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AUGUST is essentially the imperial month, named in honour of Cesar Augustus, the first Roman Emperor. Twenty-two years ago, it became associated with a newer and truer aspect of imperialism when Britain, to make good her word, plighted to a peaceful and inoffensive little neighbour, reluctantly drew the sword and, in drawing, was assured of the active support of every portion of her far-flung Empire. Not for fifty-eight years had Britain been engaged in a European conflict. That war, the Crimean War, was also a war of nations in which Britain, France, Turkey and Sardinia (the kernel of the future Kingdom of Italy) were ranged against Russia. The Manchester school of politicians, who had done their best to bring Britain to a condition of military impotence ever since Waterloo, hailed the Crimean War as a holy war and said it was a war to end war. Similar catch-phrases were uttered during the Great War, but now that the shouting and the tumult has died, the historian will regard it as a conflict in which democracy triumphed over irresponsible autocracy; from which an Empire based on fair dealing and cemented by kinship emerged victorious, while three great Empires, founded on force and obsolete caste distinctions were irretrievably shattered.

The bugles that rang out on August 4, 1914, sounded the knell of an era which, though happy enough, had in it the germs of its own dissolution. The old order was changing before our eyes, and the War greatly accelerated that change. It hastened the development of many inventions. The automobile, the aeroplane and wireless, which, in 1914, were either dangerous toys or an interesting novelty, became the commonplace things of everyday life far sooner than they would have, had the War not given such a stimulus to invention. Advances in science, particularly in surgical science, were expedited. Old habits of thought, old standards of value, and even of morals, abdicated like the beaten monarchs. On the debit side, there was the wide trail of human suffering that was scorched across the world, and the social chaos from which we have hardly yet emerged. The changed order would doubtless have arrived in due course without the War, but it would not have arrived so soon; and the unsettlement of society during the past decade may be attributed, in no small measure, to man's inability to adapt himself to rapid and sweeping changes. On the political side, Australia's participation in the South African War that saw the beginning of the century hurried on the federation of the Australian Colonies. The rallying of the Dominions to the aid of the Motherland in August, 1914, gave life to Joseph Chamberlain's ideal of an Imperial Federation. August 4, 1914, was not so much the beginning of a war as the end of an epoch.

The outbreak of the War caught Australia in the throes of a general election occasioned by the only double dissolution in the history of the Commonwealth Parliament. Nevertheless, the very day the news of Britain's declaration of war on Germany reached Australia, the Commonwealth offered to raise and equip 20,000 men for service overseas. Mr. Andrew Fisher, the leader of the Federal Labour Party, then in opposition, declared that Australia should support the Mother Country "to the last man and the last shilling." In our own State, another great Australian, John Forrest, of Bunbury, said, during the course of a stirring speech on the position, that Australia and the Empire must stand or fall together. Actually, the Great War was Australia's fourth war. A battery of artillery and an infantry battalion were sent to the Sudan in 1885. All the Colonies, and the Commonwealth after it was inaugurated, sent contingents to the South African War; and, in 1900, Australian naval detachments were despatched to China to aid in suppressing the Boxer Rebellion. In 1914, Australia was able to capitalise on her system of compulsory training for home defence. When enlistment for the A.I.F. commenced in August, 1914, there was already in existence the machinery for rapid recruiting and rapid training, and, for the first time in history, Australia was able to send abroad a properly organised and properly staffed force of all arms, convoyed by Australian warships.

Other Augusts followed. In August, 1915, there was the stubborn fighting and the carnage of Lone Pine and Krithia. The following August found the A.I.F. in France, enduring the awful shambles of Pozières. In August, 1917, there was a lull between the Messines and Passchendaele offensives, but during that month there were Australians in the line on the Wytschate Ridge. On August 8, 1918, the Australian Corps, with the Canadians, formed the spearhead of the Fourth Army's successful counter-offensive. They were so successful that that day, in Ludendorff's own phrase, was "the blackest day" in German history. That victorious advance was the beginning of the end, for, ever after, the Germans were unable to maintain a successful defensive.

There are people who tell us to-day that we should forget these events, that we are doing something harmful by remembering them with pride. They are, for the most part, those whose attitude during the War was mute and inglorious, and whose very loyalty was not always above suspicion. It is not the proud recollection of past services that makes
for future wars; rather is it the ostrich like squirming of the hundred per cent. pacifist who confuses defence with aggression and who howls for disarmament with the one, breath and the military sanctions against an aggressor, which would inevitability provoke another war of the nations, with the next. To-day, twenty-two years after the outbreak of the Great War, the symptoms of war fever that manifested themselves in 1914, are all present in a more aggravated form. No chiding the mistakes of the treaty-makers, no advocacy of disarma- ment in a world that refuses to disarm, and no extensions of the olive-branches of goodwill to those who have no good-will towards us, can alter facts. The machinery for collective security is in existence as a result of the Great War, but three glaring failures have shown that that machinery is not yet in running order. Possibly, a reconstructed League may one day be able to impose its will upon recalcitrant Powers and make this earth an Eden instead of a bear-garden.

Until that day arrives, Australia, like the centre of the Empire, must look to herself, train her man-power and organise her industrial resources. Men without armaments are as useless as armaments without men, and neither can be effective very long without the mobili- sation of the country's resources behind them. The doctrine of non-resistance, which well-meaning doctrinaires would impose on us, is as futile as asking the lamb to lie down with the lion—and bring its own mint sauce. In view of recent international developments, it is reassuring to note the general, though somewhat belated, interest that is being taken in Australian Defence, and the efforts being made to fill the gaps in existing units. It shows that, at least, of the spirit of 1914 is not yet dead. One can only hope that this interest will be maintained; otherwise, Aus- tralia may yet be called upon to face invasion as Abyssinia was, disarmed and hamstrung through the trust which proved a broken reed in the hour of trial. We do not despair of the League of Nations' ability to function efficiently at some future date, but recent history has shown that the League, like the Lord, helps those who help themselves.

**ANZAC DAY OBSERVERANCE**

The vernacular Press and Fremantle organisations who apparently put pence before principle and comfort before con- sideration in their somewhat feeble agitation for an alteration in the mode of commemorating Anzac Day must have received something like a shock when the result of a ballot conducted by the Victorian Branch of the R.S.L. was published. Notwithstanding the suggestions from individuals that one hears from time to time, whenever the Diggers are called upon collectively to express an opinion, either by way of a referendum, or through their representatives at State and Federal Congresses, they have invariably turned down every proposal to make the day other than a close holiday. In Queensland, members of the Branch decided, by a large majority, in favour of retaining all the sacred features of the annual observance, and now, Victoria, where the day is also “close,” has followed suit. For the referendum taken by the Victorian Branch on July 22, 19,000 ballot papers were issued. Of these, only 10,976 were returned and the result of the voting was: in favour of the present form of observance, 5,034; against, 4,731; informal, 103; ballot papers returned unused, 1,099. The votes represented only one-half of the membership of the Victorian Branch, but it may be taken that had there been any deep feeling in favour of alteration, the poll would have been far heavier. One can only assume that those who refrained from voting were either content with the present procedure, or had no definite preference one way or the other.

At the Victorian State Congress, there were 27 recommendations on the agenda paper concerning Anzac Day. The mo-

**THE LEAGUE'S MEMBERSHIP**

**A Gratifying Increase**

Every six months it is our intention to publish comparative figures of the membership of the sub-branches. A perusal of the following list will disclose that the increase for the year is the creditable figure of 1,562, which is approximately 22 per cent. It was hoped to increase the membership to 10,000 by the end of the year. Many sub-branches have not increased their figures, and a few have lost ground, so that much re- mains to be done before the membership can be considered to be satisfactory. Let us all work to gain the required number.

Having our finger on the pulse of the movement we feel certain that the next few months will show a very decided improvement. The State Executive Membership Committee is working very hard and they are being ably assisted by many sub-branch officials.

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The motion chosen for discussion was: "That this conference is in favour of the present form of observance of Anzac Day." The following amendment was moved: That the State Executive be instructed to expedite a plebiscite on the subject among all Great War veterans in Victoria, using State and Federal facilities, and meet other soldier organisations, in conference. After a long debate the amendment was rejected, and the motion carried by 80 votes to 27.
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NATIONAL AERO-DROMES

With reference to a resolution passed by the Federal Executive on March 11—

That the National Aerodromes of Australia be named after famous airmen and airwomen, thus creating a National Memorial to many of those who have gained fame for the Nation by their successful exploits in aviation, the Prime Minister's Department advised—

It is not proposed to take any general action in connection with the question of naming national aerodromes in Australia after famous airmen and airwomen, but any individual case of the kind will be considered on its merits. In this connection it may be mentioned that already suggestions have been made to the Government that two aerodromes outside the capital cities should be named after the late Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, but no action in this direction was taken for the reason that Lady Kingsford Smith, who was consulted on the matter, expressed the opinion that as a marine airport would doubtless be necessary at Sydney in the future, it would be an appropriate tribute if such marine airport were named after her late husband.
IMPERIAL DEFENCE

The Kojonup Plan and other Schemes

That ex-service men throughout Australia are earnestly considering the problems of Imperial Defence, and of the defence of Australia, which is an integral part of the Empire, is indicated by the resolutions passed by various sections of the League, and by the interest individual Diggers are taking in the Militia Forces. In Melbourne, recently, a motion in favour of the re-institution of compulsory training was carried. In this State, Bunbury sub-branch has declared in favour of the compulsory system, while Kojonup has formulated the most comprehensive scheme we have yet had submitted to us. Motions from Bunbury, Kojonup and several other sub-branches dealing with defence will appear on the agenda paper for this year's Congress. In Perth, as a result of a public meeting, it was decided to expedite the formation of a kilted unit, and compliments have been showered on those who initiated the movement though apparently no one as yet has

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The second plan suggested by this officer was the formation of a motor-cyclist unit with its motor transport. Hundreds of young fellows have motor cycles these days. They also know the country beyond the city bourne. They are already, or very many of them are, members of clubs, with the necessary ideas of teamwork and comradeship. Young men of this type are not likely to join infantry units but, if given the opportunity, they might yield a ready response to a call for volunteers for a motor-cycle battalion.

The tentative plan propounded by the Kojonup sub-branch is more concerned with policy and organisation in the wider sphere. It has been carefully considered and should provide Congress delegates with food for thought and material for much useful discussion. We append it as received for the information of readers:

1. Australia being an integral part of the British Empire, and the fate of both being interdependent; in the event of war against any part or the whole a mutual defence scheme is obviously the only action possible.

2. Other nationalities being controlled by non-democratic governments, and conscription being their accepted method of military defence or offence, our voluntary system must be at a great disadvantage in the event of a sudden declaration of hostility (always supposing there is a declaration before hostilities commenced).

3. Being the only nation of any importance which has not adopted conscription “in toto” it cannot be argued that we are encouraging or upholding militarism in the event of our falling into line and utilising conscription as a means of defence.

4. If the foregoing is admitted as a fair statement of affairs, it follows that a defensive action taken by the Empire must be capable of being made Empire-wide and under the control of a responsible authority representative (if possible) of the various portions of the Empire.

5. The present voluntary system, while being from the point of view of sentiment, the typical system for Britons is not sufficient or efficient in defence.

6. The system of conscription visualised is as follows:
(a) Nation-wide and under one authority.
(b) Embracing control and defensive organisations of wealth, industry and man-power.
(c) Exemptions, nil; indispensables are an extinct type. We hold that every individual is capable of some effort in the defence of his country.
(d) A Citizen Force type of training as opposed to the standing army method adopted on the Continent, control and training being by a highly-trained nucleus. This would probably give sufficient training, except possibly in certain specialist units, and would interfere as little as possible with civilian pursuits.
(e) Immediate mobilisation programme affecting wealth, industry and man-power.

7. The speeding-up of plans for the utilising of existing road and air vehicles in the event of war, and the encouragement of private individuals owning those types most desirable in the event of mobilisation.
8. It would be better for this idea to emanate from some Dominion and not from the Mother Country, and especially would it be of value if Australia—the Eastern outpost—were that Dominion.
9. These suggestions are submitted to all sub-branches, and comment asked for. Each sub-branch is asked also whether this country is worth defending and what method the sub-branches suggest should be adopted.
10. Encouragement in the Press and schools of the idea of Empire and Australia and not exclusively Australia.
11. Emigration with defence always a primary consideration.
12. National Health to be tackled seriously.
13. Encouragement of national industries (for instance, the recent extending of operations of the Broken Hill Pty., Co., and other companies in the manufacture of aeroplanes, cars, motor fuel, etc.).
14. Legislation is sought providing that in the event of war British subjects enjoying a measure of security in our country should be taxed to assist in providing that security.

We understand that most of the items of the plan outlined, with the exception of the principle of enlistment, are already being considered by the Military Board in co-operation with the Home authorities. Nevertheless, and notwithstanding the Minister for Defence's fidelity to the inadequate voluntary system, even Ministers must bow to the will of the people. If the majority of Australians desire the re-institution of compulsory training an adequate defence force is once more assured. Therefore, we compliment Kojonup on giving such a striking lead in a matter of vital national importance.

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CHAPTER III.
FROM FREMANTLE TO THE PYRAMIDS

The Mashobra anchored in Gage Roads for the night, and on the following day proceeded to the rendezvous, a few miles west of Rottnest Island, where the other ships of the convoy hove in sight. These were the Chilka, Clan Macgillivray and Hessen with Infantry reinforcements and other units of the 3rd Light Horse Brigade aboard.

Gradually the coast line faded, and the ensuing twelve days saw the usual routine work aboard ship. It was a happy family aboard the Mashobra. Lieut.-Colonel J. M. Antill, the first Brigade-Major of the 3rd Light Horse Brigade, was in command of the troops, and, whilst enforcing a rigid discipline throughout the voyage, did everything possible to ensure the comfort and well-being of the men.

The horses, of course, were the first care, and so well were they looked after— their forage being of the very highest quality—that the losses were practically nil.

Sport of all kinds was encouraged, and the inevitable newspaper sprang into existence. The Mashobra Bully Tim, edited by the ship's Adjutant, Lieutenant Copley, began to air the views of the local population, and, if its life was short, it was certainly a gay one. Verse of varying quality found its way into print, and the following lines, reminiscent of the leave-taking at Fremantle, may be given as a sample:

"Well! at last we have got fairly going and a few hundred miles out to sea, And we're heading Nor-West, without knowing

What our mission in future may be. But whatever the job is, they'll find us
No less eager to start—nor sincere; Still, we cannot forget that behind us
Is the Girl on the Fremantle Pier!

We've a good many things in our favour,
Our troopship is comfy and new,

And the tucker possesses a flavour
Unlike the old Rockingham stew.
We are done with the dust for a season,
We've a chance to envelop a beer,
Still we miss—and not without reason
That Girl on the Fremantle Pier."

Crossing the Line, the time honoured ceremonies were carried out in a way worthy of their best tradition. The introduction of the Regiment to Father Neptune was headed by Colonel Brazier, attired in a feather head-dress, a lot of red paint, and a battle-axe—to represent a wild Cherokee Chief, "Kirupa of Kapeldene, King of the Cygnets, at the mention of whose great name no dingo dareth bark." He was supported by Doctor "Jim" Bentley as a prehistoric Medicine Man.

All ranks entered fully into the spirit of the thing until the bucking operations were completed. In this game, as indeed in all other kinds of entertainment and sport on board the Mashobra, the genial Chief Engineer was always to the fore. Needless to say, Mr. MacKay was a Scotsman; and he was ever ready to argue the point with anyone. He was a very lovable character, with a wide range of knowledge and experience of men and things, and he loved our boys. He was never tired of trying to amuse them, and he never failed to interest them. He would sit amongst a group for hours talking and listening, and was always sincere and sympathetic.

Many were the jokes in which he played a part, but perhaps one which was eventually turned on himself was the funniest. If there was one thing that MacKay held a lofty contempt for, it was the speed of the other ships of our convoy, as compared with the Mashobra's. He was continually complaining of having to run his engines at half-speed to keep back with them. Certainly on paper his opinion should have been correct—the Mashobra being twinscrewed and her engines more powerful—but others were not so sure.

A quiet "tip" was circulated that the Chilka, also of the B.I. Line, had plenty of "toe" if put to it, and it is quite possible that the Chilka people were advised to "let her go." At all events, it was discovered the morning before Colombo was reached that the Chilka, which was well astern at dusk the previous day, had slipped by in the night and was showing a clean pair of heels. When MacKay was told of this, he, like Drake, laughed a scornful laugh and ordered a little heavier coal consumption. After a few hours, however, his smile died away, as he realised that the Chilka was gaining. He disappeared below, and his presence in the engine room was soon felt, and knot after knot was added to the Mashobra's speed. It had apparently become a personal matter with him now, and the gibes of the whole ship's company did not tend to weaken his grim determination.

Economy was thrown to the winds and coal was crammed into the furnaces. The Mashobra's funnel was emitting a huge black cloud the whole time, but so was the Chilka's. Her people had apparently grasped the situation, with the result that by late afternoon, she was hull down on the horizon ahead, and was comfortably at anchor and re-coaling in Colombo Harbour when we arrived.

MacKay never again mentioned "speed" during the voyage, and the word "Chilka" to him was a nightmare.

Colombo was reached on February 21 and the troops were allowed to land in parties under officers for sight-seeing. Most of the historic places, that previously had been only a name, were visited, as the ship remained nearly two days. The voyage was resumed on the 23rd, and was more or less uneventful.aden was passed in the night, and on arrival at Suez on March 5 the Regiment had its first glimpse of active service, in the shape of the trench system which formed the original Canal defences. These trenches were constructed almost on the banks of the Canal, and were manned chiefly by Indian troops of all Arms.

Reciprocal cheers were exchanged all along the famous waterway to Port Said; the Indians seemed in high spirits, as they had just repelled the first attack on the Canal by the Turks. After coaling at Port Said the Mashobra continued on to our destination and Alexandria—the city which has played so important a part throughout the war—was reached on March 8.

The following day the work of disembarkation commenced, and by evening the last portion of the Regiment was clear of the ship, and entrained for Cairo. Arriving at about midnight the
men and horses were detainted at Abu
El-Ela, and marched to Mena, the men
leading the horses on foot, whilst a fleet
of electric trams conveyed the bag-
gage.
At about two o'clock in the morning
the Pyramids of Mena loomed up large
through the mist, and, in the heavy sand
at their feet a halt was called, and a
camp—the first on foreign soil—was
formed.

