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The visit of the Australian Ministerial delegation to London, and the statement that the Commonwealth Government's new defence proposals are part of a general scheme of Empire defence, afford evidence that Dominion status has not reduced the cohesion of the members of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

The Evolution of Empire Day

While Australian Ministers are in London for the purpose of negotiating a new trade agreement between Britain and Australia, and while the Australian Government is implementing defence proposals that are part of a general scheme of Empire defence, it is difficult to realise that barely a hundred years ago British Ministers were calmly contemplating the inevitable break-up of the Empire. Mr. Rogers, who was permanent Under Secretary for the Colonies in the earlier part of the nineteenth century, went so far as to declare that the Colonial Office existed "to secure that our connection (with the colonies), while it lasts, shall be as profitable to both parties, and our separation, when it comes, as amicable as possible." The bitter lesson of the revolt of the American colonies was so indelibly impressed on the minds of British statesmen that colonies were granted self-government as soon as they had developed sufficiently, and this autonomy was officially regarded as a half-way house on the way to complete separation. Problems of defence during the latter half of the nineteenth century were responsible for other ideas and a greater cohesion.

Leading writers on Australian history are agreed that the isolation of the Australian colonies induced Australians to take a keen interest in Britain's foreign policy. The average Australian of that era had no sympathy with Little Englanders, or with the ideals of the Manchester school, and even less with such of his own countrymen who advocated "cutting the painter," to use the expression that one heard so frequently in those days. Gladstone was roundly blamed for giving way to the Boers after Majuba Hill, and for the sacrifice of Gordon in Khartum. The acquisition of islands in the Pacific by foreign Powers was regarded as evidence of weakness on the part of the Home Government. Considerable alarm was expressed when France established a penal settlement at New Caledonia. War scares were frequent and almost to the outbreak of the South African War of 1899-1902, Russia was Australia's bogey. Queensland's annexation of New Guinea was warmly applauded by her sister colonies. When Britain and Russia were on the verge of war in 1878, most of the Australian colonies sent delegates to London to attend a conference on the defence of the Empire. In 1881, members of the South Australian volunteer forces offered themselves for service in South Africa. This was the first offer of the kind made by any Australian Government. But the first actual participation of any Australian colony in the Empire's wars occurred in 1885, when New South Wales sent a contingent of artillery and infantry to the Sudan.

The celebration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, and the outbreak of the war with the Boer republics two years later, marked the climax of this steady growth of imperialism. All parts of the Empire were represented by troops at the Diamond Jubilee celebration. All the white countries of the Empire despatched contingents to serve with their fellow Britons in South Africa. The Boer War had a host of opponents, both in Britain and in Australia, but there was no doubt about Australian loyalty to the British tradition. Generally speaking, the colonies were more whole-hearted in their support of Britain against the Boers, than were Englishmen themselves. "The colonial attitude," writes Dr. Esme Wingfield-Stratton, in his History of British Civilisation, "was certainly not one of uncritical or sentimental admiration for the Mother Country, or Englishmen as such." It was based on the conviction that the civilisation of which their free institutions were the expression was in conflict with something essentially inferior. Practical loyalty found a focus in the person of the Queen herself. Her widowhood, her long reign and the number of important changes that had occurred during the record reign, made Britons the whole world over look affectionately upon her as the very Madonna of Empire. This is why her birthday, May 24, was selected as the day of Empire, and celebrated as such wherever the British flag was flown.

It did not need the setting aside of a special day to remind Australians and New Zealanders of their partnership in the firm of John Bull and Sons. Strangely enough, Empire Day was instituted to kindle something like an Imperial spirit in the very heart of the Empire. Kipling was well on the target when he asked "What do they know of England who only England know?" The idea of a simultaneous celebration of Empire Day originated in the mind of Reginald Brabazon, twelfth Earl of Meath, who is known throughout the Empire as the founder of Empire Day. Lord Meath, who had a long record of social service, often related with rielish how his idea of Empire Day was born. In 1890, whilst addressing a class of young men in a Surrey parish, he was astounded to discover that almost all of them had never heard of the Victoria Cross or the Indian Mutiny—the subjects of his address. From the vicar and the schoolmaster he learnt that the only history book in the parish dealt exclusively with England and Wales. He then pursued similar enquiries at many other schools, and from the information he obtained, he was able to point out to the House of Lords the universal and amazing ignorance of the Empire which he had found
to be widespread throughout the United Kingdom. His pleas for official assistance in combating this ignorance were disregarded, so he decided to commence a one-man campaign to this end. So, from a chance beginning developed an annual celebration that soon became Empire-wide.

Since 1915, Empire Day as an institution has been somewhat eclipsed in Australia by Anzac Day, but in recent years the day has been made the pivot of a great movement for the stimulation of trade between the various parts of the Empire. That movement bore fruit in the form of the Ottawa agreement, which is about to be reviewed in London. This in itself is evidence of the broader concept of Empire which developed during and since the Great War. This concept has caused many writers and speakers to discard the older name, which implies sovereignty and domination, in favour of the more expressive and more purely English term, the British Commonwealth. It was Disraeli who then ed those bonds.

The comparative parade states for the big service in Perth should interest returned men, particularly those in the country who, no doubt, like to know how many of the “old unit” were present.

**Returned Soldiers**

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| **Grand Total**           | 2,132 | 2,480 |

**ANZAC COMMEMORATION SERVICE**

**Parade States for 1937 & 1938**

The procedure will be that the State institutions will notify the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation, in the State concerned, of the date of admission to and discharge from the institution of all ex-soldier service pensioners. The Repatriation Department would then pay to the institutions the difference between the institutional rate of pension (at present maximum 14s. per fortnight, payable to the service pensioner) and the assessed rate of service pension payable when not an inmate of an institution, in respect of the period of in-patient residence in excess of 28 days.

**SERVICE PENSIONERS IN STATE INSTITUTIONS**

Service pensioners in State institutions, such as the Old Men’s Home, have had their maintenance deducted from their pensions, receiving only seven shillings weekly, although old age and invalid pensioners had their keep paid for out of their pensions. The Diggers, being of an independent nature, naturally resisted this, and an agitation was started in this State to have this apparent anomaly removed. At the last Federal Congress, the delegates from this State secured the passage of the following resolution which was duly pressed by the Federal officials.

The following satisfactory reply was received last month from the chairman Repatriation Commission by the Federal secretary:

With reference to your letter dated December 17, 1937, forwarding copy of resolution No. 92, adopted at the 22nd Annual Congress of your League, held at Hobart, and your personal representations on the question of the Commonwealth Government accepting responsibility for the maintenance for service pensioner inmates of State institutions, I have to advise that the Government has now given the matter further consideration.

The Commission is now in a position to advise that the Government has decided that State institutions will be recouped for the maintenance of service pensioners practically on the same basis as is followed by the Invalid and Old Age Pensions Department.

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Wonderful testimonials have been received by the R.S.L. TRADING COMPANY since their new Digger cutter has been cutting their suits.
Ex-service men and others must have experienced a shock, as well as a keen sense of personal loss, when they opened their papers on April 22 and read of the sudden death of Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs. He was a distinguished commander and a great citizen, one who will be greatly missed by the many organisations of which he was such an active and inspiring member. As a soldier, he commanded the 5th Australian Division during the strenuous campaigns in France and Flanders in 1917, and throughout the victorious attack on the Hindenburg Line in the following year. After the Armistice, he succeeded Sir John Monash in the command of the Australian Corps, when Sir John was transferred to London to make arrangements for the repatriation of the A.I.F. Since the War, Sir Talbot always actively identified himself with ex-service men’s organisations, and worked strenuously for the welfare of his former comrades-in-arms, even while these activities were reacting unfavourably on his own health. Ex-service men, therefore, feel that they have lost not only a revered commanding officer, but a very loyal personal friend. It is now just over twenty years since Sir Talbot was responsible for planning the famous operation which resulted in the recapture of Villers Bretonneux. He was aboard the “Orama” on his way to attend the unveiling of the Australian National War Memorial at the same Villers Bretonneux, when the call came for him to join the great advance guard of comrades who have passed beyond the veil. For his services as a general, he will be remembered by the historian. His work as an architect will live in the State War Memorial, St. George’s College and many buildings in the city, but it is the kindly and very human side of his nature that will make him live for ever in the hearts of men.

The late
General
Hobbs
“HAIL, AND FAREWELL”

The Anzac Day message of the late Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs reached us too late for publication in our April issue. Little did we know then that the following words were the last he would address directly to Western Australian Diggers:

Surely our feelings should be stirred by the great and heroic deeds of our fallen comrades which we commemorate on Anzac Day.

May their example inspire us to carry on in the service of our country, whatever the cost. For so shall we make ourselves and our country more worthy of the sacrifice of those who fought and died for us.

GREETINGS FROM VICTORIA

We blushed furiously when we read the appended letter from our old friend C. J. Skipworth, who is honorary secretary and treasurer of the 28th Battalion Association of Victoria. However, as the letter contains information that will interest 28th men in this State, we have powdered away our blushes and published it.

“Skip” writes: Your wonderful paper, The Listening Post, is very keenly sought after by former 28th men in Victoria, who readily take any copies I pass around and absorb all items of interest. All are in accord that it is O.K.


There are in Victoria nearly 60 ex-members of the 28th Battalion settled here and, I am pleased to relate, are all doing well in their land of adoption. Most of them are in good health and still carrying on. Band-Sergeant W. Hocking is still going strong, not quite as nimble as when he led the old 28th band at Blackboy Hill, but he could still put up a good blow.


R.S.L. CRICKET ASSN.
Annual Reunion

Many Diggers attended at Anzac House on Friday, April 29, for the annual social of the R.S.L. Cricket Association. Mr. Harold Hopperton, the president of the association, was in the chair.

In proposing the toast of the association, coupled with the names of the patrons (Messrs. W. L. Menkens and W. A. Oldfield), Colonel A. C. N. Olden, who represented the State executive, spoke of how cricket helped the League as a whole and how it consolidated the cause of returned soldiers. Responses were made by Messrs. J. G. Rankin and W. L. Menkens.

Colonel Olden then presented the association's shield to Mr. W. Crain, captain of the Nedlands No. 1 team, who won the major premiership. Mr. Hopperton presented the Paton Cup and Pennant won by the same club. Mr. Crain, in his response, thanked the donors and made eulogistic references to the members of his and other teams on behalf of the North Perth club. Mr. Rapley (vice-captain) handed over the Drake-Brockman Cup and association pennant to Mr. W. Eddy, captain of the Cottesloe team, which won the minor premiership. In responding, Mr. Eddy expressed the hope that the 190 sub-branches throughout the State could arrange to meet in a cricket carnival in Perth. (Country sub-branches please note.)

As a mark of appreciation for services rendered in connection with the touring team, Mr. C. H. Guy (secretary W.A.C.A.) made presentations of enlarged framed photographs to Messrs.

The annual reunion will be held on June 9.
DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION

The Commonwealth Government's recent decision to resume the policy of assisted migration from Britain will have an important bearing on defence; but, perhaps, its most lasting effect will be on the development of secondary industries. In the meantime, it will provide an answer to those who point to the so-called empty spaces of Australia, and talk of our selfishness in not throwing them open to the teeming millions of other races who, throughout the course of history, have never shown any special inclination or genius for pioneering. Criticisms of the Government's migration plans have been based on the fear that wholesale or too hurried migration might upset economic balance and local standards of living. They have had at least one good effect: They have instituted enquiries into the probable amount of population that Australia can support.

The problem has been submitted to a scientific enquiry by Mr. H. L. Wilkinson in "World Population and a White Australia." Making due allowance for local peculiarities and the reliability or otherwise of rainfalls throughout Australia, Mr. Wilkinson commences with the premise that agriculture is still predominantly important. In considering the maximum population Australia is capable of supporting, he says: one must not consider what minimum area an Australian of to-day thinks necessary to maintain his standard of living and, at the same time accumulate money enough to pay off the Agricultural Bank or other creditors. He visualises a far greater degree of closer settlement, made possible by great advances in agricultural science, and improvements that will prevent the waste of natural rainfall. He does not foresee any very great increase of population in mining and pastoral areas. On the other hand, the considerable development of secondary industries will increase Australia's capacity to support a larger population.

So far, and despite the expansion of manufactures during the past 30 years, Australia has been able to supply only the home protected market, butter, flour and jam alone being exported. Looking into the future, he argues, there do not appear to be any reasons why any change should come about, until this home market becomes so large that great mass production activities become possible, and prices for export are reduced to a competitive basis in the markets of the world. In any calculations of future Australian capacity to support population, one must regard manufacturing expansion as a function of the primary production industries. According to Mr. Wilkinson's summing up, the maximum area of cultivable land in Australia is estimated to be 142,100,000 acres. At the time of his calculation (1930), there were 338,088 people engaged in agricultural pursuits and 25,000,000 acres were under cultivation. Both totals have fallen since the depression. On the basis of 1930, agriculture would find employment for about two million persons. In the total population of Australia, the 1921 census showed that there were ten people for every one primary producer. If, therefore, we place the number of persons engaged in other primary industries, such as the pastoral and mining, at 300,000, and agree that agriculture can be expanded to give employment to 2,000,000, the total population would be 23,000,000. More recently, the Bank of New South Wales estimated the optimum population of Australia at about 30,000,000. The Migration Committee of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, which has recently been engaged on investigation on these lines, accepted the same figure.

Mr. Wilkinson considers that with more intensive settlement the limit could be increased to several times the number indicated, but that would oblige us to accept lower living standards, lower pay and longer working days.

W. L. Menkens (manager and P. R. Allen (treasurer), Mr. Guy remarking that when the tour was mooted, he was doubtful if the amount could have been raised; the effort in his mind was an excellent one. Mr. P. G. Carter (captain of the State team) then asked Mr. Menkens to accept an electric kettle from the members of the team for his great work and kindness shown to all the chaps while on tour. Mr. W. Crain, in supporting Mr. Carter, stated that the tour would have been in doubt had it not been for Mr. Menkens's splendid organisating. He said that it was a splendid trip and thoroughly enjoyed by all who were lucky enough to meet the eyes of the selectors.

Mr. Menkens, in reply, said that it had been the hardest job he had ever tackled, but he felt it had not been in vain after the way it had been appreciated that evening.

Trophies gained during the trip to South Australia were presented to Messrs. P. Carter, W. Crain and F. Wimbridge by Mr. W. L. Menkens. Credit for a successful tour is due to the committee (Messrs. B. Stuck, F. F. Wimbridge, Tom Scott, W. Webster, J. Shanahan, H. Davy and J. G. Rankin). Mr. Tom Scott was responsible for an excellent musical programme.
Service to my Comrades

My Impressions of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers' League of Australia

By Captain W. G. St. Clair Martyn, R.F.C. (Kalgoorlie)

This is dedicated to the memory of our comrades.

What is service? Service, in my opinion, is that spiritual tie that binds us first of all to the great Master who is "the something universal" which unites all things into one whole; and second, to our fellow men in the Service of Duty and that which is immortal. It is that which organises life, giving it unity, purpose and meaning as against an impulsive and unreflective existence. Truth, love and that thread of all—sustaining beauty—that runs through and doth all unite. This, in my opinion, is the first endeavour of service in the deepest faith of humanity. Even from the earliest time man has left the tug of this threefold tie which unites him with God, with his fellow men and with himself. Linking his little life with the eternal-enterprise it is the spirit which gives coherence and cohesion to life like the plan of a building and the cement which binds it together. So it is that these returned soldier organisations are one of the forms of the religious life seeking to bind men together in faith, freedom and friendship. It is not a religion, much less a sect, but it rests upon spiritual realities as the essential element in all true living as well for the community as for the individual. It breaks the appalling loneliness in which men live, organising them in spiritual faith, moral purpose and eternal hope; holding them together by brotherly love and a common high endeavour.

