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Lest We Forget—and Give Away Too Much

Notwithstanding certain criticisms of the present method of commemorating Anzac Day, the general body of the public has given no indication of any dissatisfaction with the customary observance, and the only excuse bearing the faintest resemblance to a reason, that has been offered for a change, is the perfectly poisonous suggestion that the League should depart from its time-honoured policy by exploiting the day for profit.

Perhaps the most striking speech ever delivered by the senior vice-president was the one he made at the League’s farewell, almost on the eve of his translation to the Bishopric of Bendigo. On that occasion, he made a moving appeal to all members of the League to retain the present observance of Anzac Day. Since then, there have been indications that this matter will spring up again, like a hardy annual, at the next State congress.

Already, some unknown warrior has written to a daily paper, over the original and informative name “Digger,” proclaiming that a country sub-branch would submit to congress a motion, which if carried, would rob the day of half its impressiveness. At the same time he touted for the support of other sub-branches. Then, a unit association circularised sub-branches in favour of a change. As far as we have been able to ascertain, the circular has received very little support, but it will be for congress to decide whether a procedure which has stood the test of time shall be retained, or abandoned in favour of something less spiritual.

Omitting the whines of the type of pacifist who sees in the annual commemoration an incitement to war, the arguments advanced in favour of a change of procedure may be lumped in three categories: the selfish, the mystical and the merely mercenary. The first has found adherents among those who would make Anzac Day a day of ceremonial observance in the morning, and something like the medieval sabbath in the afternoon. In fact, the medieval sabbath has been cited as a count in this form of argument by persons whose historical knowledge is defective to the extent of forgetting that the medieval authorities legislated against all forms of exercise on Sunday afternoons, except archery or some other form of military training. Heedless youth, who would make the afternoon an occasion for extra tennis parties, or similar activities, and thoughtless, thirsty middle-age, who would make Anzac Day an excuse for bibulous revelry or adding racing and other forms of commercialised sport to an already overcrowded sports calendar, also conveniently forget that, had there been no landing at Anzac, there would be no Anzac Day and consequently no suggestion of extra sports. In mentioning this argument from the other side, we readily acquit Australian youth in the mass of any ardent desire to rob Anzac Day of its sacred character. Further, we do not believe for a moment that there is any such desire among the Diggers who may work up a thirst during the annual parade. Neither the Digger nor the rising generation is anything like as hard-boiled as they would like people to believe. The arguments which we have termed mystical prove this. In brief, these may be summed up in the suggestion that, if men who paid the supreme sacrifice were consulted, they would advocate less of the holy day and more of the holiday spirit. There may be some truth in this.

The Australian temperament does not favour undue fuss over the execution of a plain and obvious duty; but that is no valid reason for any slackening in the deference paid to those who sacrificed their all for freedom, including the freedom of speech which is so often abused in these days. We honour our comrades of the great advance guard, whether they would wish it or not, and we cannot honour them fully by consenting to whittling away the significance of the day until the very occasion for it is forgotten.

This year, we have been faced with the new and insidious argument that if Anzac Day were to be divested of half of its sacred character sports meetings and similar activities might be arranged to augment the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund. This is virtually asking us to sell our birthright for a mess of pottage. Ever since its inception, the League has resolutely set its face against Anzac Day collections, or anything that would savour of exploiting the occasion. Armistice Day is the one day in the year when the League makes a direct appeal to the public on behalf of less fortunate comrades. We have had no cause to complain of the generosity of the public on Armistice Day and, for that very reason, the League is endeavouring to make the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund a matter for the League to raise and manage. If the suggestion regarding Anzac Day were adopted, the fund might profit; but, we venture to think, those who would profit most would not be the aged ex-service men, but the sports promoter and the book maker. As Omar Khayyam advised, we would take the cash and let the credit go, and the probable pittance received would not nearly compensate for the loss of credit and dignity. The Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund is something apart from Anzac Day. It should be supported, not by an annual appeal on Anzac Day, but by sustained efforts throughout the year, by all the back-bone of the League, with the power of the Press behind it, as has been the case in South Australia and elsewhere.

However, these are matters on which congress must decide, and one earnestly
HARVEY R.S.L. HALL
State President Performs Opening Ceremony

The State president of the Western Australian Branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia (Mr. A. Yeates, O.B.E.) visited Harvey to perform the official opening of the new hall of the Harvey sub-branch. He was accompanied by the State secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson) and Messrs. James and Anderson (members of the State executive). The State president of the women’s auxiliary (Mrs. McKinlay) and the State secretary (Mrs. Hopperton) were also present.

Among the many visitors at the ceremony were Mr. Leslie Craig, M.L.C., Mr. Ross McLarty, M.L.A., and representatives of the Collie, Brunswick, Waroona, Mornington, Bunbury and Pinjarra sub-branches. A large number of ex-service men of the district with their wives and friends were also in attendance.

Before the opening ceremony, the visitors and the Harvey sub-branch and its women’s auxiliary officers were entertained at a civic reception by the Harvey Road Board, which was presided over by Mr. J. Lowe (chairman of the board).

At the conclusion of the civic reception, the party adjourned to the new R.S.L. Hall, in Becher Street, where a larger number of Harvey citizens had gathered to witness the opening ceremony by Mr. Yeates. A guard of honour, composed of members of the 81st Harvey Troop of Boy Scouts, under the charge of Scoutmaster L. Atkins, was drawn up to the main doorway and were inspected by Mr. Yeates, who complimented them on their appearance and bearing.

Mr. B. H. Lofthouse (president of the Harvey sub-branch), before introducing Mr. Yeates, said the day and the building were a stepping stone in the history of Harvey. The hall completed with furniture and land had cost nearly £900 and from these figures they would gather that the R.S.L. had every confidence in the district which was a land of milk and honey. It had been due to their women’s auxiliary that the building had been completed. Mr. Lofthouse paid a tribute to the hall committee, who had an attendance of practically 100 per cent. at meetings.

Mr. Yeates said he was greatly honoured to be in Harvey for the purpose of opening the new R.S.L. Hall. They now had a substantial building that would prove useful to them, but that would mainly depend on themselves. Mr. Lofthouse had paid a great tribute to the women’s auxiliary for their assistance and he wanted to add his meed of praise. He had found that throughout the State the help given to sub-branches by the auxiliaries was of considerable value, and in Harvey’s particular case it was extraordinary. Mr. Yeates congratulated the sub-branch and the auxiliary on the work they had performed and the high standard of efficiency and good citizenship. It was pleasing to know that all the Central Ward members of the Harvey Road Board were returned soldiers. It was a great tribute to their “service” in peace. He extended the best wishes of the League to the sub-branch and to the auxiliary.

A vote of thanks to the State presi-
LAKE GRACE MEMORIAL PARK

The Lake Grace sub-branch and the people of that district are establishing in the heart of the town a park intended to commemorate the services and sacrifices in the Great War of their fellow-townsmen.

Colonel H. B. Collett was invited to be present on Saturday, July 23, to declare the Memorial Park open. Speaking during the ceremony he said:

I take it that the setting aside of this reserve—the intention to create a Memorial Park—is yet another expression of that gratitude we all have for the sacrifices made during the Great War.

The word “sacrifice” has been much used during the last 24 years, and it may have lost some of its significance through the fact that war and depression during that period have left very few, if any, untouched.

But the greatest of all sacrifices—that of life itself—was made during 1914-18 by individuals who were relatives or intimate friends to many of us. Great sacrifices were also made in that time by wives and mothers, sisters and children, who lost their natural guardians.

Even further sacrifices by the nation itself almost shattered its economic structure and burdened the future with a huge load of debt incurred through the waste of war.

And yet, despite it all, it has been marvellous to witness the resilience of our people; to observe their cheerfulness and air of hope and to join in the encouragement brought by a return to comparative prosperity.

As I have mentioned, the hated word "war"—it may be well to point out to this gathering—so far removed from the direct influences and uproar of the outside world, that recourse to arms as a means of settling disputes between nations has not yet passed beyond our times.

To a community such as this—peace-loving and in peaceful surroundings—turmoil amongst peoples seems strange and unwarranted. And yet, if we look abroad we see in China and in Spain a condition of things such as cannot but remind us that the days of barbarism are not yet past.

In fact it is only the patience, the strong (and daily growing stronger) arm of Britain and the Dominions that make the Empire, and their insistence on peace,

ut negotiation over difficulties that keeps the rest of Europe, nay, the world, from being hurled into the abyss of strife.

We are fortunate in Australia. Our troubles, goodness knows, are severe enough; but they might be infinitely worse were we not built as we are: imbued with a common desire to be allowed to live quietly and enjoy that which Providence has blessed us with, without seeking for power to the exclusion of the rights and welfare of others.

In this district of Lake Grace, the home of pioneers still living and working, there are fine records of public and patriotic service.

This park commemorates the deeds of some and at the same time acts as a reminder to such as need it of the value of peaceful ways, loyal citizenship and honest government.

I congratulate those whose are responsible for the park’s existence. I hope that it will truly flourish, become a resort and source of inspiration for those who love beauty. For it may be, in such surroundings as will then exist, some lonely soul will find solace for the yet unhealed wounds inflicted by the war.

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You are either going to Heaven or you are not going to Heaven.
If you are going to Heaven there is nothing to worry about;
If you are going to the other place you will be so damn busy shaking hands with old friends that you won’t have any time to worry!

So why worry?

(From The Table in a Roar, by James Ferguson.)
The League Membership

Membership remains much the same as it was at this period last year. It always gains its maximum strength at the end of the year. The returns from a few sub-branches have been delayed. To keep membership figures up means constant plugging away by officials throughout the year. Some very pleasing advances have been made, notably that of Darling R. ... It always gains ... have fallen. Every sub-branch should have an active membership committee.

Name of Sub-Branch  As at 30/6/37  As at 31/12/37  As at 30/6/38
---|-----------|-----------|-----------
Albany     | 137       | 134       | 143       |
Ararat      | 25        | 25        | 19        |
Armadale    | 82        | 100       | 91        |
Baandee     | 18        | 14        | 11        |
Balingup    | 13        | 17        | 16        |
Ballidu     | 31        | 31        | 34        |
Bassendean  | 58        | 58        | 53        |
Bayswater   | 36        | 40        | 43        |
Beacon      | -         | -         | 8         |
Belmont     | 4         | 14        | 17        |
Beverley    | 28        | 36        | 21        |
Booderee    | 17        | 11        | 13        |
Boyup Brook | 34        | 39        | 34        |
Bridgetown  | 47        | 53        | 53        |
Broome      | 32        | 34        | 32        |
Bruce Rock  | 63        | 67        | 58        |
Brunswick Jet | 33       | 33        | 25        |
Buller      | 8         | 13        | 11        |
Bullabulla & Districts | 16     | 21        | 18        |
Bunbury     | 107       | 81        | 78        |
Busselton   | 47        | 61        | 54        |
Calingiri   | 15        | 20        | 18        |
Canning & Districts | 13    | 10        | 8         |
Capel       | 22        | 14        | 13        |
Cardiff     | 17        | 20        | 13        |
Carlisle    | 41        | 44        | 46        |
Carnamah    | 28        | 25        | 33        |
Central     | 43        | 46        | 43        |
Claremont   | 123       | 125       | 129       |
Collie      | 140       | 145       | 102       |
Cooee       | 11        | 13        | 13        |
Corariggin  | 6         | 3         | 3         |
Cottesloe   | 89        | 88        | 97        |
Cowardam    | 11        | 19        | 24        |
Granbrook   | 32        | 32        | 26        |
Gee Big Bell | 29       | 33        | 31        |
Darling K.   | 37        | 40        | 50        |
Denmark     | 17        | 10        | 21        |
Dongara     | 12        | 10        | 14        |
Donnybrook  | 29        | 31        | 45        |
Dowerin     | 27        | 23        | 50        |
Dumbleyong  | 25        | 28        | 18        |
Esperance   | 7         | 7         | 7         |
Forest Grove | 11        | 19        | 24        |
Freemantle  | 147       | 139       | 135       |
Gabbin      | 16        | 17        | 20        |
Gacoigne    | 28        | 41        | 39        |
Geraldton   | 102       | 115       | 109       |
Gingin      | 13        | 13        | 13        |
Gloucester P. | 79       | 78        | 93        |
Gnowangerup | 49        | 64        | 59        |
Gnowangerup Totals | 7689    | 8155      | 7617      |

**Notes:**
- *Defunct.*
- † Not Started.
National Health and Pensions Insurance Act

The general secretary (Mr. E. V. Raymond) has forwarded a copy of Clause 96 of the Bill recently dealt with by the Commonwealth Government, which defines the position of "returned soldiers" pensioned under the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act.

Following Clause 96 is the copy of an explanatory note and copy of Clause 95 referred to in the note.

The Act is not yet available; but steps have been taken to secure some copies as early as possible, and one copy will be forwarded to each State branch.

Clause 96

(1) Any person who is a returned soldier within the meaning of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act, 1920-1937 (in this section referred to as a "returned soldier"), and who, at the commencement of Part IV of this Act, is in receipt of any benefits under the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act, 1920-1937 (not being a service pension), either on his own account, or on account of himself and his dependents, may, if those benefits are on the whole less favourable than the benefits provided by this Act, he may, subject to the Regulations, apply for admission to insurance under this Act and the Commission may grant the application.

(6) Except as provided by this section, every returned soldier shall, subject to this Act, be insured in accordance with this Act, and any person to whom this Act applies, whether by virtue of an application by that person under this section or otherwise, shall remain subject to insurance in accordance with this Act.

(7) Where this Act applies to any returned soldier, the benefit which he may receive under this Act shall not be reduced by reason of the receipt by him of benefit (other than service pension) under the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act, 1920-1937.

(8) Any returned soldier who is insured under this Act and is in receipt of a service pension under the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act, 1920-1937, shall be entitled to receive benefit under this Act to the extent to which the service pension is less than such benefit but not otherwise.

(9) Where any insured person becomes entitled to receive a service pension under the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act, 1920-1937, any contributions payable by him as a voluntary contributor under this Act shall be paid by the Repatriation Commission, without deduction from the service pensions, until he reaches the maximum age.