Beyond the occasional challenge of a

sentry or the neighing of a horse, the
place appeared quiet and deserted in
the black Egyptian night; but when day
broke what transformation there was.
The Regiment woke to find itself right
in the centre of a hive of industry, the
camp area allotted being surrounded by
the numberless tents of the First Infantry
Division—that wonderful division which,
on the twenty-fifth day of April, was
destined to play such a great part in
handing the name of Anzac to posterity.
The Infantry and Artillery were by
this time in full training, and were early
as Astr and on the move, some units route-
marching with full kits up, others en-
aged in tactical exercises. Most notic-
able was the superb condition of their
whole personnel. Masseyfield says, “They
walked and looked like Kings,” and that
is certainly something of the impression
we had of our fellow countrymen, as
one watched their magnificent battalions
march by, either going to or returning

W sound corrected and duly chas-
tened for certain errors and omissions in
and from our July issue. In the account
of the reception to Lord Gowrie, His Ex-
cellency was reported as having said:
“Therefore, I do not feel that the young
men of the present should assist by pre-
parring themselves to defend their hearts
and homes, etc.” The word “Not,” of
course, should not have been there.

Captain H. T. Crain has also reminded
us that the Eighth Brigade’s attack at
Fleurbaix on July 19, 1916, in which the
Fifth Division lost so heavily in such a
brief space of time, was omitted from the
war anniversaries of the month. That
was a regrettable omission for which we
ask pardon, all the more regrettable be-
cause, the July before last, we published a
detailed account of the stunt. How-
ever, amendments are made in this issue which
contains an account of the 32nd Battalion
and 8th Brigade Association’s annual re-
union.

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SERVICE PENSIONS
“Permanently Unemployable”

Relative to the enquiries from State
branches regarding the words “per-
manently unemployable” in relation to
Service Pension, the Repatriation Com-
missioner has advised:

The definition in the Act reads—
Permanently unemployable means
permanently incapable, by reason of
physical or mental disablement, of be-
ing employed in a remunerative occu-
pation.
In reply to your enquiry you are ad-
vised that, in arriving at a decision on
the question as to whether or not an ap-
plicant can be classed as permanently un-
employable, the deciding authority takes
into consideration the latest department
medical reports and recommendation, to-
gether with the employment history of
the applicant, his service record and all
such lay or independent medical evidence
available as will convey the fullest in-
formation of the applicant’s health and
capacity for work over the past years.
It is, of course, accepted by all that
the standard of qualification for Service
Pension is not so stringent as when de-
termining applications for totally and
permanently incapacitated pensioners un-
der the 2nd Schedule. As a matter of
fact, mentality, physique, capacity, out-
look and general “make-up” of the indi-
vidual are all factors to be considered in
trying to secure a mental picture of the
applicant under consideration and de-
termining the difficult problem involved.
In cases where any doubt exists as to
the permanent nature of the condition re-
sulting in unemployability provision has
been made for grant of application sub-
ject to review at such later period as
seems reasonable under the circum-
stances. In addition, it may be stated
that an ex-member of the Forces has an
appeal to the Commission against the
decision of the State Board on this ques-
tion, and later has the right to appear
personally before the Assessment Appeal
Tribunal, should the Commission refuse
to alter the State Board’s decision.

from their day’s work. They would
march their fifteen miles a day through
heavy sand, and return with a light
jaunty air and bands playing, throw-off
their packs and accoutrements, and—
play football!

(To be continued.)
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From Warsaw comes the report that a soldier who underwent one of those operations which change sex, has given birth to a perfectly-formed 9lb. baby. This disposes of the old theory that there's only one thing they can't do to you in the Army.

In a recent speech, Mr. Fred Alexander, who holds a mandate over the local branch of the League of Nations Union, said: "We have to stand behind the League even to the extent of military sanctions, although, if we do that in 99 cases out of 100, they will not be needed." The representatives of the bodies Mr. Alexander was addressing were the very people who were loud in their demands for military sanctions, after the disarmament they had previously urged had rendered the application of such sanctions impossible.

A recent official return referred to the number of cattle that had been "treated" at the Wyndham Meatworks this season. If those beasts could only speak they might say they had been ill-treated.

I yield to none in my respect for the race that takes its whiskey neat and can survive a diet of oatmeal and haggis, nor in my admiration of the valour of Scottish regiments; but it would seem that local Scots who are raising a kilted battalion in Perth need saving from some of their friends. A certain amount of unintentional ridicule was poured on the movement at the outset by Mr. J. MacCallum Smith, who wrote a letter to The West Australian, claiming for Scottish regiments the credit for almost every victory the British Army has ever won. We used to laugh at the Yanks for that sort of thing.

Fortunately, no one accepts Mr. MacCallum Smith as an authority on military history, nor on anything else for that matter, although I have heard that he has a wonderful collection of the histories of Scottish regiments—with the pages still uncut.

What Mr. MacCallum Smith forgot to mention in his unconsciously amusing letter was that Colonel Matthias, who commanded the 1st Gordon Highlanders at Dargai, was a Welshman, and that a goodly percentage of his men were Irish.

In any case, uniform is not always an indication of a soldier's place of origin. During the War there were Scots and Irish in English county regiments, and many Sassenach in regiments where the swearing was done in Gaelic or in Erse. In 1911, I saw a recruiting poster headed "Men of Kent, Join Your Own Regiment, the Buffs." The wording, I was told at the time, was inspired by the surprise and indignation with which the C.O. had learned that many members of that famous corps were neither Men of Kent nor Kentish Men.

That curious conglomerate which calls itself the Consultative Council for World Peace has shown itself in its true colours by protesting against the recent attempt to stimulate recruiting for the militia, which, it alleges, is unnecessary and fostered by vested interests. It would be interesting to find out what vested interests the Council is serving—and what foreign Government is footing the bill for its propaganda.

The news behind the news of the "Peace Button Day" appeal would make hilarious reading. In one part of The West Australian it was stated that the response of the public had been gratifying but one of the organisers let the cat out of the bag when she stated that although only £10 had been collected, those behind the appeal were not disappointed. So far no statements of receipts and expenditure has appeared in the Press. Throughout the day I saw only three persons wearing buttons: one, an old gentleman of my acquaintance who is so deaf and near-sighted that he probably did not know what he was buying; another, one of the lady collectors; and the third, a drunk staggering out of a pinkie joint.

The valour of ignorance is truly astounding. The poor old "Sunday Behind the Times" stated, on August 2, that the League had adopted the suggestion, made by the paper some time ago, of establishing a home for aged soldiers. Such colossal impudence, or stupid lying, is too laughable to be worth refuting, but it comes well from a paper which has failed ignominiously in several attempts to disrupt the League, and which is the only newspaper in Perth without a single front-line soldier on its literary staff.

Some years ago, the State Government signified its disapprobation of militarism by dispensing with the customary guard of honour at the opening of Parliament, though, apparently, there was no objection to His Majesty's representative being escorted by mounted policemen. Lest that seem inconsistent, may I point out that there is no immediate danger of the civil police becoming militarised. Such a thought could never be entertained by anyone who saw how amatoriously they handled their lances at this month's ceremony.

I have pinched this one out of the sub-branch notes. Recently the Collie Diggers entertained their Cardiff cobbers to a hot-dog social. It is somewhat unusual for such sturdy democrats to be putting on dog, but one has to relax sometimes.

In the Fremantle Police Court, a man named Felix Bertrand Las Gourgas was fined for refusing to give his name and address to a policeman. He was probably afraid that if he reeled off a name like Felix Bertrand Las Gourgas he'd be in on a "language" charge as well.

It was hard cheese for the local doctor with the grand old Scottish name of Courtney when he was reported in The West Australian as having said that there would soon be 300 local warriors in "the garb of old Saul." That would have been gall to our "Brither Scots.

Nevertheless, the Saul of history was a warrior of note who must have numbered Jordan Highlanders among his hosts. He was also a musical critic. He threw a javelin at David when the latter was playing the harp. I tremble to think what he would do, if he were still living, to a modern Highland piper.
Albany reports that Bob Bylendel, of Denmark, is now home again after a sojourn in hospital. We congratulate him on his recovery, and wish him the best for the future. Vic. King, of the Albany sub-branch, after being classified, medicine and duty, is now marked fit for general service. We extend to him similar greetings.

George Coles, of the Albany S.S.L., a son of Sydney Coles of the sub-branch, has again been admitted to Perth General Hospital for eye treatment. He is now in Ward VI, where he is likely to be for some time. During his former period in hospital, this young man received visits from local Sons which were highly appreciated by himself and his parents. Sons living in the metropolitan area are asked to repeat these visits and cheer up a comrade who is not only suffering, but away from his nearest and dearest.

Since Isaac Doust has been elevated from the secretarieship of Manjimup Road Board to the Legislative Assembly his former assistant, Bert Stokes, also a Digger, has succeeded to the Board's top job. To fill the gap left by Bert the Board wisely selected Jack Smith, a man of proved character and ability, formerly a sergeant in the 10th Light Horse, and a staunch Leaguer.

A popular member of the 12th/52nd Battalion Association is Jim Devine, who was well to the fore at the recent association reunion and still looks young, despite his 72 years. Jim commenced his soldiering years ago in the Royal Australian Artillery, and did his turn of tropical service on Thursday Island. He went to the Big Stouash as a member of the 12th Battalion. Since the War, Jim was for several years caretaker at Swan Barracks, Francis Street, Perth, where his obliging disposition, unfailing geniality, and other aspects of sterling merit, made him justifiably popular with all ranks, from the Commandant down to the latest joined trumpeter. It is good to see him still on parade and living up to the old ruling that "old soldiers never die."

Perth Diggers and those from other places will be glad to renew friendship with Harry May, a former Country Vice-President, who, with his hefty and genial off-sider, Bert Stuchbury, will represent Collie at this year's State Congress. Harry May has been very busy on pension matters during the past year or so and he will be able to speak with effect on the items dealing with pensions that appear on the agenda paper.

August 8 is a fateful day in Digger history. On the eighth of this month W. H. Grieve, the popular president of the Bassendean sub-branch, left Perth to take up a new position in Kalgoorlie. Like his Bassendean friends, we are glad to hear of his promotion and wish him every success, but Bassendean will feel his loss very keenly. He is one of those chairmen who can be both efficient and genial, and his personality has had much to do with making the Bassendean sub-branch the happy family it is.

George Casey, of the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville sub-branch, is back again in the bosom of his family and still his cheery self in spite of the grueling time he has had. It would be interesting to hear George tell his experiences of the past three months. The sub-branch casualty return shows that George Cooper is still in hospital, though he is making good progress towards recovery. Jerry Ryder has entered the Edward Miller Home for treatment. We wish him all the best and hope for his complete and speedy recovery. Jerry and his kindly little ways will be missed during his absence. Wally Fletcher is also a sick man these days and is practically confined to his home. He has been an invalid a long time.

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time now, but his cheery optimism and breezy companionship would lead one to think that it was only a touch of "flu" he had.

Another cheery member of the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville is Brickie Martin, a special pensioner whose disability prevents him from being a regular attendant at meetings. He is still carrying on in the patient but cheery Digger way.

Fred Charles, the secretary of Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville, regularly visits a brother Digger named May. Mr. May is one of the least known members of the sub-branch which he joined while bedridden. He would be glad of visits from members who may get into touch with him through Fred Charles, of 50 Shakespeare Street, Mount Hawthorn.

Three country visitors were present at the meeting of the State Executive on August 12: Mr. J. Day, of Wubin, Mr. H. May, of Collie, and Mr. Jay, of Yan-mah. The "ays" apparently had it.

The yeoman service rendered the Fremantle sub-branch by that good old stalwart and past president, Theo Brennan, was given tangible recognition at a recent meeting of the sub-branch. Theo was the blushing recipient of a case of pipes from his fellow members. We assume the pipes are those connected with the ritual of worship of My Lady Nicotine and not an indication that Theo contemplates joining the band of the new Highland regiment when it is formed.

A complimentary dinner, tendered by Mr. W. L. Menkens to the Maylands sub-branch cricket club, the runners-up in the R.S.L. competition, took place in Anzac House on August 5. The chair was taken by Mr. P. R. Allen, who was assisted by the president of the sub-branch (Mr. H. Wood). The toast of the guests was proposed by Colonel Olden, who wished the team better luck next year. The captain (Mr. Leo McComish) responded. Mr. W. Stooke proposed "The Visitors," for whom Messrs. H. Hopperton and W. Eddy replied. In giving the toast of Mr. and Mrs. Menkens, the chairman eulogised their continuous work on behalf of the R.S.L., and, on behalf of his good wife, Mr. Menkens was asked to accept a pair of vases from the cricket club. The toast was supported by Mr. H. Wood. Mr. Menkens suitably responded. Musical and other items were contributed by Messrs. H. Purling, Ted Scott, O. Taylor and P. Lester, who also conducted the community singing. Much credit is due to the organiser of the dinner, Mr. H. King.

A recent change which is hoped will benefit the individual more than the State is the transfer of Nelson Burton, the conductor of the W.A. Studio Orchestra, from Perth to Brisbane. Nelson Burton went to the War with the 28th Battalion and afterwards transferred to the 2nd Divisional Signallers. Since his return, he had been associated with the musical life of Perth, both as a composer and the conductor of the orchestra of the National Broadcasting Station. His many friends in Perth will wish him every happiness and success in his new sphere of baton-wielding.

The Digger's Toast

Here's Health!
FLEURBAIX REMEMBERED
Thirty-Second Battalion Reunion

This year’s annual reunion dinner of the 32nd Battalion Association served a double purpose: that of commemorating those who fell at Fleurbaix on July 19, 1916, when the Fifth Division suffered so severely, and that of celebrating the twenty-first anniversary of the Battalion’s formation. In holding this extra special dinner, the Chocs were aided and abetted by about 20 members of the 112th Howitzer Brigade who were with them at Fleurbaix. The chairman (Mr. Bob Alexander) presided over a gathering which filled the supper room of Anzac House to capacity. Incidentally, the word “capacity” is used in both senses. There was an excellent bill of lading, the menu itself being written in humorous vein. With it, the senior vice-president (Mr. C. Beckley) presented each guest with a bronze key, the symbol of majority, which, no doubt will be treasured as an interesting souvenir. Secretary Lou Lobashier was in fine fettle, looking after everybody else and helping things to go with a swing. In proposing the toast of “The Association,” Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs drew attention to Australia’s depleted defences and appealed to all present to pull their weight in stimulating recruiting. Past president George Abjornson, in response, gave a brief but interesting resume of the Battalion’s history. Major Dick Geddes proposed the Services. Brigadier P. M. MacParlane responded, stressing the need for recruits for the existing units. Jack Herlihy’s speech, making the R.S.L. an excuse for the incitement to further thirst-quenching, was one of the best we have heard at Digger gatherings. The State President (Mr. A. Yeates) responded.

On Sunday, July 19, members of the Association paraded at the State War Memorial, where a wreath was placed in memory of fallen comrades.

A.R.M.S. RESULTS

The results of the sixth round in the A.R.M.S. Competition are as follows:

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NOTE: The results for Zone 2 are not mentioned in the text.
Mr. H. G. Hammonds, who served with the 1st Grenadiers Guards, and is now at sea, recently forwarded this letter:—To the officers and members of the South Perth sub-branch,—As a member of the Floating sub-branch, m.v. Westralia, who paid a visit to your sub-branch on the occasion of your annual meeting, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for the very hearty welcome that was extended to the visitors. I myself would have liked to have responded to Comrade Day, who proposed the toast of the visitors in such an able manner, and I am sure his remarks were greatly appreciated by all. As time would not permit, and much business had to be done, it was impossible for all visitors to respond. I must congratulate the sub-branch on the splendid reports for the past twelve months; it is certainly a great credit to all, especially the secretary and officers who are more or less responsible. The most jovial report of the evening was that of the treasurer, who I should say was a born comedian. The sub-branch must also be congratulated on having such a fine orchestra, conducted by our good comrade Mr. Wilkins, of the 11th Battalion. Mr. A. E. Robinson, an ex-Naval man, who did splendid work in the mine-sweepers, and is a member of your sub-branch, was also present, and seemed to be quite enjoying himself. “Good for you, Bert,” keep up your attendances. In conclusion, our hon. secretary (Mr. A. J. Wensley) wishes me to convey the fraternal greetings from all members of the Westralia sub-branch.

Our farmers have much to contend with from droughts, depression and other evils, to say nothing of cows and kangaroos that try to jump through windscreen of cars; but how many would welcome the experience of a Rhodesian confrere. A Rhodesian farmer, driving home to his farm, had a most unusual ordeal. A lion suddenly sprang on to the bonnet of his car and, seizing the radiator in its teeth, with its paw grasped one of the headlights, twisting it round until the glass was facing upwards. The farmer promptly accelerated, and on reaching home, found a wing bent, one headlamp badly damaged, and the radiator shell showing dent from tooth marks. History does not record how this lion fared after this tough meal.

The result of a British Association football match between Austria and Peru at the Olympic Games has been responsible for a disturbance on the ground and to anti-German riots in Lima, the capital of Peru. Now, no doubt, the intemperate ladies of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will protest against footballs offered for sale in shop windows as likely to foster the war spirit.

His Majesty the King, who assumed the title of Captain-General and Colonel of the Honourable Artillery Company shortly after his accession, has signified his intention of reverting to old custom and being known simply as Captain-General. The Honourable Artillery Company had its origin in the old London trained bands, a militia of the Tudor days. Its first Captain-General was James, Duke of York, afterwards James II, and the rank was subsequently held by Kings and other members of the Royal Family until the time of William IV. The Duke of Sussex, who succeeded William IV in the rank, was already Colonel of the H.A.C., and consequently became known as Captain-General and Colonel, as were his successors, including King George V. The only other Captain-General in the British Empire is the Governor of Jamaica.

A unit which never springs to attention is the 2nd Somerset Light Infantry. It is the only one in the British Army in which, at guard mounting, the commands “Attention” and “Order Arms” are not given. The guard slopes arms from the “Stand at Ease” and comes to this straight from the slope. This regiment wears royal blue facings in honour of gallantry in India in 1842, but is not designated a royal regiment. Its sergeants wear their sashes over the left shoulder the same as officers, a distinction no other regiment possesses.

