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THE PICKELHAUBE PURGE

With the possible exception of Madame Genevieve Thabouis, of "L'Oeuvre," the best-informed contemporary writer on international affairs to-day is "Pertinax," of "L'Echo de Paris." These two, working together, unearthed the Hoare-Laval agreement, which caused such a sensation during the Abyssinian War. "Pertinax" is all the more reliable because he is rarely sensational. Commenting on Herr Hitler's latest coup, he suggests that recent developments in Germany are preparations for war.

MARRIAGE with a bricklayers' daughter, in defiance of the social code, which forbids Germany Army officers to marry outside certain circumscribed circles, was made the pretext for the retirement of the German Minister for War, Field Marshal Erich von Blomberg; but this retirement was followed by the removal of a large number of other officers who, like von Blomberg, did not see eye to eye with the Nazi fanatics on matters of foreign and domestic policy. If that were all, there would be no occasion for misgivings in other countries. Throughout the long and troubled course of history, the power of the dictator has been buttressed by the Army; and it has been policy for the dictator to see that the Army is led by men upon whom he can depend.

The Army purge in Germany is only one feature of a general construction of the Government, and the changes made are so suggestive that French political journalists seem justified in believing that the new coup is a step in the direction of war.

The most optimistic observers in other countries admit that the situation is fraught with serious possibilities. The Army purge is the climax to the situation brought about by Dr. Schacht, who, as Minister for Economic Affairs, was opposed to Germany's grandiose re-armament programme, and to the four-year plan which put guns before butter. Schacht's resignation was eventually accepted, but the Army refused to allow the fallen Minister to be driven into exile. This attitude sounded the first real note of alarm in Nazis ears, because it has long been an open secret that Dr. Schacht intends to oppose Herr Hitler at the next presidential election. But worse was to follow, for, strangely enough, the Army is also opposed to excessive armaments. The Army chiefs fear that they will be blamed for the economic distress that re-armament is now causing in Germany. They would prefer a more gradual reconstruction, and they have warned Herr Hitler that, notwithstanding the frenzied efforts of General Goering, the German Army cannot hope to take the field with any prospect of success before 1940. On the economic side, they are opposed to food economies that are palpably sapping the vitality of a whole people. "An under-nourished people cannot win a war," von Blomberg declared a few weeks ago.

Last year, Field Marshal von Blomberg attended the Italian Army manoeuvres, and he came back with a very poor opinion of the efficiency of Mussolini's warriors. That opinion was reinforced by reports from German officers in Spain. The German General Staff has all along disapproved of the Spanish adventure, which has materially interfered with the perfecting of their own plans. The German higher command looks upon Italy as an extremely undesirable and unreliable ally, who let Germany down very badly in 1914. The German Generals who have been removed from the active list have all been outspoken in warning their countrymen of the folly of sacrificing British friendship for Italian, and the German rank and file resent the attempts to replace the old German Lutheranism by a strange modernisation of Teutonic paganism.

The German generals have been replaced by others less friendly to Britain. The German Foreign Minister (Baron von Neurath) has been replaced by Herr von Ribbentrop, and thereby hangs another tale. Von Neurath also advocated the improvement of Anglo-German relations, and he persistently put the soft pedal on the way for colonies. Von Ribbentrop, who had lived in Canada and had been in England before, was sent to England as Ambassador in the hope that his personal popularity would pave the way for the return of the colonies. Von Ribbentrop is undoubtedly a very likeable diplomat, but, with characteristic German obtuseness, he commenced his mission in England by stepping on the wrong foot. He outraged Court etiquette by giving the Nazi salute to the King when he presented his credentials, and he annoyed the public by lecturing the British Government on its democratic policy. It was not long before the London newspapers nicknamed him "von Brickendorf." Nevertheless, he renewed friendships with the ultra-conservative elements in London who disliked the Popular Front Government in France. This conservative section was responsible for Lord Halifax being sent to Berlin, while the Foreign Secretary was pre-occupied with the Brussels Conference. According to a well-informed section of the British Press, that movement was countered by Mr. Eden when he invited the French statesmen to London.

Halifax's mission to Berlin was to discover in an informal way precisely what it would cost to quieten Germany and make her keep the peace. The British Government has maintained what the Irishman called an eloquent silence as to the German terms of appeasement. It is known that Germany wants to make the colonies a separate issue from that of a general European settlement; but English newspapers have stated, and this has never been denied officially, that Ger-
MR. HUGHES AND GERMANY

This paper cannot compliment the Prime Minister on his timorous solicitude for the German Consul-General’s feelings, after his colleague, Mr. W. M. Hughes, had uttered a few plain truths on the German demand for colonies, when the Diggers’ old friend addressed a luncheon meeting of the Sydney Legacy Club. Possibly Mr. Hughes talked out of his turn—he occasionally does—but one supposes that even a Minister of the Crown is entitled to remove the muzzle of officialdom and speak as a plain Australian patriot now and again. On a former occasion, when Mr. Hughes wrote an outspoken and thought-provoking book on Australia and Imperial defence, his resignation from the Cabinet was insisted upon. This time, the Prime Minister waited with bated breath for what Dr. Asman would say. Fortunately for all concerned, it was soon realised that Mr. Hughes had said nothing that was not being thought by many people, both here and in the United Kingdom. Mr. Hughes’ comparison of Germany with the tiger, whose appetite increased with feeding, was approved and acclaimed, not merely by the Liberal and Labour papers in England, but by cold, sober, non-political, commercial and financial publications, and Mr. Lyons might have aroused a storm that it would be difficult to calm, had there been any attempt to discipline “The Little Digger” on this occasion.

It is neither our purpose nor our desire to decide the moot point as to whether Mr. Hughes spoke to the Sydney Legacy Club as a Minister or a private citizen; but we do believe that it is high time someone of Mr. Hughes’ standing in the community stood up and said what he did. We also believe that it is high time representatives of foreign Governments were told that we in Australia are prepared to yield them the respect due to their diplomatic or consular status; but we are not prepared to allow them to interfere with that freedom of speech, which is one of the privileges of democracy. If a writer or a speaker oversteps the bounds of decorum, there is enough law and decency in the country to haul him over the coals, but it would be admitting a dangerous precedent if we were to allow foreign consuls to tell us that dictators are sacrosanct, or by continual protests to interfere with a public man’s right to express an opinion on a public question, especially when the Press and public men of the dictator countries are allowed to publish such lurid defamations of Britain and her policies.

Mr. Hughes said nothing that should not have been said long ago. It is well known that Germany is spending money like water on propaganda abroad, and it would hardly be reasonable to suppose that Australia has entirely escaped this spate. Much of that money is being spent on the pacifist propaganda, which Germany suppresses so rigidly at home; more still is spent on creating an attitude favourable to the return of the former German colonies, particularly those which could provide submarine bases against Britain’s oceanic communications, and recruits for a huge colonial army, such as France has trained in North Africa. The great German peace blackmail has already succeeded in securing the admission that Germany, who had no colonies at all 53 years ago, is entitled to an international discussion on colonies now. With characteristic Teutonic arrogance, Germany has mistaken conciliation for fear, concession for surrender, and each concession has become the parent of more explicit demands. One of the more recent demands has been the return of Alsace from France, and one may imagine the reply France is likely to make.

The history of the colonial agitation has shown the justification for Mr. Hughes’ warning. There must be no question of Dane-geld in reference to the mandated territories. Had there been more plain speaking five or six years ago, the colonial blackmail would not have assumed such proportions. One feels that Mr. Hughes’ remarks were timely, but only just in time. Plain speaking of the sort he indulged in will do more to preserve peace, and even to foster friendly relations and mutual respect between Britain and Germany, than all the diplomatic smearing which encourages dictators to more outrageous exactions.
and for which permanent officers of the service are not available, will be filled by returned soldiers who have qualified for, and are awaiting permanent appointment. In the interests of efficient service, it is important, however, that there should be before long a leavening of young men admitted to the ranks of line-men, and for this reason a limited number of youths is to be admitted in the near future as trainees. These youths will not be available for a least two years to undertake linesmen's duties, and even then will not be utilised to fill more than 50 per cent. of the vacancies arising; the balance of the vacancies will be reserved for qualified returned soldiers.

Commonwealth Public Service

With reference to the congress resolution which reads—

That representations be made to the Federal Government that returned soldiers who have completed two years' continuous satisfactory service in any position in the C.P.S. shall be eligible for permanent appointment.

a letter from the Prime Minister's Department states:

I am directed to inform you that the representations of the League in this matter have been given consideration.

As you are aware, returned soldiers with two years' continuous satisfactory service in South Division positions are, if within the prescribed age limits, eligible for permanent appointment.

Eligibility for appointment to the Third Division as clerk can only be obtained by passing a prescribed examination. With regard to this aspect of the matter, I am to state that the Government considers that there should be no departure from the intention of the Commonwealth Public Service Act that before a person can be appointed to the Third Division he shall have demonstrated that he is educated to the reasonable standard required of a clerk.

Encouragement of Training of Air Pilots

With reference to the congress resolution which reads—

Congress considers that further consideration should be afforded to airports for the training of pilots suitable for admission to the Air Force in time of emergency.

the Minister for Defence states:—

I wish to advise you that I and the Government generally are fully seized of the importance of having a reserve of civil pilots to draw upon for the Air Force in time of emergency. This has been one of the important considerations that has prompted the policy of the Commonwealth Government for so many years past to actively support aero clubs operating in every State of the Commonwealth. At the present moment, some eight (8) clubs are being assisted by the Commonwealth and many of these clubs operate in country districts as well as in the urban centres where their headquarters are located. These approved clubs have received much assistance in regard to provision and maintenance of equipment and, in addition, receive bonuses for each pilot trained and also for each pilot who renews his license annually. In the last year these clubs trained some 181 pilots to "A" license standard. The total number of pilots who have been trained by the approved aero clubs and other training organisations in the last ten (10) years is approximately 2,044, and although all do not now hold current licences, they would, no doubt, be available in an emergency.

I feel that this information should satisfy your League that the Government has taken, and still is taking, active steps to encourage the training of air pilots, as undoubtedly this reserve of personnel—some of whom are now highly skilled pilots—would be most valuable in time of emergency.

North-West Air Service

With reference to the congress resolution which reads—

That congress desires to express its concern at any proposal for discontinuing or curtailing the North-West air service.

the following reply has been received from the Prime Minister's Department:

I am directed to inform you that your representations in connection with this matter will be borne in mind when a review of internal air services is being undertaken.

Raising of Voluntary Defence Force—Ex-Service Men

With reference to the congress resolution which reads—

That congress deems it necessary that a national volunteer defence force...
be raised from ex-service men and others between the ages of 41 and 60 years for local defence and to relieve existing forces from certain necessary duties in the event of a national emergency.

The Minister for Defence has replied:

I desire to inform you that as funds for defence purposes are limited, it is in the interests of the security of Australia that the Government should give priority to the training of men of military age and to the provision of weapons and ammunition.

The need for the utilisation of the services in war of all fit males up to 60 years of age is fully recognised, and is provided for in the Defence Act. The duties which the older men can perform to relieve the existing forces are of a comparatively simple nature and ex-service men and members of rifle clubs should find little difficulty in becoming reasonably proficient with a very short period of training.

Free Wireless Licences for T. and P.I. Cases

With reference to the congress resolution which reads

That it be a recommendation to the Federal Government that wireless licences be issued free to totally incapacitated ex-service men.

the following reply has been received from the Prime Minister's Department:

I am directed to inform you that this matter has received consideration on several occasions.

Whilst there is, of course, a natural desire to liberalise the conditions upon which licences are granted to persons suffering from physical ailments, it has been decided, for administrative reasons, to limit the concession of free licences to blind persons.

Service Pensions: Eligibility of South African Veterans

With reference to a Federal congress resolution which reads

That representations be made to the Federal Government to amend the Australian Soldiers Repatriation Act so that veterans of the South African War who enlisted in Australia be eligible to receive the benefit of recent service pensions legislation.

a letter received from the Prime Minister's Department states:

I am directed to inform you that consideration has been given to the matter, but that the Commonwealth Government regrets that it is unable to see its way to accede to the request contained in the resolution.