The Returned Sailors and Soldiers' League would have the world become a beloved community whose ordered life is made constructive by the moral intelligence and practical good will. And so we have life, the life that should be ours and which principle gets back into the soul of man. If I were asked to define religion, I would say that it is the realisation of the value of life of whose whole purpose is to unite men, not to divide them, to join them in the quest of truth and the service of the moral ideal, blending a practical righteousness with the everlasting mercy.

Our branches are centres of light in a dark world where men of all ranks, parties and creeds meet in the name of humanity. A simple faith, a wiser justice and creative good will. And what is the service we require of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers' League?: To do justice, to speak the truth, to love mercy and to walk with humanity; and the meaning is this: to help the widows and orphans, succour the aged and infirm, clothe the naked, feed the hungry and bury the dead. Here is the whole genesis of the League. The upward look which links our mortal life with the spirit and practical expression in fraternal service to our fellows in their sorrow and need; the inward integrity which realises in character the supreme mortal values, reverence, benevolence, goodness—beyond that the simplest man need not step. What more can the wisest sage tell us? And this is how we can get at it: by practice, and not by theory. The world will never be better than the men who inhabit it. Everything begins and ends with the individual. One man living a brotherly life is worth a thousand orators.

The Returned Sailors and Soldiers' League is the realisation of service and the practice of brotherhood, and it must begin with each of us in our own life.

Once, the great Brother of Galilee set forth this fact with unforgettable vividness in a story that one can read in two minutes. They told of a "Certain Man"—it might be any man of any race, who went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and was set upon by thieves who robbed him, beat him and left him half dead. One can see the hard faces of the robbers silhouetted against the rocks with cruelty in their eyes—the plagues of society, desperadoes by calling, murderers by vocation. There are the Priest and the Levite who journey that way, passing by the man in distress. They are not hypocrites, they are simply men who separate religion from human service as most men do. They try to unite devotion to God with contempt of the need of mankind. They thought God lived in the Temple, listening to songs and prayers, not knowing that he is out on the highways of...
life where men faint and fall. It is the old atheism which divides piety from humanity and thinks of religion as a sweet dreamy emotion rather than a matter of practical service.

And then there is the Samaritan—a heretic, an outlaw— with divine instincts, quick and keen sympathies, responsive to human need, asking no questions, but doing the thing that is needed to be done. There is the Innkeeper, kindly, but business like, glad to welcome the man who has been unfortunate, but glad also to have a paying guest and happy to be assured that everything will be settled on business principles. It is an immortal picture of our human society and in the living wisdom of the world there is nothing to surpass it alike in vividness and comprehensiveness. The medicine for the sickness of the world, the way out of the blind alley into which it has run, the hope of a better day of justice and goodwill. This is the actual practice of a brotherliness between man and man. Nothing can take the place of it. There is no substitute for it. No plan, no scheme, no programme for a better world order is worth the paper it is written on without men of the brotherly spirit who live a life of service, however obscure they may be. They are of more value to the world than all the offerings and offerings anywhere.

Here is responsibility in our own hearts. No one may shirk this matter nor shift it to another without weakening the basis of society and making all holy things less sacred. The Samaritan did not report the case of the man by the roadside to the society for the relief of the distressed. No, he got down off his donkey, picked the man up and took care of him. He did not denounce the Priest and the Levite. He saw it as his duty, did it and went on about his business. Philanthropy is one thing, justice is another. In times of dire need men want philanthropy, justice they want all the time.

The Returned Sailors and Soldiers’ League is an organised brotherhood because fellowship is a service to both of joy and power. We can do together what we could never do alone. Men are drawn together and joined together in a great fraternity to promote the principle and practice of service in their own lives and in the life of the world. Such an order of men who practice this service of benevolence and good fellowship are made of good men and true, sworn to make righteousness prevail and are a prophesy of that spirit, that tendency, that tie which at last shall bind together and maintain them in one great brotherhood of men with one high endeavour.

The Returned Sailors and Soldiers’ League does the work of the good Samaritan, taking care of the widow, the orphan, the aged and infirm, with a munificence as beautiful as it is gracious, and in ways innumerable and untraceable, the spirit of Anzac mitigates the hard lot of many of those who are helpless through no fault of their own. Unfortunately, the thieves who robbed the man on the road to Jericho escaped and nothing more is said about them in the parable. The good Samaritan did not remove the cause of the misery he helped to heal. He could not do it alone, and so we come down to the principles of good citizenship wherein no unworthy man could become a good serviceable and enduring servant of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers’ League because the Returned Sailors and Soldiers’ League is organised patriotism, neither a political party nor a religious sect. It none the less stands for just laws, the spirit of loyalty and co-operation without which the State cannot be stable and effective. Patriotism is the translation of private faith and individual righteousness into terms of public and social service. Nothing less than this is worth the name of Anzac, and the crying need to-day is to extend the spirit and principles of Anzac to the whole life and transactions of mankind. Practical brotherhood, if it has any meaning at all, means that all men, regardless of rank, creed or party shall have an opportunity to live and to live well, that even the humblest to the measure of its capacity shall be admitted to the full inheritance of humanity. It will not only be friendly to, but will help forward every wise effort on behalf of a full, free and happy useful life for all classes, and will seek to organise civilisation to that end.

The Returned Sailors and Soldiers’ League in its organised capacity may not promote or support definite political programmes, but it will inculcate in its members the will and the desire to champion every cause which endeavours intelligently to build a better human order.

King George VI and Queen Elizabeth will make a State visit to France from June 28 until July 1, it has been officially announced. Their visit will be the first of its kind since the King's father, the late George V, and his mother, Queen Mary, visited the battlefields at the end of the World War. The last time a British monarch stepped on French soil was on July 26, 1936, when the former King Edward VIII, now the Duke of Windsor, made a flying trip to Vimy Ridge for the unveiling of a monument in memory of Canada's war dead. King George VI comes to France under circumstances more similar to those surrounding the visits of his father and mother just before the war and that of his grandfather, King Edward VII, in 1903. Before returning to England, King George will unveil the monument at Villers Bretonneux that has been erected to the memory of the 60,456 Australian soldiers who died in the war.

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Lieut.-Colonel R. B. Jacob, who was elected by the League to represent the Commonwealth's returned soldiers at the unveiling of the Australian War Memorial at Villers Bretonneux, is almost as well-known to Diggers in the various States as he is in his own South Australia. He is one of six brothers who served in the war. Leaving Australia with the 10th Battalion, he was a captain at the Landing. He went to the 50th, when the new battalions were formed in Egypt after the evacuation. Later on he went back to the 10th as commanding officer. At one time, he was in command of the 1st Australian Infantry Training Brigade in England. Lieut.-Colonel Jacob has been prominent in League affairs over a number of years. He was vice-president of the South Australian Branch in 1930, acting State President for six months in 1932, and State President from 1932 to 1935. During his service with the League, he has been associated with the Soldiers' Children's Education Scheme, the Red Cross Society, the Employment Promotion Council, and he represented the League on the South Australian Centenary Committee. Lieut.-Colonel Jacob is a trustee of the Poppy Day Fund, and has represented South Australia at many Federal Congresses.

Rabbi Freedman told the Carlisle Diggers at their April monthly meeting that he hated both "pork and speeches." Porkobindi, the Carlisle gastronomical expert, later opined that the two items mixed very badly as a rule, a more palatable dish-up being obtained by substituting beans for speeches!

George Greaves, Carlisle's blue-eyed secretary, appears to be progressing with his "two sections of fours" plan. Nurse Cowling reported the sixth recruit "all present and correct" on Saturday, April 2, and George, together with his good wife, Kitty, are here with tendered our congratulations and very best wishes.

Boyup Brook reports the resignation of that sub-branch's secretary and good old stalwart, Fred T. Knapp, who wore a kilt in South Africa, when Kipling's Gentlemen in Khaki were wiping something off the slate, has been a good soldier and a very energetic member of the League, and though old soldiers never die, they feel the strain of continued effort, just like ordinary mortals. The sub-branch received his resignation with deep regret at a general meeting on April 1. Individual members spoke sympathetically about the illness that caused the resignation and voiced their appreciation of the retiring secretary's past services through the many years of his membership. On the motion of the president (Mr. E. Miller), seconded by Mr. A. Denton, the new secretary (Mr. R. P. Farris) was instructed to write to Mr. Knapp expressing the sub-branch's appreciation of past services, sincere sympathy and the hope that he would soon be restored to his customary robust health. In the past, Mr. Fred Knapp has been a valued contributor to The Listening Post, and in this paper, in full realisation of his sterling worth, add its good wishes to those of the sub-branch.

At the conclusion of the Anzac Day service in the Boyup Brook Hall, Mr. M. L. Brown, head teacher of the Scott's Brook School, was presented with a gold-mounted fountain pen. The president of the Boyup Brook sub-branch (Mr. Eric Miller) made the presentation on behalf of the president and members of the Dowerin sub-branch. A letter was read from the Dowerin sub-branch which spoke in glowing terms of the services rendered by Mr. Brown. Mr. Miller welcomed him to the district and hoped that he would join the Boyup Brook sub-branch. Mr. Brown, in reply, said that he hoped the members would excise his not having joined before. In expressing thanks for the gift, he said that the work he had done had not been with a view to reward other than comradeship. He would write and personally thank the Dowerin sub-branch for the very fine gift.

The voice that breathed o'er Eden was heard in Boulder recently by Miss Nell O'Grady, daughter of Vic., the popular secretary of the Boulder sub-branch. No one, to look at Vic., would dream that he had a daughter of marriagable age, which shows that you can never judge by appearances. The young gentleman who induced Vic. to become a father-in-law is Mr. Lindsay Bingley, whom a Boulder correspondent describes as one of the best. The happy couple spent a brief honeymoon in Perth.

Our Jarrahdale correspondent reports that S.Hopkinson, the king fisherman of the Mundijong-Jarrahdale sub-branch, has been spending a holiday at Mandurah. Somebody whispered that "Hoppy" would be sending a consignment of fish to be disposed of in aid of sub-branch funds, but something seems to have gone wrong with the bait. Paddy Brennan (28th Battalion) is in the district again, and has been back at meetings. Paddy is always active in League affairs and was greatly missed during his absence.

It is with deep regret that we report the illness of Mrs. A. E. Craig, whose husband served with the Royal Australian Air Force, and is a valued member of the Mundijong-Jarrahdale sub-branch. Mrs. Craig underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Jarrahdale hospital last month. This good lady is a great social worker for the sub-branch. On several occasions last year, she helped to raise the wind on behalf of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. We hear that she is making satisfactory progress and join the sub-branch in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Madame Bennett Wilkinson gives piano and vocal recitals twice a week to the patients of Ward XI, when the ward is free from operations. She specially visited the ward on Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Anzac Day, when music suitable to these occasions was performed. By the courtesy of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, several patients were enabled to enjoy the programme given by Signor Borgioli. Edward Millen patients were visited recently, and cigarettes donated by Mr. and Mrs. Paxton, of the Esplanade, were distributed.

Mr. A. F. Lawrie, the new president of Collie sub-branch, enlisted from Collie and has been an active member of the sub-branch ever since its foundation. He has not held any office previously, but, in view of his personality and support promised him by members, the sub-branch can look forward to another successful year under his presidency.
Digger Chambers, of the Guildford sub-branch, is a tiger for work. His activities are directed principally towards the welfare of the young folks of the community. He has started an athletic club and a swimming class for boys and girls. It is hoped that there will soon be a building that will provide a permanent base for all these activities. In his working hours, that is, his official working hours, the good Digger wears his war ribbons on a policeman’s jacket and helps to keep Guildford safe for democracy.

Stan Dival, North Perth’s popular president, has been in Ward XI with a recurrence of the old war trouble. After years of solid service, disabilities get the upper hand, but we hope Stan will profit by a spell in hospital and wish him a speedy recovery.

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Mr. T. A. Moorhouse, a popular member of the North Perth sub-branch. The late Tommy Moorhouse passed away in his sleep on April 12. During the war he saw active service with the 4th Field Ambulance. A regular attendant at sub-branch meetings, his quiet and gentlemanly presence endeared him to a host of his fellow Diggers. We join with North Perth in extending sympathy to Mrs. Moorhouse, who is also very ill, and to her family.

H. F. (Jock). Cliff is to be congratulated on doing a wonderfully good work as producer for the North Perth sub-branch Entertainers. This concert party has already given three successful concerts from which amelioration funds have greatly benefited. Two others associated with him in this activity are J. A. Faulkner and J. Lang. All three served with the 11th Battalion. Mrs. Cliff is president of the North Perth women’s auxiliary.

H. (Bert) Rigg, who went to Adelaide for the A.A.M.C. reunion on Anzac Day, returned to Perth on May 5. He seems to have benefited from the trip. He is now preparing for the A.A.M.C. reunion on May 25. Bert, who is a very active member of the North Perth sub-branch, which he has represented at more than one recent annual State congress, was the driving force behind the movement which provided the Repatriation Hospitals with libraries. Among his many present activities is that of holding down the job of secretary for the sub-branch Entertainers.

**12th & 52nd Battalion Assn.**

A very pleasant evening was spent at the smoke social which was held at the Milligan Dining Rooms on Wednesday, April 20, when a good muster of old comrades of the 12th and 52nd Battalions met to draw the sweep in aid of the associations’ funds, which was paid in full, and to swap yarns and talk old times over the glass that cheers. When Auld Lang Syne was sung about 11.30, everyone departed feeling that the smoke social was a great success. On Anzac Day, a good muster turned up for the Dawn Service. The official wreath being placed on the Memorial by Lieut. Jock Evans, this honour being given to Jock by the President of the Association (Sid Rowles), Jock being the first 12th Battalion lieutenant and officer in Blackboy in August, 1914, and is still a good worker for the Association to-day. At the main parade, there was no more pleased member than worthy Secretary, Alf Cook, for our muster was a record, 70 members marching, including many not seen for many moons. Country Vice-President “Banjo” Reeves came over 200 miles to be on parade; another noticed was Wiff. Cornish, who had made the trip from Northam to march with the old boys. After the parade, most of the boys adjourned to the Milligan Dining Rooms, where the committee had been busy and where President Sid Rowles addressed members to the accompaniment of much clinking of glasses.

**Medical Services Unit Assn.**

The annual reunion and smoke social will be held at the Stirling Social Rooms, corner Hay and Milligan Streets, on Saturday, May 21, at 8 p.m. A musical programme is arranged. Members who attended the inter-State A.M.C. reunion will be present and give some impressions of the function held in Adelaide. Members of the old A.M.C. are requested to keep this date in mind and attend this, their annual function. Admission is 2/6.

**28th Battalion Association**

The annual reunion smoke social will be held in Mrs. O’Connell’s social rooms, corner of Hay and Milligan Streets (upstairs), on Thursday, June 9, at 8 p.m. Roll up and meet old coppers at the annual hop-over.

**11th Battalion, A.I.F., History**

Mr. Phillip G. Carter, of Fremantle, has been appointed secretary of the Anzac Club and manager of Anzac House, following upon the resignation of Mr. J. J. Andrews some weeks ago. Mr. A. S. Chidlow, of Northam, who had been appointed to the vacancy, but he notified the Club committee that he could not take over the duties. Mr. Carter served in the Great War with the 11th Battalion, A.I.F., and has been an active member of country sub-branches of the Returned Soldiers’ League. He was captain of the West Australian R.S.L. team which took part in the inter-State returned soldiers’ cricket carnival at Adelaide last Christmas.