There is nothing like being previous. A new movement has been inaugurated in America to secure bonuses for good Yanks who serve in the next war and already American flappers are forming wives and mothers of soldiers units. The pretty little agitation is rather contradictory to the well-known American policy of neutrality until most of the danger is over. Evidently our belated Allies are determined to win the next war in advance.

Bullbrook sub-branch is to conduct a Diggers' golf tournament on Sunday, September 20, that is the Sunday prior to Congress. Mr. Bill Newton, president of the sub-branch, has made the local links available and all Diggers, particularly those from the country who can swing a golf stick, will be welcomed on that day.

Perth sub-branch in a letter to the State Executive at its last meeting notified that they had secured office accommodation in another part of the city and would be vacating the room in Anzac House at an early date. The sub-branch considered that with bigger premises it would have a better opportunity of expansion and the opinion was expressed

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that the move would be in the best interests of the sub-branch and the League as a whole. The Executive in receiving the letter unanimously expressed good wishes and the hope that the sub-branch would continue to prosper and enlarge its usefulness in the new premises.

Among the distinguished visitors to the British Legion's annual conference this year were accredited representatives of Fidac (the Inter-allied Federation of Ex-Service men), Austrian, Bulgarian, French, German and Hungarian ex-service men's organisations.

Among the many appointments held under Royal Warrant issued to those who supply the King's household with the necessities of life is that of King's Shrimper. The office, the only one of its kind in the world, is held by Mr. James Morley, who is no shrimp himself. He stands over 6 feet 3 inches in height and was once heavyweight champion of the Coldstream Guards. With five boats and six assistants he nets more than 200 tons of shrimps a year. In addition to supplying Royalty, Mr. Morley caters for the House of Commons, the Lord Mayor's Banquets and most of the big London hotels. He has even sent consignments of shrimps to all parts of Europe by air.

It is reported that the Council of the British Medical Association is investigating a proposal to secure the co-operation between doctors in all countries to prohibit the employment of poison gas in war. The subject, according to Sir James Barrett, of Melbourne, who presided at the B.M.A. conference in Melbourne last year, had created intense interest in the association's conference in July. There was no doubt, he said, that the medical profession was in favour of action. Sir James anticipated that Australia would be approached when the council formulated plans. One does not expect that there will be much difficulty in getting most countries to agree to outlawing poison gas, but the real difficulty nowadays is in inducing nations to stick to their pledged word. Poison gas, as a weapon of warfare, was outlawed under the Geneva Convention, years and years before the Germans used it in 1915.

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**NO.1 DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

**Meeting at Brunswick Junction**

Matters connected with hospital treatment, medical records, agricultural bank clients and defence, which will be the subject of items on this year's Congress agenda, were discussed in full at the meeting of No. 1 District Committee, which was presided over by Mr. A. Sagar, at Brunswick Junction early this month. The meeting was attended by Colonel A. C. N. Olden, vice-president of the W. A. Branch of the R.S.S.I.A., and the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson). Mr. J. Fulton, of Mornington, raised the case of a man who had been removed from Ward XI to another ward while receiving treatment in the Perth General Hospital and said, though now discharged from hospital, was awaiting determination of his case by the Pension Entitlement Tribunal. Mr. Benson explained that such cases were of frequent occurrence. Unless a man's illness was war-caused, he could not remain in the Repatriation Ward. In some instances, however, where it had been found that removal from the ward might have serious consequences, patients had been permitted to remain. There was, however, a responsibility on the Commonwealth Government in respect to all returned men who were taken ill. In two of the Dominions, free hospitalisation could be demanded by all men who had seen active service abroad. There was at present a definite line of demarcation in this respect, and the man's leaves of other disability was diagnosed as being due to war service, he was entitled to everything; but if his claim in this direction was rejected, he received nothing. After discussion, Mr. Fulton intimated that his sub-branch intended asking Congress to recommend "That, until the case of a returned soldier is definitely rejected by the Entitlement Tribunal, his treatment be the responsibility of the Repatriation Department, and if the treatment has been given in the Repatriation Ward and the case is subsequently rejected by the Entitlement Tribunal, the treatment charges be a matter between the Repatriation Department and the Perth General Hospital."

Mr. May (Collie) introduced the subject of the keeping of medical records of all returned men who sought treatment from district medical officers. Frequently when lodging claims for pensions, complete records were not available, he said, with detrimental effect to the claimants. In Collie, arrangements had been made with the medical officer to retain all records, and a responsibility in this direction rested on all sub-branches.

Mr. Tweedie (Boynup) asked what would happen to such records in the event of the death of a doctor. In his own case, the two doctors who had attended him between 1919 and 1925 were dead. He suggested that all medical practitioners should supply the Repatriation Department doctors with the record of treatment given to ex-service men.

Mr. Benson said that although the matter was one which vitally affected both the State and the individual, but doubted if Mr. Tweedie's suggestion were practical, as few ex-service men informed doctors of their war service when seeking ordinary treatment. In view of the fact that doctors died, or trans-
TWENTY YEARS AGO
War Anniversaries of August, 1916

August 1.—New German attack at Verdun, west and south of the Thiawmont work, repulsed.
August 2.—North of the Somme, the French captured a strongly fortified enemy work between Hem and Monacu farm. South of the Somme, they occupy an enemy trench in the Estrees region.
August 3.—One enemy airship hit during Zeppelin raid on eastern and southeastern counties of England. French retake the village of Fleury. Roger Casement hanged.
August 4.—After being driven from the estimated market value of the holding rather than on what the holding, efficiently farmed, could be expected to pay. This latter was the indication of the policy explained by Mr. McCallum. It had been decided that the matter should again be brought under the notice of the Commissioners when specific cases could be mentioned. Mr. Henning appealed to settlers to give their confidence to the Bank, and if this were done, he said, they would find that the Bank was anxious to assist them.

Land Matters

Mr. C. H. Henning said that the Land Committee of the State Executive had deal with the matter relating to group or settlement raised by No. 10 District Committee, but that the matter being proceeding with further had not been completed with.

Mr. Benson appealed to all ex-service men who desired to make representation to the Agricultural Bank to do so through the League. It had always been found that the chairman of the Bank had taken the representations of the League on behalf of ex-service men. The League was only too pleased to make representations on behalf of individual settlers where it was considered that some injustice had been done. The trouble occasioned by the recent announcement of the Bank's policy was considered, could best be dealt with by the settlers' own coordination committee.

Mr. Henning reported that the Land Committee had given consideration to a position which had already been brought under its notice, where a settler, indebted to the Crown, was relieved of a considerable amount of his liability, and side by side with him was another settler indebted to a private institution, who had been denied the relief extended to his neighbour. Cases had also occurred where a settler was indebted not only to the Agricultural and a private bank, where the latter refused to share in any writing down, with the result that the farmer received no material benefit from the legislation enacted for his benefit. To obviate this position, it was considered that writing down should be made compulsory. On the occasion of his recent visit to the State, the assistant Minister for Commerce (Mr. Thorby) had heard under his notice the necessity of bringing secured creditors within the scope of the rehabilitation legislation. Mr. Thorby said that the secretary of his department (Mr. J. Stevenson) had been instructed to investigate the matter with the State authorities.

Another point brought under the Minister's notice, Mr. Henning said, was that many orders were not being paid upon the Crown, and again a promise had been given that the matter would be investigated. The method and basis of adjusting valuations had occasioned a good deal of discussion at the last meeting of the Land Committee, and the officials entrusted with this phase of the Bank's activities, were proceeding on lines different to those laid down by Mr. McCallum when the committee interviewed him some time ago. It appeared that the method of valuation adopted by the Bank was taken more

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August 5.—North of Pozieres an attack, in which the Australians and New Army troops take part, penetrates the German main second-line system on a front of over 2,000 yards. Suez Canal Victory. British troops start the pursuit of the Turks at dawn, and, by the evening, take more than 2,500 unwounded prisoners, four mountain guns and a number of machine guns.

August 6.—German counter-attack north of Pozieres.
August 7.—Italian success on the Isonzo front; 4,000 prisoners announced to have been captured since August 4.

August 8.—British right wing moves against Guillemont. Portugal decides, on the invitation of the British Government, to extend her co-operation to Europe.

August 9.—Fall of Gorizia. North-west of Pozieres, Australians advance the line 200 yards on a frontage of 400 yards south-west of the town.


August 11.—In the Balkans, the French follow up the bombardment of Doiran by occupying Hill 227, south of the town. British squadrons bomb airship sheds at Brussels, and at Namur, and
PREFERENCE TO RETURNED SOLDIERS

The following extract from the annual report of the Commonwealth Public Service Board of Commissioners, for the official year ended June 30, 1935, is reprinted for information:

...salient a determined attack by the Prussian Guard repulsed by Wiltshire and Worcestershire troops.

...British gain 200 yards of German trench north of Bazentin-le-Petit, and make headway north-west of Ginchy.

...Rumania declares war on Austria-Hungary.

...Italy at war with Germany. British monitors bombard Bulgarian forces at the mouth of the Sutlma. Zeppelin raid on Bukharest.

...Rumanian army moves in the passes of the Transylvanian Alps. South of Kronstadt Austrian troops compelled to retire by an encircling movement.

...General von Falkenhayn dismissed from post of chief of general staff; he is succeeded by Hindenburg. Turkey declares war on Rumania.

...British launch gas attack over broad front near Arras and near Armentieres, with good results. Romanian army advances 20 miles into Hungary.

Returned soldiers are eligible for appointment to the Service if at any time they have passed any of the examinations specified in the Regulations, and, subject to the occurrence of vacancies requiring appointment from outside the Service, appointments of returned men so qualified are made as their applications for appointment are received and it is found that their employment history has been satisfactory.

While the Public Service Regulations limit the ordinary eligibility for appointment from an examination to twelve months, an exception is made in the case of returned soldiers who have passed an examination which qualifies them for appointment to the Service, and they may be appointed at any time before they reach the age of fifty-one years. The benefit to the men of this provision is exemplified in the case of examinations for appointment as Linemen in the Postmaster-General's Department. There are returned soldiers who were successful at examinations held for these positions during the years from 1924 to 1930 who have not received appointment owing to conditions, particularly during the depression period, rendering all recruitment of Linemen from outside the Service unnecessary. With the increased volume of telephone and telegraph work, it is now found that a proportion of the assistance required in line work may be enlisted from the returned men who have

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Few men associated with R.S.L. affairs in this State have rendered harder and more consistent service, or commanded greater affection and respect than the late Vic. Ketterer, who died suddenly at the end of last month. Ever unobtrusive, but always on parade where the Digger and his welfare were concerned, Vic.'s services were of the quieter order, but none the less permanent in their beneficial results. He served in the War with the famous 16th Battalion, attaining commissioned rank, the award of a well-deserved Military Cross, and several mentions in despatches. Since the War he has been a prominent member of the 16th Battalion Association of which he was president, a vice-president of the Nedlands sub-branch, and a very efficient member of the Repatriation Department. Among his many valued services was the painstaking zeal he displayed for collecting and preparing data for the history of the 16th Battalion. He also contributed regularly to "Splinters," the organ of the Nedlands sub-branch, writing, in terse and effective style, war reminiscences, and rescuing those incidents which occur in the byways of war from unmerited oblivion.

The universal esteem in which our late comrade was held was well manifested by the large attendance at the funeral on August 1, and by the unusual number of floral tributes sent by friends and the various organisations which knew his individual worth and the value of his work. The funeral was attended by representatives of the State Executive, the Nedlands sub-branch, 11th and 16th Battalion Associations, Blinded Soldiers' Association, West Perth, South Perth Subiaco, and Mt. Hawthorn sub-branches, the women's auxiliary the Repatriation Department, and the Nedlands branch of the A.N.A. The Federal and State Parliaments were represented by Senator Allan MacDonald and Mr. C. G. Latham, M.L.A., who are both members of the R.S.L.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Mrs. Ketterer, and the relatives of our deceased comrade in their bereavement which is also ours. Repatriation Department, Nedlands sub-branch, and the League as a whole have suffered a severe loss through the untimely death of one who will be greatly missed but always revered.

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After a long and painful illness Cliff Nixon, a popular member of the Buckland Hill sub-branch, answered the last roll call on July 23. Cliff was a foundation member of the sub-branch, and from its inception his time and energy was always selflessly devoted to the movement. He occupied the presidential chair for three consecutive years and a Certificate of Service was presented to him at the last annual reunion. At Karrakatta his soldiers comrades rolled up in force to pay a tribute to his memory. They stood at attention while the Union Jack-covered casket passed between their ranks and at the graveside the Last Post was sounded. No finer epitaph could be quoted to describe the predominating characteristic of this gallant gentleman than “He was a game fighter to the end.”

**GUNNERS’ DAY AT GUILDFORD**

Guildford was the scene of a very impressive parade on August 9, the Sunday nearest the anniversary of the epoch-making August 8, 1918, when former members of the 10th Light Horse and the 3rd Artillery Brigade, A.I.F., combined to attend a commemoration service conducted by the Rev. H. Vine. The march, headed by the R.S.L. Band, was led by Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs, and Brigadier-General J. Bessell-Brown (commander of the parade). Lieut.-Colonel A. C. N. Olden commanded the 10th Light Horse, and Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Findlay the artillery veterans. Supporting the ex-service men were the young 10th Light Horse, commanded by Lieut-Colonel A. Sweetapple, an original member of the old regiment, and the 8th Battery Royal Australian Artillery (Military), followed by members and wards of the Legacy Club. The salute was taken by His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor (Sir James Mitchell). Wreaths were laid on the monument by Mr. A. Yeates (R.S.L.), Lieut-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs (Artillery Old Comrades’ Association), the 10th Light Horse Association, the 3rd Brigade and the Legacy Club.

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**HOW PADDY BECAME A SERGEANT**

BY M. H. M.

Padre Father Fagan was worried. He glanced again at the note and read “Lance Corporal O’Dea is detailed for duty with a raiding party, and will report to Headquarters at 6 p.m. tonight.”

“Here’s fun,” he muttered. “If that blighter O’Dea doesn’t turn up in half an hour I’ve got to join this surprise party. I’ve kept out of the way as much as possible this afternoon, but something must happen soon.”

The Padre and Paddy O’Dea, although entirely unrelated, could easily be taken for twins. They were often seen together, despite the difference in rank, and had used their likeness to advantage in many a practical joke. It was this inherent weakness of theirs that led to the present embarrassing situation.

On his way to mid-day mess, Father Fagan was interrupted by Paddy.

“It’s like this, Padre,” said Paddy with out any introduction. “I’ve got a very close friend billeted a few kilos away, and I must see him somehow, but all leave’s been stopped to-day.”

“Well, what about it, Paddy—what do you want me to do?”

“I was just thinkin’ we could work the old joke again—you know, swap uniforms.”

“Not when leave’s been stopped, Paddy.”

“But listen, Padre, I must go somehow, and I’ll be back by 6 to-night—come on now, be a sport,” and Paddy winked, and assumed his most persuasive smile.

After some show of official opposition from the Padre, Paddy gained his point,
and it was not long before he was on his way to the village.  

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In the darkness Father Fagan, alias Lance Corporal O'Dea, lined up in the front trench with the silent raiders. The excitement of the moment made him forget his resentment at Paddy's non-appearance. In fact, he was rather pleased at the whole business, as it made a break in his daily routine over which he could quietly chuckle in after life—provided he survived the raid.

The party had instructions to capture at least one prisoner, as certain information was required by General Headquarters. It was hoped to carry out the raid quickly and quietly, but Fritz had wind of the affair, and a lively reception awaited the visitors. In the midst of the confusion, the Padre found himself with three Diggers, peering down the entrance of a dug-out. Before long a burly Fritz appeared from below, and was quickly captured and hustled safely back to the allied lines.

"This way, boys," said the Padre, who had taken charge of the escort, "keep a good eye on the prisoner, we've got to land him safe at Headquarters now."

Hoping that Paddy had by this time returned, and would be waiting at his (the Padre's) hut, the party was guided purposely in this direction. As they neared the open doorway, they were surprised to hear a voice singing in very thick accents—

"Here's the good old beer drink it down, drink it down,  
Here's the good—"

The voice stopped as the amazed prisoner and escort arrived in full view of the hut. The sight that met their gaze made them gasp in astonishment. Here, if they could depend on their eyesight, was Padre Fagan, in a very disheveled condition, vainly endeavouring to fill his cup from a hopelessly empty bottle. In the excitement of the moment, they almost forgot their prisoner, but the Padre quickly sizing up the situation, bundled them all inside.

"Now, listen lads, there's not much time to explain, but perhaps you can see now that I'm your Padre and that—is Paddy O'Dea. He borrowed my uniform and promised to be back by 5 o'clock—but he didn't allow for getting drunk. However, he's got to take my place in the escort somehow as someone might recognise me at Headquarters. Per-

haps a stiff whisky will pull Paddy round a bit, and if the Staff tumbles at all, say he got loose on the rum before the raid and is suffering a bit from shell shock. You'll all promise to be dumb about this, won't you? Good lads, now move to it."

The change over was quickly made and the prisoner delivered safely to Headquarters.  

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The Padre smiled broadly when, a few days later, Sergeant Paddy O'Dea was commended for skilfully capturing a German prisoner during the recent raid.

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"It might have been worse," repeated Mose. "If de jedge fire off de gun de night before, he might have blown de head off of me."

At a regimental reunion the other night they recalled with glee the (probably thoroughly unreliable) story of the highly-placed officer in Egypt who sent an urgent cable to England for a supply of sand bags.

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One Thespian was endeavouring to borrow from another. "But look here," said the fellow with the money, "I understand you had a job. Secretary of a Stage Girls' Friendly Society or something of the sort. "Did you get the sack?"

"Yes, old man, I'm afraid I did."

"What was the trouble?"

"Well, I was too efficient, old man. I mean, I was too friendly."

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16th July, 1936

At the meeting on July 16, there were present: Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Philip, Panton, Aberle, Hunt, Freedman, Cornell, Margolin, Warner, Watt, James, Mitchell, Ross, Wells, Lamb, Collins, Nicholas, Newman, Henning and Roche. Leave was granted to Messrs. Riley, Sten, Collett, Denton and Thorne.

Land Committee.—The report of a meeting of the Land Committee on July 14 was received and adopted. This report was published in full in our July issue. Appreciation was extended to the country members of the committee for their efforts on behalf of soldier settlers generally.

