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OUR JUSTIFICATION FOR EXISTING

Colonel Collett, who originated the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund, has submitted the following reply to criticisms which, we hope, will be read by all ex-service men.

At the recent meeting in Perth of presidents and secretaries, a country sub-branch representative struck a note that, apart from its novelty, might be construed to contain a threat at the very foundations and structure of the League.

Apropos of the appeal for support for the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund, he said, in effect:

1. That the ex-service man did not fight for his comrades Bill Smith and Jack Jones, but for his country, and that the country should foot the bills.

2. That the man who is going to be hard-put to it later on has no claim today on the practical consideration of his former war-time associates.

3. That the majority of ex-service men are unmoved insofar as the main objects of the League are concerned—as witness the small proportion of eligibles who join—and that many of those who do join have to be “dragged in.”

4. That the present appeal has no attraction for the members and, therefore, the natural deduction is that they will not respond to it.

5. That the ex-service man cannot afford to contribute even a modest sum towards assisting comrades, or the widows of comrades in need.

As against the postulates, he went on to infer that should someone be found who could and would subscribe, that someone would require to be first told what would be the tangible result should he submit himself to a personal sacrifice of £5, even though paid in instalments over a period of five years.

In this matter, I will not dispute the speakers’ earnestness, nor deny that there may be others holding similar views; but do submit that the views indicated are foreshortened through an imperfect appreciation of the League’s policy and activities and a lack of information as to actual general conditions. I, therefore, offer comment as follows on the five points put forward:

1. The ex-service man, in fighting for Australia, fought for Bill Smith and Jack Jones as fellow citizens. In any case he fought with them for the protection of their families and free institutions. In doing so, he may have forfeited his life and so left a widow in circumstances not without some call on those capable of exhibiting practical sympathy.

And as regards the bills: the country has footed these—many of them—not ungenerously. For, apart from war-caused incapacity pensions, there has been provided a pension of 20s. weekly for many no longer able to work. In this connection the League would like to be assured that it can provide the old sailor or soldier in his declining years with a little more comfort than the 20s. would command. And so with the widow in reduced circumstances, nor failing to remember the ex-members of the Imperial Services and the South African veteran who may not have the benefit of any pension.

2. The League was founded at a time of stress when equitable and suitable treatment was urgently needed for the returned sick and wounded, the war widow and orphans. This secured, it was wisely determined to hold the members together against future eventualities. A national policy was adopted, but above all a call was made to keep active and practice that comradeship displayed on such a high plane in war.

In a spirit of altruism the organisation has, therefore, carried on for over 20 years. The period has been marked by self-sacrificing work on the part of hundreds of enthusiastic and selfless sub-branch officers and members throughout the State. The complete tale cannot be told, but the aggregate of results achieved justifies the efforts made.

3. This is not altogether so, despite the fact that eight-twentieths only of eligible persons subscribe to the organisation. Several reasons for this seeming aloofness can be advanced and, if blame is to be allotted, the League itself must accept a share. If we look at some of the causes, or endeavour to trace them, we will find, inter alia, that fifty per cent. of the ex-A.I.F. men live away from the metropolitan area. Many of these are scattered throughout the remote districts of the State. Of the whole 18,000, some cannot afford the subscription; others are absorbed in business, and others are frankly uninterested. There is, further, a small proportion of individuals who for reasons best known and wisely kept to themselves are covertly hostile.

But, by and large, the benefits that the League, through its representatives and organisations, has secured for non-member and member alike, has commanded the respect and earned the gratitude of all who served. And so, as a consequence, on important occasions, or over important issues, the League has been gratified to note definite indications of practical and moral backing of its policy by appreciable numbers of persons not wearing the badge.

4. As regard the present appeal, it will, it is really felt, have a direct call upon all who fought. It proposes something sound, practical and permanent. Hitherto the relief extended by the League has been on the hand-to-mouth principle, and thus thousands of pounds have been disbursed, leaving no enduring benefit or even trace.

The passing of time has now brought us to the stage when, as a body, our virility and power must soon begin to
wane. When, in consequence, our influence with others must, allowing for human needs and weaknesses, be at a discount the recognition of this approaching danger has brought forth a demand for a definite plan for the future. Something that will live after most of us have gone; something that, if there is any sincerity in our claim of regard for others, will at least afford us the satisfaction of having done our last job—as we did others before—decently and thoroughly. It is granted that probably we cannot, unaided, achieve complete success. Nevertheless, we can at least make our own contribution and that with such unanimity and in such due proportion as to prove our earnestness, command the respect of the people and, no doubt, bring forth further aid from those sources from which kindly and generous responses have so often come in the past.

And there has been the further demand that if we are to give at all, there should be some system permitting of the payment of small sums at regular intervals to authorised persons. Also some proper accounting for sums received, and some surety that the donations will not be diverted from the purpose in view. Hence the coupons. If another and better method can be devised, so much to the good. Let it be made known.

5. In calculating the amount of support likely to be forthcoming from ex-service men in the State, it is considered that, of the total of 20,000 estimated to reside here, some 25 per cent. cannot or will not, for various reasons, subscribe.

The suggestion that the majority of men who served in the Australian Forces are not in a position to afford contributions is a fallacy. It is to their credit that their qualifications, industry and experience have enabled them to make good in the professions and trades, in the public services and in business. In this regard they have more than held their own with other sections of the community. Nevertheless, in some of the country districts where bad seasons, low prices, poor markets and other ill fortune have beset the man on the land, real distress does exist. There a man has employment, but no income. These are not asked to help—they need it themselves. But in spite of all, wonderful things have been done in the country districts by the organisation of a system of donations in kind, such a process is susceptible of adaptation to the present need.

Similarly, in the towns there are others with neither employment or income whose precarious existence precludes them from giving and whom, with the farmer, the League as a whole has spent, and is spending, much effort to assist.

But the broad principles of the scheme now under criticism envisage the future—the care of the manured, the ailing and the aged with insufficient resources, and if we review the general conditions within the State we will find varying degrees of prosperity averted by local conditions as well as by common factors. For this due allowance has been made in estimating the amount of support reasonably to be expected and any statement that more than 25 in every 100 are unable to make some contribution in money or kind lacks justification. In those able, but unwilling to aid, the enthusiastic advocate can find scope for the exercise of his powers of persuasion as to the merits of the cause.

And so we go on to the man who, before he subscribes, desires to know where his money is going, what is he going to see in return, who is to spend it? There is the one answer only: The fund is in the keeping of trustees appointed under and controlled by Act of Parliament. These trustees are empowered to spend the money, after 1940, on assisting such eligible persons, in such sums and manner, as they think will confer the maximum benefits, having regard to the objects in view.

The critical one is not likely to see much in the way of bricks and mortar. A cottage home may benefit one or two persons and, on the other hand, the absorption of capital, deprive the many of even the bare means of subsistence. The matter of a home has been previously thoroughly examined. Such a project would be costly to construct and, apart from several other difficulties, the prospect of an annual maintenance bill of approximately £20,000 is forbidding in the extreme.

Merit is claimed for the idea of the fund. It makes an appeal to our pride and self respect; so let us buck in and do the greatest good we can for the greatest number. Let us move now, for the years are passing rapidly, and tomorrow may be too late.

Nor need we despair. We are, in fact, moving steadily. The League is not moribund; neither is the old spirit dead. Since July 1 last some £2,000 has come in, despite the fact that our special organisation is only half developed. And we may take heart from the current monthly magazine of a sub-branch whose members have few riches and live in a district where "hard times" press on far too many. Herein is exemplified the truth of the once familiar statement, "the spirit of the troops is excellent," for read this: "Without hope of reward, most of the members' leisure time is taken up inventing new ideas for the welfare and amelioration of the laggers"; and "What about this? During the last month your sub-branch voted £25 to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund." There are over 180 sub-branches in the State, and we say: "Good luck attend their efforts on behalf of those who may not be lucky."
dier settlers from the Ajana district, where rainfall has been scanty for the last five or six years. A claim was made that such men should be transferred to more favoured localities. They also suggest that Dr. Teakle should make an inspection and take samples of soils.

Dongarra.—Very few people passing through Dongarra realise that they are missing one or two outstanding features which are well worth the interruption of a road passage. In the little cemetery adjacent to the town, a granite obelisk erected by Mrs Frances Pearse, now deceased, contains the names of 26 residents of Dongarra who fell in the Great War. The local sub-branch has a proposal afoot to remove the memorial to a vacant allotment in the town. Further on, it appeared to your delegation that, sided over by the acting president, Mr. T. H. Talvav, there should be more general to enable settlers of farms and the low price of land.

Carnamah.—Mr. J. K. Forrester, who served with one of the A.I.F. Engineer Companies, is president of the Carnamah sub-branch of the League and also chairman of the local road board. Mr. Clarrie Ryan, ex-27th Battery, A.F.A., is his staff officer on League operations. Carnamah sub-branch is organising a big Easter sports carnival to aid the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund. Carnamah has 24 members and steadily growing since its recent reconstruction.

Wongan Hills.—A report by the president of the Wongan Hills sub-branch (Mr. C. Stonestreet) at a recent Calingiri reunion, stated that Wongan Hills had 36 financial members out of 2,000 eligibles in the district. The sub-branch had recently conducted a successful carnival and will be sending £34 to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund.

Calingiri.—Mr. J. Truman (president of Calingiri) who served with the 18th Hussars, recently welcomed visitors from Wongan and Perth at the annual sub-branch reunion and, incidentally, commended Jim McGill, ex-32nd Battalion, for his work as hon. secretary of the sub-branch and generally for efficient service over many years.

MANJIMUP AND SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT

Visit of Colonel Collett and Mr. Watt

Colonel Collett and Mr. Watt reported to a recent meeting of the State executive:

Your delegation sent to Manjimup, in response to an invitation of the sub-branch, has to report having encountered satisfactory evidence of continued and useful activities on behalf of the League by the majority of ex-service men resident in the district.

At the reunion, held in the Town Hall on the evening of February 10, some 120 persons were present. A large proportion of these were from the Imperial Services, the president himself (Mr. J. L. MacKenzie) being a Cameron Highlander. The local community had representation at the gathering in the presence of the chairman of the road board, several of the leading citizens and the member for the district (Mr. C. I. Doust, M.L.A., formerly of the A.I.F.).

The women’s auxiliary, it was said, was functioning well and certainly had a large share in the preparations for the evening, for which due acknowledgement was made.

It appeared to your delegation that, commercially and industrially, a considerable change for the better has recently taken place in Manjimup and the surrounding district.

The town itself is rapidly improving and extending. More than one speaker struck a note of strong optimism and civic pride. To this desirable state of things the main contributing factors are dairying, tobacco and the timber trade.

Delegates will remember that last year there was much agitation in the Manjimup district, due to the comparatively high capital valuation on farms and the low price of butter fat, etc., and that the League succeeded in obtaining relief from the Agricultural Bank in a few of the most pressing cases.

The good prices obtaining this year for the products of the district has largely been responsible for the drying down of the agitation, but it appears that the writing down of capital should be more general to enable settlers to view the future with any degree of confidence. In the meantime, we can only hope for a continuation of the prevailing good prices.

The sub-branch is well-officered, has over 120 financial members and its accounts are in credit. Negotiations with the road board are proceeding in regard to the provision of housing accommodation for the R.S.L. The sub-branch is seriously considering the erection of its own hall.

So far as it was possible to gauge the interest of members it was centred on the general work of the League and the pensions administration, but special enquiries were made in respect to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund and Anzac House. Upon these special subjects your delegation offered some enlightenment which was, it is believed, much appreciated. Your delegation was impressed with the necessity for the earliest possible issue of the promised pamphlet on the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund.

A provision, which we think is unique, is that the sub-branch, on the death of a member, immediately pays an amount of £5 to the widow or next-of-kin. This is met by a levy of 1s. per member, which we were advised is always paid without bother.

The president and members of the sub-branch went out of their way to see that your delegates were made comfortable. Their kindness and hospitality is gratefully acknowledged.

Before leaving Manjimup, a visit was paid to the local hospital, which held three ex-service men patients. It was particularly regretted that Mr. Bob Newton (ex-president
of the sub-branch) was an inmate as a result of a painful injury following upon a motor accident.

During an absence from Perth of four days, contact was gained with representatives of the sub-branches at Pemberton (Mr. A. N. Birks, president), Bridgetown (Mr. R. W. Ford, secretary, and Mr. John Smith, president), Nannup (Mr. A. J. Deane, president, and Mr. J. Rydings, secretary) and Karridale (Mr. Will Ellis, vice-president). Consolidation and progress is reported by all these units.

The tour afforded also an opportunity for inspecting several war memorials. At Kirup, the surroundings of the memorial need cleaning up and the fence painting. At Greenbushes a coat of paint on the railings is also needed. At Nannup considerable improvements have been made to the grounds in which the memorial stands. Further alterations and practical interest in the work is manifested by Mr. P. C. Heason, the landlord of the Nannup Hotel, and himself an ex-soldier. At Augusta, the alterations at present being made to the road to the Llewelin will throw the memorial into particularly favourable relief and enable the sub-branch to ensure suitable treatment of the ground nearby. A visit on Sunday afternoon to Bunbury afforded most gratifying evidence of the effective labour and loving care of the custodians of the local war memorial.

COUNTRY VICE-PRESIDENT ON TOUR

The country vice-president (Mr. Ross Keesing) has furnished the State executive with the following report on recent visits to sub-branches:

I have pleasure in reporting on my official visit to the Mount Palmer sub-branch on February 12 in company with Mr. Jim Cornell, and on my unofficial calls on a number of sub-branches over the week-end. In five days I covered 549 miles and visited five sub-branches, namely: Moorine Rock, Southern Cross, Mr. Palmer, Kalgoorlie and Boulder. In each of these places I was able to discuss League matters with sub-branch officials.

Thirty-one returned men, including fourteen visitors, attended the Mr. Palmer function. An attendance of over forty had been expected, but it was explained that owing to the closing down of mines at Marvel Loch and Nevora, the attendance had been effected. Also, unfortunately, the sub-branch president was away on holidays. Mr. White (vice-president) occupied the chair and a well arranged programme filled a very pleasant evening. The tone throughout showed a quiet determination to build up a sub-branch worth its place in the League. Secretary Jack Latter, the local teacher, reported having twenty members and that there were another ten possibilities in the district. He stated that he would not be satisfied till he had the 100 per cent. membership. The sub-branch has a credit balance of £42-6. This young sub-branch has started well with its effort for the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. One member (Jack Mann), whose hobby is pressing wild flowers had arranged a number of post cards, and during the evening these were sold at one shilling each. Quite a tidy sum must have been realised, as I observed that most present took more than one card. The whole of the proceeds were to be devoted to the fund. Official visitors were Sir John Kirwin, Mr. Lambert, M.L.A., Mr. Cornwell and myself. Southern Cross was represented with seven members, Moorine Rock with two, and there was also one member of Kalgoorlie sub-branch present.

Dave Morgan reported all well at Moorine Rock. Jim Beckwith, of Southern Cross, of Southern Cross, is torpurbed by the loss of their president and the laying off of hands on the mines by which a great number of his seventy members will be affected. On Sunday morning, before leaving Southern Cross for Kalgoorlie, I visited the War Memorial and was impressed by the well-kept surroundings.

