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To those of us who were in France in 1918, the Armistice came as a reprieve especially as it was well-known that the Statesmen of the world would take measures for the prevention of another world war. Unfortunately, the soldier, having done his job, was relegated to the background. Soldiers of Anglo-Saxon blood are generally humane. After Waterloo, Wellington prevented Blucher from looting Paris, and, with all his shortcomings as a party politician, he was statesman enough to see that in a vindictive peace festers the germ of future war. Wellington saved France from being despoiled by her conquerors. Similarly, after the American Civil War, Grant accepted Lee's surrender and gave the vanquished honourable terms. For that he was howled down and vilified by northern carpet-baggers whose policy was that of vengeance and confiscation. The Armistice had hardly been signed, when Mr. Lloyd George was fighting an election and promising to hang the Kaiser if he were returned to office. Fortunately, there were politicians, both in Britain and France, who realised that political martyrdom was too great an honour for a Hohenzollern. Nevertheless, Clemenceau and Lloyd George were mainly responsible for the severity of the Treaty of Versailles, which, by the way, Lloyd George now condemns.

The treaty that ended the war was conceived in the spirit of the times. It aimed at making the aggressor pay for the ravages of war, and at preserving the peace by rendering that aggressor permanently impotent. The League of Nations, which was to provide the framework for disarmament and the maintenance of peace by arbitration, was too much like the Holy Alliance that followed the Battle of Waterloo, to achieve its purpose. With a certain amount of justice, Germany claimed that the League was an anti-German syndicate whose object was to preserve the status quo of 1918. The history of the last decade has shown how impossible it is to force a nation to pay the whole costs of a war without upsetting the economic balance. It has also shown how futile it is to try and keep a nation disarmed and in a state of moral outlawry for ever. The history of the last two years has shown that the League of Nations, as at present constituted, can neither prevent wars, nor punish an aggressor without provoking another world-war.

International action to prevent war, or to end war that has already broken out, is not so very far removed from the older system of alliances and the concept of the balance of power. Recent events seem to have split Europe into two rival Leagues of Nations, but that is not to say that these groups are incapable of being welded into unity. The hope for the future lies in the fact that, latterly, the older idea of the forcible prevention of war has given place to the more practical objective of removing the most potent causes of war. This does not mean that Britain, in the words of the Italian gibe, should always give way "with great firmness," nor that she should, in the words of a British Labour leader, continue to endanger the peace of the world by continually yielding to the demands of dictators. The dictators are having their own way at present, because they know what they want and move towards their goal with a singleness of purpose that is waning in their critics. Much of their success is due to their knowledge that they are armed while we are disarmed. But, as Mr. Vernon Bartlett has pointed out, principles will persist longer than dictators.

One principle, at least, has been asserted within recent weeks, that of stabilising currency and removing trade barriers. The change was brought about, not as the result of a much advertised conference, but by the silent, almost secret co-operation of the three great financial Powers. It is early to estimate results, but one cannot help feeling hopeful for the future. Consequently we believe that those results will be far more
influential in the preservation of peace than all the histrionics and pious resolutions of local quidnuncs. The world will never be nagged into peace, nor can peace be maintained by disarming the only countries that can be trusted with arms—at least not in the present condition of the world. The youth of to-day is shrewd enough to realise this, and that is why he can appreciate the sacrifices of the older generation and give a contemptuous smile to the pseudo-pacifists who would belittle them.

THE LEAGUE'S OFFICERS

At the twentieth Annual State Congress, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:


The following is the allocation of districts for committee-men of the incoming Executive: Rabbi Freedman (Guildford-Midland, Middle Swan), H. C. Newman (Burnley, Sussex, Collie), W. A. Wilkins (Pindell, Williams, Narrogin, Beverley), W. J. James (North Perth, East Perth), F. J. Aberle (Leduvedelle, Mount Hawthorn), J. M. Anderson (Albany, Katanning, Wagin), T. C. Fairley, Brownhill-Ivanhoe, Boulder, Kalgoorlie, L. Thorn (Geraldton, Toodyay, Greenough), E. H. O. Nye (Fremantle, South Fremantle, South-East Fremantle), J. E. Mitchell (Subiaco, Nedlands, Claremont), E. L. Margolin (Perth, West Perth), C. H. Lamb (Swan, Northam, York), F. L. Warner (Irwin-Moore, Mr. Marshall, Avon), C. R. Collins (Murray-

That the League has recognised its responsibility in regard to amelioration of the lot of the aged ex-service man is evidenced by its establishment of an Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund, by its vigorous advocacy of the granting of service pensions, and by monetary assistance in current cases from its limited resources. The trend of these activities has mainly been in the direction of assisting to consolidate the position of the man in his own home, which position advancing years may jeopardise.

Recently, however, the State Executive has devoted earnest consideration to the matter of provision of a home for aged ex-service men, on either a communal or an individual basis. This enquiry was instituted as the outcome of representations from various sub-branches and individual members of the League, and also the spirit, if not the letter, of a Congress resolution (Item 169 on the agenda of the 1934 Congress) which reads:

Moved—that the incoming State Executive appoint a sub-committee who shall report on Congress, 1935, on the following matters:

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

(2) That the above-mentioned sub-committee go into ways and means for selecting a suitable site and that the Government be approached with a view to the necessary site being made available to the R.S.L. or such other method of obtaining a site as the committee deems necessary, be employed.

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

Amendment.—That the matter be referred to the trustees of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund for consideration.—Carried.

On March 27 last, a special conference, called together by the State president, and consisting of Mr. A. Yeates (State President), Hon. A. H. Panton, M.L.A., Mr. E. S. Watt, Mr. W. J. Hunt, Lieut.-Colonel J. E. Mitchell, Col. H. B. Collett, Mr. C. Taylor (deputy Commissioner for Repatriation), Mr. H. G. Jarman (secretary to the Workers' Homes Board) was held at Anzac House.

This conference presented a report to the State Executive, making certain recommendations as to the scope of investigation of the subject. These were embodied under the following headings:

1. Estimate of numbers (present and future).
2. Acquisition or erection of premises.
5. Admission—conditions of.

The State Executive adopted these recommendations and requested the special committee to pursue the investigation upon the lines indicated. The committee accepted the obligation and proceeded with its task. The period of enquiry covered about four months, during which time seven full meetings and numerous
sub-committee meetings have taken place. Progressive reports as to its activities and the results of its research have been rendered from time to time to the State Executive. In the compilation of these, the State Executive is deeply indebted to our immediate past president (Colonel H. B. Collett) who, though handicapped by an unfortunate accident, devoted himself to the work in hand in that sincere and punctilious manner so well known to us all.

For the purpose of this report, the results of the committee's investigations may be summarised as follows:

1. Estimate of Numbers.—There are at present forty-six war veterans in institutions, forty of these being inmates of the Old Men's Home at Dalkeith, and six in the Salvation Army Retreat. Judging by the number of applications made in recent years for service and other pensions, a considerable increase in the number of eligibles may be expected in the next ten years—probably anything from three hundred to five hundred. Single men, or widowers, only were considered in this estimate.

2. Acquisition of Suitable Premises.—The committee is of the opinion that there are no really suitable premises at present available, which would provide a separate home or homes. Therefore, new premises would have to be erected, either a single institution or a series of small cottages on the "cottage-colony" plan.

Enquiry amongst the ex-soldier inmates of the Old Men's Home elicited the information that the majority were in favour of the cottage colony plan, provided that, amongst other things, medical attention and nursing be allowed for.

3. What is being done in other States and New Zealand:

New South Wales.—There already exists a Veterans' Home in New South Wales. It is managed by an outside committee and limited to twenty inmates. The New South Wales Branch has considered various schemes, but has made no progress with any; finance being mentioned as the main obstacle.

Queensland.—The only information from this Branch is that it has the matter under consideration.

Victoria has done nothing, but states that there are many civilian institutions in Victoria set up for the purpose of taking care of single men, and that it is doubtful whether in Victoria a home is at present needed for single ex-soldiers.

South Australia.—In 1931 this Branch resumed possession of a building leased to the Repatriation Commission who had used it to accommodate advanced T.B. cases. Property and furniture at the time was valued at £10,000, and there was also £6,000 in cash invested and earning interest. After renovations, the buildings were opened in 1932 as an Old Soldiers' Home.

The Home is controlled by a committee on which R.S.L. has representation. The Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation, Adelaide, has the say in regard to admission and discharges. The paid staff consists of three soldier inmates, who act as superintendent, cook and assistant cook, to whom a total of £2/12/6 per week, and board, is paid. There are no other paid positions, because each man undertakes to carry out a certain amount of work and is also responsible for his own room or portion of the large ward. One man looks after the lavatories, and most of the others work in the vegetable or flower garden. Inmates do their own washing. The cash asset has been depleted on account of renovations, replacements, etc. Each inmate pays 12/6 per week for board and lodging. The total accommodation is ample for sixty old soldiers, but the daily average is only twenty-one.

The Branch advises that the scheme has not proved to be all that could be desired. For every one inmate at present in residence, about six have been expelled. Undesirables have got in and upset things to the detriment of men who have behaved well and regard the home as their home.

Tasmania.—Launceston sub-branch has commenced erection of a building alongside its headquarters that will house ten veterans, and is to be administered by the sub-branch.

Hobart propose to take similar action.

There is also accommodation for twelve suffering from neurasthenia, but these are discharged upon recovery. The State Governing Body expressed fear in regard to funds for future maintenance.

New Zealand has a Veteran's Home in Auckland run by a committee under Act of Parliament. Some of the inmates pay for their keep. Those who cannot pay at all are given 1s. per week pocket-money—increased by 1/6, and extra tobacco, if they do a job of work. The funds to support the institution are obtained partly from some patriotic association, private subscriptions and Government subsidy. The staff numbers nine, but no provision is made for nursing the sick. The home will accommodate forty, but only averages twenty-seven. The cost per inmate is about £100 per annum, notwithstanding the contributions made by some of the men themselves.

4. Schemes considered by the Committee.—Having in mind the experiences of other States, and having accumulated additional data, the committee concentrated its efforts on the consideration of the following three schemes:

(a) Cottage Colony, for all single, needy ex-service men.

(b) Outdoor Relief, for all needy ex-service men and widows.

(c) Extension of Old Men's Home, Claremont, improvement of conditions for inmates.

Scheme (a).—Assuming that a free grant of land in a suitable locality be available, the committee estimates that the cost of a cottage colony scheme, to accommodate sixty men, to be: capital cost, £8,505; maintenance, £3,950, or a total of £12,000 for the first year. On this basis, if extended to accommodate three hundred men, the capital cost would be £25,000, and annual maintenance £20,000 or a total of £45,000 for the first year.

Scheme (b).—The committee considered the question of outdoor relief in regard to cash, food, clothing, board and lodging, rent and medical attention, basing its calculations on the needs of three hundred men with an income of 18/- per week, in order to bring that income to 30/- per week, the committee estimates an annual expenditure of £9,360.

Scheme (c).—The committee estimates the cost of extension of the Old Men's Home at Claremont by the provision of a new wing to accommodate sixty ex-service men would be £8,800 capital cost. Maintenance would be a charge on the

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In regard to this scheme, a temporary measure for improving the condition of the present soldier inmates of the Old Men's Home has been proposed by the sub-branch of the Soldiers' Christmas League. This provides for the segregation of the men into a special ward of their own in the present buildings, and the sub-branch, with characteristic energy and zeal, having made enquiries as to the feasibility of the proposal, reports that such a change can be effected, and that the sub-branch is ready and willing to give every assistance to carrying it out.

Sources of Finance.—A survey has been made of the League's finances, and the possibility of monetary assistance by the Commonwealth and State Governments, the general public, and ex-service men themselves, has been explored.

The result of this survey has forced the committee to the conclusion that, in view of what the Commonwealth Government has already done in the matter of repatriation, including its recent further commitment of probably £500,000 per annum for the payment of Service and T.P. Pensions, there is little chance of monetary assistance for any scheme of this nature, except, perhaps, until after such a scheme is in operation.

The State Government, apart from making a free grant of land, would probably be averse to any monetary disbursement towards a new scheme, which, in its view, may be a duplication of its present provision for the aged and infirm man. The best that could be hoped for would be contribution on a proportional basis.

It would, therefore, devolve upon the League, the ex-service men outside the State, and the general public in this State, to provide the money for the capital cost and maintenance. How far can the League go in this respect? A statement has been prepared and is available for inspection, showing the sources of revenue of the League for the past ten years.