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**Sons of Soldiers' League**

**ALBANY**

Membership has increased during the month. New enrolments include those of two members of the parent sub-branch. Can this record be beaten? In one family in the district, the grandfather is a member of the sub-branch, and father and son, of whom the former is also a sub-branch member, belong to the S.S.L. Three generations in the League at one and the same time! The donation of a set of boxing gloves by the Narrogin sub-branch is gratefully acknowledged, and the offer of a large meccano set at a cheap rate which has been accepted. Older lads are now beginning to take greater interest in the S.S.L. The monthly dances are well attended. Boronia collections for the benefit of institutions in Perth are being organised and reading matter is being provided for children in the local hospital.

**MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEDERVILLE**

The S.S.L. is still flourishing under the able guidance of Fred Williams. Keith Matters came along one Thursday and showed the boys how to conduct themselves in the noble art of self-defence. We had a visit from the president and members of the West Leederville sub-branch, who are desirous of starting a branch of the S.S.L. They were impressed at the boys' enthusiasm in the games and their attention during the business period. We wish them success in their venture.

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Management Committee.—On the recommendation of the Management Committee, it was agreed that the Country Vice-President (Mr. T. Sten) be asked to represent the Executive at the opening of the Pingrup sub-branch hall on a date yet to be arranged.

The matter concerning a suitable date for the Unit Association dinner was referred to the House Committee.

It was agreed that Messrs. Panton and Lamb confer with the Nurses' sub-branch in connection with the proposed memorial to Sister Jones.

Federal Congress.—The State Secretary's report on resolutions submitted to the last Federal Congress, but deferred until the next, was received and adopted.

Portrait of Sir J. Talbot Hobbs.—The committee reported that Sir J. Talbot Hobbs had consented to sit for a portrait to be painted by the famous portrait-painter, Mr. F. Buckley, and hung in Anzac House. It was recommended that subscriptions to defray the cost might be obtained from the following:—Legacy Club, Unit Associations and sub-branches. With reference to the two latter, the basis is to be 10s. for those whose membership is under 50, £1 for those between 50 and 100, and £1/10/ for membership over 100. "The West Australian" had donated £10, and also offered to have the portrait produced and a copy supplied to each subscribing body. The report was adopted.

Visits.—The State President reported having attended the annual reunion of the 32nd Battalion Association, and the Architects dinner. Other visits reported were: North Perth (Mr. Newman), Murray sub-branch (State Secretary), Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association (Mr. Panton), and Medical Units Association (Mr. Nicholas).

Conferences.—The following were appointed to the agenda committee for this year's State Congress: Messrs. Aberle, Cornell and Olden. The election of delegates for the Federal Congress which will be opened at 2.30 p.m. in Adelaide on Wednesday, November 18, was deferred until next meeting.

With reference to items received for State Congress which, if carried, may affect the Federal Constitution, it was agreed that the agenda committee should select these and forward them to Federal Office for inclusion on the Federal Agenda. If lost at State Congress, they can be withdrawn by our delegates.

Sub-Branches.—The appointments of officials as advised by Cranbrook, Commercial Travellers, Bullsbrook, South Perth, Kalgoorlie, Nedlands and Press sub-branches were confirmed.

The request of the Maylands sub-branch for information regarding a sub-branch's powers over its women's auxiliaries was passed to the State Secretary for reply.

A communication from the president of the Torbay sub-branch regarding the generous assistance rendered a soldier settler by a non-soldier, was referred to "The Listening Post." The State President agreed to forward a letter of appreciation.

Melville sub-branch advised that the Melville Road Board had vested a hall in the sub-branch and named a reserve the "Apple-cross Memorial Park." It was agreed that the State President forward a letter of appreciation to the Road Board.

West Leederville-Wembley sub-branch reported the formation of a S.S.L. sub-branch. At the request of the sub-branch it was agreed that Mr. Nicholas represent the Executive at an inaugural meeting on August 6.

By-laws, as submitted by the Mount Lawley-Inglewood sub-branch, were approved.

Trustees.—Authority was granted to the Trustees to affix the seal to Authority Forms for the Commonwealth Bank in connection with Treasury bonds held by the Bank in the name of the League.

Militia Forces.—It was agreed to ask "The Listening Post" to publish the conditions of service for the Australian Militia Forces, as received from the Military Board.

The State President was requested to forward to the organizers of the proposed Scotch Regiment a letter of appreciation of their efforts, with the wish that the object in forming and maintaining a regiment at full strength will be achieved.

Leave.—Leave of absence from the next meeting was granted to Messrs. Aberle and Philp.

Electoral Act.—The W.A. Blinded Soldiers' Association sought the assistance of the League to secure an amendment to the State Electoral Act so as to allow members the privilege of selecting their own nominee to mark ballot papers in future elections. On the motion of Colonel Lamb and Mr. Wells, it was decided, that this executive supports the Blinded Soldiers' Association in their endeavours and that this matter will be submitted as an item to this year's State Congress.

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SUBBRANCH ACTIVITIES

OSBORNE PARK

Fortnightly dances are well patronised. In the A.R.M.S. competitions the sub-branch was defeated by Perth on June 3, and by Mt. Hawthorn on June 17. We extend our congratulations and no one enjoyed the friendly evenings more than the losers.

Thanks are due to the ladies of the auxiliary for their help in entertaining the visitors from Mr. Hawthorn, and for the entertainment provided by Perth. Osborne Park was also defeated by Bayswater on July 1. The winners were excellent hosts on that enjoyable occasion.

At the annual meeting on June 24, the following officers were elected: Vice-president, W. Ashdown and A. Mitchell; secretary, R. Corlett; assistant secretary, J. Rushton; treasurer, J. Garner; trustees, J. Nicoll and R. Corlett; sick visitors, J. Baxter and A. Mitchell; publicity officer, A. Mitchell; general committee, B. Dalziel. L. Lechane, J. Baxter, C. Garner, J. Nicoll, J. Gaddine, W. Gilchrist and Fred Emery.

NORTH PERTH

The president (Mr. Stan Dival) presided over a good attendance at the annual meeting and smoke in St. Hilda's Hall. Mr. Jas. Cornell, M.L.C., presented a Certificate of Service to Mr. Charlie Jago in recognition of his ardent work during a number of years, and installed the new office-bearers. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Cornell referred to the great work done in the past for the establishment of the R.S.L.in this State, by Colonel Cowney, that of Mr. Duggan, Moore, McGrath and Gladden.

Amongst the visitors were Messrs. J. Cornell, M.L.C., and R. Newman (State Executive), Wilson (Fremantle), Gladden, Melvin, Moore, Madigan, Moore, McGrath and Gladden. Also attended were Messrs. J. Keast, M.L.C., and R. Newman (State Executive), and Messrs. Melvin, Madigan, Moore, McGrath and Gladden.

At the meeting on July 9, the secretary, Mr. Butcher, reported a most enjoyable informal evening. An interesting feature and musical items caused the time to pass all too quickly. During the gathering around the heavily laden supper tables, excellent food was served and an interesting feature and musical items caused the time to pass all too quickly. During the gathering around the heavily laden supper tables, excellent food was served and an interesting feature and musical items caused the time to pass all too quickly. During the gathering around the heavily laden supper tables, excellent food was served and an interesting feature and musical items caused the time to pass all too quickly. During the gathering around the heavily laden supper tables, excellent food was served and an interesting feature and musical items caused the time to pass all too quickly. During the gathering around the heavily laden supper tables, excellent food was served and an interesting feature and musical items caused the time to pass all too quickly.

QUAIRADING

Twenty members attended the annual meeting on July 7, at which Mr. Keast presided. In his presidential address, Mr. Keast traversed the activities of the year, which included visits to other sub-branches and improvements to the Memorial. The financial statement disclosed a credit balance of £11/8/-, the receipts for the year being £166/17/4 and the expenditure £155/9/4. The following officers were elected:- President, J. R. T. Keast (unopposed); vice-presidents, D. McRae, L. D. R. Hadlow and N. A. Fraser; secretary, J. J. Murphy, auditor, C. W. A. Lewis, land committee, N. A. Fraser, D. McRae and E. C. Johnston; memorial wardens, E. A. Smith, C. A. W. Lewis, T. W. Ettridge; amelioration fund, T. W. Ettridge; delegates to State Congress, J. R. T. Keast and D. McRae.

PRESS

The Press sub-branch concluded a successful year, financially on the right side of the ledger. The year closed with a membership of 78. This sub-branch does its business through four monthly meetings which addresses from members and other important people are a feature. Among those caught by the Press Gang during the past twelve months were Mr. George Wallace, the well-known Australian comedian, the Admiral of a visiting Japanese flotilla, whom the sub-branch entertained in conjunction with the Perth and Fremantle Legacy Clubs, delegates to the Federal Council Meeting of the Australian Journalists' Association, Sir John Kirwan, who spoke on the Silver Jubilee in London, Flight Lieutenant G. E. Tulloch of the R.A.F. in Iraq, Major Norman Brearley, Colonel C. H.

Lamb, who described a recent trip to New Zealand, Mr. W. Dunstan, V.C., Mr. C. J. A. Moses, general manager of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, Mr. Con. Charlton, who recently succeeded a member of the sub-branch (Mr. Basil Kirke) in the management of the Perth National Station, and Signor Elio Zanna.

At the meeting on August 7, items for the agenda paper of the forthcoming State Congress were discussed and approved, but the selection of delegates were deferred to the next meeting. The confidence of the sub-branch in its leadership was shown in the re-election of last year's executive, the only changes being the elevation of Mr. Reg. Nicholas to the chair, and the omissions of Messrs. A. D. Hood and J. Chappell. The latter replaces the former as a vice-president, while Mr. Hood fills the vacancy on the committee caused by the retirement of Mr. Basil Kirke.

WEST SWAN

Ali Guy, who was elected president at the annual meeting on July 9, is a popular member of the Maimed and Limbs Association, and members feel confident that with Alf in the chair matters should go well with the sub-branch. The immediate past president (W. Day) now becomes senior vice-president. Other officers elected were: vice-president, R. Knappman; secretary, G. Tanner (unopposed); treasurer, F. Preston. It was decided to recommend Mr. W. Day for a Certificate of Service. Several functions have been held during the year, one of them a benefit dance for resident of the district who is a non-soldier. A member has generously come to the assistance of the local hall committee in order to help meet obligations. The president, secretary and members attended a social function held by the Midland Junction S.S.L., which resulted in a most enjoyable evening.

ALBANY

"Brumme" (Alligraphy)—Thanks to many generous donations, there are now about 70 First-class rose trees in the garden, in connection with which the O.C. Gardens (J. E. page, 44th Battalion) has done the lion's share of the work. The institute, for which the lease has been renewed, will be one of the beauty spots of Albany. The sub-branch has been responsible for increased membership which is now 130. Sixty attended the annual meeting on July 21. The balance sheet revealed assets worth £291 2/- and a credit balance of £20 19/7/.

Unit Associations

EX-MACHINE GUNNERS' ASSN.

The association's quarterly meeting and social evening on July 17 was a most successful function, both socially and from the point of view of the excellent attendance. The formal business of the meeting, in the capable hands of the president (Mr. E. S. Everett) having been quickly disposed of, proceeded to form a thoroughly enjoyable informal evening. An interesting feature and musical items caused the time to pass all too quickly. During the gathering around the heavily laden supper tables, vice-president Day thanked all those who had assisted in the function, and especially expressed the Association's appreciation of Mr. Gregson's generosity in making his premises available. All machine gunners are reminded that the annual reunion will be held during Show Week.

12th/52nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION

"Ajax" writes—The smoke social of the 12th/52nd Battalion Association, held on July 24, was well attended by members of both units. President Harold Hopper was in the chair. Bill Thornton made a stirring appeal for increased membership and a larger attendance at monthly meetings. Jim Fulton and George Deering saw to the inner man very efficiently. Mr. Braithwaite proposed the association in a humorous speech, to which Mr. Cook responded. The proposer was an original 9th Battalion man. Veterans of the famous 3rd Brigade, who were present included Jim Deven. Jim still bears the burden of three score and twelve very lightly, and Tim Collins, with his expansive smile. S. P. Cooke proposed the toast of "The Chairman," and J. Cowney that of "The Artists." Secretary Sid Rowe is to be congratulated on the success of a very pleasing function.

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mentioned in the president’s report were the retiring secretary (Mr. F. T. Evans) who had held this office for three years, Alex. Craigie, who represented the sub-branch at last year’s Congress, Mrs. Haines (president of the women’s auxiliary), and Messrs. Chester, Lawson and Page. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year—President, Mr. E. Y. Butler; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Barnett (re-elected for the ninth time) and F. T. Evans; secretary, T. P. Bennett; treasurer, A. P. Ford; auditor, J. A. I. Williamson; management committee, Messrs. H. J. Lewis and A. H. Richardson; amelioration committee, Messrs. L. S. Barnett, T. P. Bennett and J. E. Page; editor of “The Wishing,” I. S. Barnett. It was decided to recommend that a Certificate of credit of the branch be presented to Mr. F. T. Evans.

WEST PERTH

At the annual meeting, the president (Mr. W. J. Earnshaw) stated in his report that the sub-branch was in a good position, although membership had declined a little through transfers and deaths. A number of complaints had been dealt with, particularly in regard to the Commonwealth Service. Honour Avenue, in King’s Park, which was the special care of the sub-branch, had been inspected during the year. It was intended to have the name plates repainted during the next few months. The treasurer’s report disclosed a healthy financial position, with £49 in the general fund, £33 in the amelioration fund, £100 on fixed deposit, and £16 to the credit of the Honour Avenue account. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year—President, Mr. W. Price; vice-presidents, Messrs. B. McAlary and C. Clarke; committee, Messrs. Booth, Smith, Offer, Miller, Pawna, Tyler, Hayles, Philip, Lador and Knight; secretary, Mr. P. L. Ross (for the 12-year consecutive term); assistant secretary, Mr. W. Gandy; treasurer, Mr. J. Boyd; publicity officer, Mr. A. Stewart; auditors, Messrs. Greenwood and Cooper. Messrs. B. McAlary and P. L. Ross were elected delegates to Congress. The committee will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at Anzac House on August 28. Mr. H. Clarke is already busy arranging a musical programme for the occasion.

DOWERIN

At the July meeting, held at Minnivale, Congress items were discussed, and the president (Mr. P. Bower) was unanimously elected delegate to Congress. The projected small-bore rifle club is receiving attention. The secretary hopes to have it working order very soon. Golfing members are now keeping their eyes on the ball in training for the Wyalkatchem Soldiers’ Golf Cup, which will be competed for at Wyalkatchem on August 27. There are indignant denials that the Cup is a pot souvenier by a “Wylie” member from “Smithy” at Baker’s Hill. Members are in favour of cooperating with Goodmilling and Konongerring sub-branches in connection with holding the proposed Zone dinner.

YEALERING

The annual ball in aid of the amelioration fund was held on August 1. A record crowd turned up, and the Corrigan orchestra provided the music. Corrigan and Wickepin were both well represented among the dancers. The hall was elaborately decorated with flags and bunting, under which appeared the names of many of the famous battles of the A.I.F. Members in general pulled their weight in organising what was a triumphant social success, the leaders being Messrs. Ray Kerr, Harry Murray, Jack Strapp and E. A. Lindsay. Old-time choruses were given an airing between the dances. The meetings at Yealering are well attended, and the troops look forward to the third Saturday night. It has been decided to erect a flag pole, so that the old flag may be hoisted on all suitable occasions. This is in furtherance of the sub-branch’s policy of fostering a love for flag and Empire in the hearts of the rising generation.

COWIE

The sub-branch has nominated Mr. A. Yeates for another term of office as State President. Those two good stalwarts, Harry May and Bert Stutchbury, are delegates to this year’s Congress. A wonderful social evening was tendered the Cardiff sub-branch in the form of a hot day social. Both hosts and visitors enjoyed themselves immensely. The sub-branch has installed a wireless set in the local hospital, the cost of which has been defrayed by Saturday night dances. A con-

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cert held under the auspices of the women's auxiliary in aid of this fund showed a profit of 49/1/2, and was so appreciated that a repetition was requested for the following year. Towards the conclusion an appeal was made for log-chopping, cycle races, pedestrian events and other contests. Membership is increasing with each meeting. The new piano is helping to make the hall more popular than ever. The sub-branch is again a trier for the Newdegate Cup.

DUMBLEYUNG

The first dance held since the formation of the sub-branch took place on July 13. Many old Diggers took the floor under the friendly guidance of M. Larking, who officiated as M.C., and the supper provided by the ladies of the auxiliary was greatly appreciated. The proceeds are being devoted to the building fund. Our genial pedagogue, Tom Towers, thanked the ladies and complimented on forming an auxiliary which now has a membership of 17. The sub-branch, of which M. Larking is president and C. W. Nicholson is secretary, holds its meetings on the last Saturday of each month.

MANJIMUP

New blood, new ideas, new interests. Membership is climbing, and the troops are getting a hearty kick out of sub-branch activities. The monthly meetings are spayed around a bit. The June meeting was at Jardee, where they insist on sociability, and are developing into an institution. On that occasion business rather cramped the social side, so in July Jardee was visited again, with more ladies and immense success socially. The August meeting is to be held at dear old Tom Sheahan's, at No. 1 Mill. That genial warrior retires in September, and comes to live in town. The committee proposes to build a home for the sub-branch acted like a new one. The mercurial Jock Mackenzie first mooted it (how does one moot anything?), and we are almost that we have done without one so long. A cash consultation, too, was brought to the notice of the sub-branch to have free tuition at the Technical College for ex-service men, who desire to take up positions in the mining industry, was brought to the notice of members. Those desiring this training should communicate with the secretary. Seven resolutions have been submitted by the sub-branch for the State Congress. One deals with the Naturalization Act, another with the Service Pensions Act, and a third with the Repatriation Act, whilst the S.S.L. are responsible for the remaining resolutions. The question of a flag of particular design being flown on a masthead in St. George's Terrace was discussed by members. Action is being taken, and a reversion of this flag. The draw of a load of wood was won by Mr. P. T. Knight, c/o Tomlinson's, Ltd., Lord Street, Perth. Our last two games in the A.R.M.S. Competition have been against North Perth, with a splendid game, and Mundaring, Dumbleyung and Lake Grace were represented by Messrs. Towers and Anderson, and B. Cannon respectively.

