jim Stirling we have a very efficient President, whose judicial rulings are accepted without query, members knowing better than to attempt putting one over either he or the secretary. Our popular Harry May is never so happy as when busy on the programme, “what does he know?” concerning the intricacies of the important part of League activities is not worth the knowledge, time and trouble in the giving of attention to his duties have no meaning to him. Recently he travelled more than 60 miles to interview a doctor for the purpose of obtaining important medical evidence on behalf of a member, and shortly he will travel some 270 miles on the same quest on behalf of another member. In addition to this, he has a good time to earn a crust, but whether he cultivates a new acquaintance with his pillow is a debatable point. The possession by the sub-branch of their foregone personalities is one reason why we are so strong and respected here, but in addition we have a very live Women’s Auxiliary which is ever ready to render unlimited assistance: as an instance this much appreciated body conducted a “Flower Queen Competition” to raise funds for additions and improvements to the hall; their balance sheet was submitted to our last meeting, and disclosed a credit balance of £85 14s. 9d. Further comment on the matter would be superfluous, but by way of a warning, should any other sub-branch try to entice them away, it will be considered a just cause for another war.... The local sub-branch of the Sons of Soldiers’ League is functioning very satisfactorily under the capable and efficient leadership of Bob Morrison, whilst he is busy on the details of their new journal which will contain anecdotes and other items of interest. The boys are busy constructing an improved model of Anzac House being the foundation of the hall, and which, when completed, will contain a photographic dark room, a reading room and a shooting gallery, to cover expenses. They run a dales every week. Can any other S.S.L. Sub-branch beat this?

CLAREMON

The monthly meeting was held in the Parish Hall, on March 7, when a considerable amount of business was transacted.

The President, Brigadier A. M. Martyn, welcomed to the Sub-branch several new members. At every meeting for some time we have had the pleasure of enrolling at least one new member, which shows that everyone is active in canvassing the service men residing in the district.

Don’t forget the Children’s Fancy Dress Ball on April 11 in the Parish Hall. The Women’s Auxiliary is giving us great assistance, and we are anxious that the kiddies shall have an evening that they will remember for a long time; will members please supply, where possible, a plate of “eats” for this occasion only.

There is also the shooting match with the 3rd Field Company A.E. on Swanbourne Range, on Saturday, March 30. No limit
is set as to numbers, so come along and spend a pleasant afternoon with the boys.

Captains of teams are already on the look out for talent in order that when the A.R.M.S. Competitions be held, the team shall be strongly represented. The evenings spent in competition with other sub-branches are very enjoyable, and anyone wishing to take part will be sure of every encouragement from the Captains.

The third Thursday in each month commencing April 18 is to be set aside as a Games Evening, and members should be able to make them well worth attending.

Great satisfaction has been expressed at the decision of the State Executive in continuing with the Colonel Collett Shield for sub-branches of the S.S.I. There is no doubt but that in a few years time this competition will be equally as well supported as the A.R.M.S. is. What about a coach for each game to be played? Surely some members of the sub-branch can find time to devote to this good work.

GERALDTON

At a meeting held on February 14 there was a very fair attendance. Because of the absence of our Secretary, Mr. Briers, who spent an extended holiday in the metropolitan area, the meeting after a little business was adjourned until the following Thursday, when again a fair number attended. Hospital Teas (each Wednesday and Sunday) still gain the strong support of members which is much appreciated. On Tuesday, March 19, a social evening is to be held at the residence of the President (Mrs. McMillian) in aid of Furnishing Funds for the new building. A happy evening is anticipated.

MT. LAWLEY

The Annual "Smoko" took place at Wallich's Hall, Mt. Lawley, on Saturday, March 9, when a company of 130 gathered to do justice to the excellent programme and an abundant menu.