This statement discloses that £53,000 has been raised by the League from all sources during that period. Of this amount, only £13,000 has been contributed by ex-service men, the balance coming from the general public. In capitalisation fees from sub-branches the League has received £9,000; and it has paid out in amelioration nearly £12,000 in the same period. In Anzac House it has an asset of about £30,000, on which there is still roughly £9,000 owing. It is the policy of the League, when this amount is wiped off, to devote the whole of the nett revenue from Anzac House to the amelioration of the lot of the ex-service man by augmentation of the Aged Soldiers' and Soldiers' Fund, which now stands at £4,800.

Broadly speaking, it is the support received year by year from the public of Western Australia chiefly through the

Recommendations.—The committee, as a result of its examination of the position from all angles, is of the opinion that, so far as the League's activities are concerned, a separate home or cottage-colony for the type of men under review, is beyond the scope of its resources at the moment. It recommends that concentration by the State Executive be devoted to a combination of schemes (b) and (c), with a view to making permanent provision for outdoor relief for the aged ex-service man, and to the improvement of the conditions and standard of living of the ex-soldier inmates of the existing institutions. Further, the Executive be given full authority to adjust anomalies arising out of the practical application of the scheme, also to revise, when considered necessary, financial aspects arising therefrom.

medium of grants from the Lotteries Commission that has enabled the League to carry on its work. After strenuous endeavours on the part of the State Executive and sub-branches the League membership has attained this year its record figure of 8,000 financial members. But even this represents only one-third of the eligibles in the State, so that two-thirds have done, and are doing, nothing by way of support or assistance to our activities. Could this large majority of ex-service men outside our ranks be relied upon to regularly contribute to the initiation and maintenance of a scheme involving many thousands of pounds? If not, could the League, with its 8,000 members, embark on Scheme (a) at an initial cost of £12,000 with any guarantee that its financial position would not be seriously jeopardised? Further, in the light of experience in other States, particularly South Australia and New Zealand, is there any guarantee that such a scheme, if financed, would be the success it was hoped for and not a white elephant? These are a few of the questions that the committee has had to consider.

After discussion Congress adopted this comprehensive report.

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October 2.—Naval aeroplanes attack enemy airship sheds near Brussels.


October 4.—Greek Cabinet resigns. Transport France and French troopship Gallia torpedoed in the Mediterranean.

October 5.—British advance north-east of Eaucourt l'Abbaye. Rumanian retreat continues.

October 6.—British make further progress towards Seres, in Macedonia.

October 7.—British capture Les Sars. French carry their line forward over 1,300 yards north-east of Morval.

October 8.—Hundredth day of the Battle of the Somme.

October 9.—British establish posts east of Les Sars, in the direction of the Butte de Valencecourt. M. Venizelos arrives at Salonika.

October 10.—French attacking south of the Somme, between Berneyn-Santerre and Chauntes, take the hamlet of Bovent, and hold the outskirts of Ablaincourt and most of the woods of Chauntes.

October 11.—In Macedonia, the French cavalry carry the first Bulgarian lines on the heights west of Ghevgeli. Allied ultimatum to Greece demands surrender of Greek fleet, except three warships. Greek Government complies under protest.

October 12.—Italians materially increase their gains both in the Gorizia area and on the Carso.

October 13.—Franco-British squadron of 40 aeroplanes raids the Mauser works at Oberndorf, on the Neckar. British advance their lines between Gueudecourt and Lesboeufs.

October 14.—British improve their position south of the Ancre in the neighbourhood of the Schwaben redoubt.

October 15.—French enter Sailly-Saillisel.

October 16.—Austro-German forces capture Gyimes Pass, in the Carpathians, near the point where Russian and Rumanian armies joined.

October 17.—Allied troops land in Athens to help the police in keeping order, and occupy municipal buildings and railway stations.

October 18.—British extend the front north of Gueudecourt and towards the Butte de Valencecourt. French take the whole of Sailly-Saillisel. South of the Somme they capture the whole of the front between La Maisonnette Chateau and Biaches.

October 19.—Fighting at Goioasa, 12 miles from within the Gyimes Pass; enemy repulsed at Oitoz Pass. New offensive commenced by Mackensen in the Dobruja.

October 20.—German attacks on Schwaben and Stuff redoubts repulsed.

October 21.—British advance on a three-mile front between Schwaben redoubt and Le Sars, capture Stuff and Regina redoubts, taking 1,018 prisoners. Assassination of Count Sturghk, the Austrian Premier. Imperial Camel Corps detachments and armoured cars sweep the Dakhla and Baharia oases, in the western Libyan desert, taking 175 prisoners.

October 22.—Aeroplane raid on Sheerness.

October 23.—H.M.S. Genista, a minesweeper, torpedoed and sunk with the loss of all her officers and 75 ratings. Air raid on Margate.

October 24.—Enemy's line pierced at Verdun along a front of five miles to a depth of two. Douaumont village and fort, the farm of Thiaumont, and the quarries of Haudromont captured.

October 25.—Russo-Rumanian retreat in the Dobruja.

October 26.—Ten German destroyers attempt a raid from Zeebrugge on cross-Channel transport service. One supply transport, the Queen, and several drifters sunk. H.M.S. Flirt sunk and H.M.S. Nubian disabled by a torpedo and grounded.

October 27.—Rumanians repulse enemy attacks in the valley of Pravatz, and advance in the Uzal valley, taking 900 prisoners.

October 28.—British liner Marina sunk by submarine.

October 29.—British make further advance north-east of Lesboeufs. Rumanians continue their offensive in the Jiu valley.

October 30.—French gains north and south of the Somme.

October 31.—Rumanians surprise and overwhelm the enemy on Mount Rosaca, which they occupy.

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Soldier Settlers' Conference

The Conference opened in the Board Room of Anzac House at 11 a.m. on September 28. After the State President (Mr. A. Yates) addressed delegates, the chair was taken by the chairman of the Land Committee (Mr. W. J. Hunt), and Mr. H. I. Roche was appointed deputy chairman.

Delegates present were: Messrs. Warner (Nungarin and Kununurra), Bee (Williams), Campbell (Boyup Brook), Forrest (Osborne Park), Bateson (Perth), Neakes (Brunswick Junction), Menkens (Wyalkatchem), Stewart (Gnowangerup and Wagin), Noonan (Katanning), East (Marradong-Beddington), Smith (Beaverley), Budd (Kellevine), Randolph (Merredin), Marsh (Murray), Furhak (Cowaramup), Thomas (Greenbushes), Jay (Yamathoon and Northcliffe), Brown (Yandanoona), Newton (Manjimup), Latino (Mullawa), Watson (Kondinin), Oliver (Wickepin), Bailey (Spearwood-Hamilton Hill), Stevenson (Poultry Farmers), Chamberlain (Bovanup), Armstrong ( Cranbrook), Cattermole (Norwood), Pyle (Kentdale), L. Thorn (Koorda), Jackson (Kelmscott), Tanner (Darling Range), Sweeney (Walpole), Potts (Kojonup), C. Thorn and McDougall (York), Whittem (Torbay), Gray (Armadale), Wells (Land Committee), Guy (West Swan), Lawton (Yealering), Cornell (Moore Rock, Ravensthorpe, Bullflush, Norseman and Lake King), Lipple (Upper Chapman), Lofthouse (Harvey), and Hammer (Tambellup).

The reports of the Land Committee and the Agenda Committee were read and adopted.

Motions carried were:

- **Settlers in Lake District.** Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Warner, That the Land Committee be asked for its cooperation in the matter that the settlers in the Lake District be helped to consolidate the holdings as a wheat and sheep proposition, and to ask the Commissioners of the Agricultural Bank to formulate their policy to cover the needs of individual settlers, and not the settlers to fit in to a policy.

- **Abandoned Properties.** Moved Mr. J. Watson, seconded Mr. Stewart, That legislation be introduced to alter the Agricultural Bank mortgages whereby the mortgagee will not be liable for any outstanding balance when the assets have been sold after the mortgagee has repossessed the security.

- **Rates of Interest Lost.** Item 30.—Moved Mr. J. Thompsett, Cowaramup, seconded Mr. Randolph (Merredin), That the State Executive be asked to approach Parliament for a reduction in the rate of interest charged to Agricultural Bank clients; such interest not to exceed 2½ per cent.

- **Interest Payments.** Moved Mr. Randolph, seconded Mr. Tanner, That the Soldier Settlers' Act be amended so as to provide for annual interest payments by settlers whose chief proceeds are received annually, such as wheat or wool.

- **Secured and Unsecured Creditors.** Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. L. Thorn, That the State Executive be urged to press for rural relief money advanced by the Federal Government as a free gift and not subject to form of mortgage as laid down in the Sixth Schedule of the Rural Relief Act of W.A.

- **Relief Work and Sustenance.** Moved Mr. Jay, seconded Mr. Bateson, That where the gross income from the farm is inadequate to maintain sons of working age, the existing bar to their engagement on relief work or to receiving sustenance be removed.

Reconditioning of Farms and Transferring. — Moved Mr. Jay, seconded Mr. Newton. That Congress again urge that in the reconditioning of holdings by relief works more expeditious and efficient methods be adopted, and that settlers on holdings insufficiently developed to provide a reasonable standard of living be given the opportunity of transferring at a reduced and extended fee to holdings where the requisite carrying capacity exists.

Provision for Dispossessed Settlers. — Moved Mr. Jay, seconded Mr. Marsh, That representation be made to the department responsible to ensure that, where through circumstances, particularly ill-health, over which they have no control, settlers are dispossessed of their holdings, provision should be made that families thus deprived of a livelihood are not left destitute by the authorities.

Joining up of Holdings. — Moved Mr. Campbell, seconded Mr. Bateson, That where two small group holdings are adjacent, vacant as suitable, they should be united to make one farm, where the indebtedness can be made low enough for the settler to make good.

Drainage Commission. — Moved Mr. Lofthouse, seconded Mr. Chamberlain, That Congress requests the Government to appoint a mobile Drainage Commission with local representation, this Drainage Commission to be similar in type and power to the Irrigation Commission.

Moore Rock District Water Supply. — Moved Mr. Warner, seconded Mr. Tanner, That Congress urges the reticulation of the Moore Rock District from the Goldfields Water Scheme.

Fidelity Bond for Salesmen in Metropolitan Markets. — Moved Mr. L. Thorn, seconded Mr. Guy, That all firms or individuals operating as salesmen in the Metropolitan Markets selling produce be required to put up a fidelity bond of not less than £500.

Drought Conditions: Commending Action by W.A. Federal Members. — The State Secretary advised Conference of contemplated assistance in view of drought conditions.

Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Warner, That this Congress is in accord with the rep-
resolutions made to the Federal Treasurer by Western Australian Federal members in respect of the serious position with regard to crop failures in the coming harvest, and it assures them that the State Executive will further every effort they may make to secure full or partial financial help towards those settlers so that they may be tidied over the next harvest.

**Egg Exportation.**—Moved Mr. Stevenson, seconded Mr. Foreman, That Congress press that in addition to the Commonwealth Branch exporters of eggs in shell in this State be allowed the privilege of stamping all eggs in shell exported by them with the letters “W.A.”

**Railway Rates on Live Stock.**—Moved Mr. Tanner, seconded Mr. Brown, That the State Executive press for reduction of railway rates, particularly on live stock.

**Option over Holding on Death of Settler.**—Moved Mr. Jay, seconded Mr. Noonan, That the Agricultural Bank and Lands Department be asked to give an assurance that, in the event of the death of a settler, his heirs should be given the first option over his holding.

**Appointment Veterinary Surgeons.**—Moved Mr. Jay, seconded Mr. Lofthouse, That the Agricultural Department and the Agricultural Bank endeavour to expedite the appointment of at least three qualified veterinary surgeons in the dairy belt with headquarters of each so situated that the whole area might easily be covered.

**Bonus on Fox Scabs.**—Moved Mr. Noonan, seconded Mr. Warner, That the State Executive be asked to join with other organisations to endeavour to induce the Government to raise the bonus on foxes to 10/- with no discrimination between full grown foxes and cubs.

**Deduction Military Pensions by Agricultural Bank.**—Moved Mr. Keast, seconded Mr. Oliver, That the practice of deducting military pensions from advances made by the Agricultural Bank be discontinued.

**Junior Farmers’ Club.**—Moved Mr. Lofthouse, seconded Mr. Budd, That this Congress should do all in its power to further the spread of the Junior Farmers’ Club movement and in this regard should endeavour to induce the Departments of Agriculture and Education to take up the matter and assume control, and that every effort be made to induce the Government to realise that its failure to recognise this movement is regrettable and that it lags behind the other States in this regard.