Headstones for Graves

With reference to the resolution passed by the 22nd annual Federal congress:

That representations be made to the Government to provide headstones over the graves of ex-service men who died in indigent circumstances.

the Minister for Defence has replied:

I desire to inform you that generally the policy of the Government is to provide an official type of headstone on the grave of every deceased ex-member of His Majesty's Australian Expeditionary Forces, provided that death is certified by the Repatriation Commission as directly attributable to war service.

The Government has given careful and sympathetic consideration to your representations that this policy should be extended to include the graves of indigent ex-service men, but regrets that it is unable to vary the existing practice outlined above.

"IN FLANDERS FIELDS"

Twenty years ago, on January 28, 1918, there passed away in a military hospital at Wimeroux, near Boulogne, one of the most beloved spirits of his generation, Colonel John McCrae, the writer of those profoundly moving verses, "In Flanders Fields," which have become the poem of Poppy Day.

John McCrae served as a gunner in the South African War of 1899-1902. After that war, he became Professor of Medicine, at McGill University, Montreal. In 1914, he made strenuous but unsuccessful attempts to rejoin the artillery. He arrived in France was the first Canadian Medical unit in October, 1914. It was during the second Battle of Ypres, in 1915, that his immortal poem was written. The verses were submitted anonymously to Punch, whose editor, with unerring instinct, accepted them, causing them to be published in the heavy leaded type which Punch uses only on special occasions. McCrae served with distinction until the beginning of 1918, when he died of wounds and was buried in the little cemetery on Wimeroux Hill, looking across the Channel towards Dover.

Ever mindful of the concluding lines of his poem, Fiduc, the Inter-Allied Federation of Ex-Service-Men, sponsored a pilgrimage to his grave on Sunday, January 30. Those participating included members of the Canadian and American Legions living in France, members of the British Legion and French ex-service men. A representative of each organisation spoke briefly. Colonel McCrae's poem was read and the Last Post was sounded. The ceremony was broadcast to Britain, Canada, the United States and throughout France.

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An examination of the following figures shows many disappointing features, the saddest being that membership has remained stationary for the past year, despite the strenuous efforts of the State Executive Membership Committee and many excellent sub-branch officials to increase it. Although many active sub-branches show satisfactory increases, others, unfortunately, have fallen away. Efforts to increase membership should be steadily and energetically pursued.

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Wonderful testimonials have been received by the R.S.L. TRADING COMPANY since their new Digger cutter has been cutting their suits.
AVOIDING DEPRESSION

James Whittem (Marquis of Torbay) writes:—

At the last Soldier Settlers' Conference, I was anxious to air my views re the farming industry, but a friend said: "For God's sake don't make a speech, Jimmy." So Jimmy refrained.

I trust now that you will give me space in your valuable paper to explain the position and that the Government can be induced to stop the inevitable depression. Unless some speedy action is taken, we shall again be in that abyss of misery of three years ago.

I write as an "economiser," which not be confused with "economist." The former is one who understands the art of living on the smell of an oil rag, in time of stress. The latter is kept in a university and tells the world what to do. As none takes any notice of him, he appears over-paid.

All motions carried at the Soldier Settlers' Conference appear to have been turned down by the Government. The excuse of the loss to the taxpayer in turning down the motion re interest rate must have caused some cynical amusement to readers coming from the head of the most expensive Government in the world (on a population basis).

In the Torbay agricultural area (approximately ten miles long and four miles wide) on the Denman railway, there were two years ago sixteen soldier settler clients. To-day, five have left or been pushed off; four have gone under the debts; seven are carrying on. Of these, three are not entirely dependent on their farms. This summer has been the driest on record. Wool has fallen 12/- at the last market; wheat is below 4/6 (the lowest amount, stated by the Royal Commission, as required when even then only 40 per cent. of the farmers would make good). Potatoes are unsaleable. Export apples are the lowest price on record, with poor crows and a 40 per cent. rise in "ackin" material. Fat steers and other cattle are unsaleable in this district, as there are no means of sending them to Perth.

A truly deplorable condition, and something must be done.

I suggest that the Land Committee get busy and meet the members of the Government and consider the matters of freight and markets. The fight against parasites and pests (human and others) and the ability of settlers to pay sinking fund and interest.

Each district having its individual disabilities, evidence should be taken locally. The R.S.L., having no political bias, should be a suitable party to act; but if they intend to carry on, they must show a little more spirit and enterprise.

THE LATE

MAJOR EUSTACE COHEN

At the last January meeting of the State executive, delegates stood in silence as a tribute of sympathy and condolence to the widow and three young children of the late Major Eustace Cohen, who passed away at his home in South Perth at the early age of fifty-six years. Born in Wales, the late Major Cohen, who was an architect by profession, came to this State early in the century for health reasons. After a venture on the land, which restored his health, he commenced the practice of his profession at Bunbury until 1913, when he entered into partnership with Mr. J. Herbert Eales, in Perth. His connection with the Australian Military Forces commenced long before the war. As an officer of the Australian Intelligence Corps, he made topographical surveys of the main roads of the State, and reported on the ability of bridges to carry artillery and heavy transport. His skill in draftsmanship enabled him to perform duties that were of considerable value to the military authorities.

Major Cohen enlisted in England in 1914, eventually gaining a commission in the Royal Engineers. At one stage of his war service, he was chief instructor at a school in Rouen for the training of engineers in trench work, the construction of gun emplacements and similar duties in the field. For some time after his return to Western Australia, he was a member of the State executive. Of late years, Major Cohen devoted himself to his professional work. He was a past president of the Royal Institute of Architects (W.A.), and at the time of his death he was a member of the Architects' Registration Board. In his spare time, he took a keen interest in all forms of sport, being a proficient angler and golfer and an accomplished photographer. A man of distinguished appearance and cheery personality, he was a familiar figure in the life of the city, one who will be greatly missed by men in all tiers of society.
CHAPTER XVI
THE DESERT OFFENSIVE PREPARATIONS

FOLLOWING upon the fall of Bir-el-Abd and Salmana, the Regiment went into bivouac at Hod-Fatir. Here a water supply for the horses was speedily developed, the spearpoint pumps and canvas troughing again proving their great utility.

The water was by no means good, and the horses drank but sparingly, despite the still extremely hot weather; nevertheless, they benefited greatly by the short respite from heavy work, coupled with the more liberal forage supply now available. Their lines were laid down amongst the rows of palm trees, and thus they were given all the available shelter from the burning mid-day sun. The men at this time did not fare so favourably. They had—as had been shown—“travelled light” from the Canal. Even overcoats had been discarded, and their only covering at night was the saddle blanket, sopping wet and malodorous from the perspiring horse.

This was all well enough whilst the actual fighting and pursuit was in progress, but now that the advance was temporarily suspended, the absence of a change of clothing and a decent blanket to sleep on was badly felt. For although the heat of the desert was severe in the day time, the men rose from their sleep at night stuff with cold. As much as could be got forward from the camp at Ballybunion was sent out as quickly as camels were available for its transport, and was greatly appreciated on arrival at Fatir.

For three weeks the Regiment remained based on Hod Fatir, having made provision for its own local protection by a chain of day and night outposts. Mounted escorts for the never-ending stream of sunburnt and water camels were provided daily, each of the three squadrons taking its turn in rotation. An occasional reconnaissance by the Regiment and sometimes the whole Brigade—the other units of which occupied hods close hands—also marked this period.

The front line at this time consisted of a chain of strong posts running north and south through Hod-el-Hisha, Bir-el-Abd and Hod-el-Bada, and on September 3 the Regiment moved out from Fatir and took over this portion of the line. Each of the three places named was held by a squadron—"B" Squadron (Major Robertson) with regimental headquarters at Bada, "A" Squadron (Captain Timperley) at Abd, and "C" Squadron (Major Grimwood) at Hisha.

The main work consisted of patrols and outposts, but with the exception of an occasional visit from hostile aeroplanes, the line was left unmolested by the enemy. The Turks were now busy forming defences in the vicinity of Mazar, and several reconnaissances in force were carried out, though not with any great success on our part. They were chiefly productive of long rides, sleepless nights and extreme fatigue of both men and horses without much actual achievement to show for it. Fortunately the casualties were few, being mostly caused by stray shots from German aircraft.

From the front line the Regiment moved back to Hod Amara, which became a sort of "rest" camp, with its innumerable odd jobs such as a regiment in a "rest" camp near the front line is usually called upon to perform, and which render it a place of rest only in name. From Amara another move into the front line was made, the Regiment taking up its position near Hod Willegha.

Ten days of front line duty—chiefly patrols and observation posts—and the whole of the 3rd Light Horse Brigade was relieved, concentrated and marched back to Romani for a month to clean up and reenare for the next phase of the campaign.

Romani in those days was a hive of industry. It was still the Railhead, although the construction of a broad gauge line from the Canal had been pushed further eastward by this time. It was also the terminus of the pipe track which conveyed the fresh, filtered water of the Nile into the Sinai desert. Here was the starting point for those wonderful camel convoys which moved slowly towards the east in never-ending processions, laden with food, forage, drinking water, ammunition and the thousand and one things necessary to maintain an army in the newly-won territory. Upwards of two thousand camels frequently comprised one convoy. These would be loaded amidst a babel of noises and shouting—the air being rent by the gurgling of the animals and the cries of the Egyptians—and the convoy would then move off majestically in single file into the desert. One Egyptian in his blue cotton "galabieh" marched on foot in charge of each three camels, singing his plaintive, crooning song of the Arab bazaars. They were a happy lot—these Arab wallads—and in whatever capacity they were employed they invariably proved themselves exceptionally adaptable and great workers. Indeed, it has been many times said—and with a great deal of justification—that the whole, long campaign which commenced at the Canal banks and ended in the final crushing of the Turks in Syria, over two years later, was made possible by the magnificent, if unspectacular, service of the Egyptian Labour and Transport Corps. Both branches were a triumph of organisation and detail. No matter what the task was, they were equal to it. In the construction of railways, roads or bridges; in the handling of mules, camels, horses or locomotives; in work involving great endurance and hardship, and often great courage, the Egyptian boys made good.

"But always the English stand near by to proit them when they fail." And the greatest praise is due to the splendid British personnel who Officers them, and in whose hands they were placed in thousands for guidance and direction.

The camp site allotted to the Regiment was Bir Etmaaler, and was occupied for upwards of a month. The weather was now delightfully cool and, coupled with the substitution of fresh meat and vegetables in place of bully beef and biscuit, was soon responsible for a marked improvement in the condition of the men. The horses were also much better cared for as regards forage, so that, on moving out, the Regiment was probably as fit as it ever was throughout the war.

During this lull, training schools for officers and non-commissioned officers had been instituted at Zeitoun, not far from Cairo, and to each of these schools the Regiment sent its regular quota. The Lewis gun had recently been introduced.
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and adapted as a mounted weapon, and was now made available to the units. Three Lewis guns were allotted to each regiment, and specialists were trained and exercised in their use.

Sports were not neglected at Etmaier. A very fine football ground was formed with little work on the edge of one of the hods, and a series of championship matches between teams representing each regiment of the Brigade was played, in which the 10th Regiment easily held its own. Daily excursions were made to the beach at Mohamdiva for bathing.

The headquarters of the 67th Squadron Royal Flying Corps—composed chiefly of Australian personnel under the command of Major Rutledge—was located here, and thus we made the acquaintance of that gallant band of men who had set out under such adverse conditions to pioneer Australia’s fortunes in the air. Our enthusiasm for and admiration of the intrepid airmen knew no bounds. So much so that before very long they were calling themselves “Tenth Light Horsemen detached for special duty.” And officers and men of the 10th Regiment were proud of the compliment. The whole British Army contained no braver nor more brilliant soldiers than the men of this small unit of the Air Service, the unit which fathered the wonderful performances of Ross Smith, Drummond, Muir, Guilfoyle, Murray-Jones, McGuinness, Steele, Cole, Macnamara, Tunbridge, Roberts and many others, and the value and importance of their services to the Egyptian Expeditionary Force can never be over-estimated.

