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SUITS TO MEASURE TAIIORRED TO MAKE SURE
A Princely Gesture

The Prince of Wales is one of those fortunate men who has the ability to say the right thing at the right time. Few ex-service men, no matter what flag they fought under, will quarrel with the Prince's suggestion of international reunions of ex-service men. As Mr. Lyons said in another way in another place, we gain nothing by mutual criticism; it is only by getting together that we arrive at better mutual understandings, win new friendships and strengthen old ones. As long as any of them were physically able, veterans of the American Civil War, Federals and Confederates, used to hold annual memorial services on the field of Gettysburg, and there can be no doubt that these and similar gatherings elsewhere did much to allay the bitterness left by the bitterest and most terrible of all modern wars before 1914. In our own commemorations and reunions, Britons from various parts of the Empire intermingled with Australians. There have been some in this State at which not only ex-service men of other Allied countries, but Germans too were welcomed. In New Zealand, some months ago, publicity was given to the making of a German ex-service man an associate member of a sub-branch of the New Zealand Returned Men's Association.

It will be seen, then, that the germ of the Prince's ideal is already in operation in Australia and New Zealand, and probably in a host of other places. Such experiments, where they have been carried out, have proved happy ones, so much so, that there is no reason why their wider extension should not be productive of much good. Much, of course, will depend on the spirit in which they are carried out. It will be hard for a Belgian or a northern Frenchman, for instance, to forget Louvain and incidents of the German regime in the occupied territories. The Germans themselves have had much to forgive since the war, but time alleviates suffering and dulls the edge of resentment. What will make the generation of a friendlier spirit the easier will be the common knowledge of war's starkness, the experience which is shared by all fighting men, and the remembrance that front-line soldiers were not good haters after all. What digger can deny that the wartime hatred of Fritz did not increase in direct ratio the farther one went back from the line, until one came to the civilians and politicians, who would be satisfied with nothing less than a gallows for the Kaiser and the direst of punishments for his senior generals?

Many of the funny little people, who think that the cause of peace can best be served by bellowing at the men who fought for their safety, forget that the average soldier is much more humane than the average civilian. This is because they know what war means, and can truthfully with Wellington that the only thing more tragic than a victory is a defeat. It was Wellington, at both Congresses of Vienna, who insisted that the Allied Powers had been fighting Napoleon and not the French people, and who saved the French from vindictive peace terms which would have contained the seeds of future war. Had Lord Kitchener's advice been taken, the Anglo-Boer War would have ended a full year sooner than it did. It was fortunate for the Empire that Kitchener, returned to England and induced the British Government in 1902 to grant the Boers the terms he had been prepared to grant them in 1901. Had there been a Wellington or a Kitchener at Versailles in 1919, instead of a gagle of politicians, the world would have been spared much of the post-war wrangling between nations, and there would have been little need for the agitation in favour of treaty revision.

International reunions, as suggested by the Prince, would be attended by men who already respect one another, either as tried Allies or redoubtable foesmen of other years. They would promote international friendship more rapidly than political delegations of good will, and do more for the cause of universal peace than all the pacts and pious resolutions. It is therefore gratifying to learn from the cables that the Prince's speech has been the subject of commendation, and has found favour in the sight of the Germans themselves, who were the chief of our former enemies.

HIGHLY COMMENDED

This amusing little essay was submitted by a little girl aged seven, in a competition conducted by the Munudgin Sub-branch.

On the 6th of May jubilee of King James and Queen Mary the III. The return soldiers offered a picnic up at Mr. Benns. When we got there we had dinner. We all sat around a ring and helped ourselves on cakes and sam-wichers. After dinner we went up to the well. When we came back we had a game of rounders, then we had tea. We went up the road and watched a bike race. Then we were called and Mr. Keessing told us to be seated on the tar-polen then Mr. Keessing told us to remember that we were to have a picnic every year, and to remember what a good King and country we had. Then Captain Cooper gave out the prices. And we went home very tired.

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The only official League matters contained in this journal is embodied in the published minutes of Executive Meetings, and other items which are acknowledged as such in their text.
Anzac Day and Other Matters

News items published in the daily papers from time to time make it obvious that all is not well with the League in Queensland. It is not our place to comment on what is most probably purely a domestic disagreement, though we hope that Queensland diggers will soon compose their differences and pull together again for the common cause. But one matter which seems to be the subject of acrimonious dispute in Queensland is that of the proper observance of Anzac Day, and that is a matter which is of vital importance to us all. That is why the State Executive, at the instance of Rabbi Freedman, decided to write to the Queensland Branch asking members to vote, in the plebiscite which is being conducted by the Queensland Branch, for a continuance of the mode of observance now general throughout Australia.

That mode of observance has been criticised by people within the League and outside it, but it was not adopted without careful consideration based on the experience of the years, and it is still open to alteration at the direction of Congress. Notwithstanding such criticisms, there is this to be said in its favour: it has worked satisfactorily in the past, is still working satisfactorily, and, judged by the increasing attendances year by year, it is meeting with the approval of the general public. Whether, as individuals, we hold that Anzac Day should be observed as a fifty-third Sunday, or as a mediaeval Sunday, with observation in the morning and recreation in the afternoon; there are no two minds within the League and among its supporters about its purpose as a national commemoration of the fallen. This has been made plain enough over a period of years for even a child to understand. Possibly the march through the streets will be discontinued when the great majority of us become physically unable to march, and, unfortunately tyrant Time is bringing that eventuality nearer. Possibly the simple Dawn ceremony will one day replace the more elaborate forenoon observance; but the spirit in which the observance is conducted will remain.

It is strange, then, that certain critics of the League should fail to understand, or wilfully misunderstand, the purpose of the day. Hardly had the Queensland Branch decided to obtain the opinions of diggers themselves on the subject, when the Victorian Branch had to do some plain-speaking to a body which calls itself the "Council against War and Fascism," and to frustrate an impudent attempt to exploit the annual march for purposes that are political rather than ethical. On a day on which we assemble in solemn reverence to our sacred dead, there is no room for propaganda, either on behalf of war or against it, and if, at a time when the leading statesmen of all nations agree in principle and differ only as to the best methods of securing universal peace, much of the anti-war propaganda given such prominence in the Press is at all necessary, may we suggest that Armistice Day would be a more fitting occasion for it?

Some of the criticisms emanating from those who write "Letters to the Editor" are based on a complete ignorance of the ideals of the League and of the spirit in which the League so successfully carries out its annual duty. To take a case in point, the writer of a letter which appeared in the West Australian shortly after last Anzac Day, made the cuckoo-like assertion that not two people in Australia understood the purpose of the annual commemoration. The purpose of this anonymous critic’s letter is even harder to understand. A number of half-truths, simmering in a wort of confused thinking, and a thinly-veiled slur on the men who marched, made up the sum total of a contribution that was utterly devoid of any practicable suggestion which might be considered for future guidance. If the writer aimed at arguing a public discussion, he failed to attain his objective, for, beyond two brief commendations from other anonymous gentlemen, the silence that greeted his effort was disconcertingly chilling. In fact, it would not command notice here but for two absurdities which cannot pass unchallenged.

One was the savage and sadistic suggestion that men who had been disabled or disfigured by the war should form a prominent part of the annual march so that the war spirit of the rising generation might be curbed. Our own belief is that such a parade would have just as much effect in eliminating war as the horrors of Hell depicted on canvas by medievil artists had in abolishing sin, but that is not the point. Disabled veterans do head the Anzac Day march in cars placed at their disposal by sympathetic citizens. They attend the parade as do the rest of us, in simple devotion to the fallen comrades. But asking them to parade their infirmities to the public in the manner suggested strikes us as both callous and impudent. Are they to be metaphorically re-butchered to make a propagandist’s holiday?

The other matter is one of vital importance to the League. For some years now it has been part of the League’s policy to obtain for certain classes of government employees leave of absence for the purpose of attending Anzac Day commemorations. That policy has been expressed in Congress resolutions and through the actions of individual sub-
An Outstanding League Success

Mr. Hastings C. Reid, the honorary organiser of Empire and Local Shopping Week Council for the past nine years, was invited to submit a report to the meeting of the State Executive held on 5th June on the Empire Shopping Week. Delegates spoke very appreciatively of the splendid services rendered to the cause of Empire Trade by Mr. Reid.

In the course of his remarks Mr. Reid said:

The Council this year comprised Mr. E. S. Watt (chairman), Messrs. Bagot, Griffiths, Hopperton and McKinlay, Dr. Cyril Bryan, Messrs. A. H. Macartney, A. Pady, T. Nesbit, J. Child, C. C. Ferguson (Hon. Secretary), and myself as honorary organiser.

As in previous years the Council enjoyed the full support and enthusiastic co-operation of all the sub-branches of the R.S.L. who were approached, as well as of branches of the Country Women's Association and the P.P.A. In the hands of these ladies and gentlemen it can safely be said that practically every town and township in the country districts was linked up with the movement.

The metropolitan and metropolitan suburban areas were again taken over by the sub-branches concerned, following upon a conference of representatives from those bodies at the headquarters of the R.S.L. The number of traders whose interest in the Week was enlisted, and the large number of poster propaganda that was put into circulation through these channels speaks volumes not only for the energies but the zeal of these organisations.

In the sub-branches of the R.S.L. and their women's auxiliaries, and in the other two country organisations referred to above, the Council has behind it a force that is unexampled for a purpose of this kind. The country districts could not be in better hands, nor could any other bodies of men and women have thrown themselves with greater zest and vigour into a campaign of this kind than these did: As heretofore, the cause this year was Empire goods and local products, and it would not be surprising to learn that as a result of the impetus that has been given to the products of our factories there had been a considerable increase in orders from the country districts.

The fact that this is the Jubilee Year of His Majesty the King attached to the Week a glamour not hitherto associated with it. That all concerned were more than usually anxious to rise to so important an occasion goes without saying. Certain it is that never before has so much ground been covered nor has the public mind been so keenly attuned to the spirit of the movement. Thanks to all who have laboured so strenuously in the past, and have done so much by precept and example to build up the structure, the Week may now be regarded as a permanent fixture in the current events of the year. This year's Council has fully maintained the traditions associated with those appointed in previous years, and by its activities on this occasion it has nailed the emblem of Empire trade more firmly than ever to the national masthead.

The poster propaganda this year con-
THE WHEAT POSITION

Through seasonal influences, such as droughts and floods, in other countries it does not seem as if there will be any appreciable carry over from the present season in the world's wheat supply. It was an enormous accumulation during the past few years which caused the shrinkage of markets and the diminution in the world's parity. At the World Wheat Conference various schemes were suggested for lifting the industry out of chaos into which the marketing end of it had fallen. The remedies proposed were reduced production and the fixing of a home consumption price, but anything in the form of a bounty for producers was frowned upon. The Conference broke

Western Australian portion) were freely shown and as freely purchased, a fact that indicated in an eminently practical manner that the public themselves were in sympathy with what was being done. The hope is expressed that the Week, which can now boast of an unbroken succession of some ten years in all, will ever be continued and with each annual effort will gain in still greater importance and prestige. The absence of a sufficient amount of posters of Empire significance was to be regretted, but it is possible that something may yet be done to remedy that defect in future years.

During the past two months, a change for the better has become manifest. Large orders from China and Japan, during April and May, have caused an appreciable and greatly appreciated rise in the price of wheat. Exporters consider that the increased prices will be maintained in view of the present condition of the world's visible supply. The important point is that there will be no large carry

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over this season, though Canada, a Dominion which has shown more reluctance to meet the markets than Australia, is likely to reap whatever immediate benefits may be derived from the position. In Australia, the outlook is more hopeful than it has been since 1930. Much, of course, will depend on the way the Government’s relief measures are administered, but the rehabilitation of the industry and a succession of good seasons may yet work wonders for the Australian wheat grower.

FARMERS’ RELIEF

When the Wheat Growers’ Relief Bill was before the Senate last year a member, actuated by the best of intentions and with a desire to afford the farmer an opportunity for securing some direct personal relief in the form of ready cash, moved that a new clause be inserted in the Bill as follows:—

“[A.—Nothing in any act or State act which would, but for this section, vest in any authority constituted under that act the right to receive, or require payment to that authority of, the amount paid or payable under this act to a wheat grower, shall have effect in respect of so much of the amount so paid or payable as does not exceed fifty pounds.”

The Minister in charge of the Bill, who is at present the Acting Attorney General of the Commonwealth, in replying to a very short debate, said, inter alia—

It is a growers’ relief Bill, but it is not a Bill to alter the whole relationship between Commonwealth and States with regard to certain of their respective laws. The point raised by the honourable senator was foreseen by the Government, and a similar proposal was considered by the Attorney General and myself. We came to the conclusion that it would be unconstitutional to give an authority to the Federal law to override the State law governing creditor and debtor. That being so, I ask the honourable senator to contemplate what would happen if this Parliament granted his amendment, and it were to be tested. A dispute would arise which would probably have to be settled in the High Court, and that would mean, as the ultimate destination of the money would be in question, that payments under this Bill would be stopped. The authorities would not pay out until they knew who was entitled to receive the money. I assure the honourable senator that if such a position arose, the earliest opportunity the High Court would have to consider this matter—would be in May of next year. The next sittings of the High Court are to be held in that month, but it does not follow as a matter of course that this case would appear early on the list. However, the earliest possible date on which this matter could be dealt with would be May of next year, and in the meantime the whole of the act would be paralysed. Apart from this consideration, I doubt very much whether the wording of the honorable senator’s amendment would effect what he has in mind. Its wording is extremely complicated. I have pointed out two objections to the proposal. First, the Government has very strong reason for believing that the proposal would be held to be unconstitutional and, that being so, a long and embarrassing delay to those whom this measure is trying to help, would result.

The amendment was rejected by the Senate—only seven members voting for it.

We publish this because of a request for some information on this point. Apparently the issue was outside the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth Parliament.

THE GUARD MEN

When the Japanese Training Squadron visited W.A. the admiral laid a wreath on the State War Memorial. After the ceremony, the sub-wardens on duty (Messrs. Newman, Wood, Chappel and Ashford) conversed with some of the visiting officers and were photographed in a group with some “maddies,” the photographer promising to send back a copy of the snap. As he lost the addresses given to him he wrote:

“The Governor, Government House,”

Perth, enclosing the following letter with a request that it be passed on to the right quarter. The letter is dated from Melbourne, 27/4/35, and reads—

“To the Guard Men of the War Memorial.

“Dear Sir,—It is a source of my great pleasure that I have a good time at King’s Park. I send you two photographs of us in front of the War Memorial, 14th April, 1935. I am sorry to unable to send four photos. Because our photographers are very busy now. I regret that your daughter had not took photograph with us so that I am very glad if you send me a picture of you including your daughter and family.

“I have enclosed some Japanese post cards, and beg that you will favour me by your acceptance of it. If you would be kind enough to send me some picture cards of Perth or Fremantle as I cannot buy it at Perth and Fremantle as it was the Sunday. I beg your pardon to my propose without reserve.

“Wishing your health and happiness,

Yours faithfully,

A. Irahara.”

(Miss Betty Newman is the daughter referred to.)

ALLOWANCES FOR NEXT-OF-KIN

In connection with the resolution passed by the Federal Executive, at the instance of the New South Wales Branch concerning allowances to next-of-kin visiting Repatriation hospitals, the text of the following letter from the Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes, Minister for Health and Repatriation has been received.

“With reference to your previous representations, I have not had an opportunity of looking into the matter.

“As stated by your provision is made for the grant of assistance to enable the father or mother, or wife and child, to visit a departmental patient becoming dangerously ill, or dying in an institution, and I am pleased to be able to inform you that the Commission has now decided to add ‘or such other person as the patient may have designated.’

“The type of this amendment will not only provide for the type of case cited by your New South Wales Branch, but also for those ex-soldiers who have no relatives.”
SPEAKING SOLO
(By Soldier)

I have very painful recollections of many hours spent in my lonely youth transcribing lines and lines of horsebery in a multitude of copy books. I say horsebery, and so much of it was Rubbish-ly lying bunk such as "Experience teaches"—as if experience ever teaches any of us. Did it ever teach you—or me? No, certainly not; and for the simple reason that the same thing never happens twice in the same way, and all the experience gained by us as a result of our former foolishnesses never has, and never will stop us making fools of ourselves once again. Why, only last night—but let me forget it.

However, it was not all horsebery that we copied. One line especially spelt horse-sense, and I have never forgotten it: "Unity is strength." It stood out before my boyish eyes as something that was not only sensible but 100 per cent. true. Unity is strength. Sure, I have only to stand on one leg for half a minute to demonstrate that. Long before I begin to wobble I have arrived at the conclusion that two legs united are firmer than half-a-dozen at a tangent.