A Special Committee’s Report on several items, dealing with various phases of the administration of the Discharged Soldiers’ Settlement Act, 1918, the Agricultural Bank Act and the Group Settlement Advances Act, 1923, was adopted on the motion of Colonel Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Sewart. The report read:

A majority of your committee, after full consideration, and in view of the discontent and unrest expressed by the multitude and unreasonable administration of the Discharged Soldiers’ Settlement Act, the Agricultural Bank Act and the Group Settlement Act, by the Commissioners of the Agricultural Bank, considers that the following clauses should be repealed in the interests of the settlers and the State:

**Section 16 of the Discharged Soldiers’ Settlement Act, 1918, which ties a settler hand and foot, even though his interest commitments have been discharged, removes all a settler’s equity in any assets he may possess, nullifies his trading operations and thereby destroys his initiative and efficiency; and will perpetuate a feeling of suspicion and uncertainty detrimental to the Bank and its clients.

Moved Mr. Noakes, seconded by Mr. Brown, That the fullest possible support be given by the R.S.L. to the bonus on foxes to 10/- with no discrimination between full grown foxes and cubs.

Moved Mr. Lilpe, seconded Mr. Brown, That Conference presses for the decentralisation of the Agricultural Bank, thereby giving wider powers to the District Officers.

Moved Mr. Lilpe, seconded Mr. Brown, That the fullest possible support be given by the R.S.L. to representations from other organisations seeking drought relief for those settlers affected by seasonal conditions.

Moved Mr. Latto, seconded Mr. Smith, That the Minister for Lands be approached with a view to reconsidering the report of the Revaluation Commission on all cases where returned soldiers are holding large blocks of land, or put up on a basis and in a position in which he may assert himself to the benefit of his district, the Bank and the State.

The following amendment, embodied in a minority report presented by Mr. J. Cornell, was lost:

(1) That the Agricultural Bank Act be so amended as to definitely provide that when a client meets his interest accruing, due and payable for any one year current under Statutory or other Mortgage, the offending clauses be removed and the farmer put on a basis and in a position in which he may assert himself to the benefit of his district, the Bank and the State.

Moved Mr. Jay, seconded Mr. Sewart, That the Land Committee be constituted as formerly, but shall comprise, where possible, only those nominees submitted by the Soldier Settlers’ Conference.

**Nominations.**—The following nominations were received:—Mr. H. L. Spencer (Waronga), Jay (Yannnah), Brown (Yandamooka), and Stewart (Gnowangerup).

The Minister for Lands (Hon. M. F. Troy, M.I.A.) addressed Conference and answered several questions submitted by delegates.

On the motion of Mr. Noakes, seconded by Mr. Potts, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Minister.

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Agricultural Bank. — Moved Mr. Brown, seconded Mr. Potts, That the plan outlined by the Manjimup sub-branch be submitted to the Land Committee of the incoming State Executive for consideration.

Amelioration of Position of South-West Soldier Settlers. — Moved Mr. Cornell, seconded Mr. Warner, That the particular of the plan as submitted by Boyup Brook be referred to the Land Committee of the incoming State Executive.

Proceeds from Sales of Surplus Lambs.—Moved Mr. Warner, seconded Mr. Budd, That, providing the wastage of a settler’s sheep flock be repaired, the proceeds from sales of surplus lambs be regarded as income for carrying on purposes, and shall not be regarded as “security realisation” and deducted from principal monies owing, as is now the case.

Policy of Agricultural Bank. — Moved Mr. Lilpe, seconded Mr. Cornell, That the Agricultural Bank Commissioners be requested to make the Agricultural Bank in connection with the Soldier Settlement.

Decentralisation of Agricultural Bank. — Moved Mr. Lilpe, seconded Mr. Brown, That Conference presses for the decentralisation of the Agricultural Bank, thereby giving wider powers to the District Officers.

Drought Relief. — Moved Mr. Lilpe, seconded Mr. Brown, That the fullest possible support be given by the R.S.L. to representations from other organisations seeking drought relief for those settlers affected by seasonal conditions.

Revaluation. — Moved Mr. Latto, seconded Mr. Smith, That the Minister for Lands be approached with a view to reconsidering the report of the Revaluation Commission on all cases where returned soldiers are holding large blocks of land, or put up on a basis and in a position in which he may assert himself to the benefit of his district, the Bank and the State.

**Marketing Control.**—Moved Mr. Guy, seconded Mr. Noakes, That, in the opinion of the League, the schemes for organised marketing, control through the Commonwealth, which are essential to the security of our primary industries, and this Conference, pledges its support to such schemes.

State Discharged Soldiers’ Settlement Act. — Moved Mr. Stewart, seconded Mr. Potts, That in view of the direction from this Conference to the State Land Committee that continued efforts be made by them to interest the Federal Government in the operation of the State Discharged Soldiers’ Settlement Act in this State and, if possible, to take control of same.

**Preferential Liens.**—Moved Mr. Watson, seconded Mr. Randolph, That legislation be introduced which will include storekeepers in all preferential liens for the purchase of the necessities of life.

Sympathy.—Conference agreed to forward an expression of sympathy to Colonel A. C. N. Olden with a wish for his speedy recovery.

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STATE WAR MEMORIAL
Warden’s Report

COLONEL S. R. ROBERTS, Warden of the State War Memorial for 1936, submitted the following report on the year’s activities to the 20th Annual State Congress:

At the outset, I should like to express my thanks to Congress for the high honour paid me in appointing me as Warden for twelve months—an honour which I very much appreciated. On my assumption of office, I submitted the following brief report to the State Secretary:—“I have to report that, strictly in accordance with procedure, and at the times laid down by the Returned Sailors and Soldiers’ Imperial League, the ‘Guard’ of the State War Memorial in King’s Park was changed on Armistice Day, November 11, 1935. The change-over was effected with due solemnity, and in a manner fitting to the occasion.

“By this ceremony, the outgoing Warden (the Hon. J. Nicholson, M.L.C.) and the outgoing sub-Wardens (Nedlands sub-branch) transferred the sacred trust, to the incoming Warden (Colonel S. R. Roberts) and the incoming sub-Wardens (Subiaco sub-branch) for the ensuing twelve months. Wreaths were laid in turn by the outgoing Warden and by General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs, representing the Commonwealth Government.

“Upon the general appearance of the Memorial and its immediate surroundings, I should like to pay a tribute to the Hon. J. Nicholson and the Nedlands sub-branch for the care and attention given thereto during their term of office. I feel it is a pity that there is no record in the crypt for me to take over, as Warden, of the names of distinguished visitors, and of the countries they represented, who placed wreaths on the Memorial during the past years. Might I respectfully suggest to your committee that a suitable book be obtained for that purpose.”

It is now with much pleasure I have to inform Congress that the duties and responsibilities of sub-Wardens have been conscientiously, faithfully, tactfully and regularly carried out, and have been borne by the officers and members of the Subiaco sub-branch. It has been obvious to me that in the close attention they have given to the stewardship—and it has been no light task—members without exception have regarded it as a most sacred duty they owed to the dead, and in that respect the past and the present president have set a fine example throughout. I have been able to visit the Memorial once or twice each week and on no occasion have I observed any slackness whatever on the part of the sub-Wardens on duty. In summer months apart from the routine attendance at week-ends, members have given special attention to the watering of shrubs and flowers, and the cutting of the lawn within the prescribed area. Throughout the year, the Memorial and its immediate surroundings have been maintained in first-class order.

On June 16, I was informed by the State Secretary that the question of the time at which the gates of the Memorial should be open had received consideration at a meeting of the committee, and that it had been directed that the gates should be open only on Armistice Day and Anzac Day, and on other special occasions authorised by the committee for the laying of wreaths. It was with rather mingled feelings that I received this advice yet, when it was taken into consideration that 90 per cent. at least of the persons who went up the steps did so for the purpose of using the Memorial as a vantage spot from which to view the wonderful scenery of Perth and its river setting, the wisdom of the action decided upon, by which the gates remain closed on Saturday and Sunday afternoons could not be seriously questioned. When the gates were opened—more particularly on Sundays—there was an endless stream of sightseers. In the aggregate, quite a number failed to remove their hats or to refrain from smoking until courteously approached on the subject by the sub-Wardens. These requests, though politely made, were not on all occasions responded to with the best of grace; consequently, as Warden, I felt relieved when this somewhat unpleasant duty was no longer required of sub-Wardens.

It is noticed that since the gates of the Memorial were closed the tablets came in for greater public examination than hitherto. I venture to state that the tablets cannot be seen too often, as the unspoken story these names tell must have a moral effect on present and rising generations in the maintenance of peace and good-will within the shores of our fair land. I would suggest that Mons Sunday be added to the days on which flags will be flown, and gates opened to the public. As a matter of fact, with my concurrence, action in that respect was taken this year in anticipation of approval.

Apart from the mass of wreaths (official and private) laid round the foot of the Memorial on Anzac Day, and those previously referred to, floral tributes were officially laid throughout the year by the following:

The Governor-General, the Consul-General for Greece, the Vice-Consul for Italy, the Hawthorn (Victoria) Citadel Salvation Army Band, the United Commercial Travellers’ Association of Australia (in conference), the Australian Hockey Association, the Victorian Baseball Association, the Lodge of Remembrance, the 24th Battalion, A.I.F. Association, the 48th Battalion, A.I.F. Association, the Old Contemptibles’ Association, the British United Services Association, the 13th London Regiment Old Comrades’ Association, the R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliary conference.

On each of these occasions several representatives of the Subiaco sub-branch were in attendance. In some instances, a bugler was not present, and I would

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Sub-Warden’s Report

The following report, on behalf of the sub-Wardens (Subiaco sub-branch) was submitted by Lieut.-Colonel J. E. Mitchell, and read at Congress:

The members of the Subiaco sub-branch desire to express their sincere appreciation of the honour conferred on them in their appointment as sub-Wardens of the State War Memorial for the year ending November 11, 1936. The comprehensive nature of the report submitted by the State Warden (Colonel Roberts) has made it unnecessary for this sub-branch to touch upon those matters referred to therein, except to endorse the congratulations extended to the Hon. J. Nicholson and the Nedlands sub-branch on the splendid condition of the gardens surrounding the Memorial on the date of handing over.

During the year, a count was made of the names on the tablets at the Memorial and it may be of interest to hear the following details—Navy, 7; Light Horse, 263; Artillery, 265; Engineers, 266; Pioneers, 116; 11th Battalion, 1181; 12th Battalion, 161; 16th Battalion, 944; 28th Battalion, 1068; 32nd Battalion, 179; 44th Battalion, 448; 48th Battalion, 359; 51st Battalion, 843; Machine Gunners, 116; Army Service Corps, 31; Army Medical Corps, 68; Nursing Sisters, 5; Imperial Forces, 563; Total, 6923.

It will be with mixed feelings of regret and pleasure that the sub-branch will hand over the care of the Memorial on Armistice Day. The regret will be the termination of a duty that has been a labour of love, and which has brought the members closer together, and has materially assisted in the stimulation of interest in their activities. The pleasure is in the knowledge that the honour conferred has not been misplaced, and the satisfaction that the high standard of our predecessors has been maintained. In conclusion, the sub-branch desires to express appreciation to Colonel Roberts for his generous assistance and guidance, and to Mr. J. Martin, the Subiaco Municipal Gardener, for his material assistance and advice.

SOLDIERS' CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The annual meeting of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust was held at the Repatriation Department on September 18. The annual report and balance sheet for the year ended 30/6/1936 were adopted. The report showed that during the year 313 applications for assistance on behalf of the children of deceased and incapacitated ex-soldiers were dealt with by the Trust.

Thirty-nine scholarships were awarded during the year, the respective schools and colleges being: Perth Modern School, 6; Narrogin School of Agriculture, 8; Albany High School, 2; Perth Technical College, 1; Stott's Business College, 6; Methodist Ladies' College, 2; Sacred Heart Convent, 1; Ladies' College, Victoria Square, 1; St. Mary's Church of England Girls' School, 4; Underwood Business College, 2; Christian Bros. College, 2; Geraldton High School, 2; Bunbury High School, 2.

Two hundred and eighty children were provided with books at a cost of £165. The main sources of revenue during the year were trustees R.S.L., gratuity bonds

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The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Deputy president and chairman of committee: Chaplain Major Rabbi D.I. Freedman, B.A., V.D., O.B.E.; committee: the Hon. Minister for Education, Professor A. D. Ross, D.Sc., Mrs. C. H. E. Manning, O.B.E., Mrs. E. A. Evans, Mrs. L. Clark, Mr. H. E. Wells, J.P., Mr. W. A. Wilkins, D.C.M.; hon. secretary and hon. treasurer: Mr. J. R. Fitzpatrick.

The billiard room of the Anzac Club seethed with excitement on the night of Tuesday, October 13, when Messrs. Bob Marshall (amateur champion of Australia) and Bert Teague (amateur champion of Western Australia) met in a contest under the auspices of the Amateur Billiards Association of W.A. The final scores were: Teague, 750; Marshall, 342.