At Kalgoorlie I was given the privilege of attending a sports committee meeting of the sub-branch. The committee consisted of a combined body of sub-committees of two, covering each sport from cricket to draughts and including shooting, tennis, and billiards. I was given the opportunity of conveying your good wishes to and congratulating the sub-branch on its good work, most especially on its hospital visiting of which I heard glowing reference and was given to understand that this is shouldered almost entirely by Padre Herbert who is a wonderful asset to the sub-branch.

The president (Padre Herbert) and Mr. Berthold were most kind and I appreciated being shown over their very fine Institute, which at the present moment is in the hands of the decorators. The concert hall and several rooms are being re-papered and a system of indirect lighting is being installed. The stage is also being enlarged and when the various jobs are completed the whole will be most attractive, and, I am informed, will be let almost continuously during the winter.

Major James treated Mrs. Keesing and myself to a personally conducted tour of the sights, taking in the War Memorial, drill hall, park, race course, Lamington Heights, and finishing with morning tea with Mrs. James.

The Boulder sub-branch officials were overwhelming in their hospitality. Mr. Vic. O'Grady had arranged an inspection of the Lake View and Star mine, followed by lunch at the Grand Hotel, the licensee being a member of the sub-branch, whom I recognised as one of the Sig. Section of my company in the 51st Battalion. This was followed by a visit to the aerodrome and an inspection of the East-West plane, a semi-official call on the Mayor of Boulder and a visit to the War Memorial, the race course, and with a considerable amount of pr'dee, the spot where the Boulder murder was committed.

The Mayor of Boulder (Mr. Coath) has held office for ten years. He has a great admiration for the work of our League and apparently works in harmony with the local sub-branch. The president (Jock Sheridan) is very proud of his new J.P.-ship, but owing to the continued illness of his wife and daughter is having a very worrying time.

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Fifty-four sat down to an excellent luncheon, which was presided over by the president of the R.S.L. Cricket Association (Mr. H. H. Hopperton). Among others present were the State president (Mr. Alf Yeates), Mr. J. Curtin, M.H.R., Mr. W. L. Menkens (patron) and Mr. J. L. Burley, a good supporter of the Association. Mr. Hopperton made feeling remarks about the excellent work done in connection with the day by the committee (Messrs. B. Brooke, convener, F. Wimbridge, R. Rapley, H. King, J. Scott and W. L. Menkens).

The following are the detailed scores:

**Country (1st Innings)**

Bagot v. Johnson b Sharp 6, Lodge lb/w.

- Sharp 4, Ashton c Ollddon b Sharp 1, Potts c Stone 0, Wagner c Green 21, Urquhart c Mayhew b Jarman 10, Parkin b Jarman 1, Wilson (run out) 8, Annear b Johnson 22, Dennis n.o. 2, Bach b Johnson 0, sundries 3. Total: 78.

- Bowling: Johnson 2 for 13, Sharp 3 for 24, Green 1 for 14, Jarman 2 for 12, Stone 1 for 12.

**Town (1st Innings)**

Bellt b Annear 1, Johnson stdp. Parkin b Urquhart 7, Hackett c Potts b Annear 0, Sharp stdp. Parkin b Annear 0, Morrow c Wilson b Urquhart 15, Glidden b Annear 13, Mayhew c Annear 0, Treasure b Urquhart 2, Green c and b Annear 5, Jarman b Dennis 12, Stone n.o. 13, sundries 5. Total: 73.

- Bowling: Annear 6 for 40, Urquhart 3 for 28, Dennis 1 for nil.

**Thanks are due to Messrs. R. Brackwell and E. Roberts (hon. umpires), and Mat Ryan for his continued services as hon. scorer.**

Mr. W. L. Menkens wishes to thank the following firms and friends who kindly contributed cheques and goods:

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**PENNANT MATCHES (FEBRUARY 20)**

Nedlands No. 1 defeated North Perth No. 2 by an innings. After losing seven wickets for 170, Nedlands No. 1 declared, the principal scores being Mayhew 101 n.o., Gull 28, and Wright 19. North Perth's best bowling performances were those of Reisson, for 60, Rankin 1 for 23, and Allen 1 for 34. North Perth No. 2 made 43 in the first innings, towards which Davies contributed 12, and 60 in the second, the best score being Reisson 18, Hoft 14, and Davies 11. Bowling for Nedlands No. 1: Hewitt 11 for 34, W. Crain 2 for 15, Mayhew 11 for 12, and Green 1 for 21.

**North Perth No. 1 v. Mr. Hawthorn.**


North Perth No. 1 won on first innings.

**February 27**


Maylands won on first innings.

**SOLDIERS' CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP TRUST**

The February meeting of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust was held at the Repatriation Department.

The secretary reported that, with the opening of the schools, a very large number of applications for assistance had been received. Applications providing books for 168 children and involving an expenditure of £124 were approved.

The secretary reported that, on the recommendations of the Trust, 38 scholarships had been approved for the current year, and that the students had commenced studies at the respective schools as under:-

- Perth Modern School, 9; Stott's Business College, 6; Perth College, 1; Ladies' College, Victoria Square, 2; Underwood's Business College, 3; Methodist Ladies' College, 2; Hale School, 1; W.A. University, 3; District High Schools, 11.

Total: 38.

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Officers whose names are on either of the above lists and who did not report their addresses in writing to Military Headquarters, Swan Barracks, Francis Street, Perth, during the months of January and February, 1938, are reminded that they are liable to have their names removed from such lists. Any officer who failed to report his address should do so immediately.

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**EGYPTIAN CEMETERIES**

On June 2, 1937, the Government of Egypt and the Governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India concluded an agreement respecting British war memorial cemeteries and graves in Egypt. This agreement came into force on November 29, 1937.

Provision is made for the recognition of the Imperial War Graves Commission as the sole authority responsible for the care of such cemeteries and graves. The Commission will be represented in Egypt by a committee, which is to be composed of four honorary members and eight officials, of whom four will be British and four Egyptian. The lands occupied by graves and cemeteries will be exempt from taxation. The Government of Egypt has undertaken to grant the Commission all facilities for the exercise of its control. Provision has been made for the transfer of graves of British officers and men situated outside the cemeteries controlled by the Commission to cemeteries controlled by the Commission, should the Commission think it necessary or desirable.

The Australian and New Zealand memorial at Port Said will be controlled by the Commission under the agreement.

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**THE QUEENSLAND DIGGER**

Our readers are reminded that the Anzac Number of "The Queensland Digger" will be a grand, enlarged number, profusely illustrated, and its contents completely of Digger interest. In addition to a new coloured cover, it will be wholly reminiscent of the stirring days of the Great War, with a special and pungent flavour of Gallipoli, with stories, articles, verse, humour, fact and fiction, of such variety and realism as to please the most fastidious of readers. Among the many fine writers will be General Sir Ian Hamilton, Field Marshal Sir William Birdwood (now Baron Birdwood of Anzac and Totnes), Dame Mary Gilmore, General Sir Charles Rosenthal, Captain G. D. Mitchell, Captain Bruce Bairnsfather, General L. C. Wilson, Major Toft, Clem Mack, E. H. Wilson, J. P. McKinney and many others.

This production of Digger literature, which brings back prized and vivid memories, will be published as near as April 1 as possible. It can be procured for the price of the humble sixpence, and never will ex-service men have previously had a better or more enjoyable sixpennyworth of the best soldiers' reading than in this special Anzac Number for 1938.
Not since the younger Pitt defended himself in the House of Commons against the heinous charge of youth has any Englishman so young as Mr. Anthony Eden played such a prominent role in the great drama of international affairs. He has been alternately glorified and vilified. He has had his moments of triumph, and his moments of disappointments. He has seen the star above the slush of life's transport lines and he has hitched his wagon to it. At present, that star, like the active opposition of others. But one cannot help feeling that this will be, so in Mr. Eden's case. He has years of life ahead of him. He is only in his forty-second year, and if Brown's Rabbi Ben Ezra was right, the best is yet to come.

Strangely enough, the traditions of the Eden family have been military and artistic, rather than political. His father, a baronet who loved to dabble in art, lived the life of a simple country gentleman in Durham. He was the friend of the caustic Whistler, who painted a portrait of Anthony's mother. Then there was a falling-out, and the portrait of Lady Eden became the subject of a lawsuit which attracted almost as much public attention as Whistler's more famous action against Ruskin. Robert Anthony Eden was born on June 12, 1897. He was educated at Eton and Oxford, where his career with brilliance. His mastery of languages was part of a valuable equipment for a future Foreign Secretary. He graduated with first-class honours in Oriental Languages. This was no mean feat, seeing how seriously his studies were interrupted by the war. An elder brother was killed in action, and Anthony was under fire at the early age of seventeen years. Before he was twenty-one, he had a Major's crown on each shoulder and the Military Cross on his breast. He enjoyed, or maybe he did not, the regimental nickname, "The Boy." The name must have gained an added pungency from the fact that a musical comedy of that name was very popular in London during 1918.

Eden entered the House of Commons as member for Warwick and Leamington in 1923. His rise was rapid. He soon attracted the attention of Sir Austen Chamberlain, the elder half-brother of the present Prime Minister. Sir Austen was Foreign Secretary from 1926 to 1929, and during this period Anthony Eden was his private secretary. This was an excellent grooming for one who was to hold that portfolio at a later date. In 1931 Eden became Parliamentary Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs. Then, in succession, he was Lord Privy SEAL, Minister for the League-of-Nations, and finally Foreign Secretary. Had it not been for his brilliance, Eden's appointment as Foreign Secretary in Neville Chamberlain's Cabinet might have favoured a little of nepotism, but already their paths were beginning to diverge.

His appointment as Foreign Secretary, immediately after the uproar over the Hoare-Laval agreement with Italy regarding Abyssinia was not only a personal triumph, but a vindication of League ideals and the principle of collective security. Through failure and success he has held to those ideals and that principle. This unswerving fidelity made bitter enemies abroad, and placed him in the position of the man who needed saving from his friends at home. David Lloyd George described him as the best brain in the Cabinet. Winston Churchill is his fervent admirer. British socialists and Liberals referred to him as the saving feature of the Cabinet. Older Ministers began to wonder whether their brilliant young colleague was altogether reliable, or would his ambition lead him to become the leader of a centre party; for it must be admitted that Eden is both ambitious and quick-tempered. The formation of a centre party would be a severe blow to the Government, especially if Mr. Eden were to become its leader. As a typical Englishman of the younger generation, he appeals to the masses. He has all the English genius for being well-tailored. He and Poland's Colonel Beck, who is his personal friend, were not only the youngest foreign ministers in Europe, they were the two best dressed. Mr. Eden has great social gifts also. His favourite recreations are tennis, dancing and riding. He married both wisely and happily. Mrs. Eden is a lady of beauty and charm. She was the daughter of the late Sir Gervase Rupert Beckett, the well known British banker and newspaper proprietor. A popular colleague with influential family connections does not always commend himself to senior statesmen.

Almost as soon as Mr. Chamberlain became Prime Minister, rifts began to appear in the Cabinet. Sir John Simon and Sir Samuel Hoare had each been Foreign Secretary under Stanley Baldwin; each continued to have a big say in foreign affairs, and neither had much love for Anthony Eden. Sir John Simon had had some success in improving Anglo-German relations when, from his point of view, Mr. Eden spoiled everything by visiting Moscow. Sir Samuel Hoare lost the Foreign Secretarieship during the Abyssinian War, from which Mr. Eden emerged not merely unscathed, but with enhanced prestige at Geneva, notwithstanding the failure of the sanctions against Italy. Mr. Chamberlain, cold realist that he is, determined to discard for the time being a League of a few Nations, and a collective security that was neither collective nor secure. For the time being, his policy of independent approach was thwarted by the virulence of the attacks on Mr. Eden in the Italian Press, and the obvious duplicity of the dictators. Notwithstanding this, Mr. Chamberlain made it clear that Mr. Eden's job at the Nyon conference was not to produce an agreement, but to prepare the way for friendly overtures to Mussolini and Hitler. Nyon did produce the anti-piracy agreement, and Italy had either to plead guilty to piracy, or join the other Powers in the Mediterranean patrol. Again Mussolini's tortuous policy secured a triumph for the British Foreign Secretary. But again Mr. Eden needed saving from his friends, for circumstances were beginning to combine against him so powerfully as to make a breach between himself and Mr. Chamberlain inevitable.

As long ago as October 28, the London News Review had this to say: Those who control party policy from behind the scenes are watching closely to make sure the zestful Foreign Secretary is not pushed by his Socialist and Liberal admirers into a position which can be des-
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cried as antagonistic to the Premier. During that month Mr. Eden spoke eloquently and passionately at Llandudno, in support of Anglo-French solidarity. The speech, though well-reported, aroused no marked degree of enthusiasm in the country; nor in the City of London, where the French Popular Front Government has never aroused much confidence. It was said at the time that the Entente was being exploited by the Leftists in the French Government for political purposes and, rightly or wrongly, financiers in the City considered that the Entente was becoming unpopular in England. At the beginning of November, we find the Opposition Press praising Mr. Eden and attacking the Cabinet of which he was a member. At the same time, gossip writers in London weeklies were hinting that all was not well between the Prime Minister and his Foreign Secretary, while the pro-German Observer was saying openly that no rapprochement between Britain and the dictator countries was possible while Eden was at the Foreign Office.

The crisis was averted for the time being by Mussolini's insolent demand for the return of Germany's former colonies, which was the virtual response to Mr. Chamberlain's first offer of friendship. Mr. Chamberlain was ill, and it fell to Mr. Eden to read the Prime Minister's answer, the strongest reply that Mussolini has ever had from Britain. One who was in the House of Commons at the time has described Mr. Eden's actions and his famous speech. The Foreign Secretary turned pale as he read the script of the Prime Minister's reply, three or four times, before he rapped out to a startled House: "I have noticed recently a tendency, an inclination, to issue orders from the house tops, proclaiming what is virtually an ultimatum and calling it peace. Such motives will never have any response here. Such orders will never be obeyed by the British public. We are not prepared to stand and deliver at anyone's command." After a pause, he declared in lower tones, "We offer co-operation, but we will accept dictation from none." Members leaped from their seats and cheered him. Fellow Ministers patted him on the back. Mrs. Eden smiled down on her husband from the Speaker's Gallery, and received an answering nod. Within a few hours the Foreign Secretary was on his way to the Nine-Power conference at Brussels and, incidentally, his Waterloo.

While he was in Brussels, Lord Halifax was sent to Berlin to offer a conciliation that was mistaken for surrender. Sir John Simon, Sir Samuel Hoare and Sir Kingsley Wood were directly responsible for sending Halifax to Germany, but the plain originated outside Parliament altogether. The original proposal came from the Marquis of Londonderry, the personal friend of von Ribbentropp and Goering. Londonderry flew to Berlin and saw Goering, who suggested Halifax as the best man to meet Hitler. Then Londonderry convened two important and highly confidential meetings at which certain City of London business men were present. It was agreed that the best way to get Hitler to drop his demand for colonies would be to offer him a free hand in Central and Eastern Europe. There are good grounds for believing that the City offered to finance the Government's next election campaign if an Anglo-German agreement were arranged. The first paper to reveal the proposed bargain was Lord Beaverbrook's Evening Standard, which obtained it from a German source. The story was corroborated by the Yorkshire Standard, a paper with which Mr. Eden has family connections on his wife's side. Eden got into telephonic communication with the Prime Minister from Brussels. He offered his resignation which was not accepted. When Halifax returned from Berlin, the German demands he presented to the British Government were so outrageous that Mr. Chamberlain dared not publish them.