**THE LISTENING POST, 16th May, 1938**

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"To his personality can be attributed much of the magnificent spirit which characterised the Battalion. Especially on Gallipoli, when he carried the worries and cares of a C.O. on his shoulders, his genial presence and confident bearing acted like a tonic on troops whose endurance was strained almost to breaking point. After the August fighting, when sickness and hardship had greatly reduced the morale of the 16th, he moved around the trenches, hiding his own physical disabilities, and talked and joked the spirit back into his weary men. For seven months he bore the heat and burden of a battalion command on Gallipoli. His services were recognised by the respect of the officers and men of the battalion, and gained for him the award of a C.B."
last committee meeting amounted to nearly £100. The total subscriptions and donations from July 1, 1937, to April 28, 1938, were £2,307/2/5. The total in the fund was now £8,506/8/8. Among the donations received was one from the Pingrup sub-branch, an amount of £11/9/-, the result of donations of bags of wheat.

At the West Leederville Anzac service, Mr. F. P. Gulley made a sincere and eloquent appeal for the fund. Extracts from letters from the Wiluna, Ravensthorpe, Wubin, Pingrup and Busselton sub-branches were read. The following additions have been made to the list of sub-branch stewards: Calingiri, Mr. W. S. Campbell; Coolup, Mr. J. W. Fairweather; Cowaramup, Messrs. F. Warny and J. Bottrell; Goomalling, Mr. C. D. McKenna; Karlgarin-Hyden Rock, Mr. A. Finemore; Katanning, Major R. S. Hall; Karridale, Mr. J. Wholley; Koorda, Mr. R. Wood; Kulin, Mr. M. McGrath; Kondinin, Messrs. W. Hill, J. Luke and A. Gordon; Meekering, Mr. D. K. Shaw; Mornington Mill, Mr. N. Hanbury; Mt. Hawthorn, Mr. W. F. Devine; Mukinbudin, Mr. V. H. Jones; Mundaring, Mr. R. H. Rutherford; Narrogin, Mr. D. Power; Nungarin, Mr. W. Jones; Pingelly, Mr. J. Rushton; Pithara, Mr. E. Harrington; Victoria Park, Mr. J. Rudland; Williams, Mr. J. Mills; Wiluna, Mr. D. Fullarton; Wooroloo, Mr. S. Evans; Yandanooka, Mr. J. W. Campbell.

Rail Warrants for Wives and Men in Repatriation Hospitals

With reference to the above resolution which reads as follows:-
That representations be made to the Federal Government to provide, in respect of serious cases, railway warrants for the wives of ex-service men to visit their husbands in Repatriation hospitals at least every two months, the Minister for Repatriation has advised:-

The present facilities provide for the issue of free travelling facilities to the patient's wife and child to enable them to visit the ex-soldier at a departmental institution twice yearly (once in every six months); a second-class railway fare limited to £2 being allowed twice yearly for the forward and return journeys, and an allowance not exceeding £1/10/- towards expenses twice yearly.

This privilege is granted when a patient's condition is such as to render it inadvisable for him to avail himself of prolonged leave privileges, and that it is conditional that the patient does not go on leave to visit relatives.

I have given careful consideration to your request for the privilege of issuing rail warrants to the wives of ex-service men to visit their husbands at least every two months, but I cannot agree that any extension or alteration in the present practice of providing rail warrants twice yearly is justified.
Hail and Farewell

ON THE DEATH OF LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR, J. TALBOT HOBBS

(By C. R. Collins)

The muse of History's unfeeling hand
Has written "Finis" to a life well spent,
Remorseless Fate has cut the last thin strand
That binds a soul to earthy tenement.
Across a sobbing ocean's heaving breast,
Speeding before the faint expiring breath;
A gallant soul went winging towards the west,
To keep a final rendezvous with Death.

A nation mourns. A nation's heart is stirred
In silent homage to the illustrious dead.
Is this the end? Has Death the final word?
Does dissolution reign when Life is sped?
And are the measured throbs of muffled drum,
The wail of pipes, the trumpet's sad refrain,
The tearing grief that holds a people numb,
But mere expression of a transient pain?

Ah, no! Through pain the best of change is wrought,
Birth comes from travail; victory follows strife.
With loss the most enduring gain is bought.
For Death is but a halt 'twixt Life and Life.
The leaves that pale 'neath Autumn's withering spell,
The flowers that wilt beneath the Winter's rain,
Refresh the mould that grips them and impel
Gay burgeonings of radiant life again.

And so one man, whose duty was his pride,
Could serve without a thought of gain or praise,
And then, expiring, light a torch to guide
New generations towards the higher ways.
I often think his life was like a flame
That burned with steadfast gleam and faltered not.
Steadfast he was in all that e'er became
The man, the hero, and the patriot.

Leader he was; but he could also be
A comrade true to men of less estate.
He bore his fame with that simplicity
Which is the measure of the truly great.
And as he led, he lived to serve and give
The best within him. Well he played his part!
Such men can never die. For e'er they live
Enshrined within a grateful nation's heart.

SIR TALBOT HOBBS IN LEGACY

Sir Talbot had a particularly soft spot
for the orphan children of the war and
was a keen worker in the Perth Legacy
Club where he will be greatly missed.
The hon. secretary of the Legacy Co-
ordinating Council has written as fol-
loows to Mr. Birfstistle (Legacy presi-
dent):—

"It is with the greatest confidence in a
truthful statement of fact that my coun-
cil speaks for all Australian Legacy Clubs
when we extend to you our deepest sym-
pathy at the loss of so distinguished a
member as L./ Sir Talbot Hobbs.

"While you were privileged to have
Sir Talbot as a local member, I am sure
you will not cavil at the claim that every
Club was proud of the fact that he be-
longed to Legacy and therefore to them
as well.

"Australia has produced notable sons,
but it is doubted if any were greater
than your late member. His career as a
leader in the A.I.F. was notable. His
service to the nation transcends personal
gain.

"The sad circumstances of his death
are deplorable, when it is remembered
that he was so worthily chosen to rep-
resent the Australian forces at an event of
such national importance as was his mis-
ion.

"We extend to you, with all sincerity,
our sympathy at your loss."

The League lost a good member, and
the State a good citizen, through the pass-
ing of Jack Sinclair, a past president of
the Gloucester Park sub-branch, who
served with the Australian Army Medi-
cal Corps during the war. Both in the
League and in ordinary life our late com-
rade was in the highest sense of the term
a good sportsman. He was keenly inter-
ested in football, tennis and cricket, and
was one of those who started cricket for
women in this State. He had been pre-
ident of the State association and was
president of the Victoria Park club at the
time of his death. Three past presi-
dents of the Gloucester Park sub-branch
were pall-bearers at the funeral. We
join with Gloucester Park in condoling
with Mrs. Sinclair and the son who are
left to mourn his loss.

Many friends will mourn the loss of
Alex. Rankin, an Army Medical Corps
man and caretaker for many years of the
Supreme Court buildings. The deceased
was well-known and popular in Perth,
when he had once played a prominent
part in the athletic and sporting life of
the community. Of late years, his duties
did not permit him to take much part in
the corporate life of the League, but a
host of Diggers knew him as a genial
friend and the prince of good fellows.
We join with them in tendering our sym-
pathy to his relatives.
If it is more blessed to give than to receive, Mr. Neville Chamberlain will go down to history as a thrice-blessed statesman. A cursory reading of the Anglo-Italian agreement suggests that Italy has been given much in return for what are little more than promises. Italy may, or may not, keep her promises, but there is always the certainty that she can be coaxed to sign some future agreement to keep this agreement. Mr. Chamberlain acclaims the Anglo-Italian agreement as a valuable contribution to world peace, and the future alone can prove him right or wrong. Something more concrete is noticeable in the Anglo-Irish agreement which ends a long period of mutual bickering, and introduces the principle of Imperial preference into Anglo-Irish relations. A better understanding between Celt and Saxon will be welcomed throughout the British Commonwealth, even if it does rest on the less ethical basis of self-interest on both sides. Australia could console herself for the loss of a small portion of the British market for meat and dairy produce with the reflection that this loss is Ireland's gain, and that a slight loss in trade is more than compensated for by greater Imperial stability and cohesion.

The proposed Anglo-American agreement is an attempt to implement one of the principles expressed in the Tri-Partite Currency agreement, between Britain, France and the United States, in 1936, the principle of possible causes of international friction by removing barriers to international trade. Canada took the initiative at the Imperial conference last year by insisting on an agreement that would extend to the United States the advantages of Ottawa. Britain supported the proposal, and the other Dominions were told that they must be prepared to make sacrifices in the interest of American friendship and world peace, the implication being that the one assured the other. In other words, the Imperial conference agreed to sacrifice Imperial preferences, or at least to include the United States within the orbit of Ottawa.

Since then, and even since the commencement of the Anglo-American negotiations there have been revulsions of feeling on both sides of the Atlantic. Before the end of last year, and especially when the tension caused by Japanese attacks on British and American gunboats in the Yangtze River was most acute, the American isolationist Press attacked the agreement, describing it as a sinister British attempt to bribe the United States into an alliance against Japan. At the same time, American sheeprmen were strenuously objecting to any alteration of the United States tariff to admit more Australian wool into the country, and American millmen were equally vehement in opposing any suggestion to admit British woollen textiles into the United States on payment of lower duties. Boston, once the cultured capital of America, is now the industrial centre of an organised resistance to the trade treaty, and that existence continues. Its vigorous existence is the probable cause of the delay in signing the treaty which, in its turn, has delayed the opening of the negotiations between the Australian Ministerial delegation, now in London, and the British Government. It is admitted on every side that the Anglo-American treaty will cut across the principles of Ottawa, and until it has been signed the revision of Ottawa cannot even commence.

Some time ago, Mr. Lyons assured Australia that the Commonwealth would...
make no concessions unless an equivalent from the United States was assured. More recently, it was stated that the effect of the treaty on Australia's export trade with the United Kingdom would be negligible. Both in Britain and in Australia it has been confidently asserted that the principle of Imperial preferences would be retained. These glad tidings have been blazoned forth in the daily and weekly papers, but the financial journals, like the famous man from Missouri, have yet to be convinced. Notwithstanding recourse to such expedients as acreage restriction, and the recent proposal to plough in standing grain, the United States is certain to have a huge exportable surplus of wheat this year. Does she hope to secure a greater share of the British grain market? If she does, that added share must be at the expense of Australia and Canada. It was hinted a few weeks ago, that Australia must sacrifice either her wheat or her dried fruits in the interests of Anglo-American friendship. That is an aspect of the case which Australia must consider. The British manufacturer sees it from another angle. The revision of Ottawa will again, most probably, subject the British manufacturer to American competition in the Dominion markets, while his home market is also invaded by American manufactured goods. No wonder the British manufacturers are becoming restive under the uncertainty.

At the beginning of the Anglo-American negotiations, the American Secretary of State (Mr. Cordell Hull) published a list of 416 categories of goods, including a huge variety of products and manufactured articles, which would be considered in the discussions. Commenting on this list, a month ago, the Journal of the National Union of British Manufacturers said: "We cannot possibly give the Americans the kind of thing they will ask for without reducing, firstly, the amount of preference which Dominion goods receive in the United Kingdom market and the United Kingdom goods receive in Dominion markets; and, secondly, without reducing the amount of protection which the United Kingdom trade enjoys in the Home markets." The Journal adds, "We cannot see what concessions the Americans can afford to offer us in return."

That, to our mind, is an excellent summing up of the position. So far from bringing the United States into more active collaboration with the Empire in international affairs, we are being asked to pay dearly for the good will which is just as evanescent an affair in international affairs as it is in private business. The official organ of the British Manufacturers has described the pending treaty as an example of "well-meaning but short-sighted opportunism." In view of these misgivings, the return to the sturdier and more self-reliant spirit of Ottawa, that was expressed at the recent conference of Empire Producers in Sydney was both timely and welcome. At that conference, the leader of the British delegation pointed out something which the Australian producer, and his political leaders, have long realised, namely that the British market can absorb only a certain quantity of Dominion produce. To reduce that statement to simplest terms, the consumer in the United Kingdom can only eat a given quantity of Australian meat, wheat or dried fruits, and he can wear only a certain amount of Australian wool. But, as the British spokesman continued, the Dominions do not supply the whole of Britain's imports of food and wool. The only possibility of expansion is in the direction of proportion rather than quantity and, as the British spokesman declared, it must be made, not at the expense of the British producer, but at the expense of the foreigner. That, precisely, is what our own organisation has been contending for during all these years; and that is the objective which is threatened by the Anglo-American treaty.

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When he was in Perth, recently, Sir Stanley Argyle, Leader of the Opposition in the Victoria Legislative Assembly, said that the best markets Australian primary producers had were in Australia itself.

"The big problems which were facing Australia today," he said, "were men, migration and markets. The problem of Australia's small population could not be remedied by any system quickly enough to affect the present world situation."

"My view of any migration scheme is that it must include at least two kinds and possibly three kinds of people," he proceeded. "If people are brought out here we must not bring only those whom we intend to make primary producers. If we bring skilled men capable of being employed in secondary industries, we must get capital to accompany them. It should not be the duty of the small population of Australia to provide that capital and it appears to me that this is one aspect upon which many people in the Eastern States have gone astray."

Dealing with markets, he pointed out that the best markets the primary producers had were in Australia itself. Australia consumed 712,000,000 lb. of beef a year and the exports totalled 154,000,000 lb. The mutton and lamb consumption was 607,000,000 lb. and the exports 166,000,000 lb. Other products showed a similar state of affairs, including wine, the local consumption of which was 13,000,000 gallons and the exports 3,000,000 gallons.

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MESSAGE FROM HON. A. R. G. HAWKE, M.L.A.
(MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIES)

I very much appreciate the invitation from the "Listening Post" to write a few words regarding Empire Shopping Week.

Empire Shopping Week, while advocating the purchase of Empire goods, also supports the slogan of Western Australia first, then Australian, and finally the Empire generally.

Goods produced within the boundaries of the State give employment to men, women and young people in our own factories and other industrial establishments, and therefore the income thus derived remains within the State and benefits the State. Our local factories could and should supply more of the goods which are sold and consumed here. Factory employment — and regular employment at that — in the State would be at the very least doubled if the buying public could be induced to buy more locally made goods.

I very much appreciate the services which are rendered by the public-spirited men and women who comprise such bodies as the Empire and Local Trading Week Council, and also the co-operation and assistance which is always forthcoming from the Sub-Branches of the R.S.L., and the Women's Economic Council.

If the policy advocated by the Council received loyal support, more adults and young people would be found work in our factories. Western Australia would be producing additional wealth and would make more rapid progress and become increasingly self-reliant. The inevitable result would be a substantial improvement in the standard of living for our people, and the promotion of human welfare and happiness. Could there be a safer or surer foundation than that upon which to build and keep great the might of any nation or Commonwealth of Nations?

In wishing the "Listening Post" a bright and happy future, I take this opportunity of thanking all who have co-operated in the Empire Shopping Week Campaign for their loyal and disinterested services.

India, with a population of 373 millions, nearly three-quarters of the population of the whole Empire, is one of the largest consuming markets in the world. During 1936-37 better prices were obtained for her raw materials, with the result that the population became more prosperous and an increase was registered in the consumption of industrial products, both from her internal manufactures and foreign sources.
Be Proud to Buy British

MESSAGE FROM MR. E. S. WATT (CHAIRMAN OF THE EMPIRE TRADING AND SHOPPING COUNCIL OF W.A.)

In these days, when British manufacturers complain that German motor cars are being dumped in the United Kingdom, at a price cheaper than they can be sold for in Germany, and when Australia is faced with the prospect of a demand that she should increase her imports of Japanese fabrics, it is more than ever essential that buying, like charity, should begin at home. It has been pointed out on previous occasions that patriotism should not merely be a matter of lip service. If this sentiment has any value, it is worth making some small sacrifice, if need be. Sentiment can be translated into action by making our patriotism practical, and the most practical form that patriotism can assume in normal times is expressed by the motto, "Buy British and be proud of it."