The annual general meeting of club members will be held on Friday, November 13, at 8 p.m., when the main business will be the election of officers. Pressure of official business has prevented the State President (Mr. A. Yeates) from seeking re-election as president of the club. As Mr. W. A. Wilkins is the only nominator for that office, he may be considered returned unopposed. Similarly, Mr. W. J. Eddington is unopposed for the office of vice-president. Five of the retiring committee men: Messrs. R. Alexander, C. R. Collins, A. Cunningham, H. B. Collett and W. J. Hunt seek re-election. Others nominated as committee men are Messrs. A. Boland, J. Langdown, R. C. Hooper, A. Wilkins and E. Courthope. Seven of the ten are to be elected and the ballot will close at 9 p.m. on Thursday, November 12.

THE COUNTRY VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. J. (Jock) Brown, of Yandanooka, who succeeds Mr. Tom Sten as country vice-president, served abroad with the gentlemen of the 10th Light Horse. Jock was one of the original settlers on the Yandanooka Estate when that area was repurchased for soldier settlement. For many years he has been secretary of the Yandanooka sub-branch which has now attained the hundred per cent. membership. The new country vice-president took a leading part in the successful effort to bring about a revaluation of the Yandanooka Estate, and his services have been gratefully appreciated by his fellow

soldier settlers. He has been a member of the Land Committee of the State Executive since country members were co-opted to this committee, and throughout his tenure of office, his advice, based on years of practical experience, has proved invaluable.

R.G.H. writes:—The Listening Post in issue 18/9/1936 relates the hair-raising incident of a farmer driving home in his car, while a lion had a meal off his radiator and headlamps, and—then had a sleep off, presumably. Thank Heaven our beer hasn’t got to the lion stage yet—cows and kangaroos are bad enough, with an occasional rabbit thrown in. In all conscience, it’s not fair to worry our farmers with such dreadful thoughts as lions who will venture out to the usual weekly “hop” if there’s going to be lions about.
CHAPTER V
GALLIPOLI—QUINN'S POST AND POPE'S HILL

The following day (May 22) was spent in generally improving the dug-outs in the area allotted to the Regiment, the whole position being frequently searched by enemy shrapnel.

On May 23, the Regiment marched to Monash Gully by way of Shrapnel Gully, where it came under the orders of Brigadier-General H. G. Chauvel, Commanding Number 3 Sector, and dug in along both sides of the gully. In the evening two troops from "C" Squadron were sent up into the support line immediately in the rear of Pope's Hill. Touch was maintained with the New Zealanders on the left towards the Walker's Ridge system: the support line at Pope's ran out into the firing line at Walker's, and thus, of necessity, had to be kept fully manned.

The night passed uneventfully save for continual enemy sniping from concealed positions—some of them undoubtedly inside our front line—which caused more perplexity and annoyance, rather than actual casualties.

On May 24 the armistice granted the Turks came into force from 7.30 in the morning to 4.30 in the afternoon. A large burial party was supplied by the Regiment for duty in "No Man's Land", before Quinn's Post, and there viewed the terrible havoc wrought amongst the enemy attacking forces on May 19 and 20. On our side of "No Man's Land" the proportion of enemy dead to our own was about as twelve to one, and on the enemy side this must necessarily have been much greater. Whilst there was no semblance of fraternisation amongst the burial parties, still so far as the Turks and our own men were concerned there was no actual hostility displayed during this short period of truce.

The Turks evinced undisguised admiration of the Australians, and the Australians, on their part, were beginning to look upon the Turk as a brave man, and something of a sportsman. It recalled Kipling's "East and West," for surely, on that day,

"Two strong men stood face to face."

With regard to the Germans, however, only mutual scowls were exchanged.

Promptly at 4.30 the agreed-upon signal was made, the burial parties got back smartly to their respective lines, and shortly afterwards the sniping and general bickering had recommenced along the whole front. Towards dusk, Shrapnel and Monash Gullies were subjected to a violent bombardment, and it was

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noticeable that the enemy artillery fire was more searching and accurate than previously, which showed plainly that full advantage had been taken by him of the opportunity of viewing our positions whilst the armistice obtained. Casualties now became more frequent, the proportion amongst the officers being particularly heavy.

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May 25 was marked by a melancholy incident—the torpedoing and sinking of H.M.S. Triumph in full view—and the sight of the huge battleship disappearing in broad daylight beneath the blue waters of the Gulf of Saros was not calculated to produce a cheering effect on the troops at Anzac. However, the Regiment was not to have much opportunity to reflect upon this occurrence, as it was called upon to furnish a seven-day garrison in portion of the front line at Pope's Hill. One hundred all ranks were accordingly detailed for this duty and took over their sector on May 26. Enemy snipers were particularly active, and between thirty and forty casualties occurred in the Gully from this source alone during the day. Thirty men from the 4th Reinforcements arrived, and this small contingent helped materially to bring the Regiment to strength again.

On May 27 one hundred men were despatched for front line duty at Quinn's Post; thus the Tenth was now holding portions of the line which at that particular time were recognised as the "hottest corner of Gallipoli."

No time was lost in setting to work to improve the position, and the men settled down to their eternal task of digging with a will. In addition to improvements to the front line trenches, a new communication trench from Monash Gully to Cathedral Gully was commenced and completed.

On May 29, at twenty minutes past three in the morning, the Turks vigorously attacked our position at Quinn's Post. They commenced by blowing up a sap in front of the Post, and, crying their usual cry of "Allah," they rushed our trenches with bombs. Our men held them off for three and a half hours unassisted, but at half-past six it became evident that immediate reinforcement was necessary.

Following up his usual policy during an attack on our front lines, the enemy concentrated his artillery fire on our support and reserve trenches and gullies. This was an additional inspiration for the balance of the Regiment to reinforce at the double, and at five minutes to seven the whole Regiment was in the line, "A" and "B" Squadrons and two troops of "C" Squadron at Quinn's, the remaining two troops of "C" Squadron at Pope's Hill.

Casualties were frequent during the progress of reinforcement, Captain W. C. Robinson (the Regimental Quartermaster), Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant G. Rosewarne, were slightly wounded, but returned to duty. Lieut. Neil Campbell was seriously wounded and sent to hospital. Later on in the morning Captain R. E. Jackson (Adjutant) was wounded in the leg, and evacuated. Lieutenant A. P. Rowan was also slightly wounded, but remained on duty.

For hours our positions were subjected to a perfect hail of shrapnel, machine gun and rifle bullets and bombs, but the situation was never in doubt, the men behaving splendidly throughout under this, their first real baptism of fire.

Although their supply of bombs in this engagement—and, indeed, in many a subsequent one, was miserably inadequate as compared to the enemy's, they gallantly held their trenches with rifle and bayonet until the Turkish repulse was complete. Many Turks were bayonetted actually in our lines, and seventeen prisoners were taken.

Our casualties, considering the fierce first streak of dawn, observers on duty nature of the attack, were moderate (none were killed), but the proportion of officers was again large. In all we lost six officers and nineteen other ranks wounded.

On the following day, May 30, at the in the front line trenches reported the appearance of two newly-constructed additions to the enemy works in front of Quinn's Post. They consisted of a small length of trench, which threatened to enfilade our position, and a sap running out directly towards our line with a bombing emplacement at the extreme end of it. A sortie was thereupon ordered with the object of capturing both these new works, and two parties, each consisting of an officer and twenty-two other ranks, were detailed for the job. Lieutenant T. A. Kidd commanded one party and Lieutenant J. W. Colpitts the other. The men were drawn from the portion of the Regiment then occupying the support trenches, and a number of volunteers were also included.

At five minutes past one in the afternoon, after a preliminary bombardment lasting fifteen minutes, the parties leapt the parapet simultaneously, and rushed their separate objectives, which they captured. Lieutenant Kidd's party found themselves in a very shallow piece of trench, which was connected with the main Turkish line by a communication trench almost devoid of traverses.

The head of this communication trench they immediately sandbagged off, but they nevertheless were subjected to a heavy enfilade fire from a portion of the

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Turkish line which apparently covered this new work, and also sniping at longer range from the direction of "Baby 700," an important enemy position which will be mentioned later.

They had no shovels, but carried infantry entrenching tools, and with these they endeavoured to deepen their new capture. But the Turks, now thoroughly aroused, showed no intention of allowing our men to remain there. They attacked resolutely with bombs and the casualties of the party began to mount up, the shallowness of their trench affording but scanty cover.

But the men fought back splendidly, and vied with one another in picking up the enemy bombs as they fell and hurling them back at the throwers. They were not allowed a moment's respite, and for four hours they gamely hung on, maintaining communication throughout with our own line by means of hastily written messages, enclosed in used cartridge cases and thrown across from time to time.

By five o'clock Lieutenant Kidd and every man with him was wounded, some severely; the majority, fortunately, only slightly. A few minutes after five, the Turks counter-attacked in large numbers, and as the party, to use Lieut. Kidd's own expression, "didn't seem to be doing much good," he decided to withdraw to our original line. This was successfully accomplished. The more seriously wounded were sent back first, the enemy meanwhile being held at bay by those with lighter wounds, in which they were materially assisted by the fact that the enemy rifle fire was more or less masked by their own attacking troops. Eventually, Lieut. Kidd and his twenty-two gallant men reached their own line.

A curious incident occurred during the course of this engagement which threw an interesting sidelight on the psychology of the Turk. When Kidd's party attacked the enemy trench, they found it occupied by only two Turks, the remainder of the occupants having fled along the communication trench. These two fought pluckily, but, one of them being killed, the other threw down his rifle and surrendered.

Lieut. Kidd treated his prisoner with the utmost kindness, in addition to giving him a cigarette, some biscuit and water. He sat in the trench and watched with great interest the efforts of our men in resisting the enemy onslaught and the returning of the Turkish bombs. When, later, the party were in the act of withdrawing, a Turk of the counter-attacking party rushed at Kidd with bayonet fixed, but the prisoner saved Kidd's life by promptly picking up his rifle and shooting his fellow-countryman dead. Kidd, seeing what had occurred, beckoned the prisoner to follow, but he merely bowed his head and waited for the inevitable settling with his own people.

Now as to Lieut. Colpitts and his party. They succeeded in gaining their objective, and were into the Turkish bomb emplacement at a bound. Their new position was on the left of that occupied by Lieut. Kidd, and they were immediately subjected to determined efforts at dislodgement similar to that which the others were experiencing, but they were more fortunate, inasmuch that their casualties were comparatively light. They met bomb with bomb, and bullet with bullet and although at times sorely pressed, they held on until a sapping party, working towards them from our main line and digging most strenuously against time, succeeded in establishing communication by means of a narrow trench.

At ten o'clock at night this work was completed, and Lieut. Colpitts and his men were then relieved. The newly-captured position was immediately improved, loop-holed and converted into a bomb-proof observation post.

Of the forty-six men who took part in this sortie, only fourteen came out unscathed, and three very fine men were killed. They were Corporal D. W. Hopkins and Troopers R. M. Reid and A. Cummings. Lieut. Kidd was slightly wounded, but remained on duty. Lieut. Colpitts was injured and sent to hospital, and twenty-seven other ranks were wounded and evacuated. The utmost bravery and determination were displayed throughout, and brought forth enthusiastic references and congratulations from General Godley (commanding the New Zealand and Australian Division) and Colonel Pope, the officer commanding "Quinn's Post."*

The closing days of May, 1915, saw the end of our occupancy of Quinn's Post, the scene of the first real fighting days of our boys and their first body-to-body experience of the Turk as a fighting man.

Quinn's had been a dirty spot, one of the dirtiest on Gallipoli, but they came out of it full of confidence in the future—a confidence that was well merited and well justified.


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J. Rushton, the assistant secretary of the Osborne Park sub-branch, has now joined the caddy brigade at the Mt. Yokine golf links. Between times he is learning to play the "Royal and Ancient Game" which he considers was concocted between the Devil and a Scotsman.

Diggers, throughout Australia, have distinguished themselves as writers, artists and musicians, but it has been left to Gloucester Park sub-branch to produce a musical composer. Ivan Crowe has just placed on the market an original composition which is of merit and which should appeal to any parent of juvenile singers. The song, "Daddy Dear," is a highly creditable first attempt, and we look forward to hearing and seeing further efforts.

Major Arthur Jordan, the well-known Victorian rifle shot and a member of the V.R.A. Council, passed through Fremantle on September 22 on his return from Bisley. While in England he visited his home town and had a good time generally, to say nothing of some minor successes at Bisley.