The guests of the evening were the District Commandant, Brigadier A. M. Martyn, Messrs. Yates and Wells from the State Executive, and Messrs. Orr and Shearer of the Perth Road Board. The toast of "The

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**Forces of To-day** was proposed by Mr. Orr, and replied to by the Brig. "The R.S.L. and State Executive" by Mr. Shearer, replied to by the State President, while the "Mt. Lawley Sub-branch" toast was proposed by Mr. J. Cargill, and replied to by our senior Vice-President, Mr. Titterington.

### CALINGIRI

The annual meeting was held at Calingiri on Saturday, March 5.

The retiring secretary, Mr. J. McGill, read over accounts and stated that the sub-branch had a small credit balance in hand. Twenty-three members had been enrolled during the year which was much better than previous years. The President of the sub-branch, Mr. R. H. King, then introduced to members Messrs. W. J. Hunt and D. M. Benson from State Executive.

Election of officers then took place, Mr. R. H. King being re-elected President with Mr. Franklyn Vice-President. A fresh secretary was elected in Mr. D. K. Fordham as Mr. J. McGill asked to be relieved of the job after holding office for 3 years. The sub-branch was very lucky to have Jim as he is a great worker, and members passed a very hearty vote of thanks for his efforts during that period.

After a committee formed for Land and general business, the meeting was adjourned to allow of a social re-union taking place when soldiers and members and their wives and friends had the pleasure of entertaining the visitors. Due to the untiring efforts of the members and Mr. McGill, the function was a splendid success. A good toast list with musical items and community singing rapidly passed away the evening.

Both Messrs. Hunt and Benson addressed the gathering at considerable length and brought us all up to date on recent League affairs. As a sub-branch we were very pleased to have these gentlemen present, as well as other visitors comprising a large contingent from the Kingstown Hills under President Venion and Victoria Plains with President Edgar in charge.

While Mr. Benson has sampled our hospitality before, Mr. Hunt was new to us, and we were pleased to have his congratulations on our "mixed show." We also very much appreciated his suggestion to see any of the diggers the next morning before returning to the City who had any League business to transact.

The re-union from our point of view was a very fine success, and although the branch is somewhat small in numbers, it does not lack in the spirit that counts, as most of its members are interested in the P.O.W. workers in all the other local activities of the district.

### MAYLANDS

The annual meeting of the Maylands Sub-branch was held recently at the Maylands Town Hall. There was an excellent attendance of members. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year—President, Mr. W. J. Lovell; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. S. Lawley and J. O'Reilly; Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. G. Graham; Assistant Secretary, Mr. W. L. Menkens; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. E. Baker; Committee, Messrs. D. C. Choyce, E. W. Corbey, W. C. Glover, W. Stanke, F. L. Thorpe, R. Waddington; Auditors, Messrs. W. S. Power and W. Stanke; Trustees, Messrs. A. Hulet and L. W. Smith; Social Secretary, Mr. W. Peterson; Publicity Officer, Mr. W. L. Menkens.

Special reference was made to the splendid service rendered to the sub-branch during the past year by the retiring President, Mr. P. Allen, and the Secretary, Mr. W. J. Lovell, and all present congratulated Mr. Lovell on his election to the President's Chair. Mr. W. Graham was also congratulated on being appointed to the position of Hon. Secretary.

The Annual Smoke Social of the sub-branch took place on Thursday, February 21, in the local Town Hall. The retiring President, Mr. P. Allen, presided over a fine attendance of members and visitors. Among the visitors were Brigadier W. M. Martyn, State Commandant; Mr. W. A. Wilkins, State Executive, and representatives of many other sub-branches.

Special reference was made to the excellent work done by the retiring President, Phil. Allen, and retiring Secretary, Bill Lovell, as well as the other retiring officers, who Mr. Allen stated in reply had all pulled their weight. Opportunity was also taken to introduce the new President, Bill Lovell, and Hon. Secretary, Bill Graham, as well as all other new office holders.

It was a very fine evening and should rank as one of the best socials yet held. During the evening a fine musical programme, arranged by Bill Menkens, was contributed by Messrs. H. Purcell, O. Taylor, S. Lynch and Ted Scott, which was thoroughly appreciated by all present.