Enlightened self-interest combines with sentiment in this respect. We still find markets for the bulk of our exports in the United Kingdom and other parts of the Empire. During the year ended June 30, 1937, this State's imports from the United Kingdom were valued at £2,874,641, from the sister Dominion of New Zealand £37,327, and from other parts of the British Empire, £917,305. Imports from other States of the Commonwealth were valued at £15,976,940. Imports from foreign countries were estimated at £2,351,419. Exports to the United Kingdom amounted to £12,040,450; to other States of the Commonwealth £1,753,900, excluding £1,426,404 for gold, to New Zealand, £24,375, and to other British possessions, £979,828. During the year our exports to foreign countries were valued at £20,991,133. It will be seen, then, that in every case, with the exception of New Zealand and the other Australian States, the trade balance is largely in our favour. This would seem an argument in favour of greater reciprocity with Empire countries, and for the further development and support of local products.

The encouragement of Empire shopping on the principle of preference first to local products, second to Australian and third to Empire products has long been a definite part of the policy of the R.S.L. and the Council. Such a policy is as essential to-day as ever it was. In the present, as in preceding years, the Western Australian Branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. has worked hard to make Empire Shopping Week the decided success it has always been. Thus, the Diggers of the State have perpetuated those ideals of service which impelled them to enlist in 1914, and the succeeding years of the war. This year's response shows that the League still serves. Therefore, on behalf of the movement, I thank all sub-branches, auxiliaries and local committees for their co-operation, and particularly our Hon. Organiser (Mr. Hastings C. Reid). May this year's effort excel even the successes of former years.

OUR MONEY'S WORTH

Based on the "on demand" rates, quoted on May 5 by the Bank of New South Wales, the Australian pound in Perth was worth approximately 15/11½ in London, 19/9¾ in New Zealand, 16/ in New York, 16/5 in Montreal, £1/1/5 in France, 16/4½ in Italy, 9/8 in Germany, 11/9 in Holland, £1/7/10½ in Japan, 15/11 in India and 15/11 in Cape Town.

Mr. E. S. Watt.

THE STATE'S TRADE

The Deputy Government Statistician (Mr. W. L. Wilson) has issued trade returns for Western Australia, for the nine months which ended March 31, 1938. The figures show, inclusive of exchange and ship's stores, a favourable balance of £1,408,172, compared with a credit balance of £1,428,860 for the corresponding period of last year.

Exports overseas and inter-State amounted to £16,473,613; while ship's stores were valued at £445,715, making a total of £16,919,328. Imports direct from overseas totalled £6,640,151 which, with exchange added, amounted to £7,800,189 in Australian currency. Those from other States of the Commonwealth were valued at £9,710,967, making the total imports £15,511,156.

The main increases in exports were as follows: Butter, £311,477; beef, £65,065; lamb and mutton, £111,269; wheat, £748,416; timber, £193,150; and gold, £1,058,353.

The main decreases in imports were: Eggs in shell, £29,803; flour, £50,045; furred skins, £43,184; greasy wool, £1,303,122; scourc wool, £33,441; arsenic, £28,232.

The chief increases in imports were: Tea, £20,321; tobacco and preparations thereof, £41,213; textiles, £130,982; kerosene, £27,680; petrol, £66,840; agricultural machinery, £143,736; other machinery, £243,923; motor cars, £140,518; motor parts, other vehicles and parts, £101,575; tyres, covers, £30,225; sulphur, £58,722; arms, ammunition and explosives, £78,550.

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HISTORY OF EMPIRE SHOPPING WEEK IN W.A.

The Empire Shopping Week was inaugurated in this State in 1928 by the Housewives’ Association of Western Australia. It was considered that at least one out of the fifty-two weeks of the year the people of every portion of the British Empire should be asked to think, feel and act as members of one gigantic family, interested in each other’s doings and ready to put forth a hand to help the other. Empire Shopping Week, therefore, is both a significant and an important occasion, and should be regarded as a step in the direction of making every week an Empire Shopping Week.

In the following year, as the result of a meeting called by Mr. Hastings C. Reid, the Empire Trading and Shopping Council of Western Australia was formed, and this body took over the control and direction of the movement. Its efforts in Western Australia were ably supported by the various organisations represented on the Council, by the Press and by the Empire Marketing Board of Great Britain, which has forwarded from Western Australia, Australia, or from Empire sources.

1. That it is the duty of every resident in every portion of the British Dominions to give preference to goods produced within the Empire, and so conserve employment for fellow citizens in all parts of the Empire.

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The movement is designed to enlist the co-operation of shop-keepers throughout the Empire so as to secure the benefit of the advertising value of their window and shop displays. British shop-keepers during Empire Shopping Week provide hundreds of miles of shop window displays of products of the overseas Dominions. This has proved of inestimable value in popularising the use of Australian products, and places Australian producers under a debt of gratitude to British shop-keepers.

The objects of the Empire Shopping Week committee are to convince Empire citizens during Empire Week and all the year round, by means of window displays and public propaganda—

1. That they can and should secure everything they require, either within

four to ten thousand artistic and educative posters annually for local distribution. Valuable propaganda work has been carried on in country centres by the various sub-branch of the R.S.L. and their women’s auxiliaries, the women’s section of the P.P.A. and the Country Women’s Association.

Five years ago the control of the movement was taken over by the Returned Soldiers’ League, with Mr. Reid as honorary organiser, and with the cooperation of other loyal helpers who have assisted on the committee for many years. The campaign has been slowly but steadily achieving its object.

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BRITAIN AND FOOD

The British public has never forgotten the submarine menace of the Great War, a new type of blockade which threatened the existence of a nation that imports most of its foodstuffs. Consequently the problem of conserving food supplies in preparation for national emergency has received the careful consideration of the British Government. Last year, the Government was urged to provide large granaries for the storing of wheat. Those who favoured this course argued that reserves of wheat would minimise the effects of a blockade, while the creation of the reserve stocks would eliminate the risk of an embarrassing wheat surplus at the end of the cereal year, and so help to maintain prices at a reasonable level.

For some months the Government was blamed for not adopting this policy. More recently, however, it has been learnt that a broad Defence Department, controlled by Sir Thomas Inskip, the Minister for the Co-Ordination of Defence, was already in existence. Within the past few weeks, the Government commenced to purchase and store a supply of wheat, sufficient to meet the requirements of the United Kingdom for twenty weeks. The British Government acted secretly and shrewdly. It bought through the ordinary commercial channels, and bought on a depressed market. It carefully avoided causing one of those booms which is so often the forerunner of a slump. The bulk of the wheat purchased was grown in Australia and Canada, and there is the possibility of further purchases in the near future. Australian wheat growers would have preferred a little less secrecy and a greater advance in values; but they may console themselves with the reflection that the British Government’s purchases, if they did not cause a rise in prices, certainly prevented a further and more serious fall.

The British Government intends to provide granaries at western centres of the United Kingdom, which will not be so exposed to attack from the air, and the authorities have approached private millers on the subject of an extension of storage space. It is estimated that the cost of storing a year’s supply of wheat for Britain would amount to £2,500,000.

Britain’s example is likely to be followed by European countries. Early last year, it was reported that Czechoslovakia had a considerable amount of grain in excess of her own requirements, and it was known that Czechoslovakia was not exporting wheat, though Germany and Italy were making strenuous endeavours to corner the yield of Danubian countries. Czechoslovakia was probably preparing for an emergency, though this was never definitely established. Until April, Italy purchased wheat for storage a few weeks ago, countries like France, Germany and Italy contented themselves with striving to increase acreage and output. Germany and Italy also sought to conserve wheat by enacting that millers should mix maize and other grains with wheat in the production of flour. A few months ago, a new Italian law increased the ratio of other grain to wheat. If European countries follow Britain’s lead in creating reserve stores, this will make good news for the producer. The dangers of carry-over and surplus will be removed, and prices will return to the more pleasing levels of last year.

It is likely, too, that the principle of conservation will be applied to other primary products which Australia sends to Britain. Before the end of last year, the United Kingdom’s national cold storage and refrigerating plants were increased. Even without the threat of war, the problem of food becomes more acute each year in Britain. To-day, she imports 50,000 tons of foodstuffs daily, and these are brought over 80,000 miles of dangerous sea-ways. In one year alone, she imports 400,000 tons of tea, 75,000 tons of cocoa, 15,000 tons of coffee, 150,000 tons of dried fruits, 10,000,000 tons of grain and flour and 1,500,000 tons of sugar. The average British loaf consists of about 65 per cent. Empire-grown wheat. The balance comes from the United States, the Argentine, Russia, the Danube Basin, France, Italy and, in normal times, Germany, which grows a surplus.

A new turn has, for the past twenty years, been taking place in India, and much thought has been focussed on manufacturing within the country itself. India is now producing 80 per cent. of her needs in cotton-piece goods, and practically all the sugar and matches she uses. Iron smelting has gained ground to such an extent that India now exports large quantities of pig iron. New industries such as cigarette-making, the manufacture of leather boots and shoes have been started and are proving successful. Other smaller industries continue to make headway.

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THE EMPIRE SHOPPING WEEK COUNCIL


Front Row: Mesdames E. Bagot, T. C. Wilson, Messrs. H. C. Reid (hon. organiser), E. S. Watt (chairman), Mesdames H. Hopperton, A. C. Kirby and M. Caven Griffiths.

Absent: Mrs. J. C. McKinlay and Mr. J. E. Mitchell.
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Earlier reports on artificial wool fibres, which are now known generically as staple fibre, declared that the synthetic fabric could not compete with real wool in warmth, tensile properties and other qualities. It was stated that suits made of the artificial material would not wear well, nor would they retain their shape after being wet. The principal artificial fibres in use are those of the German type, in which wood fibres are combined with natural wool, and the Italian type which is derived from casein, a product of milk. The Italian type is considered by experts to assimilate more nearly to real wool, but the cost of production is almost prohibitive. It is generally believed that staple fibre will never replace real wool, and that it will not even be a serious competitor while the price of the natural product remains within reach of the consumer.

Laterly, however, experts have been less reassuring. It is now reluctantly admitted that the growing use of staple fibre in Germany, Italy and Japan, and even by English mills, has had an effect in depressing wool values this season. Therefore, the decision of wool growing interests in Empire countries to arrange for a world-wide publicity campaign on behalf of natural wool is not only timely but decided urgently. This publicity campaign should be of interest to all primary producers whose export sales are threatened by the growing use of artificial products.

CO-OPERATION IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The farmers of this State may well take pride in the co-operative organisation which they have built up. Their central organisation, the Westralian Farmers, Limited, has won recognition all over Australia for its efficiency and its practical help to the man on the land. Even in London, that city of great commercial enterprises, this Western Australian co-operative enterprise is held in exceptionally high esteem.

The reason, of course, that this farmers' company, The Westralian Farmers, Limited, has done wonderful things for our farmers. The list of benefits so won is almost innumerable, but one may mention two as outstanding. Bulk buying has been sought in this State since before the war. The technical, from the financial and other difficulties in the way of establishing a system to suit our particular conditions, were insuperable for many years, until The Westralian Farmers, Limited, solved the difficulty.

This farmers' company devised a system which was far cheaper to build than any used anywhere else in the world; elastic enough to handle with the utmost efficiency the fluctuating crops which our mottled soils and varying weather yield in different areas in different seasons, and a system which was cheap to run. On top of all this, The Westralian Farmers, Limited, arranged to turn the whole bulk handling system which they had brought to success back to the wheat growers, on extended terms by a system of tolls.

Even greater than this achievement, perhaps, is the fight successfully waged by The Westralian Farmers, Limited, against the shipping monopoly. Efforts by pastoralists and governments to get lower freights for wool had proved unavailing for years. Then came the "Westralian Farmers Shipping Line," which carried wool home to England with profit to the company, and demonstrated that freight reductions were overdue. Fruit also was taken to Europe in specially chartered modern freighters of a new and improved type, which carried the fruit better than it had ever been carried before.

Finally, The Westralian Farmers, Limited, sacrificed its profitable shipping trade in A.O.T.A. goods under an agreement with the Commonwealth Government and the conference lines. The latter undertook to reduce freight rates on wool, fruit and meat, and to maintain the lower rates for a three-year period. This alone put hundreds of thousands of pounds into the pockets of Australian farmers. The successful outcome of this fight was all the more noteworthy in that freight rates from New Zealand to Europe have been considerably raised since those from Australia were reduced.

In similar fashion, over the last few years, The Westralian Farmers, Limited, has won benefits for our farmers in marketing. It has opened the London market to the eggs produced on Western Australian farms; it has found new markets for Western Australian fruit in Scandinavia, in Palestine, in North Africa; it developed the export of Western Australian barley; it has found export markets all over the world for Western Australian honey; it has entered and is improving the lamb export trade, and it is now meeting the changing needs of our wheat areas and of our south-west by organising a pre-eminent livestock service.

On the other hand, in the provision of farmers' needs, it has made "co-operative standard of service" the hallmark of all that is best in service, in the provision of machinery, of merchandise, insurance, income tax help, packing materials, of everything the farmers can possibly want.

It is, in short, no wonder that the farmers of Western Australia take pride in the achievement of their own company.

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The British Empire is the greatest commercial proposition the world has ever known. Can we develop it as we should, to the mutual benefit of all the countries that compose it? Can we direct the flow of goods and services, together with easy means for using them, within the Empire? Markets are not developed overnight. Extension of credit, study of conditions typical to Empire environment, advertising, organisation of sales and personnel, are forces which should be combined in developing the markets available within the Dominions and Colonies.

Let us consider illustrations of conditions existing in just two everyday commodities. Firstly, take sugar. To-day, New Zealand buys her sugar in Java, while Australia sends her surplus to Great Britain. Uruguay buys sugar from Yugoslavia instead of from her neighbours in Peru and Brazil. Peru actually sells sugar to China in competition with Java—almost a neighbour. Java, in point of fact, sells sugar to Zanzibar, whereas Zanzibar's neighbour, Mozambique, exports to India. At one time, however, India used to be Java's best customer for sugar, but to-day the Hindustan is the leading producer of cane sugar, although it needs to import occasionally to supplement its production. The foregoing is merely a summary of mal-distribution in just one major commodity. Russia, Italy and Germany, despite their Dictator, Duce, or Fuehrer, provide classic examples of mal-production in another commodity. The U.S.S.R. still produces light cattle and thin leather, which it cannot use, so has to import heavy leather produced in Italy and Germany. On the other hand, Germany and Italy produce heavy cattle and thick leather, and have, therefore, to import light leather from England, France, and even India.

As a unit, the British Commonwealth of Nations has a population of approximately 450 millions, and its trade constitutes about a third of the total trade of the world. How this is split among the various Dominions can be best illustrated by the following tabulation, which shows what the United Kingdom bought and sold within the Empire:

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<td>INDIA</td>
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<td>(or 3.75 of our total exports).</td>
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<td>44.5 of her exports</td>
<td>17.5 of her imports</td>
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<td>SOUTH AFRICA</td>
<td>52.7 of her exports</td>
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<td>NEW ZEALAND</td>
<td>89 of her exports</td>
<td>43.2 of her imports</td>
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It will thus be observed that already the United Kingdom buys quite 20 per cent., in value, of her total imports from the major Dominions, while she sells to them about 26 per cent., in value, of her total exports.

These percentages would, of course, have been higher but for the fact that Britain is bound to sell a great deal of her coal to foreign countries, while Canada and Australia, producing a great surplus of wheat and gold, need to export these to foreign countries. Yet Britain buys 44 per cent. of her imports of grain and flour from the Empire, 24 per cent. of her meat needs, 81.1 per cent. of her raw wool, 51 per cent. of other textile raw materials, 50 per cent. of the hides and skins imported, and about 80 per cent. of rubber used. The dependent Empire buys from the U.K. somewhat more than half of Britain's total exports of iron and steel, wood products, pottery and glass, cutlery and hardware; 60 per cent. of British exports of electrical goods, 75 per cent. of wearing apparel, paper and cardboard. For the Commonwealth, exclusive of Great Britain, about 54 per cent. of its exports are sold outside the Empire, while about 50 per cent. of its exports come from sources outside the Empire. (The discrepancy between the aggregates provided in this paragraph and those in the tabulation is due to percentages representing intra-Commonwealth exchange exclusive of Great Britain.)

