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NOTWITHSTANDING the neon signs of imminent trouble on Continental and Asiatic walls, a certain, or hazy uncertain, type of pacifism maintains its ostrich-like attitude towards the vital question of national security in Australia. While Britain's pacifist Cabinet has reluctantly realised the necessity for a progressive defence policy, in view of the trend of world affairs, a political organisation in Perth which believes in compulsory unionism, and a religious organisation which believes in compulsory temperance and compulsory sabbath-day observance, have passed resolutions calling upon the Federal Government to refrain from removing the suspension of universal naval and military training. It is indeed strange how people will-swall ow the camel of compulsion in matters affecting personal liberty of action and thought and strain at the goat of compulsion in a matter which is not only insurance as regards national security but a decided asset as regards national health.

Britain's re-arming is not a repudiation of peace ideals as embodied in the machinery of the League of Nations, but an effort to make those ideals more effective by providing for the safety of the Empire and a means whereby collective security can become a practical issue in international politics. Thanks to those who have seen that Britain should disarm below the limits of safety, the League of Nations, so far, has been able to accomplish little more than locking the stable door after the horse has been stolen. Again, thanks to such people, Australia is virtually disarmed so that the white Australia policy is a clear invitation to invasion and the Commonwealth cannot protect its own territorial waters from the depredations of pearl poachers. The very fact that dissatisfied nations are demanding a reshuffling of other nations' colonies and insisting that occupation and use are the only valid titles to possession should drive it home to all who are capable of clear and consecutive thinking that if we are to hold what we have, we must be prepared to defend it.

An adequate defence policy for Australia has long been an integral plank of our own League's platform. A few years ago, the State Congress carried a resolution-in favour of the resumption of universal training. When that resolution went before Federal Congress, an officer of high rank in the Australian Military Forces, pointed out that it would be better to defer the work of enrolling men for training until there was something to train them with. The motion, then, was deferred until such time as the Commonwealth could make progress with its own scheme of reconditioning the defence forces. Three years have elapsed since then and we are now faced with the converse: the material is now in the country but there are ridiculously few men to use it or train with it. A few weeks ago, Mr. Archdale Parkhill, the Minister for Defence, gleefully pointed out that the present strength of our partially trained army was in the neighbourhood of thirty thousand. One critic of the voluntary system asked quite cogently how many of that thirty thousand could take the field in emergency; how many of them were front line troops and what proportion of the thirty thousand were merely departmental corps and lines of communication troops. So far, Mr. Parkhill has vouchsafed no reply, though he has assumed the role of the man-milliner in suggesting more attractive uniforms and archaic headgear to give the new-fangled voluntary system a new lease of life.

It is only the loyalty and devotion to duty of individuals now connected with the forces which keep them from dying of inanition. One realises that efficiency is preferable to mere numbers. At the same time, one might go a step further than Mr. Parkhill's critic and ask how many, and what proportion of the existing forces is medically fit to take the field for extended manoeuvres, much less a protracted campaign against an invader. Without criticising too severely men and youths who are setting an example to the nation by giving up their spare time to train for the nation's defence, it may be stated that the despairing efforts to fill the ranks and keep them filled, even at paper strength, have made medical fitness a very secondary consideration. Mr. Parkhill should know and if he does not know, his colleague, Sir George Pearce is quite able to tell him, that the voluntary system has been weighed in the balance years ago and found wanting. Thirty years or so ago scarlet and blue, even rifle green, were worn for ceremonial occasions. Lancers wore plastrons, there were kilted regiments topped off with gleengarries and feathered bonnets, and the ornate pageantry of the parade ground was the rule rather than the exception. In addition to all this attractiveness, militarism were paid for their attendances on parade at the rate of eight shillings a day. Officers, of course, had to find themselves, so that only men in fairly comfortable circumstances could afford to hold the King's commission. As yet, commanding officers found it increasingly difficult to fill the ranks of their units. This, then, is the attractiveness which a civilian Minister for Defence is seeking at a cost which would exceed that involved in the resumption of a modified form of compulsion.

Those who were in the service under the previous voluntary system know that the Minister is talking through his turban and tinkering expensively with a system which should be scrapped in favour of something more efficient. It is therefore gratifying to read that there is a likelihood that the matter of compulsory training will be discussed in the House of Representatives when Parliament meets. The compulsory clauses of the Defence Act have never been repealed, they were suspended during a period of temporary financial stringency. The compulsory system provided Australia with the mach-
inquiry for rapid recruiting and training which was turned to such good effect when the war broke out. There were mistakes in its initiation, of course. The system was applied too extensively and too expensively in the beginning. Part-time area officers opened up all manner of tinpot training centres in the country so that travelling allowance might become a valuable addition to ordinary pay. Those mistakes, however, were rectified long before the system was suspended, and there is no reason why they should be repeated if and when universal training is re-introduced.

The one feature of the universal training system which was of advantage in civil life as well as was also the least expensive feature. That was the national system of physical training which the Commonwealth made the basis of the whole scheme and which co-ordinated the physical training of the State Education departments and various other educational and social institutions. That, being the cheapest, was the first to be scrapped when the retrenchment axe fell. As a result, though physical training is still part of the school curriculum throughout Australia, there is no co-ordinating body and no competent organisation for the training of instructors. That, in itself, is a serious matter for a nation which renders such lip-service to the cause of physical well-being but which, if the percentages of rejections for the services, the civil police, and other services for which medical entrance tests are obligatory, forms any criticism, is in grave danger of falling back into the C3 category.

Viewing the problem from every possible angle, one cannot help feeling, even at the risk of hurting the feelings of loyal and patriotic volunteers, the voluntary system is not a sufficient guarantee of national security. It is inadequate for front-line requirements and it provides no reserve of well-trained men who could be drawn on in time of national emergency. The cost of its maintenance is more than would be the cost of a modified form of universal training, so that it does not even seem a good business proposition. If this be so, it should be scrapped altogether or superseded by something which gives the country a better return for its money, for the present tinkering, the present adulation of the inadequate, and the present ministerial prattling of plumes and pretty uniforms are only dulling the nation into a false and dangerous sense of security.

MEMBERSHIP DINNER

The kick-off to the membership campaign was given at the dinner given by the State Executive to delegates from sub-branches at Anzac House on March 4. The 155 who attended represented 53 sub-branches, including three delegates from the newly-formed Nurses' sub-branch, who were warmly cheered as they arose to answer the roll-call, Melville, the brand-newest sub-branch, and Pialba, Wiluna, and Pemberton, the three most distant sub-branches to send representatives. One welcome guest was Mr. Williams of the Masonic sub-branch, New South Wales, who was accorded the privilege of saying a few words of greeting from the Mother State to Westralian diggers. The State President (Mr. A. Yeates) occupied the chair for the earlier part of the evening, after which he was relieved by Rabbi Freedman. The speeches of these two gentlemen were broadcast by the National Station.

The State President said that such great strides in membership had been made in the Eastern States, particularly Victoria and New South Wales, that Western Australia had lagged behind. The last census had shown that there were 19,226 former members of the A.I.F. in this State, and it was safe to estimate the number of Imperial ex-service men and women in Western Australia at between 3,000 and 4,000. Of the potential membership of about 23,000, only about 7,000 were financial members of the League. The organisation must grow, for it was well worth while. Its aims were some of the highest to which any body could attain. It stood for comradeship and service. It was non-sectarian and non-party, but subscribed to a national policy, planks in which were the integrity of the Empire, a white Australia, an adequate defence force, public health, trade with the Empire, and, when it became possible, a vigorous immigration system—because the League held it to be essential that this great Commonwealth be kept British. (Applause.)

Rabbi Freedman expressed the hope that the occasion would make League history. He said that it was the first such function organised in this State to raise membership. The League had done much to alleviate the needs of ex-service men and their dependants, but that duty must still be performed for many years.

They were daily receding from those eventful years which had made the League necessary, proceeded the Rabbi. Twelve years ago the League had about 25,000 members in Australia, and today it had 60,000. Western Australia in that time had increased its membership from 2,000 to about 7,000. Western Australia had enjoyed the highest percentage of enlistments in the war years, and since the war its record of service as represented by the League's activities was equally commendable. The immediate objective should be 10,000 members within the coming year, and that implied every sub-branch increasing its membership by an average of one-third. It was necessary to retain present members, regain old ones, gain new ones, resuscitate old sub-branches which had waned, and form new ones. Members must make their sub-branches the centres of constant, interesting, useful and instructive activity. Of the 182 sub-branches, 103

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EARL BEATTY GOES ALOFT

Yet another of the great war leaders has been transferred to higher service. When informed of the death of his old chief, Earl Jellicoe, last November, Earl Beatty was on the sick list himself. He remarked, “So Jellicoe has gone. Well, I feel I shall be the next to be summoned. I do not think the call will be long. I am tired, very tired.” He left his bed to attend Earl Jellicoe’s funeral and again for that of King George V. Certainly, few men have had harder and more strenuous service than the late Admiral. He was born at Borodale, County Wexford, in 1871, and, after 35 years’ service in the Royal Navy, he attained to the high rank of Admiral of the Fleet, and an earldom. In his earlier service he was with the Nile gunboats which...
played such a prominent part in the reconquest of the Sudan. He was present at Atbara and Omdurman, the decisive battles of that campaign. Two years later, he was wounded in the Boxer rising, and he first flew his flag as captain at the unusually early age of twenty-nine years. After successively commanding three cruisers and the battleship H.M.S. Queen, he boarded his first flagship, as rear-admiral, H.M.S. Aboukir, in 1912. Aboukir, with the sister ships, Creusy and Hogue, was sunk early in the Great War.

Beatty’s meteoric rise was due to sheer ability, entirely unaided by family influence. When given the choice of distinction or promotion he invariably chose the latter. A special Order in Council had to be promulgated to legalise his promotion to flag rank as he had not spent the statutory time in command of a ship at sea. Like Earl Roberts, he foresaw the war with Germany, and in the fighting which ensued, Beatty was ever a living exemplar of the historic Nelson touch. His brilliant actions off Heligoland and the Dogger Bank inflicted damage on the enemy and restored public confidence at a time when things were looking black on land. His battle cruiser squadron was the spearhead of the British attack at Jutland, and though much controversy has raged round the strategy employed in that greatest naval battle of all times, no critic has ever questioned Beatty’s indomitable courage nor the masterly skill with which he handled his ships in the teeth of imminent disaster.

He succeeded Earl Jellicoe as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet in December, 1916, and the proudest day of his life was November 21, 1918, the day on which he accepted the surrender of the German High Seas Fleet. His services in the War were rewarded with a pension, a grant of £100,000, and the thanks of Parliament. Since the War, both as Grand Admiral and First Sea Lord, and later in the House of Lords, he was an ardent champion of a stronger navy and an advocate of the principle of advancement for aspiring and capable members of the junior ranks. He lived just long enough to learn of the Government’s decision to strengthen the Navy.

The Liberty of the legislation under which the entitlement and assessment tribunals functioned, and particularly the wide powers given to those bodies to ensure that the applicant got a fair deal, had greatly impressed him. His tribunal was an independent body untrammelled by any departmental atmosphere, and its members were men who had considerable experience, both of war conditions and otherwise, to guide them in their decisions. Under the provisions of the Act, an applicant had simply to establish a prima facie case, and then the Repatriation had to prove any contention which it might submit that the disability was not due to war service. The applicant was entitled to receive the benefit of any doubt.

Colonel E. J. Dibdin, formerly secretary of the Queensland Branch, and general secretary of the League, is already well-known to diggers in this State. Mr. E. C. Riley, like his late father, has been a member of the Federal Parliament. His war service was with the 3rd A.M.T.

ARMY NURSES

The following was carried at the Federal Congress—

That the Repatriation Commission be asked to examine the position of returned army nurses employed at repatriation hospitals with a view to seeing whether there can be introduced a special fund, contributory or otherwise, to give to such nurses an allowance on retirement in appreciation of the heavy strain imposed upon them by their work, and of their long service with military and repatriation authorities.

The Acting Minister for Repatriation replied:

“I desire to inform you that the question of superannuation and furlough (or payment in lieu thereof on retirement) to the staff of the Repatriation Commission have been under review by the Government on several occasions during the
past few years. The representations made on behalf of various sections of the staff have been supported by the Repatriation Commission, but the Government could not see its way to grant benefits in the direction indicated.

"The question of furlough (or compensation on retirement) was before the Government very recently, and, in reply to the representations made, it was stated that the Government sincerely regretted that the present time was inopportune to reconsider the question; and, consequently, the previous decisions regarding the matter were reiterated.

"You will realise that any action on the lines mentioned in the resolution could not be confirmed to the Commission's Nursing Staff... but would perforce be extended to embrace all classes of employees of the Commission."

LIVING ALLOWANCE WHILST IN HOSPITAL

The following resolution was passed at the last Federal Congress:

That where a man is granted a living allowance under Regulation 92, he be allowed the benefit of the first 42 days of each stay in an establishment maintained at the public expense, or for the whole period if the stay happens to be less than 42 days, without any interference in the grant of the living allowance.

The following reply was received from the Minister:

"The recent provision in the amending Act for the continuance of the special pension under the Second Schedule and the amount under the Fifth Schedule, for the first 42 days of in-patient treatment has probably prompted this resolution.

"An allowance under Regulation 92 is, however, entirely dissimilar from a grant under either the Second or Fifth Schedules. A grant under either of the schedules referred to is of a decidedly permanent nature and has statutory authority as a right, whilst an allowance under Regulation 92 is purely temporary and is granted as a "living" allowance.

"The reasons prompting the grant of such "living" allowance cease once the pensioner becomes an inmate of an institution in which he is wholly maintained.

"Whilst the Government was prepared to make the concession in respect of cases pensioned under the Second and Fifth Schedules, it is of the opinion that a similar concession in respect of a "living" allowance is not justified."

OVERSEAS PENSIONS

Correspondence by Air Mail

Resolution passed by Federal Congress:

That owing to hardships and delay incurred in overseas pensions whilst waiting for correspondence to be forwarded in the usual manner, we ask that in future all correspondence dealing, with pensions be forwarded and received by Air Mail.

The Minister's reply:

"The Repatriation Commission advise that air mail services are already made use of to a considerable extent and it is proposed to make further extended use of them in the future to comply as closely as possible with the request contained in your resolution.

"The Commission is also referring the resolution to the representative of the British Ministry of Pensions now in Australia in the hope that the Ministry may decide to take similar action in the matter.

AFFIDAVITS WAR MEDICAL HISTORY

Resolution passed at Federal Congress:

That the League urge the acceptance by the Repatriation Department of affidavits by ex-service men covering their post war medical history when local doctors have become deceased and no records are available.

The Minister's reply:

"With reference to Resolution No. 84 adopted at the 20th Annual Congress of the League concerning the matter of the Department accepting affidavits relating to post-war medical history in certain types of claims, I have to advise that the matter has been enquired into.

"Due consideration is always given by Boards and the Commission to sworn statements made by an ex-soldier in support of his claim."

AIR FORCE APPOINTMENTS

In reply to correspondence the Secretary of the Department of Defence advises the League, as follows:

"With reference to your letter of the 17th September, requesting information regarding the granting of preference to sons of ex-service men in connection with appointments to various arms of the Services, I desire to forward the following particulars for your information:

Navy

Two of the vacancies for Cadetship at the Royal Australian Naval College in each entry are reserved for candidates who are the sons of persons who have been on active service abroad in the Royal Australian Navy, or in an expeditionary force raised under the provisions of the Defence Act. These special nominations are made from candidates in each of the following classes, in order of priority shown:

(a) The sons of persons who have lost their lives or become totally incapacitated on active service abroad.

(b) The sons of persons who have been on active service abroad with the Royal Australian Navy.

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It is also provided that a candidate who is not selected for a reserved vacancy shall be eligible for selection for one of the other vacancies.

Air Force

It has always been the policy to give preference to the sons of ex-service men in the following circumstances:

(i) As regards Air Force Cadetship.

 Preference is given if they possess the minimum educational and other qualifications.

(ii) As regards enlistment in the ranks.

No provision exists for the entry of boys or for the further training of partly-trained tradesmen. Applicants are subjected to a test in their trade before enlistment and if the sons of ex-service men possess the required standard of skill they receive preference over other applicants.