One Big Organisation

Just about a lifetime ago this slogan Unity is Strength was appropriated by the Labour Party, and with such good effect that that Party found itself in the seats of the Mighty all over the world in little more than a decade from the time it decided to unite and show its strength. The result is that if anyone else these days talks about unity being strength, the other person at once glances down the speaker's trousers to see if he is sporting a pair of bowyangs. But the slogan is one that no organisation has a monopoly of; and it is one that, above every other organisation, the supreme organisation of Returned Soldiers should adopt. And they should not only adopt it, but act on it, so that returned soldiers can speak with one big-sounding harmonious roar, instead of in a series of squeaks and thin voices which only reveal that returned soldiers are not consolidated but age, on the other hand, so jealous of one another that they cannot trust their old comrades in arms to do the fair thing by them.

Now, it does not really matter whether these different sections cannot trust one Central Organisation to speak for them, or whether they can. The point I want to make is that the actual fact of them forming separate organisations of their own makes it look like it; and after all it looks that count, as every modern young woman knows. At least they count with me, and I do not believe I am more susceptible to looks than any other mere male. But to continue. I have never been the Prime Minister (and I do hope I am never co-opted for the job), nor have I been a captain of industry; but if I had ever been either, my own common sense tells me that I would have paid more attention to any request that issued from one large solid united body of people than if it had issued from a mere section group, no matter how well qualified this small sectional group had been to proffer the request. And, recalling the War, I seem to have a very lively memory of being told by every one with a tongue to speak and a pen to write that all the hideous blunders that bathed the earlier period of the fighting with the blood of millions of our comrades were due to too many mouths piping little melodies of their own, instead of tuning in and bellowing their commands from the cavernous mouth of a giant.

It may be urged that the R.S.L. itself sets the example and fosters sectional organisations. But these unit associations, and such like are merely for social purposes, to keep alive the friendships of the war years which otherwise would be in danger of lapsing through old-time comrades, pursuing widely different callings in the peace years. They thus serve a most useful purpose, mixing with blood, so to speak, the cement which binds the bricks of the structure together. They are part and parcel of the organisation—and cannot be differed from it. They strengthen instead of threaten the stability of the fabric.

Weakening of Voice

Not, be it hurriedly said, that these other out-side-the-one-organisation sectional associations threaten the stability of the R.S.L. The most I want to do is to hint at the self-apparent fact, that they weaken the Voice. That, and nothing more. For that reason I oppose their existence on principle, no matter how much I rejoice when they secure some right—or, as it is grudgingly called, "privilege" for their members. I believe, and there is the shadow of a doubt in that belief that every such right they win now could have been got much more quickly by it having been presented through the One Big Organisation, backed by the United Voice of the returned soldier. And implicitly believing that to be so, I do deplore the existence of supernumerary organisations.

I hope no big burly champion from the T.B. Mens' Association, or the Blinded Soldiers' Association, or the Maimed and Limbless Mens' Association, or the One-Eyed Mens' Association, takes it into his head to punch my head for offering these few remarks. I am quite aware each of these associations can put up a good case for their separate existence, but that would not unduly impinge on my claim that the same enthusiasm that their members manifest for their own separate organisation, if thrown into the same cause within the ranks of the R.S.L. from the very beginning would have won recognition for their demands far quicker than action on their own brought it about. A case in point caused a little rumbling about a year ago. Some war pensioners considered that their common interests would be better served by the formation of a War Pensioner's Association. Fortunately better counsel prevailed and the proposal was dropped. But if that had been persisted in, where would we have stopped? For all we know the next one would have been an Old Bulfordians' Association, complete with blazer and badge and tie.

Which makes me wonder why an Old Bulfordians' Association has never come into existence. The erection of such an organisation among discharged soldiers should be easy, positively easy; its members could show once again that they were prepared to stand for anything worth while; they would have all been tested and not found wanting. Yet it has never eventuated. A strange oversight; or it may have been that the Old Bulfordians were well contented with what they had already got, and did not wish to push things too far.

A certain big-game hunter, who was contemplating a trip to Africa, called at a gun-makers and bought a large quantity of cartridges.

"I usually deal with your head office," he remarked to the man in charge. "But I daresay you will be able to send these for me?"

"Certainly, sir."

"Well, I want them to go to Nigeria."

The other looked blank for a minute or two, then: "think you'd better give the order to our head office, sir," he ventured. "You see, we've only a small boy with a bike here."
DAGGET AT GOLF

At the recent Great Southern Reunion of the R.S.L. held in Katanning, it was suggested that to commemorate the Jubilee, something should be done in the sports line. There being many golfers present the idea of competing annually for R.S.L. Jubilee Cup was decided upon.

The Katanning Golf Club was approached and very graciously granted the use of the links for Monday, June 3. Then the machinery was set going. Jack Fraser and Carol Shaw were the engineers-in-chief, and thanks to their skilful handling, a fixture of outstanding success was the result.

At sunrise a bugler set forth rousing combatants from their sleep. Townspeople were intrigued to hear the ringing call of the "Reveille," through the clear frosty air. Volunteers mustered from Albany, Broomhill, Gnowangerup, Dumbleyung, Kojonup, Darkan, Tambellup, Cranbrook and Katanning.

The chief event was the 36-hole stroke competition for the R.S.L. Cup, donated by Tom Edmonson. C. S. Riva, of Gnowangerup, was successful with a net 139 and was followed by the Cup to be held by his centre for twelve months. A replica of the Cup was handed to the winner, J. F. Bruce, of Broomhill, followed with 140 nett. Herbert Parkes, skipper of the Katanning Golf Club, upheld his reputation by winning the trophy for the best morning round 67 nett. Carol Shaw produced the same result for the afternoon round.

Shaw and Parkes underwent court martial and were reduced in handicap by the local club.

George Anderson, who was reared on golf tees, and specialises on winning championships, put up the best gross performance, 162 off the stick. Herbert Parkes was two paces in the rear with 164. This concludes the "brass hat" events.

In the over 24 handicap section "twins" from Gnowangerup named Stewart tied with 195. One decided to take the trophy and left it to his "brother" to fill it, a good Scotch solution.

The coveted trophy for the largest gross score went to A. N. Rischbieth, a comptometer was available to run up the calculations, whilst a stimulant was applied to revive the plucky combatant. Two others who dealt out death dealing blows, and were mentioned in dispatches, were Gordon Clifton and D. B. Peakes.

Lieut-Colonel Birt, of Borden, at the conclusion of play, reviewed the troops, who were looking particularly fit. Most of them, not quite as youthful as in the days of the Great War, can still see their toes, although their figures deviate somewhat from the perpendicular.

President Horace Tyler called upon the donor of the Cup, T. S. Edmonson, to make the presentation. Horace then thanked the Katanning Golf Club for the granting of the excellent links for the fixture. He also thanked Marshall Wint grove, who acted as starter for the day.

Ernie Fewsing, the keeper of the estaminet, was made a presentation of a fine bow and arrows as a memento of his service in the South African War. Jimmy Fitzmaurice, Bob Tree and Mack McGregor, members of the Light Horse, were presented with some Kiwi Polish.

C. Riva paid a tribute to the Katanning Sub-branch of the R.S.L., for the excellence of their entertainment, and prophesied that entries next year would be greatly increased; so enjoyable and enthusiastic had this inaugural function proved.

A cheer was given for Sister Grover of Katanning, ex-army nurse, who was present.

The N.C.O.'s in charge of the commissariat were Hester McLeod and Shirley Anderson, who organised the victualing of the troops very successfully.

The main scores of the day were as follows:


EX-MACHINE GUNNERS' ASSOCIATION

With the object of preserving the identity of the Machine Gun Corps an enthusiastic gathering of ex-gunners attended a meeting at Anzac House on Friday, 31st May, and launched the Ex-Machine Gunners' Association. Those present were agreed that the organisation of a unit, representing a Corps of which every member had reason to be proud, was long overdue, but at last ex-gunners have an Association which will make it possible for them to join old comrades.

Following the formation of the Association, rules were adopted, and the following office-bearers were elected: President, Mr. E. S. Everett; Vice-President, Mr. H. E. Day; Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. J. Parks; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. L. Lindin.

The first quarterly meeting, to be followed by a social evening, will be held on July 30 at 8 p.m. at Gregson's Auction Rooms, 367 Murray Street (near Yagan Street).

All those eligible for membership are asked to send their subscriptions, which have been fixed at 5s. per annum for metropolitan members, and 2s. 6d. per annum for country members, to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. J. Parks, Forests Department, Perth.

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SCABBARDS OFF!
(By Pip Tok)

A contemporary states that, in spite of rumours to the contrary, the League is still going strong in Queensland. Yes, but which League?

After the publication of the Select Committee's report on the Secession Petition, Mr. H. K. Watson said that there is nothing left for Western Australia now but to use force. Elementary, my dear Watson!

It is indeed passing strange that none of our local anti-war propagandists have protested against Mr. H. K. Watson's phrenetics and those of other similar irresponsibles which are tantamount to incitements to civil wars.

In a letter to The West Australian, Mr. J. R. L. Brinkley declared the London Times was wrong in its appreciation of a recent judgment of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. Now, we suppose, some other poor devil of an editor will be looking for a job.

Wild horses will not drag the map location from me, but in one of our metropolitan Sunday schools, the prize for Bible knowledge, was won by a girl named May West.

A correspondent has suggested that communists are my bete noire, or perhaps bete rouge. May I remind him that jaune is the French for yellow.

A pal of mine recently applied for a book-keeper's job. Among his qualifications he stated, “I have been in business for myself—over twenty-six years, kept all my own books, and never paid income tax.” He was engaged on the spot.

The latest critic of the White Australia policy is Mr. G. Bernard Shaw, who suggests that inter-marriage of whites and blacks would arrest the development of sterility among whites in Australia and Africa. The trouble with our Bernard is that he has been tilting at windmills so long that no one is likely to take his proposition seriously except the type of employer who wants cheap nigger labour, and the type of Englishman who must have his nigger to kick. Sir Raphael Clintro, the Queensland Director of Public Health, aptly describes the suggestion as a “bit of Mr. Shaw’s lunacy,” and goes on to say that he had “no right, or experience, or knowledge to speak on tropical subjects. . . . Mr. Shaw’s ideas are both anti-social and antinational,” Sir Raphael concluded. “But what of that? Mr. Shaw must at all costs be clever—and let who will be good.

A German actor who was arrested as a Jewish agitator retorted: “I am not a Jew at all. I just look intelligent.” The retort, courteous would hardly mollify the Nazi authorities, but it suggests that after all there is something in the idea that the nose is the greatest index of character. Among the many nasty things Hazzlitt said about Coleridge was that the latter’s nose was too small for a man of genius. Wellington, Julius Cesar, the poet Ovid, Cyrano de Bergerac, and most of the world’s great ones had prominent noses, so that it would seem that in an intelligence test through the ages, the eyes are out of it and the nose has it. At least I prefer to think so, because I was not A.W.L. myself when noses were issued.

“NOUS N’IRONS PLUS AUBOIS…”

Mr. W. B. Teeling, of the London Council of the Overseas League, who has been lecturing everyone on everything since his arrival in Australia, recently told members of the Women’s Service Guild that gatherings of returned soldiers’ organisations were responsible for a certain amount of war propaganda as those who attend them leave out the horrors of war and just tell the good old stories—Newspaper. We mustn’t go to “smokes” now. Nor hold our annual reunions; For future wars are hatched, somehow, By such innocuous communions. Tis not the wordy wars we wage On home-fronts on the morning after. When Mrs. Digger’s righteous rage Re-echoes round each quivering heart. But bloodier wars are meant by the revealing Remarks of this omniscient Mr. Teeling.

We cannot sing the old songs now, Nor tell again the old, old stories Of trench and billet. These endow Old ravenged Mars with spurious glory, And give our adolescent sons A most pernicious inclination To brandish swords and point their guns At youths of every other nation. At least, that’s how the matter is appealing To chaps like our sagacious Mr. Teeling.

We must enshroud ourselves with gloom When at reunions we forecast In-club, or pub, or meeting room, And rend the welkin with a blather About the horrors that we’ve seen. If we can make our shows sadistic, Instead of cheerful, as they’ve been, Our youngsters will acquire, in mystic And unknown ways, a more pacific feeling. According to omniscient Mr. Teeling.

And yet, I think the kid to-day Is, like his forebears, very human; And not a clod of snow-white clay, From which one moulds a perfect new man.

It seems to me, the modern lad, Howe’e the moralists advise him, Would rather grow up like his Dad, Than grow like those who criticise him. Like Dad, he’ll do his duty without squealing, With all due deference to Mr. Teeling.

THE LATE ARCHBISHOP CLUNE

Diggers of all denominations must have experienced a sense of personal loss at the passing of the late Archbishop Clune. As a churchman and a public-spirited citizen, the late Archbishop was ever prominent in the life of our community. Most Western Australian soldiers will remember his visit to the Western Front as Chaplain-General of his own denomination in the days when caste and creed mattered not so much as the fact that we, were all members of one great family, imbued with one increasing purpose. His genial personality and inspiring presence were sources of stimulation to Catholic and Protestant alike.

Archbishop Clune was one of those rare men who can combine saintliness of character with administrative ability of a high order. An orator, like most of the scholars of his race, he was, apart from the duties of the high office he held with such distinction, ever a devoted minister in the cause of education and the training of youth. Big, in every sense of the word, he endeared himself to the public at large. The passing of a truly great man always leaves a void in the society he has bettered by his life, but there is an element of consolation in every great sorrow; in this case, the knowledge that death’s kindly translation has ended a long period of acute physical suffering.
THE LISTENING POST

June 28th, 1935

R.S.L. MEETING ON M.V.
"WESTRALIA"

Colonel Olden, who recently returned from Melbourne where he attended the Federal Executive Meeting, writes:

When it became evident that I was to be absent from the branch Meeting on 10th June, I naturally was very interested to get in touch with the newly-formed sub-branch on that vessel, and to see, if possible, something of the working of this most unique unit of the League.

Having expressed this desire to the Commander, Captain R. Darroch, I was not gratified later to be informed by the Secretary of the branch, Mr. A. W. Wensley, that although the ordinary meeting was not timed to take place on this particular voyage, a special meeting had been called for the evening of June 10th on which an invitation was extended to me.

I greatly appreciated the compliment and the opportunity and attended the meeting in due course.

The sub-branch has a membership of 28 financial members and, including several guests who were fellow passengers, there were 26 present at the meeting.

I was much impressed with the wide range of ex-service units which were represented there that night, and also with the enthusiastic nature of the gathering.

The toast of “Fallen Comrades” was honoured with simple dignity under dimmed lights, and the several short speeches and toasts which followed were interspersed with music, song and story, the whole combining to make a very pleasant evening.

The Commander, Chief Officer (Mr. W. S. Bias, late of H.M.T. Zealandia), and other officers who had served during the war were present.

Incidentally, I was informed by the Secretary that the formation and functioning of the Westralia sub-branch was made possible only by the kindly consideration, encouragement and generosity of Captain Darroch. My acquaintance with the genial Commander would lead me to subscribe to that view.

On behalf of the W.A. Branch I conveyed our congratulations and good wishes to this newly formed sub-branch, and I think New South Wales Branch is also to be congratulated on possessing such a live unit.


32nd BATTALION (A.I.F.) ASSOCIATION, W.A.

The 1935 reunion of the 32nd Battalion A.I.F. has been set down for July 20 in the Anzac House supper-room. A big committee is working hard to make this year’s function more successful than in the past, and that will be some job, for the 32nd has a reputation for excellent turn-outs at the Annual Reunion.

Hot dinner will be served punctually at 7.30 p.m. There will be plenty of liquid refreshment, and an excellent musical programme is promised. Speeches will be brief, and the troops will have plenty of time to get together and enjoy themselves in between whiles.

The Hon. Secretary has asked that country members should note this date and make every endeavour to come to town for this show.

The price of the tickets is only 3s. 6d., and all 32nd men are urged to buy their tickets early from the Hon. Secretary, L. P. Lobascher, No. 27, Second Floor, Economic Chambers, Perth; or Mr. J. Andrew, Manager of the Anzac Club.

On the day following the dinner, Sunday, July 21, members will parade in King’s Park at 3.15 p.m. for the laying of the wreath on the State War-Memorial by the President, Mr. G. V. Abjornson. Troops will “fall in” at the Queen Victoria Statue in King’s Park at 3 p.m. and march in silence to the War Memorial. This is a ceremony which has become an annual custom and which should be attended strongly by ex-members of the 32nd.

TWELFTH BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The Twelfth Battalion Association held the Annual Meeting at the Subiaco Club Rooms on Saturday, May 18.