By grouping the principal commodities we shall learn how the Empire fares with regard to their production.

In the Metals group the Empire produced during 1935 70 per cent. of the world's asbestos, 90 per cent. of nickel, 80 per cent. of tin, 70 per cent. of gold, 40 per cent. of manganese, 28 per cent. of lead, 29 per cent. of platinum, 16 per cent. of silver, 9 per cent. of iron ore and 7 per cent. of copper. Asbestos was produced principally by Canada and Southern Rhodesia and South Africa; nickel by Canada; tin in the Federated Malay States; gold in South Africa, Canada, India and Australia; manganese in the Gold Coast, India, and South Africa; lead in Australia, Canada, India and the United Kingdom; platinum in Canada and the West Indies; silver in Canada, Australia and India; copper in Canada, Northern Rhodesia, India, and the United Kingdom; while most of the iron ore is produced in England. Zinc is being produced in increasing quantities in Aus-
tralia, Canada, Newfoundland and India. Apart from the United States, the United Kingdom is the world's biggest producer of coal, that is, 17 per cent. of the world's production.

In the Textiles group, India produced almost all of the world's jute; Australia, New Zealand and South Africa produced 45 per cent. of the world's wool; India and the Sudan produced about 85 per cent. of the Empire cotton requirements, while the United Kingdom and Canada are rapidly gaining in the world production of artificial silk.

In the Foodstuffs group: Canada, India and Australia produce 23 per cent. of the world's wheat crop, or a surplus of 300 million bushels—more than twice that needed by the United Kingdom by way of imports to supplement her own crops. The Empire leads the world in its production of tea, since India and Ceylon produce about 60 per cent. of the total. India leads the world with its production of cane sugar and tobacco; while Rhodesian tobacco is now also finding its sphere. The Gold Coast and Nigeria produce half of the world's cocoa. And coffee from East Africa is also of growing importance. Over half of the rice produced in the world is grown in India and Burma. Canada's production of oats is rapidly expanding.

In the Sundry group: The Empire produces over 80 per cent. of the world's diamonds, principally in South Africa; 60 per cent. of rubber in the Straits Settlements and Ceylon; 16 per cent. of salt and linseed in India; 70 per cent. of the world's ground-nuts in India and West Africa. The British Empire also produced in 1935 8.4 per cent. of the world's bauxite, 31.3 of chrome ore, 12.5 of graphite, 25.5 of mica, 0.6 potash, 1.8 petroleum, 9.6 phosphates, 5.8 pyrites and 6.4 sulphur.

A close study of the above shows that the Empire can, as it should, be self-sufficient and self-supporting. This does not mean that trade with foreign countries is to be precluded, since there are many commodities which we produce in abundance. The wealth of a country is gauged by the amounts of its exports, for in this manner wealth is brought into the country. Trade with Empire countries (excepting India), tabulated above, clearly indicates that much scope exists for developing intra-Empire reciprocal trade with the major Dominions of Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand. At present they purchase a high percentage of their manufactured goods from countries outside the British Commonwealth, while we particularly favour them with either free entry or lowered tariffs on their raw materials, dairy produce and minerals.

Hitherto, Imperial conferences have been the politicians' particular pigeon, but, in order to make future conferences somewhat more effective, I suggest that producing and mercantile interests be invited to put their cases, showing why they cannot buy and sell more among our own kith and kin. The avenues exist and are approachable, but adroitness in marketing needs to be applied, just as dexterity in manufacturing and perseverance in pioneering have become part of our British character.
40,000 posters have been distributed throughout the State; there will be broadcast addresses throughout the Week, which will open on May 23, and although there will not be a repetition of the big local products exhibition in Perth, it is anticipated that the special displays in shop windows will provide a satisfactory alternative.

State exhibitions of local products will be held at Boulder and Kalgoorlie during the Week and at Norseman on the 2nd and 3rd June. To assist the objects of the movement, about 300 committees will be active, essay competitions will be held and numerous balls will be run.

The official opening will be broadcast at 8 p.m. on Empire Day, May 24, at which short speeches will be given by His Excellency Sir James Mitchell, the Hon. A. R. G. Hawke (Minister for Industries) and the chairman and hon. organisers of Empire Shopping Week Council.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE

The report of the Commissioners of His Majesty’s Customs and Excise for the year ended March 31, 1937, contained an interesting table, showing the great benefit which Imperial preference has brought to the Dominions and Colonies. The table shows the preference of Empire goods in the total British imports for the year 1920-21 (the first full year of preference) and 1936-37:

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<td>Tobacco</td>
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The remarkable increase shown in the majority of these products demonstrates clearly the influence of Imperial preference on the industries of many parts of the Empire. The importance of Imperial preference to the outlying countries of the Empire, shown so clearly here, will call for grave consideration in the present negotiations for an Anglo-American trade treaty.

Observe the following principles:

(1) Buy locally-made goods.
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Precept and Example

BY HASTINGS C. REID, HON. ORGANISER EMPIRE SHOPPING WEEK
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United Kingdom Exports

Taking the value of the exports from Britain to other countries per head of population, the following remarkable facts may be seen: To Britain the value of each New Zealander is £12.5/5 per year; Irishman, £7/5/9; Australian, £5/10/1; Dane, £4/9/5; South African, £4/4/7; Norwegian, £3/1/9; Canadian, £2/10; British Malayan, £2/9/4; Swede, £1/15/-; Argentine, £1/11/8; Ceylonese, 13/10; West African, 11/1; Frenchman, 10/3; Portuguese, 8/11; German, 6/4; East African, 5/7; American (U.S.A.), 4/10; Italian, 2/4; Japanese, 1/2; Russian, 4d.; Chinese, 3d.

These are a random choice, but in view of the proposed Anglo-American trade treaty it is worth noting that the average Canadian is worth £2/10/- and the New Zealander £12.15/5, the Australian £5/10/1 and the South African £4/4/7 to the 4/10 which the average American is worth to U.K. As far as providing employment for British people is considered, each New Zealander is worth 50 Americans, each Canadian 10 Americans, each Australian 22 Americans and South African worth 21 Americans roughly.

Of the total exports of British goods the Dominions take 28.67 per cent., India 7.5 per cent., the Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated Territories 12.16 per cent., an Empire total of 48.33 per cent. Foreign countries in all take the remaining 51.67 per cent.

The principal decreases in imports were: Butter, £40,541; apparel and attire, £52,762; residual oil, £27,757; iron and steel, galvanised sheet, £54,133; iron and steel, plate and sheet, plain, £95,799.

The development of the West Australian tobacco growing industry was illustrated by the recent use of a special tobacco train to carry 1,600 bales of the leaf grown in the Manjimup, Pemberton and Jardine districts. The train left Manjimup for Fremantle, where the tobacco was shipped to a Melbourne tobacco company. This consignment, representing 300,000 pounds of leaf tobacco, was valued at £32,000.

The New South Wales Government did its bit on behalf of local products during the recent 150th anniversary celebrations. Distinguished guests of the Government who drank Australian liquors had their drink chits paid for them, but those who drank imported galls had to pay their own bills.

Mr. H. C. REID

The total value of minerals exported from Western Australia to date is £7,918,398 made up as follows: Copper, £1,811,352; tin, £1,648,655; lead and silver-lead, £1,638,235; bunker coal, £1,470,422; silver, £716,212; arsenic, £346,799; tantalite, £387,701; asbestos, £77,537; other minerals, £51,292; felspar, £38,036; antimony, £34,147.

If any additional inspiration had been required in the conduct of this year’s Empire Shopping Week it would have been the response made by the sub-branches of the R.S.L. to the appeal that was issued a few weeks ago for support of the movement. The support from this source in the past has always been remarkable, but on this occasion it seems to have transcended anything that was previously given. In this direction alone, the R.S.L. is setting a striking example in the matter of service to the rest of the community, a service that knows not self, but one that is truly for the nation at large. True, it is a part of the constitution of the League that it shall support Empire trade, but it is not a part of that all-embracing document that members of this important organisation should practically surrender a great part of their spare time to making a success of a campaign of this character. It is clear, however, that they do not belong to the kind that does things by halves, and so it is that we get this hundred per cent. efficiency, this hundred per cent. response. The community cannot help being stirred by the knowledge that thousands of men, their wives and their friends are espousing the cause of this movement to promote the interests of the British Empire in this far-flung outpost, and both by example and precept indicating the way in which it too can play its part. And there is more in this campaign that meets the eye. Primarily, the Week, which is held, when it is, to commemorate the birthday of Queen Victoria, greatest Empire builder of all, is designed to stress the importance of giving special support to local industries, and by the promotion of their welfare provide avenues for employment and happiness for our people. Having expressed in tangible form our loyalty to this heritage of ours we then see to it that the rest of our purchases represent the products of some other portion of the Empire. That is the principle underlying the movement, and around which this campaign is being waged. Backed as it is by such a force, it is safe to say that the Week will be an outstanding success, another triumph for the R.S.L., but helpers, supporters and the general public are urged not to arrest their efforts at the termination of the Week itself, but to apply the principle of it in their daily lives to the end that however modest their efforts may be, they will still have achieved something of lasting benefit for the Empire to which we all owe allegiance.

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WHY NOT A GLASS INDUSTRY?

Cinderella’s glass slipper has long been regarded as a figment of the imagination of a writer of fairy tales. Truth may be stranger than fiction, but it is also a great deal slower. The glass slipper that tripped through a fairy tale of the seventeenth century has worn its track for glass clothing in the twentieth, for the latest addition to the range of textile materials is glass, which is produced under high pressure steam in the form of fibres .0003in. thick. They are spun into a fine flexible thread, which is later woven into textiles that are proof against fire, moisture and rot. Glass wool, which resembles cotton wool, is also made in the same way, and is now being used extensively for insulating houses, ships and refrigerated railway trucks.

Another new type of glass is so tough that steel balls will bounce on thin sheets of it. This has been produced by the sudden cooling of both surfaces with jets of air. Last year, a glass train toured England for advertising purposes; and glass is being used extensively in the construction of the walls, as well as the windows, of buildings. People who live in glass houses need no longer heed the old advice about throwing stones. The glass walls admit more light, but they are opaque from the outside, and they keep the inside at a comfortable temperature in winter and summer.

The possibilities of the glass-making industry are limitless, and there would seem to be a scope for it in Australia. Sydney had a well established industry in the making of ordinary cut-glass until recently, but when the Commonwealth made trade agreements with Belgium and Czechoslovakia last year, a Sydney factory, which normally employed over two hundred men, had to close down because it could not compete economically with imported glass.

WHY NOT? The Returned Soldier Printers—the IMPERIAL PRINTING COMPANY LIMITED.

Although the Empire covers one-quarter of the world’s surface, it is a surprising fact that it produces only two per cent. of the world’s oil. British business interests, however, control the production of one-fifth of the world’s supplies. The Empire’s largest oil well is situated in Alberta, where developments of the Turner Valley supply promises to be ample for the requirements of Western Canada. The Commoil Well, when tested, gave the record return of 6,000 barrels daily. Alberta oil products are making a strong bid against oil imported from the United States.
Paris has preserved feelings of deep gratitude for the late Ambassador of the United States, Myron T. Herrick, who gave such valuable proofs of his friendship for France in 1914, when he refused to retire to safety from the capital. Everyone remembers his response to President Poincaré who expressed anxiety at the Ambassador's exposure to aerial bombardments: "The death of the Ambassador of the United States," he said, "would serve the cause dear to our hearts more efficiently than his life." He was already visioning the intervention of his country by the side of the Allies. His name is now to figure on the map of the city, for a decree recently signed by Mr. A. Villey, Prefect of the Seine, giving the name of Myron T. Herrick to the new avenue which is to prolong the Avenue Victor Emmanuel III between St. Philippe du Roule and the rue de Courcelles.

Ten tons of gas-filled shells were discovered in a subterranean gallery eight miles from Arras during February while workmen were filling up some trenches of the World War. The shells were left behind by the retreating Germans. The gallery was 60 feet below ground. Others like it are believed to exist in the vicinity.

Carlo Delcroix, President of the National Association of Italian Disabled, president of the CIP and hon. (past) president of the FIDAC, recently has been awarded the title of Doctor of Arts "ad honorem" of the University of Bologna, Italy, in recognition of his powerful works, written both in prose and in poetry, which rank him as one of the outstanding modern writers of his country.

During the parade which welcomed Herr Hitler to Rome, only girls of typically Italian appearance were allowed to march. The Fascists banned blondes. However, gentlemen still prefer them.

Everyone will be pleased to read that our old comrade, Gibbie, late of Victoria Park and late of Southern Cross, is getting along fine in No. XI, and hopes to be on his feet again next week.

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Commercialising Anzac Day

This year's Anzac Day commemoration was, like its predecessors, amazingly well reported in the Press. It may therefore seem ungracious on our part to regret that a leader on the subject, in our leading newspaper, left so much to be desired. The leader in question revived the objections of vested interests and the more heedless of younger sportsmen to the sacred character of the day, with the suggestion that the present method of commemoration converts it into a day of gloom. An attitude like this might well be ignored, but for the fact that The West Australian does influence public thought despite the leader writer's obvious detachment from the realities of the League's work, and the ideals with which our organisation is imbued. Notwithstanding suggestions from unreliable sources that there is any general feeling in favour of an alteration on the line suggested by the leader writer, the present method of commemoration is preferred, not only by the ex-service men who have troubled to give the matter any serious thought, but by the great mass of the public who attend the Dawn, the Esplanade and local services, in increasing numbers each year.

Stripped of verbiage and special pleading, the objections to the method that has been tested by the years and approved accordingly, seem to centre round the facts that hotel bars are closed, and that the day gives no opening for further race meetings and other sports. The question of the national thirst is often a burning one we admit, but this is a matter over which the League has no control. It would require Parliamentary enactment to open bars on Anzac Day and we see no valid reason why the League should press for such legislation at the dictates of those whose sense of gratitude and loyalty to the fallen is not strong enough to help them to do without alcohol for at least one day of the year. As for the sports, if there had been no landing on Anzac, there would be a workless day on April 25, and consequently no opportunity for another addition to our already excessively long list of days of play. The argument that the League has converted the day into a day of gloom has been advanced every day by ardent reformers who would deform the annual commemoration into a saturnalia. The matter has been brought up at State congress after State congress, and on every occasion the Diggers, through their chosen delegates, have vigorously registered their disapproval of any change from the present system. It is only in and through congress resolutions that one can gauge the views of ex-service men on this, or on any other subject, and not from the expressed opinions or prejudices of individuals.

It is the policy of the League to commemorate the day in all solemnity and reverence for those comrades who will march with us no more. We march ourselves, not in any spirit of vain-glory and ostentation, but in the feeling that unseen, forms of those who shall not grow old as we that are left are growing old march with us. The great annual parade is both a physical and a spiritual reunion. That, one thinks, is the general feeling of the men who march. A recognition of that feeling was at the basis of the League's decision to set its face against collections, or anything calculated to commercialise the spirit of Anzac. Therefore, the suggestion subsequently made, presumably by the same leader writer, that future Anzac Days should be made occasions for collections on behalf of the West Australian Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund, strikes as a particularly poisonous one. In all truth, the fund needs all the contributions it can get, but there are other and more fitting times for increasing it. It is hard to understand why, after the League has striven so hard to evolve a national commemoration in keeping with the ideals for which men fought and died, that anyone who professes to understand Digger sentiment should suggest commercialisation by collection box. Those clamant souls who profess to see something they call militarism and an incitement to war in the act of commemoration were effectively silenced last year. This year, it is suggested that we play into the hands of such people by ruining the day ourselves.