PREFERENCE MAIL CONTRACTS

Resolution passed at the Federal Congress:

That in setting aside particular occupations for disabled returned men the occupation of mail carrier under contract be included in any proposed legislation; and that in calling for new tenders the Department give preference to returned soldiers and that once the Department is satisfied with the service of its returned soldier contractors, future contracts be made a matter of arrangement between the Department and the contractor the policy of the Department is to renew mail contracts on the basis of competitive tendering, and any departure from this policy would entail difficulties and public dissatisfaction. It will be appreciated, however, that as a returned soldier mail contractor is given a preference of five per cent. over tenderers who are not returned soldiers, and would already have the necessary plant to carry out the service, an established connection in regard to passenger traffic and freight, he would have a very considerable advantage over other tenderers for the same service.

RIFLE CLUBS

Increase of Rifles Allotted

With reference to Congress resolution which reads as follows:

That the Defence Department be urged to increase the number of rifles and ammunition allotted to rifle clubs, as the present allotment is considered insufficient to produce the standard of efficiency desired, the General Secretary (Mr. E. V. Raymont advises:

I am enclosing hereunder copy of letter received from the Minister for Defence, which is forwarded for your information.

The letter reads:

I desire to inform you that the question of the issue of rifles and free ammunition to members of rifle clubs has, during the past few months, received very earnest consideration. The position in regard to the issue of free ammunition has been exhaustively...
explained to rifle club members through the Commonwealth Council of Rifle Associations, and also in the House of Representatives during the debate on Defence estimates. I am hopeful that funds will become available to permit the restoration of the free issue of 200 rounds per member at no very distant date. It is considered that the present issue of rifles on loan (one per five members) is a liberal one and adequate for all purposes, especially in view of the fact that each member may purchase a rifle for £4, either for cash or on a deferred payment system at £1 per annum. Furthermore, it has been found in practice that the majority of rifle clubs do not take advantage of the present scale of issue for loan rifles.

SOLDIERS' CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

At the February meeting of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust, the secretary reported that owing to the heavy calls on the funds of the Trust it had been decided to make a further appeal to the Women's Auxiliaries, and it was hoped that the appeal would be as successful as the previous ones. Applications providing books for 240 children and involving an expenditure of £115 were approved.

It was reported that in connection with recommendations for scholarships made by the Trust, the following had been approved and the students had commenced studies at the respective schools: Perth Modern School, 6; District High Schools, 6; Underwood Business College, 2; Stotts Business College, 9; St. Mary's Church of England Girl's School, 3; Methodist Ladies' College, 2; Christian Brothers' College, Perth, 1; Ladies' College, Victoria Square, 1. Total 26.

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if it is consigned one bag at a time, freight will be saved. I believe two cwt. is the maximum allowed free as a donation, of course gifts must be marked "Donation to Soldiers."

We now have 68 fowls nearly full grown and which will be laying soon. It has been a great interest to patients, which is important.

A.R.M.S. COMPETITIONS

A meeting of delegates of sub-branches who competed in the above competition in 1935 was held at Anzac House on February 18, when conditions for 1936 competition were considered. The games to be played are the same as last year: small bore rifle shooting, table tennis, peg quotes, draughts and bridge.

All metropolitan sub-branches are to be circularised as to their intention to enter the competition and advised that nominations close on March 21, 1936.

In the event of less than 16 teams competing the competition will be played in one big zone, thus creating greater social activities and more frequent games.

A complete syllabus of fixtures and rules governing the games will be sent to all competing sub-branches.

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Contributors are asked to kindly assist us to make our April issue an outstanding one by sending appropriate stories or reminiscences of the war, or any clear unpublished photos, to reach us not later than the 10th April. Every digger or tommy has some outstanding experience of the war which would interest our readers. Let us have it, please.

R.S.L. CRICKET ASSOCIATION NOTES

BY W.L.M.

Great interest is being shown in the forthcoming finals.

The recent Town v. Country match which was played at Cottesloe Oval on February 16 was again a huge success. Over 1,000 spectators attended. Again the Town team, lead by Leo McComish, the great all-rounder of Maylands, won quite easily. Danny Byrne, of Midland, made 51 in fine fashion, reminding one of his great batting of years ago, when he played for Midland Junction "A" team in the W.A.C.A. Several other good scores were made by both Town and Country Players.

At the luncheon, the popular president of the R.S.L. Cricket Association (Mr. H. Hopper) who was assisted by Mr. D. A. James (vice-president), welcomed the president of the State Executive (Mr. Yeates) and members of the Country team.

Both speakers mentioned the good the Cricket Association is doing to encourage ex-service men to join the League. Mr. Yeates in reply congratulated the Association on the wonderful strides made in the last couple of years. Mr. Hopper also said he wished to thank Mr. W. L. Menkens for the great help he had given during this particular function. Mr. Menkens in reply said that what he had done was only what all diggers should do to help one another. Several members of the Country team briefly responded.

Reference was also made to the great work done by the hon. secretary, Mr. Bert King. Other toasts which were hon-
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Scabbards Off!

By "Pip Tok"

From the John Hopkins University, one of the few American universities whose degrees are worth having, comes the suggestion that Members of Parliament be medically examined in an endeavour to improve their efficiency in public life. Special attention is to be paid to the internal organs. The backbone, of course, is taken for granted.

It was a she-selection in Subiaco.

At any rate, Jack Maloney is more chivalrous than Mr. Norbert Keenan. He did give up his seat to a lady.

Preference to returned soldiers was thrown into the discard at Subiaco and North Perth at this election. At Subiaco, the successful candidate opposed two returning soldiers and the father of two returned soldiers.

A homing tourist who passed through Fremantle lately—the port I mean—told an interviewer that while in Italy she had seen no signs of militarism. That type of observer would fail to see the sand in the Sahara.

Foreign experts consider that Italy's attempts to make wool from milk are foredoomed to failure. If all we read of Caporetto and the reasons for the slow progress in Abyssinia, the same might be said about her attempts to make soldiers out of Italians.

Mr. F. A. Macquistan, K.C., a member of the House of Commons and chairman of directors of the Australian Car- bide Company, says that the system of education in Anglo-Saxon countries "tends to deprive the rising generation of initiative." This seems unfair and ungrateful to those enterprising schoolboys who still put carbide in inkwells.

Officers of the Victorian Fisheries and Game Department recently confiscated over 10,000 eggs of Australian birds, which had been illegally collected. Getting ready for Easter, presumably.

It is believed that the authorities are considering a project for the further lighting up of beaches, parks and reserves. Dark lights.

The R.S.P.C.A., according to a recent report, has been unable to decide whether big game hunting is cruel or not. Senator Borah and other foreign advocates of peace in the interests of war, may now twist the British Lion's tail to their heart's content.

At the banquet to M. Herriot, when he was in Moscow to negotiate the Franco-Russian pact, the pudding bore the legend, in the letters of icing sugar, "Peace is indivisible." The proof of the pudding is in the eating.

Captain C. W. Snook, the well-known Western Australian aviator, who has taken temperatures while flying at various altitudes, says that it is cooler up above. And, from what the Padres tell us, it will be hotter down below.

Frequent broadcast message in the summer time: "Fruitgrowers need not cover up to-night." Wheatgrowers are expected to wear pyjamas as usual.

The latest semi-official furphy from Japan is to the effect that Australia is trying to drive a wedge into the Japanese whaling industry in the Antarctic. The truth is, Australia is impotent to counter the wedge Japan is driving into the Australian pearling industry in Australian waters. A globe-trotting friend tells me that Ohara (without the apostrophe) is a common family name in Japan. That probably accounts for the way Japan has adopted the Hibernian fashion of trailing the coat so much of late.

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Sympathy is extended to Mr. Mark Lewis, a member of the Osborne Park sub-branch, on the loss of his wife who was knocked down by a motor truck in Main Street, Osborne Park. Mr. Lewis was also knocked-over, but has now been discharged from hospital.

A district appeal to assist Mr. Lewis and family received much support that a substantial sum has been received. The local cinema proprietors, Messrs. McLure and Payne, gave a picture night in aid of the appeal.

The spiritualistic riddles presented to THE LISTENING POST in our February issue have evidently been solved by an Eastern States contemporary. This branch organ publishes in its March number verses, entitled "Cheers!" by the Rev. G. A. Studdert Kennedy, M.C., author of "Rough Rhymes of a Padre," for which he used the pen-name "Woodbine Willie." According to the editor the verses were specially written for the publication. Woodbine Willie died about two years before the first number of the publication concerned saw print. Therefore one must assume that the editor is in communication with the spirit world.

Many old-timers of the 16th Battalion will be sorry to hear that Herbert ("Dar-kie") Sanquay passed peacefully away at the Old Men's Home on Wednesday, February 26, at the comparatively early age of 52 years. The funeral took place next day at Karrakatta Cemetery, the Rev. Davies officiating at the graveside. Messrs. Jack Johnston and F. Cornew represented the A.I.F., each casting a poppy into the grave to signify "We shall never forget." Through the kindness of the Nedlands women's auxiliary, the deceased was supplied with many little luxuries during his last days. This and the visits of several of the ladies and old war-time cobbers did much to cheer him during his final illness.

Tom Campbell, while he is not engaged playing tennis, swimming at Scarborough, umpiring football matches, car- eering about the country in his Chev. and doing a spot of work at the Government Printing Office, puts in a bit of work at the Mount Hawthorn-North Leederville sub-branch, of which he is junior vice-president. Recently he presided at the general meeting and carried out the duties as to the manner born. His report from the Anzac House membership function was clear and concise and is bound to bear fruit in the coming weeks. Possessed of a good speaking voice, he sets out his opinions clearly and emphatically, and in the telling of a story he has no peer in the sub-branch. He is the makings of a good president.

Another member of the Darling Range sub-branch, E. Austen, has gone to his long, last rest. The deceased soldier who served in the South African War and with the A.I.F. in the Great War, was a valued and highly respected resident of the district. We join with the Darling Range sub-branch in extending our sympathy to Mrs. Austen and family.

As anticipated Alex Scott of Kalamunda, proved a better fisherman than a dancer. We have heard quite a lot about a kingie of most unusual weight and length. It is most noticeable how much longer than usual Alex's arms appear to be. We have also heard something about a mix-up of the bait and the prospective dinner. It seems that Alex went into Mandurah and bought some sausages for his better half to prepare for lunch, also some nice ripe prawns for bait. Ultimately, when he got out into midstream and opened the parcel to bait his hook he found he had the sausages and the wife the prawns.

Westralians who ran across him in France will deeply regret the news of the death of Major Thos. H. Vincent of the 4th Tunnelling Coy. Tommy Vincent was closely and professionally associated with mining enterprises in Tasmania in the days when Zeehan and Mt. Lyell were booming. He was a resident of Zeehan before the War and a captain in the Australian Military Forces. While doing duty in Claremont (Tasmania) Camp before he went overseas, he was the victim of a strange accident. Reading in his bunk one evening, he dropped off to sleep. Something upset the candle and the tent caught fire with the result that Captain Vincent, as he was then, was severely burned, which prevented him getting away with the 1st Tunnellers. He was a burly, cherly soul whose breezy personality will be greatly missed, not only by Tasmanians, but by fellows from other States whose privilege it was to meet him in the glorious comradeship overseas.

Diggers are again indebted to Mr. W. H. Melvin, of North Perth, for his generosity in presenting framed copies of original photographs of His late Majesty King George V, Queen Mary, and Queen Victoria to Anzac Club.

Well known to all diggers Captain H. J. Sykes, who left Australia with the original 16th Batt. Machine Gun Section, and served later with the 24th Machine Gun Company, is now in No. 11 ward (Repat.) undergoing medical treatment. Since the war he has been very successful on his farm in the Kondinin district, where he has always taken a great interest in the welfare of the digger, having held the position of president of his sub-branch, which he had represented at State Congress. He would be
Mr. W. L. (Bill) Menkens, late of 4th Field Ambulance, who is the publicity officer of the R.S.L. Cricket Association, is at present an inmate of Ward 11, recovering from a heart attack. He is now sitting up and taking notice again. His only grouse is that he has had to have his meals in bed.

H. J. Sykes writes on March 11:—I am sending you the names of some of the boys now in dock at Ward 11.


There are also two war babies in the Ward—Tom Young, only a few minutes off 70, and W. Gorrie, about an hour or so from 72!

Sister Jones still smilingly keeps us in order.

I would like to mention in passing that the Ward looks bright and cheerful, and not a little of this brightness is due to the flowers which some good folks, ever thoughtful of our welfare, send to Ward 11.

I notice that Miss M. Meares is a frequent and ever welcome visitor to this ward. Her many little acts of kindness are appreciated. I haven't seen many of the R.S.L. representatives during last two weeks.

Mr. W. Hunt brought one of the 4th Machine Gun Company's V.C. up to see me (Mr. J. J. Dwyer). Jack has six bonzer kids, and judging by his looks is not only a successful man, but also a very happy one.

Mr. R. J. Kerr (Yealering) the live secretary of the sub-branch, came up today to look up some of the boys. He was in the 28th Battalion. His trip to the city appears to be doing him no harm.

It is probably not generally known that the present Commander of the 13th Infantry Brigade (C.M.F.) is the esteemed president of the 28th Battalion Association.

Colonel Dunkley left Australia in the Geelong with the 1st Reinforcement of the 28th Battalion which for a reason only known or understood by the "staff" sailed three days before the battalion embarked. Actually, therefore, this reinforcement preceded the battalion on service.

"Dunk," as he is widely known, was, before the war, an N.C.O. in the W.A.I. Regiment, and on service went through all ranks and appointment, finally commanding a company with the rank of captain. Returning to Australia he joined up with the C.M.F. in the capacity of Company Commander with the rank of captain in the 28th Infantry Battalion. After successive promotions he has commanded at periods each of the three Infantry regiments—11th, 28th and 44th—comprising the 13th Infantry Brigade and is now Colonel commanding the Brigade. On service Colonel Dunkley was present at every major operation undertaken by the 28th Battalion and was in charge of the successful attack on the German trenches at Marlencourt Sector on June 16, 1916. He was conspicuous in the operations commencing on August 8, particularly so on the 11th of that month. In addition to his fine record on the field, his knowledge of military procedure was such that he was the consultant of all ranks and his advice was always clearly and readily given.

In congratulating the Colonel on his appointment, we are sure the Brigade will do well under his leadership.

It is worthy of mention that in commanding the Brigade Colonel Dunkley follows in the footsteps of two other 28th Battalion officers in Colonels H. B. Collett, and C. H. Lamb, the latter being captain and adjutant of the battalion until invalided from Gallipoli.

Colonel Dunkley is also president of the newly-formed Melville sub-branch and has served on the State Executive.

Cliff Gillett, late of Bunbury and the first country vice-president of the Western Australian Branch of the R.S.L., has recovered sufficiently from his recent severe illness to return to his home in Beaufort Street where he is now convalescing. Cliff, who served abroad with the 28th, was severely wounded when Fritz bombed the battalion at Poperinghe during September, 1917.

Another of the 28th, J. O. Stephenson, who has done splendid work on the committee of the 28th Battalion Association, is now on the road to recovery after an attack of appendicitis.

General regret is felt at the passing of another League stalwart, the late W. J. Cobb of Katanning. The deceased ex-service man served with the 16th Battalion. He was one who never failed to render personal service and to uphold the high principles and ideals for which our organisation stands. As a member of
THE LISTENING POST

That the Membership Campaign is proving successful is evident by the fact that it has been necessary to print 470 extra copies of "The Listening Post" for this issue, this being the increase for the past month. Keep it up, boys!

Arthur W. Senior, late head-teacher of Fremantle Boys' School, passed away on 28th February at the age of 49. He served as a captain in the 39th Battalion and never recovered from a bad gassing.

Both these gentlemen were good members of the League. We respectfully extend sympathy to their sorrowing relatives.

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the Katanning sub-branch and a former president of the No. 4 District Committee he has advanced the cause of the digger at every possible opportunity. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to his bereaved relatives. Their loss is our own, Katanning's and the League's as well.