The Halifax incident was a fiasco. By the end of 1937, Mr. Eden seemed stronger than ever. The Halifax incident, and the diatribes against the Foreign Secretary in the German and Italian Press, made the English electors rally to his banner. He knew also that the rate of British rearmament had outstripped the original schedule, and that in three months time Italy would be facing national bankruptcy. Then, in Mr. Eden's opinion, would be the time to make overtures of friendship. He lacked Mr. Chamberlain's faith in the ability of chronic treaty-breakers to keep their pledged word, nor did he read in the international skies any portent of a German or Italian desire for Britain's friendship. Mr. Chamberlain's new overture to Italy was, in Mr. Eden's eyes, both premature and dangerous. It was too much like what Disraeli once called a leap in the dark to offer any permanent hope either of appeasement or security. Hence his resignation.

It has been said that the difference between Mr. Eden and Mr. Chamberlain was the difference between youth and age. With that view, and its suggestion that youth and age are mutually antagonistic, that one is necessarily right and the other wrong, I cannot concur. To do so would be to ignore youth's capacity for education, and to deny the value of experience. I think our own Mr. Hughes was nearer the mark when he said Mr. Eden and Mr. Chamberlain were agreed in principle, but they differed as to methods. Fortunately their disagreement was a gentleman's disagreement. The inevitable parting was more in sorrow than in anger, and there was a refreshing absence of the recriminations that are usually associated with such breaches. The difference is certainly one of method, and a faulty method can stultify the soundest of principles. Marshal Foch once said: "The plan does not matter very much; it is the way it is carried out that counts." Mr. Eden's plan failed, not because it was unsound, but because the self-interest of other Powers prevented its being fully applied. Now that the shouting and the tumult has died, the Empire in common with the rest of the world is waiting, not without many misgivings, to see what will be the outcome of the application of Mr. Chamberlain's method. Already the issue seems unpromising and Mr. Chamberlain has been advised that no result would be preferable to a bad bargain. In the meantime, like one of Mr. Chamberlain's predecessors, we can only wait and see.

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Rabbi D. I. Freedman (chairman of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund committee) writes as follows:

In September last, we were all heartened by the reaffirmation that was given by congress to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund and by its unanimous adoption of the scheme presented by the State executive committee.

The third paragraph of that scheme provided that the basis of contribution from ex-service men in employment be 12s. per annum for a period of five years, to be paid either as a lump sum or in regular portions, and that for this purpose the receipt be by way of coupons which shall be issued by head office to sub-branches; such coupons to be to the value of 1s. each.

It is consequently encumbent on us all to realise that this system is a direction, not merely of a committee, but of congress itself.

Those who have given much time and thought to the subject have come to the considered opinion that this part of the scheme, if operated with zeal and enthusiasm, will contribute enormously to the success of the fund.

I appeal to all our sub-branches, whatever else they are doing to help the fund—and I know some of them are making splendid efforts in many directions—to at least give this system a fair trial. On a recent visit I paid to one of our sub-branches, the president informed me that his sub-branch had appointed five members to act as stewards. In such a spirit very much can be achieved.

The fund is beginning to acquire momentum, as is evidenced by its gratifying advance from £6,009, at which it stood in August last, to approximately £8,000 which it has reached to-day.

Who is there inside the League, or outside of it, who is not willing to do a little bit so that in the future our aged and burnt-out comrades shall have a little ease and comfort added to them in their declining years?

The League exists to serve. It has done so in innumerable ways in the past. In supporting the fund, we are rendering a service which is full of untold blessing.

LIST OF DONATIONS TO THE AGED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS' RELIEF FUND FROM 1/10/37 TO DATE

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The following is a list of stewards as reported to the State executive office:

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### Notes on Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund

Further stewards appointed: Kondinin, Mr. W. Hill; Narembeen, Mr. D. Power; Meckering-Cunderdin, Mr. D. K. Shaw; Wyalkatchem, Mr. J. Solosy; Upper Swan, Mr. F. J. Shearing; Gabbin, Mr. W. J. Gobbart; Yandanooka, Mr. J. W. Campbell; Norseman, Mr. R. N. Lattimore; Kirup, Mr. F. J. Goddard; Mount Helena, Mr. W. McGilvray; Northampton, Mr. F. Fraser; Narrogin, Mr. T. Hogg.

Reported to the last State executive meeting that the amount to the credit of the fund was over £7,600, and with the Poppy Day adjustments, this would mean that the fund had increased by about £2,000 since last June.

Some suggestions recently received included that of Calingiri sub-branch, that all black fleeces from sheep should be collected and sold for the benefit of the fund. Norseman sub-branch recently pointed out that £12/10/- donated at the latter end of December had not been included, in press notices. Mr. H. E. Hills, of Kukerin, recently paid £5 to the fund. “Just,” he said, “to make sure that Kukerin pulls its weight!”

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MEETING OF SUB-BRANCH PRESIDENTS & SECRETARIES

A very successful meeting of presidents and secretaries of sub-branches was held at Anzac House on Wednesday, March 2, to discuss League affairs generally with members of the State executive.

The executive was represented by the president, Colonel Collett, Rabbi Freedman and Messrs. Aberle, Watt, Anderson, Sten and Newman.

The following sub-branches were represented: Nedlands, Mt. Lawley, Carlisle, Victoria Park, Morawa, Wyalkatchem, Mundijong-Jarrahdale, Belmont, Kalgoorlie, West Leederville-Wembley, Melville, Subiaco, Kellerberrin, Fremantle, Claremont, North-East Fremantle, Perth, Mt. Hawthorn, North Perth, Gloucester Park, Mosman Park, Norwood, Midland Junction and Darling Range.

Apologies were received from Colonel Olden, of the executive, and from South Perth and Press sub-branches.

The State president welcomed the delegates, after which Colonel Collett gave information concerning the creation of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund and methods suggested of raising funds, the total amount to the credit of the fund and outlined what was suggested by the central committee.

Some few questions were asked and to arouse discussion the Rabbi compared the position of this fund with that of another organisation. There followed then some helpful suggestions.

Mr. Rice, of Wyalkatchem, suggested that there should be a monthly barometer display showing the progress of the fund and a monthly objective of, say, £1,000. He also thought that there should be a Certificate of Merit for the best sub-branch on a per capita basis. His colleague (Mr. Leslie, from Wyalkatchem) thought that other means in addition to coupons should be admitted, and that as it was a public responsibility, the public should be approached.

Interesting addresses were then given by Mr. Watt (pensions), Rabbi Freedman (membership) and Mr. Aberle (on the financial position of Anzac House).

Before the meeting closed, it was resolved, at the instance of Messrs. Smith, of West Leederville, and Williams, of

OUR ANZAC ISSUE

Contributions are invited for our special Anzac issue, which will be published about the middle of next month. By contributions we mean stories, articles, sketches, verse and paragraphs about any aspect of the war, though copy dealing with Gallipoli would be particularly welcome. As the paper must be out by April 20, we will be unable to deal with any matter arriving after April 8.

McINTOSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The McIntosh Memorial Scholarship was founded to perpetuate the memory of the late Lieutenant McIntosh, of the Australian Flying Corps, who, in company with Lieutenant Parer, was one of the pioneers in the flight from England to Australia. Lieutenant McIntosh was subsequently killed in a flying accident at Pithara in 1921. The administration of the Scholarship was entrusted to the committee of the Soldiers’ Children’s Scholarship Trust, and it was decided that the scholarship should be open to the dependents of all returned soldiers who enlisted in Western Australia, with preference to the dependents of deceased or incapacitated ex-soldiers. The value of the scholarship is £52 per annum, and provides for a course at the W.A. University, the tenure being for the duration of the particular course chosen.

Mr. Lawley, that the presidents and secretaries be called together at least quarterly.

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CORONATION SCHOLARSHIP

Won by Roy Claxton Jones

In honour of the Coronation of Their Majesties, the King and Queen, last year the Federal executive of the League decided to grant a scholarship in each State for competition amongst children of ex-service men or women who served in His Majesty’s Forces; such scholarship to be tenable at a university for four years and of an annual value of £30. Due publicity was given to the scholarship per medium of circulars from head office, paragraphs in newspapers and over the air.

A committee was appointed by this executive and included representatives of the Soldiers’ Children’s Scholarship Trust, the Legacy Club and the women’s auxiliary.

Twenty applications were received for the scholarship, twelve being from boys and eight from girls. The scholastic attainments of the candidates were of a very high order and indicated that the children of ex-service men and women had attained very high places in the leading State and secondary schools.

The committee met four times and exhaustively examined the particulars of the candidates as shown on the applica-
A GRATEFUL SETTLER

An interesting guest at the Manjimup reunion was Mr. A. Fontanini, a good settler of Italian birth. Mr. Fontanini has carved a veritable paradise out of virgin country, his property being the show place of the district. He and his sons built a splendid swimming baths near his home, where he usually allows the sub-branch to hold their annual picnic on Boxing Day. In replying to the toast of “Our Guests,” Mr. Fontanini with eloquence and a warmth of feeling referred to the wonderful district and the intelligent people, as he described them, who had done so much for him and his family. His words conveyed a great thankfulness that he had found a land where he and his family could live well and happily. As an instance of the considerate nature of the people, he said he would relate an experience of his own on last Boxing Day. As everyone knew, his pool and grounds were closed owing to the outbreak of Black Spot in his orchard. On Boxing Day he remained at home to prevent anyone entering the property, through ignorance or defiance of the regulations. He was depressed by the deserted air of the place on the day when usually it was peopled by a merry crowd of returned soldiers and their families. Even his dog had a sad expression as though it sensed something wrong. Mr. Fontanini sat on a lounge and picked up a newspaper to read, but “War in Spain,” “War in China” and troubles in many other countries caused him to throw the paper down with an exclamation of despair. He dozed awhile. By-and-bye, he aroused himself and went to look out over the pool. Not a soul in sight. Then his spirits rose as he realised that this wishes were respected, and that he was living among thoughtful people. “Where else in the world,” asked Mr. Fontanini, “would you find a people so kind, so law-abiding?” He concluded by expressing a wish that he and his family might live long in this country which was now his home.
Since Mr. Eden resigned, Britain's foreign policy seems to have gone to Halifax.

Although Mr. Eden has resigned, the Dictators are still leading Britain up the garden.

In view of the number of scraps that occurred during the visit of the Italian cruiser Raimondo Montecuccoli, most of which were provoked by the swaggering arrogance of the visitors, one finds it hard to realise that the cruiser was here on a good-will visit. One hates to think of what might have happened had our visitors come here in a spirit of unfriendliness.

At the same time, it would be as well to remember that the turbulent attitude of many of the visitors developed out of provocations received in the Eastern States. In Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, there were unnecessary demonstrations arranged by that mischief-making organisation of cranks, cold-footers and foreign agents, who call themselves the Council against War and Fascism, and who have been repudiated as communists by organised Labour in at least three States. Not only were there demonstrations, but the mischief-makers persisted individual seamen, until the Italian seamen hardly knew friend from foe.

In Perth, this month, Southern European immigrants complained about the dirt of an Italian liner. She must have been a hum-dinger.

A few years ago, one Egon Kisch, a cheeky communist of nondescript nationality, broke a leg while gate-crashing into Australia. Professors and other eminent nobodies, who make a practice of barging into every dog-fight, foamed at the mouth lest Australia's culture and liberties should suffer in some unspecified way through the exclusion of Herr Kisch, whom they described as "an author of international reputation," although hard-boiled book reviewers, some of whom can be captious and caustic in three languages, had never heard of him. The High Court, whose business it is to decide on points of law, declared that Gaelic wasn't a language and, generally speaking, our unwanted visitor got a blaze of publicity altogether beyond his merits. Kisch has now described his Australian experiences in a book which he calls appropriately "Australian Landfall"; so, at long last, we know the name of at least one book this author of international reputation has written.

The Austrian imbroglio seems to have been the climax of a struggle between Dr. Schuschnigg and Dr. Seyss-Inquart, while the President (Dr. Miklas) has been pushed into the background. Doctors notoriously disagree, but what's wrong with the Professors? Aren't they allowed to run everything in Austria?

"Hummer" writes: A pair. appeared in a recent daily afternoon paper, announcing the sensational fact that a man had been found with two hearts. This news is twenty-three years too late. There were many thousands of men in 1914-1918 with two hearts at odd moments. One was fluttering round somewhere between right and left ribs, the other either in the mouth, or down in one's boots. Ask any men of the A.I.F. if this is not so.

It is rather a pity that the "heads" of the Militia have tried to make the members of certain units look very like the members of that great old other "army," with their black peak caps and maroon bands. It takes a second glance to be reassured that one has not unwittingly entered a revivalist camp nowadays.

What other country in the world would permit the aeroplanes of a foreign nation to circle over the water works and defences as was witnessed the other day in Perth?

Councillor Beadle, a good member of the Press sub-branch, is to be congratulated on his gallant, but unsuccessful, effort to save the City Councillors from the well-merited ridicule that will meet its decision to name public places after persons who, however estimable they may be as City Councillors, mean little to the community, and far less to the Empire,

when one looks at these matters in perspective. Diggers naturally resent seeing the names of a distinguished general replaced in this manner. One cannot form a very high opinion of the intelligence of Councillor Higgins who characterised this resentment as jingoism. If Mr. Higgins is a fair sample of the mentality that directs our civic affairs, no wonder the member for Victoria Park has asked for a Royal Commission to enquire into certain aspects of the Council's administration. But apart from the particular grounds for the League's objection, why should streets and parks be named after relatively unimportant councillors? Are there not really great West Australians who could be honoured in this manner?

Most readers must have been interested in the report of the debate on migration, which took place at the end of a recent meeting of the State executive. Apparently, the Federal Government intends to hasten slowly in resuming the policy of assisted migration, but the result may be all the surer for that. A gratifying feature of the position is that the Federal Government's plans march in step with resolutions passed by successive State and Federal congresses. Another achievement on which the W.A. Branch of the League may congratulate itself is the establishment of a permanent R.A.A.F. squadron, and of a citizen force air squadron in Perth. The suggestion may have been mooted elsewhere beforehand, but no progress was made with the matter until the League devoted serious attention to it.

Within half a mile of Menin Gate is one of the most remarkable schools in the world. It is attended by 96 British children, sons and daughters of the gardeners who tend the graves of soldiers who fell in the war. The Imperial War Graves Commission makes an annual grant of £500 towards the cost of the maintenance of this school. There are also subscriptions from friends of the school, which amount to about £400 a year, and there is an income from investments of about £100 a year.

The American Legion is up against a problem which has not manifested itself in Australia. The widows and orphans of all other American Wars receive Government protection, but this privilege is not extended to widows and orphans of men whose deaths resulted from service.
in the Great War. According to an official of the American Legion, veterans of the Great War in the United States are dying at the rate of 103 a day and more than 600,000 of them have already departed this life.