(10) Where an insured person who is in receipt of a service pension attains the maximum age and would, but for the foregoing provisions of this section, be entitled to receive an old-age pension under this Act, his right to such old-age pension shall be substituted for his right under the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act, 1920-1937, to service pension, and the last-mentioned right shall thereupon cease and determine.

Provided that such termination of the right of any person to receive a service pension under the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act, 1920-1937, shall not affect the continuance of the right under that Act of the wife or children of that person to receive service pension.

Explanatory Note.—Clause 96 in particular deals with War Pensions under the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Acts, preserving the principle hitherto recognised that War Pensions should be regarded as benefits earned by war service. The Clause, therefore, permits the payment of benefits under the Act in addition to War Pension, but also permits a war pensioner who is already covered against the risks for which the Bill proposes to provide a secure exemption from contribution to National Insurance. The service pensioner is treated on the same lines as the pensioner under the non-contributory scheme (Clause 95), but if an insured person he will be entitled to cash benefits and medical benefit under the Act, and provision is made for preserving his insurance until he reaches age 65 and becomes entitled to an insurance pension, without means test.

Clause 95

A person in receipt of a benefit under this Act shall be entitled to receive at the same time a pension under the Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act, 1908-1937, to the extent to which the benefit under this Act, including dependents child's allowance, is less than the pension to which, but for this section, he would have been entitled under that Act, but not otherwise.

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Colonel Collett has forwarded us the following extract from the Report of the Commonwealth Public Service Board for the year 1937:

The Public Service Act provides that in the making of appointments to the Commonwealth Service from among persons who have successfully passed the prescribed examination, the Board shall give preference to returned soldiers; it also provides that in making appointments under certain sections of the Act which permit of appointments without examination—Sections 38 and 39 relating to the Fourth Division and Section 47 relating to other Divisions—preference shall, subject to competency, be given to returned soldiers. A further provision in the Act—Section 84 (9)—sets out the order of priority as amongst returned soldiers in the making of appointments to positions of a non-clerical nature.

Paragraph (c) of Section 84 (9) provided for a preference in appointments to non-clerical positions being accorded returned soldiers after two years continuous temporary employment in such positions, subject to the Chief Officer certifying that their duties had been performed in a satisfactory manner. The Crown Law authorities advised to the effect that this provision applied only while temporary employment continued, and those returned soldiers whose temporary employment had been terminated for reasons such, for example, as curtailment of staff during the depression, therefore lost their preference, which could only be again acquired by a further two years continuous employment.

When it became possible, as conditions improved, to recommence making appointments, the Board submitted the matter to the Government and it was decided to amend Section 84 (9) (c) to restore preference to any returned soldier still within the prescribed age limits, who had at any time given two years continuous satisfactory service. This was done by amending legislation which took effect from December 7, 1936, and since that time over 300 appointments of returned soldiers to the permanent staff have been made.

The total number of appointments of returned soldiers made to the permanent staff during the financial year 1936-37 was 406, the appointments being to Fourth Division positions of Lineman, Mechanic, Postman, Assistant, &c., and to clerical and professional positions.

In addition, a considerable number was employed on the Temporary and Exempt staffs, the available figures showing that 3,578 returned soldiers were employed temporarily or under exemption on June 30, 1937, as compared with 3,348 on the corresponding date in the previous year. In all cases where eligible returned soldiers with the necessary qualifications are available they are selected for employment in preference to other persons.

The total number of appointments of returned soldiers made to the permanent staff of the Commonwealth Service up to June 30, 1937, was 6,028.

UNEMPLOYED DIGGERs
And the Commonwealth
Public Service

Unemployed Diggers should note that any returned soldier who has passed the junior examination of an approved university, or passed an equivalent examination, is eligible for permanent appointment in the Commonwealth Public Service as a clerk without any further examination. The salary range is £208 to £292 per annum with child endowment of £13 per annum for every child under the age of 14 years. The only restriction is that the returned soldier must be under 51 years of age. It is interesting to note that a number of Diggers have taken the junior examination of the W.A. University in recent years—the same examination as our sons and daughters sit for—and gained permanent appointment in the Commonwealth Public Service. Some Diggers who have followed occupations of a clerical nature find the examination fairly easy, while others have to study hard. The effort is worthwhile to those who have sufficient educational ground work, and does provide permanent employment against the uncertainties in many other avocations. Full information is obtainable at the office of the Commonwealth Public Service Inspector, Second Floor, Commonwealth Bank Buildings, Murray Street, Perth, and approach should be made to the W.A. University for copies of past examination papers or information regarding the standard of the examination which is held towards the end of each year.
THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL

The office of Inspector-General of the Australian Military Forces is not altogether a new one. It was created after Lord Kitchener’s inspection of the Australian forces in 1909-10, and first held by Lord Kitchener’s nominee, Major-General Kirkpatrick. The last previous holder was Lieut-General Sir Harry Chauvel, who carried-out the duties of Inspector-General in conjunction with his duties as Chief of the General Staff. After Sir Harry Chauvel’s retirement, the appointment remained in abeyance until its revival was made necessary by the reorganisation and mechanisation of the services, the recommendation having been made during the Imperial Conference, May, 1937.

Like Lord Birdwood, the new Inspector-General, Lieut-General Ernest Ker Squires, has his birthplace in India, being born at Poona in 1882. He is also evidence that clergymen’s sons can rise to eminence, notwithstanding the popular fallacy concerning them. Educated at Eton, and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, he returned to India when he was gazetted to the Third Sappers and Miners. He went to France with the Indian Expeditionary Force and served later in Mesopotamia. During the war he was twice wounded, five times mentioned in despatches and his service earned him the D.S.O. and the M.C. In 1919, he was again on active service, being engaged in the operations against Afghanistan. Since the war, Major-General Squires has been G.S.O. at Army Headquarters, India, at the War Office in London, and the Staff College, Camberley. Before receiving his Australian appointment, he was Director of Staff Duties at the War Office.

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE
Position of Agricultural Science

Criticism was expressed at the annual conference of the Country Teachers’ Association at the decision of the Public Examinations Board, endorsed by the University Senate, to abolish agricultural science as a subject for the Junior Certificate examination. Recently, the Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University (Professor A. D. Ross) outlined the action taken and the reasons for it.

“The matter of agricultural science at the school certificate examinations has received very full consideration over a long period by the Public Examinations Board and also by the University Senate,” said Professor Ross. ‘Notice of motion, That agricultural science be a subject for the Leaving Certificate only, and that examinations at the junior standard be held in 1937 and 1938 but not thereafter,’ was given in the Public Examinations Board in 1936, and the recommendation was carried in June, 1937. The board further recommended that a memorandum should be prepared stressing the view that the study of a science subject over a period of years is considered necessary as part of the preparation for those sitting for agricultural science at leaving standard.

“The University Senate deferred action until August to enable the proposal to be viewed from all angles. At the Senate meeting on August 16, 1937, a report was received from Professor J. E. Nichols, Professor of Agriculture, in which he said: ‘at the recent meeting of the Public Examinations Board on August 6, 1937, it was suggested that a memorandum to be included in the Manual of Public Examinations should state that a two years’ study of general science or biology or botany is recommended as a preliminary to the two years’ study of agricultural science at leaving standard. This would be essential in those schools which have adequate facilities which enable the candidate to take a full course to leaving standard in chemistry, physics, botany or biology in addition to his leaving agricultural science.’

“The report was noted and accepted by the Senate, and the recommendation of the Public Examinations Board for the excision of agricultural science from the list of subjects at the junior school certificate examination approved. The examination will, however, continue to be held this year to meet the position of pupils who have already embarked on the course. The action taken is not against the training of school children for a future part in agricultural work. Rather is it a definite step to ensure that they will get at school that basic instruction in science—which they can hardly acquire later—which is necessary for them to have in order to apply scientific principles to agricultural theory and practice. We have evidence that schools are adapting themselves to the new scheme, and we hope in this way to enable pupils to gain at school knowledge which will make them much more efficient in subsequent agricultural work than was possible under the old scheme.”

W.A. CORPS OF COMMISSIONAIRES

One often hears the query: Who, and what are the commissionaires? This organisation was founded by the Perth sub-branch in 1929 and is vested in a board of three trustees, one representing the Perth sub-branch (Brigadier-General A. J. Bessell-Browne, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.), one the General Staff, 9th Military District (Lieut.-Colonel G. F. G. Weick, D.S.O., O.B.E.); one the Reserve of Officers (Captain W. J. Hunt). The whole of the staff are returned soldiers, members of the R.S.L. and married men with families.

They are dressed in a neat and serviceable green uniform, with which doubtless many of our readers are familiar. Their duties are many and varied. Members do duty as night watch patrols, escorts, guides, messengers and attendants at football matches, balls, dances, carnivals, etc.

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MADAME BENNETT WILKINSON

Mr. E. S. Everett, assistant manager of Sydney Atkinson Motors Ltd., and a good member of the Press sub-branch, writes:—

Would you please grant me space in your journal wherein the appeal already launched for Madame Bennett Wilkinson may be made more widely known to returned soldiers and their friends. As I have for a long time known of the untiring voluntary service in entertaining our comrades in hospitals, institutions and elsewhere which Madame so cheerfully does, the thought came to me how pleasing to this wonderful old lady some practical appreciation would be.

Many expressions of admiration and appreciation have come along with contributions for the fund for Madame. One writes: "I have known of Madame's beneficial services for very many years; she is a wonderful woman." Another: "As an inmate of the Base Hospital, and as a patient of the Repatriation Ward of the Perth Hospital of quite recent date, I am in no doubt as to the untiring efforts of Madame Bennett Wilkinson for returned soldier patients. I am glad you have started the appeal and I wish it every success." Another: "My husband spent five weeks recently in the Repat. Ward and I was able to see the work Madame does; in wild, rough evenings, as well as fine, she is there to entertain the boys, and I'm enclosing 5/- towards her birthday fund—I only wish I could afford £5." A lady writes: "Enclosed is my contribution, etc. Madame so richly deserves admiration for her kindness in giving pleasure and help for such a long period to our returned soldiers." Another admirer who is confined to bed with a broken leg has sent a contribution in appreciation of Madame's 24 years of service to returned men. Everybody knows her good deeds; but everybody does not know how this "Little Old Lady" fares; and as I'm sure she needs our sympathy in a practical form, I have extended the appeal to the end of this month.

Whilst all acknowledge with grateful appreciation the services so lovingly rendered by many in a voluntary capacity, yet I have not had brought to my notice the case of personal need such as are the circumstances in which Madame is placed now.

In conclusion, I trust this appeal will be sympathetically considered by all returned soldiers, either at their meetings or individually, and that they will send their contributions however small on to me before the 31st inst., when I will hand over to Madame all moneys received.

(Mr. Everett has sent to us numerous letters from admirers of Madame congratulating him on taking this matter up and sending contributions. We quote from one letter from the secretary of the T.B. Association enclosing a cheque for two guineas "... faithiful service and unselfish devotion ... this dear old mother of the Diggers ... first in the field of entertainment for men in camp and later in the hospitals and all the years since the war."—Ed., L.P.)

PREference FlOUTed

Our comments on the way Government departments flout the principle of preference to returned sailors and soldiers have caused a reader to write as follows:—

In May last, the position of clerk-in-charge of the London Agency was gazetted as vacant, and applications for the position were invited. From a number of applicants, some of whom were ex-service men, the one chosen to fill the position is junior to the lot, and was too young to know anything of the war. His chief qualification appears to be that his late father was a prominent trade union official, well known to various Ministers, and it appears that the Premier had given instructions that the young man was to be appointed. The man chosen has an accountant's diploma, but has had no experience in office management. At least one returned soldier applicant has also an accountant's diploma and has been in charge of offices.

11th Battalion A.I.F. History

The following advance subscriptions have been received in connection with the publication of the 11th Battalion history:—

Previously acknowledged, £67/12/-. General Bessell-Browne, 10/-; O. A. Sagers (Lake Biddy), 10/-; W. A. King (Greenhills), 10/-; D. Choyce, 10/-; J. Wilkinson (Narembeen), 10/- Total: £70/2/-. Subscriptions should be sent to R. W. Blair, 79 William Street, Perth.
The State secretary would like to hear from anyone who was associated with R. J. Rice, in the 30th Battery, A.F.A. R. J. Rice died some few years ago and it is desired to try and obtain some evidence to assist the widow in her claim for pension.

William Butt, Crown Street, Geebung, N.C. Line, Brisbane, is making inquiries concerning the present address of William Packwood, of the 5th B.G.R.O. He is anxious to get in touch with him, as he has not seen him since they were in France together.

On July 17, members of the Katanning sub-branch R.S.L. bade farewell to two of their old comrades, in the persons of Stan Howard and Arthur Mouritz, who were shortly leaving the town. Stan was recently appointed secretary of the Tambellup Road Board and in future will reside in that thriving little centre, and Arthur has decided to join the ranks of the St. George's Terrace farmers pending the finalisation of some negotiations when he will again have a man-sized job ahead of him. For some years Stan shouldered the burdens and responsibilities of the sub-branch in his capacity as secretary and as O.C. Anzac parades. Arthur also served his term in the secretarial chair as well as devoting a considerable amount of his time as a representative on the Lands Committee of the No. 4 District Council. Presentations were made to both by the president (Mr. Horace Tylor) on behalf of the sub-branch. Perhaps the finest tribute to the popularity of Stan and Arthur was the excellent roll-up of members, despite the inclemency of the weather. Mrs. Higman, as usual, saw to decoration of the tables and members did not forget to pass a hearty vote of thanks to our staunch old friend. Geo. Fimister was entrusted with the harmony and when Geo. has the floor Diggers look for something good. His "Wot? there ain't no polar bears in the Antarctic" and "It's mighty cold 'ere" provoked rounds of applause.

At the July meeting of the Kununoppin sub-branch, the president (Mr. G. M. Appleyard) called members to attention while he tendered the secretary (Mr. W. F. Gill) his congratulations on the recent birth of a son. He asked the proud father to accept on the boy's behalf a christening mug, suitably inscribed. This was the birthday offering of the sub-branch. All members present added their quota of congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Gill, and the man with a new shoot on the family tree blushingly responded.