A motion that the sister battalion, namely, the 52nd, be incorporated, and that henceforth the Association be known as the 12/52 Battalion Association was carried unanimously. Any member of the 52nd Battalion wishing to join this genial crowd may do so by calling or writing to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Sid Rowles, Milligan Street, Perth.

The election of officers resulted in Mr. J. Harvey, a stalwart of the association since its inception, being elected President. Mr. Sid Rowles was re-elected unopposed Hon. Secretary. Other officers elected were Vice-Presidents, H. E. Hopperton (re-elected) and A. Cook; Committee: Messrs. F. Saunders, T. P. Hunt, J. Carruthers, W. J. Thornton, G. Sawyer, J. Allen, W. Bath, A. W. Tout, with H. E. Hopperton as publicity officer.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

F. W. McN., Collie,—Your reply breaks no new ground and tends to be somewhat personal. R. H. Harvey, “Pip Tok” between you when you know the subject threadbare. You should both bear in mind that prolonged controversies are seldom interesting to anyone except the controversialists themselves. You are right in suggesting that the more time you are in town, you and “Pip Tok” appear together before the bar at Anzac House and await the verdict.

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War Events of June, 1915

June 1.—Commencement of a new Italian offensive. Austro-German attacks of Prenzeyl repulsed after severe fighting.

June 2.—Italians crossed the Isonzo, north of Trieste. German transport torpedoed by British submarine in the Sea of Marmora.

June 3.—Prenzeyl was recaptured by Austro-German troops after a heroic resistance by the Russian garrison. French aircraft dropped 178 bombs on the German Crown Prince’s headquarters.

June 4.—General attack delivered upon the Turkish positions in the southern area of the Gallipoli peninsula.

June 5.—Five German counter-attacks east of the Chapel of Lorette were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy.

June 6.—Zeppelins raided the east coast of England causing five deaths and forty casualties.

June 7.—Flight Sub-Lieutenant R. A. J. Warneford, R.N., attacked a Zeppelin in the air between Ghent and Brussels at 6,000 feet. He dropped six bombs, and the airship exploded and came to the ground, twenty-eight of its crew being killed.

June 8.—Mr. Bryan, U.S. Secretary of State, resigned as a mark of his disapproval of the second U.S. note to Germany over the sinking of the Lusitania.

June 10.—The Italians took Monfalcone, nineteen miles from Trieste.

June 15.—Twenty-three Allied aircraft bombarded Karlsruhe, dropping 130 projectiles.

June 16.—The British captured the German first-line trenches north of Hooge.

June 17.—The French gained an important success in the neighbourhood of Souches. The Italians occupied the whole of Monte Nero.

June 19.—The French carried the Buval Bottom, which had been obstinately defended by the enemy since May 9, and in Alsace, they completely invested Metzeral, to which the Germans set fire before evacuating it.

June 22.—De Wet, one of the chief leaders of the rebellion in South Africa, was sentenced to imprisonment for six years and to a fine of £2,000.

June 24.—The Germans bombarded Arras.

June 25.—Union Forces, operating under General Botha in German South-West Africa, occupied a post on the Swakopmund-Grootfontein line.

June 26.—Lieutenant-Commander M. E. Nasmith was awarded the Victoria Cross for submarine exploits in the Sea of Marmora.

June 27.—Commencement of the Battle of Bobrka, eighteen miles south-east of Lemberg. During counter-attacks the Russians captured over 1,600 prisoners.

June 28.—British attack on Achi Baba, Gallipoli.

June 29.—National Registration Bill introduced into the British Parliament.

June 30.—French troops captured trenches on Gallipoli.

ALBANY

S.S.L.

The monthly meeting of the S.S.L. was held on Tuesday, May 7, with Mr. S. J. Barrow in the chair. The President thanked all members who turned out on Anzac Day and conveyed the thanks of the President of the P.S.B. A gap competition has commenced and is being well attended. We were invited to join the Boy Scouts at the Bonfire celebration on June 3 in honour of His Majesty’s Birthday and Silver Jubilee.

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, May 21, with Mr. L. S. Barnett in the chair.

Membership of the S.S.L. is still slowly increasing. The parent sub-branch will have to look to its laundries before long.

A vote of thanks was unanimously carried and due acknowledgments paid to all those who helped in making the Anzac Day observances the success they were. Those specially mentioned in the vote of thanks were the Mayor and Councillors, A.G.A., Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies, Salvation Army Band, ministers who-assisted, and last but not least Mr. H. Tarbott for the installation of loud speakers, and, of course, the worthy "Marshall"—not A.P.M.—Mr. L. Anderson.

The President suitably welcomed visitors.

It was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. J. Newby, whose husband recently passed on to answer the Last Roll Call.

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Alec. Main, an old member and a vice-president of the West Swan Sub-branch, has sold his vineyard, being unable to carry on any longer, we understand, because of increasing suffering through war disabilities. Alec is a good worker, a fearless speaker and an able debater who will be greatly missed from sub-branch gatherings. His local friends hope to see him at meetings occasionally, and have made him and his wife a little presentation in token of the esteem in which both are held by their digger pals. The presentation was made by Mr. W. Tomlin ("Old Bill"), a blinded soldier, who, in a capable speech, expressed the sense of loss felt in the district at the retirement of a good comrade and an efficient soldier settler.

Jimmie Woods, V.C., has been on the sick list, but we are pleased to be able to report that he is fighting his way towards recovery. Even the best is not too good for Jimmie, and we hope to see him soon in normal health once more.

The May meeting of the Upper Swan Sub-branch was postponed for a week on account of the sudden death of the vice-president, Mr. G. Sait. The sub-branch has lost a foundation member who will be very hard to replace. Of a genial disposition and full of good humour, the deceased was a great asset to all local functions. The late Mr. Sait was a good and conscientious worker who believed in the old adage that if a thing is worth doing it is worth doing well. Not only the sub-branch, but the district as a whole has sustained a severe loss, and our sympathies go out to the two daughters who are left to mourn him.

Jack Allan, who is now on the road to recovery after his recent serious illness, wishes to thank all members of the Maylands Sub-branch and others for their kind inquiries and good wishes. Joe Kemp, another of the Maylands fraternity, who has been on the sick list, is also steadily improving and will soon be able to attend sub-branch meetings once more.

We regret to report the death of Frank T. Brown, who served with H.M. Grenadier Guards. The deceased, who was a member of the Nedlands Park Sub-branch, passed away on May 19, 1937. We join with the Nedlands Park Sub-branch in tendering condolence and sympathy to his relatives.

Sympathy is also extended to Frank Kendall, of Nedlands Park, on the recent loss of his father, Mr. John H. Kendall, late of 14 Edward Street, Nedlands, who died on May 18, 1937, and to Tom Veitch of the same sub-branch, whose father, Mr. C. Veitch, late of 87 Princess Road, Claremont, died on May 19, 1935.

Mrs. Hope, wife of our genial friend Alf, of North Perth, has now returned to her home after spending three weeks in St. John of God’s Hospital. We wish her a speedy restoration to complete health.

On his return from Canberra "Scotty" Wilson, of the Nedlands Park Sub-branch, received the disquieting news that Mrs. Wilson was a patient in the Narrogin Hospital. We trust that by now Mrs. Wilson is in normal health again.

At the May meeting of the Nedlands Park Sub-branch the resignation of Captain M. McVicker-Smyth from the general committee was accepted with regret. A motion was carried that a record be made in the minutes expressing appreciation of his services to the sub-branch.

Bert Bevan, Inspector of the Agricultural Bank, is now an active member of the recently constructed Muckinbudin Sub-branch. Some years ago, Bert represented Carilla at a State Congress.

It must not be thought that because the Muckinbudin Sub-branch has been in recess for some time that local diggers do not pull their weight in the affairs of the district. S. Conway, Jack Mulqueen, the new President, are chairman and vice-chairman respectively of the Road Board, of which Jock Ferguson (11th Battalion) is also a member.

Good luck to Leo McCormish of the Maylands Sub-branch on his appointment as a central umpire to the Western Australian National Football League. In this case Leo’s experience as a player should be of great assistance to him. Leo is also well known in the cricket world.

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Mr. W. L. Menkens, publicity officer of Maylands Sub-branch, has had another set-back, having had another severe attack from War effects. He has been advised to go quiet for awhile. He would be glad to see any old A.I.F. friends at his home in North Perth this afternoon. Mr. Menkens recently had a letter from his friend, Bert Oldfield, the international cricketer, and he sends his regards to all A.I.F. friends in this State.

The new secretary of the Maylands Sub-branch, Mr. W. Graham, is doing good work. Bill, who wore three stars on his shoulders during the War, was a fine footballer, who played for West Perth in the days before the Kaiser set out to give the world the benefits of German kultur, in addition to which he was a cricketer of note. His present address is the Maylands Hotel, where he would be glad to hear from intending members and from any members who happen to be on the sick list.

Another Maylands stalwart who is enthusiastically doing good work is the genial Bill Petersen. As social secretary of the sub-branch, his services are very much in demand, and greatly appreciated.

Constable W. T. Ewing of the New South Wales Police, who was an expert witness in the “Tattooed Arm” inquest, is a handsome, hefty digger, who joined the “Force” after the War, and was speedily transferred from the beat to the Finger Prints Section of the C.I.B. Incidentally, “Bill” Ewing, while serving as a lieutenant in the 36th Battalion, played a prominent part in another sensational case. It was he who took the summary of evidence at Longbridge Deveril, for the much-discussed “Swan” Court Martial, in which the accused was a Russian wastrel who had joined the A.I.F. in Sydney, and not a dinkum “Eggs-a-Cook” at all.

Mr. W. A. Wilkins, a past president of the Subiaco Sub-branch and a member of the State Executive, who has been the life and soul of many diggers’ social gatherings with his accomplished violin performances and his ability to get the audience to join with him in novel musical stunts, recently incurred a painful car accident. The right hand was badly lacerated, and his many friends throughout the State sincerely hope that the surgeons will be able to restore to that right-hand the cunning which it has temporarily lost. Anything that would cramp the style of our favourite minstrel would be a serious blow to the League.

Subiaco has sustained another casualty in the person of Mr. P. J. Clegg, a vice-president of the sub-branch. He underwent an urgent operation for an acute attack of appendicitis on June 2, at the Perth General Hospital, and is now a patient in No. 10 Ward. We wish him also a speedy recovery.

Clarrie A. Sadlier, who used to “drop em short” during the Great War and is now a past president and senior vice-president of the North Perth Sub-branch, having gone into business on his own account as manufacturer and indent agent, has taken a business trip to Sydney by s.s. Westralia.

Clarrie is well known, well-respected and well-liked in the business circles of Perth, of which he has been a figure during the past fifteen years, and we sincerely wish him a well-deserved success in his new venture.

Congratulations to Leslie William Phillips, assistant superintendent of Technical Education, who has been awarded through the Institute of Education of the University of London, a Carnegie fellowship tenable at the Institute. Mr. Phillips, who was formerly in the service of the Victorian Education Department, has had a distinguished academic career, holding the degree of Master of Science and the Diploma of Education of the University of Melbourne, as well as the associateship of the Australian Chemical Institute. He served in the war with the Army Medical Corps and is an active member of the Perth Legacy Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Haigh of Victoria Park have been spending a holiday at Kalgoorlie after Mr. Haigh’s recent severe illness. It is hoped that both patient and wife will benefit by the change.

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MOURAMBINE
(By J. E. T.)

They say the war is over, and I’ll soon be sailing home,
Back home to dear Australia, far away
Across the foam,
To a wattle-scented township, down south across the Line
God speed the boat that bears me home,
back home to Mourambine.
Like a bird, my heart flies homing, from this land of snow and pine,
To a blue-eyed girl who’s waiting, back home in Mourambine.
In my dreams I see the gum trees, and that waving fields of corn,
And I hear again the magpies singing welcome to the mound;
And I see a cozy homestead, nestling there beneath the vine,
Where I know I’ll be welcome, back home in Mourambine.

At our tryngg place I’ll meet her, by the she-oaks on the hill,
When the golden stars are shining, and the nights are clear and still;
And two lovely eyes like dew drops, with the happy tears will shine,
When I press her to my heart again, back home in Mourambine.

I have seen the braw Scot lassies, and the Belgian girls so fair,
And the rosy Irish colleens with the sunlight in their hair.
I have kissed the maids of Blighty, and the girls of Gay Paree,
But ne’er a maid of all-these maids was quite the maid for me;
For my heart was in Australia, in that sunlit land of mine,
With the blue-eyed maid who waited, back home in Mourambine.

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The anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo brings to mind several coincidences in the careers of Wellington and Napoleon. Each was born on an island in the same year, educated in a French military academy, was delicate in boyhood and lost his father at the age of sixteen. Each, though he spent many hours in the saddle daily, was an indifferent horseman with an ungainly seat. The Battle of Waterloo was the first occasion when they were personally opposed to each other, and for both commanders this was the last appearance on a battlefield.

The enterprise of the Nedlands Park Sub-branch will soon make Nedlands the garden suburb of our city. The annual gardening competition, instituted by the sub-branch a few years ago, is still one of its most important activities, and now, it is learned, residents outside the League are joining with members in forming a horticultural society for Nedlands.

The Anzac Club was the scene of unprecedented activity on the night of June 18, when members of the club gathered round the little green baize tables for the club’s first bridge party. As a function it was a highly successful one. Members thoroughly enjoyed themselves, though for many who fancy their play it was Waterloo night in more ways than one.

On Anzac Day at Muckinbudin, Jim Tanner, who made a breezy address, had a slight difference of opinion on the subject of happiness with the Rev. J. Paice, who said that there is no happiness on this earth. Jim said that if the Padre were a more frequent visitor at his house he would see there happiness in many forms. We almost forgot to mention that Jim Tanner is Mine Host of the local estaminet, but the evergreen Jack Mulqueeny settled the argument by stating that happiness is to be found only in giving service freely without looking for reward, and that he wanted service of this kind for the R.S.I. from all ex-service men in the district.

Information is sought as to the whereabouts of John William Hicks, who is said to have arrived in W.A. in 1926 by the S.S. Bendigo. He was then 32 years of age, and had served in one of the Gloucester Regiments. He was last heard of in 1929, his address then being Dog venture, Donkey Soak, via Muckinbudin. His mother’s address is Mrs. Edith A. Hicks, 71 Freame Place, Kingsdown, Bristol, England. League Headquarters would appreciate information in regard to the missing soldier.

Another novel game which is finding favour in the sight of those who gaze into shaving mirrors every morning is Face Golf. This consists in removing the daily growth in as few strokes as possible. Only strokes on the same plane count; that is, it takes at least three, and not one, to go round the chin. A face golfer has assured us that he got round in seventeen this morning, but looking at the result one can imagine what sergeant-majors we have met would have said to him.

We have received a copy of the rules for a novelty race meeting conducted at the social evening which Nedlands Park Sub-branch held on May 7, in honour of the Women’s Auxiliary. The rules speak, or whiny, for themselves.

**SPECIAL RULES**

1. The course consists of a length of tape 12 feet—more or less long for each race. The horse must traverse the course by cutting the tape from “end to end” with the scissors provided for the purpose. Each movement of the scissors must be a distinct one, and ripping is not allowed. Failure in this respect will disqualify the horse without warning.

2. Every horse must keep a straight course down the middle of the tape, and if the horse runs off the course, i.e., cuts through the margin of the tape, it is disqualified.

3. A horse shall be disqualified and its owner shall be warned off if—

   - It crosses, jostles, savages, scratches, bumps, mauls, shoes, or kicks another horse during the race.
   - It takes dope either before or during the race.
   - Eats its bedding, drinks its bath water, inhales its tooth paste, swims its rouge or lipstick; licks its owner or is guilty of any practice unbecoming its pedigree—such can be found.
   - Embraces, fondles, or otherwise biases or unnerves the judge or any other official.

   It unduly “whinnies” or makes other untoward noises, ogles, makes eyes—whether crooked or otherwise—during or prior to the race.

4. All horses are expected to remain in their stalls until asked to parade prior.
to the race for which they are entered.
5. Betting commences at any time, and patrons are advised to do business with Messrs. Rooke and Hoppit. The Tote officials are to make their own arrangements, but any profits are not theirs. The term "profit" is here meant to include "Down South."
6. The decision of the Judge and Stewards will be final in all cases, but Stewards shall not disqualify other horses and allow their own to win. The judge is expected—if he can—to be as impartial as a judge.
7. All entrants must parade prior to the start of each race for Weighing In, and examination by the Veterinary Surgeon.
8. The programme will conclude with the "Old Nags' Cup" in which the two fastest horses in the previous events will compete.
9. Any rule not mentioned above will be strictly enforced.

For and on behalf of the Committee,
O. L. DNAG
Secretary.