Ordered Combah writes from Manjimup:

Another digger member of the State Parliament is Ike Doust, the new member for Nelson, who saw active service with the A.A.M.C. and is a member of Manjimup sub-branch R.S.L. Aged 50, he is a native of the district he represents. He was secretary to Warren Road Board (now Manjimup Road Board) from its inception in 1908 until he joined the forces in 1916. Reappointed in 1926 his administrative ability has been chiefly responsible for the Board's remarkable rise to its present importance. He is logical, genial, fair-minded, unassuming, an all-round sport, and no mug at bridge. As an Independent he had to win on his merits—and he did.

At present doing the sights of Perth, J. J. Dwyer, V.C., of Tasmania. Mr. Dwyer left the tight little isle in 1915 and after some service with the 15th Battalion, transferred to the 4th Machine Gun Coy. As a machine gunner, he gained the V.C. for gallantry in action at Polygon Wood, in 1917. On his arrival in Perth, he was met by the State Secretary, and while here he has attended a meeting of the Nedlands sub-branch, and an informal gathering at the Anzac Club.

The new president of the State School Teachers' Union of W.A. is a digger in the person of Edwin Huck, B.A. Mr. Huck began his education at James Street School whence he won a scholarship to Scotch College. He served abroad with the 28th Battalion and was thrice wounded. At present he is the first assistant of Perth Boys' School. He was a good digger, a good sport, a cultured gentleman, and is proud to wear the R.S.L. badge.

During the past two months death has removed from us two popular digger school teachers. In January, Fred W. Connolly passed away at the early age of 43 years. During the war Fred suffered serious injuries from which he never recovered. At the time of his death he was head-teacher of the Dardanup State School.

The estimated cost of the trip for Western Australians will be £25, inclusive of fares, board, pot-plant and other incidental expenses. The shipping company is granting excursion rates for the occasion. It is expected that local members of the Battalion will sail on September 17 and return to Perth on October 6. South Australian hosts have arranged all manner of trips and entertainments for the visitors. In our next issue will be published a list of those who have signified their intention of invading Adelaide. So far there are 25 and it is expected that the number will be trebled by September. Intending invaders please get in touch with Mr. Jimmie Johnson, of the Victoria Park picture treatre, who will act as manager and secretary for the tour.

They didn't give much encouragement to leadswingers in feudal time. At Bannockburn, there was only one surgeon for every 1,900 men, and his pay was four pence a day. At Agincourt, Henry V. had only one surgeon and twelve assistants for his whole army; and they ranked thus in the military code which
was drawn up at Manse during that campaign: "Soldiers, shoemakers, tailors, barbers, physicians, and washer-women." Apparently, in those strenuous days, the footsoldier could not depend upon the local messmates to do their washing for them, although no doubt they were useful in other ways.

Good Queen Bess was the first British sovereign to make the maintenance of incapacitated sailors and soldiers the duty of the whole nation. In her reign a tax was first levied for the support of "maimed soldiers and mariners." But her predecessors occasionally made grants of money to men wounded in action. The first mention of a war pension as we understand the term in English history is to be found in the ordinances of Edward IV, which sanctioned an allowance of four marks a year to one John Slater, a private soldier of foot, who had lost a hand at the battle of Wakefield, one of the earlier battles of the Wars of the Roses. The mark in medieval England was worth thirteen shillings and four pence.

Jim Whittem, Marquis of Torbay, writes on immigration and other matters. The following report of a motion forwarded by the Torbay sub-branch to the State Executive "That this sub-branch views with alarm the possible introduction of further immigration while settlers are at present being dispossessed, mainly through lack of profitable markets, and we ask that the Executive Land Committee give further publicity to the matter," has been mentioned in The Listening Post.

This might make it appear that we do not recognise the need for further population in this State. Such is not the case, but all immigration schemes aim solely at putting people on the land. We believe that this policy is disastrous and unfair to present settlers and would mean further saturation of local markets; while at the same time our export markets are likely to diminish. Our resolution is also meant as a protest against the lack of orderly marketing, showing the need for marketing legislation.

What an outcry there would be if the British Government proposed to subsidise factories to compete with existing ones in Western Australia; the new factories to be owned and manured by people from overseas (say printing works, Mr. Editor, and yet there is more demand for the printed word than for spuds or steers).

The people in the cities should also dismiss from their minds the notion that any fool can farm, provided he is strong and willing to work all hours. To-day, it is only the very skilled farmer on the best land who can pay his way.

How many successful business men, thinking it easy, have sold their businesses only to go bankrupt on the land?

At a recent meeting of the Carlisle sub-branch great pleasure was expressed at the nomination of the State President (Mr. A. Yeates) as one of the Australian representatives to the Eighth Biennial Conference of the B.E.S.L. Incidentally, it can be mentioned that this conference will not take place this year, as it was the unanimous opinion of the Empire Council that such conference should be deferred until next year, when no doubt many overseas visitors will be in London for the King's Coronation.

The report of the trustees of the R.S.L. Relief Fund, for the month of January, 1936, shows that the number of applications for relief received was A.I.F. 72, and Imperials 50; total 122. The number approved was A.I.F. 67, and Imperials 27; total 94. The total expenditure involved was £92 17s. 10d., of which £62 12s. 6d. was disbursed amongst A.I.F. applicants, and £30 5s. 4d. Imperials. Of the 92 persons assisted, two were A.I.F. widows, 7 A.I.F. members of the League, and 56 non-members. None of the 27 Imperials assisted were members of the League. The following donations were acknowledged: Mr. H. Gregory, M.H.R., £2 2s.; State Executive, ex Lotteries, £500. The following refunds were received: Subiaco sub-branch, eight shillings; and Dowelin sub-branch £20 8s.

In addition to the amount expended in ordinary relief, the following grants were made:—Funeral expenses, ex-Imperial soldiers; £20; Nanquap sub-branch, £5; Bullbrook-sub-branch, £5; Kalgoorlie sub-branch, £5; Women's Auxiliary (Motor Outing Fund), £5; Cigarettes (hospital patients), £3 6s. 2d.; ex-Soldiers, Old Men's Home, £2 10s.; ex-soldiers, Woorooloo Sanatorium, £2 10s.; making the total expenditure for the month £144 4s., and leaving the balance of the fund as at January 31, £412 9s. 2d.

It is proposed by the Perth sub-branch to form a concert party with a view to augmenting their Amelioration Fund. To do this the sub-branch considers that the best artists available are essential to make this venture a success, therefore a call is made for artists in all categories of the profession to submit their names to "Diggers of 1936 Concert Party," Anzac House, Perth. A meeting will be called at an early date to select the best talent. Members of this concert party will include sons of soldiers as well as ex-service men. Allocation of profits will be 25 per cent. to the sub-branch requiring the party, 50 per cent to Perth sub-branch Amelioration Fund, and 25 per cent. to incidental expenses.

Hairy Parent writes in connection with a recent exhibition of academic sportsmanship:—I had intended sending my wail to one of the four associated public schools next year, but after the unseemly attitude of that close corporation towards two younger schools I shall send him where a truc sportmanship is inculcated. Those who have read the uncon-
vicing pleas as to why Wesley and Christ Church are refused admission to
the inner athletic ring must have been
disgusted at the utter lack of logic. I
had always considered sportmanship an
essential feature of the great public
school tradition, but that seems lost sight
of nowadays, and the headmasters con-
cerned do not seem to be big enough
spiritually to imbue a boy with the man-
liness a dinkumigger expects of his
son. It is all very well for the big four
to talk of inferiority in games with re-
spect to the smaller schools, but followers
of League football can recall instances of
incoming clubs living down that diffi-
culty. It all makes one think that the big
time are more afraid of competition in
the matter of enrolments than in the field.
A most amusing feature of the case is
that when the local University won the
Oxford and Cambridge Cups for the first
time the crew contained five boys from
State secondary schools.

A sad and unexpected loss occurred in
the ranks of the Subiaco sub-branch and
the movement generally when on the
evening of February 25 Fred Shand
“went west” in the Repatriation Ward
of the Perth Hospital. Taken suddenly
ill with a heart attack on Monday, the
24th, he was rushed to hospital and ap-
peared to rally, but the next day his pre-
maturely old-heart ceased to beat. Fred
was born in England and came to this
country as a youth. He eventually be-
came secretary of the School of Mines,
Kalgoorlie, and was honorary secretary
in those days to the famous Kalgoorlie
Operatic Society. He had a flair for
business systems and he came to Perth
about 1910 and commenced business in
St. George’s Terrace, under the style of
F. G. Shand & Coy., pioneering office
systems, book-keeping machines and dic-
taphones. His knowledge and talents as
an office organiser attracted the attention
of Staff-Officers during the War and he
was in great demand. He was perhaps
one of the best known private soldiers
amongst the higher officers of the A.I.F.
and even to-day ex-Brigadiers and Colon-
els of the various States have some anec-
dote they can relate about him. After
the Armistice, which found him an act-
ing-Sergeant in the A.M.C, he took over
the management of the picture theatre
at Longbridge, Deverill, and was the
means of contributing quite huge sums
to the canteen funds. Since the War
he has helped Sergeant Major Tom Tan-
dy to place the local manufacturing con-
cern known as Swan Brand Products
before the public of Western Australia.
“Old Fred,” as he was always called by
the members of the sub-branch, was an
untiring worker. He was two years pre-
sident and about seven years secretary
of the sub-branch, and during this long
term of office he tramped around night
after night investigating all known cases
of distress. It was a curious fact about
Fred that, although his manner and tem-
perament by no means suggested the en-
tertainer or prince of bonhomie, yet
he was immensely popular at dinner
functions and his appearance at any of
the many country-sub-branches he visited
was always uproariously acclaimed and
became a sure signal for a round of
drinks. He leaves a widow and three
children. His eldest son, Mr. Alex.
Shand, is a clever young man, a qualified
accountant and a student of economics.
It is pleasing to know that he is doing
well with the Bank of New South Wales.
Fred’s name hangs on the Honour Board
of the Subiaco sub-branch, but it will not
need this to keep his memory ever green
in the minds of every member of his old
sub-branch.
TWENTY YEARS AGO
War Anniversaries of March, 1916

March 1.—German seaplane raided the east coast of England. H.M.S. Primula, a mine-sweeper, carrying out patrol duties, torpedoed and sunk in the Eastern Mediterranean.

March 2.—Dead Man's Hill, the Pepper Ridge, and the Douaumont Ridge in the Verdun sector heavily shelled. British explode five mines near the Hoehenzollern Redoubt. Russians take Bitlis.

March 3.—Fighting near village of Douaumont.

March 4.—Germans succeed in gaining a footing in the village of Douaumont. Russians occupy Atina on the Black Sea coast.

March 5.—French repulse German attacks in the wood to the east of Vacherauville, on the Meuse, north-east of Verdun. Zeppelin raid over eastern counties; 13 killed and 33 injured.

March 6.—Germans enter the village of Forges, but are repulsed at Goose Hill on the Meuse. General Aylmer reached Es-Sinn, seven miles east of Kut-al-Amarra.

March 7.—Germans capture Hill 265, losing heavily in the attack.

March 8.—French repulse great German infantry attack west of the Meuse in the region of Berthencourt. French air squadrons, consisting of 18 machines, drop 124 bombs on the Metz Sablon station.

March 9.—French smash a German attack in the region of the village of Vaux, north-east of Verdun. British air raid by 21 machines against German railway and billets at Carvin.

March 10.—Germans retake the Crow's Wood. Germany declares war on Portugal.

March 11.—Italian artillery heavily bombard enemy positions at the bridgehead of Gorizia.

March 12.—Russia reports that her troops have occupied Kirifid, in Persia.

March 13.—Russians report that they drove back the Turks in the region of the River Kalapotamos, 30 miles east of Trebizond, and captured 8 guns in the operations near Kermanshah.

March 14.—Repulsed on the whole front of the Verdun sector, the Germans gain a footing only at two points of French trenches between Berthencourt and Dead Man's Hill. Italians capture enemy trenches in the San Martino zone.

March 15.—General Smuts reports another success by capturing Moshi, the most important town in the north-east of German East Africa.


March 17.—To the north of the Aisne, enemy attack directed against a French post to the south-east of the Bois des Buffes repulsed after hand-grenade fighting.

March 18.—Germans by exploding mines recapture three craters at the Hohenzollern Redoubt. Dutch liner torpedoed and sunk off the Galloper lightship.

March 19.—Four German seaplanes drop bombs on Ramsgate, Margate, Deal and Dover; 13 killed and 31 wounded.

March 20.—Sixty-five British, French and Belgian machines bomb German air stations at Zeebrugge and Houthane. The Germans, having failed at every other point, extend their attacks on Verdun farther to the west.

March 21.—Germans, after heavy fighting and using jets of flaming liquid, make their way to the southern edge of Avocourt Wood. Renewed Russian offensive in the north and south of their line. Four British destroyers attack and chase three German destroyers off the Belgian coast.

March 22.—Germans succeed in gaining a footing on the small knoll at Havcourt. Russians occupy Isphahan. General Cadorna arrives in London.

March 23.—British took over a further section of the line from the French.

March 24.—Cross-Channel steamship Sussex torpedoed off the French coast on her passage from Folkstone to Dieppe; 100 persons missing. Liner Minneapolis torpedoed in the Mediterranean with the loss of 11 lives.

March 25.—British seaplanes attack German airship sheds in Schleswig-Holstein, east of the island of Sylt, escorted close to their rendezvous, close to the German coast, by a force of light cruisers and destroyers under Commodore Tyrwhitt.

March 26.—Russian offensive continues; trenches captured at Postavy.

March 27.—After successfully exploding.
mines, Northumberland Fusiliers and Royal Fusiliers assault the German salient at St. Eloi, south of Ypres, successfully taking the front and second line trenches on a front of about 600 yards. Great Allied conference opens in Paris.

March 28.—Russian troops dislodge Turks from their positions in the region of the Balaclatcha Darassi River, 30 miles east of the port of Trenchton.

March 29.—French storm Avocourt redoubt, and advance 300 yards.

March 30.—General Polivanoff, Russian war minister, resigns. Germans attack French positions on the skirts of Fort Douaumont using liquid fire, but are repulsed.

March 31.—Crown Prince of Serbia (the late King Alexander) arrived in London. Zeppelin raid on eastern counties; 43 killed and 66 injured.

ALBANY CELEBRATES

One of the features of the “Back to Albany Week” was the monster reunion dinner set out and eaten in the Naval Drill Hall by the Albany sub-branch members and their guests. The visitors included the State President (Mr. A. Yeates, the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson), Mr. W. J. Hunt (chairman of the Land Committee), executive officers of the 4th District Committee (Messrs. T. Sten, who is also country vice-president of the Rs.L., P. Roche, A. Austin, A. Potts and S. W. Stewart). Other guests were the Mayor of Albany (Mr. J. W. McKean), Messrs. L. L. Hill, M.L.A., H. V. Piesse, M.L.C., A. H. Dickson, W. Price, a former member for the district, and Major A. R. Home. The president of the Albany sub-branch (Mr. E. Y. Butler, R.M.), with the able assistance of the sub-branch secretary (Mr. F. T. Evans), presided over a gathering of over 250 who had served with the colours, and who represented 18 Australian and 13 Imperial and one New Zealand units. Two diggers came all the way from Victoria to renew friendships with West Australian cobs. Albany will always hold a special niche in the memory of original Anzacs, for it was here that the convoy which bore away the first Australian expeditionary force assembled in the closing week of October, 1914.

Messages conveying greetings and apologies for non-attendance were received from the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir James Mitchell), Senator Collett, the Commissioner of Railways (Mr. J. A. Ellis), and the Ravensthorpe and Nor-

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RECENT REVIEWS

Abysinia and the League


Logic is not the long suit of Italy’s apologists as is clearly shown in Professor Baravelli’s scathing indictment of Abyssinia and its people. One may accept the Professor’s contention that the Abyssinian is a nasty piece of work and that his meeds stink to high heaven, but the

than sub-branches.