The sub-branch meeting at Boyanup on February 23 was delayed for about an hour, through the late arrival of the president, E. P. (Joe) Eccleston. Joe, who is usually the most punctual of men, had been obliged to repel a raid on his orchard by some Nazi-minded persons who believed in taking what they wanted. These emulators of Hitler were two men and a woman, who arrived in a run-about truck with several empty boxes. They had commenced picking some of Joe's best stone fruit when the irate owner arrived on the scene... The raiders threw a bucket of good satsuma plums into the bush, and declared that they were neither stealing nor trespassing, and that Joe's organs of vision must be impaired. Joe then turned his attention to the motor truck, and asked where the number plates were. The "lydy" indignantly proclaimed that she was not like others who had number plates "fore an' arf" on their sedans. Number plates were luxuries she and her friends dispensed with. Joe retorted that he was merely testing his eyesight, which the men said was affected. Then the raiders left, without their picking bucket, but with all their cheek.

Not only has the membership drive helped sub-branches to lengthen their nominal rolls, it has caused some of them to widen their boundaries. A recent example was supplied by Mundaring and Districts, whose borders now include Parkerville and Darlington. At the beginning of the financial year, the sub-branch's membership was 25; it has now increased to 41.

Again attention is drawn to the fact that facilities are available at League headquarters to assist all ex-service men who are applying for pensions or increases in pensions. It is asked that those who desire assistance should immediately inform that office, either through their sub-branch secretary, or direct, when they get their first refusal from the department. Advice will then be tendered by the League in connection with the subsequent appeal or appeals.
Medical Services Unit Assn.

The quarterly general meeting will be held in the Board room, Anzac House, on Thursday, March 17, at 8 p.m., when arrangements for the annual smoke social will be gone into. Many of those attending the all-Australian reunion of the A.M.C., to be held at Adelaide next Anzac Day, will be present. Reports to hand from the Adelaide A.M.C. are very interesting and indicate a good representative muster on the parade, whilst an excellently arranged social is provided for, which will afford an opportunity of joining in the old memories of comradeship such as only the ex-service man fully appreciates. As this is probably an unique achievement of any corps of the A.I.F., it is stressed that those who may be able to attend do so, and forward names along with unit particulars to the secretary, H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth Street, North Perth. Any enquiries can be made by letter or phoning B8394.

16th Battalion Association

Members of the 16th Battalion in particular, and of the A.I.F. generally, will no doubt be interested to know that the ceremony of handing over the colours to the 16th Battalion (Cameron Highlanders of W.A.) will take place on a date to be announced soon.

Colonel Margolin (president of the 16th Battalion Association) conceived the idea of presenting the young Battalion with a cup, to be competed for by the platoons, with the view of fostering the old Battalion spirit and tradition. At a meeting of the committee the idea was endorsed, and now the cup is nearing completion.

Mounted on a base of blackwood, it is 18 inches high and 14 inches wide, and contains about 30 ozs. of silver. The bowl is surmounted by a silver replica of Pope's Hill, depicting soldiers on the firing step and the famous machine gun section of the 16th with their gun in position. On the front of the bowl is placed a facsimile of the King's Colours and the battle honours of the 16th Battalion on scrolls set in relief; whilst on the opposite side is a shield suitably inscribed, commemorating the memories of those who made the supreme sacrifice and Colonel Pope, the original commander of the 16th Battalion. This is surmounted by a Rising Sun, the emblem of the A.I.F. Guarding the stem of the bowl is the magnificent figure of a bomber in readiness to throw a Mills bomb, whilst at the base of the cup is placed the regimental badge of the 16th Battalion (Cameron Highlanders of W.A.), surrounded by silver oak leaves on which the name of the winning platoon will be inscribed. On completion, the cup will be photographed for publication.

War Pensions Deduction from Service and Old Age Pensions

With reference to the resolution which reads—

That congress again urges that ex-service men who are in receipt of war pensions should not have same decreased from service, old age and invalid pensions.

the Minister for Repatriation has forwarded the following reply:

I would advise that under the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act the definition of "income" includes any moneys derived or received by any person for his own use or benefit by any means from any source whatever (subject to certain exceptions), and a similar provision is contained in the Invalid and Old Age Pensions Act. For Service Pension purposes, the applicant's circumstances, i.e., income and property, are taken into consideration and in social legislation of this nature such procedure is regarded as fair and equitable, and in the circumstances the Government is unable to adopt the suggestion made in the resolution.

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In order to avoid any possible misunderstanding, I would point out that war pensions are not actually deducted from service pensions, but merely taken into account in assessing the income of the applicant. For instance, it is possible for a man and his wife to receive up to £3/2/- per fortnight war pension between them, and, provided they have no other income, suffer no deduction of the amount of service pension payable.

With regard to Old Age and Invalid Pensions, the granting of such pensions does not come within the province of the Repatriation Commission, and you will, no doubt, refer the resolution which also relates to deductions from Old Age and Invalid Pensions to the Hon. Commonwealth Treasurer, indicating that you have received a reply regarding that portion of the resolution which deals with service pensions.

Service Pensions: Widows of Invalid Pensioners

Referring to the resolution which reads—

That as there are invalid pensioners who have been too ill to take the necessary thought or action to have their invalid pensions replaced by service pensions, the Commonwealth Government be asked for the protection of such men to amend the Repatriation Act so that upon an invalid pensioner who is a returned soldier dying his widow shall be eligible for a service pension as if her husband had been in receipt of a service pension at the time of his death.

the Minister for Repatriation advises:—

The suggestion to amend the Act in the direction indicated cannot be entertained.

I would remind you that Australia is the only country which continues the payment of service pension to widows and children after the death of the soldier pensioner, and it is not proposed to widen this liberal provision in the direction suggested.

As you are aware, the Repatriation Commission has already generously interpreted the Act by treating as an application within the meaning of the Act any application lodged by the ex-soldier or by anyone else on his behalf. In other words, the way is already open for the wives or other representatives of the seriously ill invalid pensioner to lodge a service pension application during his lifetime.

Military Pensions

With reference to the resolution which reads—

That in the opinion of this congress the time has arrived when all military pensions now in force should be made permanent and that pensioners be not compelled to appear periodically for examination and review of pensions, except at the request of the pensioner, when in his opinion, owing to increased disability, he is entitled to an increased pension and that representations be made to the Federal Government accordingly.

the Minister for Repatriation states:—

The Repatriation Commission has had this matter under consideration for some time, and has now issued the necessary instructions to branch offices, which should have the effect of reducing examinations to a minimum and stabilising a large proportion of war pensions now in force.
Mr. Lawley's fishing king, Dick Annear, reports a very fine week-end sport recently. Dinkum, it was really two feet long and five inches from tummy to backbone. Our sympathy is to the unfortunate flathead which was so accidently snagged while Dick was asleep.

There have been no other reports from various Mr. Lawley fishing parties which it is understood were on the job.

Another fishing member (his good wife fishes while he sleeps) looks the picture of health after a few weeks sunbathing (in regulation dress).

Ted thoroughly enjoys the tailor and parrot fish Mrs. Aylett so plentifully

Mr. A. W. Muller, of Nadda, South Australia, is anxious to locate Lance Corporal (Wonga) Wallace, of the 21st Machine Gun Coy. Wonga Wallace's testimony is required in connection with a pension claim.

It is with sincere regret we have to report the passing of Caleb Boyes, who answered the last roll call on February 26. The late Mr. C. S. Boyes went away with the 16th Battalion, and after serving on Gallipoli, France and Egypt, was invalided home in September, 1917. He was a staunch member of the R.S.L., being a foundation member of the old Darling Range sub-branch, whose headquarters were then at Mundaring. At the time of his last fatal illness, he was a vice-president of the Mt. Helena sub-branch. His services will be greatly missed in local ex-service circles, particularly regarding his poster writing for the local women's auxiliary, which were real works of art. The funeral took place at the Mundaring Cemetery on February 28, the Mundaring and Mt. Helena sub-branches providing pall-bearers. The sympathy of all is extended to his sorrowing sister.

On March 2, members of the Pithara sub-branch and residents of the district combined in tendering a farewell evening and presentations to Mr. James D. McConnell. The Diggers' gift, an inscribed fountain pen, was handed to him by the president of the sub-branch (Mr. E. T. Roberts). Mr. McConnell is a veteran of the South African War, as well as of the Great War. He has left the Pithara district, where he resided for twenty-eight years, for the Eastern States taking with him the best wishes of the sub-branch, of which he remains a member for 1938.

Big Stan Dewar, of South Perth, who soldiered abroad with the 11th Battalion, has been turfed out of his inside job and police quarters, on to the hard unsympathetic streets. Candidly, we are not a bit sorry for him, because three chevrons now adorn the arm he chanced so often when he was in the A.I.F. Congratulations, Sergeant Dewar.

Jack Parker, of Welshpool, recently had the misfortune to have his home burnt, losing all his possessions. Jack has a wife and large family and his position would have been very precarious had not the Victoria Park sub-branch, of which he is a member, immediately rushed to his assistance in true League style. The family were fitted up with new clothes and a building fund commenced. To assist it, there will be a carnival dance at the Welshpool Hall on March 25. Tickets are only 1/-.

One of the most energetic workers in the League is Jock Mackenzie, the president of the Manjimup sub-branch. Jock is a massive Scot and served at the war with the Cameron Highlanders. Jock said that his work for the League is as a tribute to one of the best men of the A.I.F., the late Cliff Gillett, Bunbury president and the League's first country vice-president. Jock worked under Cliff at Bunbury, where he learnt to admire the character methods and intense sincerity of his 'employer'. Now when Jock has a problem he decides in his mind how Cliff would have attacked it, before his own action. Jock's sub-branch at Manjimup is one of the best in the State, and a credit to all concerned.

Harold Pendergrast, who was in the Navy during the war, met with a bad accident in 1926, leaving him incapacitated ever since. His good wife with five young children to support has now decided to go into business and has taken over the Crystal Court Tea and Dining Rooms at the corner of William Street and Mount's Bay Road. Mrs. Pendergrast has been a good League helper, being a member of the South Perth auxiliary and for several years a member of the State executive, women's auxiliary, and a constant visitor to Repatriation institutions. We suggest that Diggers might endeavour to repay her kindness by making purchases from her in her time of need.
called to higher service on February 15. He went away with the 28th, his regimental number being 23. After the war, he returned to Collie, where he resided until his death. Algy was a well-known identity in Collie and the surrounding districts. He and his dog "Digger" were always to the fore when anything had to be done for the League. "Digger" had a repertoire of tricks that Algy had taught him, and whenever any sub-branch show needed a need of publicity, "Digger" in his coat would provide a valuable advertising turn. Algy was also well-known as a State lottery ticket seller, and an inexhaustible fund of reminiscences greatly helped sales. Although he had been in indifferent health for some considerable time, he was a regular and welcome attendant at sub-branch meetings. The sub-branch provided pall-bearers at the funeral, which was well attended by members of the League and the general public.

Victoria Park sub-branch lost a good member in Charles West, who passed on early in the month after much suffering. Despite his long periods of sickness, Charlie West spent all his available time growing beautiful flowers which he took twice weekly to Ward XI. Thus he helped to brighten the lives of many fellow Diggers. It was truly a noble work, carried out with patient fortitude and unfailing humour. He will be greatly missed.

We have been advised that Tom Pennell, a very staunch member of the Mundijong-Jarrahdale sub-branch, of which he is a great social worker, has been on the sick list, in the Lucknow Hospital, Claremont. Tom served with the Royal Garrison Artillery in India. We join with the members of the sub-branch in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Claremont reports the death of "Dad" Barwood, the foundation treasurer of the reconstructed sub-branch, and one of the State's senior veterans. The late Mr. Barwood served with the Black Watch in Garnet Wolseley's campaign against Arabi Pasna, and knew such places as Cairo and Tel-el-Kebir before many Diggers were born. Not only was he an energetic and conscientious member of the sub-branch, but he took a great interest in the Claremont Sons of Soldiers. He was a genial soul, whose perpetual good humour and kindly ways will be greatly missed.

LEAGUE RALLY

Arrangements are now complete for the rally to be held at Anzac House ballroom on Wednesday, March 30. Unfortunately, Senator Poll, Minister for Repatriation, has been obliged to cancel his arrangements to visit us, but Wing-Commander R. J. Brownell, M.C., M.M., the new Commander of the Air Force in W.A., has accepted an invitation to address the gathering. Short addresses will be given by the chairmen of the various executive sub-committees and a bright and entertaining programme is being provided by the Australian Broadcasting Commission. The programme from 8 p.m. to 8.30 will be broadcast by 6WF. The usual "bob in" will be collected and refreshments provided after the meeting. A packed house is anticipated.

WESTRALIAN CAVALRY

IN THE WAR

We regret that, owing to pressure on our news columns, that it has been necessary to omit an instalment of Colonel Olden's splendid story this issue. It will be in its usual place in our Anzac issue.

Establishment of Home for Slightly Mental Patients

With reference to the resolution which reads—

That the Repatriation Commission be urged to establish a home on the lines of Millbrook Rise, Tasmania, for the housing of men whose mental condition is not severe enough to warrant admittance to an existing mental institution, but who need treatment or rest for their mental or nervous state.

the following letter has been received from the Minister for Repatriation:

I have made enquiries and find that the Repatriation Commission would not be justified in erecting similar institutions in other States, as adequate treatment is already provided at Repatriation general hospitals. In addition, I am advised that in the best interests of the type of pensioner mentioned in the resolution it is much to be preferred that he receive treatment in a general institution rather than that he be segregated for such treatment in an institution in which he would meet and mix with only those classes of patients suffering from disabilities similar in nature to those for which he is pensioned.

So far as Tasmania is concerned, the Repatriation Commission has previously agreed that appropriate cases may be treated at Millbrook Rise, where the Deputy Commissioner considers that such treatment is advisable. This decision was arrived at mainly because the institution was existing and the Commission was anxious to support it, particularly in view of the circumstances associated with its establishment, and with the hope that some benefit would result in the way of improved health to those returned men who were considered suitable cases for the experiment.
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TENTH LIGHT HORSE SPORTS

BY "HUMMY"

Sunday, March 6, was a gala day at Claremont for Light Horsemen "Old" and "Young." Shortly after two o'clock the crowds started to fill the seating in the grandstand and area, and promptly at 2.30 the first event was run off. Every event was keenly watched by the men present and still more keenly criticised, but fault-finding was rare. Captain Shilling kept the crowd amused during the afternoon by his witty remarks over the microphone.

The trophy for the best turned out Light Horseman was won by Sergt. Pitman, of Waroona; Corporal Cameron, of Guildford, and Trooper Boyle, of York, dead-heat for second place. The ring, dummy and peg was won by Corporal Withnell, of Northam, S.S.M. McDougall, of Narrogin, second, and Trooper Cooper, of Harvey, third.

V.C. Race was won by Lance-Corporal McDougall (Narrogin), Trooper Treasure (Guildford), second, and Trooper Day (Harvey) third.

Section jumping (a very fine display): Waroona, Harvey and York, in that order.

Rescue race (two or three of the rescued (?) casualties had good spills when their rescuers dropped them): Harvey, Toodyay and Narrogin, in that order.

Section tent pegging. (One entrant missed everything and made a headlong rush towards the stand. The announcer advised everybody that he was attempting to spear the grandstand and to give him a fair go.) Narrogin, Guildford, Toodyay.

The assault course. Trooper Baker (Harvey), S.S.M. McDougall (Narrogin), Trooper Richardson (Cunderdin).

Vickers gun competition. A very well executed event. The winners had only had their gun three months, and deserve credit for their effort. Guildford 1st, Kelmscott 2nd. No time was announced.