BASSENDEAN

Forty members signed the attendance book at the meeting on July 9. The main business of the evening was the consideration of items for the Congress agenda. The sub-branch is going to have a new rifle for its sports evenings, thanks to donations from President Grieve, Padre Vine and Ron Love, and a new peep-sight from the President. The President, on behalf of the sub-branch, thanked Mr. J. E. Claughton for the work he had done for sick members and also as the publicity officer. Mr. Claughton read a letter he had received from the Social Services Department of the Perth Hospital, which showed how necessary it was to keep in touch with members who were on the sick list. The children's ball is to be held on September 24. The weather being considered too cold to hold it earlier, Members, therefore, have ample time to organise sets and costumes. The prizes will be on the following basis: Best dressed girl, best dressed boy, best couple, sets, 1st and 2nd prizes; most original girl, most original boy, best poster girl, best poster boy, special prize. On July 13, the sub-branch visited Maylands for shield games, and a visit to Perth was arranged for. Those members who were fortunate enough to attend were loud in their praises of the hospitality shown to them, and the fine spirit in which the games were played. Bassenbeand hopes to invite Maylands to a social visit as soon as the opposition is arranged. Members will be pleased to know that Mr. Charlie Sharp, of Anstey Road, is back in harness again. Charlie has been a sick man for months, and the boys all wish him the best of health. On July 30 there was a visit to Perth sub-branch at Anzac House. Perth won every game. Two more matches remain to be played, both at home, against Mt. Hawthorn-Leederville and Mt. Lawley. The sub-branch will proceed with confident expectations and a second attempt to make good the shield games finish.

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by the women’s auxiliary and sub-branch on July 4. Our old friend, Dick Bailey, tickled the ivories and must have given them an extra tickle. Dick Hardwick ably conducted the community singing, but would have done better had he not forgotten his baton. Nipp Patten took the scoring. And put on some good old dances, which were very welcome, as feet were getting rather cold. After dances, games were entered into by all with great enthusiasm. Mrs. Bailey, president of the women’s auxiliary, then obliged with a song. Then came the main item of the evening, supper, which was served by the ladies, and it was a credit to them (and incidentally a credit to the men, the way they did their demolition work). The ladies put one over the men, washing up dishes. Of course we had to do it. After washing up the boys had a route march, with band, round the hall, the band consisting of kerosene tins, trays, baths, etc. During the evening prizes were presented for the best arrangements. At the tea, Misses Clifton, Homan and Nicholson met representatives appointed by the State Executive to discuss the benefits of the men to late Sister R. Jones. A feeling of sadness passed through the gathering when it was called to mind how recently a good comrade had shared in its interests, and it was recalled how well she had fulfilled her duties to the end. It was then decided to have an item inserted on the agenda for Congress, to the effect that Returned Nurses have preference of appointment of the staff of the Repat. Ward in the Perth Hospital. It was arranged to hold another bridge evening at the Club rooms on the evening of August 25, in aid of the club funds. The last evening netted £2 16/-, and gave considerable pleasure to the participants. Dr. Gibson has promised to give a lecture at the October meeting.

BOYANUP JUNCTION

The president, Mr. E. P. (Joe) Eccleston, president over the annual general meeting on July 29, when a hearty welcome was extended to a party of League members representing officials of the Brunwick sub-branch League and the District Association Committee of that centre. The balance sheet disclosed a credit balance of £4. The following officials were elected for the ensuing year: President, E. P. Eccleston; vice-presidents, A. R. Phillips, G. Timewell; secretary, and treasurer (dual capacity), Mr. J. H. Rudler; auditor, Mr. R. Tweedie; committee, J. Simmons, H. Trigwell, and W. Stephens; press secretary, Mr. S. W. A. Kilpatrick. During the course of the meeting the president (Mr. Sagar), of the Brunwick District Association addressed the meeting. He urged Boyanup to link up with the movement. Mr. C. J. Piper (president Brunwick sub-branch) spoke on the objects of the League. Mr. Piper said that the District Association meetings were a revelation. They were held monthly and it was good to see old coppers meeting on these occasions. Apart from the social aspect delegates could bring their sub-branch’s troubles to be thrashed out, and when agenda papers were being prepared for the State Congress there would be no overlapping of items. Much valuable time would thus be saved. Mr. Piper, by the way, is an ex-schoolmaster of Boyanup, and he was well received. An ex-president of the Brunwick R.S.L. (Mr. A. D. Edman) also spoke for that centre on the same lines as the previous speakers. Mr. Tweedie moved a vote of thanks to the Brunswick members, representative of their branch and district association. The other two visitors being the secretary (Mr. S. Chamberlain) and Mr. C. Hughes. This meeting, on a show of hands, agreed to join the District Association and the president and Mr. Tweedie were chosen as delegates to the next committee meeting to be held at Brunswick.

MOUNT LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

There was an attendance of 52 at the August meeting. President Olly Williams took the chair for the first time since his election, and a large amount of business was transacted before the supper adjournment at 10 p.m. On July 29 Maylands Hot Sox (to use a baseball expression) journeyed over to try conclusions with us in the Shield games, but through the extra late arrival of Bill Lovell, the necessary support was lacking. In spite of all Harry Wood could do, they lost their all. This win places us in third in support of Perth, whom we hear are very windy—not that we would grasp the Shield from them—but because it is understood that Hawthorn is trained to such a pitch that even Mussolins is keeping at it. The children’s ball on August 28 promises to eclipse anything yet held for children, and Professor Wilkinson says that he has got something special up his sleeve for the occasion, while Lashbrook’s Ballet will put on an item which we are assured is out of the ordinary. The third monthly social was a great success from every point of view, the large attendance appreciating the various items to the fullest. Jimmy Lord brought the roof down with his comic monologue, Mesdames Duncan and Yiend gave items which were loudly applauded, while Fred Moore as usual led the community singing. The dinner menu competition and the musical arms for ladies were won by Mrs. Keen. A tasty supper was handed round by the Committee and dancing was thoroughly indulged in till after eleven. The date fixed for the next social is September 5.

NEDLANDS

The last meeting of the year was held on July 14, there being an attendance of a few short of the century. Mr. J. W. Anderson was re-elected president. Other officers elected were: Vice-presidents, Messrs. R. A. Wood, H. Lewis, T. Veitch and A. L. Dent; auditors, Messrs. J. C. Hutchinson and P. J. Barblett (unopposed); membership secretary, Mr. A. L. Wilson; games director, George Sharp; treasurer, G. H. Kenny; secretary T. F. W. Kendall (both unopposed); committee, Messrs. Hoxie, Holgate, Dean, Perry, Moore, Attew, Randall, Brooke, Leach, and Jefferson. Messrs. Wood and Anderson were entrusted with the publication of ‘Splinters’. In an appeal made on behalf of a country Digger who sustained injuries during the recent Country v. Town Cricket Match an amount of nearly £3 was realised. It was decided to make application for authority to form a sub-branch rifle club, the necessary 30 signatures being obtained, while 30 other members signed the desire to combine and form a local club. It was decided to organise an Armistice Dinner or Armistice Day, and to invite the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Mitchell. The meeting then discussed the welfare with and amongst the ex-service men in the Old Men’s Home, and intimated that these Diggers were well satisfied with the clothing forwarded by the various sub-branaches and auxiliaries. It was reported that the rate of members was steadily increasing, and the membership secretary subsequently stated that the financial members now numbered 227, an increase of nearly 50 during the 12 months. Nedlands is still leading in their zone of the A.R.M.S. Competitions, and experienced the hardest battle of the year against Gloucester Park, but eventually won by 6-4 after losing quotes and rifle shooting. A great loss was sustained by the passing of Lieutenant Vic Ketterer, M.C.

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MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE

There has been much discussion of late on the method of Anzac Day observance, and the sub-branch intends to take a plebiscite on the subject among its members. Thanks to the efforts of its voluntary workers, the ground round the hall has been prepared for the planting of trees. Already twelve beautiful trees have been planted and a fish pond is contemplated in the hope that it will keep Mr. A. Cob and George Williams nearer to Sundays. The social committee and the ladies are to be congratulated on the success of the Friday night dances and the entertainment provided for visitors. The building committee is now concentrating upon paying off the mortgage on the Memorial Hall.

BUCKLAND HILL

At the annual meeting the election of officers for the forthcoming year resulted as follows:—President, G. A. Ashworth; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. C. Gibson and E. McDavitt; honorary treasurer, C. A. Hope; trustees, Messrs. A. Sills and V. Shrigley; secretary, C. E. James; social secretary, J. Date. The popular outgoing president, Colonel Godbery, and equally popular secretary, Mr. A. Sills, did not stand for re-election this year, and the selection of their services was placed on record. One of the first duties of the new president was to ask the members to stand and pay silent homage to the memory of the late past president, Mr. J. D. Wilson, who passed away on July 23. Many fine tributes were paid to his sterling qualities and his untiring endeavour in the interest of the sub-branch. The deepest sympathy was extended to his relatives. The sub-branch’s运动会 and the finances were also extended to our member, Mr. Keith McKenzioe, on the loss of his wife who died on July 27.

VICTORIA PARK

Grand carnival week started on Monday, August 3, with dog racing. The Balmoral Cup, donated by Mr. W. F. Arts, of the Balmoral Hotel, was won by “Hot Dog,” owned and trained by Nobby Caldwell. Mrs. J. Barnett’s whippet, Rolls, was second after a great race. On Tuesday night’s grand picture evening, the feature was the film of the Byrds of France and were greatly appreciated. On Wednesday night there were community singing and amateur trials, conducted by Mr. Caddy, assisted by the following: J. Caddy, I. Seid, Andy Hughes, Syd Reeves, T. Chinam, Mr. Galton, Mr. and Mrs. Webber and the Horwood’s Duo. Other features were dancing (Thursday), Back-to-Cairo (Friday), and the grand carnival and dance on Saturday. All proceeds were in aid of the Hall fund.

OSBORNE PARK

On July 4 in the Agricultural Hall a social and dance was held in aid of the Scottish Pipers’ Band. From this very pleasant evening the funds of the band will benefit to the extent of £5. In connection with the A.R.M.S. Competitions we paid a visit to Bayswater, and were beaten by eight points to two. After being splendidly entertained by the victors, we took horn upstairs in the wee hours. On July 13 Mr. Lawley-Inglewood came over and beat us 8-2, and on July 30 North Perth paid us a visit, winning also by 8-2. The Smoke-on July 15 was the occasion of another night of gladness.

CARLISLE

Despite the inclement weather, the August monthly meeting was well attended. Three new members (Messrs. Rogers, Power and Sexon) received their member’s certificate from the president (Harold Nicol) and comrades, and telegrams were also extended to a team of bowlers from the Carlisle Lodge of the I.O.O.F. in charge of Mr. Arthur Williams. It was unanimously decided to make a weekend trip to Gala for cheer-a-bane, and January 23-25 was tentatively fixed as being the most suitable date for all members contemplating the visit. Secretary Taffy Powell was asked to contact the Carlisle Doughboys to that effect. Jim Wilson wrote in to say he would have to resign from the committee as his job took him up country, but as the same Jim is far too valuable a man to lose, he promised to come to the meetings three months leave of absence. “Curly” Mackrane was re-elected to the committee, having, he explained, finished the Mac West biography. Mr. Roberts was again elected to represent the Carlisle Lodge on the Central Arcade, and Croftesby proxy. The next monthly meeting will be held on September 3, and as it will take the form of a dinkum Diggers’ smoke social, the meeting will commence at 7.30 p.m., and is to make only a nominal charge of 2s. a head, so kindly keep the date in mind. After the business was disposed of, Harry Harris did things to the piano, and what he failed to produce from his repertoire, Harry Cope provided from a past obviously associated with ivory tickling. Unfortunately, the music failed to cast the desired spell upon the visiting bowling team (despite the gallant efforts of “Curly” Mackrane and Harry Cope), the “drum” effects of the Central Arcade and Croftesby proxy, and 10 out of 12 beat our lads by the handsome margin of 16-9.

SUBIACO

The past month was one of much activity. Two A.R.M.S. matches were held, with Cottesloe, the result was a draw, and Gloucester, a defeat by 6-4. Both matches were keenly contested and very enjoyable evenings were spent. At the monthly meeting on August 6 the president (Colonel J. E. Mitchell) presided over a large attendance. The game was won by a vote of the State President (Mr. Alf Yeates), who commended the members on the efficient manner in which the sub-branch was being conducted and pointed out the fact that by adding 11 more members before Congress, Subiaco would be entitled to two delegates. Reports by the treasurer showed a healthy position in the finance department. The result of the effort to raise funds for the purchase of a piano was the sum of £12.24, and it was announced including a sum from the women’s auxiliary makes a total of approximately £52 in hand. A committee was appointed to select and make a purchase of a good instrument. For the amelioration of the Doris Melville concert returned £4.15/-

BRIDGE evenings on alternate Saturdays were improving the funds to a useful extent. On July 30 the committee conferred with the masters of the local State schools with reference to the conducting of an essay for the school of the 6, 7 and 8th standards. The subject would be “Entertain the Poor.” Mr. Mackrane made preparations for the arrangements. The result of drawing in the piano fund consultation was as follows:—1st (£110), Miss J. Clarke, Central Arcade, Perth; 2nd (£45), Miss E. Desmond, Salisbury Street, Perth; 3rd (£42), Mrs. E. Scowen, St. George Avenue, Subiaco. The complete result was published in “The West Australian” on July 27. Four new members and one rejoining were enrolled:—J. A. Evans, H. Thomson, H. J. Laker, A. Little, R. Samuel. Members are reminded of the practice parties every Thursday.

FREMANTLE

Permission has been obtained from the Lotteries Commission to run a sweep for which 3,000 Premiums will be offered to be played for. The president and several members accepted an invitation to lunch with the Fremantle Legacy Club, during which the Rev. E. H. Nye spoke on Anzac Day observance. The cricket club is getting trim for the new season. Although the sub-branch has had not much success in the A.R.M.S. competitions, members are keenly interested and always return to the attack, realising that there is a social side to the matches which helps to knit the members in harmony and comradeship. The women’s auxiliary continues to do good work. Recently a number of ex-service men from the Old Men’s Home were entertained at the institute. Mrs. A. Kerby and Mrs. Theo Brennan were congratulated on their long service and re-election as president and secretary respectively. The community concerts in the Town Hall on Tuesday nights are being well patronised by the public. The smoke social on July 9 was a very representative gathering. The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. J. W. Lynch; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Brown and H. G. Williams; secretary, Mrs. S. A. G. Harrison; treasurer, Mr. D. R. Phillips and Jack Barfield; publicity officer, Mr. R. D. Scott.

MAYLANDS

Six new members were formally welcomed at the meeting on August 6, which was the best attended for some years. After business had been disposed of, the remainder of the evening was taken up in a social tiordered by the sub-branch to its publicity officer, Mr. W. M. Muscal and other items were contributed by Mrs. A. M. Barfield, H. Purling, Ted Scott and Harold Hoppenston. The orators of the evening, H. Wood, D. Tobin and the Rev. J. A. Sanders agreed in describing it as one of the happiest in the sub-branch’s history. The sub-branch is already taking steps to form a life and drum band for the S.S.L. He has also presented a writing set which will be raffled to help swell the funds of the sub-branch. Messages of condolence have been sent to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Allen, on the loss of Mrs. Allen’s father, and to the bereaved relatives of the late William Properjohn, of the Maylands Hotel who had been a good friend to the sub-branch during his residence in the district. Two visitors, Messrs. A. Wilkins and Buckingham, of Gloucester.
WEST PERTH

The annual meeting of the West Perth sub-branch of the R.S.L. was held in Anzac House on Tuesday, July 28, to a good number of members being in attendance. The annual report, presented by the president (Mr. W. J. Earnshaw), stated that the sub-branch was still in a good position, although the membership had declined a little through transfers and deaths. A number of complaints had been dealt with, particularly in regard to the Commonwealth Service. Honour Avenue had been inspected during the year and it is intended to have the name plates repainted during the next few months. The treasurer’s report shows the finances in a healthy state, there being £459.5.10 in the general fund, £35.13/- in the amelioration fund, £100 on fixed deposit, and £167.7/6 to the credit of Honour Avenue account. The sub-branch nominees for State President is the present occupant (Mr. A. Yeates). The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. W. Price; vice-presidents, Messrs. B. McCleary and H. Clarke; committee: Messrs. Booth, Smith, Offer, Miller, Pawall, Tyler, Hayles, Philip, Llorol, and Knight; secretary, Mr. P. L. Ross (for the 12th consecutive year); assistant secretary, Mr. W. Beckley; treasurer, Mr. W. L. Boyd; publicity officer, Mr. A. Stewart; auditors, Messrs. Greenwood and Cooper. Messrs. McCleary and Ross were elected as delegates to the annual State Congress. Items for the State Congress included a motion regarding universal military training for youths. The meeting will meet on the third Tuesday in each month at Anzac House. The annual smoke social will take place at Anzac House on Friday, August 28, for which Mr. H. Clarke is arranging a first-class musical programme.

IN CONFERENCE

The formation of the State Executive in 1928 made the holding of an annual conference possible for auxiliary members. Such conferences are of great value, doing much to deepen the interest in R.S.L. matters and to give a full understanding of what is required in auxiliary work.

As auxiliaries have increased from nine to seventy-six in the past eight years, the annual congress grows larger year by year. An additional interest now is the announcement of winners in the Cup Competitions.

The procedure is similar to that of the R.S.L., a slight variation being the presentation by each auxiliary of a concise report of the year’s work. Such reports prove to the full what a live organisation the R.S.L. auxiliary is throughout W.A. and what a beneficial effect it should have upon its local community. From these reports, too, come original ideas for raising money, promoting social functions, hospital work and co-operation with the R.S.L. sub-branch. Delegates whose branches lack initiative find many welcome hints to carry back to them.

The items on the agenda are varied, the majority dealing with constitution, pensions, education of soldiers’ children and ex-service men in hospital. There are also a number on public questions. Because of the wide outlook of the League, these, too, have their place in the discussions. A report of all motions carried must be sent to the R.S.L. Congress for approval.

A feature of the Conference held last year was the number of social engagements open to delegates. Besides the annual picture night and the united auxiliary social held in Anzac House ball room, there were invitations from metropolitan auxiliaries and from the F.U.S.W. This year promises to hold as many. It is hoped that ample opportunity will be given country delegates to visit the hospitals and institutions where there are soldier patients, so that firsthand information may be taken to auxiliaries who desire to assist in the hospital work.