Mr. W. L. Menkens, Hon. Organiser of the North Perth Pleasant Sunday Afternoons, is hoping to arrange another P.S.A. for Anzac House Funds. Last year a most successful afternoon was held. It has been proposed to hold the event on Sunday, July 21, when an attendance of as many Diggers as possible is expected.

The gift of a rifle and any other sports gear would be welcomed by the Victoria Park S.S.L., which now has a membership of over forty. Unfortunately, though the movement is flourishing at the Park, most of the lads' parents are on sustenance work, and it is suggested that members of more affluent sub-branches might be able to help in the direction indicated.

The Normandie's annunciation of the Atlantic Blue Ribbon occurred just after it has been announced that the Cunard Star Liner Mauretania has been sold for breaking up. It was the astonishing speed of the Mauretania that brought her fame. She captured the Blue Ribbon of the Atlantic soon after she was launched, and held it for the best part of a quarter of a century, every now and then cutting down her own times. During the War the Mauretania, which was a sister ship of the ill-fated Lusitania, was employed as a transport and an hospital ship. In all, she carried 70,000 troops and more than 8,000 wounded.

When trooping she was fitted with an armament of twelve six-inch guns. If a scheme favoured by the Canadian and American Legions attains fruition, the world's largest war memorial will be the 10,000,000 acres of country it is proposed to set aside on the Ontario-Minnesota border, as an international forest and memorial to the war services of Canadian and United States soldiers.

MARCHES, MARCHES, MARCHES
(By a Man in the Ranks)

An ordinary Anzac day march recalls other marches—all very different from the April 25th celebration.
The first was the occasion we hoisted our kit bags and marched in dungarees from the depot to the train for camp. We were a gawky mob, and the old R.S.M., who was a Regular, took us down the back streets so that nobody important would see us.

Girls leaned out of top-storey windows threw us kisses, and called out invitations for future meetings they knew quite well we would not be able to keep.

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between the lines of tents with the veterans—some of them had been there a whole fortnight—calling out, "Marmalade," and "You'll miss your feather bed."

There was nothing but marches in the weeks that followed—marches that made you rejoice in your strength; marches in smart new uniforms with the band playing and men sticking their chests out and shouting at their own shadows.

It was not much of a march down to the troopship in full equipment carrying two over-full kit bags.

Desert marches in Egypt, forced marches, night marches, bringing an exquisitely painful tiredness, so that a man could think of nothing but the desire to throw himself down on the sand and sleep.

Then there was the march off to real active service, no man confessing the thrill and exultation he felt.

There were active service marches when nothing mattered except to get there in time. Uniforms were shabby and appearances did not matter except that you liked to look as much of an old campaigner as possible. That feeling wore off in time, too.

The C.O. nursed and measured your marching strength. You marched an hour and then threw yourself down to sleep for the ten minute rest period until the sergeant kicked you on the sole of the boots to wake you.

The march off on leave was worth while, the march back, not so good.

ANZAC DAY

By "Wingadee"

A face-on an old gaunt black-clad frame
Stood out of a rain-sopped throng;
Steady she stood with eyes afar,
As the regiments marched along.

Honour she gave the living men
As they passed with an even tread;
Honour she gave her splendid self,
And honour she gave her dead.

And it seemed to me as we passed along,
That she stood with a Presence nigh,
And she heard the tramp of her loved one's feet,
As the troops went marching by.

Hardened fool, as I thought I was—
Bitterness sped away—
For I saw the soul in a mother's eyes,
As she honoured Anzac Day.
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(By Gilbert Monk)

"Drink up," said "Nugget" McGlew, suddenly rapping the bar with his empty pot, "Just time for a quick one. Then I must be goin'."

But a few minutes before I had leapt recklessly from a speeding tram, dashed back along the crowded pavement, and pounced unawares on my diminutive, long-lost cobber of the Big Stoups. I was still aglow with the warmth of an old comrade's welcome; so I said: "Still up to your old jokes, Nugget! D'you remember the night you souvenired the Sergeant-Major's—"

"No kiddin' this time," broke in Nugget, with an agitated look on his great solemn face. "I've gotter be goin'... square dinkum I have.

I felt knocked all of a heap. Nugget McGlew—of all the old crowd! The hard-bitten, irresponsible Nugget; "B" Company's champion beer shifter; one of the lads—and one of the best.

With dawn wonderment I clung to the bar rail, gazing at this post-bellum edition of Nugget the knock about. Obvously, the Great Peace had treated him well; Nugget, at any rate, had lobbed into something fit for a soldier of the line. All spit and polish, he was—by way of a change—in shining patent leathers and a dazzling new suit, with a Panama tilted rakishly over his cauliflower ear and a purple-spotted bow underlining his pugnacious blue chin.

In other ways, too, he had changed. His eyes... suffering snakes! they were soft and dreamy... A sudden suspicion rocked my equilibrium—the sweet young thing!

She was smiling sweetly into Nugget's eyes when, from my passing tram, I just spotted his unmistakable visage amidst the surging crowd of bargain hunters before a glittering emporium. Just a fleeting glimpse of pleasure, of course, and as Nugget was alone when I reached him, I had clean forgotten the girl in the excitement of the ensuing moments.

Wonderful shooting—even for Cupid, I thought, to have winged the wandering Nugget; no wonder his style was cramped: I said:

"Nugget, I smell a rat. You've caught an old complaint. Better get it off your chest, my boy; you'll feel easier after."

Nugget threw me a sharp, sidelong glance, then agitatedly studied his patent leathers. With a sudden effort, however, he drew himself up to his full five feet, one and looked me straight in the chest.

"I'm on to 'oneymoon,'" he mumbled, huskily. "I was waitin' for the—for your wife when you blew along. She's buyin' a hat. See you some more. S'long."

He turned to depart. I grabbed his arm and managed to gasp:

"Hold on—for the love of Mike! You've got to tell me now. If your—" I gulped my emotion—"your wife's buyin' a hat there's tons of time."

Nugget stood wavering, his sombre visage a study of mental conflict. I caught the barman's eye and ordered whiskies. Whereupon the little Benedict turned slowly back to the bar.

"Well, seen as you're so pressin'," he grumbled, settling himself comfortably and lighting a cigarette, "I don't mind stretchin' a point. But it'll have to be snappy, you understand."

"I've been knockin' around pretty considerably since I seen you last," he began in his old familiar style. "Any'ow, about six months ago, I struck a likely-lookin' joint up north. Sheep... run by a widder... namely, Mullins. Her old man'd kicked the bucket a year or two before. Handy sort... do anythin'. And, my oath, can't she cuss! I've seen Mullie standin' with her fingers in 'er ears whilst Mum's been coaxin' woolies through the race. She—"

"Nugget?" I butted in.

"Her daughter," came Nugget's reply through a cloud of cigarette smoke. "She's handy, too, but she didn't like the rough stuff. More for flowers an' books... an' all that."

"I just lobbed the right time. Things was gettin' any'ow, what with the widder bein' out of action an' Ringi, the half-caste bloke they had workin' for 'em, nearly off 'is nut with all the snake juice he'd been pourin' into 'is yer head. A big, wild-lookin' devil, he was!"

"There was a hellish racket comin' out of his hut. I looked in... He was sprawled on his bunk, roarin' like a mad bull. I walked up on to the house and knocked at the door—Mullie—unbolted it an' asked me in. Believe me, yours truly was mighty welcome. They was both scared stiff. The widder was lyin' on the sofa with a sprained ankle and a peacemaker. She eyed me up and down."

"What's your name, me man?" she sez.

"'Alfred James McGlew!' sez I."

"Lookin' for work?" sez she.

"The 'place seemed homely. There was a pianer an' flowers about an' an appetisin' smell emanatin' out of the oven. So I nodded me head."

"Can ye handle stock?" she sez.

"Sure—an' anythin' else you cares to mention, I sez, indicatin' the racket."

"That's the spirit, Alfred James, sez the widder. 'Now go an' rid me of that damned nigger an' the job's yours. Dinner'll be ready in twenty minutes,' she sez, 'an' be after takin' a waddy wid ye, or maybe he'll start throwin' ye around."

"Mollie handed me the pea-rifle. 'Take this, Mr. McGlew,' she sez. 'There's nothin' in it... but it may come in handy."

"I stepped across to the hut. The coon was still roarin'..."

"Come on, you long yeller stiff! I roars, pointin' the gun. 'Pull your freight outer this! Pack your swag an' op it, quick an' lively! I'm runnin' this show now!'"

"He never said noo. Just quit, quiet as a lamb. But, my oath, his eyes was fair spittin' murder."

"After that, of course, I was in the boom. The weeks went sailinn' by. Best job I ever stuck... an' the longest. Early in the piece I give Mollie the oil. I'm better ridin' the ratters than horses. Specially the payful kind that ties 'emselvess in knots soon as a bloke gets aboard. Mollie fixed that all right... a dinkum sport, Mollie."

"She come out ridin' with me, showin' me round the paddocks. Mid-day we'd boil our quarts under a shady tree... she'd sit there for hours listenin' to me travels. After supper she'd play the pianer. I reckon I was a sight for sore eyes, sittin' back in me chair, full an' contended as an' old pet cat. Home from 'ome it was... better'n any home I ever knewed."

Nugget paused to light a cigarette; then nodding to the barman, he went on:

"It seemed too good to last. Strike a light, fancy me gettin' settled down! Any'ow, one mornin' bright an' early, I'm detailed to take old Cardigan an' the spring cart to fix up some fence at the top end of the run. The widder reckoned the job'd take most of two days. But there was a nasty-lookin' storm brewin'. So I hopped in for me life... I'm like a cat on 'ot bricks. By sundown I was bumpin' for 'ome."

"It went terrible dark and not a breath of air... an' I could hear the thunder rumblin' up in the north. Gettin' closer all the time, it was. But would old Cardigan shake himself up? Not on your life... It'd take a Milla bomb to shift that old hoss!"
About a mile from 'ome she started. Talk about thunder and lightning! Holy smoke! I never seen nothin' like it! An' rain! ... strike me dead, it was like drivin' under a waterfall, with 3:9's bustin' all round!

"By the time I'd fixed up me horse, I was like a half-drowned pomeranian. I seen a light-in the livin' room. So I sez to meself, 'Better tell 'em I'm back. I'll just hop across with the tucker-box. A good hot drink wouldn't hurt the troops, neither!"

"But I got somethin' else that I never expected!"

"I had to fair fight the way through the howlin' wind an' rain. Any'ow, I got to the door. I was just goin' to knock. Me hand was up ... like that. Then me marrer kind of froze. I heard a scream ... Mollie!

"In two ups I'm peepin' under the blind. What I seen ... struth! it gives me the jumps even now!

Nugget mopped his brow and gazed, wide-eyed into his empty glass. I rapped the bar; he resumed:

"There was that half-baked son of a snake, Ringi, standin' by the table. The—was swiggin' at a bottle, an' he looked like old Nick on a bender. Mollie was crouchin' by the wall with 'er hands tied behind 'er back an' a terrible look in her eyes. The widder was lyin' at her feet—all huddled up like a corpse.

"Ringi put the bottle on the table an' lunched over towards Mollie. She give another scream an' shut her-eyes. Bang! through the winder goes the tuck box! Me after—like a drippin' streak o' lightnin'!

"Ringi give an awful jump. Then come at me with a roar. Nice an' easy I side-stepped an' 'opped into the middle of the room. Back he come, showin' 'is teeth. Down on me hands an' knees I dropped. Down crashed the coon like a

fallin' pole. Crack! agen the corner of the pianer went 'is head. The grog bottle finished the job.

"An' Mollie! She come over—she was givin' little chokin' sobs—she come over an' kicked the coon in the mouth. Then she sort of let herself go an' flopped down, sobbin', fit to break your 'eart, by Mum.

"What happened?' I sez, while I'm untyin' 'er hands.

"We thought it was you, Alfred,' she sez, between sobs like. Then the door opened an' in walked that devil! He hit poor Mum ... knocked her down with his fist. The dirty coward! Then he tied my hands. Oh, Alfred,' she sez, 'you just come in time!"

Nugget's eyes were blazing. For several speechless moments he glared into the past. Then he went on:

"But it might've been worse. The widder was clean knocked out. Fair on the point ... a beauty! I tipped a jug of water over 'er face. She opened 'er eyes.

"Mollie, me darlin',' she sez, 'where am I?"

"Mollie—"

The bar-clock struck four. Nugget gulped his whisky.

"Gawdstruth!' he choked. 'I'm off. That hat'll be outer fashion be now. See you some more—one of these days."

He made a dash towards the door. I dashed after him.

"Have a heart!' I gasped. 'Surely you'll introduce me to Mollie. I'm dying to meet her."

"Righ'to,' was the rather bashful response. 'Only we'll have to shake it up. I'd no idea it was so late."

Mollie was waiting in front of the emporium. She greeted Nugget with the sweetest of smiles. Nugget introduced me. I stood agape. Her eyes, dark-lashed, were the colour of violets. She had that schoolgirl complexion. And she was sweet sixteen—or possibly less!

"Where's Mum?' asked Nugget, peering into the emporium.

"Still buying that hat, I s'pose," drawled Mollie. And again she smiled sweetly.

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A.R.M.S. COMPETITIONS

The Hon. Secretary of the A.R.M.S. Competitions (Mr. G. S. Mellor) advises that the results of the Competition up to the end of the second round are as follows:

1st Round—Zone 1. — Tramways beat West Perth 8-2, Subiaco beat Claremont 6-4, Perth beat South Perth 8-2.
Zone 2.—Osborne Park beat Maylands 8-2, Mt. Lawley beat Bayswater 7-3, Mt. Hawthorn—North Perth 6-4.

Second Round—Zone 2.—Nedlands beat South Perth 8-2, Perth beat Subiaco 10-0, Tramways beat Claremont 8-2.
Zone 2.—Osborne Park beat West Leederville 6-4, Mt. Lawley beat Maylands 8-2, Mt. Hawthorn beat Bayswater 6-4.

POSITION OF TEAMS

ZONE 1

Perth 2 2 0 14
Tramways 2 2 0 14
Nedlands 1 1 2 3
Subiaco 2 1 1 2
Claremont 2 1 1 2
South Perth 2 2 0 16
West Perth 1 1 2 8

ZONE 2

Mt. Lawley 2 2 1 4
Osborne Park 2 2 1 4
Mt. Hawthorn 2 2 1 4
W. Leederville 1 1 2 6
North Perth 1 1 2 6
Bayswater 2 2 0 16
Maylands 2 2 0 16

Another good digger answered the last roll call during the month in the person of J. H. Browne, an original 11th Battalion man. Of late years he had figured prominently in the business life of the State as a member of the firm of D., and J. Fowler.
At the meeting of the State Executive on May 21, 1935, there were present: Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Collett, Philip, Denton, Hunt, Aberle, Freedman, Margolin, Warner, Lamb, Watt, Pady, Ross, Wilkins, Mellor, Collins and Roche. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Olden, May, Panton, Cornell, Lovell, Wels, Cox and Whelan. The minutes of the conference be dealt with as follows:

(a) That the following items be referred to the S.S.L. Advisory Committee for consideration and report:

1. That consideration be given to the introduction of a scheme for the central control of all S.S.L. Sub-branches in the metropolitan area by arranging such services and/or entertainments as will secure the efficient government and education of the sons of soldiers as will contribute to the achievement of the ideals for which the S.S.L. was formed.

2. That the Sons of Soldiers’ League should request the management of their own finances.

3. That two assistant wardens should be elected annually by the S.S.L. with at a conference or by nomination and ballot by S.S.L. Sub-branches. Such sub-wardens must be members of the R.S.L. or S.S.L., and their duty shall be to visit as many sub-branches as possible and report every quarter in writing to the State Warden, setting out the names of sub-branches visited and asking their opinion and any other matters of importance.

4. A suggestion by Colonel Olden that inter-branch debates on various subjects should have a stimulating interest was noted.

5. That the attention of R.S.L. Sub-branches in the points of interest contained in the S.S.L. Rule Book, and they be requested to give application to it.

6. That paragraph 8 of the S.S.L. Constitution, sub-paragraph 2 (a) and (b) should not apply to a returned soldier who is also a son of a soldier and who enjoys full financial membership in both the parent League and the S.S.L., and who is a staunch worker for both.

7. The Claim of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words “being 12 years of age” adding to the clause as it now stands “provided he was not eligible and was rejected for the Great War.”

8. That financial crowns be supplied to all S.S.L. Sub-branches, the same as to the parent sub-branch.

9. The following items to be considered by the State Executive in the next annual meeting:

(a) The nominations were read and seconded.

(b) That the Colonel Collett Shield Competitions be held during the summer months and to be concluded before the A.R.M.S. Competitions.

(c) That more publicity be given to S.S.L. matters in the “Listening Post” and branch secretaries be asked to contribute to this end.