Led horse race. The announcer advised that there were plenty of spare horses waiting about. Narrogin 1st, York and Harvey dead-heat 2nd.

During the course of the afternoon, President Roy Perry, by kind favour of Captain Shilling, on behalf of the Tenth Light Horse Association, A.I.F., members, congratulated Col. Arthur Sweetapple and his officers and men on their work, and the great improvement shown since last year. Previously to that, Col. Sweetapple spoke to the attendance and announced the names of "Old" hands he had come in contact with that afternoon. After the last event, Brigadier P. M. McFarlane presented the trophies to the successful competitors.

Personalities at the Sports

Padre Tom Riley, full of pep, evidenced a spare M.C. or Sergeant-Major or something, assisting in the ring. It came as a great shock to hear that Tommy had slipped badly a day or two previously; but in this case he could not help it, his horse did a Gaby Glide on its haunches going down William Street to the "nard" for His Ex's inspection.

Jack Ryder, looking very well, came into contact with the trooper who tied his (Jack's) "meat ticket" on to his horse's tail many years ago.

Arthur Olden, quite juvenile looking, busy bustling round talking to everybody. Jim Lyall, hale, hearty and strong as ever.

George Rosevar, a very critical onlooker, as also Jim Everington, No. 1 on the regimental roll.

Noel Brazier looks well. His appearance evoked a story of the early days from Jim Everington (but that would be telling).

Sam Grimwood is again looking well after his long illness.

Ned Kennedy, Jack Durack, "Friday" Richards, Jim Colpitts, Phil Allen, Lawrence Timperley, Basil Craig, Charlie Henning, Art Lee, Jim O'Meara, "Snowy" Hitchen, Sweetman, President Roy Perry and Secretary Dick Hummerston (of the Association) and many others "whose faces ne'er shall be forgot," but names they are so elusive.

Others noted strolling around: Warrant Officer Thackrah, of Northam. He saw the stoush on the Peninsula until an angry Jacko threw a shell at his 8th Battery, scooped the pool and sent the Bombardier (as he was then) home; but could not keep him out of the Army. A trifle of thirty-two years' voluntary service was ended with the W.O.'s retirement two years ago.

Mr. E. Lee Steere, who was responsible for the purchase of a lot of the original horses; Lieutenant Fraser, once L.H., but now of the 16th Battalion "Skirts" (pardon, I mean Scots).

Warren Marwick, of York, was there to urge his lads on; also Tommy Boyle.

Major Murray-Jones was keeping a good lookout among the horses. The country centres were heavily represented by big carloads which had arrived in the morning. Altogether it was a grand day.

Sergeant's Mess Dinner

The non-commissioned officers of the Regiment from W.O.'s to sergeants held their annual dinner in one of the luncheon halls and had as their guests Dick Hummerston (secretary of the Association) and representatives from every unit in the C.M.F., including no fewer than six members of the coronation contingent. The dinner was in the capable hands of one of the original cooks of the old Regiment. Sergeant Major Bradford presided, and after the Loyal toast was honoured, proposed that of the visitors. This was responded to by Corporal Masters on behalf of the coronation contingent members, and the story of his experiences while overseas caused hearty merriment (it will be the subject of another item later). Dick Hummerston then replied on behalf of the members of the Association and assured the members of the "Young Tenth" that the Association had the welfare of the Regiment very much at heart and were highly gratified at the manner in which the lads were backing up the efforts of their Colonel, Arthur Sweetapple, and his officers to make the regiment second to none in Australia. Mr. Harry Ward enlivened proceedings with musical and vocal items, and towards the close the mess was visited by Lieut.-Colonel Olden, C.O. of the "Old" Regiment, Lieut.-Colonel Dunkley, Lieut.-Colonel Fraser and Colonel Sweetapple. Roy Perry, as president of the Association, spent some time earlier in the evening with the mess, and conveyed some very heartening information to his hearers. All the visitors spoke a few words to the gathering, which was heartily appreciated.

The attendant of a Perth weighing machine says that our local women are underweight. Presumably because they throw their weight about so much.

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Transport will be by motor launch leaving Barrack Street Jetty at 9.30 and 10.30 a.m.; Claremont Jetty at 10.15 a.m. and Mosman’s Bay at 10.30 a.m.

All children attending will receive ginger beer, ice creams, lollies, etc., and adults will be supplied with hot water all day free of charge.

Tickets, adults 1/6, children 6d, are obtainable from secretaries of S.S.L. sub-branches or the League office, Anzac House.

It is desired to get in touch with J. J. Traverse, M.M., late of the Z.14 Trench Mortar Battery, British Expeditionary Force. Evidence is required from Mr. Traverse to assist in the pension claim of H. Penton. Would anyone knowing his present address please communicate with the State secretary, R.S.L., Anzac House, Perth.

The United auxiliary picnic this year was held on Wednesday, March 2. About 300 members and their friends were conveyed to Garden Island on the “Emerald,” the calm, sunny morning having enticed the hesitant ones to join in the party. The auxiliaries around Fremantle awaited the “Emerald” at the harbour. A delightful trip was made to the island, although the sky was overcast and a fresh breeze blowing. After lunch some went sight-seeing while others took part in the races; a number were also seen disputing themselves in the water. Three o’clock came all too soon, when all re-embarked for Perth. The three-hours boat trip each gave members ample time and opportunity to converse with friends from the other auxiliaries. Mrs. Williams, of Subiaco, kindly played for community singing and dancing (somewhat precocious around Gage Road). The trip was organised by the State executive and the appreciative remarks have been made upon the delightful outing, some expressing the hope that it may not be our only auxiliary picnic to Garden Island. Members are reminded that the next auxiliary social takes place in Anzac House ballroom on Wednesday evening, April 6. Admission is as usual, but membership cards must be shown. Would country members make the journey if the seats are known to executive members? Subiaco auxiliary is hard at practice on a most entertaining programme. It may be remembered that it was passed at conference, 1937, that Empire Shopping Week be concluded with a fancy dress ball, arranged by the State executive, all metropolitan auxiliaries to send sets, the profits to go to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Trust Fund.” In view of this, Anzac House has been booked for Wednesday evening, May 27. Further particulars will be given in next issue, but it is hoped that auxiliaries are already planning their patriotic and poster sets.

44TH BATTALION AUXILIARY

Activities since the New Year have included hospital visiting and the monthly concerts at Lemnos. The auxiliary is grateful to the performers who gave their services on these occasions. We regret to report that the secretary (Mrs. Bishop) has been in hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery. Two members, Mesdames Gregor and Johnson, have been enjoying a holiday in New Zealand. Meetings to which all are welcome are held at 8 p.m. on alternate Wednesdays at Anzac House.

CARLISLE

Arrangements for the annual picnic to South Beach were finalised at the meeting on February 14. The hospital visitors (Mesdames Farcy and Marshall) report a busy month. They are usually accompanied by the president (Mrs. Gilsenan). A committee meeting to deal with social matters was held on February 28. The next general meeting has been called for April 11.

AUXILIARY OUTFINGS

The patients from Lemnos and Edward Millen Hospitals were taken for an outing recently to Coogee, thence via Cannings to Keough’s Hall, where high tea was served. Mrs. J. McKinlay, on behalf of Merredin R.S.L., women’s auxiliary, who had provided the tea, welcomed the guests and regret was expressed at the absence of Merredin’s member, Mrs. Haines, through illness. Mrs. H. Hopperton and Mrs. G. W. Randall thanked the hostess and the car drivers. Mr. McKeever spoke on behalf of Lemnos. Musical items were given by Messrs. George Scott, Purdy and Bill Bates. The following are thanking the patients: Messrs. G. Randall, Lidbury, Bennett, J. N. Williams, and others.

The next united auxiliary social will be held in Anzac House at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6. Subiaco auxiliary is arranging the musical programme while members visiting Perth from country auxiliaries are particularly welcome. The executive would be very pleased if country members would make a point of attending any of these united auxiliary socials whilst visiting Perth.

SOUTH PERTH

Auxiliary members found great pleasure in helping at the Zoo during the three nights of Cairo City. Visits to Ward XI and to Heathcote continue. The concert party is preparing new songs for the next visit to Heathcote. The conductor (Mr. Wilkins) says that the Marcus Show will have nothing on the concert party, when he has finished with them. We had the honoured presence of entertainers from Lemnos and Edward Millen Home on Sunday, February 27. The guests were met at Peppermint Grove and cigarettes and cool drinks were distributed. The guests were then taken to the lesser hall and about 80 guests sat down to high tea. Mrs. McKinlay (State president) was able to be with us and warmly welcomed by Mr. G. Timmel (sub-branch president) and Mrs. K. Haines (auxiliary president). A very kind gesture on the part of the “boys” in presenting the auxiliary with two robbed cake baskets was much appreciated by members. Mr. Timmel made the presentation and Mrs. Haines very ably responded on behalf of the auxiliary. Mrs. K. Hoppers (State secretary) thanked the hostesses and Mrs. Randall the car drivers. Mr. Foster (Edward Millen) and Mr. M. Kessovor (Lemnos) expressed their thanks. A delightful programme, supplied by Mrs. Hopperston, was thoroughly enjoyed, the following artists contributing: Mrs. and Mr. McLeod, Misses L. Somers, Ellen Weeks, Joyce Godan, Misses L. Short, Misses N. D. Hines, Misses A. Bates and G. Scott, Mrs. Hobart, our new secretary, being the accompanists. The cars for the outing were supplied by Messrs. Purdy, Elliott, Crouch, Bates, Randall, Bennett, Merrett, Christmas, Langley, Williams, Nixon, Peacock and Medema Newton and Johnson.

WEST LEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

The February meeting was well attended and proved to be of unusual length, owing to accumulation of business during recess. We were very sorry to receive Mrs. H. E. Smith’s resignation as our treasurer and experienced difficulty in replacing her until Mrs. Paul Barrett came to our rescue. Members are looking forward to McKinlay Shield competitions, and arrangements were finalised at this meeting. We had the honour of entertaining men from Lemnos and Edward Millen Home on Sunday, February 27. The events were met at Peppermint Grove and cigarettes and cool drinks were distributed. The guests were then taken to the lesser hall and about 80 guests sat down to high tea. Mrs. McKinlay (State president) was able to be with us and warmly welcomed by Mr. G. Timmel (sub-branch president) and Mrs. K. Haines (auxiliary president). A very kind gesture on the part of the “boys” in presenting the auxiliary with two robbed cake baskets was much appreciated by members. Mr. Timmel made the presentation and Mrs. Haines very ably responded on behalf of the auxiliary. Mrs. K. Hoppers (State secretary) thanked the hostesses and Mrs. Randall the car drivers. Mr. Foster (Edward Millen) and Mr. M. Kessovor (Lemnos) expressed their thanks. A delightful programme, supplied by Mrs. Hopperston, was thoroughly enjoyed, the following artists contributing: Mrs. and Mr. McLeod, Misses L. Somers, Ellen Weeks, Joyce Godan, Misses L. Short, Misses A. Bates and G. Scott, Mrs. Hobart, our new secretary, being the accompanists. The cars for the outing were supplied by Messrs. Purdy, Elliott, Crouch, Bates, Randall, Bennett, Merrett, Christmas, Langley, Williams, Nixon, Peacock and Medema Newton and Johnson.

ALBANY

Among the visitors at the smoke social on January 29 were Messrs. J. Thomson, M.L.C., C. H. Wittenoom, M.L.C., L. L. Hill, M.L.A., and W. J. Day. Musical and other items were contributed by Messrs. E. Evans, G. Timmel, L. R. Field, M. Paul, T. Parke, and many others. The toast of the Navy, Army and Air Force was proposed by Mr. A. Thomson and responded to by representatives of each service. The surprise toast, that of “O.C. Gardens (Mr. J. Page)” was given by Mr. W. J. Day, who is a holder of the League’s Certificate of Merit. Congratulations are due to the committee and lady helpers for the success of the evening. At the monthly meeting on February 1, it was resolved that the sub-branch support the scheme now in operation for augmenting the aged soldiers and soldiers’ fund. It was also agreed that the sub-branch’s representative on the State executive (Mr. J. Anderson) was furnished with details of a special test case being submitted on behalf of burnt-out ex-imperial. The next smoke social will be held at Easter time. It was unanimously agreed that the sum of £10 be donated from the “Wizbang” funds to the aged soldiers’ and soldiers’ fund, and that a similar donation be made from the Poppy Day funds. Mr. Chippie (vice-president of the Nannup sub-branch), who was present, was suitably welcomed.

GERALDTON

One of our most enjoyable outings for a long time was an invitation match with the bowling club on their green. About 30 S.I.S. members turned up, and although soundly trounced, the defeat was softened by the good time we had. Mr. Cliff (North Perth sub-branch) and W. M. Reid (Perth sub-branch) were frequent visitors to the billiards room at Birdwood House during the month, but their skill at snooker went unrecognised when playing the local champions. Arrangements are well in hand for the annual bazaar on March 25. Many new novelties are promised, and everything points to a huge success. Charity ticket sales have been excellent this month. We were fortunate enough to get four prizes in the books sold. The euchre and bridge evenings are well patronised, but we still would like to see more Diggers turn up to them.

SUBLICO

Subiaco: Sunday, March 27, this month—don’t say we didn’t let you know—the annual picnic. Starts at 10 a.m. from Subiaco at the Quay branch rooms. If you haven’t notified the sub-branch secretary, let him know now. Those who attended or heard of the last picnic will want to be there. At the monthly general meeting on March 3, we observed strict inside parades. In those days—who cares about that? Bridge evenings are on the up and up. Future evenings: March 26 (slogan: with a packet for the picnic), April 9 and 23.

CARLISLE

The March meeting was well attended by members, new members and visitors from Victoria Park, Cannington, etc., the usual cordial welcome being extended by the president (Mr. Harold Crofts). Interesting reports were made by the president and secretary (Mr. Geo. Greaves) on the meeting at Anzac House, and a letter was read from Rabbi Freedman to say that he would visit Carlisle at the monthly meeting on April 7. It is hoped that everybody will turn up and
give the Rabbi a real Carlisle reception. Dr. Tommy Meagher has accepted an invitation to lecture that night on his recent tour of the French and Belgian battlefields, so, taking things by and large, it looks like being an interesting and instructive evening. Anyway, come along, and bring an ex-service man friend with you. Arrangements for the sub-branch annual picnic in conjunction with the women's auxiliary were reported upon, and South Beach will be the venue on March 20 for this popular event. A communication from our women's secretary (Mrs. Lilian Crofts) announced the formation of a social committee with Mrs. Joe Monkhouse as convener, and asked for the services of a few men to assist the ladies in presenting 100 per cent. entertainment. We trust this appeal will meet with a ready response. It was with very deep concern that members heard that our old friend, Bill Colley, has been under the M.O., and look forward to his speedy return to health.

Pemberton

Fourteen members and a visitor attended the monthly meeting. The president (Mr. Birks) spoke of the visit of Colonel Collett and Mr. E. S. Watt last month. During the talk, the matter of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund was explained in a new light. Discussion of correspondence was mainly about Anzac Day. It was decided to hold the service in the mill hall at 7 p.m. A suggestion by Mr. E. A. Smith (schoolmaster) that the children should be paraded and march to the Honour Board and lay a wreath there, was commended. The financial statement showed a steady improvement and membership is now 27. The good wishes of the Manjimup sub-branch were conveyed by Mr. E. A. Smith, who with Messrs. Todd and Barker attended the reunion there last month. Mr. H. P. Sheehan was appointed, when he volunteered, to attend to the social side of the meetings.