"Congress is an inspiration,” said one delegate. It is also an education. Friendships are formed in the short time at our disposal and we are loth to part. A common interest and sympathy binds us together and we are renewed in strength to serve the League more faithfully.

EXHIBITION

Schedules are now in the hands of members. Since going to Press, Carlisle auxiliary has arranged to cater for morning tea and lunch, while Neldales is in charge for afternoon and high teas. Competitors are asked to give special attention to the Bushell’s and Plaistowe competitions, in which handsome prizes are offered by these firms. A series of meetings have been arranged at Anzac House auxiliary room, at which the exhibits will be discussed. Hints given by judges in former years will be passed on to intending exhibitors. The meeting on the 19th August is for all those interested in needlework, woolens, handicrafts and thrift, while that of the 26th August will be devoted to the flower and cookery sections also photography and auxiliary at both meetings. On 2nd September all the secretaries will meet and discuss the simplest methods of checking, tabulating and forwarding goods to Anzac House. It is hoped auxiliary members will take advantage of these meetings and that thereby interest in the exhibition will be stimulated.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Executive members, past and present, are reminded that the quarterly at-home will be held on Friday afternoon, September 4. At the United Auxiliary Social to be held in Anzac House ballroom on Wednesday, September 11th, Fremantle auxiliary will arrange the entertainment and provide the music for the dancing. The State Executive will serve supper.

F.U.S.W.

Every available seat was occupied at the monthly meeting in Anzac House on August 6. A most welcome guest was Mrs. Foster Mattei, a foundation member of the Union, and one of the originators of the Soldiers’ Scholarship Trust Fund. In a few words she expressed her pleasure at being present, and how she found the Union still carrying out what was its main intention: that of promoting friendship and spreading cheerfulness. Other guests were Mrs. Risbiffany, O.B.E., I.P., and Mrs. W. H. Evans, of the Women’s Service Guild. New members were welcomed. Mr. D. M. Benson, the speaker for the afternoon, paid a tribute to the part women played during the War as nurses and V.A.D.’s and to those organisations who now assisted the League. After sketching briefly the significance of the month of August in the beginning and ending of the War, and the part played in it by the Australian Forces, Mr. Benson gave many interesting details of what the R.S.L. has accomplished in the years following 1918. In conclusion, he emphasised the need for Australia being well-pre-
pared and well defended. Mrs. Henry Greig arranged a delightful musical programme and acted as accompanist. The artists were Mr. David Lyle, Mesdames Howard and Ellis (songs), Miss Denise Dingwall (violin solos) and Mrs. Cecil Lamb (recitations). Tea was served at the conclusion of the afternoon's proceedings.

PINGRUP

A very enjoyable bridge evening was given at the home of Mrs. Carrie recently. A large number attended and the play was very keen, the winners being: Mr. Syd Solly (who played as a lady), first; Miss Matthews, boshy; Mr. B. George, first gent., and Mr. B. Thomas, boshy. The "Scotch" evening promised by Mrs. Carrie came as a surprise or a disappointment, for it was typically "Scotch," in that it was meant to collect all the stray threepenny parcels were made up and a numbered ticket given with each. The person holding the lucky number was Mrs. Bert Keay, who won an icred fruit cake. All enjoyed themselves and departed in the "wee sma' ours" after an evening which was a success financially and otherwise. Mrs. Cook, one of our members, after selling her business, has left for England, where she will make her future home. The auxiliary is very grateful for the splendid donation of library books which she made before her departure. Mrs. Cook will be ever remembered and we wish her every success in the future.

SUBIACO

The monthly meeting was held in the R.S.I. rooms on Wednesday, July 15. There was a large attendance of members. The president (Mrs. H. L. Downe) received and welcomed Mr. Mansfield and Mrs. Haimes of West Leederville sub-branch. Mrs. Haimes kindly donated a pair of pillow shams for our forthcoming garden fete. The main business for the afternoon was arranging the stalls for the garden fete, which will be held in the Municipal Gardens on October 29. Arrangements are also in hand for small hampers of refreshments to be sent monthly to each returned soldier in the Old Men’s Home. On Saturday, July 25, the usual bridge evening was held in conjunction with the sub-branch. During the evening the art union was drawn. It was so well subscribed to that now we are hoping to see a piano adorning the rooms which have been renovated recently.

TRAYNING-YELBENI

There was practically a full attendance at the annual meeting on July 26. Mrs. C. A. Smith was re-elected president. In the same way Mrs. Milne was unanimously returned again as secretary. Mrs. R. V. Walker resigned the treasurership in favour of Mrs. McDowal. Mrs. Walker then was elected auditor in place of Mrs. McDowal. Mrs. Crane is the new vice-president in Mrs. Robert's place. Mrs. Smeaton retaining the secretary vice-presidentship. Mesdames Cosgrove and Hadfield are trustees. Special reference was made in the secretary's report to the official switching of the flood-lights on the War Memorial and the work done for the general beautifying of its surroundings. A cash and clothing donation was sent in by Mrs. McAndrew, who was unable to be present. One esteemed member passed away during the year and three others have left the district.

CLAREMONT

As the result of a successful bridge party in the Parish Hall, the sum of three guineas was raised for the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Fund. The thanks of the auxiliary are due to all who helped to make the evening such a pleasant one. At the annual general meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs. J. R. Fitzpatrick; vice-presidents, Mesdames W. O. Mansbridge and Harvey Rae; secretary, Miss F. E. Bryant—all four re-elected unopposed; treasurer, Mrs. Lee; these officers, Mesdames Ingram and G. Weger.

COLLIE

Wednesday night dances are still proving popular. A visit has been paid to the Cardif sub-branch, and, as usual, the welcome accorded the visitors was loud and prolonged. In fact, so long was it that all the threats that we were going to be burnt out. As we are all members of the one great show, such threats are taken with affection, and these interchanges of visits do much to keep things moving.

NORTH PERTH

The enjoyable social evening given by the women's auxiliary to the men folk at St. Hilda's Hall on July 27 was presided over by Mrs. Cliff (president), whilst Mr. Clarry and Mrs. Lord were the collecting committee. Certificates of Service were then made to Mrs. McKinday (State President) to Mrs. W. James, who was president from July, 1933, to March, 1936, and to Mrs. Middleton, who was secretary from July, 1931, to March, 1936. Then followed a humorous play entitled "Wild Nell—or Her Final Sacrifice," the characters being Wild Nell (Mrs. Sadlier), Lady Vere de Vere (Mrs. Brown), Handsome Harry (Mrs. Rendle), the Medicine Woman (Mrs. Hetherington), Eagle Hawk (Mrs. McLeod), and Sitting Bull (Mrs. Wainwright). The story was related by Mrs. Cliff, whilst the players acted in silence, and the play was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. Dancing and musical items filled in the gap until the close, when the ladies committee came out in night gowns, each holding a light candle, and singing her "Good night" song.

WAGIN

The annual meeting was held on July 3. During the year donations were made to the local Ambulance Association, St. John's Ambulance, Peace Appeal, Wooldoo ex-soldier patients, the civilian wards of the Perth General Hospital, and the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust. The membership list now contains 36 names. Officers elected for the ensuing year were:—President, Mrs. M. Pelham; vice-presidents, Mesdames J. White and H. Anderson; secretary, Mrs. J. Wallard (re-elected for the fourth year). The meeting was followed by a social to which all members had been invited. The birthday cake was cut by the retiring president (Mrs. Walter) assisted by the new president, Mesdames Walter and Wallard are both holders of Certificates of Service. Mrs. Wallard has also been appointed Country-Vice-President. A baby show has been arranged for September 4 and an auxiliary reunion for September 15.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

The annual general meeting took place on July 6 with a good attendance of members, and the secretary of the sub-branch (Sergeant McMurray) in attendance. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. E. Boll (re-elected unopposed); senior vice-president, Mrs. B. Bates; vice-president, Mrs. Merrilix (re-elected unopposed); secretary,
Mrs. I. Hackett; treasurer, Mrs. J. Gower (re-elected unopposed); trustees, Mesdames Hicks, Poat and Hawkins; hospital visitors, Mrs. and Miss Hawkins; publicity officer, Mrs. B. Cooke. Arrangements are well in hand for a children’s plain and fancy dress ball to be held in the Rex Cabaret on Friday, August 7.

NE LD ANDS

On August 9 the auxiliary entertained at a picture afternoon and high tea the service men of the Edward Millen Home, the Lemnos Hospital and the Old Men’s Home. The parade state indicated a strength of 65. The guests were conveyed by motor cars, provided by members of the Nedlands sub-branch. A splendid picture programme was provided by Mr. R. Hatfield of Nedlands Pictures, Ltd., whilst during the afternoon and during tea those present were entertained by a six-piece orchestra under the leadership of Miss Betty Spigl. Tea was served in the lesser hall, at the conclusion of which the visitors enjoyed an impromptu dance and community singing. The president (Mrs. G. Randall) welcomed the visitors, and was supported by the president of the sub-branch (Mr. J. M. Andersen). Members of the auxiliary were thanked by the State President (Mrs. J. McKinlay), who stated that Nedlands was the first sub-branch to provide an outing and high tea for the ex-service men in three institutions. Mrs. McKinlay was supported by the State Secretary (Mrs. Hopperston), Mr. C. W. Brick (deputy master, Old Men’s Home) and representatives from Edward Millen and Lemnos.

VICTORIA PARK

On July 14 the second annual rally was held. Over 200 members, including the State President (Mrs. McKinlay) and several members of the Executive, visitors, from all parts of the metropolis, and one or two country auxiliaries attended. A varied programme was heartily enjoyed by all. Spot waltzes were won by Mesdames Primrose and Partner, and Mesdames Percy and Partner; lucky entrance ticket, by Mrs. Sloss (Maylands), and flag game by Mrs. McDermott (Mr. Hawthorn); Mrs. Haggart being the winner of the “Poisoned Parcel.” During the evening Mrs. McKinlay presented Mrs. W. Colley with a Certificate of Service, and presentations were also made to Miss Tolmie (president), Mrs. Howard (past secretary), Mrs. Prue (newly-elected secretary), and the treasurer (L. Coleman). Artists contributing to the evening’s entertainment were Mrs. Browning-Turner and her daughter, Miss Phillips and Mesdames Ellemore and Kieller. A concert party was taken to the Edward Millen Home recently. It was arranged by Mrs. Gauldwell and Mrs. White, assisted by Mr. Edwards. Items were given by Mr. Hinchcliffe’s juvenile banjolele band, Mrs. Kieller, Ruth Hornwood and Bert Steel, Dick Mitchell, Miss Ellemore, Miss Marie Caldwell, Miss Beryl Blebaut, and Mrs. Brophy. Mr. Hinchcliffe and Miss Brophy. Mr. Challoner (a patient) thanked the artists for coming, making special mention of the good work done by the auxiliary through the medium of their orchestra under the leadership of McCallum (White and Caldwell). Thanks were extended by Mrs. Milligan, Mr. Milligan (as arranged), Mr. Hinchcliffe (as arranged) and Messrs. Grant and Greaves, and to all who helped to make the hall a success. Bridge evenings are held in the Carise Hall every Wednesday night. The auxiliary meets on the second Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

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SOUTH PERTH

The July meeting was well attended, and new members were enrolled. Some of the members visited the Victoria Park rally on July 14, and had a most enjoyable evening. The sub-branch met the Nedlands R.S.L. to compete in the A.R.M.S. competitions on July 21, the ladies being invited to accompany their husbands. The ladies went and had a very pleasant evening. Owing to a mistake in our last report the following are the amelioration committee:-

AMELioration officer, Mrs. B. Beere; trustees, Mesdames Bonny, Allen and Pratt.

CARLISLE

A successful children’s plain and fancy dress ball was held on July 31. Over 300 children and parents were present. Mrs. Read, Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Clear (president and secretary of the Friendly Union of Soldiers’ Wives) acted as judges, while Mr. Gillies proved a capable M.C. Mrs. Williams and her orchestra supplied the music. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Dean. The president of the auxiliary (Mrs. Dyson) presented the judges with bouquets, made for the occasion by Mrs. Burgess. Since thanks for donations are extended to Mr. Fred White, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. A. Boland, Messrs. Grant and Greaves, and to all who helped to make the hall a success. Bridge evenings are held in the Carlisle Hall every Wednesday night. The auxiliary meets on the second Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m.
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<td>Gascoyne Hotel</td>
<td>1st Monday</td>
<td>C. A. P. Gesteow, Carnarvon</td>
<td>W. S. Appleyard, Council Chambers, Carnarvon</td>
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<td>GLOUCESTER PARK</td>
<td>Anzac House</td>
<td>Every Wednesday, 7-30 p.m.</td>
<td>C. H. S. Wyllie, 2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. J. Wilkins, 43 Lord Street, Perth</td>
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<td>GNOWANGERUP</td>
<td>Soldiers' Room</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Dr. H. E. Clarke, Gwalia</td>
<td>T. Wilkinson, Gnowangerup</td>
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<td>GWALIA</td>
<td>State Hotel</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>B. H. Lothhouse, Wokalup</td>
<td>E. Shepherd, Gwalia</td>
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<td>HARVEY</td>
<td>War Memorial Hall</td>
<td>Every 2nd Tuesday in month at 8 p.m.; Executive alt. Fridays</td>
<td>Phone Harvey 108M</td>
<td>D. D. Johnston, Herbert Road, Harvey</td>
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<td>KALGOORLIE</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
<td>Bi-monthly</td>
<td>R. R. Gibbs, Bank of N.S.W., Hannan St.</td>
<td>F. Berthold, Government School, East Kalgoorlie</td>
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<td>KARRIDALE AND DISTRICT</td>
<td>Derby</td>
<td>1st Thursday</td>
<td>V. Monti</td>
<td>W. J. Cox, Karridale</td>
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<td>KIMBERLEY</td>
<td>Club Rooms, Carew St</td>
<td>When called, 1st Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>S. S. Walker</td>
<td>E. C. West, Derby</td>
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<td>KATANNING</td>
<td>Farmers' Comm'nicl Room</td>
<td>4th Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. W. A. Tyler, Kat'ning</td>
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<td>KELLERBERRIN</td>
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<td>Koorda</td>
<td>Committee 1st Friday, When called</td>
<td>D. C. MacPhail, Kojonup</td>
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<td>LAKE GRACE</td>
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<td>H. H. Pelham, Lake Grace</td>
<td>E. Wood, Lake Grace</td>
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<td>LAKE KING</td>
<td>Lake King Hall</td>
<td>2nd Sunday in month</td>
<td>R. D. Allen, Lake King</td>
<td>C. Verden, Lake King</td>
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<td>MOUNT BARKER</td>
<td>Mt. Barker</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>T. G. Sounness, Merry-up, Mt. Barker</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Supper Room, Town Hall, Maylands</td>
<td>Alt. Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Woods, 51 Seventh Avenue, Maylands</td>
<td>K. Honey, Mt. Barker</td>
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<td>MENZIES</td>
<td>Town Hall Committee Room</td>
<td>1st Sunday</td>
<td>P. Bantow, Menzies</td>
<td>J. E. Adamson, c/o, Town Hall, Maylands</td>
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<td>MIDLAND JUNCTION</td>
<td>Town Hall Committee Room</td>
<td>1st Thursday</td>
<td>Len Wilkinson, Midland Junction</td>
<td>C. H. Jacobsen, Menzies</td>
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<td>H. B. Stephens, 19 Amherst Road, West Midland Junction</td>
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<td>MOORA</td>
<td>Road Board Room, Moora</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>W. H. Boyce, Moora</td>
<td>Alex. B. Gleser, Com-</td>
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<td>MOUNT MARSHALL</td>
<td>Rd. Bd. Hall, Bencubbin</td>
<td>1st Wednesday, monthly</td>
<td>P. P. Le Gras, Bencubbin</td>
<td>mercial Hotel, Moora</td>
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<td>MOUNT LAWLEY</td>
<td>Wallish Hall, Grosvenor Road, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>O. J. Williams, 21 Grosvenor Rd., Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>V. M. Creagh, Bencubbin</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>R. G. Hümmerston, 46</td>
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<td>NARROGIN</td>
<td>Soldiers’ Institute</td>
<td>2nd Sale Day, monthly</td>
<td>T. Steen, Schoolmaster, Narrogin</td>
<td>Leake St., North Perth</td>
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<td>NEDDEGATE</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building, Broadway, Nedlands</td>
<td>Every 3rd Friday, 2.30 p.m.</td>
<td>J. M. W. Anderson, 33 Tyrrell Street, Nedlands</td>
<td>W. J. Fulton, Mornington Mills</td>
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<td>NORTH-EAST FRE-</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle</td>
<td>2nd Thursday</td>
<td>D. G. Kinlock, Newdegate</td>
<td>T. Hogg, Soldiers’ Institute, Egerton Street, Fremantle</td>
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<td>MANTELLE</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>3rd Wednesday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>Lieut.-Colonel G. P. W. Meredith, Artillery Barracks</td>
<td>R. A. Wood, 81 Archdeacon Street, Nedlands</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Avon Bridge Hotel, Northam</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. F. Roberston, c/o Court House, Northam</td>
<td>J. H. Kane, Newdegate</td>
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<td>NORTHHAM</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe St. (off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>S. Dival, 453 Fitzgerald St. North Perth. Tel. 88438</td>
<td>Staff-Sergeant S. McMurray, Artillery Barracks</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Reg. Nicholas, c/o Government Printing Office</td>
<td>A. Glance, Northampton</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Anzac House</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>E. T. Roberts, Pithara</td>
<td>G. C. Curlew, 145 Fitzgerald Street, Northam, Tel. 174</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
<td>Coffee Palace, Pithara</td>
<td>3rd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. Cowan, Yornaning</td>
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<td>POPOPANNING</td>
<td>Yornaning and Popannining</td>
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<td>PILBARA</td>
<td>Port Hedland</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>L. E. Taplin, P. Hedland</td>
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<td>QUAIRADING AND</td>
<td>Quairading Hall and Dan-</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. R. T. Keast, Quairading</td>
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<td>DISTRICT</td>
<td>din Hostel, alternatively</td>
<td>4th Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Stockdill, Ravenshorpe</td>
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<td>RAVENSTHORPE</td>
<td>Miners’ Arms Buildings, Morgan Street</td>
<td>2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Gordon Day, 151 Angelo Street, South Perth</td>
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<td>SOUTH PERTH</td>
<td>Public Hall, Swan Street</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. E. Mitchell, 11 Rankin Road, Subiaco</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Rokeby Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>4th Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>P. T. A. Daddow, Tambellup</td>
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<td>TAMBELLUP</td>
<td>Road Board Hall</td>
<td>2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>K. Somers, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. W. Walker, Yelbeni</td>
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<td>TRAINING-YELBENI</td>
<td>Training (3) Yelbeni (1)</td>
<td>4th Sunday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. J. Roman, 3 Manches-</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>ter St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>W. J. Earnshaw, Taxation Department</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTINE</td>
<td>Each place alternatively</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>J. Day, Buntine</td>
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<td>JIBBERING</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>H. E. Smith, 186 Railway Parade, West Leederville</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE- WEMLEY</td>
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<td>Roy J. Kerr, Yealing</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, quarterly, June, Sept. and Dec.</td>
<td>B. O. Read, Korrelocking</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>1st Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
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**R.S.L. Sub-Branch Women’s Auxiliaries**

**VICTORIA PARK**

R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Albany Road

4th Friday, 7.30 p.m. **Mrs. E. Tolmie, 88 Teague Street, Victoria Park**

Mrs. E. Prue, 61 Devenish Street, Victoria Pk.
GENERAL CONGRESS QUESTIONS

1. **PERTH.**—What was the action of the State Executive regarding the adopted report of the special committee on S.S.I. matters at the 1935 Congress, and the result of such action in relation to: Clause 1, re domestic legislation; Clause 2, re age; Clause 3, re president and secretary?