(d) That an Enrolment Card and Membership Card as at present used by the Press Sub-branch be used by all S.S.L. Sub-branches. The State Executive of the R.S.L. to have these printed and supplied to all S.S.L. Sub-branches. A duplicate of the Enrolment Card to be returned to the State Executive completed for record purposes.

20. That official receipts be supplied to all S.S.L. Sub-branches by the State Executive.

21. That notification of the action taken upon the resolutions of today’s conference be with the State Executive of the R.S.L. be communicated to all sub-branches.

22. That copies of the minutes of this conference be circulated to all sub-branches of the S.S.L.

23. That endeavours be made to design and provide a banner to be carried at the head of the S.S.L. when parading on Anzac Day and other commemorative occasions.

24. That Item No. 3 is at present before the Anzac Sub Committee, no action be taken.

25. That members of the S.S.L. over the age of 21 years eligible for membership of Anzac Club.

26. That the following items to be referred to the Anzac Day Committee for consideration and report:

(a) That no boys march with their fathers in the parade, but parade with the S.S.L. under the care of the S.S.L. Marshals appointed.

(b) That an official wreath be placed on the State War Memorial by the S.S.L. State Warden each Anzac Day.

(f) That Item 19 reading as follows be referred to the State War Memorial Committee for consideration and report:

(g) That Sons of Soldiers’ League have a representative at the State War Memorial during the year of Anzac.

27. That the minutes of this meeting be included in the minutes of the next Executive meeting.

28. That the recommendations adopted.

29. That the next meeting be held at the S.S.L. State Warden’s residence.

30. That the Empire Shopping Week be held at the Empire Shopping Centre, with the permission of the S.S.L. State Warden.

The recommendations adopted.

Empire Shopping Week.—In adopting the report of the Empire Shopping activities, it was drawn to the attention of the President, Mr. Warr, that Mr. Hastings Reid is invited to the next Executive meeting to deliver his report.

Visits.—The following visits were reported:

1. The State President, Bunbury; Mr. Aberle, West Leederville; Rabbi Freedman, Collie S.S.L.

2. Mr. J. Finlay, of Kojonup, was formally welcomed as a visitor to the meeting by the Chairman, Mr. P. Bateson.

T.B. Cases.—Federal Correspondence dealing with the re-examination of rejected T.B. cases was referred to the Pensions Committee who are asked to draw up an interrogatory for submission to the Minister, the matter to be discussed at the next meeting.

Appreciation.—Banee Sub-branch expressed appreciation of a visit from Executive delegates.

Bassende Sub-branch expressed appreciation of the seating accommodation provided on Anzac Day.

Queensland Branch thanked the Executive for a photograph of Anzac Day.

Sub-branches — Approval was given for the formation of a sub-branch at Ross Brook.
The appointment of Mr. J. A. Brown, secretary of Yandanoooka Sub-branch, was con- 
sented.

No. 1 District Committee, asked that sub-
branches be circularised that all motions for
the agenda paper of the next Annual State
Committee be discussed by the respective
District Committees. The reply was left to
the State Secretary.

"Listening Post."—Gnowangerup Sub-
branch requested the Executive to exercise
its rights in connection with the "Listen-
ing Post" for entering into controversial
matters such as anti-war propaganda. It was
agreed to advise the Gnowangerup Sub-
branch that this Executive had no control
over the management of the "Listening Pos-
t", and that, in the opinion of this Exe-
cutive, the comments of "The Listening Pos-
t" on anti-war propaganda did not come withi
the category of controversial subjects as far
as the League is concerned, and that any
matter of policy can be submitted by the sub-
branch to the State Congress.

Congress.—Delegates were advised that the
preliminary circular for the 19th Annual Con-
gress had been despatched to sub-branches.

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At the meeting on June 5 there were pre-
sent Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Collett, Philip,
Panton, Denton, Hunt, Aberle, Freedman,
Margolin, Warner, Watt, Cornell, Lovell,
Pady, Ross, Wells, Collins, Cox and Mitchell.
Leave was granted to Messrs. Olden, May,
Bun, Lamb, Wilkin, Mellor and Ruge.

Condolences.—Before proceeding with the
agenda paper, it was moved by Colonel Col-
lett, and seconded by Rabbi Freedman, that
this executive expresses, on behalf of the ex-
service men and women of Australia, its deep
regret at the death of the Most Reverend Dr.
Clune, Archbishop of Perth. It feels that by
his passing the community has lost not only
a great ecclesiastie, but also one who gave of
his best and encouraged all to achieve and
maintain a high standard of citizenship. Fur-
ther, his service with the A.I.F., as well as
his kindly and benevolent nature, gave ad-
ditional value to the service rendered to the
League and the advice that was at all times
readily available to its leaders.

The resolution was carried with all dele-
gates standing.

On the suggestion of the State President
it was resolved that a message of sympathy
be conveyed to Mr. Wilkin, a member of the
State Executive, who, as the result of
injury in an accident was a patient in the
Perth Hospital.

Hospital Employees.—In connection with a
request that the State Executive receive a
deputation from the Hospital Employees' 
Union on matters relating to the staff at
Lennon Hospital, it was resolved after hear-
ing a report from Colonel Margolin, that
the Management Committee receive a deputa-
tion from the Union concerned.

S.S.L.—The report submitted by Rabbi
Freedman, which provided for the adoption
of certain resolutions passed at the recent
S.S.L. Conference, with the addition of
the words, "this decision shall be final" at
the end of Item 4, was received and adopted.

Pensions Committee.—Mr. Panton sub-
mitted the report of the Pension Committee
which included a questionnaire to be sub-
mitted to the Minister for Repatriation and
also intimated that a deputation had waited
upon the Minister for Works; Mr. J. J.

Kennelly, in connection with an amendment
to the Workers' Compensation Act to exempt
war pension payments from being taken into
consideration when assessing a widow's de-
pendants. The report was adopted.

Empire and Local Trading.—Mr. Watt re-
ported on behalf of the Empire and Local
Trading Committee, and introduced Mr.
Hastings Reid, the organiser of the Empire
Shopping Week. Mr. Reid briefly addressed
the Executive after which a resolution of ap-
preciation of his work was carried unani-
mously at the instance of the State President.

A letter from the Claremont Sub-branch in
connection with non-British material in the
Government Departments was referred to the
Empire and Local Trading Committee.

Mr. Aberle submitted the report of the House Committee covering the operations of the let-
ting of Anzac House and the disposal of surplus cutlery. The report was adopted.

A previous recommendation of the House
Committee in connection with the provision
of facilities for League members was also
confirmed.

Visits.—The following reports were re-
ceived:—State President, a visit to all districts
lying between Kondinin and Ravensthorpe;
Mr. H. E. Wells, Kellerberrin Sub-branch;
Mr. W. J. Hunt, in connection with arrange-
ments for the attendance of ex-service men
at the funeral of the late Archbishop Clune;
Mr. Paton, M.C.L. Home; Mr. Cornell, on a
visit to the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch; the State
President and Colonel Collett, in connection
with the opening of the Victoria Park R.S.L.
Hall; the State President, on the Jubilee
Parade and Levee.

Jubilee Youth Appeal.—A letter from the
honorary director of the Jubilee Youth Ap-
ppeal was read by the President, and informa-
tion as to the appeal's objects was submit-
ted. On the motion of Colonel Collett and
Mr. Aberle, it was resolved that consideration
of the motion of the State Executive be de-
ferred pending the receipt of further infor-
mation in connection with the appeal.

S.S.L.—Consideration of five resolutions
passed at the recent S.S.L. Conference was
debated until the next meeting, as was
a letter from the Anzac Club in connection
with the S.S.L. and club membership.

Anzac House.—The Hon. the Premier ad-
vised that Sir Charles McNeely had made a
donation of $2,000 to the Anzac House Build-
ing Fund and a schedule for that amount was
received. It was resolved, on the motion of
Messrs. Panton and Wells, that the League
express its gratitude to Sir Charles McNeely
through the Premier's office.

State War Memorial.—At the instance of
Colonel Collett and Mr. Philip, letters from
the Warden of the State War Memorial, the
Hon. John Nicholson, and the N.E.D. Sub-
branch, were referred to the War Mem-
orial Committee for report.

Appreciations.—A letter of appreciation of
the work of the State President and his
helpers was received from the Mundaring
Sub-branch.

Major Conder, manager of the Aus-
tralian Broadcasting Commission, wrote in
appreciation of the League's courtesy.

Sub-Branches.—Midland Junction Sub-
branch requested certain action to be taken
in connection with the local drill hall. On
the motion of Messrs. Aberle and Cornell, that the sub-
branch be asked to make this an item for the
next State Congress.

Seaside Holiday Scheme.—The State Exe-
cutive of the Women's Auxiliary forwarded
proposals for providing accommodation at
the seaside for relatives and dependents of ex-
service men in need of a holiday. After
discussion, indicating the impracticality of
the scheme, because of the present require-
ments and current commitments of the Exe-
cutive and sub-branches, it was decided to
leave the explanation of the position in the
hands of the State President and the State
Secretary.

Federal Cabinet Meeting.—Under the
heading of general business mention was
made of the approaching meeting of the
Federal Cabinet in Perth, and it was decided
that all sub-committees give consideration to
any matters they desire to place before Fed-
eral Ministers, on the understanding that
Colonel Collett would arrange for the neces-
sary introductions.
THE RED CROSS

Closely linked with auxiliary work is that of the Red Cross Society. Many auxiliary members have given faithful service during the past twenty years. Unfortunately, lack of funds is making it difficult for the distribution of comforts to be maintained, but auxiliaries have pledged themselves to support any financial public appeal of the Red Cross. for the continuance of its care and attention is of vital importance to the invalids.

The idea of the Red Cross was conceived on the battle-field of Solferino in 1859. Henri Dunant, a Swiss poet, was on holiday in the neighbourhood and was present at the battle. He did what he could to help the wounded, so many being in dire straits through inadequate medical attention. Three years later he published "A Souvenir of Solferino," a book which inspired the foundation of the Red Cross movement.

A convention with delegates from sixteen European countries met at Geneva, and certain provisions were drafted out, the main one being that army medical services and societies working for the relief of the wounded in the war time should be neutral. The Red Cross on the white ground was adopted as the emblem.

Although the primary purpose of the Society was the care of the wounded, the Red Cross has rendered since the War valuable assistance in connection with war sufferers. Under the direction of Dr. Nansen, over 650,000 prisoners-of-war were repatriated. The training of disabled men has been undertaken and homes provided for the permanently disabled. Help has been given to unemployed ex-service men. Relief has been sent to populations in devastated areas, and there is now a relief division which operates with national organisations in event of earth quakes, famines or similar disasters.

The Red Cross associates itself with health campaign and those against disease and aids in the formation of hospitals, ambulances and nursing services. The hospital social service is an important branch of the work.

The Junior Red Cross aims at encouraging school children to practise health habits, to give service and to promote international friendliness. There are 100,000 Junior Red Cross members in Australia, and 11,000,000 in the world. What a valuable contribution to the world's desire for peace!

A glance at the annual report of the Australian Red Cross Society shows that it is serving Australia well. A member of the Victorian Division attended the 15th International Conference which was held in Japan last October. The Junior Red Cross sent native trees to be planted in the grounds of a new hospital at Osaka.

Coming nearer home, the Western Australian Red Cross branches do much to provide those little extras to the patients in the repatriation hospitals, extras which often go to make things more bearable and cheerful. Fruit, cordials, jams, tea and coffee find their way to Ward 11, besides a regular distribution of smokes and wearing apparel. Cigarettes and tobacco go to Lemnos and other hospitals. It is also to the Red Cross that the patients are indebted for fancy work materials, leather and wicker. These are expensive, and when funds are low, are the first items to be retrenched.

The Red Cross Hospital Auxiliary has done much for the Perth Hospital. The profit made from the Tuck Shop and afternoon teas are returned to the hospital in the form of operating tables and shadowless lamp and necessary hospital equipment.

In the words of a report from the Repatriation Commission: "The unselfish manner in which this service is continued so many years after the war is ample testimony to the sterling worth of the Society's members and its organisation generally."

EXECUTIVE AT-HOME

The third at-home of the State Executive was held in the Auxiliary Room on Friday, the 7th of June. Mrs Downe gave an interesting talk on her recent tour to New Zealand and of the wonders and beauties to be seen there. Two competitions were provided by Mrs. Power, the winners being Mrs. Downe and Mrs. Henderson. Over afternoon tea former State Executive members were welcomed, these being Mrs. Richardson, who had been President of Subiaco since its inception over 12 years ago, Mrs. Coleman of Victoria Park, Mrs. Ketterer of Neeld, and Mrs. Kirke of Bassendean.

All former Executive members are welcome to these at-homes, the next one taking place on Friday, the 6th of September. The first one was held so that Executive members of the previous year could view Anzac House. It was decided then to hold an at-home quarterly. Would former Executive members kindly attend next one without invitation, as the addresses of members may not be up to date at this office.

EXHIBITION

Schedules for this year's exhibition will be forwarded to auxiliaries as soon as completed. A draft schedule is in the hands of each secretary from whom auxiliary members can obtain all information.

Instruction classes are held every Tuesday evening in the Auxiliary Room, Anzac House. To date, Mrs. McLaren has held two classes for doll making, Mrs. Doran two for knitting, and Mrs. Smead's Board and Smith's for cake icing. These classes will be continued with a few extras.

June 25.—Mrs. McLaren, doll making; Mrs. Mellwraith, smoking and tucking.

July 2.—Mrs. McInerney and Smith, cake icing.

July 9.—Mrs. Mellwraith, smoking and tucking.

July 16.—Mrs. McLaren, doll making.

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THE UNITED AUXILIARY SOCIAL

What could be aptly termed a “Jubilee Evening” was held in Anzac House Ballroom on the 28th of June when over 300 members of the metropolitan auxiliaries met together in a social gathering. Members were received in the foyer by Mesdames McKinlay, Wilson and Hopkins.

After extra seating accommodation had been obtained for everyone, the evening opened with a few words of welcome from the State President, the singing of the National Anthems and cheers for the King and Queen. Announcements were followed with musical items. Besides clever numbers from the ballet of Miss Maisie Jones, Mrs. Burkett (Victoria Park), Mrs. Jacobs (Subiaco), and Mrs. Rowles (R.U.S.W.) rendered charming solos, while Mrs. Yiend (Mt. Lawley), and Mrs. Henderson (Maylands) contributed duets. The audience was keenly appreciative of the talent displayed by these auxiliary members.

The pianist on this evening was Mrs. Power (Bayswater), Mrs. Irvine (Bayswater), and Mrs. Williamson (Mt. Hawthorn). Only three gentlemen were present: Messrs. Ammon and Farmer, who supplied a comedy dance, and Mr. Warner at the drums.

The hat dance was organised by North Perth, and South Perth Auxiliaries. It was preceded by a parade of these ladies wearing head-gear which bars description. The prize was won by Mesdames Balleen and Rowles. Supper was catered for by the State Executive and served by its members and the North Perth Auxiliary in two relays. It was found towards the end that the supper was not quite elastic enough to meet the unforseen demand on its resources. But after all, supper was a secondary consideration with such music upstairs, such a floor, and such a company.

It was the first auxiliary social to be held in Anzac House, and members are already looking forward to the next one, which should take place in about three months time.

VICTORIA PARK

There was a good muster at the meeting on May 24 in the Library Hall. Members are reminded that the annual general meeting will be held on Friday, June 28, at 7.30 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, corner of Saltford Road (just opposite Leopold’s). As officers will be elected for the ensuing year the usual social will not take place afterwards. However, if the hall can be obtained a Monster Rally will be held on July 2, at 8 p.m. Members are asked to bring along all their friends. An invitation is extended to all Women’s Auxiliaries. A good programme will be provided, and, of course, supper, games, competitions and other attractions.

Mrs. Pike will let your representatives on the Executive know the exact date—so please roll up in good numbers. (Ladies only.)

At the social held on May 24 the artists included Miss Straw (pianoforte solos), and Mrs. Burkett (songs). The ducks, donated by Mrs. Tolmie, realised over £2 towards the General Fund, which is in a very sad way, and were won by Mr. Colley. The potato race was won by Mr. Harry Taylor and Lulu Matthews.

The auxiliary dances, which commenced on June 1, and are held fortnightly from 8 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. on alternate Saturdays in the Memorial Hall, are proving of immense success socially, but as expenses are heavy, we should like to see more come along.

At the committee-meeting held on Friday night, Mrs. Fred Matthews reported one case of distress. Shoes having been supplied to two children. Mrs. Caldwell reported having visited 15 patients at Edward Millen Home. Patients were supplied with literature, cigarettes and sweets on behalf of the auxiliary.

MAYLANDS

We spent a very happy evening on the 27th May last, when we were invited to North Perth.