In responding to the toast of the State Executive, submitted by the chairman, Mr. Yeates reviewed at length the activities of the League. He congratulated the Gnowangerup sub-branch on having won the right to hold the Newdegate trophy for the year, and also referred to the recent death of the donor, Sir Francis Newdegate. The League, and also its Katanning sub-branch, had also lost a splendid worker by the death of Mr. W. J. Cobb, a former president of No. 4 district. The League, he said, stood for great national ideals. Its members by their training and experience gained while on service were eminently fitted to play their part in helping Australia to become the truly great nation she should become. It was the privilege and duty of all to give their local sub-branch their fullest support and also to do all possible to serve their comrades and country in times of peace. The motto of the League was comradeship and service, and the men who were prepared to die for their country should also be prepared to live for it. He congratulated the Albany sub-branch on having staged such a notable reunion in a fortnight of festivities which would long live in the memories of those who were privileged to take part in them.

Mr. Hunt also responded in a vigorous speech in which he eulogised the work of the 4th district’s land committee.

During the evening, Mr. Yeates, on behalf of the Albany sub-branch, presented Mr. L. S. Barnett with a vice-president’s certificate of recognition of seven years occupancy of that office.
generalisations therefrom are unconvincing. The author has quoted freely from the writings of British, French, and American travellers, one of the British writers was the wife of Sir John Simon, to prove that out of a population of about seven millions, there are two million slaves in Abyssinia, and 50,000 lepers who receive little or no treatment, but are left to wander about the streets and infect others; that Abyssinians can be enslaved for debt; and that the criminal code is fiendishly cruel. One may accept the contention that brigandage and extortion in the provinces have turned once fertile spots into deserts, and that in the inhabited zones the work of sanitation is carried out by hyenas and jackals.

Admittedly the Abyssinian is a barbarian, and a very cruel barbarian, whose Christianity is considered heresy in other Christian countries, and is, at best only skin deep. Have we not read that the Ethiopian cannot change his skin? But the fact that a man is a scoundrel does not give another the right to despoil and murder him. Intervention by the League of Nations in Abyssinia’s internal affairs was inevitable over ten years ago, as Professor Baravelli has pointed out; but does that give Italy the right to act unilaterally in defiance of the League whose object it is to prevent such unilateral action to say nothing of the act being in abrogation of treaties which Italy has concluded with this fiendishly barbarous country. Enough has been said and written of Italy and the League. It is with Professor Baravelli’s concept of history that we disagree. Like the well-known lady, methinks he doth protest too much.

He refers to Abyssinia as the last stronghold of slavery. Similar charges have been made against the other independent North African State, Liberia, and have been brought by the Abyssinians themselves against the Italian possessions of Libya and Eritrea. Early in his book, he refers to British designs on Abyssinia, supporting his statement by quotations from French and American newspapers. The naïve acceptance of propaganda as evidence is more than discounted by Professor Baravelli’s subsequent assertion that the neighbouring British and French had suffered in common with Eritrea and Ethiopia from Abyssinian raids. These alone would have given Britain the desired excuse for asserting sovereignty over Abyssinia had that been her ultimate intention. Nor can one accept the equally naive implication that because Italy was a late entrant in the race for colonial expansion that she is now entitled to take what she wants without so much as by your leave. He is just as unconvincing in his assumption that because Abyssinia has not adhered to the main condition on which she was admitted to the League that of ending slavery, Italy is entitled to break the League Covenant and older treaties by invading Abyssinia. He conveniently ignores Italy’s support of the motion for Abyssinia’s admission. Abyssinia, according to the Italian statement, has a hatred of all foreigners. This is contradicted, in effect, by Professor Baravelli’s complaint that Italy has been unfairly differentiated against in the matter of commercial concessions, which have been freely granted to Britain, France and Japan. This same differentiation against Italians was the cause of the war which culminated in the disaster of Adowa. Professor Baravelli’s own statements lead to the conclusion that the Abyssinians, although not enamoured of the idea of foreign exploitation of their country, are prepared to admit anybody but Italians, and Italy’s conduct of the present war, especially the deliberate bombing of hospitals by Italian aircraft, are an ironical commentary on that country’s assumption of the role of civilisation in North Africa. The book itself is interesting and well worth reading, but, as far as we are concerned it aroused more disgust with Abyssinia than sympathy for Italy.

SCHOOL SONGS


Our hearty congratulations to Ruby Billston and O. G. Campbell-Egan on their little book of school songs, "Here and There," which has been recently published by Messrs. Allan and Co, Melbourne. Mr. Campbell-Egan, who is a good ‘digger, closely associated with League activities, especially in conducting the combined choirs on Anzac Day, is the Education Department’s superintendent of music. As such, he can be relied upon to know and compose the type of music most suitable for the junior classes in our State schools. Ruby Billston (now Mrs. Penna) was formerly a teacher in the service of the Department. Her twelve delightful little lyrics are on themes which cannot fail to appeal to the child mind. Incidentally, she is the niece of our valued Wagin correspondent, E. St. Jves Billston. The production is the work of specialists and has attained a high level of literary and artistic merit.

ANZAC SERVICE PROGRAMMES

Sub-branch officials who have not ordered their programmes for the Anzac service are reminded that these can be purchased from the Imperial Printing Co., Ltd., of 397 Hay Street, Perth. It is customary to have the form of service
similar to that arranged by the State Executive for the big Esplanade service, but with local particulars included on the front page.

SHOOTING

Mr. B. Vanderwilde (late 11th Battalion), manager of Shimmens and Co., Murray Street, Perth, writes:

I suggest that the time has arrived when a special committee should be appointed to standardise the conditions under which the city, suburban and country clubs shall compete. Only in this way can competitions be just and equitable to all clubs.

I am being continually asked by various sub-branch club officials, "Which is the best 22 ammunition to use?" Which grade do you recommend? Which grade is best for individual and club shooting?" Questions of this nature are asked, not out of curiosity, but by enthusiasts who want to improve themselves.

Were I representing a disreputable firm, I could easily recommend some rubbish or stale stock that we were anxious to quit. There lies the danger. It should not be necessary for enthusiasts to ask traders for this type of advice.

Make a tour of city and suburban clubs. You will find every brand of 22 rifle being used. Some with very much peep-sights, others with adjustable back-sights and bead front-sights, whilst some are using tangent back-sights. I have actually been asked whether it would be an advantage to use telescopic rifle sights on some of these freak weapons. Again I emphasise that it is absolutely necessary for a committee to be appointed to control the sport if this training for marksmanship is to be continued.

The rifle and ammunition should be made universal just as laid down for N.R.A. 303 rifle competitions. The sights should be standardised, the peep-sights are very necessary and should be of standard make and size and the ammunition should be of one make throughout all the clubs, and last, but by no means least, the targets should be standardised with regulation sized bullseye and numbered circles.

Provided some sort of standardised control, after the style outlined above, is brought about, and as an incentive to club members, my firm is prepared to donate a trophy to each club for competition.

S.S.L.

ALBANY

The monthly meeting was held in the Institute on February 4, with Mr. G. L. Field in the chair. The president made a few remarks upon the loss sustained by the Empire through the death of His Majesty King George V. Various items of business were quickly dealt with after which a long discussion followed upon the necessity of forming a gym. class. At the March meeting we had the honour of being addressed for nearly half an hour by "Oppy," the famous cyclist, who was received with the enthusiasm only to be expected on such an occasion. His interesting address dealt chiefly about the youths of Belgium, France and other European countries. It was resolved to hold the next dance on March 20. Visiting members of the S.S.L. are cordially invited. An open invitation is extended to all "sons of returned men who are attending the Albany High School." We shall be only too pleased to enrol them in the S.S.L. Returned men are therefore requested to tell their lads to make enquiries at the R.S.L. Institute and to write to the secretary in case they are in need of some enjoyable nights. The secretary was instructed to send "Oppy" a letter of thanks and good wishes. A circular regarding the proposed uniform, was tabled for information. Various members are assisting in the Albany cycle and car races so games nights are temporarily in the air. Members are reminded that subs for 1936 are now due.

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OUR CRUMBLING EMPIRE

BY ALLEN HARRIS

I search the Empire's horizon and see... Ah, what! The glory of the sunset gleams over the glowing of a greater dawn?

Two men—great men—Mussolini and Professor W. Murdoch have given utterance to words which imply that the British Empire is declining.

Some time ago, Mussolini pictured Great Britain as a stranded whale, and predicted that the Dominions would become the colonies of God knows what Empire (preferably the new Roman).

The Professor, in a Press interview, when just returned from a trip to the "old dart," delivered himself somewhat after this fashion, "England has lost some of her ancient wisdom." In reading that interview, there seemed to be no implication in the Professor's words that England had acquired a modern wisdom in lieu of the old, but simply that she was not so wise as formerly. Or to reduce it to its plainest terms, "England is slipping back." Mussolini has not published his reasons for saying that the British Empire is on the down grade.

The Professor, however, was kinder—enlightening us that cricket and such like frivolities now occupy the front seats of Britain's daily Press, whilst Empire-building topics (such, I suppose, as arise in universities) were poked away in some obscure corner.

I doubt not that Mussolini's conviction (and many of his countrymen share it) arises through a grand comparison between the last days of the Roman Empire and our post-war period. Unemployment, the dole, economic unrest, a disposition to seek for peace, a luxurious aristocracy, and that Fascist delusion "Democracy is a putrifying corpse." The Professor apparently maintains that great issues are the proper thought-food of the masses, and should enjoy the limelight; with lesser things in lower spheres.

But are these signs of decay? And is it a universal law that all Empires bite the dust? Egypt, Assyria, Persia, Greece, Rome—all have come and gone. How enduring those dynasties of Egypt must have seemed in their days. Could all old Roman senators have believed the Empire would all pass? And can we Britons imagine the seas without a Union Jack? It is hard to envision—mortifying to think upon.

Time moves inexorably on—the planet, our ship in space—pursues her eternal journey oblivious of the rise and fall of Empires.

There will always be people on our earth whilst it is habitable—and some of those people of posterity must possess British blood, unless we are killed to a man in the meantime, which is altogether improbable. So why worry? But how could Britons help worrying if the Empire was unmistakably going down.

I do not share either the pessimism contained in the Professor's remarks, or the conviction of II Duce. After turning and tumbling the problem in my brain I have come to the conclusion that "the face, or races, whose morality must strive to be humanitarian, possess the greatest prospect of perpetuity."

When I submit our Empire to that test, and compare it with others, I find nothing to convince me that we are crumbling.

Excluding the Soviet Republics, we see every nation with its economic problems unsolved. In all we find unemployment, though not a dole. (If you examine the morality of the dole you will find no need to suppose it a crude attempt at economic justice. Those people in receipt of it are banded either by circumstance or economic custom from sharing in wealth production—the dole is a public recognition of this injustice.)

Some submit that a stagnant pool of unemployment is a certain sign of decadence. But is it? Can science go on reducing the necessity for human labour without disturbing the economic life of nations? Unemployment, in a nation where wealth equals production can maintain standards of living equal to other nations, is but an indication of the necessity for economic re-adjustment. If we alone are sufferer from this problem some justification might attach to infer a decline, though in that case it would not be through unem-
employment so much as the inveteracy of custom—a custom so confirmed as to paralyse reform. It may be that all nations to-day are thus paralysed—that traditional economic customs are so universally ingrained as to be insurmountable (though to aver that is to postulate in the face of hope).

That democracy is a putrefying corpse is perhaps as much a desire as a conviction of Mussolini. Although recent history in Europe tends to demonstrate a break-away from democratic administrations, the scant knowledge I possess of European pre-war politics confirms me in the view that they have never really enjoyed democratic government. Under the genius of such men as Mussolini, the dictatorship system may appear the most favourable; but even at their best such systems cannot insure against instability—an accident or an assassin may bring the whole structure to the ground in perhaps as big a mess as ever. And further (if I may be excused, another observation) "No man so wise that he never misconceives no doctrine so great as to be flawless." And yet again, men degenerate, and doctrines (political at least) tend to obsolescence with the passage of time. We also know that Adolf Hitler was responsible for the death of seventy odd Germans, without trial; and we know that under Mussolini Italy's Press is muzzled—from those facts we can reason that neither violence nor suppression are despised servants of dictators.

So you will see that by recognising the weaknesses of autocracy a strong case is made out for democracy.

Democracy is no one-man show; and it can be any number of doctrines, all of which may possibly get a turn at the helm—and all of which must submit themselves to the searching criticism of the others. Surely that is a crucible of great worth.

There are, of course, inherent weaknesses in democracy which our best statesmen have as yet failed to rectify—that is, that even duds can rule, that vote-catching tends to corruption, and that the system is somewhat slow and unwieldy. Yet such drawbacks immeasurably outweigh the evils of dictatorship.

As for the prominence of sport in Britain's Press, one can do no better than recall Drake and his game of bowls. I can imagine this Jack-tar playing out his game in sheer audacity, and enjoying that excusable bravado of appearing nonchalant.

The reason that sport items gain prominence is, I suppose, a matter of editorial consideration, of how best to suit customers. Just how this reflects on the wisdom of England is past my ken, for this I do know, that it is to the confines of this little island we still must go for many of the intellectual leaders of mankind.

To me it seems absurd to point to the fashion of the Press as a criterion of the country's sagacity. I would examine the politics and the statesmen for that; they are the result of all that social interplay going on within the nation. Politics, democratic politics, must give expression to the people's desires, and those desires are based upon the will of the majority. Finally I would ask what Power in the world enjoys as calm a social atmosphere as that of Britain to-day. What Power has more regard for human justice? Then can it be reasonably said that such an Empire is crumbling?

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3. A plain figure about which a circle has gathered on any given green is probably the Amateur Champion.
4. A rumpus in which two golfers and the Club Committee are engaged is said to be a regular rumpus.
5. To players behind it, a three-ball match had magnitude but no point.
6. A golfer who at any point in the game does a hole in one cannot contain himself.
7. To the beginner the fairway is that which has length without breadth.
8. Erratic golfers are such as, driving from the same tee, do not meet until they reach the green.
9. A friendly match is the inclination of two golfers to one another who meet together, but have not necessarily the same handicaps.
10. A first-class golfer is one who has length and style but no side.
11. The rough is that in which, though you search for your ball in it both ways ever so far, you never find it.
12. When in a straight line for any given hole two balls lie adjacent and more than six inches apart, the position is called a stymie, and the golfer who has to play the stymie uses a word appropriate to it.
13. A foolooer is a pathetic figure whose shots are most unequal and whose drives are generally at right angles.
14. If equals be playing with unequals, the results are unequal, and the greater number of half-crows will be taken from the unequals.

A Londoner who was holidaying in a country village was pressed into service one Saturday to play for the local cricket club. As the visitor had brought no cricketing attire with him someone lent him a pair of flannels and a multi-coloured blazer. During the tea interval, when he was standing idly waiting for the game to recommence, two of the opposing side came up to him.

"Excuse me, sir," said one, "but my friend and I have been arguing about you. He says you are a Butterfly and I say you are a Quiddnunc. Now, which is right?"

"Well gents," smiled the wearer of the borrowed plumes, "you're both wrong. I'm a fishmonger."

The cricket teams of adjacent villages down Essex way were age-old rivals, and, as each had a similar number of victories over the other, a deciding match was arranged.

"Leek 'ere, Bill," said the captain of the Mudstead side when they were toasting for the innings, "I think the losers of this game should stand the winners a fish supper after the match."

"Right y'are," said the skipper of Ditchwater's chosen, "and I reckon as 'ow the losers should likewise supply a pint of the best with every fry!"

"Good enough," said the Mudstead man confidently, "our chaps will have sardines."

The newly-engaged young man informed the lady of his choice, aged twenty-four, that he was sending her on her birthday a bouquet of roses—one for each year of her age.

To a florist he gave an order to send the lady two dozen of the finest roses he could procure.

"He's a good customer," remarked the florist to his assistant. "Put in an extra dozen."

The engagement was broken off.

An aeroplane flew over an asylum, much to the consternation of the inmates. Next day two of the lunatics were discussing the strange machine. One said:

"Do you know I dreamt last night I made one of those contrivances and flew to Australia in six minutes."

"That's strange," said the other, "for I had a similar dream, only I went to Melbourne in sixty seconds."

"How did you go?"

"Right through the earth."

"Look here, my friend," said the other, "you are not a lunatic, you're a blithering idiot, that's what you are."

The first unit to leave Western Australia was Number Four Section of the Divisional Signal Company, 1st Australian Division. The following personnel of the Section sailed from Fremantle on August 26, 1914, to complete training in Victoria.