Many Diggers will regret to learn of the recent passing of Hughie Bristow, a member of the Collie sub-branch. As the deceased had no relatives in the State, the funeral arrangements were carried out by the Collie sub-branch and, despite the short notice, a large muster of the local troops paid their last respects at the graveside.

"A regular visitor to Ward XI is Charlie West, of Victoria Park. Although a worn-out Digger himself, all his spare time is given to producing beautiful flowers, the majority of which find their way into the Ward. Long may he be spared to carry on this labour of love.

A veteran member of the R.S.L. and one of the stalwarts of Subiaco sub-branch, Bob Cribb, is still on the sick list and confined to his home at 81 Bagot Road. Visits from cobbers would be greatly appreciated.

Matt. Desmond, also of Subiaco, has had a spell in Ward XI. He expects to be home again shortly.

We regret to report the passing during September of Herbert Russell Beaver. The deceased ex-service man enlisted at the age of 18 and served overseas with the 4th Field Company of Engineers. He was only 38 years of age when the final call came. We join with his comrades of the Subiaco sub-branch in extending sincere sympathy to Mrs. Beaver and her three children in their bereavement, and to other relatives of our comrade.

Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville reports:—We met George Casey in the tram the other day looking very fit. He hopes to be back at work soon and has every appearance of it. We are sorry to say that George Cooper was only home a few days when he had to go into No. 2 Ward again. He is his old cheery self, quite content to obey the doctor's order, but chafing under the restraint which illness has put on his active body. He would like to see as many of his old cobbers as possible. Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Ferguson would like to record their thanks for the many little kindnesses shown to them by our senior vice-president; he has been a good friend in lots of ways and they are extremely grateful. Wally Fletcher is still confined to bed and would be pleased to see any old comrade any day.

R.G.H.—The Listening Post (18th September 1936) commiserates with Bassendean on the loss of W. Grieve, the former president of the sub-branch who has been transferred to the goldfields. The Bassendeanery really deserves tenfold sympathy now that Padre Vine has succeeded to the chair. Fancy finishing a strenuous meeting on the water wagon! (We do not agree with our correspondent. The fruit of the vine isn't so watery as all that. Anyway, isn't there a well-known song about the wagon wheels being broken?—Ed., L.P.)

Carlisle Diggers were sorry to learn of the unfortunate accident which has put Fred Jarvis (Suffolk Regiment) in Ward X of the Perth Hospital. Fred was helping a neighbour build a house, together with other good souls, when he fell from the roof and sustained severe injuries. One and all wish him a speedy recovery.

At the meeting of the State Executive on September 23, it was unanimously agreed that Sir Gilbert Dyett should be nominated as Federal President, and the
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officers be nominated for other Executive positions, by the W.A. Branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A.

The State President has received a letter from the senior vice-president (Archdeacon C. L. Riley), who is now in England. Archdeacon Riley sent his best wishes for a successful Congress.

At the meeting of the State Executive on September 23, it was agreed that the State President (Mr. A. YeaTes) be nominated delegate to the 8th Biennial Conference of the B.E.S.L.

The Rev. E. H. O. Nye, who rejoins the State Executive after a lapse of several years, needs no introduction to readers of this paper. He was attached to the 59th Battalion of Pompey Elliott's Brigade during the fighting in France, and, since the War, apart from his League activities, he has been president of the Methodist Conference, a director of the Y.M.C.A., one of the original padres of ToC H in this State, a prop and pillar of the Boy Scout movement, and rendered a host of other useful services. Unfortunately his renewed connection with the State Executive will not be a long one, as he expects to leave the State in February next, on transfer to Victoria, his native State.

Lieut.-Colonel T. C. Fairley, M.C., one of the new members of the State Executive, was a captain in the 48th Battalion at the end of the War. While abroad, he was severely wounded at Bullecourt and the winner of the Military Cross. Peace did not sever his connection with the Australian Military Forces. After his return to Australia, he linked up with the 16th and commanded the battalion until it was disbanded under the retrenchment scheme of a few years back. In League matters, he has also played a prominent part, having been country vice-president one year, and for many years secretary and mainspring of the Kalgoorlie sub-branch.

Mr. J. M. Anderson, the other new delegate to the State Executive, is president of the Nedlands sub-branch, this being his second year in the chair. Those who were present at the Diggers' welcome to Lord Gowrie will remember the able speech Jimmy made on that occasion. As he is employed in the Commonwealth Electoral Department, it was rather like turning the tables when J. M. was placed among those elected.

Western Australian Diggers, and the general public alike, will be sorry to learn that Colonel H. B. Collett has been seriously ill, as the result of a heart seizure just as he was about to leave Canberra on a trip home. Mrs. Collett was sent for, and pending her arrival at Canberra, the Colonel has been looked after by Senator Alan McDonald. At latest report, the Colonel was making satisfactory progress.

Deep sympathy is extended to two members of the Claremont sub-branch: J. Hatchet, on the recent loss of his wife, and P. Millward, on the death of his mother.

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at Lone Pine and, on his return to Australia, was secretary of the Victorian Recruiting Committee for the remainder of the War. Sir Gilbert is still a bachelor. That, one thinks, is a matter which might receive attention at the next women's auxiliary conference. It is still Leap Year, ladies!

The ballroom of Anzac House is now adorned by a portrait of Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs, painted by the eminent Australian artist, Ernest Buckmaster. The painting is one of the five portraits in oils of prominent citizens of the State, done by Mr. Buckmaster during his recent visit to Western Australia. It is a full-length portrait in which General Hobbs is depicted in field service uniform, with ribbons and sword, seated against a grey background. The finely handled and effective likeness of the General imparts an impression of vitality which impresses the beholders with his alert personality. The unveiling of the portrait was performed by the State President (Mr. A. Yeates), in the presence of the artist, General Hobbs, distinguished visitors and Congress delegates, on the opening morning of Congress, September 30.

Peter Ross, who did not seek re-election to this State Executive this year, has had a long and active association with the West Perth sub-branch. He was 25 years in the service of the W.A. Government Railways, and 13 years with the Workers' Homes Board. During the War he served overseas in a railway unit. Though he has retired from both the Executive and the Public Service, Peter still serves the public. At present he is doing his bit in connection with a voluntary contributions scheme for the Perth General Hospital.

Colonel and Mrs. E. L. Margolin left the State early this month on a holiday trip to the Eastern States and New Zealand.

Mr. F. J. ("Snowy") Charlesworth, at present in the Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick, Sydney, is anxious to get in touch with Al. Pope, who served with him overseas in the 10th A.S.C. Snowy desires to verify an incident on service to help him with his pension claim, and requires Al's testimony. It is believed that Al. Pope did some boxing in Perth about 1914 or 1915. Will anyone knowing his present address please communicate with the State Secretary.

Bill Menkens, accompanied by his wife and family, has left on a six months health trip to the Eastern States and New Zealand. Being a cricket enthusiast, he intends to see the Tests. Mrs. Menkens has also been far from well of late, and the trip should benefit both.

Madame Bennett Wilkinson speaks in glowing terms of the generosity of the J. C. Williamson Co. through Mr. Mitchell, the manager. She has been able to organise parties of invalid soldiers for the Gondoliers, The Mikado, The Yeoman of the Guard, The Pirates of Penzance, and Iolanthe. Lemnos, Edward Millen, Wards X and XI, and Lucknow patients were admitted. Those unable to walk were kindly motored by Miss McNicol and Mr. J. M. Firkin. Mr. Nicol, of the Luxor Theatre, kindly admitted patients every Saturday afternoon and every week some from Lemnos attended the Regent picture shows.

Congratulations to two Perth ex-service men on producing the winning design for the King George V Memorial to be erected in Brisbane. The authors of the design were Mr. R. Summerhayes, architect, who served with the Imperial Forces during the War, and Mr. E. H. Kohler, sculptor, a Digger who developed his art since the Armistice. The sculptor is a 51st Battalion man who ended the War as a Lewis-gun instructor at the Australian Corps Schools. He has been sculpturing in Perth for the past two years, and it is good to see that he is beginning to come into his kingdom.

Just as we were beginning to know and appreciate him, Commander J. C. McFarlane, who succeeded Commander Griffiths-Bowen as District Naval Officer at the beginning of the year, has been transferred to Victoria. Commander McFarlane is a Victorian by birth and trans-
ferred from the Royal Navy to the Royal
Australian Navy when the latter was
formed. During his war service he took
part in the fight between the Sydney and the
Emden. When he leaves us he will
carry away all good wishes for his future
success and happiness.

Well known to members of Anzac
Club and others, A. G. ("Tiger") Kemp
died suddenly on October 7. The
decesed served in the War with the Royal
Field Artillery, and had been in this
State a number of years. He was struck
on the head by a swinging derrick while
working on the Geraldton wharf about
five years ago, and the injuries then sus-
tained were responsible for the physical
complications which eventually caused
his death. Of late years he was com-
missonaire and car-watcher at Anzac
House, until ill-health compelled him to
relinquish the job.

CONGRESS PERSONALITIES

Congress this year was conducted in
the usual atmosphere of good-fellowship
not unmixed with a certain amount of
hilarity at times. Many of the old faces
were seen again. The Church Militant
was represented by Rabbis Freedman and
Padres Vine, Purdy and the Rev. E. H.
O. Nye. Padre Nye, a former member
of the State Executive, and a regular at-
tendant at Congress, who was again elected
to the Executive. Colonel E. H. J.
Nicholson raised his voice on behalf of
soldier settlers. The old firm of Stuch-
bury and May placed the views of Col-
lie before Congress in their usual force-
ful manner. For what we believe is the
first time in the history of Congress the
teaching profession was represented. F.
Berthold and Roy Potts came all the way
from Kalgooerie for the occasion, and
their utterances on educational matters
always commanded attention. J. S.
Whittem (Marquis of Torbay) showed
that the landed aristocracy had not yet
lost its punch.

We were able to greet many old
friends from the country sub-branches—
Ted Randolph, of Merredin, A. E. Mur-
ray, of Bunbury, J. Watt, of Mt. Mag-
net, and others too numerous to men-
tion. The Parliamentary delegation com-
prised: the Hon. Jas. Cornell, M.L.C.,
Mr. Speaker, A. H. Fenton, and Messrs.
Warner, Thorn and Seward. Many old-
timers were conspicuous by their absence.
We missed the genial faces of Dick Law,
Ross Harwood, T. G. Retalick and Charlie
Hemming, though Dick Law did renew
old friendships in the Club before Con-
gress ended. To make up for those un-
fortunately absent, Returned Army
Nurses graced Congress with their pre-
sence for the first time in the history of
the W.A. Branch. The new Nurses' sub-
branch was ably represented by Mes-
dames H. L. Downe and L. W. Hether-
ington.

A VETERAN RETIRES

This year's Congress saw the retire-
ment of Mr. A. E. Pady, J.P., well-
known in Fremantle as a member of the
League, one of the 28th, a veteran cricket
umpire and a Justice of the Peace. Hav-
ning served on every State Executive since
the foundation of the League, Alf Pady
has decided to take a well-earned rest.
In refusing nomination for another term,
he told Congress delegates, "As Shakes-
peare, or Dryblower, or some one said: 'Super-
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cutive before Congress, Mr. Cornell

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moved, and Colonel Olden seconded a motion, That we record appreciation of the very long and faithful service rendered to the Executive by Mr. A. E. Pady. The motion was carried with acclamation. A similar resolution, moved by Mr. Murray (Bunbury), and seconded by Mr. Doug. Foreman (Osborne Park), and supported by the State President and other speakers, was carried with acclamation by Congress. Mr. Pady suitably responded. League members will join with The Listening Post in wishing him all the best for the future.

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R.G.H.:—The Listening Post (18th September, 1936) reports good staff work on the part of the Manjimup Road Board in selecting a 10th Light Horseman to run the “Borough.” Jack Smith got his road building experience riding over the Wadi Ghuzze in Palestine. He should be a good cream tester also, as he milked quite a few of the Arab goats there to. If he didn’t he wasn’t in the Tenth.

Collie sub-branch won the Newdegate Cup this year. The reason the Collie lads shifted the guns and other horrible reminders of war from the parks was that they wanted to make room for the Newdegate Cup.

The nineteenth hole was a stumbling-block to many of those who competed for the R.S.L. Golf Cup at Lake Karrinyup on the Sunday after Congress. Asked a sergeant-major friend was he going out to the links, but he told me he intended to stay at home. Golf to him was “too much like hockey at the ‘alt.”

During one of the debates at Congress, the mover of a motion was repeatedly called to order for indirect references to European Powers. At last, in despair, he asked: “Can I mention Hitler?” “No,” interjected a soldier settler, “but you can mention Alex. McCallum.”