Only the fact that it would have been unseemly to start a wrangle over the funeral of the late Sir Talbot Hobbs, has saved the Karrakatta Cemetery Board from being deservedly roasted in the Press, for their refusal to waive the regulation forbidding Sunday burials has caused widespread resentment in the ranks of the League, and of the general public. The name "board" suggests something wooden, and there is something mentally dead in this one. The Karrakatta Cemetery Board consists of Mr. W. C. Burgess, who is also a member of the State Licensing Bench, a Mr. McDougall and Mr. H. L. Downe, a member of the Subiaco sub-branch and a former Mayor of that suburb, and the secretary (Mr. Lionel Boas), who was out of Perth when the board was asked to waive its regulation and cannot therefore be blamed for the churlish attitude of his colleagues. We understand that members of this board are paid fees for attendance at meetings and that no regular meeting was held to consider the request for a Sunday interment. We have been informed that the members of the board conferred by telephone. In connection with General Hobbs' funeral, the Australian Army authorities honoured the memory of a distinguished soldier and citizen by waiving the regulation which permits only officers of the active list to be buried with full military honours. Local sporting organisations cancelled their fixtures on Saturday, May 15, to allow their members to attend the funeral. The West Australian Football Association would have done likewise, had this been possible without a serious derangement to the arrangements for the whole season. As it was, the players observed a reverent pause during the funeral. Only the three eminent non-entities of the Karrakatta Cemetery Board were too self-important to waive a regulation in the public interest and in accordance with the widespread desire of the public.

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Subiaco beat West Perth ...... 8-2
Gloucester Park beat Cottesloe ...... 10-0
Mt. Hawthorn beat Claremont ...... 10-0
Perth beat Yokine ...... 8-2

Returns of the match between Bassendean and Mosman Park are not to hand.

Zone 2
Maylands beat South Perth ...... 6-4
Osborne Park beat Darling Range 6-4
Mt. Lawley beat North Perth ...... 6-4
West Leederville beat Victoria Pk. 10-0
Nedlands Park: bye.

Gloucester Park this year has Albert Wilkins as sports director and the following captains: Bridge, Frank Hooper; shooting, Albert Wilkins; table tennis, Syd. Brashaw; draughts, Allan McDonald; quoits, Cliff Lambe.

Hon. secretary Bill Holden appeals to all sports directors to send returns to him on the day following matches, with details of all games.

The controlling committee has received from Mr. Ben Vander-Velde, the proprietor of Shimmenson & Co., of Murray Street, Perth, a handsome cup for competition between the rifle teams in the sub-branch competitions. It is a challenge cup to be held by the rifle team scoring the highest average for the series of games each year.

Ben served abroad with the 11th Battalion, is a good League member and is heartily thanked for this evidence of his interest.

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April 20, 1938

At the meeting of the State executive on April 20, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Olden, Panton, Philp, Denton, Lamb, Margolin, Hunt, Thorn, Fairley, James, Newman, Wat, Sten, Mitchell, Paton, Nicholas and Potts. A resolution was granted to Messrs. Keeling, Collett, Anderson, Aberle, Warner, Corneli, Freedman, Johnson and Austin.

Certificate of Service.—The Management Committee reported on an application for a Certificate of Service on behalf of the secretary of the Yarri sub-branch. As the sub-branch did not now exist, the application could not be received. It was agreed, therefore, that the matter be referred to the Branch Committee, caused by the resignation of the secretary.

Motions.—It was agreed that Colonel Athol Hobbs should be asked to fill the vacancy on the State War Memorial Committee, caused by the resignation of Captain J. D. T. Z. M.C.

Pensions.—A motion was made that the branch's members be entitled to a uniform system of keeping sub-branch records be instituted, particular attention being paid to book-keeping, and that the necessary books be made available to sub-branches at cost price. It was agreed that the State secretary consult with the auditor on this matter and that a further report be submitted.

Hospitals.—The report of the Lennos Board of Visitors was tabled for the information of delegates. Mr. Nicholas reported on a visit to Lennos Hospital by the Visiting Committee.

Mr. Thorn suggested that ex-service men in the Home of Peace might be placed in a separate ward. It was agreed that the matter be referred to R. D. Freeman.

Broadcasts.—The following roster was arranged for broadcasts during the month of May: May 3, Mr. Hunt; May 10, Colonel Olden; May 17, Colonel Fairley; May 24, Mr. Watt.

Empire Shopping.—Mr. Watt reported on a visit to Kalgoorlie and Boulder in connection with Empire Shopping Week.

Visits.—Reports on visits were as follows: State president, West U.S.W., Gosnells and East Lakeside sub-branches; Mr. Watt, Kalgoorlie and Boulder sub-branches; Mr. Paton, Fremantle and North-East Fremantle sub-branches; Colonel Margolin, Press sub-branch; Colonel Fairley, Donnybrook and busseton sub-branches; Archdeacon Riley, Kellerton sub-branch.

In connection with his report on visits to goldfields sub-branches, Mr. Watt mentioned that the Gleno-Leona sub-branch was inactive. It was suggested that Kalgoorlie and Boulder might be agreeable to revive interest in this centre. The following resolution was accordingly adopted: That Kalgoorlie and Boulder sub-branches be asked to proceed, and to report their endowment in the Galway and Leona districts, with the object of gaining new members and maintaining League interest among ex-service men there.

Visitor.—Mr. Deering, past president of the Boulder sub-branch, was welcomed. He briefly addressed the meeting.

National War Memorial.—Information was received from the Federal office that, as the result of a recent telegraphic ballot, Colonel Ross Jacobs, of South Australia, had been elected to represent the League at the unveiling of the Australian National War Memorial at Villers Bretonneux. It was announced that Colonel Jacobs would be passing through the State on May 16, and it was agreed that he be tendered a complimentary luncheon.

Pensioners in State Institutions.—The Federal office advised that the Commonwealth had agreed to pay institutions in which service pensions are maintained the balance of pension withheld for maintenance. It was resolved that a copy of the communication be forwarded to the Under Secretary for Health and that publicity be given to the matter.

Appointments.—The appointment of officials as advised by Boyup Brook and Cue-Big Bell sub-branches was confirmed.

General.—A communication from the secretariat of the A.A.M.C. Reunion Committee, relating to a publication called "A.A.M.C. Patches," was received.

May 4, 1938

At the meeting of the State executive on May 4, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Philp, Aberle, Margolin, Hunt, Thorn, Warner, Collett, Fairley, James, Freedman, Newman, Mitchell, Paton, Nicholas, Potts and Johnstone. Leave was granted to Messrs. Riley, Keeling, Collett, Panton, Denton, Anderson, Lamb, Watt and Austin.

Pensions Committee.—Mr. Paton advised that he would not be able to continue his membership of the Pensions Committee, through inability to attend meetings. Mr. Sten was appointed in his place.

New Delegates.—Mr. Johnstone was welcomed as a new delegate by the State president.

Visitor.—Mr. Dave East, of Marragong, was welcomed as a visitor by the State president.

The Late Sir Talbot Hobbs.—The State president reported on a meeting which had been held to make arrangements for the funeral of the late Sir Talbot Hobbs. It had been decided that the funeral should take place on Sunday, May 15, subject to the approval of the Commonwealth and State authorities. The State president went on to say that a difficulty, arising from the Cemetery Board's regulation which forbids Sunday funerals, had arisen. He had been in touch with the acting chairman of the Cemetery Board and the Premier; but, to date, no agreement had been reached in the matter. After discussion, the following resolutions were passed:

"That this executive is of the opinion that the public generally would welcome and endorse the waiving of the Sunday burial regulation by the Karrakatta Cemetery Board, with the approval of Cabinet, so as to allow of the cremation of the remains of the late General Sir Talbot Hobbs in the Karrakatta Cemetery on Sunday, May 15.

"That, failing a sympathetic decision on the part of the Government to implement the waiving of the regulation, a deputation composed of representatives of all interested bodies should be arranged to wait on the Premier.

"It was further agreed that, if necessary, the State president be empowered to call a special meeting of the State executive for further consideration of the whole question.

Presentation.—At the request of the Australian War Memorial, the State president made a presentation to the former secretary, Mr. A. F. Cant, who was in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Cant suitably responded.

Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund.—The report of a committee meeting held on April 29 was received. It disclosed that the total donations received from July 1, 1937, to April 28, 1938, was £2,507.7.5. The total amounts received by the fund have been £28,623.7.5.

Relief Fund.—The report of the Relief Fund Trustees for the month of April showed that the number of applicants assisted during the month was 57, involving a total expenditure of £65/5/4.

U.S.F. Trustees.—A report indicated that for the month of April, 11 ex-Imperial men had been assisted, the total expenditure being £15/3/2.

Visits.—The following visits to sub-branches of the kindred associations were reported: State president, Northam; Rabbi Freedman, Carlisle, Bayswater, Maylands, Perth, Osborne Park, Northam and Lennos; Mr. Potter, Machine Gunners' Association and A.A.M.C. Reunion Committee; Mr. J. R. Beresford, Midland Junction and Signallers; Mr. Warner, Kellerton, No. 2 District Committee, Mollinor, Goomalling, Nungarin and Traralgon; Mr. Paton, North-East Fremantle; Mr. Johnstone, Kardinya, and Mr. J. R. Beresford, Signallers, Mr. Nicholas, West XI, Mr. James, Osborne Park; Mr. R. Keeling, Merredin; Mr. Corneli, Kalgoorlie; and Mr. Sten, Mundaring.

Anzac Day.—The State president reported on the successful commemoration of Anzac Day made by the State executive. Similar reports were received from delegates concerning the observance in suburban and country districts. The president expressed his appreciation to the marshals and assistant marshals and buglers and to other who assisted on that day.

Salvation Army.—A communication from the Salvation Army concerning their band was received and referred to the Anzac Day committee.

Communications from Miss Mary Meares and Wing-Commander Bowtell were also received.

Appointments, Sub-Branch Officials.—The appointment of officials as advised by the following sub-branches was confirmed: Margaret River and Mollinor.
WILUNA

At the April general meeting, the following motion was passed: "It is recommended to the Executive that this sub-branch feels that the country districts are being neglected in regard to military training and suggests that outlying districts be supplied with opportunity of adequate training in every way. Mr. Dan Fullarton was appointed Steward and Messra. H. Wright, J. Ward, W. McGhie a committee to deal with the sale of coupons and raise money for the W.A. Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. Colonel H. B. Collett and Mr. E. S. Watt have notified their intention of visiting Wiluna in July. Arrangements are being made to welcome these distinguished visitors.

GERALDTON

On March 5 a return match with the Geraldton Bowling Club was played. This resulted in a bad beating for the troops. On Monger Farm our skipper (Major Rogers) made history by his deadly play for the enemy. Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. Colonel H. B. Collett and Mr. E. S. Watt have notified their intention of visiting Wiluna in July. Arrangements are being made to welcome these distinguished visitors.

Anti-Gas Committee.—Delegates were advised that Mr. Roy Davis and Mr. H. K. Kahan had agreed to act as the League's representatives at the Anti-Gas Committee.

Prison Escapes.—The Meredith sub-branch, referring to a recent Press article concerning this matter, asked that the executive consider the necessity for the Commonwealth Government for the necessary financial assistance to enable members concerned to attend a reunion. A reply was left to the State secretary.

Manjimup Sub-Branch.—The Manjimup sub-branch reported on its annual meeting and disclosed that their numerical and financial position was a sound one. It was decided to extend appreciation.

Single Sustenance Workers.—A communication from the Manjimup sub-branch concerning single sustenance workers referred to the Anti-Gas Committee.

Notice of Motion.—Mr. Philp gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting that the Anzac Day Committee consider the advisability of otherwise of sponsoring an essay on the significance of Anzac Day, by the children of the children of this State and the donating of a prize to the child submitting the best essay.

Agricultural Science.—Mr. Johnstone enquired concerning the omission of agricultural science as a subject in junior examinations. The matter was referred to the Land Committee and its was suggested that Harvey sub-branch might submit an item on this question to the next State Congress.

hoped the bazaar would prove a great success for he was sure that the committee and the women's auxiliary had worked very hard for it. At this juncture, Mr. R. C. Anderson asked Mr. Carson, on behalf of the sub-branch, to make a presentation to Mr. A. Butfield (the president of the women's auxiliary), who was leaving the district. Mr. Carson then handed Mrs. Butfield a framed enlarged and suitably inscribed photograph of the Honour Board in the Board room of Birdwood House. Mrs. Butfield feelingly thanked them all, and said she would always remember them and would treasure the photo very much. A very fair crowd turned up to the opening ceremony. The stall-holders all reported better business than last year. Two innovations this year were the lighting of the grounds of Birdwood House and the donkey rides for the children. This proved very popular. The lighting was done "buckshere" by Mr. W. E. Mill, and after the bazaar was over, he informed the committee that he would donate to the sub-branch the whole of the wiring and the light. This action is greatly appreciated. We believe the total proceeds from the bazaar were about £96, which will materially help to replenish a sinking bank balance.

WICKEPIN

A good attendance greeted the new president (Mr. A. Haack) at the meeting on March 26. Arrangements for Anzac Day were finalised, and it was decided to donate two guineas to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund.

GUILDFORD

There was a good attendance at the fortnightly meeting on March 22. A hearty welcome was extended to a visitor from Busselton, Mr. Townsend. After long discussion, it was decided to leave the final details of the arrangements for Anzac Day in the capable hands of the Rev. H. Vine. At the fortnightly meeting on April 5, Rabbi Freedman and Mr. J. Anderson, of the State executive, addressed the meeting on the subject of membership. Vice-president Karl Drake-Brockman, who was in the chair, made a witty speech on the same subject, while another vice-president, Mr. Chambers, made an eloquent response on the general activities of the sub-branch.

CARLISLE

Rabbi Freedman and Digger Smith (16th Battalion) were welcomed at the April monthly general meeting on the 7th. After routine business, the Rabbi addressed the troops on membership and Aged Sailors and Soldiers' World Fund. Many new faces were noticed at the meeting and a good up-taking of old members. Dr. Tommy Meagher arrived about 8.30 p.m. and gave a most delightful talk on the recent tour of France, Belgium, England and America undertaken by himself and Mr. Meagher. Arrangements were made to hold the usual service on Anzac Day at the Carlisle Soldiers' Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. On Anzac Sunday, April 24, the Carlisle sub-branch attended a special Anzac service at the Church of England, Carlisle. The preacher was the Rev. O'Halloran, a member of the Carlisle sub-branch.

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KUKERIN

The quarterly meeting was held on April 9, when a fair attendance of members was present in an appearance to discuss details of the ball to be held on May 12. Jim Hewlett's Dance Band will again be the draw for music. Ticket "friends" will be in evidence again, and the sub-branch hopes for full weight from friends and the usual generous support of the public.

MUNDIJONG, JARRAHDALE

There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting on April 9. The Anzac services were well attended. Members attended divine service at Jarrahdale on Sunday, April 24, and at Mundijong on Anzac Day. Major R. A. Geddes delivered an inspiring address on each occasion. The Dawn service at the Jarrahdale Memorial was well attended. Many wreaths were placed. President Philp thanked all who assisted on these occasions.