Mt. Lawley-Inglewood

At the monthly general meeting on March 3, five new members were enrolled. Members were greatly surprised and concerned to know that our popular social secretary (Bill Newick) had resigned from the job. His place was filled by the unanimous election of Harry Street, who took up duty immediately.

Games secretary McKenna reported on the games aspect of the activities, and Skipper Lyons of the quots warned intending players that practice would be every Wednesday night, except the 30th, when about thirty men would hold the amelioration fund function in Anzac House. Other members are reminded to fall-in in front of Anzac House at 7.30 p.m., as it is desired to make up a good contingent. Arrangements for Anzac Day services were the same as for last year, except that the main parade would be held on the Esplanade at 10.45 a.m. instead of the afternoon. Our own ceremony would take place as usual at the Memorial and further advice will be given later on.

Bridgetown

The secretary's (Mr. R. Witford) annual report read to the members at the opening of the sub-branch is pulling its weight in the League team. Anzac celebrations were largely attended Paddy's markets held in 1936 and 1937 made over £50, fully discharging the debt on their building. Fortnightly dances were conducted, benefiting the amelioration fund. The three hundred and fifty-two poppies were sold on Poppy Day. Membership had increased from 49 to 53. The financial position is sound, total assets being £705. Ten pounds was donated to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund, and much more is promised this year. Well done, Bridgetown, a good yearly work.

Freemantle

(By "Nautilus")

At the general meeting on February 17, the business was expedited to prepare the stage for a pleasing ceremony, that of doing honours to the Rev. E. H. O. Nye, a very respected ex-member of our sub-branch, and Mr. Wm. Watson, a dear old friend and patron, whose pictures, presented by Digger Frank Peterson, are now prominent. There were present by invitation the acting mayor (Cr. Jas. Stevens) and Messrs. J. Cooke, R. Carter, the Rev. W. E. Freeman and Mr. Wm. Watson. The president (Mr. J. Lynch) welcomed the guests and in responding, the acting mayor said that during the last few years, he had been closely associated with the League, which was responded to with prolonged applause, unveiled the portraits and presented them to Mr. Watson, who was received with prolonged applause, unveiled the portraits and presented them to the sub-branch. I would rather see my picture hanging on your walls than on those of Buckingham Palace," Mr. Watson said in his opening remarks, and commented on the beautiful preservation of the war cemeteries where he visited the grave of his son who paid the supreme sacrifice. He punctuated his remarks with descriptions of humorous incidents that had occurred and promised to give further particulars of his travels at a subsequent meeting, when he would bring Mrs. Watson to see the pictures. The Rev. W. E. Freeman responded on behalf of Padre Nye, in his usual capable way. Mr. Dick Carter replied for the Council. Mr. John Corke spoke of his association with returned men since the years of the war, and his experiences on the Soldiers' Institute committee. A dignitary supper was served and was greatly appreciated. Expressions of sympathy were passed to the illness of Cr. E. Davies, a member of the sub-branch, and all hope for his speedy recovery.

Moora

The annual cricket match against the rifle club was played on the oval and the usual friendly spirit prevailed throughout a most enjoyable day. The interest shown by its increasing popularity, this sporting event seems likely to continue until the last of the Diggers, like the ten little nigger boys, are defunct. Unless in the meantime, of course, Benito and his pals run amok. Taking first prize, the rifle club scored 202 against an attack weakened by the absence of Big Leishman, the "Barberton Express," and Joe Lanigan, the New Norcia celebrity. Incidentally, 76 of the runs were contributed by old soldiers Ted Byrne and Jack Joyce. The double in which facing the formidable total with customary fortitude, and without succumbing, the veterans, mixing Swan hops with long hops, were soon back in the congenial atmosphere of the pavilion with just over the century on the board. Jack Symonds topped with a slashing 33; others likewise fortunate enough to cheaply reach the right ball were Hoar, Young, A. Lanigan and Skipper Kuhl. A wonderful day, with the beer all that could be desired, and the Big Three (Usser, Ferguson and Reeve) as genial and generous as ever behind the bar. It is a great day to be able to report that "Sonnie" Prior (10th Light Horse and one of the best) is well on the road to recovery after his critical illness. Messrs. Thom and Dave Benson recently honoured the sub-branch with a visit. A pleasant and illuminating evening was the result.

Manjimup

At the reunion held last month, President Jack Mackenzie presided over a record attendance of over 120. Colonel Collett and Mr. E. S. Watt represented the State executive. The women's auxiliary prepared the dinner and later their health was drunk with rousing honours. The president announced that the membership was then 137 and that his objective was 150 before Anzac Day. Major Fred Combs proposed the toast of the State executive, which was responded to by the executive representatives. "Our Town and District" was proposed by Mr. Wally Wilson, and in his response Mr. R. G. Lock, the chairman of the road board, spoke of the respect in which the League was held by all sections of the community. As he said, the public were mindful of the credit due to the older men who opened up the district, while the building up of the town was due largely to the settlers who came after the war. To show the size and importance of Manjimup Road Board he mentioned that the district covered 2,840 square miles and contained a population of 7,700. It was now the State's largest road board in respect of revenue and population. Responding to the same toast, Mr. W. Johnston related some of the early history of the town of Manjimup, in which he and his partner (Mr. G. S. Giblett) bought the first town lot in 1910. He went on to say that when the war broke out there were between 500 and 600 sleeper-cutters in the bush between the towns of Bridgetown and Jarred. Of that number 90 were sent over. He did not know of any other district where a greater proportion of the men enlisted. A toast to "Digger Members of Parliament" was proposed by Mr. Hubert Jay and responded to by Mr. C. I. Doust, M.L.A. The toast...
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of "Neighbouring sub-branches" was honoured on the proposal of Mr. Guy Dufeld and responded to by Mr. J. F. Smith (B. D. P. of the M. G. A.). Mr. T. Pemberton and Mr. Watkinson (B. B. B. of "Our Guests") proposed by Mrs. Laurie Sims, was responded to by Mr. A. Fontanini and Mr. Gilbert Black.

**VICTORIA PARK**

The usual monthly meeting was held on March 10, but attendance resulting. The president (Eric Lloyd) welcomed the visitors, which included Colonel Olden, of the State Executive who incidentally, was the first executive member to visit us in seventeen months. The business was finished, Colonel Olden briefly addressed the members on League matters, especially referring to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund and Anzac House, and was accorded a vote of thanks for his interesting address, after which sports and music were the order. Mac, and his team looking after the cantineers. The President, Eric H. Hewson, T. McBride; secretary, C. P. Jennings; auditor, C. McIntosh, committee, H. Taylor, P. Potts, J. Plumb, J. Pow, Stanley, Ellingsworth, Rutland, Coppen, Wilkin, Sammels, Thompson.

**GLOUCESTER PARK**

About 70 members turned up to the annual smoko on January 20. The night was a great success musically gastronomically and convivially. The State executive was ably represented by Mr. Ros Potts, whose speech interspersed with humorous stories, was a feature of the evening. Harmony was supplied by Urick Allen and his Gloucester Park instrumentalists. Billy Barnes with his ukulele kept the boys so spellbound that the stews were even forgotten for the time being. Other items were rendered by Harold Hopperton and Jack Schwartz. The sub-branch is indebted to Messrs. Paddy Maddenford, Allen McDonald and Jim Duncan for the sterling work they put in as stewards for the evening.

**DOWERIN**

The March meeting was held in Minnivale, there being an attendance of 17 which, with a membership for this year of 25, is not too bad. The secretary (L. H. Power) informed the assembled that he was aiming at 30, and he will get every support. Since we appeared on this page, we have lost the services of M. L. Brown and Tom Wanstall, and should this catch their eye, we wish them well. Anzac Day came up for discussion and a departure from the usual (for Dowerin) by the outcome, for there is a suggestion that the local service he held in the afternoon. The Fallen Soldiers’ Memorial has been floodlit, and for this the sub-branch has to thank the local road board. That reminds us that our new president (R. A. Richards) is a member of the local governing body. Clem, of the Smith clan, has accepted the stewardship in connection with the coupon stunt for the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund, and several members have joined the ranks of the "blue square."

**NORTH PERTH**

Arrangements have been completed for the annual picnic at Coogee on Sunday, March 20. A special train will leave Perth at 10.45 a.m., stopping at all stations to Subiaco. Tickets may be obtained from members of the sub-branch, S.S.L. or women’s auxiliary. The prices are: family tickets, 4/-; adults, 1/6; children over 14, 1/; under 14, 6d. Members are reminded of the membership rally in Anzac House on Wednesday, March 30. Mr. A. J. Hawkins has volunteered to act as steward for the scheme of monthly contributions to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund. See him for coupon books. At the last general meeting, Messrs. J. Lang, J. Wainwright and Bert Coombes were elected to fill vacancies on the committee. Members desirous of playing in the coming series of A.R.M.S. games are requested to give their names to Mr. McIlwraith as soon as possible. The entertainers are preparing a new show and producer Jack Cliff is hard at work. Bert Rigg will take charge of the W.A. representatives of the A. Medical Units Association, who will go to Adelaide for Anzac Day. Buny Richmond is again out of hospital. We wish him better health in the future.

**TAMBELLUP**

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting on February 7: President, Ross Steele; vice-president, G. A. Thathan; secretary, Alec. Dickson. A party for the women’s auxiliary is being arranged for March 24. On February 17, the president and members had the pleasure of entertaining the Deputy Postmaster General (Colonel Roberts) and Mrs. Roberts. The visitors were entertained by the sub-branch in conjunction with the road board. Mick Collins made a very effective speech of welcome, after which the visitors were taken to the club room.

**THE SISTERS**

The president (Miss H. Homan) presided over the meeting on March 3, at which there was a fair attendance. Letters were received from Sisters Tate and Watts, who have been in hospital. Members were delighted to hear that they were greatly improved in health. Members are reminded of the farewell social evening in honour of the foundation president (Miss I. T. Borwick), who will leave shortly on a visit to England. The social will be held on March 31. Vigorous efforts are being made to increase membership. The meeting extended a cordial welcome to Col. Margolin, who represents the sub-branch on the State executive. He spoke on the arrangements for Anzac Day, and expressed a wish that the Sisters would wear uniform and join in the march. After much discussion, it was resolved that last year’s procedure would be observed by members. It was also decided that Sisters attending the Dawn service would report to Colonel Margolin, who would make arrangements for them to head the column.

**BOYANUP JUNCTION**

At the special quarterly meeting on February 23, Secretary Jack Rudler read correspondence regarding the W.A. Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund. The meeting approved of the scheme suggested from headquarters, and L. Buckenhielm was appointed collecting steward. Arrangements for Anzac Day were finalised. Lance Emmott promised to paint the posts and railings round the Memorial, free of charge, for the occasion. A more suitable flag pole will be erected.

**VICTORIA PARK**

The general meeting on February 24 dealt with amelioration and hospital visiting reports. Medames Grannery and Coleman reported that there were 36 patients in the Edward Millen Hospital at the time of their visit. The death of Dr. Dwyer, however, made the patients less cheery than usual. Mrs. Hargott won the raffle with ticket No. 97. The 10th annual children’s picnic was held at the Zoological Gardens on February 27. There was a long sporting programme for the children and special races for ex-service men and ladies. A very enjoyable day ended with a free ride on the miniature railway, made available through the money secured from a tray, donated by Mr. Plumb and raffled. Mrs. S.

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MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEDERVILLE
Buses conveyed 154 adults and 277 children to the annual meeting held at Mosman's Bay on February 12. Glorious weather contributed to the success of a delightful outing. Thanks to the staff work of Fred Charles and his henchmen of the social committee, the proceedings went without a hitch. The ladies of the auxiliary, and Herb Stack, and his assistants rendered yeoman service at the refreshment counter. Billy Rowles, with his artillery, and Garney Blib with his stop watch looked after the races for the adults, while "Stocky" and Ted Nathan officiated similarly for the wee ones. The financial success of the efforts of W. Sinclair with his dart board, Vernon Stockman with his clickety-click, and several donations. Fred Charles is to be congratulated on his handling of the finances. The president (Mr. E. E. Cooper) introduced the ladies and friends for their attendance, and the donors of gifts and trophies, including the Swan Brewery, Messrs. T. Cahill, E. B. Cecks, R. Harwood, W. Goodlet, Con. Masters and the women's auxiliary. The prizes donated for a long sports programme will be presented at the annual smoker. New members were welcomed at the meetings on February 17 and March 3. Among the visitors welcomed were Messrs. R. Jones (Marra-don-Boddington sub-branch), Hugh Wilson (vice-president Mullerin sub-branch) and E. Gled (Brunswick Junction sub-branch), and former members Charlie Heason and M. Matson. Fred Charles and Tom Campbell have been appointed delegates to the central committee of the A.R.M.S. games. Tom Campbell was again elected sports director.

WONGAN HILLS
The annual meeting held on February 5 with the president (Mr. H. F. Kemp) in the chair. Mr. Kemp was again returned unopposed as president. Other officers elected were: vice-presidents, Messrs. N. C. Stone-street, R. Brown and P. Fitzpatrick; secretary, Mr. P. Pike; treasurer, Mr. N. G. Stone-street; auditor, Mr. F. Fitzpatrick; committee, Messrs. J. B. Cole, L. Markey, E. E. Mower, G. R. Lord and E. Murtagh; building fund trustees, Messrs. J. H. Ackland and T. Hawkett and the president; to some committee. The secretary, Mr. C. Bonc , general business: When discussion took place as to the allocations of the funds raised by the cattle held last November, when £102/12/10 was the net realisation, the sub-branch decided to allocate £34/17/5 to the children's Christmas tree; £34/4/3 to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund and £33/11/2 to the building fund. It was resolved that the road board be asked to grade the road and reserve. Fifteen members were present at the meeting on March 5. The president being engaged on hospital matters, the senior vice-president (Mr. Stone-street) took the chair. Invitations being received from the Wubin-Buntine and Calingiri sub-branches to attend dinner, etc., the sub-branch decided to send two representatives attend the Calingiri function. The secretary was instructed to write to the local station master asking that, if possible, returned men on the local staff be allowed to have Anzac Day off. The sub-branch also decided to en- quiry as to find three or four men who so nobly assisted them at the carnival in November to a dinner on May 14.

KUKERIN
The president (Mr. C. A. Pike) with "FATHER" C. Walker on his right, president over the meeting on February 26. The sub-branch's Nile River Expedition member (Mr. H. E. Hills) was present to hand the secretary a cheque for £0, and to urge stronger support for the W.A. Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. Vocals items were rendered by Messrs. J. Gough, F. Bristol, R. A. Atkinson and E. Matson.

MUNDJONG-JARRAHDALE
Membership is growing. At the meeting on February 12 two further new members were welcomed to the fold. They were Messrs. H. Leynon (4th Battalion) and C. D. Edwards (4th Reserve Regiment).

BASSENEA ND
A good attendance was recorded on the monthly meeting on February 17. Among those present was the cheery past president (Padre Vine) with his chery smile and ever-ready advice. The committee of management met on February 24 to finalise arrangements for the annual picnic. This took the form of a river trip and a landing at Mosman's Bay on Sunday, March 20.