At the Soldier Settlers’ Conference, James Whiteman (Marquis of Torbay) opposed the idea of increasing the bonus on fox scalps. “The foxes are the farmers’ best friends in our district,” declared the Marquis. “They eat up all the rabbits.” Unfortunately, as other delegates pointed out, in the districts that are too dry to support rabbit life, the foxes attack lambs.

Melville sub-branch is holding a dance in the hall opposite the Canning Bridge Hotel on October 29, for which tickets are being sold at the rate of two shillings a time. The proceeds will be devoted to amelioration purposes. A good orchestra has been engaged and other amusements will be provided for those who are too tired to dance. There will be plenty of transport to waft the revellers back to their homes after the ball is over. Tickets and further particulars may be obtained from the energetic Teddy Warner of the Public Works Department.

The community concerts in Anzac House have been one of the most popular features of the season. Paul Daly, who leads the singing and tells the new ones, is always ready to spring a surprise. At a recent concert he produced one that was greatly appreciated. The audience little expected they were to have the pleasure of hearing the talented Western Australian singer, Lulu Potter, there. Lulu sang amazingly well and the heartiness of the applause left no doubt of the pleasure she gave listeners. We owe her a deep debt of gratitude for her kindly action in coming along. There was record attendance at the concert during Show Week.

The chief characteristic of the Digger is his sense of humour, and a sense of humour is based on a broad spirit of tolerance. Under ordinary circumstances, most Diggers would regard the activities of one, W. S. Tracy, and his hysterical fulminations against Jews with the proverbial smile of contempt. Unfortunately, at least one of the local papers, has given Mr. Tracy publicity quite beyond his importance, and treated him as an eminent public personage instead of dismissing him altogether as a verbose mischief-maker.

In alleging that the Russian Bolshevik leaders were all, or for the most part, Jews, Mr. Tracy, like an obedient parrot, repeated a similar utterance by Herr Hitler. Both statements were refuted almost the next day by the Chief Rabbi of the British Empire who showed that all but two of the 19 Soviet leaders were Gentiles. But that’s a mere detail to one bent upon stirring up unnecessary strife in a peaceful community. One of these fine days, Mr. Tracy will be shown in no unmistakable manner that Australia will not tolerate basher gangs, whether their shirts are red or blue.

In our last issue, we promised to give the details of Gnowangerup’s charges of overcharging against The Listening Post, and our own reply. Mr. Stewart, Gnowangerup’s representative at Congress, did his best to elaborate a poor case, but when it was pointed out that the Congress agenda was printed in the paper at the direction of Congress, and that Congress was aware of the probable cost, the attack crumbled. The State Secretary informed Congress that the amount charged for the printing was five pounds below a quotation obtained from the Master Printers’ Association. Congress was obviously convinced. Not one vote was recorded in favour of Gnowangerup’s motion, and that is sufficient vindication for us. Under the circumstances, we have no desire to labour the point any further.

CONGRESS REPORTS

As The Listening Post goes to press earlier in the month, the full report of the proceedings of the recent State Congress was not ready in time for inclusion in this issue. The resolutions of the Soldier Settlers’ Conference, and the more important reports will be found on other pages, and the report of the main Congress will be published in our next.

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It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to this, our Ninth Annual Conference. For two days the delegates from our 76 auxiliaries will confer together. At the conclusion of Congress we hope that each will return to her own auxiliary with a deeper understanding of our formation and full determination to inspire the other members to renewed devotion in R.S.L. work. To those sub-branches who have not been previously represented at Conference, I extend special welcome, and trust that your contact with other auxiliaries will enrich your knowledge of the service required as an auxiliaries to the League.

If our work is to justify our formation it is for us to adhere strictly to the aims and objects of the R.S.L. They are virtually our marching orders and the more we study them the more opportunity we find in them for usefulness.

As we all know, the primary object of the League is to perpetuate the ties of friendship formed during the Great War, and to set an example of public spirit and noble-heartedness to our younger members. The more effective will the League become. It has been the friend of the ex-service man and the guardian of his rights and welfare since the close of the War. We, as auxiliary members, should do all we can, not only to increase membership in the League, but to assist our own sub-branch to be the most live and practical organisation in our district. The ties of friendship bind together the wives and mothers of our returned men and of those who returned not. Out of the common memory of war years, with their anxiety and sorrow, and their aftermath of ill-health, disabilities and depression, has arisen the strength of the R.S.L. auxiliaries. Many a woman has found her own burden lighten by service to others, while others, more fortunate, by giving of their means and leisure to discover a new happiness in charity work. Inter-branch socials and rallies are becoming increasingly popular throughout our auxiliaries and prove excellent in promoting friendship among members.

To preserve the memory of those who suffered and died for the Nation, and to establish in their honour an annual commemoration day, is an aim which the R.S.L. of Western Australia worthily upholds. The solemn and impressive Dawn Service and the subsequent local parades and services give to the League much of its inspiration to carry on from year to year. The woman's part on that day ends not with her attendance at the services. By precept and example she must keep Anzac Day as one of remembrance, otherwise how can we expect our children to observe it? In remembering those who have paid the supreme sacrifice, we will certainly never forget those who still remain with us, sick, disabled and blind. The Education Department of Western Australia are to be congratulated on their Anzac Commemoration broadcast to schoolchildren. It was so conceived as to convey an Anzac message, impressive to both young and old.

The object of providing for the sick, wounded and needy among those who served brings the members of the R.S.L. auxiliaries into a sphere where they are well nigh indispensable. Every sub-branch reports will show how the soldier patients in both metropolitan and country hospitals are being remembered by weekly visits, concert parties, motor outings and Christmas Cheer. It is just over a year since we paid our first visit of investigation to the Old Men's Home. Since then the lives of these premature aged ex-service men have been considerably brightened by outings, visits and gifts; a sub-committee of the R.S.L. have now under serious consideration the problem of a suitable retreat for those whose numbers will now steadily increase. Although eighteen years has almost passed since the end of the War, the repatriation hospitals and others still have their war patients. Some have been there nearly all the time; others intermittently, with many of them, the strain of war-time service is only now being felt, but with very bare results. No matter what repatriation benefits may come to those who have been there, there is one thing always needful to them: namely, remembrance.

Amelioration is still necessary. A joint committee of sub-branch and auxiliary members, but each operating on its own funds, seems the most satisfactory way of dealing with the work. There must be complete understanding between the two organisations and it is the general practice for the auxiliary to take over the care and needs of the women and children. In districts where there is no amelioration required I would direct your notice to the West Australian Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. Practically the only source of revenue for this is the sale of poppies, and donations to the fund would assist in bringing it nearer the sum required.

At present there is a balance of what had been hoped for. The fund will not be drawn upon until 1946, and if fully subscribed to should prove of great benefit to many ex-service men in the evening of their lives.

In guarding the good name and interests of returned soldiers there is much that we can do. Whenever it is in our power to create work for or give preference to returned soldiers we should do it. The disabilities suffered by them, financially as well as physically, become more pronounced with their advancing years. Many are faced with the fact that their families are also being handicapped, as they are unable to afford for them all the educational advantages that they may merit. We lack in loyalty to the League if we fail to further the interests of the wives and children of the deceased and disabled. It is gratifying to find that the auxiliaries continue to respond so well to the Soldiers' Scholarship Trust Fund. The more financial support this fund receives the greater benefits it can give for the education of incapacitated and deceased soldiers' children.

As it is the desire of R.S.L. members to serve Australia in the same spirit of self-sacrifice and loyalty as they did during their war service, so it should be with us. The needs of our sub-branch, hospital patients, and their dependents are our first consideration, and the funds raised within our organisation must be directly applied for their benefit. But our duty is also to set an example of loyalty and service in our own community, in whatever form it be required. District hospitals have directly benefited from the interest and assistance of the local sub-branch and its auxiliary. Members have pledged

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Machine gunners are reminded that the annual reunion of the Association will be held at Gregson's, 32 King Street, Perth, on Friday, October 30, at 8 p.m. At the annual general meeting which will precede the reunion it will be necessary to elect the office-bearers for the current year. When this important matter has been completed, it is hoped that the remaining business will be speedily disposed of and provide ample time for the entertainment to follow. The usual high standard will be maintained and all attending can look forward to an enjoyable evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all machine gunners.

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In addition provision has been made under Division 115 of the main Estimates for the following expenditure in Western Australia:

- (a) Repairs: £3,000
- (b) Rates, taxes, etc.: £1,800
- Total: £4,800

The total provision in this year’s Estimates therefore amounts to £42,540, to which should be added £1,000 for interest on sums lodged by purchasers in excess of instalments, and £8,205 being renumeration to the Workers’ Homes Board.

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ARCHBISHOP RILEY MEMORIAL SHIELD COMPETITIONS

A goodly array of representatives of the State Executive and metropolitan sub-branches thronged the Perth sub-branch's new rooms in King Street on September 22, to see the homeric contests between Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville and Nedlands, in the inter-zone final of the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield Competitions. By defeating Nedlands, Mt. Hawthorn won the shield for the third year in succession, and the sub-branch set a standard which is hard to beat. The winners have been fortunate in having such good players in the sub-branch, and, with one or two exceptions, the players have been members of the sub-branch since its foundation, or have never played with any other sub-branch. In the zone matches, the rifle-shooting team suffered defeat at the hands of Bayswater and North Perth, while the table tennis players were out-pointed by Mt. Lawley and Perth. The bridge, quoits and draughts teams went through the season without defeat.

In the final, the tennis team had to bow the knee to the Nedlands champions, but the other teams carried the sub-branch to the victory which was won by 8 points to 2. Roy Peterson was Mt. Hawthorn's general utility man. He fired with the rifle team and only once missed registering the possible. He played in all but one of the tennis matches, and was never absent from the quoits team. Bill Stone, the champion of the quoits team, made a break of 105 against Nedlands. This constitutes a record for the games, the previous best being 103 by a Gloucester Park player. Bill did not play in any other sections, as quoits is his hobby. Tom Campbell fired in all the matches, registering a possible every time. As he was the last of the six to shoot, this was no mean performance. The sub-branch is greatly indebted to Tom Campbell, who acted throughout as sports director. Congratulations are also due to the captains of the several teams: Messrs. Rowles, Devine, Young, Matson and Fred Barrett. Secretary Fred Charles is also entitled to his need of praise for his work in connection with the scoring sheets. His methods, we understand, have now been adopted by other sub-branches.

Socially, the competitions are productive of much good. They bring the members of sub-branches together, and, as a medium for League propaganda, have been responsible for the enrolment of many new members. Mt. Hawthorn will entertain the Nedlands teams and representatives of other teams in the zone, at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall on October 29.

YEALERING

While president Johnny Lawton was representing the sub-branch at Congress, the cricketers went into action under the command of secretary Roy Kerr, their opponents being the redoubtable lads from the Lakes. Les Cole, who opened the batting with Ossy Gilman, made the top score of the day, a neat 31, and his prowess behind the wicket was responsible for the dismissal of four of the enemy. Our Yealering correspondent assures us that it was a great match. It must have been played in the true spirit of sportsmanship, for he forgot to say who won. The main thing was that the men enjoyed themselves and the ladies ably acquitted themselves on the social side. There was a record attendance of 36 at the meeting, and the spirit of the League is strong in Yealering.

OSBORNE PARK

The surprise visit paid by a few members to Ben Branch, of Waterloo Street, resulted in a very enjoyable evening which was greatly appreciated by the surprised party. Ben, who is prevented from attending meetings through his war disabilities, would welcome visits from members at any old time. At the fortnightly meeting, the convener of the A.R.M.S. games (Mr. J. J. Nicolls) announced the names of the winners of individual games and plans were discussed for the new season. It has been decided to hold a Halloween party on October 31. The programme will include dancing and games of a unique character for which prices will be awarded, and a very pleasant evening is anticipated.

DOWERIN

The September meeting was held at Bjandring. In the absence of the president, the chair was taken by the vice-president (Mr. L. Brown). The sympathy of members and residents of the district has been extended to the president and his good wife in their recent bereavement. The bad rain and the rise in wheat prices have put local farmers in much better spirits. The sub-branch is now working on a plan to perpetuate the memory of the late Sister Ruth Jones, one of whose brothers is a member of the sub-branch, and whose family resides in the district. Members spoke highly of an article in "The Listening Post" regarding the late Sister Jones and her self-sacrificing work on behalf of wounded men. Bill Menkens, of Maylands, has been holding a meeting at Minnivan where he had opportunities of meeting a few of the local Diggers. He seems to have benefited by his vacation.