2. **COLLIE.**—What action was taken by the State Executive during the year 1935-36 respecting Item 69 of Congress Agenda, 1935?

3. **BAILINGUP.**—That the Agricultural Bank and Lands Department be asked to give an assurance that, in the event of the death of a soldier settler, his heirs should be given the first option over his holding.

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5. **P Pingrup.**—That as the eastern portion of the Great Southern District is sparsely populated, Congress views with concern the fact that the more populated west-end of Road Board areas, by their greater voting power, are able to allocate road grants to the detriment of the Eastern Districts, and that an endeavour be made to have this practice altered.

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11. **YANMAH.**—That the Agricultural Department and the Agricultural Bank endeavour to expedite the appointment of at least three qualified veterinary surgeons in the dairy belt with headquarters of each so situated that the whole area might easily be covered.

12. **Bullfinch.**—That the bonus on fox scalps be substantially increased with a view to combatting the fox menace.

13. **MANJIMUP.**—That Congress appoint a sub-committee to report on "A plan for submission to the Commissioners of the Agricultural Bank" formulated by the Manjimup sub-branch.

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AGRICULTURAL BANK

16. **Cowaramup.**—That Clauses 51, 52 and 53 of the Agricultural Bank Act be repealed in the best interests of the State.

17. **Lake King.**—That the Land Committee be asked for its cooperation in the matter that the settlers in the Lake District be helped to consolidate the holdings as a wheat and sheep proposition, and to ask the Commissioners of the Agricultural Bank to formulate their policy to cover the needs of individual settlers, and not the settlers to fit into a policy.

18. **Bridgetown.**—That a recommendation be made to the Commissioners of the Agricultural Bank that a general writing-down of debts on the properties of Soldier Settlers be made on similar lines to those made in connection with Group Settlers.

19. **Donnybrook.**—This Congress protests against the action of Agricultural Bank Commissioners in harassing former owners of abandoned properties to recover debts.

20. **Kentdale.**—That this sub-branch suggests that an arbitrator independent of the Agricultural Bank be appointed to investigate any complaints with or between Agricultural Bank and settlers.

21. **Yearing.**—Owing to the attitude of the Commissioner of the Agricultural Bank holding settlers responsible for their debts on leaving their farms, the Bank should see that full market value is obtained for stock and plant on abandoned properties.

22. **Pingrup.**—That Congress views with alarm the persistent attitude of the Agricultural Bank in charging accommodation interest in half-yearly assessments, as farmers usually have but one return a year.

23. **Pingrup.**—That with regard to the new policy of the Agricultural Bank, whereby statutory liens on behalf of Group Settlers may be reduced by the capital value of any capital improvements affected in any one year in arrangement with the Bank, Congress considers that the same policy should be extended to other sections of agriculture as it cases finance for the farmer while improving the value of the Bank's security.

24. **Forest Grove.**—That the Agricultural Bank be asked to co-operate with one of the Insurance companies in inaugurating a Farmers' Voluntary Insurance Scheme for Agricultural Bank clients, giving similar cover to that of Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

25. **Bullfinch.**—That in view of the fact that farming is practically non-existent through economic reasons in the Eastern Wheatbelt, Congress urge the Agricultural Bank to effect a substantial writing-down of debts in this area.

26. **Quairading.**—That the question of deducting military pensions from advances made by Agricultural Bank be discussed.

27. **Cowaramup.**—That interest on moneys loaned for Agricultural development be at a rate of not more than 2½ per cent, thereby making land settlement more attractive, especially for the youth of the State, realizing that land once developed is an asset to the State for all time and
that posterity will reap the benefit, it being considered unjust that the present generation should carry the whole burden.

38. PERTH.—That the rate of interest on all loan money used in agricultural development be not more than 2½ per cent, to the borrower.

39. TORBAY AND DISTRICT.—That Congress request a reduction of interest on Agricultural Bank properties from 4½ per cent to 3 per cent.

40. FOREST GROVE.—That the State Executive be asked to approach Parliament for a reduction in the rate of interest charged to Agricultural Bank clients.

MARKETING AND TRANSPORT

31. UPPER SWAN.—That all firms or individuals operating as salesmen in the Metropolitan Markets selling produce be required to put up a fidelity bond of not less than £300.

32. POULTRY AND DAIRY FARMERS.—That Congress press that in addition to the Commonwealth Branch, exporters of “eggs in shell” in this State be allowed the privilege of stamping all eggs in shell exported by them with the letters “W.A.”

33. YANMAH.—That the Dairy Products Marketing Act be amended to enable the Board to return to suppliers any levies collected in excess of actual requirements for stabilisation for each year.

34. YANMAH.—That the Dairy Products Marketing Board be urged to make any levies necessary for equalisation on export and storage butter during the months when the surplus is produced.

35. ARDATH-BABAKIN.—That the State Executive press for reduction of railway rates on live stock.

RURAL RELIEF ACT

36. PINGUP.—That Congress views with alarm the practices adopted in re-establishing farmers under the Rural Relief Scheme, whereby all other interests (especially store-keeping interests) appear to be sacrificed to preserve at all costs the capital value of the Agricultural Bank securities whether or not such practice is in keeping with the economic basis upon which settlers seek to be re-established.

That, as this measure is vital, Congress urges the Land Committee to explore every avenue to ensure that the application of the Rural Relief Scheme will be fair, equitable and just, so that the burden of writing-down will be equally distributed between all interests affected.

37. BALLIDU AND Districts.—That attention be drawn to the inequitable treatment meted out to secured and unsecured creditors under the Rural Relief Act.

38. GNOWANGERUP.—That the State Executive be urged to press for relief money advanced by the Federal Government as a free gift and not subject to form of mortgage as laid down in the Sixth Schedule of the Rural Relief Act of W.A.

38a. BOYUP BROOK.—That Congress consider the suggestion for amelioration of the position of South-West Soldier Settlers submitted by Boyup Brook sub-branch.

GENERAL CONGRESS

ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

39. NORTHAM.—That all agenda items dealing with matters directly pertaining to returned soldiers or their dependants be given first consideration after the President's report.

40. KELMSCOTT.—That in view of the number of ill-considered items appearing on the agenda paper it be a recommendation to sub-branches from the State Executive to submit items as notices of motion to their respective sub-branches before sending to Executive office.

41. TAMBEULUP.—That items from sub-branches for Conference agenda be submitted to District Committees for approval before being sent to Headquarters.

42. BUSSELTON.—That the members of the State Executive be requested to visit sub-branches at least once in each year.

43. KALGOORLIE.—That Congress rules that the order of precedence on all ceremonial parades be veterans, then Returned Soldiers of the Great War's, then ANZACs, then the W.A. Returned Soldiers' Benevolent Society.

44. VICTORIA PARK.—That Congress recommends that the Executive goes into the ways and means of holding a special one-day Appeal for all sub-branches that wish to take part, and that sub-branches pay all fares and expenses for the day.

45. DOWERIN.—That the R.S.S.I.L.A. in this State adopt a distinctive blazer on the breast-pocket of which will be a replica of the badge and a black swan.

46. MELVILLE.—That the attention of all those outside, and eligible to join the League, be drawn to the frequent reports of the Trustees of the R.S.L. Amelioration Fund and the great percentage of non-members benefitting therefrom.

47. KELLERBERRIN.—That members of the Land Committee be selected as far as possible from those actively engaged in farming.

48. WAROONA.—That the Land Committee of the League be elected by the Soldier Settlers' Conference.

CONSTITUTION

49. RAILWAY WORKSHOPS.—That Congress consider carrying as financial members those who, having reached 65 years of age, have no income other than the old-age pension.

50. NORWOOD.—That the word “returned” in the title of the R.S.S.I.L.A. be deleted and “ex” substituted.

51. EXECUTIVE.—That Congress recommends that the Executive be requested to determine whether or not a charge should be made for books of Constitution supplied to members of the League, women's auxiliaries or S.S.L.

52. COLLIE.—That Congress appoint a committee for the purpose of reviewing, where considered necessary, the constitution governing the women's auxiliaries, such committee to report back to Congress for the adoption of any amendments considered necessary.

53. EXECUTIVE.—That Congress give consideration to the following clauses being added to Rules 3 and 10 respectively of the women's auxiliary Constitution:

Rule 3 (3) For reasons which appear good and sufficient, a sub-branch may by resolution, of which due notice has been given, suspend or disband a women's auxiliary sub-branch; provided that such resolution shall be effective only if carried by a three-fifths majority of the members of the sub-branch present and voting.

A report of the circumstances leading to such suspension or disbandment shall be made to the State Executive within fourteen days of the resolution being declared carried.

Rule 10 (2) The disposal of any funds or property acquired by, or vested in, a women's auxiliary, shall, in the event of its suspension (as prescribed in Rule 3 (3)) be held in trust for the period of suspension by the sub-branch responsible for its formation; and in the event of disbandment be at the direction of the said sub-branch.

54. NORTH PERTH.—That a member of the Military Forces of Great Britain, who was wounded in frontier fighting in India, and on that account discharged from service, be eligible to join the R.S.L.

55. VICTORIA PARK.—Rule 26, page 20. After the fore-said qualification—in the event of a sub-branch not needing a certificate for a president or secretary, three Certificates of Service may be issued by the Executive to any members of a sub-branch when a resolution to that effect has been passed by a majority of members at a properly constituted meeting of any sub-branch and the Executive notified accordingly; provided that a sub-branch has no more than three certificates in any one year.

56. NEDLANDS.—Notwithstanding the qualifying clause in Rule 26 the Service Executive may, on the application of any sub-branch, issue a past president's or past secretary's certificate to any member who has occupied continuously the office of president or secretary for a full sub-branch year from annual meeting to annual meeting, provided that not less than fifty per cent. of financial members of the sub-branch applying for the issue of a certificate certify jointly and in writing that the member to whom it is proposed to present such certificate has complied with...
the qualification herein specified and that the applicant sub-branch agrees in writing to repay to the Executive the cost of the Certificate.

57. NORTHAM.—That the State Congress should meet in alternate years at centres such as Perth, Kalgoorlie, Northam, Bunbury and Geraldton, similarly to the procedure adopted by the Federated Chambers of Commerce.

58. KALGOORLIE.—That Clause 14(1) of the W.A. Branch Constitution be amended by the deletion of all words after “held” in the fourth line down to and including “show” in the fifth line and the following substituted: “on the last Wednesday in January.”

59. KINGSEY.—That the Constitution of the League be amended to include the principle that the income of every returned man be at least equal to the Commonwealth basic wage, and that all executives be instructed to put this principle forward in all dealings with pensions and allied subjects.

60. FREMANTLE.—That as the perpetuation of the League’s aims and ideals through the S.S.L. is obviously impracticable, Congress considers that this object can be attained through our successors in the three services, and that at a subsequent date to be decided, our ranks shall be opened to all ex-service men to full membership.

61. LAKE KING.—That members of the League while holding office as hon. secretaries of sub-branches shall be exempt from paying annual subscriptions.

62. MAYLANDS.—That no sub-branch shall have power to promote any by-law or amendment of any by-law unless such new by-law or amendment shall have been approved in writing by the State Executive.

63. MUNDARING AND DISTRICTS.—That Section (c) of Rule 5 of the Constitution be rescinded.

64. MOORINE ROCK.—That Clause (6) Rule 13 of the W.A. Branch Rules be strictly adhered to.

65. COTESLOE.—That the method of electing the Executive of the League be on the lines as suggested in Item 87 on 1935 Congress agenda.

66. CARLISLE.—That Rule 26, Clause (a), of the W.A. Branch Rules be amended by adding the words “and has not previously received the League’s Certificate of Service,” after the word “qualifications” in line five.

67. CARLISLE.—That a candidate for the State Executive who is representing other sub-branches, and therefore holding proxy votes, shall not be permitted to cast more than one vote in the ballot for the election of officers to the State Executive.

DEFENCE

68. WEST PERTH.—That in the opinion of this Congress the Federal Government should seriously consider, and put into immediate effect, the return of universal training, mainly on the two most important points:—

(1) The better defence of Australia; and

(2) The betterment of the young men of Australia as such training is in their best interests as regards health, general appearance and discipline.

69. BUNBURY AND YEARLING.—That compulsory military training be enforced by the Commonwealth.

70. BELMONT.—That compulsory military training for youths should be brought about not subject to preference of employment.

71. MELVILLE.—That this Congress is of the opinion that the ideals for which the A.I.F. fought during the years 1914-1918 can be maintained in this era of intense nationalism only by the adoption of compulsory training in order to provide for the adequate defence of Australia.

72. FREMANTLE.—That Congress views with alarm the general lack of public sympathy in national welfare, of a large proportion of our young manhood; and calls on the Commonwealth Government to institute a system of national training, so that an emergency will find us organised, at the same time to occupy some of the leisure for useful work.

73. GLOUCESTER PARK.—That Congress urges the immediate necessity of the re-introduction of compulsory training, and also the strengthening of the defences of our State and Commonwealth.

74. PRESS.—That Congress approves the increased defence activities in the Commonwealth, emphasises their importance, and urges full public support; and that employers be asked to co-operate more than at present with the Naval and Military authorities by encouraging young men in their employ to enlist in the Citizen Forces, and to assist them in attending drills, camps and parades. Also that the Commonwealth Government be asked to form a advisory council of defence with the statutory authority of the Federal Government and consisting of General Sir Harry Chauvel and other representatives of the Royal Australian Navy, Commonwealth Military Forces and Royal Australian Air Force who served in the Great War, one of the functions of such council to be the co-ordination of the three arms of Australia’s defence.

75. COTESLOE.—That in view of the urgent need of an adequate defence force for Australia, this Congress urges all sub-branches to organise for the purpose of increasing the Militia Forces, principally by inducing members to encourage their sons and relatives to join.

76. MUNDARING AND DISTRICTS.—That the League more actively support “measures for the better defence of Australia.”

77. MOORINE ROCK.—That the State Executive approach the Defence Department to make available for country districts 30 yards rifle ranges, in order to encourage the use of the rifle amongst citizens.

78. BULLFINCH.—That the privileges extended to rifle clubs be extended to Returned Services organisations.

79. FREMANTLE.—Congress recommends that the Commonwealth Government be urged to organise a reserve force, from the returned men, to serve in an emergency in Australia only.

80. MELVILLE.—Realising the dangers of a gas attack to the civilian population, this Congress of ex-soldiers pledges its support in any effort made by the authorities to warn house-holders of the necessity for taking precautions against bombs and gas.

81. KOJONUP.—Congress is of the opinion that the defence attainment of the Department’s aims for militia enlistments would be much easier realised if a reasonable opportunity was afforded country centres to raise units suitable to country conditions.

82. MERREDIN.—That this Congress express as the opinion of the West Australian Branch of the Returned Sailors’ and Soldiers’ League of Australia, that in the event of the national emergency of war arising, the whole of the national resources should be conscripted to meet the emergency, and the League in this State will definitely not associate itself with any proposal for compulsory military training or service, unless it is generally recognised that munitions plants, military supply stores, and the national financial credit of the Commonwealth must likewise be used to meet the emergency.

83. BULLFINCH.—That in view of the fact that a kilted regiment is being formed in W.A., we request Congress to make representations to Parliament so that officers and men forming this unit get the necessary uniforms free.

84. KOJONUP.—That Congress give consideration to a defence scheme submitted to the State Executive by the Kojonup sub-branch.

IMPERIAL EX-SERVICE MEN

85. NORTHAM.—That the State Executive be instructed to advocate to the proper authority the necessity of Imperial returned soldiers, resident in Australia, being given immediate hospital treatment on a doctor so ordering such treatment, similarly to the procedure adopted to ex-A.I.F. soldiers.

86. KENTDALE.—That Congress again urges the Federal authorities to extend the grant at present allowed to defray funeral expenses of such A.I.F. soldiers who may die in indigent circumstances, to Imperial men, who may die in Australia under similar circumstances.

87. COLLIE.—That Congress re-affirms the desirability of Item 99 of the 1935 agenda and urges the Federal Executive to do all in its power to bring the scheme into operation. The Item is as follows:—In order to expedite pension appeals, admissions to hospitals, etc., Congress press for the appoint-
ment of a resident commissioner of Imperial pensions in Australia with authority to finalise Imperial pensions applications and appeals.

88. BULLFINCH.—That Congress give full consideration to Imperial soldiers' rates of pay whilst in hospital, and that free sleeping accommodation be granted these men when travelling long distances for medical treatment.

89. NORWOOD.—(See Item 120 of 1932.) Congress is of the opinion that a more equitable division of the £2 per week pension payable on account of Imperial ex-service men in hospital by the Ministry of Pensions is desirable, and recommends 1/6 to the man and 5/8 to the hospital as a more reasonable division of the sum laid down in the Royal Warrant now payable: 21/- to the pensioner and 19/- to the hospital.

AGED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS

90. WOOROLOO.—Congress consider the plight of aged and worn-out ex-service men with a view to a levy being made on all members for the benefit of such men. Any funds raised to be placed in the hands of the trustees at Headquaters.