A few years ago The Listening Post made inquiries as to who was the oldest member of the League, and the results were surprising. The award went to a veteran of Rorke's Drift who has since been transferred to higher service. Perhaps the oldest active member to-day is bluff sturdy John Woods, of the Press sub-branch, a veteran of the Boer War who is now marking time somewhere about the middle of the seventies. Incidentally, we provoked the discussion by claiming for John the right to be regarded as the oldest active member. The claim to be the oldest surviving Digger, who is a member of the League, has been put forward by Manjimup sub-branch on behalf of Tom Skehan, a youngster of sixty-nine springs, who served with the 32nd Battalion during that little unpleasantness we had with the Kaiser. He has been a financial member ever since he joined the League in 1918 and is still the proud possessor of the receipt issued on joining.

Mr. W. H. Carson, the new president of the Albany sub-branch, is a native of Geraldton, who is now in business in the southern port. His service overseas was with the 16th Battalion, in which famous unit he saw service on the Somme until he was captured at Bullecourt. His name was on the missing list for four months, but he remained in Germany till the Armistice, after which he was repatriated to England, through Denmark. Since the war, Mr. Carson had a stab at farming in the Kellerberrin district; now he is in business as a newsagent. Although his health is not always of the best, Albany's new president is a strenuous worker, both in the League and out of it. He was secretary of the committee which recently secured a new wing for the Albany Hospital.

Albany sub-branch's new vice-president, Captain Rex Hall, M.C., held a commission in the Senior Cadets when the war broke out, but enlisting in the ranks of the A.I.F. he went away with the 12th Reinforcement of the 11th Battalion. He gained his commission in the field and the third star of a Captain and the Military Cross soon followed. He joined the League in 1920, within 48 hours of being demobilised. Before he went to Albany, Rex was vice-president and then president of the Gnowangerup sub-branch.

Another Hall, Mr. W. F. Hall, an ex-Imperial, was recently elected secretary of the Albany sub-branch. He enlisted in "The King's Own" on August 6, 1914, and went out to France early in 1915. After attaining commissioned rank in the field, he was transferred to the Lancashire Fusiliers, in which he served with both Regular battalions in the 4th and 29th Divisions. He was wounded several times.

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MONARCH LAUNDRY LTD.—DYERS AND CLEANERS
Albany sub-branch reports the death of a member, H. E. Evans, who passed away after a long and painful illness on July 19. We join with the sub-branch in extending condolence and sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends.

The thorny problems of the Official Secrets Act formed the basis of a recent prosecution in Albany. At the July meeting of the Albany sub-branch, a court-martial was convened to try a member, Sam Barrow, for a breach of the Official Secrets Act in not notifying the sub-branch beforehand of his intended wedding, and for being absent without leave sometime after committing matrimony. Sam was duly convicted and sentenced to accept a presentation from sub-branch members. The present was handed over to the accompaniment of nice remarks by Mr. L. S. Barnett.

The old troop of the Tambellup Light Horse, known as the "Chocolate Soldiers," recently tendered a dinner at the local hotel to Captain Stan Howard, who at one time was in charge of the local troop and who has now assumed the job of road board secretary at Tambellup. Stan Howard served with the 10th Light Horse abroad and is held in high esteem, and the local Diggers regard him as quite an asset to the district. There was a record muster of Gentlemen of the Light Horse who, it is reported, had quite a lot to say during the evening.

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At the social given by the Maylands sub-branch to the Osborne Park and Victoria Park sub-branches in the Masonic Hall, Maylands, on Thursday, July 28, Mr. Harry Wood, on behalf of Maylands sub-branch, presented Mr. W. L. (Bill) Menkens with a beautiful cut glass dressing table clock as a token of esteem and for services rendered. Mr. Wood thanked Bill for his many years of hard work on behalf of the Diggers in Maylands and congratulated him on being appointed as president of the North Perth sub-branch. Bill, in reply, promised to continue to show interest in the sub-branch and do what he could for them.

Mr. J. (Jim) Lang, the new assistant secretary of the North Perth sub-branch, is one of their hardest workers. Jim does a lot of hard work in assisting with the publication of the sub-branch journal. During the war he served with the 11th Battalion and at present he is a very active member of the 11th Battalion Association. In working days he can be found somewhere in The Daily News establishment.

We are sorry to learn that Bert Tout, a good quiet worker for the North Perth sub-branch, is an inmate of the Perth Hospital. Bert’s unit was the 12th Battalion.

Darling Range sub-branch lost a good member in the passing of Bob Baker recently. Bob was a very sick man and an object lesson to all. No matter how unkindly Fate treated him, it did not dim his bright, happy disposition. At the funeral on August 4, a large gathering of old comrades and residents of Kalamunda attended. We join with the sub-branch members in sympathising with the widow and six children in their great loss.

The new president of the Darling Range sub-branch is Mr. W. L. (Scotty) Wilson, the assistant Government Statistician. “Scotty” has been a good member of the League since the war, where he had excellent service. The “Darlings” are fortunate to get a Digger of his calibre and energy to lead them.

Our North Perth correspondent reports that Phil Loffman (16th Battalion) and “Bunny” Richmond have been in hospital. We join with sub-branch members in wishing them a speedy recovery. One of the newly-elected committee, Mr. J Nichol, has been transferred to the North-West, to the great regret of his fellow members. Last, but not least, the stork has visited the northern suburb. The hosts of the busy bird on this occasion were Messrs. G. Fraser and J. Faulkner, to whom we extend congratulations.

Noel Wisdom, who was an artist employed by The Western Mail, and a member of the Press sub-branch has been wandering around the world for a few years. He writes from Ithaca, which is about 300 miles from New York near the Great Lake and Niagara, where he is employed. He joined the British War Veterans of U.S.A. and said that there are 400 members in New York from all parts of the Empire. Noel sends regards to all old friends. He still thinks Perth is the “one spot.”

A worthy son of a revered and distinguished father was the general summary of the multitude of laudatory speeches that bade farewell to the senior vice-president (Archeacon C. L. Riley) during the numerous farewell functions. As Tom it has been ever since. During the month, he has had as many farewells as a retiring opera singer, and the sadness of parting must have been increased by a certain physical weariness. We add our own good wishes to the thousands of others he has received, hoping that he and Mrs. Riley will have a long and happy life in their new sphere of service.

Congratulations to Dr. Hugh Fowler on being advanced to the dignity of Associate Professor in the University of Western Australia, of which he is such a distinguished graduate. Professor Fowler served abroad with the 44th (the State President’s Own) and attained the rank of Captain in the field. He is one of those rare men who can combine pure scholarship with practical ability. Psychology is his subject, and his introduction to it was gained while a teacher in the service of the State Education Department.

REPORT ON VISIT TO PINGELLY BY MR. A. YEATES

On Saturday, July 2, Messrs. Sten, Ferguson and I proceeded by car to Pingelly. On arrival there, we were met by the president (Mr. Archer) and secretary (Mr. Sargent) and proceeded to the Road Board Hall, where we received a reception by the local governing body, the chairman of which is Mr. Stewart. From there we were entertained to afternoon tea by the Pingelly women’s auxiliary and following which I laid a foundation stone at the new Soldiers’ Hall which is being constructed by the Pingelly sub-branch.

A very fine gathering had assembled there and listened with great interest to the address I gave and Mr. F. Seward, M.L.A., on behalf of the sub-branch, presented me with a silver trowel.

The reunion that night was attended by about 70 persons and was a very fine affair and a great success. Mr. Archer occupied the chair and addresses were given by all your representatives and listened to with great attention.

Pingelly sub-branch was only revived about three years ago, and to-day is doing a very fine work, which is instanced by the fact that they are erecting their own hall. Attached to them is a section from Brookton and altogether there seems to be quite a live spirit, as far as the League is concerned, through this particular district. I feel that the Pingelly sub-branch should be commended for their recent efforts.

Crops generally throughout the Avon Valley are looking very well, but the country was in need of rain.

Owing to pressure on our columns, we regret having to omit Colonel Olden’s “Westralian Cavalry in the War” and other items from this issue.
July 13, 1938

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

General Manager, A.B.C.—Delegates were advised that Mr. C. J. Moses, the general manager of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, would visit Anzac Club at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 16.

Visits.—The following visits were reported: Mr. Yeates, Flingley; Colonel Lamb, Kelmscott; Mr. Thorn, Midland Junction, Archdeacon Riley, Mercia; Bruce Rock, Press sub-branch and Norseman; Mr. Paton, Fremantle; Mr. Watt, South Perth; Mr. Nicholas, Edward Millen Home and Ward XI.

Rabbi Freedman.—Delegates expressed regret at the illness of Rabbi Freedman and forwarded a message of sympathy with hopes for his speedy recovery.

Anzac Day.—Wing-Commander Brownell advised that, under instructions from the Air Board, the F.F. would not in future participate in the Anzac Day commemoration. The matter was referred to the Management Committee.

West Leederville sub-branch requested the State executive to consider the sub-branches regarding the League’s attitude concerning Anzac Day. A reply was left to the State secretary.

A copy of a circular received from the Engineers’ Association was forwarded by the Press sub-branch. It was referred to the Management Committee.

The 10th Light Horse Association advised that they had considered a circular from the Engineers’ Association, but were not prepared to forfeit any rights which exist under present Anzac Day arrangements.

Superintendent, King’s Park.—Mr. J. E. Watson, who was recently appointed superintendent of King’s Park, assured the State executive of his willingness to co-operate with regard to the State War Memorial and other memorials in King’s Park. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Watson and that the West Perth sub-branch be advised of his communication.

Sub-Branch Officials.—The appointment of officials as advised by the Albany sub-branch was confirmed.

Staff, Heathcote Reception Home.—The Chief Secretary advised that the question of appointing trained nurses at Heathcote Reception Home was receiving earnest consideration.

Repatriation Hospital.—A communication from General Bessell-Browne concerning a request he had received from the Maimed and Limbless Men’s Association was referred to the Management Committee.

Inmates Old Men’s Home: Transport Perth Hospital.—Nedlands sub-branch suggested improvements in the arrangements for transport of ex-service inmates of the Old Men’s Home who required treatment at Perth Hospital. The matter was referred back to Nedlands for suggestions.

Membership.—Nedlands sub-branch requested action which would permit of ex-service inmates of the Old Men’s Home being granted honorary membership in the League. It was agreed to advise the Management Committee that there was no such provision in the constitution.

Unveiling National Memorial, Villers Bretonneux.—A suggestion from the Busselton sub-branch concerning the laying of a wreath on the State War Memorial to synchronise with the official opening of the National War Memorial in France was received. Because of the inconvenient time it was agreed that no action be taken.

July 27, 1938

At the meeting on July 27, there were present Messrs Riley, Collett, Anderson, Aberle, Margolin, Hunt, Thorn, Warner, James, Newman, Sten, Mitchell, Paton, Nicholas and Potts. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs Olden, Keesing, Panton, Philip, Denton, Lamb, Cornell, Freedman, Fairley, Watt, Johnstone and Austin.

Reports: Management Committee.—Arising out of the Management Committee report, the following matters were agreed to:

Anzac Day and Non-Participation of the 23rd Squadron, R.A.A.F.—The matter was referred to Colonel Collett for representations to the Air Board, which action had been taken.

Circular from Engineers’ Association re Anzac Day.—It was agreed to include in the next circular to sub-branches a paragraph urging sub-branches to reserve a decision on this matter until both viewpoints were submitted to the annual congress.

Consultative Council.—It was agreed to advise General Bessell-Browne that, as the question of a Repatriation Hospital would be discussed at the annual congress, no useful purpose would be achieved at the present time by reviving the Consultative Council.

State War Memorial Committee.—Report of the meeting of the State War Memorial Committee held on July 20 was received. The matter of a record of wardens and sub-wardens of the State War Memorial was again referred to.

Notice of Motion.—Mr. Anderson gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting, that the resolution carried by the executive at its meeting on April 6, 1938, which adopted that portion of the State War Memorial Committee’s report dealing with the record of wardens and sub-wardens be rescinded.

Appreciation.—It was agreed that Mr. John Heath, the ex-superintendent of King’s Park, be written to and thanked for his services and assistance in regard to the State War Memorial, which extended over many years.

R.S.L. Relief Fund.—The report of the trustees for the month of June was received; 74 cases had been assisted and the expenditure was £25/0/10.

United Services Fund.—The trustees of this fund reported that, during June, 43 cases were assisted at a cost of £70/12/11.

New Zealand Tour.—The preliminary re-
port by the committee appointed in connection with this tour was submitted. The report indicated that certain inquiries were being made concerning transport.

Visits.—Reports on visits were received as follows: State president, 32nd Battalion Association, North Perth and Wickepin sub-branches; Colonel Collett, Lake Grace; Mr. Nicholas, Victoria Park; Mr. Potts and Mr. Anderson, Fremantle.

Provisional Agenda Committee, State Congress.—Colonel Olden, Messrs. Aberle and Correll were appointed.

Peppermint Grove Area.—Colonel Hobbs and Mr. Dunn, of Cottesloe sub-branch, attended at the request of the executive to discuss the allocation of the Peppermint Grove area. After both visitors had addressed the meeting, it was decided that another conference of delegates from both sub-branches be called to discuss the matter further.

Federal Correspondence.—Correspondence from Federal office was received and dealt with as follows:

- Preference Commonwealth Public Service Act.—This communication dealt with the question of seniority and Federal office requested a resolution to be submitted to the Federal executive. The matter was referred to a committee with authority to submit the resolution.

- Commonwealth Health and Pensions Insurance Act.—This communication embodied a copy of a clause which defines the position of returned soldier pensioners. A copy had been handed to the President for publication.

Service Pensions: Inmates Mental Hospitals.—Received and referred to the Pensions Committee.

New Sub-Branch.—Authority granted for the formation of a new sub-branch at Dwellington.