KALGOORLIE

The Anzac celebrations started off with a smoke on the Friday night, the 22nd, at the R.S.L. Institute, where approximately 230 Diggers were present. Sunday morning found the Diggers at church parade in the St. John's Church of England Cathedral, Kalgoorlie. About 70 Diggers were present, led by the president (Major H. James). At this service an innovation took place: For the first time the Colour party took the Colours. A very fine sermon was preached by the Rev. D. J. Herbert, taking as his text, "This do in Remembrance of Me," which he coupled with the words, "We will remember them." During the service the wreath of remembrance was duly placed in position by the president, the Last Post and Reveille being duly sounded. This service was one that will be remembered for a long time to come by all present, including the local Militia, led by Sub-Lieutenant W. Davison. The Dawn service on Anzac Day was attended by 150 persons, including 40 Diggers who marched in order to the fallen soldiers' memorial. At 10.45 a.m. the Anzac service took place, and to this service 160 Diggers marched from the R.S.L. Institute along with the Boy Scouts, headed by the Goldfields Scottish Pipers Band under the command of Major Preston Williams. Here were congregated about 300 people. The addresses were given by Bishop Elsey, the Mayor of Kalgoorlie and the president of the Kalgoorlie sub-branch, prayers being given by the Revs. Tibbett and Hughes and the scriptural reading by Rev. W. Hay. The Last Post and Reveille were duly sounded by Warrant-Officer Kerr. The members of the Kalgoorlie branch of the R.S.L. Institute again carried out their vigil at the Fallen Soldiers' Memorial, as from sunset, April 24, to sunrise, the morning of April 25.

BOULDER

The president and members of this sub-branch are much united, and rightly so, for the most successful Anzac Day in Boulder for many years past. The Anzac reunion smoke on April 23 was a success from every point of view, and our good ladies' committee deserve the greatest of praise for the wonderful manner in which the tables were decorated and the...
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many and varied tasty things provided to suit all tastes and to which ample justice was done. The following night (Sunday), the vice-president (Captain Slater) marshalled a record number of members for the purpose of attending the service at St. Matthew's Church, Boulder, where a handsome memorial tablet, a presentation from the sub-branch, was unveiled and dedicated by the Bishop of Kalgoorlie in memory of those of the parish who fell during the Great War. It is safe to say that the parade on the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of Anzac Day was the most impressive yet seen in Boulder. The march from the Town Hall, Boulder, was headed by the Boulder Mines Band, followed by members of the South African Veterans' Association carrying their fine banners, then ex-A.I.F. men in large numbers, members of the 28th Battalion (Goldfields unit), Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. At the foot of the monument in the railway reserve was the most impressive yet seen in Boulder.

Boyd, who marched with the boys. The new member in charge (Jack Edwards) is indeed a tower of strength, and the manner in which he has conducted the billiard room, etc., is deserving of the greatest of praise. A recent welcome visitor to Boulder and Kalgoorlie, in company with Mr. Hastings C. Reid, was our old friend Stan Watt, who was on a visit in connection with the Local Products campaign. His address at the combined meeting in Kalgoorlie was most instructive and interesting. The League could do with a few more like Stan. The social activities of the sub-branch of late have been most successful. The sub-branch owes a debt of gratitude to our good ladies' committee and to Messrs. J. Trotter and Roy Hilton (members). H. Fisher, R. Whitley, "Plum" Davis, H. S. Enos and all other members who have so ably assisted in recent activities. To our many comrades in various parts of the State and who could not be with us on Anzac Day, we send our hearty greetings and good wishes.

NEDLANDS

The monthly meeting was held on April 12, when 96 members and 14 visitors signed the attendance register. Business was concluded at 9 p.m. and the sub-branch rifle team entertained the miniature rifle team of the 44th Battalion, A.M.F., led by Lieut. E. G. Wood, of Boulder, at the Railway Reserve. The sub-branch won an exciting shoot by one point, the scores being 144 to 143. After a shoot-off, Corporal Andrew secured the trophy donated by the sub-branch, whilst Fred Whelan of Boulder secured the trophy donated by the Militia Rifle Club. Various games were enjoyed by members until "lights out." Reports submitted to the meeting indicated that the library membership is increasing, and that several additions have been made to the stock of books. The sick visiting committee was kept busy during the month. Regular visits made to the R.S.L. ward, at the Old Men's Home, where 56 ex-service men are in residence, including six in the hospital. The annual commemoration service was held in the picture hall on Anzac Day at 3 p.m. of the 44th Battalion leading the march and the singing of the hymns. The choir sang special music. In response to many requests, a guard of honour was formed at the Memorial this year. A feature of this function will be the competition amongst ex-service men for the Braithwaite Memorial Trophy. It is understood that George Sharp will have his work cut out to retain the trophy this year. Reg. Lapham secured the pint pot for securing the aggregate points in the quarterly bridge competition, whilst another competition was commenced at the April meeting. The sub-branch drew a bye in the first round of the Shield competitions. The local auxiliary has set a good example in the McKinlay Shield competitions by winning their first three games. The membership still keeps round the 300 mark, and it is a hard task to secure an increase on these figures. Frank Kendall, who is the sub-branch steward for the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund, reports that the collections each month are slowly increasing. The Choral Society continues to meet each week. It is understood that this year they will be compiled no less than 24 works on the programme, some of which will be heard in the near future. The cricket team, especially No. 1 team, are elated winning the coveted trophy—the Paton Shield. The May meeting was therefore a cricket meeting.

BOYUP BROOK

At the meeting on April 1, Mr. R. P. Parris was appointed secretary in place of Mr. Fred Knapp, who was unfortunately compelled to resign through ill health. It was decided to convey the sympathy and appreciation of the sub-branch to Mr. Knapp. Arrangements for Anzac Day were finalised. At the request of the Dowser sub-branch, it was agreed to accept the Dowser's appreciation of good service to the sub-branch, Mr. M. L. Brown, the newly-appointed head teacher of the Scott's Brook School. It was decided to hire the local hall for a dance in June, or as soon after Jollie E. M. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gale, to move for the establishment of a new High School at Bridgetown. Mr. M. L. Brown, who is the new head teacher of the Scott's Brook School, was an improvement on last year, and the number of returned soldiers and their relatives was certainly more encouraging than on numerous previous occasions. A choir of

A. R. POTTER

Late South Perth and Wembley, announces that he has taken over the business lately conducted by Mrs. Geo. Warren as Hairdresser & Tobacconist in Colonial Mutual Buildings.
went back to their various camps in the bush, some having travelled 40 miles to attend the service. May this fellowship of the comrades of the Great War never die. It seems as though the spirit of Anzac Day grows stronger as the years roll by. Well done, Menzies.

PEMBERTON

Approximately 160 attended the Anzac service in the Mill Hall. The commemoration was conducted by the president of the sub-branch (Mr. A. N. Birks) assisted by Deaconess Mildred and Mr. Lambert, who offered the prayers. Mr. Mick Ritter sounded the calls, and our correspondent states that the Reveille, instead of the “Pompeii,” which so often does duty for it in Australia, was the call sounded. Mr. Lambert made an appeal for the translation of the spirit of Anzac into everyday life. The president, during his remarks, referred to the part played by the 29th Division in the Landing and the glorious friendship between the 29th Division and the Anzacs. Mr. Birks also referred to the death of Sir Talbot Hobbs who, the said, has turned the latter part of his life to the betterment of his comrades. Wreaths, one from the sub-branch and six from the children of the Pemberton State School, were placed on the Honour Board. Mrs. A. R. Kelly officiated at the piano. The meeting was closed at the monthly meeting on May 2. The sub-branch decided to co-operate with other interested bodies in the arrangements for Anzac Day. The president thanked Mr. Smith for the wreaths placed on the Honour Board by the school children.

MOSMAN PARK

The meeting on April 28 produced three more members and constituted a record attendance. The meeting was followed by games incidental to the A.R.M.S. competitions. Ted McDavid, Geo. Ashworth and one or two others showed distinct promise with the rifle props, and are unchallenged, with due respect, to No. 1 table tennis player and Geo. Deery headed the list at draughts. Our marked weakness at quoits was knocked asunder by the appearance of “Tinny” Johnston, who set a record that it will take the rest some time and concentration to equal. The hall was re-feroed since the previous meeting, and our best thanks are due to Bill Bolton, Billie Gibson, Bill Mani, Ted McDavid and those willing workers who, under their capable direction, helped with the job. No fewer than 26 workers turned out during one week-end to help complete the job. Next general meeting is on May 26, and members are asked to be along punctually at eight so that business can be concluded in time to permit of some sports practice. A name for the hall is still required, so members are asked to bring forward any suggestions. Fred Smith has been appointed steward for the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund and will be pleased to accept contributions.

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

At the May monthly meeting, in the presence of Rabbi Freedman, we had the pleasure of initiating ten new members. None of those were prepared for the reception which was tendered them at the close of general business by membership secretary Bill Lovell.

Bill gave a neat little speech which was responded to by Bob Pipkin, one of the new recruits. Members are gratified at our vic- tory over North Perth on the 4th in the A.R.M.S. games which finished 6-4. The star attributes of the event being Ike Thomas, who came home with a brilliant break of about 48 in quoits. The social committee is hard at work on the forthcoming Cafe des Pyramides, which bids fair to out-trivial our Armistice Dinner on the 28th of May, and members are advised to secure their tickets without delay, as they are selling rapidly. This will be the most novel event ever carried out by any sub-branch in the State, and is planned and organised by members to the Anzac Day parade and services, and it is noticed that monthly attendances are continually growing. Table tennis will hold the floor at the close of the June meeting. Members are asked to get in all the practice possible.

VICTORIA PARK

Anzac Day was solemnly observed by the returned men of the district. The usual parade to the Memorial Gardens took place, the Rev. F. G. Wheatley officiating at the service. The anniversary social was held. The Rev. J. E. Sanders gave an inspiring address to a very large gathering. The women's auxiliary Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and Victoria Park Citizens' Band attended. Mr. and Mrs. Betts presented a scroll to the Roll of Honour. Three wreaths were placed on the Memorial. The anniversary social takes place on May 27, when all the returned men of the district and their ladies are expected to be present.

SUBIACO

We won our last A.R.M.S. game against West Perth by 8-2, including a one-point win in quoits and the best cards at bridge. A shining victory! We found West Perth weak in table tennis, but strong in hospitality.

The general meeting on May 5 was honoured by a visit from four officers of the 44th Battalion. Mr. Mc Kinlay, who spoke on behalf of the officers, mentioned their desire to keep in touch with the R.S.L. and spoke interestingly of the difficulties and triumphs of making war. In his reply, the unknown soldier provided a comic interlude. Connoisseurs assert that his grip on the secretary was reminiscent of Spiro Kikonios at his best. Mr. Wearne spoke of the satisfactory proportion of mere males at our camp. Messrs. G., M. Gaston and M. Gaston proved ideal hosts. Claremont meets Cottesloe, and Mosman's Park on May 19 in the Parish Hall, Claremont.

LAVERTON

The annual reunion was held on April 24, when the president (Mr. M. Gaston) presided over the gathering. Several members spoke regretfully of the departure of Mr. Frank Alyward from the district, and referred to his splendid services, both as a citizen and a member of the sub-branch. A splendid musical programme was arranged. Amongst those responsible for the entertainment were Messrs. G. Alyward, Hayward, F. Spargo, F. Banks, J. V. Curry and Hancock. On behalf of the sub-branch, Mr. F. Banks thanked the following for donations which contributed to the success of the meeting: Messrs. W. O'Meagher, Richards, M. E. Leahy and Messrs. T. Hedley, G. Alyward, F. Spargo and M. Gaston. The Anzac Day commemoration in the Laverton Hall was attended by about 130. The hall was presided over by Mr. Stan Morrison, and there was an inspiring address by the Rev. P. Somerville. Mrs. M. E. Leahy was at the organ. Before the end of the service, the chairman of the road board (Mr. E. Speechley) unveiled portraits of His Majesty the King and Dr. Laver.

WONGAN HILLS

Twenty members and one visitor from Konnergar attended the meeting on April 2. Arrangements for the Anzac Day commemoration were finalised. Several members accepted an invitation from the Calingiri sub-branch to attend a meeting on April 24. Messrs. Kemp and Pike were deputed to make the final arrangements.
committee consisting of Messrs. Kemp, Stone-
street, Pike and Cole was formed to make ar-
rangements for a complimentary dinner to
lady helpers. A special meeting of the pen-
sions committee has been called to discuss
the position of ex-Imperials.

**COLLIE**

At a special meeting on March 27, Mr.
A. F. Lawrie was elected president. As there
is a probability that the hall will be let for
dances on Tuesday nights, it was decided to
remove the partition in the caretaker's quar-
tine. The necessary alterations were made by a work-
ing bee. The report of the pensions officer
(Mr. Harry May) showed that over 20 cases,
not all of whom belonged to Collie, had been
deposited. Messrs. May and Stuchbury re-
ported having attended the regional of the Mur-
ray sub-branch at Pinjarra. It was decided that the sub-branch should be represented at the
Brunswick and Harvey reunions, provided that
transport is available. Services of commemorators were kind to the committee, and dur-
ing the forenoon of Anzac Day, headed by the
Collie Municipal Band, and led by the
president (Mr. F. Lawrie), about 50 ex-
service men marched to the Soldiers' Park,
out the night and placed before the memorial.
The principal address was given by Mr. W.
H. Nightingale. The commemoration was
presided over by the Mayor of Collie (Mr. J.
A. Rowland). With him on the platform
were Mr. H. May, the Revs. A. Pretty, H.
B. Hills and G. Mavor, J. Parkinson, Conkle
and Folland. In the afternoon, a number
of guests were entertained to a high tea in the
Soldiers' Hall. Among those present were
representatives of local governing bodies and
other organisations and local clergymen. Sev-
eral brief addresses were given. A proposal
that the sub-branch take the initiative in form-
ing a military training unit in the town was
keenly discussed at the meeting on April 26.
This proposal was introduced by Mr. D. Rob-
erts and supported by Mr. J. Giblett. The
discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

**WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY**

At the March meeting, the State president
presented to our late secretary, Harold Hains,
the Certificate of Service. In making the
presentation, Mr. Yeates congratulated him
on the good work he had done during his term of office. Our members had a busy time on
Anzac Day, in addition to the local ser-
vice. The sub-branch were responsible for the control
at the State Memorial. The official function
was a very successful function—a large number
of ex-service men attending the parade and
the service at the Town Hall was crowded.
A splendid address was given by Mr. F. Giblett.
A special dinner was held at the State Mem-
orial on Sunday, April 24, served by
rakes, shears, polish, etc., to make
preparations for the Dawn service. At sunset
a guard was mounted and continued through-
out the night and during Anzac Day. The
duties were arduous but well done and all
day, as thousands visited the Memorial
to pay their respects. The sub-branch has
received congratulations from various people
for the way in which the members carried out
their duties. The night guard received two
every visitor at 3.30 a.m., and Mr.
Mesdames Haines and Hobart arrived with
hot coffee and eats. This wonderful action
was greatly appreciated by those present, as
it was quite a feat for these ladies to pre-
pare the repast and serve it on the dark
streets as the morning. We saluted them.
Our sub-branch is indebted to the Salvation
Army for the services given by the band and
company each year. The branch, in addition to
the usual assistance, gave the company from
their special service to our steward for payment to the
Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. It is a
pleasure to see Tom Bird about again after
his severe illness, and we trust that he will
soon be fully recovered. Members are greatly
concerned about our lightweight. Cliff Words,
who made a great effort at Bath
A unch, was on his way to Albany
in a car which crashed against a tree. It is
reported that Cliff had been engaged to drive
a mystery car in the Albany Grand Prix.
The latest reports are that he is progressing
satisfactorily. We wish him well.