Towards the end of November orders arrived for another move to the front line, which had been advanced considerably in the interim. The railway—of standard gauge with 80lb. rails—had reached Salmana, and was being pushed steadily forward, despite the continual harassing of the construction gangs by enemy aircraft.

Our Infantry were now at Bir-el Abd—which had become an important centre and headquarters of the ANZAC Mounted Division—having marched along the newly-laid “wire road.” This wire road was a novel institution in the desert, and one which facilitated tremendously the movement of dismounted troops across the heavy sand. Commencing at Kantara, it ran parallel with the railway line and was eventually continued until the Sinai desert was left behind and the troops reached the broad, cultivated plains of the Promised Land. Though very efficacious, it was simple in construction, consisting merely of wire netting laid flat on the surface of the sand and anchored at various intervals. The netting remained exposed throughout, and the shifting sand—even in the Khamseen season—found no lodgment thereon. Motor cars and cycles traversed this road with ease, and thus the heavy congestion on the railway line was greatly relieved.

The Turks, meanwhile, seeing all these deliberate preparations for an advance being carried on under their very eyes, and being apparently either unable or unwilling to make another attack on any grand scale, had evacuated Mazar and had fallen back on the El Arish line, and it was towards the enemy positions on this line that the mounted advance was now directed.

On November 23, 1916, the 10th Regiment marched out from Romani with the other units of the 3rd Light Horse Brigade, and halting successively at Hod-el-Khirba, Ber-el-Abd, Salmana and Bir Moseibig, reached Bir-el-Malha, a large hod about four miles from Mazar.

The Regiment remained based on Hod Malha for nearly a month, the time being occupied in outpost work and vigorous reconnoitring of the surrounding country, particularly in the vicinity of the Lagama Hills. Turkish cavalry were apparently active at this time, and each of our reconnaissances was generally met with enemy opposition at long range.

Enemy aircraft also increased in numbers and activity, and the bivouac areas were subjected to regular bombing raids, fortunately with few casualties. On one occasion, the 3rd Machine Gun Squadron experienced a miraculous escape. A German aeroplane dropped five bombs, four of which fell wide and exploded without causing much damage. The fifth, however, was better aimed, and fell right in the centre of the machine gunners’ camp, amongst men and horses. The bomb struck a horse on the neck, killing it instantly, but failed to explode. It was certainly a wonderful “let-off,” for seldom was seen a missile more accurately aimed.

On December 14, 1916, the 3rd Light Horse Brigade, under Brigadier-General Royston, carried out a practice attack on Masaid. This was interrupted by hostile aeroplanes as the Brigade was returning to bivouac, but no casualties were sustained.

It was now evident that our troops were on the eve of another move forward, with the enemy line of the Wadi-el-Arish as the first objective. On December 20, 1916, commenced the offensive which was to finally clear the Turkish forces from the Sinai Desert, and give our people their first view of the Promised Land.

(To be continued)
IMPERIAL PENSIONS

There are numerous instances of Imperial ex-service men migrating to Australia in the early years after the war and receiving, before embarkation, a final award of pension. The Imperial Act provides that appeals against such awards shall be made within twelve months. It is astonishing the number of men we meet who were completely unaware of this stipulation.

In the years following, the war disabilities have again manifested themselves and although some may be eligible for treatment, and treatment allowances whilst undergoing that treatment, efforts to obtain a restoration of pension have been fruitless despite repeated appeals.

Some of these men are in the derelict stage and depending entirely upon the social services of the State for their existence as well as that of their families. Of course there is no legislation in England such as provides our Service Pension here, and if there were, no doubt it would not apply outside the British Isles, because ours is restricted to our own country.

Cases have been brought under notice where even treatment is refused for a disability, which treatment, had the case been the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government, would have raised no argument, the stereotyped reply of the Imperial people being that the disablement is not the result of the persisting effects of war service.

A case recently handled by the League office indicates the different outlook of the British Ministry as compared with our own Repatriation Commission. The man in question received a 20 per cent. pension from the British Ministry of Pensions for neurasthenia—war caused. Treatment for a nervous and mental breakdown some two or three years ago was flatly refused, and although the League was assured that such breakdown had its foundation in his war-caused neurasthenic condition. On learning that he was in Australia prior to the war, his case was submitted under our Act, and subsequently accepted. He is now on an 80 or 87 per cent. pension and eligible for treatment.

There is another aspect which handicaps ex-Imperial men. The Imperial authorities instructed the Repatriation Department not to disclose reasons for refusals of claims to applicants, consequently the ex-Imperial man is quite in the dark as to the aspect in which his case has failed. Officially no information can be obtained; this, of course, constituted a big handicap.

A WELCOME VISITOR

During the recent visit of Mr. Justice Moseley, of Ceylon, who in the war days was an officer of the 16th Battalion, a reception was tendered to him by as many of the officers as could be found in the metropolitan area, and evidence of the popularity of our old friend "Jock" may be gathered from the fact that 17 lieutenants and one captain, with the addition of four officers of other units gathered in the board room of the C.T.A., where a very pleasant function was experienced. Mr. Justice Moseley was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Henry Moseley, P.M., who was a member of the 44th Battalion and was attached to the 16th Battalion for some time after the Armistice. Mr. Fred Aberle, who is chairman of the 16th Battalion Officers' Association, occupied the chair, and after expressing welcome, Mr. Justice Moseley called on Mr. R. E. Davidson to propose the principal toast. He referred to the delight of the assembled company in meeting their old pal after an absence of nearly 18 years, during which time Jock had been in Tanganyika, London and laterly Ceylon. Mr. Davidson recalled humorous incidents of the war days in which Jock was the principal figure, and also referred in congratulatory style to the guest on his rise to eminence, as well as recalling the earlier days in which he was always held by members of the Battalion by reason of his imperturbable nature and happy manner.

Mr. Fred Senior, who is now a successful pastoralist in the lower Murchison, seconded the toast with further reminiscences and congratulatory style to the guest on his popularity and the esteem in which Jock was held, not only by ex-members of the A.L.P., but by the community in general. In reply, Mr. Henry Moseley recalled his close association with the 16th Battalion in that he had spent several happy weeks in the Mess at Porepunkah while his brother Jock had been one-time adjutant and another brother, Edwin, had been killed in action in the same battalion. In his inimitable style, Mr. Moseley related some of his experiences in various parts of the State where he had struck old Diggers in the 16th and brought forth roars of laughter from the assembled company with a story of his recent trip to the North-West. Those present included Messrs. Aberle, Stooke, Davidson, Senior, Muir, Hillman, Harvey, Jorgenson, Crouch, Smith, Broadhurst, Dennis, Hooper, Martin, Towers and Wilson, of the 16th Battalion; Messrs. Coleman, Henry and Hunt who went to the war on the same troopship as Mr. Justice Moseley, and Mr. Keith McKenzie, who went through the same officers' school at Duntroon.

THE ANZAC CLUB

It seems to us a great pity that a club, which is essentially the home of harmony, should have been disturbed by a wrangle over the annual election of officers. A president, vice-president and committee were elected at the annual meeting in November and, although these officers were obviously the ones club members wanted for the several offices, there was a technical irregularity in the way the election was carried out. The ballot was taken and the votes were counted before the meeting, so from a hair-splitting interpretation of the by-laws, but nevertheless a seemingly legal one, the election happened before the annual general meeting instead of during that meeting. The error, if it were such, was committed in the interests of convenience and without malice aforethought, or the intention of doing an injustice to any candidate for office. Then, a Mr. F. Cunningham issued a writ in consequence of which the president, vice-president and committee resigned in a body and sought re-election.

Another election was held on January 21, when the following officers were elected: President, Mr. F. J. Aberle; vice-president, Mr. W. J. Hunt; committee, Messrs. J. Batey, Collet, H. Day, Fairley, Grabham, J. Mitchell and A. Wilkins.

It is always desirable to correct an error, when and if an error has been made, and it is just as well that the correction should have happened early in the life of the club instead of later. It is also gratifying to note the keen interest members have taken in the affairs of the club, but that interest should never be allowed to degenerate into acrimony. One hopes that the little breeze has not blown itself out and that, in future, pots will not be soured by the intrusion of politics.

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The executive has adopted the Central Committee’s recommendation to call a conference of presidents and secretaries at an early date, and this will take place on Wednesday, March 2, at 8 p.m. Any official or member of a country sub-branch will be made most welcome.

The fund now stands at £7,499/1/1, which is an increase of £1,489/14/10 since June last, on which date the fund amounted to £6,009/6/3.

The following sub-branch reports have been made since our last publication:

Kukerin—Donation £5.
Kellerberrin—Donation £7/17/- and an additional amount promised.
Claremont—Mr. G. E. Jacques has been appointed steward with the organising sub-committee as follows: Messrs. R. Abercrombie, A. Wallace and H. Lane.

Mundijong-Jarradale—Major Dick Geddes has been appointed steward.
Baywater—Mr. P. Sims is the steward and Mr. W. R. Ashby treasurer, with a committee of four, and in his report the hon. secretary of the sub-branch (Mr. J. J. Paine) hopes that the fund will receive the support of every man “who claims to be a returned soldier.”
Osborne Park—Has adopted the coupon system and appointed Mr. J. Garner as steward.
Aradath-Balakin—Mr. A. H. King has been appointed steward.
Kalgoorlie—Advised appointment of Mr. J. Bromber as steward, and guarantees that the coupons will yield a sum of at least £72. Frank Berthold (the hon. secretary) is quite enthusiastic.

Gutha—Mr. Ted Matthews is the steward, and the members have adopted the coupon system; £1/12/- was forwarded for January.

There appears to be much misconception amongst members regarding the object and scope of the fund, but the brief statement that it is an attempt within the organisation to assist those amongst us who will be our responsibility in a few years should be sufficient for the moment.

The State executive are preparing an explanatory brochure for distribution at an early date.

Congress unanimously approved of the scheme, and it is the duty of every sub-branch and member to do all in their power to assist.

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Notwithstanding the mechanisation of modern armies, decisive wars must be fought by men on foot. This opinion was expressed recently by General Malin Craig, the Chief of Staff of the United States Army. General Craig says that aircraft and tanks are valuable aids to infantry, but they cannot bring about a decision in a war. His opinion is based on the lessons of the wars in Spain and China.

Before the end of the year, the Canadian Government commenced the consideration of a pensions plan for unemployed war veterans. The plan calls for the expenditure of seven million dollars, or over a million and a quarter pounds. The plan is the result of a Commission’s investigation, which took a year and a half. The survey places the number of unemployed ex-service men at 34,321.

Only those veterans who served in a theatre of actual war are to receive pensions. They must have been residents of Canada when they enlisted, and they must not be receiving a disability pension or unemployment insurance. If the Canadian Government accepts the Commission’s report, and provides this financial help, it may vastly improve the condition of the men concerned, most of whom are on relief work now. The Commission backs its recommendations with the assurance that the monthly pension would not seem like charity. That in itself, the Commission says, ought to improve the men’s morale.

Last year it was decided that Windsor Castle was to be modernised and made a more comfortable residence for Royalty. The ancient fortress will follow the latest trend in European architecture in being provided with underground shelters, proof against bombs and gas. It will be remembered that Buckingham Palace was protected during the Great War. The Palace roof was covered with sandbags and a netting. But the protection of 22 years ago is proof no longer against the bombs of to-day. In Windsor, the Castle itself will provide the protection, while the residents may find adequate shelter in its numerous subterranean passages.

Many ex-service men, including local Old Contemptibles, took part in a civic reception at Ipswich, early in December, to two British War horses, on their arrival from Belgium to a new home on an Essex farm. The horses were bought with farthings collected all over the United Kingdom by members of a children’s cinema club. During the war, the horses had carried members of the Royal Horse Guards. When bought in Belgium, a few weeks before their repatriation, they were drawing a hearse. At the Ipswich reception, they were decorated with Mons and other ribbons.

The Straits Settlements Government has made a grant of £20,000 to the St. John Ambulance, for the establishment of an anti-gas training organisation in Singapore.

Part of the stained glass window, presented by British ex-service men to the restored Ypres Cathedral, in memory of the late King Albert, arrived in Ypres early in December. A further consignment was expected this month, and the work of fitting it into the rose window above the great south door will be finished in April.