Our next visit to Lennons Hospital takes place on the 21st inst.

We are combining with our sub-branch to hold a children’s ball on the 4th July. Numerous prizes have been donated, and we hope to have a bumper house.

SOUTH PERTH

The fortnightly dances are becoming a great success, every third dance taking the form of a carnival. Mr. and Mrs. Hale were successful in winning the Waltz competition on June 8th.

The annual meeting is to take place on the 21st June, when election of officers will take place.

As the co-operation of the office-bearers means the success and smooth running of this sub-branch of such a great organisation, we hope for willing workers to come forward that night.

Bridge is still played at the home of Mrs. Aberle, 10 Rose Avenue, each fortnight, and a steady income is derived from these pleasant afternoons.

As the fête and exhibition held last December was such a success, the auxiliary propose repeating the effort in November next.

NORTH PERTH

The Seventh Annual Meeting was held on June 12th with 31 members present.

Election of officers took place, the result being—President, Mrs. E. R. James (returned unopposed); Vice-President, Mesdames M. Richmond and M. Stobberfield; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. K. Hetherington (returned unopposed); Hon. Secretary, Mrs. A. Middleton (returned unopposed); Hon. Assistant Secretary, Mrs. M. Rendle (returned unopposed); Committee, Mesdames Clift, Axford, Brown, McDowell, Rigg and Wainwright.

Votes of thanks were extended to last year’s officers, and afternoon tea was served.

We have to congratulate one of our members, Mrs. Dean, who presented her husband with a baby daughter—on the King’s Birthday.

In a few months’ time we anticipate holding an exhibition in the North Perth Town Hall. Members are enthusiastically planning to raise funds for expenses, and the grand finale is expected to be a huge financial success.

CLAREMONT

On May 30, at the Parish Hall, Claremont, the Women’s Auxiliary held a most successful dance in aid of the funds of the Soldiers’ Children’s Scholarship Trust. Out time dancing was thoroughly enjoyed by the good crowd present. The members of the auxiliary are grateful to Mrs. Keake and her orchestra, who gave their services as a donation to the cause, and to Mr. Gibson, who very capably carried out the duties of M.C. A ten shilling note was raffled, and by the sale of cakes and lemon butter it is anticipated that quite a respectable sum will be raised for the Scholarship Trust. The President, Mrs. Copelin, was the organiser of the entertainment, and the lady members provided a dainty supper.

During the evening the Hon. Secretary of the Scholarship Trust, Mr. J. R. Fitzpatrick, thanked the Auxiliary on behalf of the Trust for the very great financial assistance that the branch had afforded the Trust.

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The annual meeting of the Friendly Union took place in Anzac House ballroom on the 6th June. Although the day was wet there was a good attendance of members. On the platform were Lady Mitchell, Lady Hobbs, members of the Executive, Rabbi Friedman and Messrs. Hocking, Fitzpatrick and Pearson.

After the usual opening procedure and the reading of the secretary’s report and the balance sheet, the elections took place resulting as follows: President—Messamess C. H. E. Manning, L. Clarke and L. Jones, Vice-President; Mrs. E. Clear, Hon. Secretary; Mrs. E. Lynch, Treasurer. The Executive Committee now includes Messamess Evans, McKenzie, Tolchard, Coombs, P. Wildkinson, Tout, Vincent, Thomas, Walsh, Brown, Matthews, T. C. Wilson, Angwin, Hope, Martyn, Griffiths-Bowen, Rawlings Mackenzie, Johnston, Peady and Rigg.

On behalf of the Union Lady Mitchell made presentations to Mrs. L. Clarke and Mrs. Tolchard, for their long service and interest in the organisation. Short speeches were given by the guests present upon their particular branch of education for soldiers’ children, the Soldiers’ Children Scholarship Trust, the Legacy Club and the education committee of the Repatriation Department.

Lady Hobbs was asked to accept the first life vice-presidency of the F.W.S.W. in recognition of her sympathetic help and interest in the work. A posy was presented to Lady Mitchell by Mrs. Dwyer, the oldest member. Lady Mitchell in her interview in England with Her Majesty the Queen and how she had found her so thoughtful and sympathetic towards the Australian mothers whose sons had come overseas to the War.

Mrs. Clear sang “Land of Hope and Glory” after which all members adjourned to the supper room for afternoon tea.

WEST LEEDERVILLE

The annual meeting was held on the 12th June. The financial report submitted by the secretary showed the sub-branch to be in a very satisfactory financial position, and members expressed satisfaction with it. The membership has also shown a big increase and the future should be bright. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Croly; Vice-Presidents, Messamess James and Jones; Secretary, Mrs. K. Haines. The retiring President, Mrs. James, has been a staunch worker for returned soldiers, and her dependants since the war, and although she has reached an age when most folk rest, she has continued to work for the auxiliary. In addition to ordinary auxiliary duties, Mrs. James has worked on the bridge committee and has helped with the supper arrangements every Friday night for over two years.

Members are asked to dispose of the raffle tickets and return the books in time for the meeting to be held on the 10th July.

GERALDTON

Since our last report two enjoyable and successful socials have been held in aid of the Punishing Fund for the new Police building, an imposing structure which is nearing completion. The increasing membership of the local auxiliary requires a larger room.

MUNTADGIN

The First Annual General Meeting was held at the Secretary’s residence on Saturday, May 25, when the committee gathered over 50 per cent. of the members. The sub-branch President (Capt. J. J. Hooper) made a short, inspiring address in which he gave unstinted praise to the Hon.

BUNBURY

This sub-branch, although only a few months old, is doing good work. There are about forty members and anticipations of more in the near future. The local sub-branch has just celebrated the opening of their new home which consists of committee room, club room and hall, and a building which reflects great credit on the sub-branch. The auxiliary rendered great assistance at the opening and are doing their bit at the fortnightly dances which the sub-branch is running. The next monthly meeting of the auxiliary on July 3rd is to be held as a social night to which all returned men and their wives are being invited. It is hoped that by this means to add to the number of members, both of the sub-branch and the auxiliary.

Secretary (Mr. R. A. Keeng) for his organisng ability and unselfish work on behalf of the Ex-Service men.

In replying, Mr. Keeng pointed out that the moral support and attendance of the local Diggers had made his work easy, and desired to thank the President and retiring members of the committee for their assistance during the year, and the ladies who had assisted with the various luncheons and social functions.

A ballot for officers resulted in the return of President, Capt. J. J. Hooper; Vice-Presidents, Messamess C. Auld and A. J. Crawford, Committee, Messamess H. A. Hill, L. Briessen-den, T. Hooper and J. de Bruyn; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. R. A. Keeng; Hon. Auditor, Mr. N. Brennan.

Chief amongst the motions was one expressing loyalty to the State President and members for the Executive carrying also a vote of appreciation for their work on behalf of the country Diggers.

The Secretary’s action in arranging to give a prize for the best essay from children of school age was endorsed, and Mr. L. Briessen-den was elected to judge the efforts which proved to be of a very high standard. The efforts of the youngest entrant (age seven) caused great amusement.

The committee has been instructed to get busy and arrange a series of euchre tournaments and social evenings for the winter months. Cards and supper closed the evening.

On Friday morning the committee met to finalise arrangements in connection with the social activities, and an attractive programme has been drawn up for the winter months. Opportunity was taken to wish Herbert Hill the best during his trip to the Old Country. It was decided to congratulate the Editor of the “Listening Post” on the May issue. We

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COLLIERS

An epoch making event has taken place with the members of the local sub-branch of the S.S.L. They have received the awaited visit from and the blessing of their beloved State Warden, Rabbi Friedman. The air of interest displayed both by the boys and adults during his address was something lovely to see. The Merchants of Colliers (Mr. H. E. Bartlett) and Mr. Malcolm of the local branch of the Toc H were present to welcome him. On the platform were also Mr. H. H. Martin, ex-convict and ex-member of the sub-branch, Mr. J. Stirling, President of the Sub-branch, Mr. Bert Stuchbury, secretary, Mr. R. Morris (S.S.L.), and last but by no means least our popular Mayores, Mrs. Bartlett.

Mr. Morrison gave a resume of his endeavours to teach the boys handicrafts. He conducts classes for leatherwork, woodwork, painting, stencilling and metal work. Mr. Morrison presented to the Rabbi on behalf of the boys the book "Handwork, one in the form of a perpetual calendar, the other being a pocket-wallet. It would be difficult to say who was the provider, the boys in their sense of achievement, or the Rabbi in their tokens of appreciation. Mr. Morrison made the first cut in a dainty birthday cake, surmounted by one hefty candle, symbolical of one year's healthy growth, a year spent in strenuous endeavour to emulate the principles and ideals of the past. Mr. R.S.L. At the last meeting of the sub-branch S.S.L. members had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Morrison report on the proceedings of the first annual conference of the S.S.L. Mr. Morrison was the associate delegate, Mr. Martin being delegated from the S.S.L. Mr. Morrison also stated that he had enjoyed availing himself of the invitation received to visit the Perth Sub-branch and the members of which were very impressed with the samples of work which he had offered for their inspection, and had spent a most enjoyable evening. The series of rainy week-ends and socials conducted in conjunction with the Women's Auxiliary are proving increasingly popular.

MOUNT LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

Hullo everybody! The sub-branch will in future be known as Mount Lawley-Inglewood. Our eagerly awaited games night versus Perth duly came off, and Perth proved the victors all along the line, but not without a hard struggle in most events. The evening was a very enjoyable one, as all present will testify. At the conclusion Mr. R. T. King, on behalf of Mount Lawley, thanked our hosts for the way they had entertained us, and Perth's jovial President, Mr. Ensouf, responded in his usual cheery manner, in spite of the fact that he had just come straight from a severe shakedown on the ping-pong table.

At the May meeting a series of championship games will be inaugurated. Trophies have been donated for all the five A.R.M.S. games. In about a month's time, the first round of the 1935 A.R.M.S. Shield match will be played, and we are looking forward to meeting all our old opponents of last year.

By kind permission of Mr. McCrory, of the State Theatre, a picture night was held to augment the general funds. As a result the sub-branch funds will benefit to the extent of several pounds.

Cards bearing the wearer's name, unit and number were worn by members at meetings, the idea being to get the boys to know one another better.

At the April meeting, Mr. Lewis, the manager of the R.S.L. Trading Company, addressed members of the Company, and suggested the formation of a sub-club. Before the members had dispersed for the night Jack Satinover had obtained 15 names for the first club.

An application from the Lotteries Commission Art Union is to be run by the sub-branch to swell the General Fund. The Women's Auxiliary has held a very successful jumble sale, the best ever, according to the President, Mrs. Donaldson.

The first round of the peg quint is to be played after the June meeting, and the table tennis on a date to be fixed in June. Our first opponents in the A.R.M.S. Otago Cup this year will be Bayswater, at-home, then Maylands, away, and West Leederville, home. This month sees the start of the monthly socials. A bumper attendance at each is expected. Saturday, June 29, at St. Aidan's Hall, Beaufort Street, is the map location for the first.

MANJIMUP

(By "Ordy Bomba"

"Ex-service men and invited friends" to the number of twenty-three took part in the Manjimup Sub-branch's social in the supper room of the Town Hall on Thursday evening, May 30. The party was an enjoyable one and the right people were there to make it the happiest event of its kind seen in Manjimup for several years.

Reg. Walker tickled the ivories tirelessly and many got into the spirit of the evening. The piano was played by Miss Jean Rule, a Perth girl, who was spending a holiday with Mrs. Bert Bailey. Miss Rule, who is an elocutionist of more than ordinary ability, delivered the programme with two monologues, both humorous, and both of which picture-words presented with real artistry.

Very fittingly President Bob Newton was M.C., or O.C., or Shiek, or whatever the boss might be called. "Shiek" describes him on this occasion. It is understood that the assembled sheiks were their native haunts when he was in the Arabian seat with the Light Horse.

John Robotham, the new secretary, quickly fell into the spirit of the evening's informal dinner dance, which some of the lads versed—gus the word "gentlemen" is apt to get confused with Light Horsemen, and uttered in the tone of the P.B.I., it is not a compliment. I regret to state that the competitions were failures. The singing was all right, vigorous, and even tuneful in spots, but the judging was rotten. I hesitate to mention it, but the judges were Messrs. Louis Thompson and Charlie Blystone.

Which brings us to the evening transmogrified Charlie Blystone. He was stripped of his kid-sacks bashfulness, and revealed as he really is—a jolly rascal. You should have seen him in the Lancers!

The ladies all brought rations, a tasty and generous supply, but the supper arrangements were man-handled by the troops, so giving the fair sex a spell off their age-old task.

Being treasurer Owen Sheard felt it necessary to express his responsibility by going home before anyone else. He was ready for the road, wrapped up so that he looked like an esquima, when the Lancers began. He hurled off his overcoat and whirled into the dance, returning from time to time to discard other garments. The company were relieved to note that he had lots more on underneath.

Stan Buss deserves more than a word of praise for having made the coffee; but, since this is a critical chronicle, I feel bound to mention that he forgot to add the run.

DARLING RANGE

On Anzac Day a very impressive service was held in the Agricultural Hall, Kalamunda. Mr. Scott, Vice-President, conducted the service on the day by Major-General G. W. Barber, and the Revs. Mr. Hurst (Church of England) and Mr. Hicks (Methodist). Mr. Scott gave a very clear, interesting and inspiring address, referring to the origin of Anzac Day, the Spirit of Sacrifice.

On May 4 a very successful Jubilee Dance was held in the Agricultural Hall to assist the Amelioration Funds.

Soldier settlers of the sub-branch are suffering great hardships through the cyclonic storm which swept through the Bickley Valley on April 2. Some have lost 75 per cent. of their cattle, and some 100 per cent. It is felt that the settlers in the other sub-branches of the R.S.L. might like to keep up the Digger Spirit and assist their unfortunate brethren.

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nate brothers of the Darling Range Sub-branch. It is stated that because of the storm something like 40,000 cases of fruit will not be marketed this year, as well as vegetables. The secretary will be pleased to hear from any other sub-branch.

MUCKINBUDIN.

As the result of a visit of Colonel Olden and the State Secretary, Mr. D. M. Benson, the Muckinbudin Sub-branch was re-formed after having been out of action for several years. The first activity of the new organisation was that of conducting the district's first Anzac Day commemoration, which was well attended by residents of the district, over 50 ex-service men, taking part in the march. The troops, followed by the local troop of scouts and cubs, under Scoutmaster Tuffin, Assistant Scoutmaster Denning, and Sub-master J. A. Dear, and schoolchildren under the charge of Messrs. N. D. Seymour and K. Averill, marched to the Agricultural Hall where a short service was conducted by the Rev. J. Paige, after which addresses were delivered by the President of the new sub-branch, Mr. Jack Mulqueeny, and Messrs. Paige, J. Tanner, T. B. Conway and A. W. Bevan.

Light refreshments towards the expenses of which the Road Board generously contributed, were provided and served by the ladies for visitors, many of whom travelled long distances to attend.

The drums were controlled by Bill Duthie, and the old familiar roll helped the old boys to step it out like good soldiers, and the customary calls were sounded by Bugler George Best. The new President and Secretary Bill Blinkinope have every reason to congratulate themselves on the success of the day.

BUNBURY

During May, the State President, Mr. A. Yeates, accompanied by the State Secretary travelled to Bunbury last Wednesday, after formally opening the Sons of Soldiers' League Conference. Reporting on the visit, Mr. Yeates said: We had a good run down, the road being in excellent condition, and the motor car went well. We arrived at Bunbury at 2.30 p.m., and were met by Mr. McKenzie, a locum tenens, and the President, Mr. Bob Gibson.

At 3.15 p.m., a crowd, numbering about four hundred, gathered in front of the new building erected as the headquarters of the local sub-branch. The building is of cement bricks and situated on the main road leading out of Bunbury to Perth. It has a spacious dance hall, meeting room, committee room, kitchen, etc., and a small shelter covering the approach. Round it is a concrete footpath. I understand that the title to the land is held by the State, while the mortgage is held by a local bank.

The building cost £200, and there is an outstanding liability of £800. Money was advanced by the National Bank for building purposes on the security of the land and building with other small mortgagees as collateral security. After speeches by the President (Mr. Gibson), Mr. Mann, M.L.C., and Mr. Withers, M.L.A., Mr. Parham asked me to open the main door of the building with a souvrenir (by this to allay my nerves), the visitors were asked to enter the hall, where afternoon tea was dispensed by the ladies' committee. In the evening, a well-attended dance was held. Bunbury Sub-branch appears to be on a very good footing, and judging by the crowds attending both functions, it certainly has the confidence of the public.