Congratulations were extended to the Rev. J. A. Sanders, Padre of this Sub-branch, on his election to the President of the Methodist Conference. Mr. Sanders served in the ranks till nearly the end of the big smoke and was appointed Chaplain then. It was a very popular decision.

Maylands Sub-branch Cricket Club members were among those represented at the big night which was arranged in commemoration of the Town and Country R.S.I. cricket match which took place on Sunday at Cottesloe. The event, which was arranged by Bill Menkens in conjunction with Mr. C. O'Keefe, manager of the theatre, took the form of a picture show, and later a fine social evening was held when speeches of welcome to the teams were made by Messrs. Menkens and O'Keefe. Messrs. H. King, W. Crain and H. Hopper, welcomed the

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country teams on behalf of the town team. Messrs. Butcher and Wagner replied on behalf of the country.

Among those from Maylands present were Messrs. P. Allen, W. Lovell, Bill Graham, Bill Peterson, and J. Allen, who did great service in acting as stewards.

A vote of thanks was passed to Messrs. Clee and Menkens for their kindness in arranging this wonderful night. Doors closed at 2 a.m.

A series of Pleasant Sunday Afternoons will be conducted during the winter months similar to those arranged by Mr. W. L. Menkens in North Perth for our Aenealisation Funds. The first will be held in the local Town Hall on Sunday, April 28, and will take the form of an Anzac Afternoon. Endeavours are being made to secure the services of the Rev. Eric Nye to give the address, and a fine supporting programme by leading artists will be given.

Meetings are held fortnightly in the lesser Town Hall, Maylands, the next being on Thursday, April 4, and commencing at 7.30 p.m. Of late, attendance has been better attended, and it is hoped that all members will endeavour to bring along a new comer so we are making a strong drive for new members this year.

Two prominent members in the persons of Messrs. J. Allen and J. Kent have been laid aside with illness. All wish them a speedy recovery. The Secretary, Mr. W. Graham, desires to be informed of any members who may be ill.

TAMBELLUP

Arrangements are well in hand for Anzac Day both for the Dawn and afternoon services, and it is fairly anticipated that there will be a big roll up.

March 30 will be full day: First to meet the State President and party and the opening ceremony at the hospital nurses quarters, and in the evening the reunion at Kataning guest house. The President is expected to stay on the night and the meeting will be held in the Anzac House on March 26. We have

TAIN was well satisfied with the results, considering that a large number of competitors had not previously played. It was pleasing to see two old members in Messrs. Grose and Pope at the meeting, and the committee look forward to other members who have not been attending rolling up again. The opportunity was taken to welcome Mr. E. J. Hobart who recently joined the sub-branch. Mr. Hobart served with the Canadians during the War. Before the arrival of New Zealand members Mr. and Mrs. Peters were tendered a farewell social by the Women’s Auxiliary. A very jolly evening was spent and arrangements made to the departing guests. Word has been received from Mr. Peters that they are having a glorious time.

The committee is finalising arrangements for the Anzac Day Service. Mr. and Mrs. W. Haines are holding a meeting at Busselton. Will be able to arrange some of the Anzac members to come to meetings, or bridge-playing friends to attend the Friday evening bridge competitions. A FEW GOOD FOR THE SOUL

It is with pleasure that I have to report that we had a very excellent turn up on the occasion of a speech on ‘Leadership’ by our Base Commandant, A. M. Martyn, C.M.G., D.S.O. This speech was broadcast throughout the National Station, and after his speech was over the Brigadier gave some information of his usual breezy style, which were appreciated by the audience.

At our business meeting held on March 12 it was pleasing to note the increase in attendance and a lot of business was transacted. During the month the President had the pleasure of welcoming three new members to the sub-branch. It was also pleasing to see our Douglas. Credit expert Mr. Taylor, again with us: also Tommy Monck-Mason is back at the meetings.