Sister Jones’ Shield.—The Nurses’ sub-branch suggested that this shield should be awarded annually to the sub-branch which, through the united efforts of its members, submitted to the State League the best suggestion for the attainment and preservation of the peace of the world. After discussion, the secretary was instructed to advise the Nurses’ sub-branch that we held the opinion that this shield was handed to the Nurses’ sub-branch for safe custody and not for the purpose of competition.

Fencing Loan, Lake King.—Advice was received from the Agricultural Bank branch that a loan may be diverted in approved cases to the purchase of fencing posts where necessary.

Appointment Sub-Branch Officials.—The appointment of officials as advised by the following sub-branches was confirmed: Wiluna, Northam, Quairading.

National Insurance: Northam Sub-Branch.—This sub-branch sought advice as to whether they should co-operate with other organisations in the town in the formation of a National Insurance group. It was agreed to advise Northam that in the absence of any decision or decision from State congress this executive feels that it is not in a position to give any direction in regard to this subject.

National Insurance: Women’s Service Guilds of W.A.—It was reported that a public meeting had been held under the auspices of a committee representative of women’s organisations in Western Australia in the town of Northam. A memorandum was referred to the Secretary to express the position of returned soldier women in so far as National Insurance legislation was considered.

It was reported that the Returned Soldiers’ League women’s auxiliary were represented at this meeting. The matter was referred to the Management Committee for immediate inquiry in order to ascertain upon what authority the women’s auxiliary of the State executive represented at this meeting and who the representatives were.

Preference.—In a recent Administrative Act, the State Government made two appointments to important positions in the Education Department. It was reported that in the case of one officer appointed, priority had been given over at least three others of longer service and senior status who are returned soldiers.

In view of the probability of one or both of these appointments again to be filled during the next two or three years, it was agreed that the Pensions and Employment Committee give consideration to the issue and submit the recommendation to the State executive.

Soldiers’ Ward, Old Men’s Home.—It was agreed that the matter of extra furnishing for the comfort of ex-service men in this institution to be taken up with the superintendent of the Home.

Headphones, Ward X, Perth Hospital.—It was reported that more headphones were required and donations were being received for this purpose. The matter was referred to the trustees with power to act.

Anzac Day.—Mr. Hunt gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting, That the official statement prepared by the State president in regard to the observance of Anzac Day to be published in the next issue of “The Listening Post.”

Leave of Absence.—Archdeacon Riley was granted leave of absence for the remainder of his term of office.

Farewell: Mr. H. C. Newman.—The State president and delegates extended congratulations to Mr. Newman on his promotion in the Commonwealth Public Service and expressed regret that his impending departure from Western Australia; and also the loss of his services to the State executive. Mr. Newman suitably responded.

Sons of Soldiers’ League

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE

On Thursday, July 28, the Sons held their annual meeting and good progress was reported. Mr. V. Stockmian was re-elected president and sports director; vice-presidents, Masters Lou. Nathan and Ernie Travis; and E. L. Morton to the position of secretary and treasurer. Mr. W. Andrews was appointed by the sub-branch as warden to the boys with Messrs. Stanton and Nathan as sub-wardens.

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complaint. The underlying principle is that where there is not sufficient for a complete distribution, men who are not in receipt of a pension receive first consideration. There is little to cavil at in this. The men appear to be quite satisfied with the present system and are very grateful to all, including sub-branches and women's auxiliaries, who are doing so much to bring happiness and comfort to them in the evening of their lives.

Mr. W. H. Carson, the new and energetic president of the Albany sub-branch, is now trying to have a Diggers' Ward established at the local hospital. When the Albany Hospital's new operation theatre is completed, the old theatre is to be turned into an ordinary ward, and the president and members of the sub-branch think it would be a good idea if this ward were ear-marked for ex-service men, who would thus have a four-bed ward all to themselves when they go into hospital for overhaul or treatment.

"Lest We Forget" writes: Was delighted to read of Padre Riley's defence of our method of celebrating Anzac Day, and his appeal to retain it. The astonishing feature is that the general public are not asking for a change and that the agitation is coming from a small section of our own ranks. Why? One cobber whose thirst, I admit, is always troubling him—and his pals—told me that a bloke should not be expected to feel bloody miserable for the whole day. I know that he couldn't understand when I told him that a bloke should not feel miserable at all. He should feel sad; yes, but not unhappy in the memory of those chaps who have passed on. Our whole attitude should be one of proud remembrance. Their sacrifice will fade soon enough into the limbo of forgotten things without us—their mates—assisting in the process. "Keep, we, their memory green," and turning our sacred Anzac Day or any section of it into yet another sports day will bring added sadness into the hearts of many who mourn loved ones.

American newspapers have published some pungent comment on Japan's decision to abandon the project of holding the 1940 Olympic Games in Tokyo. When the announcement was made there was great competition between Finland and Czechoslovakia to who should become the host of the games. According to the American jesters, it was Herr Hitler who weighted the scales in favour of Helsingfors and against Prague. He said that he didn't want to have the Games in Germany twice running.

Recently the Mundijong-Jarrahdale sub-branch donated a cup for competition between the two sub-sections of the Kelmscott section of the Machine Gun Squadron of the 10th Light Horse. The details of the competition were arranged by the officer commanding (Lieut. Hopkinson) and the young soldiers entered into the spirit of the competition so vigorously that the result was a tie, each side scoring 387.8 points. On Sunday, July 10, the president of the sub-branch...
(Tom Tait), the secretary (Tom Duck- 
rell) and several members went to Kelms- 
ott to present the cup. Among the sub-branch members were two of the Old 
10th, Mick Rose and George Lyster, and 
they were very proud because of the way 
the boys are carrying on the traditions 
of the parent regiment. After the present-
ation, there was a luncheon, during 
which the cup was duly filled and 
passed round.

Gunners’ Day at Guildford had as its 
outstanding feature this year the unveil-
ing of two memorial tablets, one to the 
late Lieut.-General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs, 
donated by the Artillery Old Comrades’ 
Association, and the other to Lieut.- 
Colonel Tom Todd, presented by the 
10th Light Horse Association. The un-
veiling ceremony was performed by His 
Excellency the Lieut.-Governor, Sir 
James Mitchell. The march was led by 
Brigadier-General Bessell-Brownie, 
followed by members of the 10th Light 
Horse and members of the various artil-
letry units of the A.I.F., members of the 
Guildford sub-branch, the Young 10th and 
the 112th Howitzer Brigade. The 
military parade was commanded by Lieut-
Colonel J. Mitchell. Padre Vine was the 
noficiating clergyman, and among the dis-
ingished citizens present were the As-
istant Minister for Commerce (Senator 
A. MacDonald), Colonel Collett, the 
State president (Mr. A. Yeates), Mr. 
W. Nairn, M.H.R., Mr. O. Pretty 
(South African and Imperial Veterans), 
Messrs. Parker and Dimmit, M.S.L.C., 
Messrs. W. D. Johnston and L. Thorn, 
M.S.L.A. and the State secretary (Mr. D. 
Benson). Wreaths were laid by the 10th 
Light Horse and Artillery Comrades’, 
Associations, the State executive and the 
militia units. During the ceremony, the 
R.S.I. Band played the Recessional and 
the customary calls were sounded by ar-
tillery trumpeters.

When State president of the League, 
Colonel Collett was frequently heard ad-
vising members of the League, particu-
larly those in country sub-branches, to 
identify themselves with public affairs 
and take an interest in local governing 
bodies. That this advice was acted upon 
was evident at the recent annual road 
board conference in Perth, attended by 
over 100 delegates from all over the 
State. It was estimated that nearly half 
of the delegates attending the conference 
were returned soldiers and quite a num-
ber of them chairmen of the local govern-
ing authority. In addition to these serv-

ing on the road boards there are now 20 
ex-service men in Parliament, proving 
that the Diggers’ experience abroad no 
doubt inspired him to continue to serve 
his country in peace time.

The old furphy about “the war to 
end war” was given its periodical airing 
by the Press on August 4, coupled with 
the trite admonition “and look at the 
world to-day.” The inference, if any, 
to be drawn from this parrot-like misin-
terpretation of history is that those who 
did their best to play a man’s part 24 
years ago were sadly duped, and the only 
ones who preserved their sanity were the 
heroes who kept the home fires burning 
and warmed their frigid feet at them. 
In the comic strip Press, there was a 
tendency this year to share with Ger-
many the blame for setting the world 
aflame in 1914, which, in itself, affords 
ample proof of the effectiveness of Ger-
many’s post-war propaganda and of the 
truth of the old Latin proverb, “The con-
stant dripping of water wears away a 
stone.” One may delve into the official 
histories of the war, our own and those 
of enemy countries, and one may re-
read the speeches and letters of those 
who played a leading role in those mov-
ings days of early August, 1914, from 
now till Doomsday, and he will not find 
always a single phrase to suggest that the 
war was fought to end war. Mr. Asquith’s 
rousing speech on the rape of Belgium 
explained Britain’s reason for accepting 
the dread gage of battle; while the blunt, 
manly words of our own Sir John For-
rest gave a sufficient reason for Austra-
lia’s support for the Empire. In those 
earliest days of the war, it was unnecessary 
to disguise truth in high-flown epigrams 
to induce men to do their duty. That 
necessity arose later.

Newspapers gave much space to the 
report that Hitler turned his back on 
Czech athletes during a massed gymnas-
tic display at Breslau, about the end of 
last month. Still, the Czechs haven’t 
very much to growl about. Twenty 
years ago, the whole German Army 
turned their backs on us.

It may truthfully be said of the Brit-
ish Prime Minister that he has left no 
stone unturned to maintain peace in Eu-
rope, not even the stones that swashbuck-
ling foreigners have thrown at Britain. 
Consequently, no one was more sur-
prised that Mr. Chamberlain himself 
when an unexpected display of firmness 
on his part deterred Herr Hitler from 
repeating his Austrian exploit at the ex-
 pense of Czechoslovakia. Commenting 
on the general situation last month, Mr. 
Vernon Bartlett, who is one of the most 
widely travelled and best informed of 
English writers on foreign affairs, said, 
“The great danger to peace is not that 
we shall be rude to the dictators, but 
that we shall not be rude enough.”

The British Ex-Service 
Women’s Association

The first annual general meeting was well 
attended. The retiring president (Mrs. Alan 
McDonald) was in the chair and in her open-
ning remarks she pointed out the progress 
that had been made during the year. The 
following officers were elected for the 
ensuing year: Patron: Lady Mit-
chell; vice-patron, Mrs. Alan McDonald; 
trustees, Metcalfes, M. Stewart, W. Brook- 
lin and Miss G. Riley; president, Mrs. H. 
H. Lewis; vice-presidents, M. Moore, F. 
Thomas and Miss J. Birt; hon. secretary, 
Miss A. M. F. Davis; hon. treasurer, Mrs. 
G. Horne; committee, Messrs. G. Clam-
her and B. Tierney. The secretary’s report 
italicized that the first year had been a very 
successful one. There were 50 names on the 
members’ book. Fourteen meetings had been 
held when various well-known speakers had 
given addresses. The Association had been 
very well represented on both the Mons 
and Anzac Day parades. The social side had 
been well looked after and the financial side 
was very satisfactory. Women who saw ser-
vice overseas are invited to communicate with 
the secretary, “Langland,” Montreal Street, 
Beaconsfield.

The Association held the monthly meeting 
at Anzac House on Thursday, August 11. 
There was a good attendance. Mrs. H. 
Lewis (secretary) was in the chair and intro-
duced the speaker for the evening, Mrs. E. 
A. Joyner, who gave a very interesting talk on 
Fairbridge Farm School. A vote of thanks 
was proposed by Mrs. F. Thomas and se-
cended by Mrs. F. Tierney.

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SIXTH ROUND

Zone 1
- Mosman Park defeated Cottesloe ..... 6-4
- Mt. Hawthorn defeated West Perth ..... 10-0
- Perth defeated Subiaco ..... 4-4
- Gloucester Park defeated Claremont ..... 10-0
- Yokine-Bassendean: forfeit ..... 10-0

Zone 2
- North Perth defeated Osborne Park ..... 8-2
- West Leederville defeated Maylands ..... 10-0
- Nedlands defeated South Perth ..... 8-2
- Darling Range defeated Victoria Park ..... 8-2
- Mt. Lawley: bye.

SEVENTH ROUND

Zone 1
- Bassendean forfeit Claremont ..... 0-10
- Gloucester Park defeated Perth ..... 6-4
- Mt. Hawthorn defeated Subiaco ..... 8-2
- West Perth defeated Mosman Park ..... 6-4
- Yokine v. Cottesloe: no results.

Zone 2
- Mt. Lawley defeated Victoria Park ..... 6-4
- Nedlands defeated Darling Range ..... 7-3
- West Leederville defeated South Perth ..... 9-1
- North Perth defeated Maylands ..... 9-1
- Osborne Park: bye.

Delayed matches not previously reported are South Perth beat Victoria Park 7-3 and Osborne Park 10-0; Claremont beat Mosman Park 10-0.

The following table shows the position of teams up to the end of the seventh round:

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RIFLE SCORES FOR THE SHIMENSON CUP

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10th Light Horse Association

At the Victorian Branch annual conference, held in Melbourne last month, the following motion was carried unanimously, delegates being of one opinion on the matter:

That this conference, representative of returned soldiers in this State, registers its emphatic disapproval at the attitude of the Minister for Defence towards suggestions for the introduction of universal military training, and views with anxious misgivings the future of the Commonwealth under a Minister who is so blind to facts as to imagine that the present farcical training scheme is an adequate measure for the defence of the Commonwealth. Whilst favouring all efforts to preserve peace, and expressing its abhorrence of wars of aggression, this conference strongly advocates the adoption by the Government of universal military and physical training, being firmly convinced that such training is an essential to adequate preparation for defense. Further, this conference urges that the question of defense be placed in the control of a Commission of Defence experts, free of political control, with a grant over a period of years to ensure continuity or policy and action.