By Richard Morton

"Sergeant Flannigan, call the roll," said the officer to Pat.

And in salute the sergeant's hand flew upward to his hat.

He called the roll, and counted all.

The men he'd got in line.

Then said, "There should be forty, for—There's only thirty-nine."

Sergeant Flannigan scratched his head, and counted all again.

He murmured, "Forty can't be made from thirty-nine, that's plain."

One rascal is an absentee, some scrum not worth his salt.

"Find out," the captain sternly said. "And tell me who's in fault."

Sergeant Flannigan in two words:

"If ye please, sir, it's all right; there's no one missing, not at all, and no one's bruk the rules, but I forgot to call myself—It's me and you're the fools."

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TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting held on December 16 elected the following officers for the current years:—President, Colonel  I. E. Dunkley; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. V. Pascoe and A. F. Walters; secretary, W. C. Armstrong; treasurer, Mr. R. Jones; general committee, Messrs. J. O. Stephenson, G. C. O'Grady, H. R. Nicol, L. C. Lewis, K. McIntyre, E. Spencer, C. R. Field, J. M. O'Sullivan and D. Chaloner. The committee meets monthly during the year at ceremonies held at the respective homes of the committee, but on the invitation of Mr. Lewis the February meeting was held at his week-end residence at Safety Bay and a very enjoyable time was spent by those who were able to be present. Norman Graham, nowadays located at Wiluna, but who was on holidays, was welcomed by the president and in return promised to attend the next year's gathering. The attendance at the annual dinner was for some years gradually diminishing, that held during Show Week of last year being particularly small. Various reasons have been submitted as contributing to the very small attendance and as there is a tendency to blame the publicity officer that harassed individual in all humility suggests that a great number of ex-Servicemen don't buy (or read) the "West Australian," "Daily News," "Sunday Times," or "Listening Post." (b) Do not own wireless sets. (c) Do not remember that for years past the annual smoko has been held during Show Week.

In the opinion of the aforesaid publicity man the last reason is the main one. The list of names and addresses which is to be taken of those attending the next ANZAC Day parade will be the medium by which notices will be sent to all those in the metropolitan area as a reminder.

EX-MACHINE GUNNERS’ ASSN.

The State Executive, having recognised the claim of ex-machine gunners and all members of the AIF, formed a separate unit in the 28th Battalion, the committee of the Association hopes that all ex-gunners will give their support by falling in behind their own flag. A good muster is essential to retain the identity of the machine guns permanent. The April quarterly meeting of the Association will take the form of a preliminary rally in anticipation of the parade. The rendezvous will be Gregson's, 12 King Street, Perth (note change of address), on April 22, at 8 p.m., and all ex-machine gunners are urged to come along for an enjoyable evening. The hon. secretary of the Association, Mr. L. J. Parks, Forest Department, Perth, will be glad to hear from machine gunners in any part of the State.

Does anybody know the present address of "Buff" Mackie, formerly of Boulder City? An old esteemed friend, Mr. McKenzie, is anxious to get into touch with him again. If anyone can oblige, please communicate with this paper, or with Mr. V. O'Grady, the secretary of the Boulder sub-branch.

STATE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

At the meeting of the State Executive on February 12, 1936, there were present Messrs. Olden, Collett, Denton, Aberle, Hunt, Freedman, Margolin, Watt, James, Lovell, Wilkins, Mitchell, Collins, Nicholas, Henning, Roche and Newman.

Messrs. Jay (Manjimup), Potts (Kojonup) and Brown (Yandanooka) members of the Land Committee, also attended.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Sten, Philip, Panton, Cornell, Warner, Pady, Ross, Wells and Lamb. Mr. Newman, a new member of the State Executive was formally welcomed by the chairman. The country visitors were also welcomed.

Land Committee.—The report of the Land Committee meeting held on February 12 was submitted by Mr. H. L. Roche. The details of the interviews between the committee and Mr. White, Director of Farmers' Debts Adjustment Act, and Mr. A. C. McCallum, chairman of the Agricultural Bank Commissioners, were published in our last issue. On the motion of Messrs. Roche and Henning, the report was adopted and a vote of thanks was tendered to the Land Committee.

Immigration.—At the instance of the Management Committee, the following resolution was submitted for re-affirmation by the Executive at the meeting on March 11:—"That the Governments of Australia should do everything possible to encourage the immigration to our shores of Nordic people possessing the same qualities as themselves without Government assistance."

Point Walter Reserve.—The State Secretary mentioned in his report that the State Gardens Board was widening the approach to the Point Walter reserve, and that pine trees would be planted there. It was agreed that the North-East Fremantle sub-branch be asked to undertake the reconditioning of memorial name plates in the reserve, which were now in a dilapidated condition.

Membership.—The Membership Committee submitted details of the Membership Dinner arranged for March 4. It was agreed to endeavour to have the meeting broadcast.

Empire and Local Trade.—The Empire and Local Trade Committee submitted a report.

S.S.L.—Rabbi Freedman submitted a report on behalf of the S.S.L. Committee which recommended the bestowal of rank and awards on members, and the provision of a uniform. The discussion of the report was adjourned until the next meeting.

Relief Fund.—The trustees of the R.S.L. Relief Fund reported that during the month of January a total of 92 applications for relief was approved, the amount disbursed being £92 17s. 10d.

Visits.—The following visits were reported:—North Perth (Colonel A. C. N. Olden), Gillingarra Memorial Gardens (Mr. Edwards), Mr. Aberle advised delegates that owing to urgent private business he had been unable to attend the meeting of the Perth sub-branch on February 11. He would communicate with the sub-branch. Collie expressed appreciation of the delegation, Messrs. Sten and Watt, who visited the sub-branch lately.

Mr. E. S. Watt was appointed to represent the State Executive at the meeting of the Carlisle sub-branch on March 15.

T.B. Appeal.—A communication, from the Federal Secretary enclosing a complaint forwarded to the Federal President by Mr. A. C. N. White, of Sydney, in connection with the attitude of the State Executive towards an appeal which he (Mr. White) desired to conduct in this State, was received and referred to the Management Committee for reply.

General.—The appointment of officials as advised by the Mt. Lawley, Harvey, and Yarloop sub-branches was confirmed.

Leave of absence was granted to the Senior Vice-President (Archdeacon Riley) for the period he would be absent from Western Australia.

Raffle.—Perth sub-branch requested permission to circulate all sub-branches in support of a proposed raffle. It was agreed to advise the sub-branch that a previous decision of the Executive prevented this approval being granted, but that sub-branches in the metropolitan area could be circulated.

Lennons Hospital.—A letter was received from the matron of Lennons Hospital thanking...
ing donors of wheat. The letter contained information of further donations and it was agreed that it be published in "The Listening Post."

Anzac Day.—The St. John’s Ambulance Brigade Overseas advised that the Chief Commissioner (Colonel J. L. Sleeam) would be in this State for Anzac Day. The question of this Brigade for facilities to participate in the Anzac Day parade was referred to the Anzac Day Committee.

26th February, 1936

At the meeting on February 26, 1936, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Collett, Philip, Panton, Aberle, Hunt, Freedman, Cornell, Margolin, Warner, Watt, James, Lovell, Wilkins, Pady, Ross, Collins, Holmes and Newman. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Riley, Stem, Bentley, Mitchell, Wells, Lamb, Henning and Roche.

Condonole.—An expression of condolence with the widow of the late Mr. Fred Shand was carried. Mr. Shand had previously been a member of the State Executive and a past president of the Subico sub-branch of which he was an active member up to the time of his death.

Social.—Mr. Joe Campbell, secretary of the Corrigir sub-branch, was welcomed to the meeting.

Messrs. Panton and Warner were congratulated on their re-election to Parliament.

Visits.—The following visits were arranged:

—Coolup, March 14, Colonel Olden and Mr. Wilkins; Mr. Helena, March 21, Colonel Margolin and Mr. Warner; No. 4 District Committee, State President, Mr. W. J. Hunt, country vice-president and State Secretary; Mackinbun, March 14, Mr. F. L. Warner; Mr. Lawley, March 21, Messrs. James and Watt; Lake Grace, March 26, and Yealering; March 27, Colonel Olden; Unveiling Ceremony, Dowerin, April 25, Colonel Colton, I.O.G.T. Memorial Service, April 25, Mr. Panton. The State President reported on visits to Narrogin sub-branch, R.S.L. Cricket Association and R.M. and L.M.A. Other visits reported were Bluff Point (Hon. J. Corrall, M.L.C.); Lomnoos Hospital (Mr. W. A. Wilkins), Victoria Park (State Secretary), Waroona and Kelmstott (Mr. F. J. Aberle), and Maylands (Mr. G. H. Philip).

Regrets were conveyed that no representatives of the State Executive could be arranged at Manjimup on February 22.

Agreements Committee.—Arising out of the Management Committee’s report it was decided that suitable arrangements should be made to enable the St. John’s Ambulance Brigade to take part in the Anzac Day parade.

The use of a prescribed ritual for sub-branch meetings was not recommended, it being considered that this was a matter best left to the sub-branches themselves.

The establishment of a war museum in Anzac House was considered impracticable.

Women’s Auxiliary Funds.—In answer to a query as to what would become of the funds of any auxiliary in the event of its being disbanded, it was decided that in such cases the funds remain the property of the parent sub-branch, subject to and with the approval of the State Executive and, failing such approval, funds be held in trust by the State Executive.

Committees.—The resignation of Colonel Denton from the Land Committee, through pressure of private business, was accepted with grace.

Mr. H. L. Roche was appointed to the Land Committee, and Mr. H. G. Newman to the Poppy Day, Membership and Pensions and Employment Committees.

Mr. Lovell was appointed Executive delegate on the A.R.M.S. Committee.

Membership Committee.—The report of the meeting of the Membership Committee, held on February 25, was received. Delegates were reminded of the Membership Dinner to be held on March 4.

S.S.L.—The recommendation of the S.S.L. Committee, submitted by Rabbi Freedman, that in reference to wearing of uniform by, and the granting of rank and awards to members of the S.S.L., consideration of which had been deferred by the State President because paragraphs 2 and 4 of the report dated February 5, and of the concluding paragraphs of the report of February 12, contained issues of policy which this Executive has no power to decide, and upon which it is both desirable and imperative that the State Congress should be given the opportunity to express an opinion.

B.E.S.L. Congress.—A lettergram had been received from the Federal President stating that the B.E.S.L. Council had unanimously recommended the postponement of the B.E.S.L. Conference from June next to the approximate time of the coronation of King Edward VIII. The State President’s approval of this suggestion was confirmed.

Coronation Contingent.—A letter from Federal Headquarters contained the suggestion that contingent members of the A.I.F. should participate in the coronation ceremony of King Edward VIII. The letter asked that consideration be given to this suggestion. It was decided that this Branch’s delegate to the Federal Executive meeting on March 11 be instructed with regard to the decision reached as the matter would be discussed then. It was agreed that this Executive favours the suggestion, but defers further consideration until a definite plan is prepared.

Lazarette.—Wooroloo sub-branch submitted the following resolution:—That as the Government’s action in sending leper patients to the Lazarette at Wooroloo is so seriously affecting the interests of residents and settlers of the district, and becoming a menace to the health of the community, this sub-branch appeals to the State Executive to place the matter before the authorities and urge the removal of the lazarette from Wooroloo.

On the motion of Colonel Collett, seconded by Rabbi Freedman, it was decided that the resolution, with supporting data, be forwarded to the Minister for Health.

Sub-Branches.—Collie sub-branch advised that 17 new members had been enrolled during January, and that it was hoped that 60 would be enrolled before June. It was agreed that the sub-branch be congratulated on the success of its membership campaign.

Approval was given to Collie’s recommendation for financial membership of two unemployed members.

Northam sub-branch expressed sincere sorrow at the death of His Majesty, King George V. It was agreed that the contents of the letter he communicated to His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor.

Annual reports were received from Collie, Cardiff, and Karratha sub-branches.

The appointment of officials, as advised by Brunswick Junction, Maylands and Pemberton sub-branches, was confirmed.

Approval was given for the formation of a sub-branch at Youanmite.

A request for permission for the B.U.S.A. to place a wreath on the Memorial at the

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Dawn Service on Anzac Day was referred to the Anzac Day Committee.

A communication from the Torbay District sub-branch concerning the Rural Rehabilitation Scheme was referred to the Land Committee.

Kelmcott sub-branch expressed appreciation to Mr. F. J. Aberle for his recent visit.

War Service Homes.—South Perth sub-branch forwarded a communication from the Workers’ Homes Board in which the Board asked if the necessary materials were provided would the sub-branch arrange for the painting of a war service home in which a widow resided. Although willing to do any such work, the sub-branch considered that as the widow had only a small equity in the property and would never own it, the sub-branch would only be preserving an asset of the Commission.

It was stated in discussion that other sub-branches had received similar requests. The State Secretary had been in touch with the Workers’ Homes Board, who stated that they were acting under the instructions of the Commissioner. It was decided that the matter be taken up with the Commissioner.

Leave of Absence.—Colonel Collett was granted leave of absence from all meetings of the State Executive held during his absence from the State on Parliamentary business.

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WAROONA

Mr. F. J. Aberle has rendered to the State Executive the following report on his recent visit to Waroona:

I have to report having visited Waroona on Saturday, February 22, in company with Mr. W. J. Hunt, for the purpose of presenting you at the annual reunion smoke social conducted by the Waroona sub-branch.

The South-West was well represented, there being an attendance of about 60 Representatives from Bunbury, Brunswick, Mornington, Harvey, Coolup and Murray branches, Mr. Sagar, chairman of No. 1 District Committee, was also present, and advised, during the course of his address, that every sub-branch between Capel and Pinjarra had now joined No. 1 District Committee. Mr. Baird, the President of Waroona sub-branch, proposed the toast of the League, and in the course of a very thoughtful address assured your delegates of the loyalty of the sub-branch to the League. The toast was enthusiastically seconded by Mr. Hunt and myself, replies to your health.

The opportunity was taken at the meeting to present Mr. C. Henning with a Certificate of Service for his efforts on behalf of Waroona sub-branch, and it was my pleasure to accept the presentation. The sub-branch membership is about 50, and under the secretaryship of Mr. Brearley, is doing excellent work. Altogether it was an instructive and interesting evening. We had the opportunity after the meeting of meeting almost everyone present, and discussed several problems that were placed before us. I am personally grateful to Mr. Hunt for his company; he was able to deal at length with land matters, and with the assistance of Mr. Henning, clear up a lot of doubt.

We were charged, to convey to you, Mr. President, the appreciation of the work that you are doing and to the Executive the best wishes from the whole of the assembled gathering.

NARROGIN

At the meeting of the State Executive on February 26, the State President (Mr. A. Yeates) reported:

With the State Secretary, I attended the annual reunion of the Narrogin sub-branch on Saturday night, February 22. We were accompanied by Mr. Cunningham (pianist) and Mr. Longley (a member of the Netherlands sub-branch).

About 200 diggers attended the reunion, and there were also representatives of the district present, including Mr. James (the Mayor), Mr. Hall (ex-Mayor), and a representative of the Road Board. Mr. T. Sten presenteers and representatives were present from other neighbouring sub-branches.

The sub-branch is in an exceedingly favourable position. It has a hundred and six financial members, and in January thirty-nine subscriptions were received, and February yielded twenty-nine more. There is £20 in the amenities fund and £60 in the general fund. The sub-branch assets amount to approximately £1,100, and, although additions were recently carried out to the Institute, the sub-branch owes only about £160.

Soon after arriving at Narrogin, we were extended a civic reception by the Mayor and Councillors, at which kind references were made to the cordiality and co-operation existing between the local governing authorities and sub-branch officials.

Mr. Yeates concluded by referring to the wonderful work of Mr. Tom Hogg, the hon. secretary.

PERTH

The Perth sub-branch has had two meetings during February and on each occasion there was a good turn out of members. At the first meeting the financial statement showed a satisfactory position and accounts totalling £24 10s. 8d. were passed for payment.

The secretary's report on the raffle being conducted by the sub-branch was received, and it is anticipated that a good profit will result from this excellent sweep. The first prize is £25, with £10 and £7 as second and third prizes respectively. Tickets are 1s. each and procurable from the majority of members.