The A.R.M.S. team were all looking forward to the meeting with Mr. Lawley to be held in Anzac House on March 26. We have

heard that Mr. Lawley are practising every night of the week in order that they can give us a “dumping,” and we wonder if this news is correct, if we will meet our Waterloo.

Members will be pleased to know that we have secured the services of Dr. C. Bryan to lecture to us at our meeting on April 23. As the doctor is a fluent speaker, we hope that all members will keep this night free and do, the same time, extend a hearty invitation to members of other sub-branches.

Our Secretary at the present time, is spending 14 days in a well-earned rest, and we are wondering whether the parting gift that is given to him at the close of our last meeting will be of any assistance to him. We are told that he intends to look for the “Rottweiler Monster.”

BASSENDIEN

After twelve months of inactivity, this sub-branch, known previously as the Guildford-Basendean Sub-Branch, R.S.L., has once more become an energetic body, due to the work of a few of its members who during the last six weeks have instilled some of their energy into the other members. The fortnightly meetings are being well attended.

An Entertainment Committee has been formed which is making good progress in the way of providing amusement for the meetings; and endeavouring to arrange teams to compete for the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield.

OSBORNE PARK

After all the trials and troubles recently undergone by this poor old sub-branch we really believe we are beginning to see the light of day. (After darkness comes the dawn.)

The most important event during the month was the Annual Picnic held on March 1 at Moorman’s Bay. This was a very enjoyable day. The sub-branch members were very conspicuous by their absence, but this did not interfere with the success of the day. Those of our members and families who did attend had a tip-top time. South Perth Sub-branch were an added attraction. We re-
cently gave them a hiding at cricket. What's that, Fred?

The picnic ground is ideal, and we heartily recommend it to any other sub-branch for a similar occasion; plenty of shade, nice lawns and conveniences. Dave Kullar, Jack Garner, Bill Ashdown and Jimmy Baxter were very valuable assistants on this day. One would have thought the 35th Lottery was being drawn judging by their enthusiasm. Thanks very much, boys. We must also thank the one and only Ted (Danon J; Mick his name) for heading the table (no, I mean the barrel); he managed it well, but Oh! He looked such a wreck with the ice cream down his neck.

New members are coming along slowly, mostly in the transfer form. However, they are very welcome and we hope they will help the sub-branch back to its former prosperity.

We very much regret that our President, "Nooge," is again in No. 11; we are just wondering if he specially likes the Sisters Hurry up and get right, Harold, this is the earnest wish of the boys.

Well, Mr. "Listening Post," in publishing this article may I suggest that the slogan for the rest of the year be: Old Soldiers never die and never fade away.

**TOODYAY**

The March meeting date was altered to coincide with the visit of Messrs. Benson and Hunt, and took the form of a Social Evening.

President Ken Somers was in the Chair. His remarks were the epitome of success being summed up by the expression: "Brevity is the soul of wit."

Mr. Hunt recounted the fact that the program of the League, depend on five sub-branches, and that it was refreshing and of great assistance to the Executive to meet country members, especially at Anzac House, when they were in the city.

The League in Western Australia possessed now the finest and most up-to-date head quarters in Australia.

Mr. Benson said that it was a pleasure to visit country sub-branches. He said that Mr. Hunt was one of the "Eggs-a-Code" who were reputed to have won the War, and that Mr. L. Thorn (member for the district who was also present at the meeting) had the job of taking up the "eggs" to the Artillery to "lay them on Fritz." Mr. Benson expressed his appreciation of the hospitality extended to his wife and himself.

Urging the necessity of all Diggers joining the League, he said that any man who saw Service and is not a member is not playing the game by his fellow Diggers who have to call on the League in their need. The League has achieved a great many things, not only on behalf of the Diggers, but also for bereaved ones.

Mr. Thorn paid a tribute to the members of the Executive. They are doing a real job of work. Mr. Benson is a real battler and has a full grasp of necessities of Returned Men.

As individuals we cannot do much. It is only by organising as a body that results can be obtained.