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Not for a split second did I expect that every reader would agree with my presentation of that complex and tempestuous personality, Winston Churchill. Therefore, I must thank Mr. Gates for expressing other views in such an interesting manner. As certain of my statements are questioned, in courtesy to Mr. Gates and other readers, may I quote authorities. The account of Winston’s order to the Navy is based upon Lord Beaverbrook’s narrative, in “Politicians and the War,” and it is confirmed in the Official History. In my article, sufficient space was not available for me to give the full story of the wireless message to commence hostilities at once. It appeared, therefore, that Winston anticipated the official declaration of war, and Beaverbrook suggests that this was so. Actually, the Naval Commander-in-Chief had been informed that on August 2, Britain notified both France and Germany that she would not allow the passage of German ships through the English Channel, or North Sea, to attack the coasts or shipping of France. Sir John Jellicoe was warned to be prepared to meet surprise attacks. Sir Edward Grey’s historic speech in the House of Commons was made on August 3. Churchill’s own story is that after the House rose, Grey said to him: “We shall send them (the Germans) an ultimatum to stop the invasion of Belgium within 24 hours.” At 5.30 p.m. on August 4, the following telegram was sent to all ships: “The war telegram will be issued at mid-night (ie. the time fixed for the expiration of the British ultimatum) authorising you to commence hostilities against Germany, but, in view of our ultimatum, they may decide to open fire at any moment. You must be ready for this.” When the time for the Germany reply had expired, the telegram which meant “Commence hostilities against Germany” was flashed to the ships.

I do not think that Belgian reluctance to have Antwerp knocked about was a sufficient reason for abandoning the true left flank of the Allied position, without a blow in its defence. Antwerp not only guarded the Channel ports, but its possession by the Allies threatened the flank and rear of the German armies in France. It was a gateway, as Churchill says himself, through which a British army might emerge at any moment upon their sensitive and even vital communications. No German advance upon other Channel ports was possible while Antwerp remained unconquered, and that is why Kitchener was making efforts for its defence, even before Churchill came into the picture. The “so-called Naval Division of foot-soldiers” was not raised in an irregular manner. It was rushed across as the advance party of a more highly organised expeditionary force. The men were not fully trained, but that was the fault of the old bad system, under which politicians did not begin to prepare for a war until its issue was in danger. Kitchener was quite serious in saying that he was prepared to give Churchill higher rank, as a glance at Beaverbrook’s narrative and the Official History will show. Kitchener fully approved of the effort to save Antwerp, so much so that he had arranged for an expeditionary force consisting of the 7th British Division, a Cavalry Division and a French Territorial Division, to be sent to Ostend. The troops described as marines in the photograph Mr. Gates mentions were obviously part of this force, for the British troops commenced to disembark at Ostend and Zeebrugge on the morning of October 6. Antwerp fell on October 8.

With regard to Gallipoli, it should be remembered that the object of that campaign was to open up Russia’s southern communications with the Allies. Churchill, as he said in a letter to the Prime Minister on December 31, had advocated an attack on Gallipoli at the very outbreak of the war. It was only after stalemate began to set in on the Western Front that Colonel Hankey, as he then was, and others, urged a diversion in the Near East. Lloyd George favoured a landing in the Balkans, with the object of bringing in Bulgaria on our side. That piece of futile optimism has been disposed of by Compton Mackenzie in his “First Athenian Memories.” He shows pretty conclusively that the chances of bringing in Bulgaria on our side were, to use his own phrase, never less remote than Aldebaran is from the earth. Moreover, Russia was strenuously opposed to the prospect of Constantinople being occupied by any Balkan Power. It must not be forgotten, either, that Kitchener inclined more to the Eastern school of strategy than to the Western. On January 2, 1915—and there is official evidence in support of this—he wrote to Churchill, suggesting naval action to prevent the Turks from sending any more men to the Caucasus. The Russians, it may be mentioned, had been pestering Kitchener to take naval and military action against the Turks for some days, and for over a month, British Ministers had reluctantly begun to realise that the Russian “steam roller” had been forged in the furphy foundry.

Churchill says, and I see no reason for doubting his word, that after he received Kitchener’s letter, the latter called on him at the Admiralty and the two discussed all the possible alternatives of the Turkish theatre. They had discussed the possibility of a landing on Gallipoli as early as November, 1914. With all due respect to Lawrence of Arabia, I cannot accept him as evidence of Kitchener’s views, for the simple reason that Lawrence did not have access to official docu-
ments or official information then, or at any other time. Kitchener, as the official records show, decided against landings on the Syrian coast, because he feared that this might provoke a massacre of Christians in that territory. However, both he and Churchill were agreed that a premature diversion against the Dardanelles would be unwise, and Kitchener said, during the interview, and in a second letter written later on the same day that he hadn't sufficient troops for a combined expedition. Fisher, once he was converted to the Gallipoli plan, fully concurred in it, and suggested sending out an army commanded by Sir William Robertson. In the meantime, individual naval officers, inspired by the memory of Sir John Duckworth's exploit in forcing the Straits in 1807, considered that a surprise attack had reasonable prospects of success. Vice-Admiral Carden thought so, though he veered to the view of a combined expedition afterwards. In the meantime, Russia was daily becoming more importunate, and it was Fisher who volunteered the suggestion that surprise naval attacks on Zebrugge and the Dardanelles might succeed in tempting the German and Turkish fleets into the open.

Finally, I think Mr. Gates over-estimates the influence of Mr. Churchill's Dundee speech. Assuming it was made before February 19, the date of the first attack on the Dardanelles. The pros and cons of the proposed attack had been discussed in the House of Commons, of all places, weeks before Mr. Churchill went to Dundee. It had been the subject of communications between the British, French, Greek and Russian Governments, and it must not be supposed for a moment that the enemy secret service was asleep. In any case, I did not set out to prove Mr. Churchill infallible. My intention was to suggest that his conceptions of strategy were sound, and that it was not his fault that plans he initiated or supported were marred in the execution. In this respect, I am glad to notice that I have found an unexpected ally, in the person of General Sir Beauvoir de Lisle, whose remarks on the subject were published on the 29th page of The Western Australian on April 27.

**AGED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS' FUND**

Since the last report was published an additional £244 has reached head office as a result of sub-branch donations and coupon subscriptions. The completed list for the month is as follows:

- West Leederville, £7/15/9; York, £49; Norsman, £2; Bassendean auxiliary, £5; Kulin, £50; Morawa, £1/1/·; Harvey, £2/16·; Kulin, £13/2/2; Nedlands, £1/2/·; Mundaring, £1; Calingiri (coupons), 7·; Busselton, 12·; West Leederville, £1/3·; Subiaco auxiliary, £2/2·; Melville, £3/3·; Capel, £2/15·; Bridgetown, £72/10·; Col. Margolin, £2/2·; North-East Fremantle auxiliary, £4/5·; North-East Fremantle, £1/8·; West Swan, 10·; Bunbury, £10/10·; Pingrup, £4/15·; Merredin (coupons), £1/2·; Subiaco, £10; Williams (coupons), 16·; Northampton auxiliary, £1/1·; Kalgoorlie, 2/6·; Albany, £4/4·; Lake King, £3/3·; Bruce Rock, £2/14/9; West Leederville, £1/1·.

With the foregoing subscriptions the fund has now reached a total of £9,123/6·11, there being £3,114 paid to the fund from July 1 last year to August 15, 1938.

- Mr. W. G. Mulligan has been appointed steward for the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund at Carnamah. Some very fine efforts have been made by sub-branches since last congress assembled and what has been done in places like Bridgetown, York, Wyalkatchem in the way of special efforts can with every confidence be enthusiastically undertaken in other places.

One of the best efforts reported to head office in connection with augmenting the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund was that of the Bridgetown sub-branch, the secretary of which, Mr. R. W. Wifford, recently forwarded a cheque for £72/10/- to head office. This was 50 per cent. of the nett proceeds of a "Paddy's Market" conducted on July 26.

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**Results of the Semi-Final and Final Matches**

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<td>Draughts</td>
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**Second Semi-Final, Played Between West Leederville and Victoria Park**

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**Final, Played Between Mt. Hawthorn and West Leederville.**

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<td>Mt. Hawthorn won 7 points to 3.</td>
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<td>Mt. Hawthorn have therefore won the Colonel Collett Shield for 1938.</td>
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Sub-Branch Activities

KUNUNOPPIN

Mr. G. M. Appleyard presided over an average attendance at the monthly meeting on July 2. Reports were received from delegates to District Committee meeting and a free discussion followed on various plans for raising money for the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. The report on this subject was passed for inclusion in annual congress agenda. Preliminary arrangements were settled in connection with a Children's Fancy Dress Ball to be held about the third week in August. Supper provides, by Mrs. G. M. Appleyard was duly and satisfactorily dealt with and thereafter the usual Digger "swapping of laces" closed a very pleasant evening.

SOUTH PERTH

The annual general meeting took place on July 11, when a fairly large number in attendance was reported. Among those present at the meeting were members of the 28th Battalion (A.M.F.) Machine Gun Platoon (the local lads, sponsored and cared for by the sub-branch), the chairman of the road board and Stan Watt (from the State executive). The report of the President, "Bob" Graham (the Major with the Mo.) was received with acclamation as was also the balance sheet of the sub-branch. Tom Egan, who reported that he had saved about £171 from the clutches of the treasurer, was good kick-off for Horrie Day, the new president, who has been pitchforked into the job again, and with genial Fred Aberle and Oscar (Tiger) Bader as his aids and assisted by a fairly strong committee, the sub-branch should be able to make a noise like a live-wire this year. Music and magic were supplied by Reg. Smirkle on the piano-accordion and "Sin-too-Fook" (Fred Gavald) who turns out pound notes by the dozen. Some corners reckoned there was 4 test matches on and Bill Lomas supplied his radio, but the cricket didn't croak. The R.O.M. spread himself and rations were plentiful, the last empty being rolled round to Jim Adam's about 1 a.m. after a pleasant evening. There was a slight decrease in membership during the year, only a matter of about seven less, but with some new blood on the committee and some of the old-timers full of bright ideas it is hoped to wipe out this deficit many times over within the next few months. The new secretary is Len Day, of 84 Forrest Street, South Perth.

MUNDIJONG-JARRAHDALE

The monthly meeting was held in the Jarradale Hall on July 13. Mr. A. Yeates, O.B.E., was nominated for the sub-branch for State president. A team was selected to compete against the A.A.N. in a round of games, vix, rifle shooting, table tennis, quoits and parlour bowls. Major R. A. Geddes, Messrs. E. M. Rose, W. G. Lyster, W. Smart, W. Writsch and J. H. Hall joined the team and we all hope they will give a good account of themselves. President Tom Tait announced that the secretary (Tom Dukerrell) was building a replica of the State War Memorial for the sub-branch. It is hoped the presentation will be made at the September meeting. The dance, held at Mundijong on Saturday, July 30, was a great success financially, as everybody spent a most enjoyable evening.

KALGOORLIE

The annual general meeting of the above sub-branch was held on July 12. About 70 members attended. The following officers were elected: President, H. James (unopposed): vice-presidents, S. Wright, Dr. A. B. Webster, J. Williams and R. de Passey; secretary, F. Berthold (unopposed); treasurer, C. T. Terry (unopposed); auditor, S. M. Kellow (unopposed) and sub-branch members, H. Mitchell, G. Richards, P. Williams, H. Holley, H. Verran and A. Kirby. These six, with the six non-retiring members, C. Buttle, D. R. McGregor, D. Hoar, G. Pope, A. F. Nugent and G. Taylor, will constitute the executive for the forthcoming year. The annual disclosed a year of steady achievement. About £130 was spent on renovations to the Institute within the past year. That this money was well spent has since been shown by the increased hall use. Two broadcast sessions are being carried out weekly from station 6KG and on Friday, from the national station 6GP on the lines of that conducted from 6WP on Thursdays. Secretaries of any station who desire to send along matters they would like included to the hon. secretary, Kalgoorlie sub-branch. The R.S.I. Comedy Company is again in rehearsal for the big season in race week. They are putting on two plays, "The Middle Watch" and "9.45", so all Diggers who are making for Kalgoorlie for the Goldfields Month should make a point of seeing one or both. It is hoped as a result of these shows to donate a handsome cheque to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. The Goldfields Month commences on August 21. The September meeting will be a special one for visiting Diggers. We shall hold another golf day for them, when the Cummins Memorial Cup will be for competition. Any Digger who has a score to make contact with the secretary. We shall also hold another golf day for them, when the Cummans Memorial Cup will be for competition. Any Digger who has a score to make contact with the secretary.

KUKERIN

There was a fair attendance at the quarterly meeting on July 30. The balance sheet showed that the funds had increased very appreciably during the year. Donations have been made to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund and to the T.B.S. Fund. The ball held in May was the most successful function to date.

LAKE GRACE

At the meeting of the State executive on July 27, Colonel Collett reported on his recent visit to the Lake Grace sub-branch. At the request of the State executive, Colonel Collett said, I paid a visit to Lake Grace for the purpose of inspecting Memorial Park which is a project of the townsfolk inaugurated and fostered by the local sub-branch of the League. I was assisted by the State secretary and jointly we had the pleasure of helping the local offi. Mr. S. Stubbe, M.L.A., the member of the State Parliament for the district. The proposed park is for the purpose of commemorating the services in the Great War of men who enlisted from Lake Grace. The site is in the center of the town and the plot is itself admirably suited to suitable treatment with ornamental shade trees and flower beds. An addition in the form of a kiosk or an architrave or a monumental clock is under consideration. The opening ceremony took place at 2.30 p.m., the chair being taken by Mr. H. H. Pelham (A.F.A.) the president of the sub-branch, who was supported by Mr. D. E. Elliott (28th Battalion), the chairman of the Road Board, and several of the leading citizens. The formal opening was followed by the planting of several dozen trees and shrubs in which process willing assistance was rendered by ladies and other residents. After the evening entertainment the guests of the sub-branch at dinner and were invited later to be present at a dance. The journey in the cars over the 450 miles from Perth and back was most pleasant, and I desire to acknowledge once more the uniform kindness and courtesy that is always received from Mr. Pelham and his fellow members in the district visited.