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A very old and efficient worker of the sub-branch in Mr. Bill Stockdale was the Lieutenant of an Illuminated Certificate of Service which he received, in the course of his remarks, said was "richly deserved." There is no doubt about the work done by Bill on behalf of the sub-branch.

The past president, Mr. A. G. Esnouf, was also presented with a Certificate of Service, and received the thanks of the committee for the work performed during his year of presidency. These presentations were made by the president (Mr. J. O'Farrell).

An invitation for a return social evening at parlour bowls was received and accepted from the I.O.O.F. Lodge at Victoria Park. This function will be held on March 23. Members are expected to turn up in full force.

The second meeting of the month was not quite so well attended as the first. The sub-branch has again entered into the A.R.M.S. Competitions, and hopes to be at the top of the tree again. Mr. A. Laughton was appointed as an assistant director with Mr. A. G. Esnouf as his lieutenant.

Acclamation greeted the report that our cricket club regained the only undefeated club in the Cricket Competitions of 1935-1936. Our team is hopeful of bringing that pennant to adorn the sub-branch office.

An excellent suggestion was put forward by a member, to the effect that to erect a memorial to His Late Majesty King George V. It should take the form of a home for prematurely aged sailors and soldiers. The suggestion has been forwarded to the State Executive with the request that they push the idea forward with the utmost possible urgency.

The effort to create a concert party is progressing satisfactorily, and the public of Perth can expect an ex-diggers’ show to be put in front of them any minute now.

BUNBURY

A very fair attendance was in evidence at the monthly fixture on the third Wednesday of the month. Members expressed dissatisfaction at the activities of those responsible for visiting comrades on the sick list. It appeared that several comrades had been frightened to hospital and they had not been neglected. A committee of three was appointed to take over these duties. Unfortunately, through transfers, the previous committee had been permitted to carry out the job systematically.

The annual picnic was held on Sunday, March 1; Turkey Point was the rendezvous and the function proved as popular as the recent moonlight river trip, its success being assured. The president commented on the slackening off in the membership. He appealed to all members to pay their dues and resume financial membership. Another drive is in course of preparation, and it is hoped that next month’s notes will give evidence that the matter has been adjusted. Secretary Murray explained the work being done by the District Committee in connection with soldier settlers. He laid special emphasis on this committee’s appointment of Mr. C. H. Flemming of Woolbrook as the representative to the Land Committee of the State Executive. Mr. Murray explained that, excepting Boyanup, every sub-branch from Pinjarra to Busselton was affiliated with the District Council. Boyanup is invited to step up and play its part. The Sunday Band

Concerts in the R.S.L. gardens are worthy of a better attendance. The band and other performers give it a personal and individual outside the metropolis. Local diggers must make a point of patronising a musical entertainment which is a credit to the town.

VICTORIA PARK

The monthly meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, Salford Street, on February 25. After business had been disposed of, the president (Fred Matthew) welcomed the members of the women’s auxiliary. Dancing was the order of the evening, interspersed with the following items: Miss Edna Drage, song and tap dance; Mr. Stan Gibb and "J J," a clever ventriloquist act; Miss D. Matthews, a la "Dante the Great." Mr. D. M. Benson, State Secretary, was given a warm welcome. He congratulated the sub-branch on the splendid progress it had made, and paid a tribute to the good work performed by the women’s auxiliary. Mrs. W. Tolmie, President of the Women’s Auxiliary, presented to the sub-branch a splendid picture of His Late Majesty King George V. Mrs. W. Tolmie then presented a cheque for £20 to the Hall Fund. This further act of kindness nearly knocked Fred speechless, but he rallied and had to thank the ladies all over again. Other visitors were State President of the Women’s Auxiliary (Mrs. McKinlay), and the State Secretary (Mr. Hopkins). Mrs. Arts, mine host of the Balmore, was given the honor of placing the picture in the main hall. The social committee deserves the thanks of the members for providing refreshments and such an enjoyable programme. Mrs. Starkey supplied the music for the dancing. Wal Tolmie acted as quartermaster, and Bill Colley sergeant of the guard. The secretary Jack Matthews was kept busy enrolling new members. Mr. Eric Lloyd was an efficient M.C.

DUMBLEYUNG

The annual general meeting was held on February 1, seventeen members being present. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Larking; vice-presidents, Messrs. Towers and Risseck; honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. Nicholson; stewards, Messrs. Thompson; committee, Messrs. Costigan, Anderson and Closs. Meetings are held on the last Saturday of the month. The motion was moved by Mr. Knox, seconded by Mr. Towers. "That all country sub-branch members should be notified through "The Listening Post" that their attendance would be very much appreciated if they would attend Anzac House while in Perth to become honorary member of that Club," was carried. At the meeting on February 29, quite a number of members expressed the intention of being in Perth on the 21st Anniversary of Anzac Day.

ALBANY

The monthly meeting was held in the Institute on Tuesday, February 18, with Mr. E. Y. Butler, R.M., in the chair. After the usual opening Mr. Keays was introduced, who gave a very interesting address on the need to support local products, especially tobacco. He left us a good supply of specimens to smoke. A circular from the State Secretary could have received a little more attention, but the attendance was better.

The secretary was instructed to enquire at the secretary St. John’s Vestry for the handsome donation of £4 6s. 9d., the proceeds of a collection on behalf of distressed ex-service men taken at the King George Memorial Service. Donations of this kind are more appreciated, than mere words can tell. A statement of receipts and expenditure of the Christmas Tree was received, and it was resolved that the proceeds, £37 be met by the sub-branch. Mr. A. C. Vaughan was appointed delegate to No. 4 District Committee on March 8. The Institute is now nearly completed and the Commissioner for Rail- ways in his recent visit expressed his great appreciation. The sub-branch has again drawn the attention of the State Executive to the disabilities, etc., suffered by ex-Imperialists.

OSBORNE PARK

The sub-branch held the annual picnic on Sunday, February 9, at Peppermint Grove. Members and friends were conveyed in motor cars and camped kindly lent for the occasion by friends. The kiddies were well catered for, and with races, ice cream, fruit, etc., they had the time of their lives. Members are practising hard for the A.R.M.S. competitions. The sub-branch library is still forging ahead, there being over 800 books to choose from. It is certainly not only an asset to the sub-branch, but to the whole district. The report of the half-yearly audit was very satisfactory. The auditors congratulated the secretary (Bob Collett) on his work and the sub-branch on the sound financial position. Members have been working hard to raise funds for the repair and redecoration of the Memorial Hall. They have been successful and the work has been handed over to Doug Foreman, one of the

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vice-presidents, to complete. The social programme has been suspended for a month or two, but all are looking forward to the usual winter socials again.

Katanning

The annual meeting was held on February 17. There was a fair attendance, presided over by the president (Mr. H. W. Taylor). Balance sheet showed a credit balance of approximately £14. It was resolved to advise the State Executive that this sub-branch was in favour of the publishing of the annual congress agenda in "The Listening Post" in addition to separate copies as supplied to delegates. Thanks were extended to the treasurer (Mr. A. T. Crouch) for his services for the year, and to Mrs. Higman of the women's auxiliary. The president and secretary both remarked on the splendid work done by Mrs. Higman during the past 12 months. The arrangements for No. 4 District Committee meeting at Albany on March 8 are in the hands of the secretary. A record attendance of members is desired. An honorarium of £4 4s. was voted to the secretary (Mr. W. Bailey); the president and members voicing their appreciation of his services. The secretary was instructed to draw the attention of the State Secretary to the lack of information concerning the location of the various offices in various parts of the State, asking that a notice board be erected for the guidance of country members. It was recommended to the incoming committee that the formation of a library was desirable. The following officers were elected for the forthcoming year: President, Mr. H. W. Taylor; secretary, Mr. W. Bailey; treasurer, Mr. A. T. Crouch; committee, Messrs. Taylor, Filides, Barnett, Meacham, A. Moutiz, McEwan and Shaw; auditors, Messrs. Filides and McEwan. Judging by the enthusiasm shown by members present at the meeting, the year should be a most successful one.

Maylands

The annual meeting was held on February 20. There was a good attendance of members. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Mr. W. Woods; vice-president, J. Stanfield and C. W. Batten; secretary, J. E. Adamson (unopposed); committee, F. L. Thorn, C. E. Balven, A. Cook, E. E. Adamson, A. Elkington, J. McNair; treasurer and associated secretary, D. Tobin; editor, "All Quiet" A. Cook. The retiring president (Mr. W. J. Lovell) presented a comprehensive report of the activities of the sub-branch during the year. Mr. Lovell thanked all those who had helped him and in particular the members who generally worked hard in the interests of the sub-branch, and closed his remarks by complimenting Mr. Harry Woods on his election as president. The annual smoke social was held in the Mandella Town Hall on February 6, some 175 being present. President W. Lovell presided. Mr. G. H. Philip represented the State Executive. Others present were the Hon. Jas. McFarlane, M. L. C., Messrs. H. Sibert, Burgess and Lloyd, Perth Road Board. Many of the metropolitan sub-branches were represented. Jim Batey's orchestra and entertainers presented a lively programme which was interspersed with community singing. The new officers and committee are commencing their year's work by considering ways and means of increasing membership in conformity with the Executive's State-wide drive.

Northam

President Farewelled

There was a good attendance of members of the Northam sub-branch at the Returned Soldiers' League at the Avon Bridge Hotel on Friday, February 28, when an informal gathering was held to say farewell to the president of the sub-branch (Mr. J. F. Robertson). The senior vice-president (Mr. P. T. Prince) presided.

Mr. Prince explained the object of the function and said it was very gratifying to see such a large and representative attendance. As they knew Mr. Robertson had been transferred to Geraldton and he sincerely felt that what would be Northam's loss would be Geraldton's gain. Their deputing president had carried out his duties very ably and in doing so he had gained him the best that he could wish himself. They also desired Mr. Robertson to convey to his wife and family their warmest wishes. If he carried out his job as well in Geraldton as he had done for Northam, Geraldton would benefit considerably.

Mr. H. C. S. Colebatch said that what had always appealed most strongly to him in regard to Mr. Robertson's occupancy of the position of president of the sub-branch was his conscientiousness. Not only did he give his best attention to the duties of presiding at meetings and other routine matters associated with the position, but he was always most diligent in that in representing the R.S.L. at public functions in the town, and elsewhere, and the sub-branch at sub-branch gatherings in other towns. He wished Mr. and Mrs. Robertson a happy and prosperous future in Geraldton, the place where Mr. Robertson's interest in R.S.L. affairs would have ample scope.

Mr. G. C. Curlewis said that the Northam sub-branch had been singularly fortunate in its presidents. Mr. Robertson, although a very busy man, had always found the time to attend to R.S.L. affairs and in addition had been very good to ex-service men who required help and advice. As secretary, he would miss Mr. Robertson very much indeed.

Mr. A. S. Childlow said that he had seen a good deal of Mr. Robertson and had always found him a public-spirited citizen.

Mr. R. A. Johnstone said he wanted to pay a tribute to Mr. Robertson, the man. He had always found him a public-spirited citizen.

Dr. F. T. Beamish said that one quality of Mr. Robertson's that he desired to stress was his extraordinarypluck. In a position to know, he could assure them that they were never going to hear about his ordinary avocations who suffered so much as a result of the war as did Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson's health was drunk with enthusiasm and in his reply he said he appreciated immensely what had been said of him. His job as president of the sub-branch had been very easy because of the excellent work of their secretaries (Mr. Curlewis). He had always had the interests of the sub-branch at heart and he very much regretted leaving the old associations that had been such an attractive feature of the R.S.L. gatherings. In leaving Northam he would cherish many happy memories of his connection with the sub-branch.

The health of the chairman was proposed by Mr. Robertson.

In acknowledging the toast, Mr. Prince congratulated Mr. Curlewis upon his son's selection for Duntroon and wished him all future success.

Nedlands

The monthly meeting was held on February 11. There was a very good muster, 83 signing the attendance register. The president (Mr. J. Anderson) occupied the chair. Letters were read from mothers congratulating the sub-branch on the excellent entertainment provided for the children at the Christmas party. The president (Mr. O. W. Newman) was heartily congratulated by all members present on his appointment to the State Executive. After general business Mr. H. Moseley, P.M., gave an extremely interesting and highly instructive lecture on the habits, customs and treatment of the aborigines of our State. At the conclusion a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. R. A. Wood, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and was enthusiastically carried by the meeting.

The toast "Our Country" was proposed by the president and Mr. Les. Vincent, of the Albany sub-branch ably responded.

Bassendean

Bassendean has elected (re-elected in most cases) the following officials:—President, Mr.
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Grieve; vice-presidents, Padre Vine, R. A. McDowall; secretary, F. Leng; social secretary, S. E. Blatherwick; chairman, Mr. F. Dixtie; social committee, Blatherwick, J. R. Dixtie, J. E. Holgate, A. Vicary, F. Smith, F. J. H. Leng; sick committee, Messrs. Prosser, Claughten, Bennett, Gardiner and Dixtie.

SUBIACO

On February 20 about 15 members journeyed to Bussandean in cars kindly made available by various sub-branch members. Representative George acted as host and warmly welcomed the Subiaco members to a delightful luncheon, suggesting that they make themselves comfortable and have a good time, which they did. The various-games teams got to work, the result being that Bussandean won the small bore shoot and bridge. Subiaco took the total and table tennis. Draughts were not contested. Over 50 diggers were present and there was sufficient evidence to support the opinion that the interchange of visits between sub-branches does much to benefit the members and the League in general. On March 5 the monthly-meeting was held in the rooms and was well attended. After opening in the usual manner the president (Mr. L. Mitchell)-by-touche, reference to the recent passing of an old and valued member of the sub-branch in the person of Frederick George Shand, and as a mark of reverence and respect members present stood for a minute’s silence. Wartime, he said, had warmly welcomed a new member joining the League for the first time—George James Yates, late of the King’s Royal Irish Hussars. George also saw service with the second Life Guards, serving in France and lying in hospital out of the army in 1915. This enrolment was the “first shot” fired by the Subiaco sub-branch in the membership campaign. All members not at the last meeting are urged to make note of the proposed activities—Bussandean members to play Subiaco on Thursday, March 19, at Subiaco; committees have been arranged as follows—for A.R.M.S. games—Fraser, convener; E. Condon, small bore shooting team; Gregorson, clay, quota team; Weare for bridge/Anzac Day committee; Messrs. Skinner, Giles and Beer. Membership committee; Messrs. Clegg, Bennett, Newman, E. Condon, Smith and Wilkins. War Memorial—Messrs. Clegg, E. Condon and Underwood. Social—Messrs. H. R. Beaven, B. Condon and J. Burgess. The following members were posted for duty at the War Memorial—for week ending March 17—J. Beir and L. Westra; March 22, G. Drummond Hay and W. Clarke; March 29, R. Maxwell and Williamson; April 5, Newman and Jacobs. B. Condon reported a very pleasant outing for the Lemnos boys, organized by the women’s auxiliary and the sub-branch. P. J. Clegg expressed himself as having had a splendid night and dinner given by the Executive Membership Committee at Anzac House. The sub-branch decided to hold a picnic outing in conjunction with the women’s auxiliary at Nuvol Base on Porte S. Fuller particulars will be by circular to all members.

COTTESLOE

The sub-branch committee met on February 14 at the residence of Major Athol Hobbs, 40a View Street, peppermint Grove. There was a full attendance and Mr. C. L. Harvey, the president, presided. The president, secretary and chairman of the membership committee were selected to attend the Membership Dinner to be given at Anzacs House on Wednesday, March 4. On completion of business refreshments and supper was supplied and thoroughly enjoyed by the committee and a very hearty vote of thanks was extended to Major Hobbs by the president for his kindliness and entertainment during the evening. The monthly general meeting was held on March 3, and there was an extraordinary large attendance over which the president (Mr. C. L. Harvey) presided. Business was cut as short as possible, to enable Mr. Hutchinson to give a short account of Q-boats in war-time, which proved to be of very interest. Mr. Hutchinson, who commanded one of these boats during the war, related some of his escapes from ‘being a permanent boater of David’s Locker’, which must have been very thrilling. During the evening refreshments and games were thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The president mentioned that at the next meeting he hoped to be able to give some definite and good information regarding the erection of the Cottesloe Memorial Hall, which has been so much talked about for a considerable period. It is hoped that definite will be disclosed and that members will soon be meeting in their own building and Cottesloe will not be in the background of not having a memorial for those who gave their lives for King and Country. The next meeting will be on the first Tuesday in April. All A.I.F. and ex-Imperial men are cordially invited to attend. Several new members were enrolled during last month; the secretary has still a few blank receipts in his book and some badges with financial attachments to issue.