TEDLANDS PARK

At the meeting on May 7, members of the sub-branch entertained the ladies of the Auxiliary. The Digger Darkies entertained the gathering until 9.30 p.m., the repeated encores demonstrating the audience's appreciation of the various items. The novelty race meeting, arranged by Reg. Wood and Clive Newman, commenced at 9.40 p.m. The first race, a handicap, was won by Mrs.首家; the second race, a handicap, was won by Mrs.首家; the second race, a handicap, was won by Mrs.首家.

At 6 p.m., the race meeting, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lovell, commenced. There were seven entries in the first event which resulted in a dead-heat for first place between Wally Longley's Shamrock (by Thomas out of Lipton), and Crompton's Current (by Light out of Bulb). Time one minute 20 seconds. In this race Fred Arens' Mary Rose (by Slow Stages out of Bed) was leading when she ran off the course and was disqualified by the stewards.

The final of the Old Nag's Cup was contested by the placed horses in the three previous events, and the great race resulted. After leading all the way, Shamrock was hotly challenged by Pills, but managed to reach the post with a slight margin to spare, with Current close up in third position. The race was won by one second and a half the time—one minute 12 3/5 seconds. Mrs. Nation was the winning jockey. The result was a blow to the bookmakers (Rookem and Hoppit), better known as Messrs. Ashenden and Chappie, as Shamrock, being favoured by the crowd, was always first choice of the punters.

The officials were:—Judge, Clive Newman; starter, Dick Dean; time-keeper, Fred Dent; clerk of the course, Reg. Wood; clerk of the scales, George Randell; stewards, Vic. Kenyon and George Randell; and assistant clerk of the course, Bert Brooks.

While patrons were talking over the results, the supper tables were laid and all present sat down to an excellent répété. Clive Newman briefly welcomed the guests, and on behalf of the Auxiliary, further music was provided by the Digger Darkies.

MAYLANDS

Meetings are held in the Lesser Town Hall, Maylands, on alternate Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. Committee meetings are held on the Monday before the general meeting at the Maylands Hotel. New members are always given a hearty welcome. The President, Mr. W. Lovell, during the meetings, social evenings always conclude the meetings.

The local Anzac Day celebrations this year eclipsed those of previous years. On account of the weather it was felt that a few more meetings in Maylands Town Hall, and presided over by the President, Mr. W. J. Lovell, who was assisted by the Rev. J. Eddington, A. Thompson and the Rev. A. Saunders, President of the Methodist Conference, the address made a very strong appeal for the welfare of the Returned Men. The singing was led by the Maylands Salvation Army Silver Band. The Perth Road Board was represented by the Chairman, Mr. H. J. Shearn and Mr. S. Faulk. It was estimated that between 500 and 600 attended.

Visits in connection with the Archbishop Riley Shield Competitions were made to the Bassendean Sub-branch, Mt. Lawley and North Perth Sub-branches. There were very enjoyable evenings and much credit is due to our Vice-President, Mr. S. Kanair, who was responsible for the arrangements.

Two very successful Pleasant Sunday Afternoons, which are arranged by our publicity officer, Mr. W. L. Menkens, have been held with the assistance of some of Perth's leading artists. The speakers on those two occasions were the Rev. J. A. Saunders, of the Methodist Church, Maylands, and Mr. C. A. Henserson of the Church of the Good Shepherd. It would be very pleasing to see more members and their wives and families come and assist in a cause that helps themselves. The organiser is certainly very grateful to the stalwarts of the branch who always assist. Mr. W. J. Lovell presided on each occasion.
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The sub-branch should be very grateful to the Women’s Auxiliary, which is at present organizing with the assistance of a sub-committee for the sub-branch a Children’s Fancy Dress Ball to be held in the Maylands Town Hall on Friday, July 5th. The visits of auxiliary members to the Lemnos Hospital are always much appreciated.

It was pleasing to see the State President, Mr. A. Yeates, at the cricket club dinner that was held at the Maylands Town Hall recently. There was a good attendance of members and representatives of all R.S.L. Cricket Clubs, including the President of the R.S.L. Cricket Association, Mr. H. Hopperston, who carried out his duties very admirably. It is hoped that Harold will be available for office next season.

BASSENDAINE

At the fortnightly meeting held on 6th June, it was passed that the meetings start at 7:30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m., so as to enable the business to be carried through. This will apply during the winter months, and so allow of the horse games to be completed before September.

SUBIACO

On May 25, the sub-branch entertained the ladies of the auxiliary to a social and supper at which approximately 110 were present. A good program was worked out by the contributing artists being Mr. W. A. Wilkins (who led novel community singing), Mrs. C. Gilkeden, Miss Williamson, Mrs. Jacobs, Miss Fisher and several others.

The toast list was as follows: The King, by Colonel Sir R. Roberts; R.S.L. State Executive, by Mr. P. J. Clegg, responded to by Colonel Mitchell, the State Executive Women’s Auxiliary, by Mr. M. H. Warlow, responded to by Mrs. McKinlay, the State President of that body; the Subiaco Sub-branch Women’s Auxiliary, by Mr. Fred Shand, and responded to by Mrs. Richardson. The toast of the Subiaco Sub-branch and its President was in the hands of Mr. Dave Benson, and in a very able and witty speech he carried out his duty. Mr. Bert Congdon, who was Chairman for the evening, suitably responding.

The Mayor of Subiaco, Mr. Downe, was called upon to thank all artists for their splendid contribution to the success of the evening. Two surprise presentations were made. Mr. Benson had the honour of presenting the League Certificate of Service to Mr. Ben Williamson. Ben in his surprise seemed to find it a greater task to respond than it had been to carry out the good work on behalf of his sub-branch. Mrs. McKinlay made the presentation of a Certificate of Service to Mrs. Richardson, the retiring veteran President of the Subiaco Sub-branch Women’s Auxiliary. Both presentations were well received for much singing of musical honours.

In the match, Subiaco versus Perth Sub-branch (A.R.M.S. Competitions), Subiaco lost handily, nil to 10.

CUE

The Cue Sub-branch, which, under the Hon. Secretaryship of Mr. F. F. Kingbury, has been a most active and appealing body, recently received a substantial donation to its Amelioration Fund from the Rev. N. P. Warlow, and as another indication of the esteem in which it is held locally, the following words were read by the Rev. M. Newland, the Mother of the Dominican Nuns is quoted:

“We have heard that the members of the local R.S.L. wish to organise entertainments for the benefit of members less fortunate (financially) than themselves. May we congratulate you on your very humane and brotherly action, and wish your venture the success it deserves. If you care to use our school hall and give us two days’ notice (otherwise arrange fixed evening) we shall leave it in order for euchre and dancing. So that your members may feel quite independent in the matter, we will stipulate you pay for lights used. Our ladies’ committee uses the hall every second Wednesday—other nights are free. If we can assist you in any further way please command our services in so noble a cause. We owe our heroic Australian Soldiers a debt of life long gratitude. It will therefore be a pleasure, as it is a duty, for us Sisters to do something in our power to prove that gratitude.

“We wish you and your esteemed members every blessing.

We are,

Gratefully yours,

DOMINICAN NUNS.”

MOUNT MAGNET

The Annual Re-union Dinner was held on 6th June at the Commercial Hotel. The new and commodious dining room was well filled when over 20 returned men and visitors did justice to the very fine dinner provided by the management under the direct supervision of Mr. A. J. King. Among the guests present were visitors from Perth, Cae. Meechattarra, Geraldton and Adelaide; all returned diggers. The President of the sub-branch, Mr. C. J. Paterson, occupied the chair, and had on his right hand the President of the League, Mr. J. G. MacGregor, who, as the representative of the South Australian Branch, the toast of the League was in the hands of the Chairman, who emphasised the power for good that the League was in Australia today. The duties that they had carried out during the War, they as an orga, as still had to do the duties of peace. The speech appealed to all returned men who were not members to join up with the League. Mr. W. Potter in a very vigorous manner responded on behalf of the League and gave some particulars of the work being done by the Executive branch of the State. The toast of “Kindred Sub-branches” was in the hands of Mr. Tom Silver, Vice-President of the sub-branch, who extended a hearty welcome to the new digger, Mr. Newland, who was introduced by the Chairman, was given a great reception. In responding to the toast of kindred sub-branches he said that although he was a member of the branch he had always looked upon the Branches of the State as being the sub-branches and he hoped that always to look after the interests of the diggers.

Their Executive in Adelaide of which he had the honour of being a member had what was known as a Soldiers’ Fund, from which thousands of pounds have been raised in behalf of our returned men. In concluding, Mr. Newland thanked them for the invitation to be present, and would convey their greetings to the members of the Sub-branch.

The toast of “Visitors” was proposed by Mr. W. A. Dowse, President of the branch, who mentioned the great assistance they had always received from the local Road Board, and thanked the Board for past favours. Mr. J. W. Atkinson, Chairman of the Sub-branch, thanked the Board for the honours and said, he that the R.S.L. was doing a great work in times of peace, and the Board was pleased to be of some assistance to the sub-branch.

Mr. H. H. du Boulay, Secretary of the Sub-branch, made the remarks of the previous speaker. Referring to the impending departure of the President from the district, Mr. du Boulay said the sub-branch was losing a friend, and the town a very estimable and progressive woman.

The President” was proposed by the branch secretary, Mr. Jim Osmond, who said that from the foundation of the branch Mr. Paterson had held the rock on which they always stood. He was leaving them, and they were looking for someone to fill his place, but it was going to be very hard to find a successor to Mr. Paterson. It was the intention of the Executive to make some representation to the President at this function, but this was unfortunately impossible and the presentation would be made later. Mr. Osmond concluded by wishing Mr. and Mrs. Paterson all the happiness in the world and told them that the sub-branch had always looked upon the branch all possible prosperity in the future.

The Hon. M. F. Troy, in supporting the remarks of Mr. Osmond, said it was a pleasure to do so. Mr. Paterson had been the moving spirit in practically every activity in the town, and with members of the branch he was sincerely sorry that Mr. Paterson was leaving them. He was very pleased to be with them to enter into the spirit of their re-union. Officially represented the R.S.L. frequently, and he always found them the most reasonable and fair men. He trusted with members that their President would succeed as well and that they would once again return to Mt. Magnet. The President, in rising to respond, was given a great ovation, and it was some time before he could reply. Mr. Paterson said that he found it very hard to find words to reply to the toast. He considered that it had been an honour to be President of the sub-branch and thanked the members for the whole-hearted support that he had always received. The sub-branch, although they were very small, but the enthusiasm was very great, and in this
lay their strength. The President paid a
great tribute to the Secretary, Mr. Osmond.
He is the man who does the work, and with
Jim Osmond as Secretary the sub-branch will
not back up any farce, held so with sincere regret.
He intended joining up with a sub-branch in the City, but would
always remain a member of the Mt. Magnet
Sub-branch.

CARLISLE

The monthly meeting took the form of a
New Membership Drive Social, at which
about 60 ex-service men were present. An
enjoyable evening was spent, the Secretary
having arranged a very good programme with
Digger Band and film.

The sub-branch has suffered a severe loss
through Secretary George Grieves and Vice-
President McKehin being sent to the country.
George’s place is going to be hard to fill, for he has never spared his time
and service on behalf of the sub-branch, and one
could always feel confident that nothing
would be missed in the arrangements for any
functions. We all wish him luck and speedy return to Carlisle and work nearby.

The sub-branch is running bridge evenings
every Wednesday night at the Memorial Hall.
The support of all diggers is requested.

VICTORIA PARK

Saturday, May 25, was a great day for the
Park diggers. The new Memorial Hall was
officially opened by Colonel H. B. Collett as
8 p.m., in the presence of the largest attendance
of ex-service men and their lady friends
together with many visitors including the State
President (Mr. A. Yeates), Rabbi Freedman,
Col. Baxter Cox and H. S. Raphael, M.L.A.

Colonel Collett, the architect of the
new building, presented Colonel Cox with a
gold key as a memento of this historic
occasion. The remainder of the evening took
the form of a social and dance, many fine vocal and instrumental items and jolly dances
gave great pleasure to all present.

The President of the Auxiliary as usual provided a dainty supper.

On Friday, May 31, the sub-branch held a
Digger’s night in the new hall, and welcomed
the new baby’s head in true Digger’s style.

At roll call nearly 80 ex-service men were present, including Digger Maloney, M.L.A.,
of Subiaco. President J. Cox was in the chair and a fine programme was presented by
Lt. Crowe, L. Ashbolt, H. Hopkinson, S.
Gibb, Barney Green, Mrs. Cox, J. Hardies
and Cobber, A. E. Stewart and others. “Old
Bill” and Harry Tucker were in charge of the
kitchen and dispensed the necessary refreshments, and a gold key that faded away in the “Wee Sma”
hours.

PERTH

Since the last report of my sub-branch
“Doings,” this sub-branch has had two very
meritorious wins in the A.R.M.S. Competitions.
South Perth were defeated by 8-2, and
Subiaco by 10-0. The Subiaco Sub-branch
were not outclassed as the scores might indicate, they were just unlucky in a couple of the
games, particularly in the table tennis where points only separated the teams. In
the quoits also a good result was obtained, the first three players in Subiaco being evenly
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Will members kindly note that the secretary's address is now 97 Blencowe Street, West Leederville. Advice has been received from our auxiliary that Mrs. James has retired from office and Mrs. Crofut has been elected President. We congratulate the latter on her election, and trust that her term of office will be happy and successful. The late President, Mrs. James, has been a great worker for returned soldiers, and although now out of office, has signified her intention to continue to work for us.

At the meeting of the State Executive on May 21, Mr. Aberle reported having visited the West Leederville Sub-branch at a meeting held on May 13, "It is pleasing to be able to report that this sub-branch is doing particularly well," said Mr. Aberle. The average attendance at meetings is about 40; and five new members were introduced to the meeting on May 13. There is a fixed fee £10 2s. 9d. in the General Fund and £29 14s. 3d. in the Amelioration Fund, in addition to a War Bond for £30. The total financial membership is 60 with one associate member. During the evening I had the pleasure of presenting Certificates of Merit to Mr. Peters, Past President (one year), and Mr. Smethers, past secretary (three years' service).

Mr. H. E. Smith (President), and Mr. H. J. Haines (Secretary) are doing an excellent job and are supported by an enthusiastic committee, and I can assure, under their management and guidance, the continuation of the present excellent progress.

CLAREMONT

The monthly meeting was held in the Parish Hall on June 6, when, owing to the absence of the past President, Mr. S. W. Smith. Despite the inclement weather a satisfactory attendance was recorded.

Considerable discussion took place concerning the social functions held by the sub-branch during May, there being very poor support from the members. So far these entertainments have shown a loss, which we cannot afford, and as it will be impossible to obtain the Parish Hall after this month except for our general meetings, it is sincerely hoped that greater attendances will be forthcoming for the fixtures this month.

Two matches have been played to date in the A.R.M.S., both resulting in a victory for our opponents. Mr. Marshall, the sports director, is finding it a little difficult to interest as many members as he wishes in this very enjoyable game. The fixtures are a source of a great amount of pleasure for those taking part, and we are confident that anyone that would only make a start in these matches would try and see the programme through.

The S.S.L. Sub-branch have also had two engagements in the Colonel Collett Shield, and have on each occasion registered a win. This is distinctly encouraging to Mr. Davies the Warden, and will perhaps recompense him in some measure for the great amount of interest and work he is putting into his job. He would be very grateful to any member who would help him win the boys in the Claremont Drill Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in each month.

NORTH PERTH

A Digger's Diary
(With profound allusions to the Shades of Samuel Pepys)

May 14.—A warm, pleasant day. This afternoon, by railway steam coach to Fremantle Port to inspect His Majesty's Australian Ship-of-war "Brisbane." With me come my son and Master Warran Middleton. When come to Fremantle I look about for Mr. H. Ingles, an ex-naval man who had promised to conduct us over the ship, but he had not come. So to the ship alone—that is, with the boys only. I swear to myself several times and wish that, if in truth sailors do have a wife in every port, Mr. Ingles will some day be discovered. By and by while walking the town streets, I by good chance meet with Mr. Wilfred Stubbs (11th Batt.), an old friend whom I was mightily pleased to see, having not done so for some years. I bid the children to the ginger beer shop, whilst Mr. Stubbs and I to a nearby ale house and have pleasant discourse of old days over a pot of ale. Higin in very good content at so pleasant a ending to this day abroad.