RETURNED NURSES

A meeting was held on Thursday, August 4, at the club rooms, Anzac House. There were 14 members present. The Garden Petes, to be held at Mrs. Wills' home, Darlington, was discussed. Returned soldiers from the Old Men's Home will be entertained, a special bus conveying them. Members are asked to donate gifts for the various stalls. The proposed hall to be used for Returned Soldiers and Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund. Members will be interested to know that Mess Homan (our president) was present at the "House-warming" of the new club rooms of Returned Sisters, Anzac House, Melbourne. Over 200 members are expected. Mr. Bowick has arrived in London after a very interesting trip through the States and Canada. Matron McDonald, of Lemnos Hospital, has not yet recovered from the injury to her right arm. The next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1 at 8 p.m.

ALBANY

At the annual meeting on July 1, the ballot for vice-presidents resulted in the election of Messrs. Richardson and Hall, Messrs. Pryor and McNaughton were elected to the management committee. After the election, the annual meeting was declared closed and the monthly meeting open. The retiring vice-president, Mr. Ashdown, was re-elected president and Mr. W. H. Carson, who then took the chair. Several items for the congress agenda were approved.* The sub-branch adopted the management committee's proposal to seek the establishment of a Diggers' Ward at the local hospital, the proposed ward to be furnished by the sub-branch. It was resolved that the management committee discuss the presentation of a shield for competition between the two sections of the local detachment of R.A.A. (Militia).

OSBORNE PARK

The annual meeting was held on July 6 and was well attended. Mr. Ted Damore presided over the election of new officers and carried out his duties most ably. Mr. W. Ashdown was elected president; Messrs. D. Foreman and R. Baker, vice-presidents; and Messrs. J. N. Whittall, secretary; and Mr. J. Garrie, treasurer, R. F. Corbett, assistant secretary and publicity officer; Mr. F. Stephens and Mr. H. Cook, auditors; Messrs. J. J. Nicoll and R. F. Corbett, trustees. On July 23, a
successful and enjoyable novelty night dance was held. The next dance will be on August 20. We have donated 71 books to the Sports Pastime Club from our library, and we are to have our 2nd Military Ball on Saturday, September 3. The last ball was so successful that the sub-branch has been asked to hold another. We managed to fulfill our engagement in the A.R.M.S. competition with South Perth sub-branch, and we had a very enjoyable night, although South Perth took the full honours of the night away with them.

MUNDARING AND DISTRICTS

The monthly meeting was held at Darlington on July 29. Twenty-seven members signed the roll, these coming from Darlington, Mundaring, Parkerville and Mahogany Creek. The chairman for the meeting was M. E. A. Letch, of Darlington, the senior vice-president. The routine business of the meeting was disposed of as quickly as possible, but before concluding the meeting it fell to the members to elect a president in lieu of Mr. R. P. Hardwick. Mr. A. S. Forsyth, of Parkerville, was elected. The new president returned thanks and assured members he would fulfill his duties to his best ability. Mr. J. Wilshusen, the oldest member of the sub-branch, was elected a vice-president. After the meeting, members enjoyed the rest of the evening in musical harmony. The direction of the harmony was in the capable hands of Mr. Morris Owen (Darlington). Darlington members, in their usual grand style, supplied supper. The next meeting is at Parkerville on August 26.

BASSENDEAN

The most notable features of the sub-branch activities lately were the dances held on July 13 and 27 in the local Masonic Hall. It is intended to hold these dances every other Wednesday through the season, the next being on August 10 and August 24. "The Live Wire" social secretary (Perkins) is doing his utmost in extending the social activities of this sub-branch and members are very grateful for the way the local women's auxiliary came forward to help. A well attended meeting was held on August 4 to deal with a large amount of business which included the election of a delegate to congress, the victim being vice-president A. W. Hart. Great concern was expressed at the number of men dismissed off the works at Bullsbrook Aerodrome, and on the advice of Padre Vine, the secretary was instructed to write to headquarters for further information. All present were concerned at the news of Rabbi Freedman's illness. It is hoped that he will soon be well again.

CLAREMONT

The monthly meeting was held on Thursday, August 4. The president (Mr. C. H. Briggs) presided over a fairly large attendance. The president welcomed three visitors, Messrs. Lawrence, Douglas and Hopkins, and a new member, Mr. D. L. Lucker (N.Z.F.A.). It is pleasing to note that Mr. Lidbury will be home again, after some weeks in hospital. On July 21 the women's auxiliary invited members of the sub-branch to a sports evening in the Baptist Hall. To those members who went along to this evening the ladies gave them great welcome. The S.S.L. have issued a challenge to the sub-branch for a games evening on Tuesday, September 13. Members are reminded that the trip to Garden Island takes place on Sunday, November 20.

SUBIACO

Our Subiaco correspondent writes: A pleasing ceremony took place on the evening of July 21 when Mrs. Burgess was presented with a cake and/or sandwich tray plus cutlery as a mark of appreciation by the sub-branch of her services at bridge evenings. The last two A.R.M.S. games proved most enjoyable. We just lost the bacon to Perth on 4-8 basis. Versus Mt. Hawthorn, the bridge team threw a wicked card and secured the verdict against strong opposition. Playing with new 1938 model streamlined tennis bats (built and present to the sub-branch by Mr. Mohr) the table tennis experts failed by one game to make the grade. The draughts team could do no better than 45-74 on each occasion, but hope to improve when the book of instructions arrives from the East. Talking about murders, we had a shooting team and quoits team in the competition also, but the boys have been trying to keep it dark. At the monthly general meeting on August 4, prizes were presented to the winners of the sub-branch games. We are indebted to Mr. Jack Mitchell for the first prize, Mr. E. Cogdon for the second and Mr. Alf. Burgess for the third prize. The section prizes were donated by our old and valued member, the sub-branch bank balance. The Children's Fancy Dress Ball, in aid of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund, will be held in the King's Hall on September 23.
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PERTH

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西方 LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

Our one and only Cliff Woods, who met with a serious motor accident last April, has returned home after being an inmate of the M. Barker Hospital. Cliff hopes to be with us again in two or three months time. Recent visits in the A.R.M.S. across South Perth and Darling Range leaves us undefeated and the match against Neldas, at home on August 18, is a battle between S.S.L. and S.S.S.H. have kept their end up in the Colonial Collett Shield and they fought out the final with the Mt. Hawthorn Tigers on August 15 at Anzac House. Steward: H. S. Munday has been at work to swell the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund, $34 having been collected for the first seven months of the year. Good work, Steve. Recently appointed sick visitors, Hugh Peters and Joe Kidd have started in the right manner. Keep it up, boys. M. Woods announces that he is going to be three months in Ward XI. Mac is still confined to his bed and members hope to see him about again very soon. The Friday night bridge evenings, which were started in April, 1934, are still going strong. Members can greatly assist if they only can attend occasionally. Do your share; this means you.

DARLING RANGE

The general meeting was held in the Tac H rooms on Saturday, July 16. The report submitted by the outgoing president was read and was being excellent, with every assurance of a very prosperous and happy forthcoming year. An increase in membership from 39 to 52 speaks for itself, with every indication of further membership. It was with very deep regret on all sides that our president (Mr. A. F. Walters) announced that he would not be a candidate for the chair this year. On his vacating the chair, Mr. Hensworth spoke feelingly of his departure which was endorsed by all the members present. Mr. Walters is vacating the position he has promised to do all in his power to assist the sub-branch in every way and in handing the high office to Mr. W. L. Wilson, he extended to him his every good wish for a successful term. We are going to have a wonderful year, for the programme of work is going to be very interesting, not only to the sub-branch itself, but to the district. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, W. L. Wilson; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Scott and B. Wood; secretary, A. W. Findlay; treasurer, L. Brady; finance committee, Messrs. D. North, A. Scott, B. Wood; entertainment committee, Messrs. J. A. Wood, J. Rouse, A. Walters, G. Shute, W. Doherity; lands committee, B. Wood, J. Rouse, T. Scott; welcoming officer, A. Scott; auditors, H. Schleicher and W. Logie; publicity officer, L. Brady; delegate to conference, W. Logie.

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Western MOORA

The general meeting on August 6 was largely attended, the election of officers resulting as follows: President, Mr. W. H. Boyce; vice-presidents, Drs. Myles and Mr. J. Lanigan; secretary, Mr. C. Ryan; treasurer, Mr. A. Gloster; committee, Messrs. Ferguson, Gardiner, Lindsay, Monks, Mullett, Pryor, Reeve, Scott, Symonds and White. When Mr. Boyce, our worthy president for the past four years, expressed a desire to resign, these were loud and prolonged calls of "No, Hugh, and prolonged the "at the Y.M.C.A. on the first and third Wednesdays.

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The women's auxiliary is continuing its support for the sub-branch. The committee is working hard to provide a welcome to the men and women who have served their country. The sub-branch is also working on a further appeal to help those in need.

North THE LISTENING POST, 15th August, 1938

REPORTS submitted at the annual meeting on August 3 indicated a successful year. The membership of the sub-branch at the end of July was 131, the highest figures attained for fifteen years. In the absence of the president (Mr. F. T. Prince), the committee, Messrs. H. J. O'Callaghan (vice-president) occupied the chair and there was an attendance of about 20 members. The chairman extended a welcome to Mr. Medlock, of the Victoria Park sub-branch, who is at present employed by the Railway Department at North. A letter was received from the president conveying his regrets at his inability to be present at the annual meeting and extending good wishes to members and congratulations to whoever is elected as his successor. The secretary of the North Perth Blind Appeal committee (Mr. C. Thorossell) wrote thanking the sub-branch for helping the appeal last year and soliciting its assistance for the current appeal. It was decided that the House and Social committee organise a bridge evening in aid of the appeal. Letters from the women's auxiliary sought the sub-branch's concurrence in proposals to hold a bridge evening in aid of the Blind Appeal on August 16 and a dance in aid of the South Perth and Soldiers' Fund. It was resolved that approval be given to both functions. The election of officers and committees for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mr. H. G. C. Colebatch; past president, Mr. P. T. Prince; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. B. James and H. H. L. Thackrah; trustees, Dr. F. T. Beamish and Mr. W. C. Muggridge; executive committee, Messrs. F. R. Runnalls, A. M. Wilson, A. S. Chadlow, A. E. Friend, J. Hogan, W. V. Johnson, L. Nielsen, A. S. Chadlow, F. R. Runnalls, A. M. Wilson, A. S. Chadlow, W. E. Dutton; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. C. Oakeley; auditor, Mr. W. J. Cornish; members to assist women's auxiliary on interpretation of rules, Messrs. Chadlow and James; representative on ambulance committee, Mr. Thackrah; delegate to State congress, Messrs. Colebatch and James. It was decided to place on record appreciation of the voluntary action of Mr. Newman in attending to the cleaning of the sub-branch rooms during the past twelve months. It was explained that this work has now been undertaken by the women's auxiliary.

NORTHPERK

There was an exceptionally fine attendance at the annual smoke and reception on July 18. President Stan Dival sat in the chair of authority and welcomed the visitors, who included the State president (Mr. A. Yeates, O.B.E.), the State secretary (Mr. D. Benson), Archdeacon Bobridge (Aberdeen, State executive), Sep. Horton, V.P. Mayhew and Senator Clother. The State president introduced the new office-bearers. Messrs. Dival, N. B. Mcllwraith, J. A. Hawkins and W. L. Menkens were presented with Certificates of
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Service. Later in the evening, Mr. Dival was presented with a wristlet watch to remind him of the time (three years) he had been president of the sub-branch. Mr. McIlwraith’s two years as vice-president were marked by the presentation of a fountain pen. An excellent programme was provided by Messrs. Ted Scott, J. Harding, Reg. Fisher, Fred Barry and S. Sale. During the month, the A.R.M.S. team visited Maylands and returned victorious. A gratifying number of new members is reported, but there is room for more. The Friday evening dances are being well attended. As a sign of the times, the sub-branch cricketers held an initial meeting at Stan Dival’s residence. It has been decided to open the season with a social and match at Lennox on Sunday, September 26.

Tuart Hill.

On July 29, the annual meeting was held in Lister’s Hall, 23 members being present. The annual report showed a successful year and a substantial credit balance. The retiring president (Mr. E. Gillett) detailed the work done during the past twelve months. The hall had been furnished. Our team in the A.R.M.S. competition has done well for its first year. They have the makings of a good team. Increased membership for the season was another pleasing feature. The following officers were elected: Patron: Mr. W. Lister; vice-patron, Mr. C. Chantler; president, Mr. F. Gillett; vice-presidents, Messrs. Mitchell and Garner; secretary, Mr. E. Franklin; assistant secretary, Mr. A. Fisher; treasurer, Mr. T. H. Hare; auditors, Messrs. Guest Sanderson and Baker; sick visitor, Mr. W. Fitch; social organiser, Mr. W. Whitehurst. The annual smoke will be held on September 7, in Tuart Hill Hall.

Wickepin.

At the annual reunion on June 17, the hall was tastefully decorated and the repast, prepared by Mr. Gordon, a member of the sub-branch, was excellent. In spite of the inclement weather, over 40 sat down to enjoy the evening. Included in the number were the State president (Mr. A. Yeates, O.B.E.), the State secretary (Mr. D. Benson), Colonel Dibden, of the Pensions Tribunal, Messrs. H. Seward and V. Doney, M.L.A., Mr. C. D. Simpson (chairman of Wickepin Racing Board), Dr. J. J. Savage (president Narroga sub-branch), Messrs. J. B. Lawton and R. Kerr (president and secretary of the Yealering sub-branch) and Messers. Bergin and Jago, of the local Repatriation committee. Unfortunately, the president of the Wickepin sub-branch (Mr. A. Haack) was unable to be present, he being at the time a patient in the Repat. Ward in Perth; but his place was ably filled by the vice-president (Mr. A. Oliver). When the State president presented him with the chairman’s toast of the League he had to wait quite a while for the applause to subside. In thanking the chairman for his congratulations, Mr. Yeates paid great tribute to his colleagues on the executive and declared that the Royal Honour was a personal one, but was bestowed upon him as captain of the team, stressing the fact that it was team-work that was carrying the work of the League forward and exhorting members to work as a team for their mutual benefit. Colonel Dibden gave some very useful first-hand information regarding pension claims and offered some useful advice to possible claimants. He also mentioned several such reunions as this one and intimated how other sub-branches were furthering the work of the League. The toast of the State secretary and staff was ably given by Mr. D. Kirby and responded to by Mr. D. Benson. Dr. J. J. Savage, in quite an unorthodox manner, proposed the “Army and Air Force,” in quite amusing and interesting discourse concluding with well-timed musical honours. Mr. C. D. Simpson responded. “Parliament and Local Governing Bodies” was the toast submitted by Mr. J. J. Belton and responded to by Mr. H. Seward, the member for the district. The “Visitors’ Toast” was ably conveyed by Mr. L. Turner, the responses coming from Mr. V. Doney, M.L.A., and Mr. J. B. Lawton (president of the Yealering sub-branch). The addresses were well interspersed with community songs of the Digger type (some revised versions), that part of the programme being directed by Mr. R. McMahon.