91. MELVILLE.—That to give greater security to the increased number of soldiers and widows who will eventually become charges of the League greater, attention be drawn to the necessity for speedily augmenting the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund which is to operate after 1940.

92. FOREST GROVE.—That each R.S.L. member contribute a sum of £1, spread over a period of two years, towards establishing a home for prematurely aged returned sailors and soldiers, A.I.F. and Imperial, and that the Government be asked to make a grant on a £1 for £1 basis.

PENSIONS AND REPATRIATION

93. BRUNSWICK.—That the service pension payable at the age of 60 be granted to all ex-Australian service men who saw active service abroad and the present clauses relating to property be deleted.

94. WICKEPIN.—That the provisions of Division 5 of Part 3 of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act shall be further amended so as to apply to members of other Empire forces, who have resided for twenty years within the Commonwealth, and who fulfil the necessary qualifications contained in Act as amended and assented to on the 6th December, 1935.

95. PERTH.—That Division 5 of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act (Service Pensions) be so amended as to provide for retrospective alteration to include for pension purposes those widows whose husbands died of T.B. prior to the 1st January, 1936.

96. KALGOORLIE.—Congress urges the Commonwealth Government to widen the scope of the service pension to include all ex-service men, including those who served prior to the Great War.

97. MELVILLE.—In the opinion of this Congress wives and children of service pensioners whose claims have been successful under P.U. should receive pensions from date of the member's appeal, where such member has been in receipt of an invalid pension, and further such provision be made either by amendment to the Act or administratively.

98. PINGLE.—That the regulations governing the granting of a service pension be amended to include all ex-A.I.F. men who served overseas between 1914 and 1918.

99. MAYLANDS.—That any returned soldier, over the age of 60, applying for an old age pension, shall be deemed to be a permanently disabled soldier.

100. BRUNSWICK.—That any case accepted by the Repatriation Ward for investigation be kept in that ward until complete information be received from Base Records, Melbourne.

101. PERTH.—That Congress approach the authorities concerned with a view to obtaining free medical and hospital treatment for all returned men, no matter what the nature of their ailment.

102. GNOWANGERUP.—That the State Executive consider a hospitalisation scheme for returned soldiers.

103. BASSENDEAN.—That Congress is of the opinion that if a returned man enters the Government hospital he should be allowed to call in a repatriation doctor and so decide if his sickness is war-caused or otherwise.

104. MORNINGTON MILLS.—Congress recommends that until the case of a returned soldier is definitely rejected by the Entitlement Tribunal his treatment be a responsibility of the Repatriation Department. If treatment has occurred in the Repatriation Ward and the case subsequently is rejected by the Tribunal, any treatment expenses to be a matter for adjustment between the Repatriation Department and the Perth Hospital.

105. MAYLANDS.—That in cases where the Pensions Board shall classify a returned soldier as fit only for light employment, it shall be the duty of the Commonwealth Government to find such suitable light employment.

106. MAYLANDS.—That the State Executive be empowered to retain the services of a qualified medical practitioner to examine any returned soldier applying for an increase or appealing against any decision of the Appeal Board, and that this doctor's report be used as evidence in all cases where necessary in dealing with appeal cases.

107. MANJIMUP.—That the State Executive retain the services of a medical officer to assist and support a pensioner or claimant for a pension when going before the Medical Board, and the cost of such medical officer be borne by the State Executive and sub-branch to which claimant belongs.

108. YARLOOP AND DISTRICTS.—That reductions recommended by travelling medical officers be confirmed or otherwise by examination by full Medical Board in Perth before becoming effective.

109. COLLIE.—That a card system be introduced by the Repatriation Department and supplied to all departmental local medical officers of ex-service men in their districts, such cards to contain a record of each man's war-caused disabilities and subsequent treatment by the local M.O.'s.

110. COLLIE.—That Congress is of opinion that the West Australian Branch of the British Medical Association should notify its members of the advisability of keeping records of treatment afforded ex-service men, and in the event of death or transfer of the private practitioner such records to be safeguarded by lodging with some responsible authority.

111. COLLIE.—That Items 157, 158 and 159 of the 1935 agenda be reaffirmed and the Federal Executive—instead of shelving same for the next twelve months—be instructed to place same before the Federal Government, stressing the urgency for their re-introduction.

112. COLLIE.—That when amendments to the Repatriation Act are anticipated, the whole of the sub-branches of the League in Australia should be advised accordingly with the object of securing increased and uniform pension by individual members of the League, as to the most urgent cases, required, and not leave such matters in the hands of one man, namely the Federal President of the League.

113. COLLIE.—That the League urge the Commonwealth Government to bring all pensions of totally incapacitated ex-soldiers, whose incapacity is war-caused, in line, at least, with the basic wage.

114. BALLIDU AND DISTRICTS.—That more adequate facilities be granted to cope with the increasing numbers of ex-service men with failing health due to war causes, and are now claiming pensions.

115. MANJIMUP.—That a minimum of 10s. per day be allowed for travelling expenses when a pensioner has to report for a medical review in Perth.

116. GNOWANGERUP.—That the State Executive be asked to adopt some policy of approaching the Government to insist that Government servants eligible for pensions should be compulsorily retired at the age of 60.

117. MANJIMUP.—That war pensions should not be taken into consideration when applying for old age pension.

118. PERTH.—That in all cases where dental treatment has been recommended by a medical officer of the Repatriation Department, as a part of general medical or surgical treatment of a war disability, artificial dentures be made available by the Repatriation Department.
119. MURRAY.—Congress directs that gifts for Repatriation Institutions should be forwarded to one depot and distributed from there.

ANZAC DAY

120. MOUNT HELENA, MELVILLE, QUAI RADING AND NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE.—Congress affirms its previous decisions that Anzac Day should continue as a sacred day of remembrance.

121. GOSNELLS.—That Congress considers the present control and observance of Anzac Day fully to all requirements.

122. NORTH PERTH.—That, in view of the Act that Anzac Day, 1936, fell on a Saturday, and because certain interested parties advocated holding the holiday on the following Monday, the League reaffirm the principle of holding the services, etc., on the 25th of April, irrespective of the day of the week on which it falls.

123. MOUNT HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDERVILLE AND SOUTH PERTH.—That the question of taking a plebiscite amongst members of the League regarding the manner of observance of Anzac Day be considered.

124. RAILWAY WORKSHOPS.—That Congress give consideration to the subject of an altered form of observance on Anzac Day, and that a vote of financial members of the League be taken on similar lines as that taken in Queensland and Victoria.

125. NORTH PERTH.—That Anzac Day be observed as a holy day until noon, and thereafter as a free day.

126. GLOUCESTER PARK.—That, Anzac Day in future be religiously observed as hitherto before until 1 p.m. and from then on as an ordinary holiday.

127. FREMANTLE.—The Fremantle sub-branch considers that the time is opportune for revising the general routine of Anzac Day. To this end they request Congress to debate the matter along the following lines:—Whether there is, as alleged, an increasing hostility to a 3rd Sunday—That Anzac Day is a general holiday and not an R.S.L. monopoly; the question of sub-branch reunions on Anzac night; and lastly, the wisdom of conforming generally to present day public opinion.

128. SUBIACO.—That men on parade on Anzac Day who have no unit represented be formed into an “unattached unit” and march as same.

129. MAYLANDS.—That the State Executive consider the question of marching music on Anzac Day, so that the marching tunes shall be universal and synchronised during the procession, and not allow the practice of different units marching to different times.

130. BUCKLAND HILL AND KALGOORLIE.—Congress calls upon the Government to grant to all ex-members of His Majesty’s Forces who took part in the Great War the same privileges as already granted to ex-members of the A.I.F. on Anzac Day—namely, leave of absence from work, unless engaged in essential services, and without loss of pay.

131. BUSSELTON.—That the Federal Executive be asked to consider the possibility of inviting Field-Marshall Sir William Birdwood to lead a monster parade of ex-service men in Melbourne on Anzac Day, 1937, as a special effort to mark the occasion of the King’s Coronation; and that special travelling facilities be sought to enable ex-service men to attend.

132. BRUNSWICK.—That all ex-Australian service men in Government employment be granted paid leave on Anzac Day.

133. ROSA BROOK—ROSA GLEN.—Congress recommends that Anzac Day be made a fully paid holiday for both Australian and Imperial ex-service men.

134. MOUNT HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDERVILLE.—That the League endeavour to obtain the same privileges for Imperial ex-service men on Anzac Day as enjoyed by ex-members of the A.I.F.

135. NORTH PERTH.—That Congress take up the question of the regulations governing Anzac Day leave from State and Commonwealth Departments in order to obtain more liberal interpretation of the regulations.

136. DOWERIN.—That the State Executive be urged to throw open Anzac House (other than the bar) or any other suitable place for the use of genuine country members in Perth for Anzac Day, where they may meet comrades.

137. CARLISLE.—That Anzac Day be observed as a national day, the morning commemorative and the afternoon given up to sports and other entertainments of a national character.

138. CARLISLE.—That the State Government be requested to grant free transport on the trains to ex-service men and women attending and observing the Anzac Day service, conditional upon their wearing medals or the R.S.L. membership badge.

SONS OF SOLDIERS’ LEAGUE

139. PERTH.—That the report and recommendations of the Central Committee S.S.L. of the 3rd February, 1936, be submitted to Congress for its acceptance or rejection.

140. EXECUTIVE.—That financial crowns be provided for members of the S.S.L.

141. PRESS.—That the submitted extracts from the S.S.L. Conference be considered for adoption.

ANZAC HOUSE

142. BELMONT.—That Congress demand Anzac House Committee make provisions in Anzac House for accommodation for members of the League other than Anzac Club members.

143. RAILWAY WORKSHOPS.—That Congress give consideration to the very urgent matter of having a room made available in Anzac House to all financial members of the League.

144. PERTH AND MOUNT HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDERVILLE.—That it is the urgent duty of the West Australian Branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. to provide a rest and reading room in Anzac House for all returned soldiers, unless members of the R.S.L. or not.

145. KELMSCOTT.—That Club subscription of £1/1/- be made to include membership of League, members intimating sub-branches to which they desire to belong: Headquarters and sub-branch’s share of subscription to be forwarded to same by Club.

MINING AND PROSPECTING

146. KALGOORLIE.—Congress urges the Government to facilitate the extension of the activities of the School of Mines in Kalgoorlie and to provide a larger teaching staff for the growing needs of the mining industry.

147. KALGOORLIE.—Congress urges the Government to take immediate steps to have the geological survey of Western Australia brought up to date.

“LISTENING POST”

148. GNOWANGERUP.—Congress considers the charge of £10 for printing 1933 Congress Agenda in “The Listening Post” to be outrageous in view of the fact that agenda was not printed in supplementary form.

WAR SERVICE HOMES

149. FREMANTLE.—Congress considers that the time is long overdue for a revaluation of war service homes, observing that big recurring surpluses, and the diminishing earning abilities of many occupants, constitute good grounds for such action.

150. FREMANTLE.—That Congress instructs the incoming Executive to forward through the proper channels the following:—That the War Service Homes Act be further amended to allow an occupant of a War Service Home, unable through sickness or physical disabilities, to discharge his obligations, to end his days in what constitutes his home; thus removing the present anomaly, that allows the deceased occupant’s widow to remain in possession during her lifetime, though unable to meet payments, but denies the same privilege to the man, who earned by service the amenities of the War Service Homes Act.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION

151. BALLIDU AND DISTRICTS.—That the Department of Education be asked to grant assistants to country teachers, when attendances average 25 (not including January and February attendances), and that the assistants be maintained for six months after date of arrival.
152. KALGOORLIE.—Re Australian Flag. In view of the improved financial position of the State the Hon. Premier be again approached with regard to each school being supplied with an Australian flag.

153. OSBORNE PARK.—Congress is of the opinion that children travelling on trams to school should travel free, the same as children travelling by train.

154. PERTH.—That a greater measure of Government assistance be made available to country children of outstanding ability, in order that their education may be continued at secondary schools.

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

POPPY DAY

156. GNOWANGERUP.—That a recommendation be made to the State Executive that the tab colour of poppies be changed annually and the date of the current year printed thereon.

157. MOUNT HELENA.—That in future poppies be sold on one day only in the metropolitan area and big country towns.

EMPLOYMENT

158. MANJIMUP.—That any sustenance worker who is working away from his home town should be given an opportunity, should a vacancy occur, on a job closer to his home, to transfer to that job and that free transport be provided.

159. GLOUCESTER PARK.—That the ban at present existing on returned soldiers obtaining work in Government positions be removed, or alternatively raising the age limit to 45 years, the present limit being 35 years.

160. BASSENDEN.—Congress protests against the action of the Federal Government for the letting of many Commonwealth public works by contract, thereby nullifying its policy of preference to returned soldiers.

161. COLLIE.—That Congress urge the State Government to provide full-time employment for all A.I.F. and Imperial ex-service men engaged on Government relief works.

162. COLLEGE.—That it be a recommendation from Congress to the State Government in regard to relief workers' camps that better accommodation and sanitary arrangements should be provided by way of properly constructed portable camps.

163. BASSENDEN.—Congress urges that the Minister for Re-patriation and the Minister for Public Works cooperate with a view to ascertaining what portions of public works can be carried out with day labour, thus making returned soldier preference an actuality.

164. BASSENDEN.—That as a returned man with but a ten per cent. disability has little chance in a labour market that requires one hundred per cent. fitness and efficiency, all employers be urged to show their patriotism by giving a much greater preference to ex-service men.

165. BASSENDEN.—That many of the preliminary works, especially those which have recently been done for the Defence Department, should be carried out by day labour under the Commonwealth Public Works Department.

GENERAL

166. EXECUTIVE.—Congress supports the efforts of the Blinded Soldiers' Association to secure an amendment of Section 128 of the State Electoral Act to permit of blind persons selecting their own nominees for the marking of ballot papers at State elections on similar lines to Section 120 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act.

167. MERREDIN.—That realising Australia's huge wealth productive ability, its vast natural resources which have not yet been nearly utilised nor exploited, Congress urges all Australian Governments to initiate adequate machinery whereby this great wealth may be used to improve the well-being of the people of the Commonwealth, and thereby guarantee economic security to them.

168. PRESS.—That the time has come for preparing a historical record of the Returned Soldiers' League in Western Australia; that as a necessary preliminary the State Head-quarters and sub-branches be asked to compile formal accounts of their respective operations before next Congress; and that the Press and main branch be invited to assist in the eventual tasks of co-ordinating these accounts and presenting the whole in publishable form.

169. PRESS.—That the League should wholeheartedly support assisted juvenile and independent adult migration of Nordic origin to Western Australia, and that the Commonwealth Government be urged to co-operate with the State in the fulfilment of this policy.

170. KALGOORLIE.—Congress urges the Government to bring pressure upon shipping companies to supply a regular weekly inter-State freight service to Esperance Port to enable mining companies and other producers on the goldfields to utilise the natural advantage of their nearest port.

171. KALGOORLIE.—Failure any satisfactory arrangements with shipping companies to establish a regular inter-State freight service, the Government be urged to give the Port of Esperance a regular inter-State shipping line.

172. KALGOORLIE.—Congress urges the Government to provide for the better upkeep of public buildings in Kalgoorlie and Coolgardie.

173. MELVILLE.—That as the conversion of Commonwealth and State debts to bond-holders has resulted in a much lower interest rate in respect of national indebtedness, Congress urges that a corresponding reduction in interest rates should be extended to soldier settlers and purchasers of War Service Homes.

174. KONDININ.—The annual organisation move to have a clause inserted in all existing and new mortgages, to provide for the payment of a sum of up to £100 for medical and hospital expenses, and reasonable burial expenses, in the case of an ex-service man's death, if there are not sufficient funds available from estate to meet these expenses.

175. KALGOORLIE.—That the Government be again urged to declare the Merredin-Coolgardie Road a Main Road, or alternatively to provide funds to put the road in good order.

176. FOREST GROVE.—That the Government be approached in the matter of superannuation for State civil servants.

177. COTTESLOE.—That in the event of a contingent being sent to the United Kingdom to represent the R.S.L. at the Coronation of His Majesty the King representation be from units who took part in the War.

178. TIPPER SWAN.—That pressure be put on the Sub-branch to provide rental charges for telephones installed in outer suburban districts are too high, and in the interests of the community should be reduced.

179. PERTH.—That in the opinion of Congress the Nationalisation Act should be revised,particularly as regards people who do not forfeit their status in the country of their origin.

180. SUBIACO.—That consideration be given to the formation of a State War Museum.

181. BRUNSWICK.—That this Congress is of the opinion that the time has arrived for the Financial Emergency Tax to be abolished.

182. YEALERING.—That the R.S.L. supports the movement for the electoral campaign for the abolition of poverty.

183. COLLIE.—That a law be made compelling the Forestry Department to insist and make more frequent fire breaks on forest lands adjacent to private property.

184. KONDININ.—That the matter of the provision of uniform headstones or honour plates for the graves of all ex-service men throughout the State, be discussed.

185. COLLIE.—That, where it is desired by relatives of deceased soldiers, they be allowed to erect private headstones at their own cost in conjunction with that provided by the Commonwealth Government.

186. COLLIE.—That Congress again reaffirm Item 92 of the 1937 agenda and continue to press for the consumption of same.

187. PRESS.—That this Congress, because of the sorry record of the League of Nations in the Italo-Abyssinian War, favours the strengthening of the armed and economic forces of the Empire as the best guarantee of securing world peace.
188. MELVILLE.—Congress resolves that for the preservation of the Empire and the best safeguard for world peace, everything should be done by Dominion and Imperial statesmen to strengthen the economic and defence relations between Britain and the Dominions.

189. NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE.—Congress urges the establishment of Cadet Corps at State secondary schools similar to existing Cadet Corps at public secondary schools.

190. NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE.—Owing to the failure of the parties concerned to agree to the building of a new Infectious Diseases Hospital, Congress urges the State Government to take appropriate action to compel those responsible to fulfil their obligations, so that this badly needed institution may be built as soon as possible.

191. NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE.—Congress requests the State Government to bring down legislation, making compulsory the immunisation (where practicable) against diphtheria; immunisation to be a function of the State.

192. STATE EXECUTIVE.—That the Warden of the State War Memorial be ex-officio a member of the State War Memorial Committee during his term of office as Warden.
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