BULLFINCH

Bullfinch sub-branch held its reunion on February 19, when a fair attendance mustered to do honour to Bacchus and to renew the bonds of friendship. Amongst those present were Mr. Jas. Cornell, M.L.C., representing the Executive, whilst Mr. Stan Hammer was in attendance to extend the band of friendship from S.S. (Southern Cross). Mr. Morgan and two colleagues represented Mooring Rock. President Nixon was in the chair and kept his charges under control until “lights out.” A feature of this mid-week reunion was the magnificent spirit that prompted many to attend. President Nixon walked in 9 miles to officiate at this function. Methinks there is no truth in the rumour that he lost several pints by being short of breath on arrival. Bill Hackett, too, was in good fettle for the occasion; he walked in a greater distance but wisely allowed himself more time. Brothers Harry and Jim Day also walked in, certainly no mean feat on such roads as we possess Mrs. Stack. Bullfinch Hotel, was the hostess and every credit is due to this fine lady for the excellent catering arrangements. This sub-branch also desires to express its gratitude to her for placing a room at our disposal for the conduct of our meetings. We very much regret to hear about Mrs. Cornell’s illness, and trust that our executive member on return to Perth found her very much recovered. Two pillars of this sub-branch—Harry and Owen Cox—are leaving agricultural pursuits here to take up land at Doodlake. These die-hards have been members of this sub-branch since its inception, and have occupied various offices. The boys here wish you every success in your new environments, Harry and Owen, and that success and good health will follow you. Jack Orr is also very much to the fore. As sub-branch auditor and steward he is every active. He states there is no truth in the rumour that the Caledonians have gone into recess because of a shortage in Johnny Walker supplies.

DARLING RANGE

On the evening of February 13 the Darlings met for the social meeting. Attendance was not up to the mark, due probably to the fact that some members were away on holiday and others busy with their fruit. However, in other ways the sub-branch has not been idle, members having given assistance to the women’s auxiliary on several occasions, notably by the cooking sub-committee. On February 29, and at the home of Mrs. Wallis on March 1, when the auxiliary entertained.

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the boys from Lemnos, together with a small contingent from Edith Millen House. Recently we invested in a set of parlour bowls. Invested is the correct word, because we expect to receive an increase of interest and membership as a result. Already we have received challenges from two other sub-branches for contests which gives the greatest pleasure. We anticipate giving them the father of a licking.

GOSNELLS

The annual meeting held at Gosnells hall on February 24 was very well attended and four new members were gained with promises of four more. The branch showed great improvement from previous years. Mr. A. J. Lee was re-elected president; Mr. W. J. Pilkington, treasurer; and Mr. John J. White, secretary. Mr. White was appointed as acting secretary during Mr. Pilkington’s absence. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent playing South Perth sub-branch cricket, and though we lost the match, everyone had a right royal time. With better times and with the desire to improve our strength and attractiveness a very successful year is looked forward to. Mr. H. Francis was appointed secretary of cricket club and any club wishing matches should communicate with him.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEDERVILLE

A perfect summer evening, March 1, saw the members, their wives, families and friends packing themselves into Metro buses to attend the annual picnic at Peppermint Grove. Arrangements were excellent and the whole party throughout the day had a most enjoyable time. One of the attractions of the kiddies’ parade were the prizes in the racing event—ginger beer for the ladies and a spot of work for the women of the auxiliary when they were not indulging in beating the pistol in the running. The Peterson combination had a day out; Mrs. Peterson won the women’s auxiliary race, the prize for which was a handsome timepiece donated by Mr. Cahill of Leederville. Roy won the member’s handicap, beating Tom Campbell, last year’s winner. He followed this with another success in the sub-branch championship, a truly great performance in one afternoon. The prizes for these two events were donated by Mr. Leslie Reindeer, of the Leederville Hotel and Mr. Cocks of the Oxford Hotel. Novelty events and various games kept up the interest until the seven buses carried us all back home, tired but happy. The attendance was estimated at 350. The sub-branch entertained the women’s auxiliary on February 13 in the Soldiers’ Memorial Hall, the object being to express thanks to the ladies for their work on Poppy Day and throughout the year. A very pleasant evening was spent in games, dancing, and musical items. On that night Mr. Bill Melvin presented the sub-branch with three framed engravings of Royalty, which were suitably acknowledged by Ted Damon, the president. Our very best thanks are due and have been tendered to Mr. Melvin for his gift. In an endeavour to revive the sub-branch of the S.S.L., invitations were sent out to all the boys likely to join up and 39 responded and made an enthusiastic start at their first meeting. Games to be provided and lectures arranged. All boys eligible in the district are asked to come along and help. In connection with the big drive for more members Mr. Tom Campbell reported on the big function held at Anzac House.

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MOUNT LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

The sub-branch held its first event of the new year in the shape of a games night, in Wallish’s Hall on February 29. In a breezy opening speech the president (Mr. C. M. Swanson), outlined the course of the evening’s amusements and showed that the branch had decided the best of the evening, as the magicians had to do all the scoring and hand their points over to their partners. They did not even share the prizes. Mr. W. J. White umpired the tennis, and after a series of strenuous sets Mrs. Lampton and Mr. Ted Allwood won the first in the play-off. Mr. Charley Lyons and usual umpired, and here also a play-off resulted in Mrs. Chambers and Mr. T. C. Aylott. The morning took place in the Sub-branch Hall, and the branch was handed round by Mr. C. M. Swanson to the officers and members present, and the branch call held the lead until the last two couples shot. Here a good display of shooting by Mrs. Lewis resulted in her and her partner winning by two points from Mrs. Hill, and Misses. Peterson and the ladies for the children, after which Mr. C. M. Swanson presented the prizes. A cool drink of ginger beer closed off the evening.

CLAREMONT

The annual smoke social took place in the Parish Hall on February 6. Among the visitors present was Mr. C. P. Smith, a past president of the sub-branch, but now, to the loss of the League, no longer an active member. The Claremont sub-branch will always be in his debt for services rendered at a very critical time. The entertainment was provided by Mr. Billy Edwards and supporting artists, and Messrs. Penn and Jimmy Roberts, of a very high standard. We were also very pleased to make the acquaintance of Brigadier MacFarlane, and hope that during his term of service in the State we shall be privileged to have him amongst us from time to time. Three new members were enrolled during the evening, and this will help to compensate for others that have recently left the district. The time is drawing near when the 1936 series of matches in the A.R.M.S. competition will commence. A special appeal is made to members to take a very keen interest in the games during the coming season. For a sub-branch of our numerical strength and position in this competition the past has been nothing to be proud of, and could be quite easily improved. Visits to neighbouring sub-branches with very few exceptions are a great pleasure, whilst we always endeavour to make an home match as enjoyable as possible. Forty-three members assembled for the monthly meeting held on Thursday, March 5, under the chairmanship of President C. H. Briggs. The forthcoming A.R.M.S. games and the League’s membership drive occupied the bulk of the evening’s discussion. It was decided to enter again for the competition and in an endeavour to improve on previous performances the various team captains were appointed with a view to enabling them to organise their respective teams and get them into the best possible form by the time the competition commences. Mr. Jack Storey is again in command of the fortunes—and misfortunes—of the rifle brigade; Mr. Phil

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Gulley guides the fortunes of the quote quarter; Mr. Baxter has the joy of getting the punters in at the races, while Mr. Woodlands is rubber-down-in-chief to the tennis team, while Mr. George Tomlinson is in charge of the brains of the sub-branch. The question of success lies now in the hands of the rank and file, as everyone who has any ability in any of the above games is requested to get in touch with the appropriate captain. As all players have to be registered delay is dangerous. The question of the League's endeavour to increase the membership has been considered both from the aspect of gaining new members and the equally important aspect of retaining existing members. As regards the acquisition of new members it was generally agreed that no method could improve on personal contact, the result being that more new members would have been considerably increased. It was considered that a considerable portion of this loss was caused by the transfer of a member from his district to one where he was not known, and it was recommended that a radio in the movement. The opinion was expressed that the State Executive and "The Listening Post" might obviate a great section of this loss, the former by educating sub-branch secretaries, and the latter to a large extent by the" Listening Post" of the transfer of any member, giving the name of the district to which he was transferred and the latter by providing a column in which these transfers could be advertised. A light supper preceded the senatorial commands "eyes down" which is the signal for the commencement of the games which concluded the evening at 11 p.m.

COLLIE
By "Arem"

We have achieved our ambition quicker than we expected in holding meetings in the main hall owing to increase of numbers. Certainly the membership drive has so far been very successful, some seventeen new members have been enrolled. Kalgoorlie and West Leederville were represented at the last meeting by Messrs. H. B. Vaillant and Cornish, respectively, the former being also a member of the Australian War Memorial Board. He had some interesting facts and information on the board's activities to give us. Bunning's Mill at Lyall's siding will be visited shortly in an effort to gain further members for the sub-branch. We have been able at last to get our own very efficient and accurate tribunal in Perth to assist all local diggers, where ordered to appear. Our advocate is Harry and most of you diggers throughout the whole of the State know that his other name's Magoo. Peace have been formed and a report and a question on the condition of the local cemetery and ex-diggers' graves in particular. No doubt the committee's report will be of great interest and a success. Our ladies' darts have been formed and a report and a question on the condition of the local cemetery and ex-diggers' graves in particular. No doubt the committee's report will be of great interest and a success. Our ladies' darts have been formed and a report and a question on the condition of the local cemetery and ex-diggers' graves in particular. No doubt the committee's report will be of great interest and a success. The darts are a most enjoyable game and it is hoped that the ladies will form a nucleus of members for the sub-branch. The committee Proprietors and representatives from Mornington and Yarloop. It is regrettable that the meeting of the committee is only a month or two behind the normal time and one missed Harold Skylod and the Coolup bravoes. The State Executive was very ably represented by Messrs. F. Aberle and Hunt. Both of these gentlemen responded to the Executive appointments and to the President, who paid a tribute to the lack of self-interest which motivated those who undertook the burden of executive office. The jovial speech of Fred Aberle and the more formal oration of his colleague, which embraced a resume of League activities, were both received with the close attention they well merited. Later, in still more jovial mood, Mr. Aberle ably filled the gap caused by our musician, being A.W.L., with stories which never failed to bring applause. During the evening reference was made to the record established by Dick Roberts who filled the office of secretary of this sub-branch for seventeen years. On behalf of the sub-branch Mr. Aberle presented Mr. H. C. Thomas with a Certificate of Service, earned by three years service as president, delegate to the Conference and District Council, member of committees and of the Executive. The usual reception of the president was most enthusiastic. So were Mr. Ross McIver, M.L.A., Mr. J. Joyce, J.P., and by visiting presidents. The thanks of the sub-branch are due to Meadmore Baird, Brearley, Hodgen, Hanley and Brown for the use of their hands, and to Messrs. Seagar and May who were excellent mess orderlies.

TRAMWAY

The first annual picnic of the Tramme's sub-branch combined with members of the Tramway rifle club was held at Naval Base on March 1. Five buses loaded to capacity accompanied by many motor cars made a most imposing procession of happy picnickers. Arriving at the Base before-midnoon many willing workers erected a very business-like marquee which for the rest of the day was the centre of all the hustle and bustle alike. Ginger beer, ice cream, water melon and grapes formed a reliable mixture, which must have caused concern to mothers. The sporting programme was in the capable hands of Jack Sinclair, A. Wilkins and W. H. Berg. The sub-branch entertained all those who participated in the picnic to a social evening on March 5 at Anzac House. Presentation was made to adult winners of picnic events by Mr. A. Holbrooke on behalf of the sub-branch, and by Mr. C. Gilbery for the rifle club. A community programme of singing and dancing made the evening very enjoyable. Supper was handed round at 9.30 p.m. by the diggers, some of whom were at the art of war. Diggers' dominoes, Cliff Lamb and Wally Hudman were prominent with the trays. After supper, Mr. and Mrs. Crippin, Mr. and Mrs. Hudman challenged Mr. and Mrs. E. Mackie and Mr. and Mrs. C. Graham to a game of carpet bowls. A most exciting bout ended in a draw. All members are specially invited to attend the coming sports tournament, which will carry on during the winter months at Anzac House. Dates will be posted at Car Barn, workshops and line yard. Sports director J. Sinclair will accept nominations at any time.
ROYAL HOSPITAL, CHELSEA

Many of us hope that some day a home for ex-sailors and soldiers will materialise in W.A. Because of this an article written some time ago in an English paper may be of interest. It tells of the soldiers' home in London.

The Hospital or College at Chelsea is still one of the finest sights of London, with its old red-brick buildings, its spacious grounds and splendid river front. Here six hundred veterans with no family responsibilities find a haven of rest in their old age.

The big centre courts is a statue of the founder, King Charles II. Legend has it that it was Nell Gwyn who, touched by the plight of the old soldiers begging in the streets, suggested the idea to him. The hospital was commenced in 1682 and designed by the famous English architect, Sir Christopher Wren. It was not completed, however, until ten years later. The whole story of its founding and building is written in Latin beside the statue of King Charles. There it says that the hospital was built for the sustenance of those "Belloque Fractorum"—"bitten in the wars." How expressive!

Besides the living quarters there is a beautiful Chapel and a Big Hall of Memory and Recreation. In this hall the Duke of Wellington lay in state and from the walls hang the battle honours of the wars "that made and saved the Empire." The Chapel is open to the public daily. It is decorated with fine carvings and a valuable painting. From the sides hang the standards captured in the Georgian and Early Victorian Wars, among them many of Napoleon's eagles.

The pensioners wear the uniform of the hospital which on parade days consists of red coats and cocked hats. There is always a parade on the anniversary of the Restoration of King Charles, followed by the march past before some distinguished general or field-marshall to the tune of the "Boys of the Old Brigade," played in slow time. The medals they wear tell how these veterans have served; from the flats of Flanders to the Wall of China; from the snows of Afghanistan and the hard frontier hills of India, to the Sudan and the South African veldt. Also, now as the years roll by, come the men of Mons, the Old Contempitables.

In appearance there is a vast difference between the staid, uniformed pensioners of Chelsea and our Australian old soldiers, but they have both given the prime of their lives in the service of their country. Anzac House was accomplished, why not a Diggers' Home? If only the house was donated, willing hands and hearts would soon convert it into a home, and thereby that a little of our debt towards our ex-service men was paid off.

COLLIE

By "Atem"

At a recent special meeting and social in the Soldiers' Hall we welcomed our country vice-president (Mrs. I. M. Wellard). In replying to the welcome extended to her, Mrs. Wellard congratulated the auxiliary members on winning the Wilson Cup, and urged everyone to do her utmost to try and win the new cup donated for competition among auxiliaries at the Annual Exhibition. Briefly reviewing auxiliary activities she thereafter gave a resume of her trip to Victoria, where she had met Empire members at Anzac House, Melbourne. She was appreciative of the vast knowledge gained through this valuable contact with members from other dominions. During the evening we gave vent to our feelings with community singing. Individual items being rendered by Medesaw Dawson, Gillies, snr., Gillies, junr., and Millward. supper was served towards the close of the evening. The first weekly dance was a decided success and was an incentive to members to put extra effort into future weekly dances. These will take place every Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in the Soldiers' Hall, and learners, old and young, are being catered for as there will be instructors present each evening. On Monday, March 24, we intend holding a three-penny evening and hope that all and sundry will not dispose of their "chicken feed" (change) on Sunday, as they will require it on this occasion. Future activities take the form of a children's concert and a picture night at the local theatre. The local hospital receives regular weekly visits and on the last occasion one of the visiting members nearly became a cot case whilst passing the operating theatre. An amputation case had just emerged and nearly gassed her. The said member is now able to sit up and partake of a good square meal. The monthly average number of patients catered for at the local hospital is 120; eggs and fruit, etc., being distributed.