An art dealer in Vienna has purchased several water colours, painted by Herr Hitler, when he was an unemployed house painter before the war. The pictures are described as artistically very
poor and amateurish, but they fetched £1,670 all the same. Hitler's neighbour, Marshal Smigley-Rydz, the almost-dictator of Poland, is an artist within the meaning of the act. British art critics consider that he would have been a noted painter had not circumstances compelled him to become a soldier. It is said that Adolf the Adenoidal still dabbles in art, when he is not making speeches. His pal, Benito the Bald, also has artistic leanings; he plays the violin—and blows the trumpet.

The Dominions Office should see that distinguished Englishmen are supplied with a stock of new yarns before they come out to Australia. At a recent Federal Government luncheon, Sir Howard D'Egville, the secretary of the Empire Parliamentary Association, described the Welshman as one who prays on his knees on Sundays and preys on his neighbours all the rest of the week; the Scot as one who keeps the Sabbath and everything else he can grab; the Irishman as one who doesn't know what he wants, and won't be happy till he gets it; and the Englishman as a self-made man who worships his maker. The same definition of national characteristics was made by our own Digger politician, Charlie La-tham, at the congress reunion in Perth, nearly three years ago.

During the recent Brussels conference, when representatives of eight of the nine Powers that signed a treaty to protect the integrity of China, met in order to convince China that collective security was a snare and a delusion, an American diplomat is reported to have asked a British delegate: "Is there really a lion at the end of the tail that is being twisted so much nowadays?" The Briton replied: "What a curious coincidence! I was just about to ask you if there was a living eagle above your tail feathers."

Good staff work and the spirit of comradeship did much to alleviate the distress of a Digger's widow recently. The deceased soldier concerned was a miner who had returned to England after the war, in which he served with the A.I.F. He married and raised a family. Then he came back to this State and was engaged in mining at Wiluna. The wife and family were on the water-bound for Perth, when they heard that the husband and father had been accidentally killed. The Wiluna sub-branch and auxiliary raised £45 for the bereaved family, who were met in Fremantle, by the president of the sub-branch and the deceased soldier's mother. The passengers on the liner raised a further £385. The gratifying feature of a sad business was the spontaneous generosity and the immediate kindliness which provided a silver-lining for a dark cloud of sorrow.

One result of the mechanisation of the forces is that the British Army needs mechanics—needs them badly and needs them at once. A recent Army Order announced the decision to accept for enlistment as tradesmen into the Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Army Ordnance Corps men who can produce satisfactory evidence of having been employed as a mechanic for at least three years in an approved garage. Candidates who must be over 18 and under 35 years of age, will be required to pass a practical test before enlistment.

A scheme is now being formulated to make Trafalgar Square a national memorial to British naval heroes. Earl Jellicoe and Early Beatty are likely to be the first great admirals whose names will be perpetuated there with that of Lord Nelson. The new memorials will probably take the form of columns adjoining the Nelson column.

The statement rendered by the R.S.L. Relief Fund Trustees for the month of January discloses that 83 applications for relief were received, and that 59 cases were assisted, involving a total expenditure of £63/16/4. Those assisted included four widows and of the remainder five were members of the League and 50 non-members. During the month the following grants were made in addition to the amount extended on relief: Ex-soldiers, Old Men's Home, Wooroloo, £1/10/-; ex-soldiers, Perth General Hospital (cigarettes), £3/6/9; Kalgoorlie sub-branch, £5/12/-. A refund of £2 was received from the Perth sub-branch. The total expenditure for the month was £79/5/1 and the balance of the fund as at January 31, 1938, was £96/3/3.

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Mr. B. H. Lofthouse, who has been re-elected president of the Harvey sub-branch, has held that office for the past five years. In nominating him for a further term, Mr. T. W. D. Smith referred to his efforts to improve the status of the sub-branch, and especially his work in connection with procuring a site for the proposed sub-branch hall.

The Commonwealth Treasurer (Mr. R. Casey) has qualified for an "A" class pilot’s license. It is not generally known in this State that Mr. Casey was a Digger when the fire works were on in France. He ended the war as a Major with the Military Cross on Australian Corps Headquarters. Now, he has become air-minded. He is building his private aerodrome, and will soon have his own 'plane, in which he will fly from Melbourne to Canberra; but he will come down to earth when he has to attend to Parliamentary business.

Diggers have been in the front line during the wrangle between the selectors and the executive of the Australian Boxing and Wrestling Union. Carl Bader, the secretary of the Western Australian branch of the Union, is a former member of the State executive. Warrant Officer "Ted" Quirk, one of the selectors whose choice was over-ridden by the executive, holds down an appointment at Swan Barracks. Ted commenced his soldiering years ago as a gunner in the Royal Australian Artillery, but he marched in step with the 6th Battalion when the war was on. Though a tarsal wound slowed down his foot-work, Ted still takes a keen interest in boxing, and has had much to do with the organisation of the annual Service boxing competitions.

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of a foundation member of the Mundijong-Jarrahdale sub-branch, Ben McEvoy, who answered the final call on January 24. Ben, who served with the 16th Battalion in France, had been away from the district for some years. His remains were interred in the Church of England portion of the Jarrahdale cemetery. A widow, two sons and a daughter survive him, and to these bereaved ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy and that of his comrades of the sub-branch.

We saw something of Vic. O'Grady, the genial secretary of the Boulder sub-branch, both before and after his recent holiday at Torquay. He looks ever so much better for the course of ozone treatment. Vic. has found time to do much hospital visiting, usually accompanied by his off-sider, Fred Hartle. He has a word for everyone and small comforts generally provided from his own pocket. The League could do with more like him.

Older members of the League in this State will have kindly recollections of the late Paddy Connelly, who used to look after the interests of the Midland Workshops Diggers at successive State congresses. He was a kindly soul and a forceful, humorous personality. A Londoner by birth, he came to Western Australia 43 years ago. On his return from the war, he became a foundation member of the Workshops sub-branch, of which he was at one time president. His recent passing has left a gap in the ranks of the League, and a host of members and friends will condole with his bereaved ones: Mrs. Connelly, her six daughters and son. Our late comrade was interred in the Roman Catholic portion of the Karrakatta Cemetery, where the Rev. Father Fahey conducted the last rites.

Mr. E. S. Cowan, who served aboard with the 28th Battalion, passed away in the Albany Hospital just before the New Year. He died at his home with his wife. In his absence, he has been a member of the Old Contemptibles' Association. The Albany sub-branch provided Pall-bearers, and the calls at the graveside were sounded by Bandsman Banfield.

Another member of the Albany sub-branch, Mr. C. Dewhirst, late R.E., was called for higher duty on January 14. We join with the sub-branch in extending sincere sympathy to the relatives of all three departed comrades.

Dr. Tommy Meagher gave the Carlisle Diggers an interesting description of his recent visit to the trenches in France and Belgium at their February function. He showed them some clanders poppies which he gathered near "Big Bertha," captured by the Aussies, and a French maple leaf which is curiously spotted with red. This leaf was obtained at Sanctuary Wood, where a whole grove of maple trees has developed the peculiar "blood spotted" characteristic only since the Great War. Previously, there was nothing to distinguish its leaves from any other maple.
His many cobbers will be glad to learn that Joe Deacon is out of hospital and back at work. Joe marched into the Carlisle Diggers' shivoo on the 3rd (and a pair of crutches) to the strain of "Old Soldiers Never Die," put in a good evening with the boys, and then went on night duty. Mrs. Bill Zimdahl is home again and on the up-grade, and Mrs. Charlie Stenning reported to be very much better.

Recently the State executive expressed appreciation to Miss Mary Meares and her West Perth Detachment of V.A.D.'s for their excellent service to ex-service men in hospitals at the time of the Christmas festivities. In reply to the State secretary, Miss Meares writes: On behalf of the V.A.D. of West Perth, No. 507, I am writing to thank your committee very much for the very nice letter of appreciation received from you in connection with the work done by the detachment in the wards at Perth Hospital and Edward Millen at Christmas. I can assure you your letter was greatly appreciated by the members of the detachment and made them more willing than ever to do something to help others. I am glad to say that the girls are very enthusiastic and want to help the sick all they can, and I naturally give them every encouragement to look after the interests of all returned men, as I want the detachment to be active and do good, not just parade around the streets in marches, etc. So if at any time there is anything your League would like the help of my detachment for, please do let me know and I am sure the members will all be very pleased to assist you at any time. Again thanking you for your nice letter and remarks regarding my own share of the work, as you all know I love the work amongst the boys and am always at your service when needed.

Mr. Hawthorn North Leederville sub-branch reports that Geo. Cooper is now doing very well and has been able to attend meetings lately. We hope that he will make good progress towards full recovery. Messrs. Brazier and Andrews, who were on the sick list, are reported to be doing well.

They regret to report the deaths of Messrs. Waghorn and Bullock. Sympathy and condolences have been sent to their sorrowing relatives.
Mr. May, of 84 Mallock Street, who is permanently conned to his home, would be glad to see any member at any time for a "wongi."

What a useful chap Major H. "Jigger" James is. "Jigger" had an enviable record of service with the 11th Battalion and in addition to being president of the Kalgoorlie sub-branch he commands the Goldfields Section of the 28th Battalion. "Jigger" is keen on the closest of co-operation between R.S.L. sub-branches and the local militia. He says that it helps the local volunteers considerably and is a good practical national work for the League.

Dick Pugh, the president of the Menzies sub-branch, with his good wife, were welcome visitors during the month. Dick, who is a prominent man in the district, conducts the local bakery and occasionally sits on the bench and fines the local drunk the equivalent of ten pots or so. Mrs. Pugh is also a member of the sub-branch, having been a nursing sister serving largely at Salonika. She was entertained by the Sisters sub-branch during her stay in Perth.

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What a glutton for work is Jock McKenzie, president of Manjimup sub-branch. His sub-branch reflects his enthusiasm, being one of the most active and useful in the State. Jock says that he learnt to work for the League at Bunbury under the late Cliff Gillett, and in all his activity he first thinks what Cliff would have done.

Wiluna must have appeared empty this month with two of its chief citizens holidaying in Perth in the persons of A. G. Paterson and G. A. McFadyen, president and secretary respectively of the local sub-branch. They report much activity in League circles at Wiluna and intend increasing efforts towards membership.

Arthur N. Viveash, the Digger photographer who controls Illustrations, Ltd., of Perth, is back at work after a holiday jaunt in search of health to Singapore.

Jim McGill, who served with the 32nd was down in the big, bad city during the month from his farm at Calingiri. Jim reports good crops from his area and expects a substantial increase in League membership from Calingiri.

Congratulations to W. H. (Henry) Willmott on winning the Sussex seat at the recent election after a good sporting fight with five other candidates. Henry is treasurer of the Busselton sub-branch and a member of the 32nd Battalion Association. Unfortunately he met with a serious motor accident during the campaign, but latest advice is that he is slowly but surely improving. Henry will be the twentieth returned soldier member of our State Houses.

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The three Italian bombing planes, which made a propaganda flight to Brazil towards the end of last month, were named the "Green Mice" squadron, in commemoration, it is said, of the old Roman injunction, "Show the enemy three green mice." Those who had the opportunity to "see how they run," after Cappetto, might consider "Three Blind Mice" a more fitting label.

At a recent University students' conference in Sydney, the South Australian Rhodes Scholar for the year (Mr. Findlay Crisp) advocated the repeal of by-laws prohibiting professors and lecturers of Australian universities from engaging in political activities. Mr. Crisp's plea was on behalf of professors of economic or political subjects who, he said, "could not stop short of the actualities of the present." Quite so, but surely the specialised knowledge of professors can be disseminated through channels that are free from the flavour of party politics. It is when a professor of English literature lays down the law about bayonet fighting and criticises the leadership of Earl Haig, and an associate professor of something else airs his views on Australian defence, that the Digger begins to recollect something about the old proverb of the cobbler and his last. When a professor stands up and tells his countrymen, as a Canadian professor did a fortnight ago, to subordinate their defence policy to that of the United States and ignore the advice of a British gunnery expert, whose expert opinion had been sought by the Canadian Government, he becomes a menace rather than an asset to the country. In these days of free speech, and the publicity which attends that boon, professors engage in so many extramural activities that the man in the street is beginning to wonder when they find time to do any university work.
Before the Old Year died, Russia celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the formation of the Soviet's secret police and, no doubt, there were many gay reunions throughout the length and breadth of the land which, cranks within our midst, think should serve as a model for Australia. Since that glad news appeared in the local papers, I have been pestered by pugnacious looking Diggers who want to know when and where the A.I.F. military police are going to hold their reunion.