He had full confidence in the President and Secretary and other members of the Executive, therefore he strongly advised every Digger to join the League.

Mr. Thorn was booked to attend the Returned Soldiers' Ball to be held in the Toodyay Town Hall on June 14, and an invita-

**EMPIRE BUILDING IN W.A.**

After an absence of ten years, Mrs. Kingsley Fairbridge has been welcomed back to W.A., which her children still regard as Home. Mrs. Fairbridge shared with her husband the task of establishing, near Pinjarra, the first farm school of its kind. So faithfully has the ideals of the founder been carried out since his death in 1924, that no doubt Mrs. Fairbridge will now find the school all that her husband dreamed it would be some day.

From homes of misery and squalor in the slums of Britain the children are sent by the Child Immigration Society to Fairbridge to be trained as useful citizens for W.A. There are now several hundreds of them living happily in their own small village, complete with cottages, farm laundry, club, post office and church. Each cottage bears the name of a famous person, as "Shakespeare" and "Raleigh." Around each are flower beds and vegetable plots tended solely by the cottage inmates who number about fourteen to twenty. A capable "mother" presides over each little home and is permitted to have her own ideas as regards upbringing and discipline. The standard of living in these cottages is that of a good working class home. A state school in the precincts of the village caters for the children's education.

They rise at 6.30, and after a shower perform a few home duties before school. Lunch is a communal affair, prepared by the older girls. Each cottage has its own table in the spacious dining hall. The food is so plentiful that an Oliver Twist would not be refused were he to ask for more. Colonel Heath, the stalwart, one-armed guardman, who is in charge of Fairbridge, is present at lunch time and can then address the whole school when announcements are to be made. Tea is prepared in each cot-
tage and the evening spent in recreation.

The older children receive instruction in farming, poultry rearing, brickmaking, baking and laundry work as a preparation for their future. Organised games take up a large part of outdoor recreation, matches and tournaments being held among the various cottages. Fairbridge children are always among the prize winners at the Wildflower Show in Perth and have held the Padbury Swimming Cup.

The church is outstanding in beauty of architecture and workmanship, and has become, as its founder meant it to be, the central feature of the village. It was the gift of Mr. Thomas Wall, an English philanthropist. To it former Fairbridgeans come to be married and to have their children christened. A little distance away is "God's Acre," where lies with one or two of the children, the remains of the founder, Kingsley Fairbridge.

Of him it has been said that he, of all Rhodes' scholars, has come nearest the ideal of giving solid Empire service. Other farm schools are about to be commenced, in Canada and in the East. They will be modelled on the lines of ours in W.A. and each one will be called a Fairbridge Farm School to perpetuate the name of the man who conceived the idea and against many odds brought it into being.

CAVERSHAM HOUSE PICNIC
The visit of the auxiliaries to Mrs. T.

C. Wilson's home at Caversham is now an annual institution and is looked forward to by many.

The numbers were fewer this year, owing mainly to the uncertainty of the weather earlier in the day. Nevertheless, representatives of over 12 auxiliaries found their way by bus and car to Caversham House on Saturday, the 16th of March. A delightful afternoon was spent in the grounds amid warm sunshine and sweet, smilling air, made fresher by the rain of the morning. Clock golf, races, table tennis and bridge took up the first part of the time, also a visit to the grape vines and the drying sheds.

At the conclusion of afternoon tea, Mrs. J. McKinlay, State President, requested Mrs. Wilson to present the prizes, the winners being Mrs. Inglis (North Perth) walking race; Mrs. Keiller (Carlisle) clock golf; Mrs. Sorensen (Press) table tennis and Mrs. Smith (North Perth) bridge. Auxiliary members expressed their appreciation of the outing and three cheers were given for Colonel and Mrs. T. C. Wilson and family. The last hour was spent in community singing, rounders and the old favourite Sir Roger de Coverley.