GUILDFORD
The fortnightly meeting on February 22 was well attended. In the absence of the president (Colonel Manning) the chair was taken by the vice-president (Captain Drake-Brockman). A visitor from Merredin (Mr. Brain) heartily welcomed. Rumour has it that the secretary is ts git going, but members will do their best to induce him to continue in office.

WEST SWAN
At the monthly meeting on February 3, it was decided to adopt the coupon system in aid of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. Edgar Francis is O.C. coupons, and is already giving a good account of his stewardship. Meetings, to which all Diggers are cordially invited, are held on the first Thursday of each month.

VICTORIA PARK
The February meeting was well attended. The combined social, tendered to the women's auxiliary, at the instigation of J. McIntosh, was held on February 21. Another progressive action of the sub-branch was the enlivenment of the interest of a city councillor in the approach to the Memorial Hall, the appearance of which has long been spoiled by the proximity of a ten-ft. fence, in an advanced state of dilapidation. Councillor Raphael, who made the presentation to the sub-branch, at which the case for the removal of the fence was ably put by Messrs. Howson, McIntosh, Matthews and the president (F. Floyd). Mr. Raphael promised that he would do his best to effect the desired improvement.

MUNDARING AND DISTRICTS
The monthly meeting on February 28 was held at Darlington, and was the first meeting held there since the extension of the membership drive. It was regretted that ill-health prevented President Harry Rutherford from being present on this auspicious occasion. The senior vice-president (Dick Hardwick) filled the chair in his absence. The meeting welcomed three members of the State executive, Messrs. T. Sten, W. James and the State secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson). Mr. Benson explained the reorganisation of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund. After routine business had been disposed of, those present were the guests of the Darlington wing of the sub-branch. Messrs. Leonato, Truscott and James made a good voice, and the toast of the State executive was proposed by Mr. R. P. Hardwick, on the call of Captain A. C. Bond.
MOSMAN PARK

Our last meeting provided a record attendance for some considerable time, and further additions were made to the nominal roll. In the absence of George Ash, his chair was occupied by Harry Burge. Messrs. Love and Johnston made a welcome reappearance after an absence of some time. Members expressed a strong desire to take part in the A.R.M.S. competitions this year, but as the possibility of competing was uncertain, a meeting was held to ventilate our having a hall in which to clean up the opposition, the finalising of arrangements was left to the combined committees. Satisfactory progress was reported by members deputed to visit hospitals and a roster was arranged for the month of March. Members are grateful to Bob Scott and Ted McDavitt who, with the use of their cars at various times, made it possible for members to visit inmates of the out-of-the-way institutions. Mr. Hubert Parker has earned the thanks of all members with his interest and advice, which is helping considerably towards bringing the efforts of the building committee nearer a satisfactory conclusion.

HARVEY

In the absence of the president (Mr. B. H. Lothhouse), Mr. T. W. D. Smith (senior vice-president) presided over a good attendance of members at the meeting on February 15. Before opening the meeting, Mr. Smith welcomed Mr. A. V. Wandsborough of the Mt. Magnet sub-branch, as postmaster. A welcome was also extended to Mr. P. M. Smith of the Murray sub-branch. Mr. A. H. Smith was appointed steward to handle the collections for the Aged Soldiers and Sailors' Fund, and Messrs. Eames and A. Wandsborough were appointed as a committee to assist him. The resignation of Dr. A. N. Jacob, a vice-president of the sub-branch, was received with great regret on the motion of Mr. C. Beaufort. Mr. A. H. Smith reported on attending a meeting at the road board office when arrangements were put in hand to tender a public read-out to the doctor. A cheque for £17/10/- was received from the Yarloop sub-branch and the No. 1 District Committee, enclosing a cheque for £11/1/- towards a presentation. Mr. T. W. D. Smith reported on meeting Mr. C. L. Clarke (Agricultural Bank Commissioner) at Brunswick, in company with Mr. N. Buchanan. The meeting decided to conduct a lottery to augment the sub-branch funds. The permission of the Lotteries Commission had been obtained. The chairman informed the meeting that the plans for the proposed hall had been approved by the road board, and it was now necessary to form a building committee to enable the sub-branch to proceed with its erection. Messrs. B. H. Lothhouse, D. D. Johnston, F. Jurgenson and E. Eames were appointed with power to act. At the conclusion of the meeting, refreshments were enjoyed.

MERREDIN

The annual meeting was held on February 7. There were 36 present, including Mr. F. L. Warner, M.L.A., representing the State executive, and Digger Ferguson, representing Mullemburn. The president's and secretary's reports for the year were warmly received. One of the outstanding activities was a local effort to perpetuate the memory of one of our old friends of the R.A.M.C., Dr. John Caton Shelmerdine. The suggestion was to install a fracture bed in the hospital. That had been the Doctor's aim for many years. After exhaustive enquiries, it was found that what was desired could not be procured, but now the matter has been finalised by procuring an obstetric bed for the maternity block of the local District Hospital, and a metal wall plate to be erected by Digger Alf Mitchell, free of cost, in the hospital hall. This will be unveiled on Anzac Day, when a ceremonial parade will be held for the purpose. A suggestion was made that the Anzac services in the wheatbelt be centralised in Merredin and that the services of the Narembeen Band be requisitioned for the day. A short address was given by Mr. Warner, M.L.A., who explained the Anzac Day arrangements.

February 9, 1938

At the meeting of the State executive on February 9, there were present: Messrs. Riley, Olden, Keening, Golett, Anderson, Able, Lamb, Martin, Warner, Coone, James, Freedman, Newman, Watt, Steen, Mitchell, Patton and Potts. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Panton, Philp, Denton, Fairley, Nicholas, Noske, and Austin.

Archdeacon Riley occupied the chair.

Coronation Scholarship.—The report of a meeting on February 2 was received. Certain candidates had been eliminated, but a final choice was deferred, pending the award of the McIntosh Scholarship.

Relief Fund.—The report of the Relief Fund trustees disclosed that, during the month of January, 59 cases had received assistance, involving an expenditure of £65/16/4.

Membership Committee.—Report of Membership Committee meeting held on February 2 was received and adopted. This report advised that a membership function would take place in Anzac House on March 30, and that the Minister for Repatriation had agreed to attend. The arrangements for the function were left in the hands of the Membership Committee.

Visits.—Reports on visits received were as follows: Geraldine, Mr. Nicholas; Pemberton, Mr. J. L. Mackenzie (president of Manjimup sub-branch); Merredin, Mr. Warner; Mount Lawley-Inglewood, Mr. Aberle; Swan View-Greenmount, Colonel Lamb; Lake King; Ravensthorpe, Lake Grace and Newdegate, Mr. Borrell; British Legion, Coloone, Colonel Morgan; Perth, Mr. Sten.

Mayor of Fremantle.—Best wishes were extended to Mr. F. E. Gibson (Mayor of Fremantle and holder of the League's Certificate of Merit) and Mrs. Gibson on their forthcoming trip abroad, and the hope was expressed that they would both be benefited in health on their return.

Congress C.I.P., London.—This correspondence advised that the Third Congress of the International Committee of Ex-Service Men (C.I.P.) would be held in London on May 18. The Federal president sought this branch's opinion as to whether the League should send its own delegate or to advertise for one of its representatives on the Empire Council. The State president (Mr. Yeates) had telegraphed from the Eastern States favouring the appointment of a representative of the Empire Council. A further telegram had been received from the Federal president stating that the Victorian Branch was preparing a case in support of the sending a delegate from Australia. It was agreed that the Federal president be advised that in the opinion of this State branch, the Rt. Hon. S. M. Bruce should be asked to represent Australia.

Exemption Duties, Bequests to League.—It was agreed that the report contained in Resolution 243, 22nd Annual Congress, be forwarded to the State Government.

Encouragement Training Air Pilots.—Resolution 186, 22nd Annual Congress. The Minister for Defence pointed out that everything was being done to encourage the training of pilots.

R.S.I. Cricket Association: Annual Town and Country Diggers' Cricket Match.—State president appointed and sub-branches to be asked to co-operate in arranging a visit.

Appointment of Sub-branch Officials.—The appointment of officials, as advised by the following sub-branches, was confirmed: Yalgoo, Walpole and Ballidu.

Excursion Fares, Anzac Day.—The Northam sub-branch requested the State executive...
to take up the matter of obtaining cheap rail excursion fares for returned soldiers desirous of travelling to Sydney for the Anzac Day commemorations this year.

It was desired to petition to Northam sub-branch that no invitation had yet been received.

Voting Powers, Sub-Branch Secretaries.—The secretary of the Perth sub-branch requested a ruling to the effect that he had a vote in committee. The Constitution laid it down that the secretary had a vote at all meetings. It was agreed that this be pointed out to the sub-branch.

Bulk Handling.—The Kukerin sub-branch reported a visit to be forwarded to the Bulk Handling Management for appointing insufficient students to positions in the jurisdiction of the management.

It was agreed to write to the Bulk Handling Management on this matter.

Pensions.—Belmont sub-branch expressed the opinion that the good name of returned soldiers was not enhanced by publicity given in the newspapers to pleas for leniency made by returned men who were charged with offences.

It was agreed that the editors of the various newspapers be written to on the matter.

Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield Competition.—The appointment of Messrs. Watt, Sten, Sharp, Charles, Powell and Holder as a controlling committee was confirmed.

Committee: Ex-Service Men, Old Men’s Home.—Mr. Newman secured the authority to spend up to £7 in electrical appliances and comforts for the ex-service ward, Old Men’s Home.

Pensions.—It was agreed to forward immediately the following motion to the Federal executive: “That this branch is strongly of the opinion that the time has now arrived when any limiting of a pension assessment under the heading of non-material aggravation and war damage is unjust, and that these terms should be deleted from all war pension entitlements.”

February 23, 1938

At the meeting of the State executive on February 23 there were present: Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Olden, Collett, Philip, Denton, Anderson, Margolin, Hunt, Thorn, Warner, Cornell, Fairley, James, Freedman, Watt, Sten, Paton, Nicholas and Potts. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Keesing, Panton, Lamb, Newman, Mitchell, Noakes and Austin.

Resolutions 89, State Congress.—Recommending the increase of the number of country vice-presidents to four. It was agreed as follows: 1. The State president’s nomination shall continue as hitherto, which shall be for the senior country vice-president. 2. The Management Committee shall enquire and submit to the State executive the names of one member from each of the following areas of this State: Northern, Eastern and Southern. The State executive, after consideration, will then recommend to the annual State congress the vice-presidents to be appointed, and these shall be the extra country vice-presidents for the ensuing year.

Coronation Scholarship Committee.—The State president reported on behalf of this committee that this scholarship had been awarded to Mr. Sam Jones, son of Mr. Sam Jones, 28th Battalion. It was agreed that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Federal president.

It was also agreed that this executive extend its congratulations to the winner and his parents.

It was reported that Mr. Sam Jones had been in hospital, and the executive delegates expressed their wishes for his speedy recovery to health.

House Committee.—Report of House Committee meeting, held on March 16, and the report was adopted.

Treasurer recommended a continuation of the work of the Commonwotth Bank branch. He secured the authority for the presentation of this branch to the Coronation Scholarship, Mrs. H. C. Reid be presented at the next meeting.

Certificate of Merit: Mr. H. C. Reid.—It was agreed that the presentation of this certificate be made at an executive meeting: details to be arranged with the Management Committee.

Membership Rally, March 30.—The Bruce Rock sub-branch forwarded a suggestion for adoption at this rally. The matter was referred to the Membership Committee.

Nomenclature City Reserves.—The Press sub-branch requested the executive to lodge an emphatic protest with the Perth City Council against the Council’s recent decision to rename the residence “Dorrien” from Dorne Park and the name of the Union Jack from the Square so named.

After discussion, it was agreed that the views of the Press sub-branch be endorsed and that the Management Committee be asked to draw up a suitable protest.

Rabbit Virus.—A communication from the Boyup Brook sub-branch concerning rabbit virus was referred to the Land Committee.

Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund.—A further communication from Ndeands sub-branch concerning the surplus insurance funds of the War Service Homes Commission, or portion of them, being allocated to League funds in the various States was referred to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund Committee.

Flying Flags Anzac House.—Colonel Fairley gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting that the Anzac House shall only be taken from the peak on Royal occasions.

V.C.’s: Invitation New South Wales for Anzac Day.—The Western Australian V.C.’s have received an invitation to attend the Anzac Day parade in Sydney this year. One V.C. winner wrote the State executive, pointing out that, owing to the pecuniary position of the V.C.’s, the trip could not be undertaken, and requesting the assistance of the League.

It was agreed that a committee, consisting of the State president, Colonel Collett, Rabbi Freedman, Mr. James and Mr. Cornell, approach the Premier with a request as to what extent he is prepared to assist this executive in this matter.

Change of Name.—Pingleton sub-branch requested permission to change its name to Pingleton-Brookton sub-branch. This was agreed to.

Poppy Sales.—Pingleton sub-branch requested the executive to extend the sale of poppies to the Ord合并 Districts. This matter was referred to the Poppy Day Committee.

March 9, 1938

At the meeting of the State executive on March 9, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Olden, Keesing, Collett, Denton, Anderson, Aberle, Lamb, Margolin, Hunt, Thorn, Warner, Cornell, Fairley, Freedman, Newman, Watt, Sten, Mitchell, Paton, Nicholas, Potts. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Panton, Philip, James, Noakes and Austin.

Welcome.—The State president extended a cordial welcome to Colonel E. J. Dibdin, the League’s representative on the No. 1 Entitlement Tribunal.

Advertisements.—Letters of appreciation were received from Master Roy Jones, who was awarded the Coronation Scholarship; Mrs. H. Willmott, in reply to congratulations on her husband’s success in the Sussex by-election, and; from Lord Birdwood, in reply to congratulations on his elevation to the peerage.

Management Committee.—The recommendation of the Management Committee it was resolved that £5 be donated towards the expenses of Western Australian V.C.’s, participating in the Sydney 150th anniversary celebrations. It will be remembered that the New South Wales Branch of the League had invited all Australian Victoria Cross winners to lead the march in Sydney next Anzac Day. While in Sydney they will be the guests of the New South Wales Branch. The donation referred to is in connection with expenses travelling to and from Sydney.

Invitations.—It was resolved that if possible the State president and Colonel Fairley would attend the Wubin sub-branch social on March 26. Messrs. Potts and Aberle were delegated to attend the Northam sub-branch reunion on March 26. Mr. Sten will represent the executive at Marradong-Boddington on April 2.

Certificate of Merit.—It was resolved that the presentation of this certificate to Mr. Hartings C. Reid be presented at the next meeting of the State executive, and that the Press sub-branch be advised accordingly.
Membership Committee.—Rabbi Freedman submitted a report of a meeting of the presidents and secretaries of metropolitan sub-branches which took place on March 2. The report was received.

A second report of the committee referred to the membership rally to take place on March 30 and which would be attended by the Minister for Repatriation (Senator Foll)./n

Affiliated Sailors' and Soldiers' Relief Fund Committee.—Rabbi Freedman submitted a report on a meeting held on February 28, on which date there was an amount of £7,618 in the fund. The report was received.

Honour Board.—Referring to this item in the House Committee's report, it was resolved that the subject matter be submitted to the State War Memorial committee for recommendation and advice regarding the expenditure involved, which was estimated at £31.