One Friday night, recently, a neighbour of mine dusted out his old tin hat, gas mask and an entrenching tool handle, and arrayed himself as if he were about to go on a raid. "Where to, Plug?" I asked him. "Oh, just along to the club," he replied, "there's an election or something on there to-night."

Readers have suggested to me that my criticisms of a certain brand of pacifist are destructive rather than constructive. May I remedy that defect, for I, like others, have my own plan for achieving universal peace and, although I say it myself, it is no crazier than most of the plans I have criticised. All Governments admit that their fighting forces are kept for defence and not for aggression. Well then, why not get every country of the world to entrust its Government to a committee of prohibitionists, anti-gambling enthusiasts, feminists, dietists and similar reformers who strew banana skins on the footpaths of progress? Then there won't be a darned country in the world worth defending.

The Italian military authorities have angrily repudiated reports that the German goose-step is to be introduced into the training of the Italian soldier. They say it is not the German goose-step at all, but the old marching step of the Roman legionaries, which has been copied by modern armies, and which has now taken another pace towards its place of origin. I put this up to my old friend, Sergeant-Major O'Grady, the famous instructor whose drill was so well-known to members of the A.I.F.: "Is that right?" I asked him. O'Grady says: "Of course it's right. The goose was an honoured bird in ancient Rome. Haven't you ever heard that it was the geese that saved Rome from the Orangemen?"

King Zog, of Albania, is to be married next April. Those who still read Aesop's fables predict that, somewhere about next January, King Zog will be followed by King Stork.

The British and French efforts to prevent the aerial bombing of non-combatants have evoked the usual snarl from the German press which asserts that this movement really originated in Germany. So did the aerial bombing that the movement is striving to prevent.

At a recent meeting of the Collie sub-branch, Mr. J. Marshall tried unsuccessfully to induce the sub-branch to move for a local memorial "Memory Park" instead of the "Soldiers' Park." He contended that people shunned anything that savours of militarism, even in the name of a memorial to deceased soldiers. The sub-branch decided to take no action, which is just as well perhaps. If this sort of thing were carried to extremes, Mr. Marshall might find it politic to change his own name, which has quite a martial sound, to say nothing of its resemblance to the name of the highest rank in the French Army.

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The LOST ART of SWEARING

("Our armies swore terribly in Flanders"
—Uncle Toby in Sterne's "Tristram Shandy.")

(By C. R. Collins)

Recently, some dear old soul wrote to an English newspaper suggesting that Bloody Point House was not a fit name for any place in which the King was to reside. The fact that the name might conjure up visions of old unhappy far-off things, and tragedies and romances of the colourful long ago, was forgotten in the greater horror aroused by the use of the national adjective in the name of a Royal residence. And yet, part of the oldest Royal residence in England, or what was a Royal residence until Henry VIII decided to move to more convenient quarters, is still called the Bloody Tower. In both instances, the word is used descriptively and without intention of profanity, but the mental quirk which prompted the dear old soul to write to the English paper suggests the need for a reliable and up-to-date dictionary of swearing.

Recently, Mr. Eric Partridge, who collaborated with Mr. John Brophy in the compilation of a work on Soldier Songs and Slang, produced a dictionary of Australian slang. Mr. Partridge served with the A.I.F. and should therefore know something of his subject. But the new work is marred, as the older one was, by Mr. Partridge's fondness for those fanciful derivations which provide such tempting pitfalls for the amateur etymologist. "The Bulletin" published a list of his errors, and the list covered the greater part of a page. I am glad then, that Mr. Partridge has not issued a dictionary of swearing. The need for such a guide has been ignored by our greatest writers, though most of them have referred to the practice that has grown out of the universal weakness. Shakespeare mentioned the soldier who was "full of strange oaths and bearded like a pard." Dr. Johnson described a very obscene epithet as "a term of endearment among sailors." Another word which starts with the second letter of the alphabet acquired a similar innocuousness through constant repetition in the ranks, and I fear in the officers' messes of the A.I.F. though preceded by an adjective, or said with the wrong intonation, it might provoke a fight in full working order. How true was the explanation of the charwoman in the police court—"It wasn't what he said, Your Worship, so much as the nasty way he said it!" Owen Wister's Virginian puts the matter in a nutshell, when called a "son of a sodden" by the villain of the piece. "When you say that, smile!" he warned the other. To Coleridge belongs the honour of first differentiating between swearing as a habit, and swearing with deep feeling and venom. The first, though reprehensible, is hardly as blame-worthy as the latter. It would be interesting to know how many schoolboys of each succeeding generation have chuckled ribaldly over the line about "the bloody sun at noon" in Coleridge's Ancient Mariner, and how many, in schoolboy varnace, were sucked in when they found out that the poet, like those who named the historic buildings mentioned earlier, was being descriptive and not swearing at all.

Failing a dictionary, it would seem that a treatise on swearing, written and published in all due reverence to a great theme, is needed, if only to answer the question: When is a swear not a swear? Mr. H. G. Wells has touched lightly upon the psychological aspect of the habit in his "Mankind in the Making." Bernard Shaw has descended to glance at it from the frosted pinnacle of his Shavian superiority, and he did piously shock London audiences by introducing the Cockneyism, "Not bloody likely," into the dialogue of his "Pygmalion and Galatea." Robert Graves, a writer whom, in a mixed grill of the emotions, I both admire and detest, has written a slender booklet on the subject, the best thing about which is the title, "Lars Porsena." He called it very happily after the grim old Etruscan who swore by nine gods, but his essay, for it is little more, attempt to cover too wide a range, and to make good honest swearing include every aspect of obscenity and smut. For one who poses as a scholar, and I regard Graves as the most persistent poseur since Byron, he bristles with inaccuracies, but perhaps this is part of his pose. Graves and his predecessors were consultants rather than general practitioners in what has practically become a lost art.

To get to the root of the matter, and ascertain why certain words should be barred in polite society and others equally forceful permitted, one must dip into "The Golden Bough," that monumental study of comparative religion by Sir James Frazer, for swearing as distinguished from filth, has a religious basis. The words which the blushing policeman writes on a slip of paper and hands up to the magistrate, are improper because of the tribal taboo. Swearing is forbidden in the Bible, and when permitted for the purpose of pledging a man to something other, or of expurgating him from an accusation, it was accompanied by an elaborate purifying ritual, a vestige of which is still seen in formality of administering an oath of attestation. Lars Porsena swore by nine gods, not because he was such a proficient swearer, but to make his oath the more binding. Similarly, our Teutonic forebears, during the period of transition from paganism to Christianity, used to swear by the White Christ, and by the old gods too, so that there could be no mistaking of their meaning.

Deference to the Third Commandment caused men in the Middle Ages to swear by the saints, and even to camouflage their swearing by using such oaths as "Zounds!" instead of "God's Wounds!" and so on. The national adjective is supposed to have been derived in this manner from "By Our Lady!" but if that is so, how does it come to be an adjective? The belief that it was never more than a descriptive adjective debased by vulgar associations seems to me to be far more tenable. The intermediate stage of the word's degradation is marked by Dean Swift when he wrote in his Journal to Stella, "It was bloody hot walking today." The reverse effect was obtained by a District Commandant on whose staff I was serving at the outbreak of the war. He was very precise, even mid-Victorian in his diction, but with an unfortunate knack of putting things the wrong way round. As the casualty lists were beginning to assume alarming proportions, he intended to remark "This war's awfully bloody," and succeeded in saying "This war's bloody awful!" Even then, he was no worse than Dean Swift.

In one point, I do agree with Robert Graves; that is in his reference to the adjetival barrenness of the A.I.F., though that stricture applied with equal justice to the troops of all our armies. Towards the end of the war, it was my privilege to meet that noble soul, the late
G. A. Studdert-Kennedy, the Padre whom the Tommies affectionately called "Woodbine Willy." We met on a boxing committee, of all places, and during our association he told me that the glorious troops only knew three words, two of which meant nothing, and the other was beastly. This is, I think, the result of a familiarity which breeds contempt even for swear words, though there are other causes.

I do not agree with Graves when he says that English swearing attained its highest level towards the end of the sophisticated eighteenth century. He quotes Sheridan's character, Mr. Bob Acres, who had invented a very genteel form of swearing for his own use. "Odds Triggers and Flints!" was a specimen which strikes me as emasculated compared with the robust and picturesque swearing of the Elizabethans. Nor do I think much of Sheridan as a connoisseur of swearing. Fielding and Smollett gave a truer picture, though they obscured it by using dashes to indicate the fruiter phrases. Despite their falling off from Elizabethan standards, the sailor and soldier of the period could still turn the air blue without resorting to camouflage. Even the chaplains of the period sometimes fell from grace. Marryat's Midshipman Easy saved the face of the chaplain who swore in the heat of battle by telling him that he had not damned the men, but blessed them. It was a nineteenth century Padre who, during the heat of the action at Rorke's Drift, rebuked the troops for swearing. "Don't swear, boys," he admonished them. "Shoot the —s." Ah well, as Chaucer's Poor Parson said "If gold shall rust, then what shall iron do?"

Psychologists and moralists are agreed that swearing is an outlet for a physical and a physiological need. When a man fires a verbal barrage after stubbing his toe, he bursts through the inhibitions which restrained him from crying, as a child; and in this respect, the man who gives vent to his feelings luridly is less to be blamed than he who merely says "dash" or "blow." The latter gives way to the same weakness, without having the courage to say what he would like to say. From this category, one cannot omit the Padre in E. H. Raymond's "Tell England," who met with a minor disaster and said to a subaltern, "Mr. ——, can't you say something appropriate to the occasion?" His restraint was commendable, but there is such a thing as swearing by proxy. Desperate situations call for desperate remedies. That, perhaps, is why there is what might be called vocational swearing. The Australian bullocky, the Billingsgate fishmonger and the Thames bargeman, were all noted performers in the past, but their proficiency has departed before the advance of mechanisation, or have women invaded these as well as other masculine professions?

Here one notes a curious phenomenon. The word that is offensive in one profession, or in one locality, is either innocuous, or not understood in another. Readers (assuming there are any at this stage) may recall the story of the verbal duel between Sidney Smith, the English humorist and the barrow-woman. She had a reputation, but she wilted beneath the geometrical terms Smith threw at her. To be called an irregular parallelogram, and a curvilinear hypotenuse, was, to her unsophisticated soul, a most blistering form of abuse. Smith won an unfair victory on points, by literally blinding her with science. The story is also told of the French interpreter who informed General Brand that he did not object to the ordinary names the Soldiers Australians called one another, but he found the word "Diggaire" very shocking.

By a strange paradox, swearing is at its greatest in an age of faith. Unless memory misleads me, it was H. G. Wells who pointed out that we cannot blas-

Mr. R. G. Lucy, of 248 Anzac Parade, Kensington, N.S.W., hon. secretary of the N.S.W. Branch of the 3rd F.A. Association, advises us that the N.S.W. ex-members of the Mobile Artillery Brigade (originally the 3rd, 6th and 12th Field Artillery Brigade) are holding a combined reunion on the afternoon of next Anzac Day in Sydney. As the N.S.W. Sesqui-Centenary is being celebrated, he anticipates a number of visitors from other States, and requests us to convey an invitation to all ex-members of these brigades to their function. He would be glad to hear from any intending visitors, who are assured a hearty welcome.
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A good sports programme is in hand and entries are being received for the championship events. Hot water will be provided free, and ice cream, ginger beer and lollies to all children. Tickets are obtainable from secretaries of all S.S.L. branches or at Anzac House. Price: 1/6 adults, 6d. children. The picnic is open to all members of S.S.L., R.S.L. or women's auxiliary, and you can invite all your friends.