Carlisle.

The president (Mr. H. Crofts) extended a hearty welcome to several new members at a well attended meeting on August 5. It was decided to hold Friday night dances. The worthy president will represent the sub-branch at congress in a few weeks’ time. Mr. A. McLennan (secretary), Mr. D. McKinnon, and Mr. F. Cameron for the year, were elected proxy. Bill Collier, an old and sincere member, was present, after a long bout of sickness. He was accorded a hearty welcome. Members are also pleased to hear that Mr. McKinnon is out of hospital once more and is about to embark on the road to recovery. Mr. G. Whitehurst, the worthy treasurer of the sub-branch, when the president, with a nice little speech, presented him with a Certificate of Service, proved himself an efficient treasurer for four very strenuous years. The next monthly meeting is on September 1.

West Swan.

The annual general meeting was held on July 7, when the following officers were elected: President, George Tanner; secretary, Charlie Roney; treasurer, Fred Preston; steward, Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund, Edgar Francis; vice-presidents, Colonel T. C. Wilson and Bob Knappman. Much regret was expressed when genial Alf Guy announced that he would not contest for the position of vice-president, though retaining his war disabilities, Alf had held office for two years, during which time he had done wonderful work. George Tanner, who succeeds him, was secretary for the past seven years. His elevation to the chair is a practical demonstration of the esteem in which he is held by members.

Wiluna.

Thirty financial members attended the meeting on July 9. Membership is now over 60 and the high water mark is 1100 per cent. A novel feature of the meeting was the presentation of a band of 45 for the two meetings of that month and one in August is not too bad. The building fund committee would like to see a greater support from members at the community concert held last year. Much credit is due to Colonel Collet and Mr. E. S. Watt for their efforts in promoting the scheme and appealing for with a million and one different choruses to choose from. The wide and winning smile of Billy-Rowles at the ticket box as he accepts the humble sixpence is something you should not miss. The suburbs are in the capable hands of the president (Bill Kay) and so far he has not fallen down on his job. Bill Inch, a brother of the better known Jock, has been a big help. He is substitute conductor to Mr. Caddy. The dances on Fridays are an established success. Ted Damon, as M.C., has control with Stocky and Herb Stanton on the door and ticket box. Geo. Williams and the other members of the social committee, assisted by the women’s auxiliary, look after all the arrangements, including supper. The Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund receives a percentage of all profits made on any function held in the Soldiers’ Memorial Hall under sub-branch auspices. The new committee room in the basement is practically complete and is in use. The thanks of the sub-branch are due to several members who do not wish to be named for giving up their Sunday mornings to this job. The hall is now equipped with a Neon dancing stage, almost impossible to beat! Fred Charles has cast aside the cares and worries of sub-branch work and gone to Wyalkatchem for the week-end on a visit to his married daughter. In the A.R.M.S. match at Subiaco, our shooting team put up the creditable score of 60. Fred has cast aside the cares and worries of sub-branch work and gone to Wyalkatchem for the week-end on a visit to his married daughter. In the A.R.M.S. match at Subiaco, our shooting team put up the creditable score of 60. Fred has cast aside the cares and worries of sub-branch work and gone to Wyalkatchem for the week-end on a visit to his married daughter. In the A.R.M.S. match at Subiaco, our shooting team put up the creditable score of 60. Fred has cast aside the cares and worries of sub-branch work and gone to Wyalkatchem for the week-end on a visit to his married daughter.

Gloucester Park.

At the meeting on July 24, it was decided to notify A.R.M.S. games competitors of the time and place of the next fixture. On July 14, the sub-branch had a great outing against Tom Moncreiff of Perth, by 0 to 10. On August 4, the sub-branch had the pleasure of entertaining its State executive representative (Colonel Mergin) and the advice and assistance rendered him was appreciated by all. It was decided to make out a card for certain members who had fallen into arrears with their instalments.

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Round 7
South Perth beat Victoria Park .......... 6-4
Maylands beat Mt. Hawthorn .......... 6-4
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Nedlands beat Claremont .......... 8-2
North Perth received forfeit from Mosman’s Park.
Cottesloe: bye.

Round 8
Nedlands beat Cottesloe .......... 10-0
Subiaco beat North Perth .......... 7-3
Maylands beat South Perth .......... 8-2

West Leederville v. Mt. Hawthorn (draw) .......... 5-5
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WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

FREMANTLE

Fremantle’s old friend, patron and life member, Mr. W. Watson, performed the pleasing duty of installing the new president and past president at the meeting on July 6. The vice-presidents, treasurer and secretary were installed by Mr. R. B. Carter (the warden of the Fremantle Memorial) and the committee men by Mr. D. W. Paton (of the State executive). The officers installed were: President, Mr. H. E. Hobbs; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Brown and W. Earnshaw; secretary, Mr. E. Timcombe; treasurer, Mr. A. G. Kirby; past president, Mr. J. W. Lynch; committee, Messrs. A. Lofthouse, W. Walker, H. Knapp, M. Beckman, C. B. Wilkins, L. W. Smith, W. W. Smith and A. E. Pady; trustees, Messrs. J. Barfield and W. Griffiths; auditors, Messrs. F. M. H. Hardoun and T. Brennan. The installation was attended by many members and their wives. The audience greatly enjoyed the playing and singing of Miss D. Wilson, the daughter of a member. Theo. Brennan led the community singing and dancing helped to make the evening still more enjoyable. The meeting on July 21 was attended by Messrs. Philip and Potts (of the State executive), who were accompanied by the State secretary (Mr. D. Benson). The sub-branch held a successful social and dance on August 4.
NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

On July 3, the auxiliary entertained the ex-service men from the Old Men's Home and some of the patients from Lemnos and Edward Millen hospitals to a picture afternoon and high tea. The party were motored to the Beacon Theatre, where the proprietor put on a splendid programme, after which high tea, prepared by the members of the auxiliary, was very much enjoyed at the Victoria Hall. Mrs. Bell (president of the auxiliary) welcomed the guests and incidentally mentioned that Pingra auxiliary had sent some of the beautiful things on the table. Mr. Thorpott (secretary of the Lumper's Union) thanked the auxiliary for the invitation and mentioned that 700 members of the Lumper's Union had enlisted in the last war. Mrs. McKinlay (State president) and Mrs. Hopper ton (State secretary) thanked the auxiliary for their hospitality. Mr. Lugby (secretary of the sub-branch) and Mrs. Mannion (past president of the L.W.A.) thanked the hostess and the drivers of the cars. A bright musical programme was contributed by the Perth State School. The auxiliary had sent some of the good things on the table. The following were elected at the general meeting: President, Mrs. Sorensen; vice-presidents, Mesdames Stone and Williamson; secretary, Mrs. Palmer; treasurer, Mrs. Benson; trustees, Mesdames McKinlay, Hopper ton and Shaw. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month and dances at the Stirling Social Rooms on the second Saturday.

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CARLISLE

A successful and enjoyable poster ball was held on July 29. The judges were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Silverlock and Miss Murkin. They were received by the auxiliary president (Mrs. Gilsein) and the secretary (Mrs. Crofts), and presented with poesies of violet. Delightful music was provided by Mr. C. Proctor, who was the chaingus. The social committee, Mesdames Robinson, Haddy, Bullock and Percy were to be congratulated on a wonderfully successful evening. There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting on July 11. The chairman, Alfred Randall, reported having visited the Edward Millen Home and supplied afternoon tea, reading material and other comforts to the 35 patients. During the afternoon, Mrs. Gilsen and Miss Murkin were received by the auxiliary president (Mrs. Marshall) and then presented the president with a beaten metal fire screen. The raffle was won by Mrs. Hody.

MEDITLANS

The birthday party was well attended. Among the invited guests were Mrs. McKinlay (State president), Mrs. Hopper ton (State secretary) and representatives of many metropolitan auxiliaries. The guests were for mally welcomed by the president (Mrs. R. Randall). During the evening, dances and games were enjoyed. The following were prize winners: Competitions, Mesdames J. Smith and Evans; lucky spot dance, Mesdames Maddox and Kendall; and patience, Mesdames Sharpe and president (Mrs. R. Randall). The programme was rendered by Mrs. Greenhalgh and humorous monologues by Miss Rae Evans. The birthday cake was made by Mrs. Benzie, a member, and iced by a friend. It was crowned by ten candles.

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SUBIACO

The meeting in July, with Mrs. Shand in the chair, was a large one. Among many activities arranged, a bazaar is to be held in the social committee's room, and a concert arranged a concert and high tea with a large birthday cake for the ex-service men in the Old Men's Home. This celebrated the second anniversary of the auxiliary's visit to the home. The president (Mr. Co. Ruse) noted that the auxiliary had sent many gifts, presented Madame Bennett Wilkinson with a hand bag in recognition of her help, and the Superintendent (Mr. Ruse) spoke of her work on behalf of ex-service men and old men generally. To the soldiers' ward, she was presented with a box of handkerchiefs. The concert was arranged by Mrs. Enson, the artists assisting including Madame Bennett Wilkinson (singers), Miss V. Crichton (recitations) and Miss W. Dix and Dulcie Stowens (dances).

VICTORIA PARK

A social afternoon held on Wednesday, August 3, proved a very successful function. Games and competitions were enjoyed by all present and afternoon tea was served. The prize winners were Mesdames Hunter, Frazier and Taylor (raffles) and Mesdames Hunter and Haggart (games). It has been decided to hold these afternoons on the Wednesday in each month for a general meeting. The date of the party has been altered to September 15, at 8 p.m. Members wishing to attend are asked to give their names (if they have not already done so) to the auxiliary secretary as soon as possible, to enable arrangements to be made. At the general meeting, Mrs. H. Taylor was appointed secretary, and Mrs. L. Colman, acting secretary, during the absence of the secretary granted to the secretary (Mrs. R. Prue) The latter, we are glad to say, is now convalescent and we wish her a speedy recovery. Mesdames Barnes and Samwell won the raffles. Mrs. McKinlay was unanimously nominated again as State president by our members.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE

The July meetings were well attended. Mrs. Kay welcomed Mrs. Richardson back after her recent illness. Reports show Mrs. Crapper to be still improving after her accident. The hospital visitors report over 60 patients in the Repat. Wards and over 50 in the soldiers' ward at the Old Men's Home. It is a special effort to visit the Home in the Hospital during the next two months instead of once a month, as the patients, especially those from the country who have no friends in town, enjoy a friendly chat and feel they are not forgotten. The games for the McKinlay Shield are very much enjoyed. The monthly meetings were held with West Leederville and won 6-4 with North Perth. After playing the latter, Mrs. Kay made a presentation to Mrs. Winch, an old member, who is leaving the district and going to reside in Pemberton.

F.U.S.W.

The monthly meeting was held in the supper room of Anzac House on July 7. Several new members were welcomed by Mrs. H. Dean. Dr. Roberta Jull gave an interesting talk on Czechoslovakia. The late Mrs. G. Manning and she had visited Prague several years ago en route to Vienna. Striking posters were displayed on one of the supper room screens and Dr. Jull referred to them in her address. Special reference was made to the Charles IV Bridge and the wonderful clock in Prague. A musical programme, interspersed with recital, were followed, the artists being Miss May Hart, Miss Marjorie Caday and Mrs. Elsie Clear. Tea concluded a happy reunion. Mrs. H. Dean (president) conducted the August meeting of the above and thanked members for gifts to replenish china cupboard, etc. The president reported that several after-care cases had received attention. The speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. G. W. Crofts, who is at present on furlough from missionary work in India. Mrs. Crofts took for her subject "Ways of women in India" and held everyone spellbound as she told of her wonderful work among the women and in out-out Indian villages. Although Mrs. Crofts is small in stature, she is big in courage and ideals, and through her address one glimpsed the calm spirit that had surrounded many difficulties and made her a loved figure among her work. The next meeting was Mrs. G. W. Crofts, who is at present on furlough from missionary work in India. Mrs. Crofts took for her subject "Ways of women in India" and held everyone spellbound as she told of her wonderful work among the women and in out-out Indian villages. Although Mrs. Crofts is small in stature, she is big in courage and ideals, and through her address one glimpsed the calm spirit that had surrounded many difficulties and made her a loved figure among her work.
I got some very silly letters. Just take a peek at this one from Sarah (Subiaco):

Dear Auntie Mac:

My boy friend loves to argue and talk about everything, no matter who he is talking to. His cobbers (28th Batt.) say that you could hear him all over the Peninsula once he got properly started. Do you think I shall be happy if I marry him, or do you advise me to buy a parrot?

Don't be silly, Sarah (Subiaco). Grab him before he simmers down. A man is entitled to argue and talk before he is married. The poor fish won't get a chance afterwards!

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Dear Auntie Mac:

I have been asked to a rather snooty party together with my wife, but she doesn't want to go because, she says, I will pay too much attention to the hostess—a rather pretty girl who went to school with me—when we didn't wag it.—Victor (Victoria Park.)

Your wife appears to be correct, Victor (Victoria Park). However, if she does go to the party, when you greet your old—I mean—your hostess, you should tell her she is growing into an amicable old lag, with hair made of oakum and a face like the stern of a cow, and you wouldn't have to come to her rotten shivoo only you had nowhere else to go, and in any case it saved buying your own drinks. Say all this loud enough for the hostess and your wife to hear.