DARLING RANGE

On September 19, Dudley North took the presidential chair for the first meeting of his tenure of office. Arrangements were made for entertaining the women's auxiliary on September 26. The question, "Is military training necessary?" will be debated at the meeting on October 17. The usual social ended the proceedings. "Betsy" punched the piano; the president sang "The Trumpeter" and the voice of Fred Fox was heard in the band. The only representative of the Silent Service was also a performer. The ball was arranged as a cabaret for the entertainment to the women's auxiliary on September 26. Musical items, recitations and games were sandwiched in between the toasts, and it is expected that this pleasant evening will be the forerunner of many more.

COLLIE

A considerable increase of membership has occurred during the past twelve months. Dances conducted by the sub-branch and women's auxiliary continue to be well attended. Recently the auxiliary conducted a very successful children's party. They now hope to establish a new record on Poppy Day. Preparations are in hand for the Carnival of All Sports on December 31 and January 1. The organiser (Jim Giblett) is a very hard-worked man these days. There are vacancies on the nomination lists for ex-service men.

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pedestrians and cyclists. Harry May puts in much hard work on pension cases. The sub-branch was gratified to learn that an increase in a Canadian pension had been secured. An endeavour is being made to have the local war memorial floated.

WEST LEDDERSVILLE- WEMBLEY
The sub-branch social was very successful.
A large number of members and their families and members of the auxiliary attended. It is hoped that in future such events will be more frequent. Congratulations are offered to our neighbors at A.R.M. Shield again; members had great hopes of being able to hang it on our own wall. Our own teams improved wonderfully during the year and future prospects appear to be very bright. At the last meeting the games captain (Ted Flanagan) received congratulations from the members for the manner in which he organised the teams and games. Speaking of congratulations, Harold Lee, also 'saw us off' in fine style, with hearty congratulations from members on the new arrival, another son. A toy will have to be provided for this youngest son at the Christmas Tree, which is fixed for Saturday, December 19. Tickets for the raffle are now available. If each member sells one book of 25 tickets, the success of the raffle is assured and funds will be available to meet our heavy Christmas expenditure. It will soon be necessary to make arrangements for Poppy Day. Any member's wife or daughter who is willing to help sell the poppies either locally or in the city is asked to get in touch with the president or secretary.

A special appeal is made to our Wembley ladies to help canvass the suburbs as, owing to the rapid expansion in the area, it will be necessary to have extra workers this year. The first round of sub-branch games took place on September 28. The games will be spread over five nights. The second round was contested on meeting night, October 12; the third round will occur on Monday, October 26, and the fourth on November meeting night, and the last November 30. Trophies for these competitions have been promised by Councillor Caddy and Mr. Fred Gulley. Two of our members have been in hospital recently: Messrs. Peters and Northover. Both are at present convalescent after undergoing operations. Seen at the football recently was one of our old members, "Jimmy" James, in company with Bill Haines and "Taffy" Williams. "Jimmy" is unable to get out much these days, but made kind inquiries regarding old members. Our secretary has his hands full as, in addition to sub-branch matters, he is busy with the Sons who meet every second Tuesday, and like all live bodies make plenty of work for a secretary. The boys are very enthusiastic and some very efficient, noisily at table tennis and snooker. The fond fathers intended to demonstrate to the boys how games are played. This was done, but it is apparent that in the future some of the boys will be showing the "Old Uns" how the games should be played. Masters Ingle and Piggott are showing good promise at the snooker, whilst at table tennis Masters McCulloch and Watt play an excellent game. The number of financial members in the sub-branch is now 106—the latest recruits being Jimmy Everett, of the 44th Battalion; D. J. Findlay, of the 1st Division Signallers; and E. Tonkinson, late of Nelsed. Our auxiliary Children's Ball was a huge success, both socially and financially, and members are to be congratulated on their effort.

MUNTADGIN
About 24, including two new members, attended the quarterly general meeting in the hall at Muntadgin on September 19. Secretary Ross Keasing reported very satisfactory progress. Members' Badges stand at 30. A series of card parties at Muntadgin concluded on October 10. In consequence of a movement for closer unity with the Totaton districts, it was decided to request authority to alter the designation of the sub-branch to Muntadgin-Totaton sub-branch and to hold quarterly meetings alternately in each centre. Mr. J. Spence was elected president of the Totaton section. The sub-branch was represented at the recent military ball by the president (Mr. H. A. Hill) and the secretary (Ross Keasing); and at the Anzac Ball by Messrs. R. Keasing and L. Dalton. The committee is grateful to Mrs. Squire Fletcher who attended the ladies at a bridge evening while the troops wrestled with Congress agenda items. The annual smoke social will be held on November 7.

WEST PERTH
The annual smoke social was held in Anzac House on August 28. Mr. W. Price (president of the sub-branch) was in the chair. The guests included Sir William Latham, W. H. Parker, M.L.C., the Deputy Director of Post and Telegraphs (Colonel S. R. Roberts), the Public Service Commissioner (Mr. G. W. Simpson), the president of the Civil Service Association (Mr. F. J. McAdam), and the secretary of the Civil Service Association (Mr. T. G. Hayden), the State president of the R.S.L. (Mr. A. Yeates) and Mr. Heath from responding to the toast of The State Executive of the League, proposed by Mr. W. J. Earnshaw, Mr. Yeates spoke of the increase of the work of the League as years go by. After enumerating efforts which had been made by the various sub-committee during the depression, he stated that 1,760 persons had received assistance from the amelioration committee during the past year. In addition each sub-branch had its own amelioration funds from which local cases of necessity were relieved. The toast of the West Perth sub-branch was proposed by Mr. Parker in a humorous speech, and responded to by Mr. Bob Tyler. Mr. G. H. Philp proposed the health of the visitors and sub-branches. Sir William Latham, Messrs. F. J. McAdam, J. Heath, F. W. Bate- son and G. W. Simpson responded. During the evening, at which there was a large gathering, Mr. W. F. Earnshaw, the past president, was presented with the League Certificate of Service.

VICTORIA PARK
A most enjoyable evening was the opinion of all who attended the monthly meeting. President Fred Matthews kept things going smoothly and business was soon over. A letter was read from the State Executive, with congratulations for splendid increase in membership. Bob Alexander, past president, sent a letter from Adelaide, stating that he had been presented with the Freedom of the City, but everything else had to be paid for. The secretary (Jack Matthews) is kept very busy enrolling new members and explaining constitutional matters, badges, crowns and other things one should know. Dr. Cyril Bryan attended the meeting and addressed the gathering. It is hoped that more mistakes have been made in writing our journals, telling how our streets were named and of humorous and bloodthirsty deeds of early explorers. Bob Lawson and Harry Taylor moved the very hearty vote of thanks that was accorded to the speaker. The social committee handed round refreshments which were very acceptable. The women's auxiliary have won the Hopperon Cup this year. Well done, ladies. We are very proud of you all.

BASSENDEN
Over 600 persons attended the children's fancy dress and poster ball in the BasSENDEN Town Hall on September 24. The success of the function must have been very gratifying to the social committee, the general secretary and capable M.C. (Mr. A. V. Rose), who was ably assisted by Mrs. Fraser. The judges (Mesdames Vine, Dorrington, Chalmers and McGauley) had a difficult task in picking the winners during the colourful spectacle of the grand march. The task, however, was made easier by the aid of Bas送den business firms, who donated nearly 40 prizes. The committee is also proud of the fact that the popular admission price of sixpence was sufficient to cover the costs of supper and other refreshments. The supper arrangements were ably carried out by the ladies of the auxiliary, assisted by Messrs. F. Smith, Neilson and Fenwick. This is the second successful function the sub-branch has

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sponsored this year, the other being the summer picnic. Members are asked to nominate early for the competitions which will soon be starting again and a smoke social will be held about November 20.

SUBIACO
On September 26 the sub-branch, with many members of the auxiliary, tendered a complimentary social to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Williamson, who came from Darlington for the occasion. Musical items were provided by several artists. Mr. Huntley officiated at the new piano. Dancing was indulged in and a good supper was provided by the ladies who did the job handsomely. The president (Colonel Mitchell) in a speech, expressed the good will of all members of the sub-branch and presented Ben with a case of handsome pipes. Mr. L. Downe, as a sub-branch member and in his capacity as Mayor of Subiaco, heartily endorsed the remarks of the president. Mrs. Downe, as president of the women's auxiliary, made a nice little speech and presentation to Mrs. Williamson, thanking her for the measure of sacrifice which was no doubt made in allowing her husband the time spent at a second of sub-branch. In responding (after much applause), Ben said that, had he been aware of the impending presentations, he might have found some (lawful) excuse to absent himself. However, he thanked all for their kind words and thought, and hoped that he would be back into his old job when circumstances permitted. Mrs. Williamson also suitably responded and sincerely thanked the members of the auxiliary for the good will which was expressed. Another social evening will be held on Saturday, October 24. On October 27 and 29 members will assist the auxiliary with the Fete to be held in the Municipal Gardens. Six new members: Messrs. Musgrove, White, Wilson, Duncan, Pigott and Lester, were enrolled at the monthly meeting on October 1. The roll shows that the membership is close to the 100 mark. Conditions have been fixed for the individual games championships which will be held on October 8.

BOYANUP JUNCTION
There was a good attendance at September's meeting which was presided over by the president, E. P. (Joe) Eclestone. An appeal from headquarters to make a special membership drive in this district was received. The meeting decided to comb the district for new members. It was agreed that the Diggers hold a juvenile sports meeting at Christmas time.

BALLIDU
A successful social was held on October 3. The guests were members' wives who had assisted the sub-branch at the last function. Those present were asked to support the "Chinese Garden" which will blossom on November 17.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE
Sub-branch meetings still attract a fair attendance of members, but there are quite a number of tardy ones we would like to see resume their visits. The meetings are made quite interesting by the diversions which are introduced and good debates are required sometimes to thrash things out to a satisfactory conclusion. Five new members were enrolled for the month of September. At the last meeting Fred Charles, our co-delegate for the Auxiliary, presented an interim report. The Soldiers' Memorial Hall is still a money spinner. It is open every night in the week, Sunday included. A Poppy Day committee is to be formed to put forward new ideas and revive old ones to push the sales of the little flower of remembrance. One who looks pleased at present is the chairman of the social committee, who is making quite a pot at the weekly dances. We intend to knock that smile off his face when he has to stump up to meet our entertainment bill when the Shield comes home again.

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD
The heat, and the turmoil, of the twentieth Congress has subsided and our rebs. returned home, if not mental wrecks, physical ones. Old soldiers were never built, nor meant, to grow corns on their rearguards. Minitketh there was a resolution passed in 1935 to supply air cushions—in any case it's too late now. Our reps. had no arguments to put up, but thoroughly enjoyed seeing the poor unfortunates who did, come either a "prontol" or "stomkery" by somebody else. The monthly meeting was well attended and after a spot of business Dug Cummings treated us to a lecture on his prison of war experiences in Germany. Gardening enthusiasts better get their locations in order "pronto" as a sub-committee has been appointed to organise the arrangements for the allocation of the cup. A large body of enthusiasts have started their preparations for Poppy Day, and if there are any others anxious to assist the secretary will be glad to welcome them.

CARLISLE
By "McTootle"
President Harold Nicol welcomed three more new members: J. Little (2nd Wilt.), H. Westcott (East Kents.), and T. C. Claxon (28th Batt.) at the monthly general meeting of the Carlisle sub-branch on October 1. The steady increase in membership is very pleasing and satisfying to committee members and other members who are working so hard in the interests of the League, and we trust that this happy state of affairs will continue. A successful social was held on October 7, the president (Mr. P. T. Prince) being in the chair. The chairman welcomed Messrs. A. S. Hewby and J. F. Parker as new members of the sub-branch. A letter was received from the town clerk (Mr. G. Christmas), thanking the sub-branch for its donation of a brass plate to be placed under the portrait of Captain H. V. Throssell, V.C., in the Town Hall, and stating that the plate had been affixed. The State secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson) wrote advising that the Buckland re-purchased estate would be reviewed by the Revaluation Board in the near future. In a further letter, the State secretary intimated that the State Executive, which had passed a minute expressing appreciation of the services of the secretary (Mr. G. G. Curlew) since 1920, in reply to a query by the secretary, a letter was received from the secretary of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust (Mr. J. R. Fitzpatrick). Scholarships, the letter stated, were available as follows to the children of deceased and incapacitated ex-soldiers—Modern School, The "IDEAL" Plaster Board Plain and Ornamental Interior Decorations, Garden Furniture, Wash Troughs, etc.