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In the last two matches played on January 30 and February 6, some fine individual scores were made, the highest being G. Thomas (Cottesloe) who scored a brilliant 104. Others who have also shown great batting form are F. Collins (Freemantle), 96 not out; J. Berlinsky (Freemantle), 82, the two latter players making 147 for the third wicket for Freemantle; J. Byrne (Midland Junction), 81 not out; J. Mayhew (Nedlands No. 1.), 71 not out; W. Stooke and V. Sparrow (both of Maylands), 57 each; L. McComish (Maylands), 52; S. Ashton (Nedlands No. 2), 47 and L. Hackett (Maylands), 42: In the last two matches over 1,200 runs were scored.

The leading bowlers have been: J. Fraser (Midland Junction), 4 for 3; P. Carter (Freemantle), 4 for 6; W. Crain (Nedlands No. 1), 6 for 43; F. Collins (Freemantle), 5 for 43; McComish (Maylands), 4 for 41; Patterson (Maylands), 4 for 44 and Treasure (North Perth No. 2), 2 for 4.

The following are the detailed scores for matches played on January 30, 1938:

Maylands v. Nedlands No. 1—Maylands 165 for 7 wickets (innings declared): Stooke 57, McComish 52, Martin 25 n.o., Hackett 22, Crain 6 for 43, Nedlands No. 1 4 for 137: Mayhew 71 n.o., Thompson 40, Guld 11, Patterson 2 for 34, Martin 2 for 34. The match was drawn.

Cottesloe v. Midland Junction.—Cottesloe 208: Thomas 104 (retired), Gwynne 29, Jarman 20, Wrighton 16, Currie 14, Fraser 4 for 3. Midland Junction 4 for 150: Byrne 81 n.o., Johnson 25, Troy 20 n.o., Webster 15, Everett and Jarman each secured two wickets. The game was drawn.


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State Executive Meetings

January 13, 1938

At the meeting of the State executive on January 13, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Olden, Collett, Philip, Anderson, Aberle, Hunt, Thorn, Warner, Cornell, Fairley, Freedman, Newman, Watt, Sten, Mitchell, Paton and Putts. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Keasing, Panton, Denton, Lamb, Margolin, James, Nicholas, Noon and Austin.

Lord Privy Seal.—The State president intimated that the executive would meet the Lord Privy Seal (Earl De La Warr) on Thursday, January 13, at 5.30 p.m.

Correction.—Sub-branch representation by executive delegates: delete Coolgardie from Colonel Fairley’s list and add to Mr. Cornell’s.

Visitors.—The president welcomed Mr. Frank Berthold, of Kalgoorlie, and Mr. C. Verden, of Lake King.

APRIL “REVEILLE”

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Appointments Sub-Branch Officials. - The appointment of officials as advised by the following sub-branches was confirmed: Morawa, Mr. W. L. Singleton, the secretary; Gawlerup, Mr. W. Ashead, hon. secretary.

Leave of Absence. - Mr. A. H. Panton was granted leave of absence during his visit to the Eastern States.

Single Sustenance Workers. - Under general business, Colonel Fairley made some enquiries in connection with single sustenance workers. The matter was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee.

R.S.L. Cricket Team. - At the instance of Mr. Anderson, it was resolved to thank the South Australian Branch for its hospitality to the Western Australian R.S.L. Cricket team.

It was also resolved that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to Mr. W. Menkens at Morwick, New South Wales, on the occasion of his illness.

Condolence. - It was agreed to forward a letter of condolence to the widow of the late Mr. R. K. Buscombe, who had been identified with soldiers' repatriation in the early years. His obituary was carried with delegates standing.

Appreciation. - Following reports on decorations in soldiers' wards, it was resolved to forward letters of appreciation to Miss M. Potts, V.A.D., and the West Perth detachment, V.A.D., for their work and continued interest in ex-service men.

January 26, 1938

At the meeting of the executive on January 26, Mr. T. J. Riley was officiated as chairman, Olden, Keating, Colllett, Philp, Anderson, Aberle, Lamb, Hunt, Warner, Coralie, Fairley, Armstrong, Houston, W. E. Smith, Paton, N. Cholam, Potts. Leave of absence was granted to Mellor, Yeates, Panton, Denton, Margolin, Thorn, James, Noakes and Austin.

W.A. Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund Committee. - The report of a meeting on January 20 was received and adopted. The report recommended that, for the purpose of raising money, a sub-committee should be called at the sub-branch.

There was no further business matter to be brought for the consideration of the committee.

Circular 245/37. - Federal executive meeting to be held in Sydney in the latter part of April in connection with Anzac Day. Letter received and the appointment of delegate deferred.

Coronation Scholarship. - The State secretary intimated that the Leaving Certificate results had been published on January 8, and that applications for the Coronation Scholarship would be on hand on January 21. The president of the Legacy Club (Mr. Birtwhistle) would be absent on leave, but he had appointed Mr. C. Taylor, Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation, to represent him on the committee. Mrs. M. McKinnal (president of the women's auxiliary) had accepted a seat on the committee.

It was resolved that the committee meet on Monday, January 24, at 5 p.m.

Junior Farmers' Clubs. - A communication was received from the secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society asking the League to appoint a representative to a meeting to discuss formation of a State Council. Mr. L. Thorn was appointed.

British Ex-Service Women's Association. - An application from this association to participate in the Anzac Day parade was referred to the Anzac Day Committee.

of broadcasts from station 6AM was arranged for the month of February: February 1, Mr. L. J. Liddle; February 8, Mr. Sten; February 15, Colonel Olden; February 22, Colonel Fairley.

Routine. - Approval was given for the appointment of officials as advised by Subiaco, Dowelin, West Leederville, Karridale, Perth, Forest Grove, Ardath-Babakin and Nedlands sub-branches.

Approval was given for the formation of a new sub-branch at Swan View, Greenmount.

Special Diet, Old Men's Home. - The Under Secretary for Public Health advised that it was untrue that necessary diet for soldiers was not available at the Old Men's Home. He explained the procedure now in operation in regard to this matter. A copy of the communication was sent to the Nedlands sub-branch.

Delegate: Federal Executive. - Mr. J. Anderson was elected delegate to the Federal executive meeting, which will be held in Sydney in April next.

Holidays Work: Schools. - At the instance of the Albion sub-branch, the question of material available for hand work at Government schools had been taken up with the Education Department. The reply received indicated that as soon as finance was forthcoming an issue in this matter would be made.

Distinguished Visitors. - Nedlands sub-branch forwarded the opinion that whenever a distinguished visitor from overseas or the Eastern States, who was interested in ex-service men, came to Perth, the State executive should arrange a reception at which ex-service men generally could attend. They instanced the recent visit of Earl De Larr War. It was agreed to advise Nedlands sub-branch that this was the aim of the executive, but, on most occasions such action was impossible, as some of the sub-branches of the league were so small that the object of the executive was to assist the State executive with material and support. Reports of broadcasts from station 6AM were arranged for the month of February: February 1, Mr. L. J. Liddle; February 8, Mr. Sten; February 15, Colonel Olden; February 22, Colonel Fairley.

The offer was appreciated and the letter was referred to the committee who would be appointed to arrange for such entertainments.

Condolence. - It was agreed that a letter of condolence be forwarded to the widow of the late Major Eustace G. Cohen, who death occurred recently.
MOSMAN PARK

The annual Christmas Tree, held at the Rechabite Hall, proved an unqualified success. Eric Isaachsen introduced Father Christmas to the kiddies and handed them out some good advice for the New Year. Harry Burge was right in his element as the Great Benefactor, and had more confidences reposed in him on that night than ever in his life before. The kiddies were all delighted with their gifts from the tree and the women's auxiliary and social committee are to be commended on the effort. The Christmas general meeting and subsequent social revealed that we possess talent of unsuspected quality. Chris James and Billy Gibson furnished the tit-bit of the evening, and we are looking forward to further efforts from this duo. Most members contributed something towards an impromptu programme, and altogether a very pleasant evening was enjoyed. Colonel Godby made a welcome reappearance and further new members were enrolled. Visits during the festive season were made to Clarry Doust, at Ward XI, and to Arthur Sillis, who is still unfortunately in hospital. A visit, which is to be the forerunner of others, was also made to the returned men who are convalescing at the M.L.C. Home.

WEST SWAN

At the monthly meeting on January 6, the president furnished a report on the Christmas goose club raffle. Six hundred and sixty tickets were sold, and the net profit was a few pence under £15. Naturally, the sub-branch is well pleased with the result.

HARVEY

Mr. B. H. Lofthouse presided over a gathering of approximately 30 members at the annual meeting on January 11. Through the efforts of the secretary (Mr. D. D. Johnstone) there was a marked increase of membership during the year. The total at the peak period was 114. Following left the sub-branch when they left the district. These include Mr. G. R. Bartley, who was treasurer for a number of years, and Mr. R. M. Ibbotson, who had long been prominent in sub-branch activities. The activities of the year included the Poppy Ball, organised by the women's auxiliary which showed a profit of £30, the reunion at which 90 were present and various other functions. The president reported that the purchase of a block of land had been completed. This valuable block, in the centre of the town, is the site on which the sub-branch hall will be built. In presenting his report, the treasurer (Mr. P. Jurgensen) thanked R. Pollock, of Wokalup, for his assistance in bringing the finances back to normal. Mr. A. H. Smith also paid a tribute to the good work of Mr. and Mrs. Pollock, in recognition of which he moved a vote of thanks, which was carried with acclamation. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. B. H. Lofthouse; vice-presidents, Mr. T. W. D. Smith and Dr. A. N. Jacobs; treasurer, Mr. P. Jurgensen; secretary, Mr. D. D. Johnstone; social secretary, Mr. R. Ireland; juniors, Mr. A. P. Smith; hospital officer, Mr. E. Evans; publicity officer, Mr. A. H. Sorge; committee, Messrs. G. Woodley, J. Firman, W. Mayne, N. Buchanan, C. Beaulclaire, P. Hadden, H. W. Cross, R. Pollock, A. H. Smith, J. J. Hepton, G. B. Neilson and H. Mount. After business had been despatched, the remainder of the evening was occupied in community singing, for which Mr. J. Firmin provided the accompaniments.

ALBANY

At the monthly meeting on January 4, a deputation from the S.S.L. was introduced by its president (Mr. F. S. Jacka). A replica of the local war memorial, made by the lads, was handed over to the parent organisation, and unveiled by the youngest Son present (Master J. Coles). The replica was accepted on behalf of the sub-branch by the president (Mr. E. Y. Butler). Mr. Marshall was entrusted with the arrangements for a further debate with the King River Debating Club. A very cordial reception was extended to Mr. Barker sub-branch, revealed that this function had been a great success. Another report was presented on the successful conduct of the goose club. During the evening visitors from the presidency of the State were welcomed by the president.

BUNBURY

At the meeting of the State executive on January 26, Mr. R. A. Nicholas reported—While holidaying at Bunbury, I took the opportunity of attending the January meeting of the Bunbury sub-branch. There were 36 members and four visitors present, president, H. G. Gibson, in the chair and supported by that old League stalwart, secretary A. E. Murray. The main interest of the evening centred in a lengthy discussion arising from a motion that members of the Militia Forces be invited to join as endowment members. This being passed, personally, this motion was defeated by an amendment that an invitation be extended to the Militia Forces to join in the privileges of the Institute and that a sub-committee be appointed to arrange lectures and entertainments. As an executive member, I was given a hearty welcome, and in reply, I congratulated them on the generous sentiments expressed in the discussion and their evident desire to encourage and give practical assistance to those who are qualifying themselves for the defence of their country. Among other League matters, the necessity, especially in a place like Bunbury, when accepting a man for League membership to see that he produced correct evidence of service. In the convivial gathering which followed, I met several old friends—Syd. Harris, who was a person of humble birth, and whom I had not seen since 1914. Sergeant Gallant, of the Imperial Army in India, wished to be remembered to President Alf Yeates. He is celebrating his 80th birthday in May. Sergeant Tom law, was commended by his old officers and regards to Fred Aberle. A Tasmanian, named Mulligan, asked me to be sure to mention to Reg Biggs that I had met him, but this was only a renewal, as I had visited him two years ago in Ward XI. I have a message, too, for Jacko, who has been prominent in Ward XI for some time. The sub-branch appears to be running very smoothly and I noted indications of renewed efforts for membership. They sent greetings to the State president and executive. I took some time over to Collie on January 17, and the first person I met was General Jackson. Having occasion to visit the Co-operative Mine, I naturally looked up Harry May, who proudly showed me over his store, which showed evidence of the thoroughness which Harry puts into all he does. He introduced me to several Diggers on the mine and posted me with general news. Time did not permit me to meet president Jim Giblett. Collie was looking forward to their big night and the promised visit of State executive representatives.