MATERNITY ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS
A summary of the replies to the various resolutions passed at Congress has now been completed, and will be forwarded to branches in the course of a few weeks. Delay has been caused by the non-arrival of certain replies which required deliberation.

As the following is of general interest it has been deemed advisable to print it in full.

To the resolution passed regarding the maternity bonus reductions, the Deputy Commissioner replies thus:

"I have to advise you that income of over £208 rendered a person ineligible for a Maternity Allowance in respect of children born prior to 1st August, 1934.

"In respect of children born on or after 1st August, 1934, the amended Act increases the income limits of £208 per annum by £13 per annum for each previous child under the age of 14 years who is living at the date of the birth, and increases the present rate of the Maternity Allowance by 5s., in respect of each previous child under the age of 14 who is living at the date of the birth. For example: if a mother has two children, and gives birth to another, the income limit would be £234 and the allowance payable £4 10s.

"It might be noted that children means children of whom the claimant is the mother. Children of the claimant's husband by a former marriage (step-children) or adopted children are not taken into account.

"The maximum income limit allowed will be £299, and the amount of the allowance will not exceed £5 in any case.

"As a result of the amendments to the Act, further particulars must be obtained in certain cases before payment may be authorised. Therefore some time may elapse between the receipt of the claim and payment of the allowance, but the claims are dealt with as expeditiously as is possible."

EXEcutive AT-HOME
The State Executive of the Women's Auxiliaries held a second at-home in Anzac House on the 1st of March. The first one took place so that the retiring members of the 1934 executive might have an opportunity of seeing over Anzac House. So enjoyable was the afternoon in December that it was decided to hold such a function quarterly. Members of the 1934 executive committee were invited to the March at-home. Mrs. McKinlay welcomed the guests. After a competition wherein Mrs. Prendergast was the first to unravel the mystery of the jumbled groceries and received the prize, afternoon tea was enjoyed. Members appreciated the opportunity of meet-
The next at-home will take place on the 7th June, when it is hoped there will be another gathering of old friends.

**SUBIACO**

The Subiaco Auxiliary entertained the patients from Lemnos Hospital on Sunday, February 24th. The patients were motored from the Hospital to Sawyer's Valley, returning via Greenmount to Bradman's Hotel, Subiaco, where high tea was served. Mrs. Richardson, President of the Auxiliary, welcomed the guests, her remarks being supported by Messrs. Bert Conlan and Williamson (President and Secretary of Subiaco Sub-branch). Mr. and Mrs. Downes (Mayor and Mayoress of Subiaco) were called upon to say a few words. Mesdames Stockmin and Stubberfield, on behalf of the Motor Outing Committee, thanked the Auxiliary for their hospitality and the car drivers for conveying the patients. Mr. McKeever replied on behalf of the patients and Mr. A. Jacobs for the car drivers.

Musical items were given by Mrs. Lester and Mr. and Mrs. A. Jacobs. Mr. Joe Bennett played for community singing and dancing which was enjoyed by everyone present.

Thanks are due to the following for lending their cars: - Misses I. Watson and K. Franklin, Mesdames Stockmin, Leavens and Blackman, Mr. and Mrs. Downes, Mr. and Mrs. Randall, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jacob, Mr. and Mrs. McEllwraith, Messrs. W. Waterman and Lock Adams.

**WEST LEEDERVILLE**

The West Leederville Auxiliary recently entertained the patients from Lemnos Hospital.

The party was conveyed by motor from the Hospital to Scarborough Beach where the Auxiliary, and some of the patients, waited. After cool ginger beer the party indulged in surfing or strolled along the beach. Leaving Scarborough they were motored to West Leederville Bowling Club where tea was waiting for them.

Mr. H. B. Smith (President Leederville Sub-branch), welcomed the guests and introduced Mrs. James, Senior President of the Auxiliary who also welcomed the party. Mr. Downes thanked the Auxiliary for their hospitality and Mrs. and Mr. W. Downes thanked the car drivers and the Bowling Club for placing the rooms at the disposal of Leederville Auxiliary.