VICTORIA PARK

We were entertained by the sub-branch to a social evening on February 21. Quite a good entertainment was arranged for our benefit, which was enjoyed by all. Among the artists were S. Gibb (ventriloquist) with his famous doll "Jerry," Mr. P. Matthews (magician), and various others. Dancing filled in the gaps. However, we had a little surprise for the menfolk, and on our behalf during the evening Mrs. Tolmie (President) presented the sub-branch with a photograph of the late King George V., which was hung there and then in a prominent position in the hall. We also had the pleasure of handing the sub-branch a substantial cheque towards the new building, which, judging by Freddie Matthews' looks, revealed that this wife could keep a secret. The children's annual picnic to the Zoo which the auxiliary gives to members' children, took place on February 23, when there was a good attendance of happy youngsters, with their parents. Fruit, biscuits, lollies, ginger beer and ice creams were distributed at intervals, and the menfolk arranged a long and popular sports programme, which took up a good part of the day.

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afternoon. The prizes seemed to give great satisfaction. The weather was kind, and at 6.30 p.m., when the tram took us all home, comics were given to each child, this through the courtesy of Messrs. Gordon and Gutch. The committee desires to thank all those who gave donations towards the above outing, including Swan Brewery, Mills and Ware, Mr. B. V. Cross, Mr. West, Mrs. Kantler, and Boans; also Messrs. D. Benson, and C. Gibb, for ice-cream, and others, not forgetting Mr. Jennings and the men’s social committee who helped to make the day the success it proved. The general meeting held on February 28 was well attended and the social which followed proved a huge success. Mr. B. Lloyd acted as M.C. A cushion raffled at the meeting was won by ticket No. 61—Mrs. Jennings being the lucky one on this occasion.

UNITED AUXILIARY SOCIAL

On Monday evening, March 2, Anzac House Ballroom was the scene of many happy reunions, upon the occasion of the first quarterly social for 1936. About 300 members from the metropolitan branches, each wearing a tag showing name and sub-branch, were welcomed by the State Executive. After a few dances, the musical part of the programme was taken over by Bayswater auxiliary. With chairs arranged facing the stage the audience was regaled with an entertainment unique in the annals of these socials. In the opening chorus, “How do you do?” the sub-branch present were greeted by an appropriate verse sung by a Bayswater member. Miss Beryl Stone contributed two mouth organ solos and Mrs. H. Davis gave delightful renderings of “Il Bacio” and “The Blue Danube.” Then followed a burlesque entitled “The Village Choir” under the baton of a red-headed conductor (Mrs. Dinnings), the village youth and maidens, the parson, a schoolboy and several venerable looking ladies and mums sang with great gusto “The Man on the Flying Trapeze,” after which an Irish colleen (Mrs. Thair) danced the fig. The choir was introduced individually to the State President so that the audience might more easily identify the members of it. On behalf of all present Miss A. V. Stockman thanked Mrs. Power, the organiser, and all the artists for the delightful programme. The whole gathering joined in the singing of “The more we are together.” For the dancing, which then continued to the close of the evening, Mrs. Power was assisted by Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. M’Crae. Supper was prepared and served in the supper room by members of the State Executive. The lucky spot prizes went to Mr. Lawley and the supper ticket prize to Subiaco: Mrs. Taylor of Kilpal was present and also Mrs. Tonkin from Wagin.

F.U.S.W.

In spite of a very warm afternoon, the Friendly Union of Soldier’s Wives was well represented at the first meeting for the year, which took place in the supper room of Anzac House on Thursday, March 3. The guests included Miss M. Taylor, Maudsley, P. Collier, S. W. Munsie, J. C. McFarlane and L. Jones (Kalgoorlie). In opening the meeting Mrs. H. Dean, M.A., spoke of the late King, after which two minutes’ silence was followed by the Lord’s Prayer, the reading of a loyal resolution to King Edward and the singing of the National Anthem. Mrs. Muriel Chace was also remembered in a minute’s silence.

The speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. A. E. Joyner. Her address dealt with the urgency of employing some of our leisure hours in service and especially of giving the children from their earliest years an opportunity to serve. In England there was a society called the Voluntary Useful Aids. Members gave their spare hours to relieve those in charge of invalids and children for a short time. There was another society started by a crippled girl for the care of unwanted animals. The child should learn to give service in her own home as he does in the Kindergarten. “What we give away we hold; what we hold we lose.” In the joy of service we tune in with the great things of life. Mrs. Joyner spoke of Mrs. Muriel Chace’s service to her community, especially in the part she played in the founding of the Silver Chain Homes.

Tea was served after a pleasant programme given by Mrs. H. E. Graham and Miss Linda Barber (songs), and Misses Hart and C. King (recitations). Messadms E. Lewis and Mears were the accompanists.

RIVER PICNIC

Although the date of the third annual river trip fell upon February 13 this year, there was no sign of ill-luck about it. The weather was as it should be for an afternoon on the river, and the “Perth” was well patronised. The Rural Science students were the guests of the State Executive and thoroughly appreciated the outing on the river. When Point Walter was reached Messadms Clift and Rendall of North Perth organised competitions, while State Executive and sub-branch members, under the supervision of Mrs. W. James, prepared and served tea.

A welcome was given by Mrs. McKinlay, State President, who, on behalf of auxiliary members, expressed their appreciation of women’s work in the country and of those who

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<td>1st Wednesday, monthly</td>
<td>F. P. Le Cras, Bencubbin</td>
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<td>MOUNT LAWLEY</td>
<td>Wellish Hall, Grovenor Road, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>J. K. Craze, 18 Central Ave, Inglewood</td>
<td>R. G. Hummerston, 208 Central Ave, Inglewood</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON MILLS</td>
<td>Mornington Mills</td>
<td>Every alt. Sunday</td>
<td>T. E. King, Mornington Mills</td>
<td>W. J. Fulloon, Mornington Mills</td>
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<td>NARROGIN</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute</td>
<td>2nd Sale Day, monthly</td>
<td>T. Sten, Schoolmaster, Narrogin</td>
<td>T. Hogg, Flour Mills, Narrogin</td>
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<td>NEDLANDS</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building, Broadway, Nedlands</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>J. N. W. Anderson, 33 Tyrell Street, Nedlands</td>
<td>R. A. Wood, 81 Archdeacon Street, Nedlands</td>
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<td>NEWDEGATE</td>
<td>Newdegate</td>
<td>Every 3rd Friday, 2.30 p.m.</td>
<td>D. G. Kinlock, Newdegate</td>
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<td>NORTH-EAST FREEMANTLE</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Freemantle</td>
<td>2nd Thursday</td>
<td>Lieut-Colonel G. P. W. Meredith, Artillery Barracks</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>J. F. Roberston, c/o Court House, Northam</td>
<td>G. C. Curlew, 145 Fitzgerald Street, Northam</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>Avon Bridge Hotel, Northam</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>S. Dival, 453 Fitzgerald St., North Perth</td>
<td>G. C. Fraser, 7 Hobart Street, North Perth</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda’s Hall, Gilbe St. (off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. O’Farrell, 223 Fitzgerald Street, Perth</td>
<td>Geo. S. Mellor, Anzac House</td>
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<td>PERTH (Office hours 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>B. A. Bell, 469 Murray Street, Perth</td>
<td>R. Biggs, c/o “West Australian”</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Anzac House</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>W. E. Elston, Pithara</td>
<td>H. K. MacLean, East Pithara, Tel. No. 10</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
<td>Billiard Saloon</td>
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<td>L. E. Tappin, Pt. Hedland</td>
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<td>POPANYINNING</td>
<td>Yorning and Popaning</td>
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<td>L. E. Tappin, Pt. Hedland</td>
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<td>PILBARA</td>
<td>Port Hedland</td>
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<td>J. R. Keast, Quairading</td>
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<td>QAIRADING AND DISTRICT</td>
<td>Quairading Hall and Danion Hostel, alternatively</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. Cowan, Yorning</td>
<td>T. Smith, Quairading</td>
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<td>RAVENSTHORPE</td>
<td>Miners’ Arms Buildings, Morgan Street</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>H. Stockeld, Ravensthorpe</td>
<td>C. F. Hart, 15 Hepman Street, South Perth</td>
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<td>SOUTH PERTH</td>
<td>Public Hall, Swan Street</td>
<td>4th Thursday</td>
<td>Gordon Day, 151 Angelo Street, South Perth</td>
<td>B. T. Williams, 87 Salisbury St., Subiaco</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Rokeby Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. E. Mitchell, 11 Rankin Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>J. E. Thatsan, P.O. Box 1, Taggellup, Tel. 45</td>
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<td>TAMBEU</td>
<td>Road Board Hall</td>
<td>2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>F. T. A. Daddow, Taggellup</td>
<td>N. H. Millar, Box 41, Toody</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>K. Somers, Toodyay</td>
<td>A. J. Wilkins, 43 Lord Street, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TRAMS</td>
<td>Anzac House</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. Sheldy, 195 Washington Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YELBENI VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Traying (3) Yelbeni (1) Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>4th Thursday</td>
<td>R. W. Walker, Yelbeni</td>
<td>J. Matthews, 21 Esperance St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Jas. Cox, 201 Washington Street, Victoria Park</td>
<td>P. L. Ross, Workers’ Homes Board, Perth</td>
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<td>WUBLIN, BUNTINE, JIBBERING</td>
<td>Each place alternatively</td>
<td>1st Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. Barnsaw, Taxation Department</td>
<td>W. A. Cadwallader, Wubin. Tel. No. 7</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. E. Smith, 186 Railway Parade, West Leederville</td>
<td>H. J. Hains, 97 Blencowe Street, West Leederville</td>
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R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Albany Road

4th Friday, 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. E. Tolmie, 88 Teague Street, Victoria Park

Mrs. C. B. Howard, 225 Bedwill Road, Victoria Park
**Associations of Ex-Service Men**

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<td>BLINDED SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>D. M. Benson, Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Mrs. W. James, 19 Marion Street, Leederville</td>
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<td>BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSN.</td>
<td>Wentworth Hotel, Perth</td>
<td>1st Monday each month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>C. J. Garner, 59 Boulevard, Mr. Hawthorn</td>
<td>Geo. E. Catermole, M.C., 229 Charles St., North Perth</td>
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<td>11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly Luncheon, 1 p.m. on 11th of month</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard’s Ave., Leederville</td>
<td>C. Pilley, c/o. Vetter &amp; Co., Murray St., Perth</td>
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<td>PORTY-FOURTH ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>As advertised</td>
<td>Anzac Reunion, Tuesday of Show Week</td>
<td>Col. C. H. Lamb, Victoria House, St. George’s Terrace, Perth</td>
<td>E. C. Rogers, 65 Fairfield St., Mt. Hawthorn</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Third Thursday, quarterly</td>
<td>Col. D. M. McWhae, (Chairman, C. A. Davie’s, 755 Hay Street, Perth)</td>
<td>H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth St., Nth. Perth. ‘Phone B8394</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
<td>2nd Monday</td>
<td>Lt-Col. I. E. Dunkley, 86 Angove St., North Perth</td>
<td>W. C. Armstrong, 20 Ruislip Street, West Leederville</td>
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<td>10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>C. E. Woodrow, Farnley Street, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>R. W. Perry, c/o. Repart. Department</td>
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<td>12th/72nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Subiaco Club</td>
<td>4th Wednesday</td>
<td>J. Harvey, 41 Rosebery Street, Jolimont</td>
<td>Sid Rowles, c/o. Rowles and Bignell’s Car Sales, Milligan Street, Perth</td>
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attended the course to learn the science of their everyday tasks. Mr. G. L. Sutton (Director of Agriculture) and Mrs. Mary Farrelly replied on behalf of the students.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. F. J. S. Wise. Walking race, Miss Duncan, Greenough; stepping race, Miss Ferguson, Finjarra; putting, Miss Guppy. The trip to and from Point Walter was enlivened by music, by Mrs. Power and other willing pianists assisted by Mr. McLeod, violinist. Other guests on board included Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Shaw, Mr. C. Gardner, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Hopkinson.

**FREMANTLE**

On March 8 the soldiers inmates of the Old Men’s Home and patients from Edward Millen Home and Lemnos Hospital were entertained by the Fremantle R.S.L. women’s auxiliary. A bus, chartered by Mrs. Kirby, called for the “boys” from the Old Men’s Home, while the patients from the hospital were conveyed in cars to South Beach. There a display was arranged by Mr. Theo Brennan and the South Fremantle Swimming Club. The high tower dive was won by Mr. Noel Hunt, Miss Stratton missing by only one point. The spring board dive went to Miss E. Fletcher, and the greasy pole event which was contested by swimmers in fancy costume, was awarded to Mr. Noel Hunt. During high tea, which was served at the Hydrodrome, Mrs. Kirby (president of Fremantle auxiliary) welcomed the guests and called on Mr. Theo Brennan (president of Fremantle sub-branch), who specially welcomed the sailors and ex-soldiers from the Old Men’s Home, one of whom had fought in the Sudan. Judging from the appearance of the men he gained the impression that there must be some truth in the saying “Old soldiers never die.” Mrs. Stockmin (chairman motor outings) thanked the hostesses and Mr. H. L. Downe thanked the car drivers. Mr. Brick spoke for the Old Men’s home, Mr. McKeever for Lemnos, and Mr. S. Boal for Edward Millen. Mr. Henson gave a juggling act, and Mr. S. Begent, the rubber-faced comedian, entertained Mrs. McKenzie and Mr. Bill Bates played for community singing and accompanied the artists. The following are thanked for kindly lending their cars—Mrs. S. Begent and Mrs. W. Scott, Messrs. H. L. Downe, Bill Bates, W. Chinnery, Lillyman, Lock Adams, W. Chambers, G. G. Randall, Gibb and Spicer.

**DARLING RANGE**

The patients from Lemnos Hospital and Edward Millen Home were entertained by Darling Range R.S.L. women’s auxiliary. The party motored through Kalamunda to Walliston, the beautiful place owned by Mrs. Wallis, where a part of the party played tennis while others wandered round the orchard and flower gardens. Tea was served in the shade house where huge hydrangeas made a pretty background for the tables. Mrs. Morris, president of the auxiliary, and Mr. Tanner, president of the sub-branch, welcomed the guests. Mrs. Downe thanked the hostesses on behalf of the motor-outing committee. Mrs. Stubberfield thanked the car drivers; Messrs. McKeever and A. C. Miller spoke on behalf of the patients. Baby Sandy Findlay entertained the guests with selections on the mouth organ. On leaving Walliston the cars were packed with cases of fruit to take back to hospital and the party drove off amid cheers for Darling Range. The following are thanked for kindly lending their cars:—Mrs. H. Pendergast, Messrs. R. Todd, Bill Bates, Tauifik Raad, H. L. Downe, R. W. Perry, A. H. Jacobs, G. W. Randall, Lock Adams, W. Chinnery, G. L. Baddock.

**SUBIACO**

Subiaco R.S.L. women’s auxiliary recently entertained the patients from Lemnos Hospital and Edward Millen Home. Leaving Lemnos Hospital the party motored through Spearwood and Bibra Lake, thence to Keogh’s reception rooms, where high tea was provided. Mrs. Downe (president of the auxiliary), and Mr. Congdon, past president of the sub-branch, welcomed the guests. Mrs. Hopperston thanked the auxiliary and the sub-branch for their hospitality. Mrs. V. Stockmin thanked the car drivers. Mr. McKeever (Lemnos) and Mr. A. C. Miller (Edward Millen) thanked the hosts on behalf of their comrades. Mrs. Anderson, secretary of Subiaco auxiliary, made some delightful doll tokens for the motor outing committee and the patients.

A musical programme was arranged by Mr. Anderson, assisted by Mrs. Milton Harvey, Mrs. Ethel Harvey and Mr. Chinnery (songs); Miss Dorothy Hatten (violin solos), Messrs. Bates and Begent (comedy). The accompanists were Messrs. Harvey, Millen, Bates, Bob Bennett and Chinnery. The following are thanked for lending their cars:—Mrs. S. Begent, Messrs. W. A. Wilkins Downe, Conlan, Napier, Stan Gibb, Bill Bates, Baddock, W. Chinnery, G. W. Randall and Lunney.

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