NAREMBEEN

This sub-branch communication has been received from Mr. Ross Axeing (country vice-president): I take pleasure in reporting that I attended the first annual reunion dinner of the Narembeen sub-branch on Wednesday, January 12, 1938. Thirty-three returned men sat down to a sumptuous repast, provided by the wife of the licensee of the Narembeen Hotel (Mr. Dud. Power), who is a member of the sub-branch. The president (Mr. Andy Graham) occupied the chair, and visitors were present from adjoining sub-branches; Aralditch-Babakin, Messrs. Retalig (president) and King (hon. secretary); Kondinin, Messrs. Sykes (president), Young (hon. secretary) and two others; Mundaring-Tot TDgirlin, Messrs. Hooper (president), Hill (vice-president), and T. Olls, who has seen of Kondinin being called upon to respond to the toast of "The Guests." As both Mr. Retalig and I had been warned before dinner that there were to be no speeches, I took the opportunity later of proposing the health of my chairman.

MUNDIJOONG-JARRAHDALE

The sub-branch held its monthly meeting in the Jarradale Hall on Wednesday, January 12, when Major R. A. Geddes was appointed to the Sub-branch Officers and Soldiers' Relief Fund. All members are very keen and we are pleased to be able to report quite a number are already financial for 1938. Nominations for office-bearers for the ensuing year will be taken at the February meeting and election of officers will take place at the meeting to be held in the Jarradale
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MORAWA

On Monday, December 13, a few of the boys met at the local hotel at an impromptu farewell gathering to a member who has been transferred to Shell Lake. Mr. R. Swan, of the Shell Co. "Bob" will be greatly missed by other social parties as well as the local sub-branch on account of his never failing good humour and wit. He is a great entertainer. The Morawa sub-branch wished him the very best wherever he may roam, and hope to see him again. Our loss is some other sub-branch's gain. So metropolitan sub-branches look out for a good live R.S.L. member and jolly good pal in "Bob" Swan. December 18 was the monthly meeting night and also the night of the annual meeting. Officers for the ensuing year are: President, N. B. Blenkinsop; secretary, W. Simons; the remaining being the same as before. At the January meeting only a few were present, several members being away on holidays. We regret to hear that another of our members has left the district, and we believe in the metropolitan area, Mr. Harold Hird, of the howitzers. Well, the best of luck, Harold, from all the boys.

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best body to support in having the necessity for the eradication of the rabbits impressed
upon the Federal authorities. He contended that vested interests were against the release of
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BOULDER

The sub-branch has been in recess over the holidays, but much routine work has been attended to and the same. Recent visitors included the Hon. Jimmy Cornell, M.L.C., the Minister for Railways (Mr. F. Smith) and Messrs. E. Nilsen and H. Eyston, members of the Legislative Assembly. Fred Hartle has been busy with the routine work. It has been suggested that a "Box to the Goldfields" month be arranged, during which time it is hoped that the State president, Colonel Collet and other League leaders may be induced to visit the sub-branch.

MOSMAN PARK

It was pleasing to note an increased attendance at the last general meeting. Mr. Murphy, from Trinity, expressed pleasure at being present. Mr. Parker, Brown, Bryant and Underdown made a welcome re-appearance, and we are looking forward to seeing more of them and other old stalwarts of the sub-branch. A further step was made towards the acquisition of our permanent home, and we hope in the near future of being in occupation of a building worthy of the efforts of the committee dealing with that matter. A committee was formed for the purpose of arranging visits to ex-service men in the M.C.L. Home and members who are in hospital. It is in order to create the habit of being in occupation of a building worthy of the efforts of the committee dealing with that matter.

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our next meeting for the purpose of ex-

pounding the virtues of the Aged Soldiers' Fund to the boys. The ocean trip on Sun-

day, January 30, proved highly successful. Everyone had an enjoyable day away from the"... (text continues on page 29)
and excellent programme under the direction of "Curl" Macrone, assisted by Harold Nicol. The Victoria Park Novely Band, conducted by Mr. T. K. Fellow, performed some pleasing items. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Manion, Reeves and O'Brien, and the Carlisle "Shadowgraph Squad" put on their inimitable and unprintable parody of an old time "Sick Parade," or Who's for the M.C.O.? Commerce singing and songs and bender spinning made the night seem all too short, and "Lights Out" found everybody ready for more. It is hoped to repeat the social in the near future.

PEMBERTON

At the annual meeting on January 24, seventeen local and five Manjimup members were present. Mr. J. L. McKenzie (president of Manjimup sub-branch) opened the meeting and explained why he was doing this, as representative of the State executive. He welcomed the members and hoped that the sub-branch would be revived and become as strong as it used to be. He then proceeded with the电气 equipment. This resulted as follows: President, Mr. A. N. Birks; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Adams and A. Florence; secretary, Mr. G. Betty; treasurer, Mr. A. S. Robertson, who will act as an executive committee with the addition of Messrs. G. H. Bloor, C. Lockhart and W. Harper. Mr. McKenzie introduced Mr. Birks and the other officials. Mr. Comb, also representing the State executive, then addressed the members and stressed the point of comradeship and good feeling. Mr. Sims, the newly-appointed pensions officer of the Manjimup sub-branch, then spoke on pension matters. He explained the fund newly started by his sub-branch, and also stressed the spirit of comradeship, which existed amongst his members. Messrs. McKenzie, Comb, Sims, A. Kjelgren and Wilson, of the Manjimup sub-branch, ably assisted in conducting this inaugural meeting. At the February meeting the matter of the Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund circular was discussed.

MANJIMUP

Jardae was the venue of the monthly meeting on January 12. President Jock Mackenzie having charge of a moderate attendance. Deep and wide satisfaction was evident when it was announced that the membership strength had reached 130. "Nearly a company," as one of the troops remarked later. The president in particular is pleased with the growth of the little army. He is, however, well aware of the frailties of the returned soldiers, and is afraid that many of them have not a good year for the new year. Subs. are due and, having set a standard, we have to get 130 members properly financial, plus another hundred if possible. The meeting did a good job in promoting Laurie Sims to the new position of sub-branch president. So well known is it a brisk line, and when Laurie is far too useful to make a mere staff officer. He will work in conjunction with the executive and it is safe to say that the applicant's point of view will be welcomed. A challenge match from Glenoran Rifle Club was received and accepted by the meeting, the date to be fixed later. It will be like old times using a real shooting iron again, although the ammunition will be only .22 and the range about 30 yards. A picnic suggestion is made. In February, our members' fancy lightly turns to thoughts of the reunion. This year it is to be held in the ground of one of the bottle sports, which are conducted by a joint committee of the sub-branch and the bowling club. Last year, our "cut" was about 25%, and it is likely to be a lot more this year.

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

The annual general meeting was held on February 5. The following officers and committeemen were re-elected: President, O. J. Williams; secretary, J. K. Craze; treasurer, M. J. Elliott; junior vice-president, J. E. Aylett; junior vice-president, A. R. Wood; assistant secretary, J. S. Wyatt; auditor, A. Chapman; education officer, C. T. Sanders; R. G. Hummerston; social secretary, W. Bewick; junior vice-president, A. G. McKenna; management committee, W. R. Annear, I. Thomas, F. J. Chambers, J. Burnham, J. B. Weir, J. E. Bywater, R. T. King, W. J. Lovell; social committee, H. G. Beadle, J. A. H. A. Decke, J. Johnson, W. Stuart, E. C. Rice; financial committee, C. O. Lyons, G. H. Beadle, B. Cutler, A. W. Chapman, A. I. V. Roberts; wards of memorial, R. G. Hummerston sub-wards, A. R. Wood, J. E. Aylett. Messrs. F. J. Aberle, J. W. Hunt and J. Brown represented the State executive, and members were also delighted to welcome Colonel Collett back to their midst. As the election took longer than was anticipated, the meeting was closed immediately after to allow of a slight revue re-arranging. The river trip on February 4, though not a success from the point of view of attendance, was successful financially in that all expenses were met while the remainder on its return trip. Not being as agile as he was twenty years ago, the return trip. Not being as swift as he was twenty years ago, the return trip. Not being as agile as he was twenty years ago, the return trip. Not being as agile as he was twenty years ago, the return trip. Not being as agile as he was twenty years ago, the return trip. Not being as agile as he was twenty years ago, the return trip.

FREMANTLE

After the holiday recess and its following effects, the sub-branch is again getting into its stride. Recently, a very wellcome visitor from the executive) journeyed down to the Port to see us. After routine business we had a heart to heart talk on the various activities of the League, and as a result he may have a few points to lay before the governing body for the betterment of the returned men. At the January meeting the question of unemployment was raised and debated. We consider it is not the least important of our many problems and are considering a plan to improve a very difficult position. The committee is again formulating plans for opening the community concert season on April 27. Our old friend and patron, Mr. Wm. Watson, has returned from his overseas journey after retiring from a very busy and useful life. At our next meeting he is to be our guest, when pictures of himself and our old pal and late member, the Rev. Eric Nye, will be unveiled. We hope to have the Mayor, councillors and the Rev. Freeman (Eric's successor) present on that night. Frank Peterson, a stalwart member and photographer, presents the pictures. Fremantle in particular and the R.S.L. in general will wish our genial Mayor and Mrs. Gibson a very pleasant and instructive trip. They are on a visit to the Old Land, via Sydney and America. F. E. Gibson has long been an ardent friend of the returned men and richly deserves this holiday interlude.

OSBORNE PARK

At the fortnightly meeting on January 19 and February 2 there were very good attendances. The president (W. Ashdown) and past president (Doug. Foreman) respectively. Business was very brisk, exciting and interesting. The Hogmanay night, December 31 and January 1, was a very pleasant night, and the sub-branch benefited financially. We are greatly pleased with the
success of our library, which now has approximately 1,300 books, the latest gift being 11 volumes of Charles Dickens works donated by that esteemed member, Mr. W. Anderson, better known as "Old Bill," who was the first president of the sub-branch when it was formed in 1922. Due to help from Mr. Anderson, now due it will greatly assist the secretary (Dave Miller) if members will roll up to their meetings and make themselves financial. The next two meetings will be held on February 16 and March 2. Members are asked to do their bit for the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. Remember, it is your fund and your duty to do what you can to help it along. We have had two pleasant visits to our esteemed members, Ben Branch, and they were the dinkum old soldier gatherings, and we all enjoyed ourselves.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE

The tenth annual meeting was held on January 20. Sixty members were welcomed by the president (Mr. W. E. Kay). The president expressed his thanks to the hon. secretary and treasurer, the various committees and members for their willing assistance during his first term of office, and to the women's auxiliary for their valuable help in many ways. The hon. secretary (Mr. G. F. Charles) in his report gave the membership at the close of the year as 179, 133 being financial and the remainder partly so; 35 of the financial members are new members. The amount expended under amelioration was £26/15/9. In addition, many cases were sent on to the League trustees. Poppy sales on Anzac Day brought in £8 1/6, and the scheme has been a great improvement on previous years. The Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund will benefit to the extent of £14/4/- for the two months the scheme has been in operation. The Memorial Hall is still paying its way. In spite of the warm weather, the dances are still drawing capacity houses. The hall committee feel confident that with care and hard work the debt will soon be paid off. The forthcoming community concerts are expected to be a big source of revenue during the ensuing year. The sub-committee under the leadership of Mr. A. G. Williams, was the most hard worked of all the committees and, in conjunction with the women's auxiliary, conducted dances, socials and picnics which have been enjoyed by one and all. The thanks of the sub-branch go out to that energetic body of men and women. Their work proved very successful financially and they are to be congratulated on finishing on the right side of the ledger. The election of officers resulted in Mr. W. E. Kay being unanimously re-elected president, Mr. J. F. Charles was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. He has been an able servant of sub-branch and we are pleased to see him again filling this important position. Vice-presidents are Messrs. Tom Campbell and Jim Morton. Hon. auditor, Mr. J. J. Prendergast; building fund committee, Messrs. Tom Campbell and Morton; social committee, Messrs. A. G. A. Williams, Moore, Stanton, Blab, Stockman, Damon, Hayes, Hatcher, Richardson, Ryder and Math; amelioration committee, the trusties of the sub-branch, public officer (Jim Morton). Mr. Jack Young was returning quater, assisted by Messrs. Blab and Fisher. The annual picnic will be held on Sunday, February 27. Buses will leave the Memorial Hall, Oxford Street, at 10 a.m. for Mooman Park. Tickets are family 3/-, single 5/-, SONS of Soldier's League members and those of a member's family over 16, 1/-. We acknowledge with thanks donations from Messrs. Masters and Goodlet; other donations will also come to hand and will be acknowledged in due course. Good progress is being made by the Sons of Soldiers' League branch, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Stockman, supported by Messrs. McAteer and Stanton, and a training week is in hand for the Colonel Collett Shield games, the first match being against West Leederville.