The following kindly loaned their cars:—

Mr. and Mrs. Downes, Mr. and Mrs. Randa, Mr. and Mrs. Lock Adams, Mrs. V. Stockmin, Miss Watson and Mr. F. White.

**DARLING RANGE**

On Sunday March 3, Darling Range Auxiliary entertained the patients from Lemnos Hospital. Leaving the Hospital the patients were motored to Kalamunda where Mrs. Wallace has placed her residence "Wallacedom" at the disposal of the patients for the afternoon. A barrel of cool ginger beer was the centre of attraction on arrival, then tennis and inspection of the orchards and swimming pool became the order. Tea was prepared by members of the Darling Range Auxiliary and served in the large shade house. Mr. and Mrs. Randa, President of the Auxiliary, welcomed the guests and Mr. Tamer, President of the Sub-branch, thanked the Auxiliary. Mrs. Stockmin called on Matron McDonald to speak for the "boys," and Mr. McKeever also had a few words to say on their behalf.

Noticeable among the Auxiliary members was Mrs. Baxter, "Grandma," to her friends. This active member is 79 years old and has not missed a function since the inception of the Auxiliary.

Cakes and fruit was sent back to the Hospital and the patients were greatly enjoyed as they drove away from "Wallacedom."

The following are thanked for lending their cars:—Mr. and Mrs. Downes, Mr. and Mrs. Randall, Mr. and Mrs. V. Stockmin, Mr. and Mrs. Lock Adams, Mr. and Mrs. McEllwraith, Miss Watson and Mr. Cameron.

**CARLISLE**

Despite the heat the monthly dances still draw large crowds, the average being 120.

The visiting committee visited the Edward Milen Home and gave out cigarettes, sweets and books to the 16 patients. Arrangements are well in hand to give the children a river trip in March.

**BAYSWATER**

The first general meeting of Bayswater Women’s Auxiliary R.S.L. for 1935 was held in the Lesser Town Hall on March 7.

Mrs. Power, President, presided over approximately 30 members. Business was discussed and a very busy time ahead was evident. A jumble sale was held at the Cigarette Factory and a rumble sale to take place next week to enable us to raise funds with which to carry on urgent work. Our President also took the opportunity of welcoming three of our former members back amongst us.

I very much regret to chronicle that Mrs. Stanwell, owing to ill-health, has been reluctantly compelled to resign her position as secretary of this Auxiliary. Mrs. Stanwell recently underwent a serious operation, but it is very gratifying to learn that she is now on the mend, and we hope to have her back amongst us in the near future.

Mrs. Dengham was elected secretary for the coming year, she is an ardent and zealous worker.

After the business portion of the evening closed, dancing and games were indulged in and a merry evening proceeded.

There was a sound of reveille by night and the Bayswater Women’s Auxiliary gathered in and decided to sing that melodic triple of all melodies “Three Blind Mice.” Twas to be sung in rounds, but alas went flat for the last round and would surely have been like Tennyson’s Brook had not a well-laid supper table appeared on the scene, which tended to turn every ones thoughts in the direction of a good cup of tea—then home.

**VICTORIA PARK**

At the general meeting of Victoria Park Women’s Auxiliary held on Friday, March 22, it was decided to hold an extra meeting in the Library Room commencing on Tuesday, March 5, at 2 p.m.

The picnic held on March 10 was a huge success. The children were conveyed by special tram to and from the Zoo, and beside ginger beer, fruit, lollies and ice cream, there was a good sports programme for the children, and tennis, etc., for the adults.