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granted as the result of a competitive examination held in October each year. Candidates must be over 21 and under 14 years of age as at December 31 of the year in which the scholarship is awarded, and must have passed the sixth standard. District High Schools: Conditions similar to those for the Modern School. Narrogin School of Agriculture: Candidates must not be less than 21 years or more than 15 years of age. These scholarships are awarded by the Education Department on the recommendation of the Scholarship Trust. The scholarships are tenable for five years and carry an allowance of £24 per annum, provided that the income of the parents does not exceed £200 per annum. The meeting approved the recommendation of the committee that the celebration of Armistice Day (November 11) in Northam be on the same lines as last year. Poppies will be sold in the streets on Tuesday, November 10. At 11 a.m. on November 11, a silent ceremony of laying of wreaths will take place at the Honour Board at the hospital, and at 8 p.m. the smoke social will be held at the Avon Bridge Hotel.

CLAREMONT

Improved parking facilities were provided by the sub-branch for patrons attending the Royal Show. The arrangements were a complete success, and the orderly manner of the courteous staff of attendants, under the charge of Mr. E. Woodlands, reflected great credit on all concerned. Poppy Day procedure will be similar to that of last year. The Master of Ceremonies, "Dad" Barwood, will be on parade as usual, teaching youngers how to become the complete salesmen in one lesson. A pleasant and successful bridge evening was provided by the auxiliary in St. Andrew's Hall on September 18. At the monthly meeting on October 1, it was decided to conduct an all-day bus trip to Araluen on October 18. The "Emerald" will be chartered for a trip to Garden Island on November 22. The boat will leave Perth at 10 a.m., calling at Claremont and Fremantle, and returning to Perth at 7 p.m. The return trip will be 2/6 return, children half-price. A pleasant feature of the meeting on October 1 was the visit of a number of members of the 11th Battalion. Three new members were enrolled.

Sons of Soldiers' League
WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

The inaugural meeting was held on August 6. Mr. R. A. Nicholas, assistant State warden of the S.S.L., was present, and assisted in the formation of the sub-branch. Twenty Sons joined on the opening night, and at the meeting on October 6 the membership had reached 39. It was decided that a card evening be held in an endeavour to boost up finances. Members were asked to ascertain the number of persons who would be likely to attend.

After the meeting the evening was spent in games, table tennis, quoits, draughts, bowls and darts. Mr. Riley and two friends gave the lads boxing instruction. A number of soldiers residing in the district are urged to attend the next meeting, Tuesday, October 29, and join the sub-branch. Subscriptions are 2/6 per year. Meetings are held every second Tuesday.

CONFERENCE DOINGS

The opening of the ninth annual conference was preceded by a large attendance of the delegates at the War Memorial. A wreath of remembrance was laid by the State president (Mrs. J. McKinlay) and the tribute of silence observed by all present.

At 10.30 a.m. Conference was officially opened by the State president of the R.S.L. (Mr. A. Yeates). The presidential address by Mrs. J. McKinlay followed, proceedings being broadcast through the courtesy of 6AM. Lady Mitchell was present during the first session and handed over the Wilson and the Hopperton Cups to the winners for 1936. The winner of the former was Pingrup with a membership of 19, the runners-up being Gnowangerup and Mullewa. Victoria Park won the metropolitan trophy, with Mt. Hawthorn and Carlisle as runners-up, one mark each, the close competition necessitating a second judging. Reports followed, the first being that of the hon. State secretary (Mrs. Hopperton). After the adoption of the balance sheet it was decided by State executive members with approval of Conference that out of the general funds a donation be sent to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Pension Fund of £10/10/-. Branch reports showed considerable vitality, splendid service and sound financial positions in the auxiliaries. There was a record attendance of 94 delegates from 56 auxiliaries and representatives were present at Conference for the first time from Albany, Cranbrook, Bunbury, Busselton and Meekering. We were particularly pleased to welcome Lake Grace and Cottesloe again after an absence of some years.

During an official lunch at G.F.S. headquarters, a Certificate of Service was presented to Mrs. J. McKinlay. The afternoon was taken up with further reports, agenda items and election of office-bearers. Mesdames Shand and Kendall kindly acting as scrutineers, with Mr. J. Cornell as returning officer. The agenda was continued on Tuesday with a pleasant break in the afternoon, when Mr. Pearson, of the Repatriation Department, gave a talk upon the educational facilities available to the children of deceased and incapacitated returned soldiers. Mr. Pearson remained during the discussions on the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust Fund and answered many questions. The formal business of Conference concluded on Tuesday afternoon. Visitors to Conference included Mesdames Dean and Clear, of the F.U.S.W., Mrs. Lawrence, of the Maimed and Limbless Auxiliary, and Mr. A. Panton. Former executive members and many auxiliary members followed the proceedings with close interest, and we were happy to have them included in the official group photograph, taken at the entrance to Anzac House.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

During Conference week, social functions play a very important part, as there is little opportunity during the sitting of congress for members to converse and become acquainted. On Monday evening, the 28th September, the delegates were the guests of Mt. Hawthorn auxiliary. The relaxation was much needed.

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appreciated and no time was lost in members getting to know each other better, between dances and musical items. The North-East Fremantle 'Black Mammies' contributed to the programme. During supper, novelties from the exhibition were presented to Mesdames McKinlay, Hopperton and Pike. Mrs. McKinlay and country delegates thanked the members of Mr. Hawthorn for their hospitality and the happy evening.

The State executive were responsible for the entertainment to delegates at Anzac House on the following evening. There was a large attendance of auxiliary members, and the dancing was greatly enjoyed. It had been hoped to repeat the entire programme given by the State executive last June, but unfortunately illness among members prevented rehearsals of the play. Mrs. Hopper- ton gave her song and dance from "Miss Hook of Holland," which is always a favourite, and Mary Mac's kindergarten contributed the rest present entered into the spirit of the burlesque. Now country delegates are trying to decide whether their concert party will consist of "Black Mammies" or "Kindergarten Pupils.

The State Executive, in conjunction with Mr. and Mrs. Menkens, entertained delegates on the Wednesday evening to the Capitol Theatre. Thursday afternoon saw the supper room crowded to capacity, the occasion being the monthly meeting of the F. U. S. W. to which the 94 delegates at Conference were invited. An interesting talk upon the women of India was given by Mr. Dennis Dunbar, followed by musical items by Miss Thelma Berry, Mrs. E. Clear and Miss Mary Pilgrim. Recitations were contributed by Miss Jean O'Sullivan. During afternoon tea Mr. A. Yeates visited the supper room and addressed the gathering. Mrs. McKinlay thanked Mrs. H. Dean and the F. U. S. W. for their kindness. She was supported by Mrs. W. H. Hill, of Bridgetown.

As several delegates expressed a wish to see over Anzac House, Saturday afternoon was chosen. After the inspection, tea was served in the auxiliary room. On the Saturday evening delegates were the guests of the W.A. Trotting Association at Gloucester Park, while on the Monday forenoon opportunity was given those who still remained in the city to visit the new school for girls at East Perth. Hospitality was also extended to delegates by several auxiliaries who happened to have functions or meetings during the week. Goodbyes were said most reluctantly, but contact and friendships have been made which, during the coming year, will bear much good fruit for both town and country auxiliary members. We feel we understand each other so much better after our delightful week together.

A Successful Exhibition

Our fourth annual exhibition took place in Anzac House on Friday, September 25. From early morning stewards and exhibitors were busy arranging the entries and stall-holders their goods. The hall was taxed to its utmost capacity in regard to space for exhibits and presented a very fine show when everything was finally in place.

There was a large number of auxiliary members and the public present at the opening. In introducing Lady Mitchell, Mrs. McKinlay said that though the ideals of the auxiliaries were many, they were nevertheless a most practical organisation. The exhibition demonstrated how much home life, with good cooking, fine needlework and artistic hand-work meant to auxiliary members. Lady Mitchell expressed her admiration of the display and also her sympathy with all the projects which go to alleviate suffering caused through the War. Mrs. T. C. Wilson, the originator of the idea of the exhibition, moved a vote of thanks to Lady Mitchell. Also present on the platform were the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Lance Barrett), Mrs. H. L. Downe, Mrs. Hopperton and the exhibition committee, Mesdames Stockman, Pike, Gregor and Miss Hawtin, who deserved great praise for their excellent team work. Thanks to the efforts of the latter, all points were finalised so that trophies might be presented by Lady Mitchell. The winners were: Country Cup, for the most entries (in proportion to membership), Pin-up; Metropolitan Cup, Mt. Hawthorn; flowers, Mrs. Newmarsh; needlework, Mrs. George; Woolens, Mrs. Cassells; fruits, Mrs. McCabe; handicrafts, Mrs. Stockman; photographs, Mrs. Bishop; thrift, Mrs. George; auxiliary section, Mt. Hawthorn; Mrs. Board, cookery; Mrs. Winch, most outstanding exhibit.

Carlisle dispensed morning tea and a most appetising lunch in the supper room, while Nedlands catered for the dainty afternoon teas and excellent high tea in the evening. There were a few number of visitors to the exhibition at night and Miss Brehaut gave a clever musical turn. Mr. Blight once more obliged as auctioneer.

There were 1,050 exhibits this year. The judges, who so kindly gave of their time and expert knowledge, are Mrs. Mabel Pellow, Robertson and Rees, Misses Sheath, Russell and Southern, and Messrs. Panton, Flood, Smith and Rees. The final balance is over £24. Trophies were donated by Mrs. T. C. Wilson (Country Cup), Mrs. H. Hopperton (Metropolitan Cup), Mesdames McKinlay and Stockman, and the following firms: Bairds, Moors, Boan, Foy & Gibson, Aherns, Levinson, Faulding, Felton & Grimwade, Economic and Mr. Flood.

SUBIACO

There was a full attendance of members at the September meeting. New members were welcomed. Arrangements are now well in hand for the forthcoming garden fete to be held on October 29. There will be fun for old and young. A cake competition will be held, the prize being 6lbs. of Bushell's tea. Entry fee is 3d. and the competition is open to all. The sponge must contain Bushell's cocoa or coffee, coupon to accompany entry. A social evening in co-operation with the sub-associations, given to Mr. and Mrs. Williamson on September 26. The president presented Mrs. Williamson with an evening spray of red roses as a token of esteem from the members. On September 30 we paid our third monthly visit to the Old Men's Home.

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A sympathetic friend donated two prizes for the best volunteer items by the old soldiers. Items were also rendered by Mrs. Weare and Miss Jean Pipe. Boxes of home-made food, fruit and binnies were handed round, also books. The committee responsible for the afternoon were Mesdames Grose, Desmond, Hamley, Williams and Glegg.

**NORWOOD**

At the meeting on October 6, Mrs. A. Doran presided over an attendance of 31. The guest of the afternoon was Mrs. A. Connor. The auxiliary on the number of prizes gained at the recent exhibition. Arrangements are in hand for Poppy Day. Twenty-two members have accepted the invitation of the Mundaring auxiliary to an afternoon function. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3, at 2.30 p.m.

**VICTORIA PARK**

Meetings, which are held in the R.S.L. Hall, Salford Street, Victoria Park, on the Friday in each month at 7.30 p.m. are well attended. Several new members having joined us, and some former members have rejoined. The first of a series of quarterly socials took place on October 14 at 8 p.m. It was also decided to have an auxiliary bus picnic to Fairbridge Farm on Wednesday, October 21. Tickets to be paid for in advance. The fruit dish, donated by Mrs. Tolmie, was won by Mrs. I. Black with ticket No. 87. Members who attended the meeting were awarded prizes. The Auxiliary is pleased at the number of prizes won by members at the recent exhibition.

**MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE**

A successful exhibition of work, combined with a social, was held in the Memorial Hall, Oxford Street, on October 13. The monthly sports meetings for ladies are held after the monthly meetings. The Friday night old-time dances are still very popular. The ladies responsible for these arrangements, and the Diggers who help to serve supper, are to be congratulated.

**CARLISLE**

At the meeting on September 14, Congress items were considered and Mesdames Dyson and Coates were appointed delegates. Members attended the morning tea and luncheon at the recent Exhibition, at which the Auxiliary had a pantry stall. Two members won first prizes. Arrangements are in hand for a "Back to Childhood" ball on October 22, and a "Cracker" ball on November 3. The November meeting will be held in the Carlisle Hall on November 9, at 1.30 p.m.

**BEVERLEY**

The concert arranged by the auxiliary was responsible for filling the Town Hall. Councillor Caddy, of Perth, wielded the baton for the community singing. Visiting performers were Jean Tickle, Mavis Marshall, Jack and Evelyn Chiswell, Thelma Barry and Hazel Lyons. Among the male voices were Messrs. Claude Saunders and Smith, and "The Two Vagabonds." The concluding item was a one-act comedy, "Joint Castles in Spain," produced by Miss Iris O'Connor with a cast comprising Misses M. Brown, L. McManus and Mesdames G. L. Weaver and T. Burgess. On September 15 several members were present at a reunion of auxiliaries in Wagin.

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<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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