20th.—To sub-branch general meeting. A good muster and much business done, among which was nominations for office to next year. Sorry I was to see Mr. Bill James decline to stand again for president. Anon the business done Mr. D. Cummings did give a talk of his trials whilst two years a war prisoner in Germany. An experience, from his talk, which I envy him not. I find Mr. B. McIlwraith, Mr. H. Blackburn and Mr. F. Bibby did also be prisoners. Perhaps some evening we might hear their story. Mr. Secretary Hawkins give me names of new members to the sub-branch, they being W. R. Ashby (5th Pioneers), W. G. Bell (11th Batt.), H. B. Boys (10th L.H.), F. N. Graves (R.N.V.R.), W. J. Langdon (10th L.H.), V. H. Maher (E. York Reg.), L. G. Miller (51st Batt.), R. M. Murray (32nd Batt.), C. S. Searle (11th Batt.), J. G. Wallace (3rd Div. Sign.), W. Corby (5th Pioneers), A. Boon (20th Batt.), J. Spence (King's Scots Bds.), J. Defty (Imp.), J. T. P. Kelly (44th Batt.), P. A. Hopkins (51st Batt.), D. Stubbe-Mills (32nd Batt.), G. Oswald (H.L.I. Imp.). This, methinks, be excellent credit to our membership committees and prove them a hard working body. Home after a pleasant supper of hot dogs, coffee and rolls.

22nd.—Hear news from Mr. Harry Axford how our sub-branch teams did journey last night to Leederville-Mt. Hawthorn and play the teams of the sub-branch in that village at Archibishop Riley Shield games. Our team said, he, win at shooting and tennis, but mighty unlucky to meet defeat in other games, which I was sorry at. Some of our players, I hear, do take part in more than one class of game. Lord! how this practice do vex me, but with what the fault lay I know not. Would the blockheads labour to concentrate in separate teams to set games, they might become the greater master of them. This afternoon I to Perth City where...

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by chance, in Hay Street, I fall in with Mr. Charles Kippin, my old comrade of tram days. He now a conductor on the Government electric tram coaches, and I observe he still wears his cap at rakish angle as when a young spark, and the pleasant smile which win many friends.

June 3rd.-Saw Mr. George Reeves, he just come from hospital where he be with illness to his nose. I sorry to see him in much trouble, but hope he will soon become himself while away on the holiday which he is going. This night, 1 to social committee where much business done to our sub-branch annual meeting. This to be in the North Perth Town Hall on Monday, 15th July come. A grand night of celebrations to the King's Silver Jubilee and installation of officers to the sub-branch. Also much business to our floral and homecrafts exhibition and grand fete of 14th September come. This be a fine opportunity for sub-branch members, their wives, children, auxiliary and all other people to show their skill in homecrafts and horticulture.

5th.—The weather fine, but Lord! as cold as I have felt for many a day, to which I impute the ache in my buttocks which put me in ill content. Absurd and hear news that Mrs. Seán be a widow, one daughter, and both mother and child be doing well. I am told. This bring to my mind how Mr. William Melvin did make promise a year past of a handsome new grum to the first lady of our auxiliary who, from then, bring the King a new subject to the world. Me-thinks, Mrs. Dean have great claim to this.


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**MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEDERVILLE**

We have been very busy these last few weeks finishing things for the Memorial Hall and it only needs signatures to one or two documents which are being prepared and start the building. We would like to appeal to all returned soldiers in the district to give us their hearty support in this undertaking. We have already started a guinea subscription list, and it is being filled up rapidly, many of the donations coming from people who before were strangers to us.

The ladies are reluctantly compelled to close down their bridge evenings owing to lack of support. I think they intend to revert to house to house bridge which I think would pay better than holding them in a cold and draughty hall.

Meetings have been well attended lately, and the special meeting called to discuss the building fund showed an attendance of close on 60 members.

The Riley Shield Competition is now in full swing and we have completed two rounds and meet Maylands on Tuesday, the 18th, at our place in the third round. We won 6-4 against North Perth, winning the quots, draughts and bridge. We would like to appeal to the Bayswater, winning the quots, draughts and table tennis. Our shooting team have not got their eye in yet, and they are the only section who have not yet won a match this year. We were pleased to see our tennis team come to fight against Bayswater, as this section has been our weak spot in the past; keep it up, lads. Our trip to Bayswater was a most enjoyable one. We hired a bus which took us right to the Bayswater Town Hall where we were met by the genial Jim Baty, the President of the sub-branch and his splendid comrades. The result of the match was not decided until nearly 11.30 when the tennis team clinched matters. A very hearty supper, a vote of thanks from both presidents, and back home again in the "wee sma' hours." Truly these are the most popular innovation ever.

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Reported that Billy Ring is still in hospital and not feeling too pleased with himself yet.

Fred Charles is worrying because he can’t increase his weight, and Jim Morton is worrying because he can’t reduce. I have seen them eat together, and drink together, and both put away as much as the other. Now can you tell me how to reach that happy state of physical perfection?

Skeeter Tempest was in a merry mood at Bayswater. They tell me he went, hearts and trumped in with diamonds. Jerry Ryder Plus was as usual christened "Joe Pratt." I don’t know why, but possibly Reg. could tell us.

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**BOULDER**

The President, Mr. J. Sheridan, presided over a good attendance of members at the last general meeting. A large amount of correspondence was dealt with, and accounts totalled £23 19s. It were passed for payment.

The President reported on the result of the recent C.T.A. meeting, Boulder Scouts, Church parades and other matters of interest. The Secretary reported on the various activities of the sub-branch during the past month, which embraced employment fund, pension cases, distress relief, new members and various other matters. The treasurer, Mr. A. Lithgow, Mr. Lithgow's report stated that the receipts for the year have exceeded the expenditure, to the extent of £5 1s. 10d., which was a big improvement on past months. A complimentary social, tendered to the lady helpers, proved to be one of the most successful held to date. The committee of business, and, no doubt, on the ladies who greatly appreciated this unusual attention. Several of the ladies offered to assist with the washing up, but the next morning, they promptly ordered out of the kitchen by the caretaker Peggy White, who, by the way, is a tower of strength and keeps the rooms spick and span.

The secretary is now busy with the annual appeal for the Boulder, in which he hopes will be as great a success as in previous years.

President J. Sheridan was the recipient of the Jubilee Medal, and was also appointed Commissioner for Declarations during the past month. Congratulations, Jack. After a brief stay in hospital with a bad arm, our popular member, Arthur Key, has just returned to his work on the Trans Line. Bill Yule, of the Government Hospital staff, and a new member of the Executive, takes a keen interest in the affairs of the sub-branch and never misses a meeting. Syd. Hoare, treasurer, and Jim Tait, auditor, are good team mates and always their weight.

The sub-branch is present fighting the case of our senior vice-president, Alec Wilson, who has a wife and five young children dependent on him. Alec had given faithful service at a well known Boulder hotel as barman, and manager for a number of years, and was recently reclassified for no apparent reason. Captain Slater, late 16th Battalion, is a new addition to the executive, and one of the leaders. Heartiest greetings to our boys on the Trans Line who are ever ready to assist the sub-branch in a practical way.

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**DONGARRA**

The 20th Anniversary of Anzac Day was commemorated by a Memorial Service in the Town Hall. There was a record attendance, a good parade in which returned men were reinforced by the local troop of Boy Scouts. Suitable hymns were
BOOKSHELVES AND SHOWS

Below the Surface


To a reviewer who fought the good fight as an infantryman, the other fellow's war is always interesting, especially when that other fellow served in a silent branch of the silent service. Mr. T. M. Jones, who was for five and a half years a torpedo man on H.M. Submarine J2, tells a plain unvarnished tale, but for all that there is not a dull line in his book. Indeed, apart from its intrinsic interest, the book is of great historical value as it lifts the veil from what the landsman was the dark history of naval service in the North Sea and adjacent waters during the Great War. Before he joined the submarine service, the writer had served on H.M.S. London, on which ship he had the experience of being one of the boat crew's landing party in the Gallipoli campaign. On transfer, he joined the J2, one of the "rapers" whose job it was, if they formed part of a fleet in action, to exploit their good speed and long cruising capabilities in chasing "cripples" of the opposing fleet and, with luck, finish them off. At that time, the J2 boats were the biggest in the world, being about 280 feet long. Without being unduly technical, Mr. Jones gives a detailed description of these large "tin fish" and the way they were operated. Incidentally he dispels many erroneous impressions of their capabilities which readers may have picked up from a reading of sensational fiction.

For the rest, the book is a modest narrative of the author's personal experiences and the dangers of a service in which one is as likely to be mistaken for an enemy and treated accordingly as not. It is a book which we have enjoyed reading and can conscientiously recommend to all who would like to know what really went on under the water as well as on its surface. The J2, by the way, was one of the submarines presented by the British Government to the Royal Australian Navy after the War, and after her service was ended she was sunk outside Port Phillip Heads.

Carrying on with the Gallant Company

"Comrades of the Great Adventure," by H. R. Williams, Australia; Angus and Robertson Ltd. Price six shillings. Our copy from the publishers.

In "The Gallant Company," Mr. H. R. Williams, gave the world an outstanding war book from the Australian point of view, and his present volume "Comrades of the Great Adventure" is in every respect worthy of its predecessor. The narrative commences in a training school at Heliopolis, after the Evacuation, when the new divisions were being formed, and the Comrades of the Great Adventure are those with whom the author served and suffered in the 56th Battalion. One must compliment the publishers, the veteran firm of Messrs. Angus and Robertson, for the excellent series of war books they have made available for general reading. The Australian writer is just the same old Australian fighter, with perhaps a better command over printable English, otherwise he would not be a writer. What we mean is he takes everything in his stride. He is realistic without being gruesome or diving into the throes of self-pitty that formed the keynote of so many of the European war books.

Mr. H. R. Williams has all these characteristics, and more; he wields a very graphic pen and knows how to lighten the darker passages with flashes of the inimitable digger humour. His characters are real and likeable. He shows the Australian soldier man and the other Britons who served in the ranks of the A.I.F. as they actually were and not as propagandists on either side of the anti-war argument would have them. In this excellent book there are tales of marches and billets, battles and other moving incidents by flooded trench and training field, that will stir up many memories. One lives again through the strenuous days of the Somme, Bullecourt, Flanders and the Ridge, and the epic of Villers-Brettonaux. There is hardly an aspect of the soldier's life from the training camp to the line, from the line to the hospital, and back to the line again, that is not touched upon. To tell you any more would spoil your pleasure in reading a capital book written in an excellent flowing style. Buy it for your sub-branch library.

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The First World War

An extremely clever joining of war news reels of various countries, both Allied and former enemy, is "The First World War," first shown in this State at the Prince of Wales Theatre. It is a brief resume of the events which led up to the war, the war itself in all its phases including the sinking of merchantmen by enemy submarines, trench fighting, the

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<td>N. C. Ryder, Stephen Street, Bunbury</td>
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<td>BAYSWATER</td>
<td>Town Hall, Bayswater</td>
<td>Alt. Wednesdays, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. E. Batey, Railway Crescent, Bayswater</td>
<td>J. M. Hextall, 52 Glade Street, Bayswater</td>
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<td>BUSSELTON</td>
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<td>A. Sagar, Brunswick Junction</td>
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<td>BUCKLAND HILL</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>Last Thursday in each month</td>
<td>C. Nixon, View Street, peppermint Grove</td>
<td>C. Avery, 1 Grange Street, Claremont</td>
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<td>CARLISLE</td>
<td>Bickford Soldiers’ Memorial Hall</td>
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<td>L. R. Gileanesan, 48 Mars Street, Carlisle</td>
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<td>C. L. Harvey, 8 Dean St., Cottesloe</td>
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<td>Alternate Thursdays (pension night), at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. W. Lynch, Hampton Road, Fremantle</td>
<td>S. P. V. Harrison, 65 Bellevue Terrace, Fremantle</td>
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<td>B. H. Lofthouse, Wokalup</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Supper Room, Town Hall, Maylands Town Hall Committee Room</td>
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<td>MOUNT LAWLEY</td>
<td>Wallish Hall, Grosvenor Road, Mr. Lawley</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>O. J. Williams, 31</td>
<td>A. R. Wood, 127 Fifth Avenue, Maylands</td>
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<td>A. Turner, Mornington Mills</td>
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<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle</td>
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<td>Major G. P. W. Meredith, Artillery Barracks</td>
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<td>Railway Hotel, Northamton</td>
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<td>L. F. Ash, Northampton</td>
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<td>Avon Bridge Hotel, Northamton</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. F. Robertson, c/o Court House, Northamnt</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe St. (off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. James, 21 Marian Street, Leederville</td>
<td>A. J. Hawkins, 24 York St., North Perth Tel. B3260</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>Billiard Saloon</td>
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<td>Neil A. Fraser, Quairading</td>
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<td>SOUTH PERTH</td>
<td>Miners' Arms Buildings, Morgan Street</td>
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<td>H. Stockill, Ravens-thorpe</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>Public Hall, Swan Street</td>
<td>4th Thursday</td>
<td>P. J. Aberle, 10 Rose Ave, South Perth</td>
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<td>TAMBEULLUP</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Roeby Road, Subiaco</td>
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<td>B. Congdon, 75 Glaster Street, Subiaco</td>
<td>T. Williams, 87 Salibury St, Subiaco</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. P. Hammer, Railway Station, Tambellup</td>
<td>J. E. Trathan, P.O. Box 1, Tambellup Tel. 45</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YELEBNI</td>
<td>Traying (3) Yelebeni (1) Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>K. Somers, Toodyay</td>
<td>N. H. Millar, Box 41, Toodyay</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
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<td>4th Sunday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. W. Walker, Yelebeni Jas, Cox, 201 Washington Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>M. J. Offer, Taxation Depart-</td>
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<td>WURIN, BUNTINE,</td>
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<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>J. Day, Buntine</td>
<td>W. A. Cadwaller, Wubin Tel. No. 7</td>
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<td>JIBBERDING WEST</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. E. Smith, 186 Railway Parade, West Leederville</td>
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<td>LEEDERVILLE</td>
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<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. H. B. Lawton, Yealering</td>
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<td>YEAGERING</td>
<td>Comm'H Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday alt. months</td>
<td>S. Hardwicke, Avon Terr</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
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<td>3rd Saturday, Quarterly, June, Sept., and Dec.</td>
<td>B. O. Read, Korrelocking</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
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DONNYBROOK Memorial Hall 1st Saturday, monthly Mrs. Matt Crowley, Blackwood Road Mrs. A. V. Self, Donnybrook
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<td>D. M. Benson, Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>Mrs. W. James, 19 Marion St., Leederville</td>
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<td>11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m. on 11th of month</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard's Ave., Leederville</td>
<td>C. Pilley c/o 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. McWheee, (Chairman, A. H. Hood, 39 Tato St., W. Leederville)</td>
<td>H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth St., Nth. Perth, Phone B8394</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
<td>2nd Monday</td>
<td>Lt.-Col. L. E. Dunkley, 86 Angrove St., North Perth</td>
<td>W. C. Armstrong, 20 Ruslip St., West Leederville</td>
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<td>THIRTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Annual Re-union, July 1935</td>
<td>G. Abjornson, 19 Esplanade, South Perth</td>
<td>L. D. Lobacher, 26 2nd Floor, Economic Chambers, Perth</td>
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<td>10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>Tom Kidd, Kitchen Ave., West Subiaco</td>
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In his best—as an actor. He has studied his subject and he sticks more closely to historical fact in this film than in any of his previous impersonations of the world's great ones. The Waterloo Campaign, the uniforms, the costuming, the movements of the troops, are presented with a fidelity to history which is only too rare in so-called historical films. In fact, several of the scenes approximate very nearly to well-known paintings of incidents of the battle. The Duchess of Richmond's Ball, with Wellington quietly passing the word round among his officers, the march of the troops out of Brussels, Wellington's own coolness throughout, and the Duke's essential humanity to a beaten foe at the Congress of Vienna are all well depicted and well worth seeing. Perhaps the most poignant scene of all is that of the Duke's table the night after the battle; when every entry of a mess orderly caused the Duke to look towards the door in the vain hope of seeing again some trusted staff officer who has paid the supreme sacrifice. The Duke's own incisive utterances are brought in at the right time and the right place with one glaring exception which seems to be a pandering to popular tradition.

At the critical moment of the battle, Wellington definitely did not say “Up Guards and at them.” That saying was invented by writers who wanted something to match Nelson's famous order at Trafalgar, and, in any case, no commander-in-chief would so over-ride the brigadier on the spot by giving a direct order to that brigadier's troops. One staff officer who was by the Duke's side throughout that dreadful day, states in his memoirs, that he never heard the Duke give any such order. What he did say was “Now Maitland, now's your chance,” to Maitland who commanded the Brigade of Guards at Waterloo.

Despite his superb acting, Arliss is the wrong physical type to play-Wellington, who was five feet ten in height and only forty-seven in 1815—anything but the decrepit old man that Arliss makes him. We may be hypercritical, but to us Arliss's facetious interpretation of some scenes hardly seemed in keeping with the known austerity of the Iron Duke, even admitting that the Great Commander had a sense of humour. At the same time, minor faults like these do not mar what after all is a great picture.
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