The committee desire to thank for donations in addition to those already mentioned in our last report, Mrs. Welsh 5s., Messrs. Bakers, Goles and Wills for sweets, and Messrs. Carroll’s of Perth, who kindly donated two very nice books as prizes for one boy and one girl. 
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| DONNYBROOK                    | Memorial Hall                         | 1st Saturday, monthly          | Mrs. MacCrowley, Blackwood Road | Mrs. V. T. Miller, Donnybrook |
| VICTORIA PARK                 | Library Hall, Albany Rd.              | 4th Friday, 7.30 p.m.          | Mrs. E. T. Telford, 88         | Mrs. D. Pike, 38 State Street, Victoria Park |
**Associations of Ex-Service Men**

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<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard's Ave, Leederville</td>
<td>C. G. Vetter &amp; Co., Murray St., Perth</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Third Thursday, quarterly</td>
<td>Col. D. M. McWhaie (Chairman), A. H. Hold, 39 Tate St, W. Leederville</td>
<td>H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth St, N. Perth Phone B 8394</td>
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<td>W. C. Armstrong, 20 Ruslip Street, West Leederville</td>
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<td>L. D. Loban, 26 2nd Floor, Economic Chambers, Perth</td>
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**SPORTS PROGRAMME**


**FREMANTLE**

The Fremantle Women's Auxiliary entertained the patients from Lemnos Hospital on March 10. The patients were motored to South Beach, Fremantle, where Mr. T. Brennan put on a diving display for their benefit. High tea was served at the Hydrodrome during which ice creams and ginger beer were handed round by the Auxiliary. Mrs. Kirby (President of Fremantle Auxiliary) welcomed the guests and introduced Mr. A. Bracks, Vice-President, Fremantle Sub-branch, who also welcomed the "boys." Mrs. H. Hopperston thanked the Auxiliary on behalf of the Motor Outing Committee and Mrs. Stockman thanked the car drivers. Mr. McKeevor spoke on behalf of the patients. After tea, community singing and dancing was enjoyed to music by Mrs. B. J. Hall and Mr. Bates. Mr. Bates also sang several songs, and Miss Gwen Dale gave a display of acrobatic dancing. Fruit and cigarettes were taken back to the hospital as gifts from the Auxiliary to the patients who were unable to attend the outing. The following lent their cars—Mrs. V. Stokel, Miss Watson, Mrs. and Jack Leavers, Mrs. and Mr. Millward, Messrs. Lock Adams and Bates.

**NORTH PERTH**

The meeting on March 13 was not as well attended as it should have been for the first meeting of the New Year. We hope for a better attendance on April 10. Quite an amount of "Amelioration-work and hospital visiting has been carried out by the committee during the Auxiliary's recess. The card evenings for the year commenced on February 13, and have been fairly well attended. Members who are non-card players will be welcomed to help with supper arrangements. Our members are invited to a social at Maylands on March 26. We are pleased to report that Mrs. Morgan has quite recovered from her illness.

**PRESS**

The March meeting of the Press auxiliary was held in the auxiliary room, Anzac House, on March 5. Mrs. I. E. Sorensen presiding over a fair attendance. Among the correspondence were grateful acknowledgments from the Lemnos and Edward Miller Repatriation Hospitals, thanking us for the Christmas gifts for patients, consisting of a lounge in the former case, and 11 recently published books in the latter. It was reported that the motor outings arranged by the Press Auxiliary to the Lemnos patients had been a great success; the soldiers had been taken by bus to the Naval Base Beach, some of them had a dip, and then to Anzac House to tea, the supper room having been kindly made available by the R.S.L. Executive. The meeting was informed that, at the request of the R.S.L. State Executive, we had given up our booking at Anzac House for dances in order that a highly remunerative booking for every Saturday night in the year might be accepted, to the distinct advantage of the League and Anzac House. As we had to keep faith with our patrons, who are essentially a Saturday night crowd, we tried to find other premises since Anzac House was not available on a Saturday, and found that the only alternative was the old Institute, where booking had to be made at once. Members all deplored this—certainly beyond our control had prevented us from using the soldiers' own building which we preferred and which we had so well supported. As we had decided previously to meet in the evening, when we could enjoy a social cup of tea, we had applied to the R.S.L. State Executive for accommodation with the means of boiling a kettle, and that body had granted us the use of the women's auxiliary room which satisfactorily met our requirements.

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