BRUNSWICK

The annual meeting was held on February 4. A good attendance was recorded. Members were favoured by a visit from the president (Mr. G. Carnie) and the secretary in the person of Ted Kefferidge, a one-time member of the local sub-branch. He is the only representative of the "Silent Service" present with us, and we now find that he does not need the "Silent Service" which characterises the senior service. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of the evergreen Clem Piper to the presidential chair. The boys would have no other. Syd. Chamberlain has proved himself so efficient that he was prevailed upon to remain secretary. Both he and the president have now entered upon their third year of office. F. McCormack, late of Cowaramup, takes office as treasurer, and no doubt owing to his ancestry will exercise strict control of the financial side of the sub-branch. Walter Noakes, one of the original and at the same time one of the most staunch members is wowing the electors of Sussex. He is standing as a Country Party man, and has years of experience behind him as a farmer and representative of the League. The League trustees, Messrs. F. Whittam, G. A. Williams, was the opener, to see the number of cars parked round the hall. The committee is one of the largest halls to be found in a country district, its accommodation was well taxed. Two features of the dance were the excellent supper provided by the wives of members and their untiring work and the good work done by the M.C. in conjunction with the excellent band in keeping the affair moving and not allowing any dull moments to creep in.

No. 1 DISTRICT COMMITTEE

On January 21 the No. 1 District Committee were favoured by a visit of the Commissioner of the Agricultural Bank, when C. H. Clarke met the delegates. Matters in connection with the bank and its good work were freely discussed. The Commission and taking part in a conference which can only be described as unique. The distinguished visitor was welcomed by the president, and at the conclusion of the meeting (which lasted three hours) Messrs. C. J. Piper and N. Beuchanan expressed their thanks of the visit of Commissioner to the Committee for his presence and helpful talk, which cleared up many matters between the Bank and its clients.

KARRIDALE

A very successful dance was held by the sub-branch in the above hall on Saturday, January 29. Over 200 people attended, many of whom came from Margaret, Forest Grove and Augusta and even as far away as Buselton. The function was attended by four aspiring members of Parliament in the persons of Messrs. Reading, Mr. Noakes and Mr. Pickering and, owing to Mr. Willmo

WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

On Saturday, December 17, the members entertained the inmates of the Soldiers' Ward at the Old Men's Home to supper, given them a parcel of tobacco. Again on Sunday, January 16, the returned soldiers from the Old Men's Home were the guests of North-East Fremantle auxiliary to a full day's outing at Araluen. Everyone present enjoyed a good lunch and tea, the culinary efforts again being in the capable hands of our vice-president (Mrs. Bates). At the end of a happy day, Mr. Brick, assistant superintendent of the Home, in an earnest speech thanked the president (Mrs. Bell) and the members for a very happy day and recalled to all present the first outing given to the men by a women's auxiliary, North-East Fremantle, at the same spot, Araluen. He emphasised the importance these trips had

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

The annual picnic was held at Peppermint Grove an Anniversary Day; the attendance showed a slight falling off. The sporting events included the usual cricket match between the auxiliary and members, which was won by the members, despite strong opposition, and undue barracking from the "hill." It will interest members to learn that the first Digger bowling carnival was won by a team from the Leederville club. Our new secretary has been fully occupied on sub-branch matters since taking over, and is very keen on the job. Mr. and Mrs. Haines returned from their New Zealand tour this month. The rumours about the cause of Bill nearly missing the boat are strongly denied by him. When interviewed, Bill said that he most nearly miss the ship, he had fully two minutes to spare! The members proposed to hold a picture night sometime in March, and when arrangements are finalised tickets will be available for sale. It is anticipated the funds will be well spread by the evening. The evenings for the poppy sellers has not yet been arranged, as the auxiliary has been in recess. The committee would like the names and addresses of any ex-service men who have recently come to reside in the district, so that the membership committee can call on them.
made to the men. Mrs. Hopperton (hon. State secretary) who came along, also spoke, and Mr. Gower (the secretary of the North-East Fremantle sub-branch) added a few well chosen words.

VICTORIA PARK

The general meeting held on January 27 was not so well attended as usual, as many members were away on holidays. However, we had the pleasure of the company of Mrs. Edwards, from Mukinbudin, who happened to be staying in Perth as the guest of a member, Mrs. Granary. Mrs. Edwards has done quite a lot of sewing, etc., for us on various occasions, which we greatly appreciate. It is interesting to hear of the difficulties of a country auxiliary with a very small and scattered membership. We in town are indeed fortunate to be in touch with our State executive to get advice when needed, and to be able to get our members together so easily; whereas in the country, it is very difficult to get a place suitable to hold meetings sometimes, let alone the fact that it is hard to fix a date convenient for the scattered members.

After the meeting, tea was dispensed and there was dancing, for which Mrs. Starkey played. We were joined by some of our husbands and friends. The raffle was won by Mrs. Jack Matthews, with ticket No. 9, and Mr. Tomlinson sang for us. The date was fixed for the children’s annual picnic to the Zoo, on February 27 (Sunday). Further particulars can be obtained from the hon. secretary (Mrs. Prue) or any member of the committee. On February 4, Mrs. Len Reid lent her home for a Monte Carlo party, and all present had a very pleasant time, a dainty supper terminating the evening. It has been decided, on the suggestion of the sub-branch, that combined committee meetings be held on the first Monday in each month at 8 p.m. in the committee room.

CARLISLE

The members of the sub-branch and wives and members of auxiliary and husbands all spent a most enjoyable night on New Year’s Eve. Singing and dancing were mingled with other items, provided by the Victoria Park Novelty Band, under conductorship of Mr. Folkard, which was greatly appreciated. The New Year welcomed in by the glass that cheers, good cheer and fellowship was the password for the night. The secretary and workers of the sub-branch are to be congratulated on such a wonderful night. Work for the auxiliary will begin on February 14. The next meeting will be in theCarlisle Hall at 1.30 p.m. on March 14.

NORWOOD

On December 29 the auxiliary entertained patients from Lehnos Hospital and Edward Milleren House. After a drive to Armadale, the guests were conveyed to Keough’s Hall, where Mrs. Adamson (president of the auxiliary) and Mr. Harris (president of the Norwood sub-branch) welcomed the guests to an excellent high tea. Mesdames Stockman and Staines thanked the hostesses and the car drivers, and Messrs. Scollin and Allan spoke on behalf of Edward Milleren and Lehnos.

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<td>Wentworth Hotel, Perth</td>
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<td>H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth Street, North Perth. Phone: B8394.</td>
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<td>W. Ford, 13 Shenton Rd., Claremont</td>
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<td>CLAREMONT</td>
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<td>A. S. Graham, Narembeen</td>
<td>J. H. Wylie, Emu Hill, via Narembeen</td>
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<td>NEDLANDS</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building, Broadway, Nedlands</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>R. A. Wood, 81 Archdeacon Street, Nedlands</td>
<td>A. L. Wilson, 30 Clark Street, Nedlands</td>
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<td>NEWDEGATE</td>
<td>Newdegate</td>
<td>Quarterly, 3rd Saturday March, June, Sep., Dec.</td>
<td>D. G. Kinlock, Newdegate</td>
<td>J. H. Kane, Newdegate</td>
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<td>NORTH - EAST FRE-</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle</td>
<td>4th Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Lieut-Colonel H. C. Bundock, Artillery Barracks</td>
<td>Bombardier C. A. Gower, Artillery Barracks</td>
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<td>MANTLE</td>
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<td>A. Barlow, Northampton</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>L. F. Ash, Northampton</td>
<td>G. C. Curlewies, 145 Fitzgerald Street, Northam Tel. 174</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>R.S.L. Club Rooms, Gordon Street, Northam</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>P. T. Prince, Fitzgerald Street, Northam</td>
<td>B. N. McIlwraith, 21 Dundas Road, Maylands</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</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. 86438</td>
<td>Geo. S. Mellor, &quot;Monash House,&quot; 23 King St., Perth</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>&quot;Monash House,&quot; 23 King Street, Perth</td>
<td>Last Saturday in each month 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m. 3rd Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>F. Archer, East Pingelly Reg. Nicholas, c/o. Government Printing Office E. T. Roberts, Pithara</td>
<td>M. Sargent, Pingelly</td>
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<td>PINGELLY</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
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<td>PILBARA QUARRIDING &amp; DISTRICT</td>
<td>Port Hedland Quarriding Hall and Dangin Hostel, alternatively Warden's Court</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
<td>T. Cowan, Yorndale</td>
<td>J. R. T. Keast, Quarridding</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Rokeby Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>L. E. Taplin, Pt. Hedland V. D. Follan, Quarriding</td>
<td>J. Newman, 1202 Hay Street, West Perth</td>
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<td>TAMBEULLUP</td>
<td>R.S.L. Club</td>
<td>1st Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. P. Newton, Ravensthorne</td>
<td>J. E. Wright, 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>G. W. Trathan, Tambahlup K. Somers, Toodyay</td>
<td>J. W. Patterson, Trayning</td>
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<td>TRAYNING - YELBENI</td>
<td>Traving (3) Yelbeni (1) Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>4th Sunday</td>
<td>F. Smeaton, Yelbeni Eric F. Lloyd, 29 Esnperence Street Vic Park</td>
<td>J. Matthews, 21 Esperence Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
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<td>2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTINE, JIBBERDING</td>
<td>Each place alternatively</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3. p.m.</td>
<td>A. B. Dinnie, Buntine</td>
<td>H. J. Hains, 97 Blencowe Street, West Leederville</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE- WEMBLEY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>G. E. Timmell, 34 Harbourne St., Wembley</td>
<td>P. G. Rieggert, Yarloop</td>
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<td>YARLOOP AND DISTRICT</td>
<td>Yarloop Hotel</td>
<td>4th Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>I. Meredith, Yarloop</td>
<td>Roy J. Kerr, Yealering</td>
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<td>YEALERING YORK</td>
<td>Comm'l Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. H. B. Lawton, Yealering Colin Thorn, York</td>
<td>S. Hardwick, York</td>
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<td>YOUANMI</td>
<td>Youanmi Hotel</td>
<td>Fortnightly (Friday)</td>
<td>D. Johnston, Youanmi</td>
<td>G. M. Maley, c/o. Y.G.M., Ltd., Youanmi</td>
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<td>WYALKATECHEM</td>
<td>Lesser Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, bimonthly, April, June, Aug., etc.</td>
<td>S. W. Robinson, Wyalkatem</td>
<td>E. H. Rice, Wyalkatem</td>
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<td>WAROONA</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>1st Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>C. F. Baird, Waroona</td>
<td>L. W. Allen, Waroona</td>
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