**FREMANTLE**

The memorial service on Anzac Day was
observed amidst sylvan splendour and blessed
with wonderful weather. The reserve
has never been greener or more beautiful,
and conditions were ideal for the gathering.
It was in unprecedented numbers, made a very
impressive spectacle. We were honoured by
the presence of His Excellency Sir James
Mitchell and the Naval and Military chiefs.
Mr. Patrady, who was the chief speaker, gave
an eloquent address, mainly to the younger
generation, calling them to a realisation of
their obligations to their country and to
emulate those high ideals that took so many of
the Diggers overseas to fight and die for a
great cause. Mr. P. Patrady called on Major
service and the president (Mr. J. Lynch)
made an appeal for membership. The acting
Mayor (Mr. J. Stevens, J.P.) also addressed
the gathering. A familiar face that was
absent was our popular Mayor (Mr. F. E.
Gibson), who is on a national tour. Mr. Lynch's
appeal has already borne fruit, for quite a
number of old comrades have joined the
sub-branch. The question of membership
and popularising the League is given quite a
lift, and the enthusiasm is intense. It has been
suggested that we invite the Rabbi to
address a rally of returned men of the district
in the near future. At the last meeting it
was decided to hold a Bruce auction sale,
on a date to be fixed, in aid of the ameliora-
tion and sub-branch funds. The
organiser is the versatile Digger, Mr. M.
Breckman, who will be assisted by the women's auxiliary
and members of the sub-branch. Zones have
been allocated to workers for the collection
of subscriptions or donations. The support for
our campaign has been excellent, and no doubt
we have been forced to close down after
weeks. Our member, Alec Bracks, seek-
ng Parliamentary honours for the West Pro-
vine, put up a very creditable show under the
circumstances.

**NORTH PERTH**

At the general meeting in May, nomina-
tion will be called for the various offices on
the sub-branch. The annual cricket club social
took place on Saturday, April 23. The trophy winners for the
season were A. Allsop, best allrounder No.
1 team; B. Riesson, best allrounder No. 2
team; R. Rayle, fielding; S. V. Dival, bowling;
R. Rayle, best team man. During the
Women's Auxiliary

Auxiliary Outing

On March 13, the patients from Edward Millen Home and Lemnos Hospital were motored to South Beach, Fremantle, where a swim was enjoyed. Then the party motored to Keough's Hall for high tea. Mrs. Harding, of Donnybrook, who financed the tea, welcomed the guests and expressed a desire to give the "boys" another tea at some future date. Mrs. Hopperton introduced Mr. Harding and Mrs. W. Stockman thanked the hostess. Miss Laura Somers and Mr. Harold Hopperton (duets and solos), Mrs. H. Daw (piano and accompaniste) the following are thanked for conveying the patients: Mesdames Marsh and G. Newman, Messrs. Purdy, Whitney, A. S. Harris, of Station Motors, Bennett, Randall, J. McDonald and, by courtesy of Sydney Atkinson, Messrs. Kemp, Wally Nightingale and Pat Newman.

On March 27 the Mt. Hawthorn auxiliary entertained some of the patients at Lemnos and Edward Millem Hospitals. The party motored to North Beach thence to the Memorial Hall, Oxford Street, Mt. Hawthorn, where high tea was served. Mrs. Kay (president of the auxiliary), welcomed the guests and was supported in her welcome by her husband, who is president of the sub-branch. Mrs. Kay also introduced Councillor Caddy and thanked him for his ready assistance. Mrs. Stockman thanked the auxiliary and Mrs. Haines thanked the hostesses. Musical items were given by Mesdames Williams, Goodlett, Hays and McDermitt, Miss McNess, Mr. Ted Cavanah and Alex. Torrence's orchestra. Mr. Caddy conducted the community singing. The following are thanked for lending their cars: Mrs. Newton, Messrs. Ingle, Bill Bates, Purdy, Crouch, Randall, Bennett, Lidbury and, by courtesy of Sydney Atkinson, Messrs. Steffanoni, Truia and Howard.

NEDLANDS

The monthly meeting on April 5 was well attended. Nedlands met South Perth in the competition games on April 8, and were victorious by 6 to 4. On April 19, the auxiliary had a narrow win at the expense of Victoria Park, 6 to 4. The monthly bridge evening attracted a good crowd on April 26. The prize winners were: highest scores, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Jorgenson; highest number, Mrs. Woodhouse; rummy, Mrs. McBridge. The next bridge evening will be held on May 24 in the Lesser Hall, Nedlands. A rummage sale on April 8 netted a sum of £11/10/4. The auxiliary has forwarded thanks to Mr. C. Younger for the nice dancing board for the games competitions, and to Mr. Wilson for a frame to hold the darts board.
for one minute to do honour to the memory of the late Lieut.-General Sir Talbot Hobbs and three late members, Mesdames Twomey, Jones and Maloney, and Mrs. McCann's daughter. Mrs. Dean spoke feelingly of the great loss suffered by the Union in the death of these loyal supporters, informing members that a cable had been sent to Lady Hobbs and that representation on their behalf would be made at the funeral. The speaker for the afternoon was Rev. G. G. Crofts, B.A., who held all spell bound while he spoke earnestly and with a wide understanding of India, its peoples and customs. The time allowed seemed all too short, and Mr. Crofts very kindly proposed to give a further talk next October. Mrs. T. C. Wilson (vice-president) proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Crofts, seconded by Mrs. S. Taylor. The annual general meetings will be held next month in Anzac House parlour, when subscriptions must be renewed. An enjoyable programme, arranged by Miss Flora Nowotny, included Miss Alice Heyen (novelty pianist), Miss Flora Nowotny (songs) and Miss Helen Nelson (recitations). Mrs. Crofts moved a vote of thanks to the artists. Afternoon tea was then served.

**VICTORIA PARK**

On April 8, the auxiliary combined with the sub-branch and the S.S.L. in a send-off party to Mr. and Mrs. McBride and Ken McBride. Dancing, community singing and items by Mr. Primrose and Mr. Edwards, with an interlude for supper, concluding with presentations to each—a handbag to Mrs. McBride and a pipe and tobacco pouch to Mr. McBride. On April 10, the Auxiliary and Edward Millen boys entertained to high tea and a programme of music by the Victoria Park Novety Band, interspersed with items and dancing, which all present enjoyed. On April 11 we had a sports night with Couttelande, and the 13th we paid a surprise visit to the home of Mrs. Reeks, one of our foundation members, who has departed for a holiday to England with her daughter, Vera. A presentation of a shopping bag was made. On April 20, we went to Nellands for a sports evening, and although we were beaten, we had a very interesting evening. On April 25, we attended the Anzac services and in the evening were the guests of the Methodist Church, being welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Sanders. On May 3, we held our quarterly social, when visitors from State executive, Mosmans Park, North-East Freemante, Claremont, Mt. Hawthorn, Northwood, N. Peth, West Leederville, Carlisle, F. U. S. W., Maylands, Kelmscott-Balestone, Midland, Bayswater and Bassendean were welcomed. Dancing and games filled in the time, prizes being won by Mesdames Faire and Henderson (Bayswater), Steele (North Perth), Hayes and Richardson (Mt. Hawthorn), Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Reed (Victoria Park). On this occasion we were pleased to have our secretary (Mrs. Prue) back with us again. She has been on the sick list for a few days. On May 5, Mrs. Allan (State executive) kindly lent her home for a house party.

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<td>ARMY COMRADES' ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday</td>
<td>Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Finlay</td>
<td>J. Smyth, 125 Lincoln St., Perth</td>
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<td>BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>When necessary</td>
<td>D. M. Benson, Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Mrs. W. James, 15 Marion Street, Leederville</td>
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<td>BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSN.</td>
<td>Wentworth Hotel, Perth</td>
<td>1st Monday each month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>C. J. Garner, 59 Boulevard, Mt. Hawthorn</td>
<td>Geo. E. Cattermole, M.C., 229 Charles St., North Perth</td>
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<td>11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Monthly luncheon, 1 p.m. on 11th of month</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St. Leonard's Ave., Leederville</td>
<td>R. W. Blair, 79 William Street, Perth</td>
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<td>EX-MACHINE GUNNERS' ASSN.</td>
<td>Gregson's, 32 King Street, Perth</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
<td>Wm. Gregson, 32 King Street, Perth</td>
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<td>FORTY-FOURTH ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>As advertised</td>
<td>Annual Reunion, Monday, 4th October</td>
<td>Col. C. S. Lamb, Victoria House, St. George's Terrace, Perth</td>
<td>E. C. Rogers, 67 Fairfield Street, Mt. Hawthorn</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, F. ...h</td>
<td>Third Thursday, quarterly</td>
<td>Dr. C. H. Leadman, chairman: W. J. Eddington</td>
<td>W. H. Rigg, 25 Elizabeth Street, North Perth</td>
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<td>SIXTEENTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Committees, as arranged</td>
<td>2nd Monday</td>
<td>Colonel E. L. Margolin, 62 Tyrell Street, Nedlands</td>
<td>'Phone: B3934</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Nearest Saturday, July 19</td>
<td>L. D. Lobacher, 27 2nd Floor, Economic Chambers, Perth</td>
<td>E. J. Massey, 41 Harvey Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>THIRTY-SECOND BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>Roy W. Perry, 22 Cooper Street, Nedlands</td>
<td>W. C. Armstrong, 20 Ruislip Street, West Leederville</td>
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<td>10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>Sid. J. Rowles, c/o Rowles' Car Sales, 11 Milligan Street, Perth</td>
<td>J. Rutherford, 5 Elizabeth Street, North Perth</td>
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<td>12th and 12nd BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>W. Chaloner</td>
<td>R. G. Hummerston, 46 Leake St., North Perth</td>
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<td>T. B. SAILORS AND SOLDIERS' ASSN.</td>
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<td>A. Cook, 168 Railway Terrace, Maylands</td>
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**CLAREMON**

The monthly meetings are again in full swing, the last one being held on May 6. Two new members were welcomed and several others are expected to join up at the next meeting. On April 27, a visit was paid to the returned soldiers at the Old Men's Home, by about 12 of the members. Arriving there early, games of quoits, parlour bowls and bridge were played by the Diggers versus the auxiliary and greatly enjoyed. A suitable tea was prepared and served. The sick Diggers in hospital were also visited and a suitable tea served up to them. An electric reading lamp was donated to the ward of the Diggers by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Lidbury, on behalf of the auxiliary. Three rounds of games for the McKinlay Shield have been played, and although so far we have not registered a win, we are hoping to strike form soon. We are due to meet North Perth on May 16. All members enjoy these games very much. On May 1, the Anzac service was held in Christ Church, Claremont, conducted by the Rev. J. Bell.

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<td>ALBANY</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
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<td>E. Y. Butler, R.M., &quot;The Residency&quot;, Albany</td>
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<td>BALLIDU DISTRICTS</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
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<td>R. Pitchell</td>
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<td>BASSENDEAN</td>
<td>Town Hall Basement</td>
<td>Alternate Thursday (penion day, 7.30 p.m.)</td>
<td>J. E. Cloughton, 4 Scadden St., Bassendean</td>
<td>A. Wishart, 71 West Rd.</td>
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<td>BUNBURY</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall</td>
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<td>BAYS WATER</td>
<td>R.S.L. Hall, Murray St.</td>
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<td>BUSSELTON</td>
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<td>BRUNSWICK JUNCT.</td>
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<td>C. J. Piper, 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>
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<td>COTTESLOE</td>
<td>Council Hall, Jarrad St.</td>
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<td>C. L. Harvey, 18 Dean St., Cottesloe</td>
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<td>COWARAMUP</td>
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<td>C. H. Briggs, 15 Walter St., Claremont</td>
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<td>DARLING RANGE</td>
<td>Kalamunda Hotel (unlicensed portion)</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. J. Walters, 442 P.O., Kalamunda, &quot;Phone 83&quot;</td>
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<td>H. W. Wood, Donnybrook</td>
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<td>FREMANTLE &amp; DIS trict</td>
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<td>Alternate Thursday (penion night), at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Jack W. Lynch, Hampton Road and Fothergill, Fremantle</td>
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<td>Gascoyne Hotel</td>
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<td>A. J. Wilkins, 88 Fremantle Road, South Perth</td>
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<td>GLOUCESTER PARK</td>
<td>Anzac House</td>
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<td>HARVEY</td>
<td>War Memorial Hall</td>
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<td>KALGOORLIE</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
<td>Every 2nd Tuesday in month at 8 p.m.; Executive alt. Fridays</td>
<td>H. James, Forestry Department, Brookman Street, Kalgoorlie</td>
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<td>MANJIMUP</td>
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<td>MOUNT BARKER</td>
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<td>J. L. Mackenzie, Manjimup</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
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<td>MЕНZIES</td>
<td>Menzies Road Board Hall</td>
<td>Alt. Thursdays, 7.30 p.m. (penion week)</td>
<td>H. Woods, 31 Seventh Avenue, Maylands</td>
<td>Garage, Mt. Barker</td>
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<td>MIDLAND JUNCT.</td>
<td>R.S.L. Branch Rooms, Railway Parade</td>
<td>First Sunday in month</td>
<td>Mr. R. Pugh, Menzies</td>
<td>L. T. King, 10 Car ling ton Street, Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>MOSMAN PARK</td>
<td>Rechabite Hall, Johnston Street, Cottesloe</td>
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<td>B. Knight, York Road, Midland Junction</td>
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<td>MOORA</td>
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<td>When called, 1st Wednesday, monthly</td>
<td>W. H. Boyce, Moora</td>
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<td>MT. MARSHALL</td>
<td>Mt. Lawley Commercial Room, Bencubbin Hotel</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>W. H. Wright, Mandiga</td>
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<td>MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD</td>
<td>Wallish Hall, Grovvenor Road, Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>O. J. Williams, 21 Grovvenor Rd., Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>J. K. Craze, 116 Central Ave., Maylands</td>
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<td>MUKINBUDIN</td>
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<td>MUNDARING &amp; DISTRICTS</td>
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<td>Wm. J. Lochhead, Mundaring</td>
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<td>NEWDEGATE</td>
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<td>Quarterly, 3rd Saturday March, June, Sep., Dec.</td>
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<td>L. J. Schumacher (Staff-Sgt.) Artillery Barracks</td>
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<td>NORTH - EAST FREMANTLE</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>L. P. Ash, Northampton</td>
<td>G. C. Curlweis, 145 Fitzgerald Street, Northam Tel. 174</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>R.S.L. Club Rooms, Gordon Street, Northam</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>P. T. Prince, Fitzgerald Street, Northam</td>
<td>B. N. McLwlraith, 21 Dundas Road, Maylands</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Gbele St. (off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>S. Dival, 473 Fitzgerald St., North Perth. Tel. B8438</td>
<td>W. Holder, &quot;Monash House,&quot; 23 King St., Perth</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>&quot;Monash House,&quot; 23 King Street, Perth</td>
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<td>J. O'Farrell, 223 Fitzgerald Street, Perth</td>
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<td>PINGBELLY</td>
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<td>P. Archer, East Pingelly</td>
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<td>At Luncheon, Antac House Pitbara</td>
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<td>Reg. Nicholas, c/o. Government Printing Office</td>
<td>L. G. W. Browning, East Perth</td>
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<td>Quairading</td>
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<td>E. Newton, Ravensthorpe</td>
<td>J. Newman, 1202 Hay Street, West Perth</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Rokey Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>4th Sunday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>G. W. Thathan, Tamberlap</td>
<td>J. E. Thathan, P.O. Box 1, Tamberlup, Tel. 45</td>
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<td>R.S.L. Club</td>
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<td>TRAYNING - YELBEI VICTORIA PARK</td>
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<td>Eric F. Lloyd, 29 Esperance Street Vic Park</td>
<td>F. Matthews, 3 Manchester Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTING, JIBBERING</td>
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<td>A. B. Dinnie, Bunting</td>
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<td>WEST LEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Lederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>G. E. Timnell, 34 Harbourn St., Wembley</td>
<td>E. Tonkinson, 37 Cambridge St., W. Leeville</td>
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<td>YARLOOP AND DISTRICT</td>
<td>Yarloop Hotel</td>
<td>4th Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>I. Meredith, Yarloop</td>
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<td>YEALERING</td>
<td>Comm'n Hotel, Yealering</td>
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