Relief Fund Trustees.—This report was submitted by Colonel Margolin and showed an expenditure of £65/8/- for the month of February, those assisted being: A.I.F. members: 3; A.I.F. non-members: 40; A.I.F. widows, 10; Imperial members, nil; Imperial non-members, 14.

Lemnos Board of Visitors.—Reports were submitted by Colonel Margolin and it was resolved that letters of appreciation be sent to those who had helped the patients with outings, etc.

Visits.—Reports on visits were received as follows: Laying wreath State War Memorial, 10th Light Horse (State president), Geraldton and Midland district sub-branches (Mr. Thorn and State secretary), Darling Range sub-branch (Mr. Sten), "Westralia" sub-branch (Colonel Olden), Returned Army Nurses sub-branch (Colonel Margolin), Gloucester Park, Nedlands and Claremont sub-branches (Rabbi Freedman).

Anzac Day.—The Minister for Labour advised that the amending legislation passed last year provided for a paid holiday on Anzac Day for all persons employed in a factory.

Shell ex-Service Association.—This association wrote requesting advice on the eligibility of members of the Mercantile Marine to join the League, as admission to this association was based on the same conditions as that of admission to the League.

It was resolved to advise this association that ex-members of the Mercantile Marine were eligible for League membership, provided they were awarded a British War Medal, together with a Certificate of Discharge.

Sub-Branches.—The appointment of officials as advised by the following sub-branches was confirmed: Wickepin, Broome.

Reports: Eighth Biennial Conference.—Advice was received from the British Empire Service League that several copies of the report on the Eighth Biennial Conference were being forwarded.

R.S.L. Trading Coy.—In the absence of Mr. Watt, Mr. Watt was appointed proxy.

Flying of Flags at Anzac House (notice of motion Colonel T. C. Fairley).—It was resolved, "That flags be flown at Anzac House on the following days: Australia Day, January 26; Anzac Day, April 25; Coronation Day, May 2; Empire Day, May 24; Foundation Day, June 1; Queen's Birthday, August 4; Armistice Day, November 11; King's Birthday, December 14; and on such other occasions as the State executive may direct."

Broadcast Roster.—The following broadcast roster for station 6AM was approved: March 15, Colonel Lamb; March 22, Mr. Warner; March 29, Colonel Olden; April 5, Mr. Sten.

Leave of Absence.—Archdeacon Riley was granted leave of absence for the next meeting of the executive.

Immigration.—Discussion took place centring on a suggestion for certain action in respect to reported migration schemes of the Commonwealth Government, and it was finally understood that the Commonwealth Ministers would be met, during their visit to the State, on March 26, for the purpose of learning some further details of the Commonwealth scheme and to indicate the terms of previous congress decisions in respect to immigration.

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<td>ALBANY</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. Y. Butler, R.M., &quot;The Residence&quot;, Albany</td>
<td>T. M. Bennett, 97 Perth Road, Albany</td>
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<td>BALLIDU DISTRICTS</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>When called, Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. Petechell</td>
<td>Geo. Stocker, Ballidu</td>
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<td>BASSENDEAN</td>
<td>Town Hall Basement</td>
<td>Alternate Thursday (pension days, 7.30 p.m.)</td>
<td>J. E. Caughton, 4 Scadden St., Bassee,</td>
<td>F. J. H. Leng, 83 Parker St., Bassee</td>
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<td>BUNBURY</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
<td>3rd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. E. Gibson, Banksia Street, Bunbury</td>
<td>A. B. Murray, Stephen Street, Bunbury</td>
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<td>BAYSWATER</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, Murray St.</td>
<td>Alt. Wednesdays, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>G. Bradford, 32 Murray Street, Bayswater</td>
<td>J. J. Paine, 23 Burnside Street, Bayswater</td>
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<td>BUSSELTON</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>L. N. Weston, Busselton</td>
<td>M. W. S. Greatore, Road Board Office, Busselton</td>
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<td>BRUNSWICK JUNCT.</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>First Friday in month</td>
<td>C. J. Piper, Brunswick Junction</td>
<td>S. Chamberlain, Brunswick Junction</td>
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<td>CARLISLE</td>
<td>Bickford Soldiers' Memorial Hall</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. R. Crofts, 10 Mooregate St., Victoria Park</td>
<td>G. Greaves, 34 Mars St., Carlisle</td>
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<td>COTTESLOE</td>
<td>Council Hall, Jarrad St.</td>
<td>Alternate Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. Giblett, c/o, Forestry Department, Collie</td>
<td>H. H. Stuchbury, Hawthorne Ave., Collie</td>
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<td>COWRAMUP</td>
<td>Cowaramup Institute</td>
<td>1st Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>C. H. Briggs, 15 Walter Street, Claremont</td>
<td>E. A. Holben, Cowaramup</td>
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<td>GLOUCESTER PARK</td>
<td>Anzac House</td>
<td>1st Thursday in each month</td>
<td>A. J. Walters, c/o, P.O., Kalamunda</td>
<td>W. Ford, 13 Shenton Rd., Claremont</td>
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<td>GNOWANGERUP</td>
<td>Soldiers' Room</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>'Phone 83 Tom Towers, Dumbleyung</td>
<td>Alex. Findlay, c/o, P.O., Kalamunda</td>
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<td>DARLING RANGE</td>
<td>Kalamunda Hotel (unlicensed portion)</td>
<td>Monthly, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. W. Wegner, Salmon Gum</td>
<td>'Phone 13 C. Nicholson, Dumbleyung</td>
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<td>DUMBLEYUNG</td>
<td>Dumbleyung</td>
<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. W. Wood, Donnybrook</td>
<td>Alan Morton, Salmon Gum</td>
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<td>DOWAK</td>
<td>Salmon Gums</td>
<td>Last Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. W. Lynch, Hampton Road and Pothergill Street, Freemantle</td>
<td>D. M. Ferguson, Donnybrook</td>
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<td>DONNYBROOK</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>Alternate Thursday (pension night), 8 p.m.</td>
<td>C. A. P. Costello, Carnarvon</td>
<td>E. Timcombe, 7 Little Howard Street, Freemantle</td>
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<td>FREMANTLE &amp; DISTRICT</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, South Terrace</td>
<td>1st Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. J. Wikins, 83 Fremantle Road, South Perth</td>
<td>W. S. Appleyard, Council Chambers, Carnarvon</td>
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<td>GASCOYNE</td>
<td>Gascoyne Hotel</td>
<td>Every Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. Wilkinson, Gnowangerup</td>
<td>C. J. Lambe, 40 Eton St., North Perth</td>
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<td>GLOUCESTER PARK</td>
<td>War Memorial Hall</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. Hales, Gautha</td>
<td>W. Adshead, Gnowangerup</td>
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<td>GWALLA</td>
<td>State Hotel</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>B. H. Lofthouse, Wokalup</td>
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<td>HARVEY</td>
<td>War Memorial Hall</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>'Phone: Harvey 108M</td>
<td>E. Shepherd, Gwalia</td>
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<td>KALGOORLIE</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. J. Bottum, 24 Orchard Street</td>
<td>D. D. Briand, Berhert Road, Harvey</td>
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<td>KARRIDALE AND DISTRICT</td>
<td>Derby</td>
<td>Every 2nd Tuesday in month at 8 p.m.; Executive alt. Fridays</td>
<td>C. A. P. Costello, Carnarvon</td>
<td>F. Berthold, Government School, East Kalgoorlie</td>
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<td>KIMBERLEY</td>
<td>Club Rooms, Carew Street</td>
<td>Bi-monthly, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>V. Monti</td>
<td>J. Whooley, Karridale</td>
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<td>KATANNING</td>
<td>Alternate Kellerberrin and Tammin</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>S. S. Waycott</td>
<td>E. C. West, Derby</td>
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<td>KELLERBERRIN</td>
<td>Memorial Hall, Kojonup</td>
<td>When called, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. W. A. Taylor, Kat ning</td>
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<td>KOJONUP</td>
<td>Koorda</td>
<td>2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>F. R. Hall, Shackleton</td>
<td>H. Sullivan, Kellerberrin</td>
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<td>KOORDA</td>
<td>Koorda</td>
<td>4th Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. L. Palmer, Kojonup</td>
<td>J. W. Norrish, Kojonup</td>
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<td>KUKERIN</td>
<td>Kukerin Hotel</td>
<td>Quarterly (committee 1st Friday)</td>
<td>Chas. H. Simch</td>
<td>J. W. Morgan, Koorda</td>
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<td>LAKE GRACE</td>
<td>Road Board Hall</td>
<td>Last Saturday, quarterly (Jan, April, July, Oct.)</td>
<td>J. C. A. Pike, &quot;Falcondale,&quot; Kukerin</td>
<td>R. V. C. Davidson, Kukerin</td>
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<td>LAKE KING</td>
<td>Lake King Hall</td>
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<td>J. Collinson, Lake Grace</td>
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<td>MANJIMUP</td>
<td>Town Hall, Manjimup; Jardee No. 1 State Mill (alternate months)</td>
<td>2nd Sunday in month</td>
<td>R. D. Allen, Lake King</td>
<td>M. G. Johnston, Lake King</td>
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<td>MOUNT BARKER</td>
<td>Mt. Barker</td>
<td>2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. L. MacKenzie, Manjimup</td>
<td>B. Beer, Manjimup</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Supper Room, Town Hall, Maylands</td>
<td>When called, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>K. Williamson, Mt. Barker</td>
<td>A. H. Pearse, Garraty's Garage, Mt. Barker</td>
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<td>MENCIES</td>
<td>Menzies Road Board Hall</td>
<td>Alt. Thursdays, 7.30 p.m. (pension week)</td>
<td>H. Woods, 91 Seventh Avenue, Maylands</td>
<td>L. T. King, 10 Carrington Street, Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>MIDLAND JUNCTION</td>
<td>R.S.L. Branch Rooms, Railway Parade</td>
<td>First Sunday in month</td>
<td>Mr. R. Pugh, Mentley</td>
<td>C. H. Jacobsen, Mentley</td>
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<td>MOSMAN PARK</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>1st Thursday in month</td>
<td>Len Wilkinson, Midland Junction</td>
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<td>Last Thursday in each month</td>
<td>G. A. A. A. Worth, Bond Street, Mosman Park</td>
<td>C. E. James, 16 Clyde St., Mosman Park</td>
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<td>MOORA</td>
<td>Road Board Room, Moora Rd. Bd. Hall, Bencubbin</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>W. H. Boyce, Moora</td>
<td>R. A. Lindsay, P.O.</td>
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<td>MT. MARSHALL</td>
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<td>1st Wednesday, monthly</td>
<td>W. H. Wright, Mandiagi</td>
<td>V. M. Creagh, Bencubbin</td>
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<td>MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD MUKINBUDIN</td>
<td>Wallarah Hall, Grose River Road, Mt. Lawley Commercial Room, Mukinbudin Hotel</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>O. J. Williams, 21 Grose River Rd., Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>J. K. Craze, 118 Central Ave., Maylands</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON MILLS</td>
<td>Mornington Mills</td>
<td>Every fourth Saturday</td>
<td>T. G. Adams, Mukinbudin</td>
<td>H. D. Cairns, Mukinbudin</td>
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<td>NAREMBEEN</td>
<td>Narembeen</td>
<td>Every alternate Sunday</td>
<td>J. M. Loudon, Mornington Mills</td>
<td>W. J. Fulton, Mornington Mills</td>
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<td>NEDLANDS</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building, Broadway, Nedlands</td>
<td>Quarterly, by notification (Wed., June 30, 8 p.m.)</td>
<td>A. S. Graham, Narembeen</td>
<td>A. L. Wilson, 30 Clark Street, Nedlands</td>
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<td>NEWDEGATE</td>
<td>Newdegate</td>
<td>Quarterly, 3rd Saturday</td>
<td>R. A. Wood, 81 Archdeacon Street, Nedlands</td>
<td>J. H. Kane, Newdegate</td>
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<td>NORTH - EAST FREMANTLE</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle</td>
<td>Monthly, 3rd Thursday, June, Sept., Dec.</td>
<td>D. G. Kinlock, Newdegate</td>
<td>L. J. Schumacher (Staff-Sgt.) Artillery Barracks</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>L. P. A. Ash, Northampton</td>
<td>A. Barlow, Northampton</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>R.S.L. Club Rooms, Gordon Street, Northam</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>P. T. Prince, Fitzgerald Street, Northam</td>
<td>G. C. Curlew, 145 Fitzgerald Street, Northam Tel. 174</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glbe St. (off View Street)</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday</td>
<td>R. A. Wood, 81 Archdeacon Street, Nedlands</td>
<td>B. N. McLivirath, 21 Dundas Road, Maylands</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>&quot;Monash House,&quot; 23 King Street, Perth</td>
<td>Last Saturday in each month</td>
<td>F. Archer, East Pingelly</td>
<td>W. Holder, &quot;Monash House,&quot; 23 King St., Perth</td>
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<td>(Office hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)</td>
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<td>1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>Reg. Nichols, c/o. Government Printing Office</td>
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<td>FINGELLY</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>3rd Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>E. T. Roberts, Pittara</td>
<td>R. Biggs, C/o. &quot;West Australian&quot;</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Antac House Pittara</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Saturday, alternate Warden's Court</td>
<td>T. Cowan, Yarloop</td>
<td>L. G. W. Browning, East Pittara</td>
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<td>POPANYINNING</td>
<td>Yarmaning and Popanyinning</td>
<td>Monthly, 1st Saturday</td>
<td>V. D. Fallon, Quairading</td>
<td>B. J. Gregan, Pt. Hedland</td>
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<td>PILBARA</td>
<td>Port Hedland</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. P. Newton, Ravensthorpe</td>
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<td>QUAIRADING &amp; DISTRICT</td>
<td>Quairading Hall and Dangelin Hotel, alternatively Warden's Court</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
<td>E. T. Jordan, Quairading</td>
<td>T. F. Smith, Ravensthorpe</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Rokey Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>E. Trathan, Toodyay</td>
<td>J. E. Trathan, P.O. Box 1, Toodyay, Tel. 45</td>
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<td>TAMBEU</td>
<td>R.S.L. Club</td>
<td>1st Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>G. W. Trathan, Tambaup</td>
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<td>TAMBEUL</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>K. Somers, Toodyay</td>
<td>J. W. Patterson, Traying</td>
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<td>TRAYNING - YELBENI VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Traying (3) Yelbeni (1) Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>P. Smeeton, Yelbeni</td>
<td>J. Matthews, 21 Esperance Street Vic. Park</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>T. Bailey, Wubin</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 Harbournce St., Wembley</td>
<td>E. Tonkinson, 37 Cambridge St., W. Lee,ville</td>
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<td>YARLOOP AND DISTRICT</td>
<td>Yarloop Hotel</td>
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<td>I. Meredith, Yarloop</td>
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<td>YEALERLING YORK</td>
<td>Commercial Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. B. Lawton, Yealering</td>
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<td>2nd Tuesday, alternate months</td>
<td>Colin Thorn, 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.</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
<td>Lesser Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, bi-monthly, April, June, Aug., etc.</td>
<td>S. W. Robinson, Wyalkatchem</td>
<td>Y.G.M., Ltd., Youanmi</td>
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<td>WAROONA</td>
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<td>C. F. Baird, Waroona</td>
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**VICTORIA PARK**

- **R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Al-4th Thursday, 7.30 p.m.**
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