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Dear Auntie Mac:

Would you advise me to marry? My girl is sensible, domesticated, and I know she would keep religiously within her budget and make a happy, hardworking partner ready to accept advice and be a good mother.—Charles (Claremont.)

I should advise you to collect cigarette cards, Charles (Claremont). I'm afraid you'd never be able to stand bad news.

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Dear Auntie Mac:

I haven't a thing in common with my fiance. He is high-brow and I am low-brow. I dislike the way he talks and eats, and his mannerisms in company with other people get on my nerves.—Muriel (Manjimup.)

Yours should beat up into a very happy marriage, Murial, darling; about as happy as two dogs with one bone. But are you quite sure that you have told me all that is wrong with your future hubby? Doesn't the poor devil drink, smoke and gamble?

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Dear Auntie Mac:

My boy friend was an army signaller during the war, and although he is very enthusiastic and keen on me, we have been going together for eleven years without his proposing marriage. Although I feel sure he wants to marry me, he never mentions it. How can I hurry him up, Auntie, dear?—Cora (Collie.)

Your boy friend certainly seems full of enthusiasm, Cora (Collie), but what for isn't very very clear. Perhaps he intends to propose in morse. Urge him on by auto-suggestion; get him to play kiss-in-the-ring. Lead him on, as it were, but so far and no farther. (See my reply to "Gert," Guildford, re gipsy's warning.) Then if he doesn't propose, there will be nothing to do but propose yourself. These army signal blokes want firm handling.

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Some of you young married women show a lamentable lack of consideration for your lords and masters. Listen to this thoughtless complaint from Kitty (Kalgoorlie):

Dear Auntie Mac:

My husband is a good man in every way. He loves me sincerely and he worships our 23 children; but he will spend every evening at the pub. Where the — er, where else do you expect him to spend his evenings, Kitty (Kalgoorlie)? At home?

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And then, to finish up, read what a Perth reader has to say:

Dear Auntie Mac:

I have an important part to play in an amateur theatrical production and, as the night approaches, I have a dread that I shall forget my words.—Pamela (Perth.)

Don't worry, Pamela (Perth), the audience have a dread that you will remember them.

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Do you know the colour of Garbo's eyes, Donald Duck's birthday, what Dick Collins has for breakfast? Auntie Mac can tell you.

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<td>1st Thursday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>O. J. Williams, 21 Grosvenor Rd., Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>J. K. Craze, 118 Central Avenue, Maylands</td>
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<td>MUKINBUDIN</td>
<td>Commercial Room, Mukinbudin</td>
<td>Every fourth Saturday</td>
<td>T. B. Conway, Mukinbudin</td>
<td>W. E. Roberts, Mukinbudin</td>
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<td>MUNDARING &amp; DISTRICTS</td>
<td>Alternately, Mundaring, Darlington, Parkerville</td>
<td>Every fourth Friday</td>
<td>A. S., Forsyth, Parkerville</td>
<td>Wm. J. L. Moehhead, Mundaring</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON MILLS</td>
<td>Mornington Mills</td>
<td>Every alternate Sunday</td>
<td>J. M. Loudon, Mornington Mills</td>
<td>W. J. Fulton, Mornington Mills</td>
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<td>NAREMBENI</td>
<td>Narembeen</td>
<td>Quarterly, by notification (Wed., June 30, 8 p.m.)</td>
<td>A. S. Graham, Narembeen</td>
<td>J. H. Wylie, Emu Hall, via Narembeen</td>
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<td>NEDLANDS</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building, Broadway, Nedlands</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>R. A. Wood, 81 St. Andrews Street, Nedlands</td>
<td>W. A. Duffield, 55 Tyrell Street, Nedlands</td>
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<td>NEWDEGATE</td>
<td>Newdegate</td>
<td>Quarterly, 3rd Saturday in March, June, Sept., Dec.</td>
<td>D. G. Kinlock, Newdegate</td>
<td>J. H. Kane, Newdegate</td>
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<td>NORTH-EAST FREEMANTLE</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle</td>
<td>4th Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Lieut-Colonel H. C. Bondock, Artillery Barracks</td>
<td>S. Tugby, 42 Holland St., Fremantle (East)</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>L. C. Ash, Northampton</td>
<td>A. Barlow, Northampton</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>R.S.L. Club Rooms, Gordon Street, Northam</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. L. Menkens, 30 Redfern St., North Perth</td>
<td>G. C. Curlewis, 145 Fitzgerald Street, Northam. Tel. 174</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Gilebe St., (off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. O'Farrell, 223 Fitzgerald Street, Perth</td>
<td>H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth St., North Perth</td>
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<tr>
<td>(Office hours 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)</td>
<td>Monash House, 23 King Street, Perth.</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday</td>
<td>T. C. Prince, Fitzgerald Street, Northam</td>
<td>W. Holder, Monash House, 23 King St., Perth</td>
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<td>PINGELLY</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>Last Saturday in each month</td>
<td>E. S. Watt, c/o Imperial Print, Hay St., Perth</td>
<td>M. Sargent, Pingelly</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Anzac House</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.</td>
<td>E. T. Roberts, Pittara</td>
<td>R. Biggs, c/o &quot;West Australian&quot;</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
<td>Pittara</td>
<td>3rd Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>T. Cowan, Yorndoon</td>
<td>L. G. W. Browning, East Pithara</td>
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<td>POPTINNING</td>
<td>Yorndoon and Popenning</td>
<td>1st Saturday in month, alt.</td>
<td>L. E. Taplin, Pt. Hedland</td>
<td>C. J. McCarrigal, Popenning</td>
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<td>PILBARA</td>
<td>Port Hedland</td>
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<td>V. D. Fallon, Quairading</td>
<td>E. J. Gregan, Pt. Hedland</td>
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<td>QUAIRADING &amp; DISTRICT</td>
<td>Quairading Hall &amp; Danig Hostel, alternatively</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>T. Newton, Ravensthorpe</td>
<td>J. R. T. Keast, Quairading</td>
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<td>RAVENSTHORPE</td>
<td>Warden's Court</td>
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<td>E. P. Newton, Ravensthorpe</td>
<td>T. F. Smith, Ravensthorpe</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Rokey Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. Newcomb, 65 Hensman Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>J. Newman, 1202 Hay Street, West Perth</td>
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<td>TAMBELOUP</td>
<td>R.S.L.-Club</td>
<td>1st Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>G. W. Trathan, Tambeilup</td>
<td>J. E. Thrathan, P.O. Box 1, Tambeilup. Tel. 4578</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. Somers, Toodyay</td>
<td>E. J. Wright, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TRAYNING, YELBENI</td>
<td>Trayning (3) Yelbeni (1)</td>
<td>4th Sunday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>F. Smeeton, Yelbeni</td>
<td>J. W. Patterson, Trayning</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Memorial Hall, Salford St.</td>
<td>2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<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, BUNTINE</td>
<td>Each place alternatively</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>A. B. Dinnie, Buntine</td>
<td>T. Bailey, Wubin</td>
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<td>JIBBERDING</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>G. E. Timmell, 34 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>
<td>P. G. Riegert, Yarloop</td>
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<td>YEALERING</td>
<td>Comm'n Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. H. B. Lawton, Yealering</td>
<td>Roy J. Kerr, Yealering</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, alt. months</td>
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<td>S. Hardwick, York</td>
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<td>YOUNAMI</td>
<td>Youanmi Hotel</td>
<td>Fortnightly (Friday)</td>
<td>D. Johnston, Youanmi</td>
<td>G. M. Maley, c/o.</td>
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<td>WYALKATCHEM</td>
<td>Lesser Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, bi-monthly, April, June, Aug. etc.</td>
<td>S. W. Robinson, Wyalkatchem</td>
<td>Y.G.M Lid., Youanmi</td>
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<td>WAROONA</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>1st Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>C. F. Baird, Waroona</td>
<td>E. H. Rice, Wyalkatchem</td>
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<td>WILUNA</td>
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<td>2nd Saturday in each month</td>
<td>Dr. Johnston, Wiluna</td>
<td>L. W. Allen, Waroona</td>
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**R.S.L. Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliaries**

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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Albany Road</td>
<td>4th Thursday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>Mrs. E. Tolmie, 88 Teague Street, Victoria Park</td>
<td>Mrs. E. Prue, 64 Basinghall Street, Victoria Park</td>
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AGENDA for the 22nd Annual State Congress

LAND SETTLEMENT

GENERAL

1. ARDAH-BABAKIN.—That the Commonwealth Government be pressed to release quantities of rabbit virus for use in Western Australia.

2. NAREMBOE.—That the R.S.L oppose any move by the superphosphate companies to supply super in paper bags.

3. HARVEY.—That the Department of Agriculture be urged to take a more serious view of contagious and transmissible bovine diseases.

4. MANJIMUP.—That ex-service men or their sons be allowed to take up abandoned holdings without payment of any deposit.

5. PINGRUP.—That a greater amount of money be granted for the formation of roads in the outback and newer settlements. The executive to approach the necessary authorities with a view to this end.

6. BUSSELTON.—That the Collie scheme for the electrification of the settled areas of the South-West of this State receive the support of the League, and that the Government be urged to have the scheme put into operation at earliest opportunity.

7. YANDANOOKA.—That a new lease be granted to all settlers on repurchased estates on the same terms and conditions as the new leases already issued to those settlers who have received adjustments under Rural Relief Scheme.

AGRICULTURAL BANK

8. ROSA BROOK.-ROSA GLEN.—That the burden of back rates on vacant Agricultural Bank holdings newly taken up by existing settlers should be lightened.

9. NAREMBOE.—That the Agricultural Bank be requested to issue a duplicate receipt for any money paid on clients’ account to creditors, out of crop proceeds or otherwise, so that clients may know what has been paid on their account.

10. MOORINE ROCK.—Where a district inspector of the Agricultural Bank has occasion to report adversely on an Agricultural Bank client who is a returned soldier, the client should be notified that an adverse report has been sent in.

11. CRANBROOK.—That, as the majority of soldier settlers receive their income annually Congress should approach the Agricultural Bank and request that their interest should also be charged annually on June 30 each year instead of half-yearly as at present.

12. CAPEL.—That when any ex-service settler dies, his beneficiary or next-of-kin receive his property on the same terms as was held by deceased, and without the consent of Agricultural Bank being necessary.

13. CAPEL.—That in event of any ex-service settler, through ill-health or other reasons, being unable to carry on, he have the right to transfer his property to his wife, children or next-of-kin without the consent of the Agricultural Bank being necessary.

14. MANJIMUP.—Congress considers the time now opportune for a general investigation into conditions and standards of living of clients with a view to an adjustment of statutory demands by the Agricultural Bank, if it is proved that the living allowance be inadequate.

ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICE MEN

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<td>ARTIL. COMRADES' ASSN.</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday</td>
<td>Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Finlay</td>
<td>J. Smyth, 155 Lincoln St., Perth</td>
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<td>BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSN.</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>When necessary</td>
<td>D. M. Benson, Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>M. W. James, 19 Marion Street, Leederville</td>
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<td>11th BATT. ASSOCIATION</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>EX-MACHINE 'GUNNERS' ASSN.</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>44th ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Gregson’s 32 King Street, Perth</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
<td>H. E. Day, c/o. W.A. Salvage Co., Marquis St., West Perth</td>
<td>E. S. Everett, Temple Court Garage, Perth</td>
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<td>MEDICAL SERVICES ASSN.</td>
<td>As advertised</td>
<td>Annual reunion, Monday, 4th October</td>
<td>Col. C. H. Lamb, Victoria House, St. George’s Terrace, Perth</td>
<td>E. C. Rogers, 65 Fairfield Street, Mt. Hawthorn</td>
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<td>16th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Third Thursday, quarterly</td>
<td>Dr. C. H. Leedman; chairman: E. Aberle</td>
<td>H. W. Riggs, 26 Elizabeth Street, North Perth</td>
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<td>28th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>Colonel E. L. Margolin, 62 Tyrell Street, Nedlands</td>
<td>J. E. Massey, 41 Harvey Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>32nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>2nd Monday</td>
<td>H. R. Nicol, 35 Millar Street, Victoria Park</td>
<td>W. C. Armstrong, 20 Ruislip Street, West Leederville</td>
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<td>10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
<td>Nearest Saturday, July 19</td>
<td>L. D. Lobashcer, 27 2nd Floor, Economic Chambers, Perth</td>
<td>J. Rutherford, 5 Elizabeth Street, North Perth</td>
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<td>12th and 12th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>Roy W. Perry, 22 Cooper Street, Nedlands</td>
<td>R. G. Hummerston, 120 Salisbury St., Maylands</td>
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<td>T. B. SAILORS AND SOLDIERS' ASSN</td>
<td>Committee, as arranged</td>
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<td>T. P. Hunt, 155 Alma Rd., North Perth</td>
<td>A. Cook, 168 Railway Terrace, Maylands</td>
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<td>W. Chaloner</td>
<td>J. Smyth, 11 Tranby Buildings, 90 King St.</td>
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MARKETING AND TRANSPORT

15. DARLING RANGE.—That Congress again stress the necessity for a Primary Products Marketing Act for the purpose of ensuring the grower the least a fair standard of living.

16. WYALKATCHEM.—That Congress joins with other primary producers' organisations in requiring the Commonwealth Government to guarantee to the producer a minimum price of 4/- per bushel at port for all this coming season's wheat.

17. KONDININ.—That Congress use every endeavour to obtain a stabilised price for wheat of not less than 4/- per bushel at ports, as recommended by the Royal Commission on Wheat, and a minimum price of 15d. per lb. for wheat, net, to the grower.

18. WYALKATCHEM.—That Congress requests the Commonwealth Government to guarantee this season's wheat at a minimum price of 4/- per bushel at port.

19. ARDATH-BABAKIN.—That Congress agrees that the Commonwealth Government be requested to guarantee 4/- per bushel at ports for the coming season's wheat crop.

20. KUNUNOPPIN.—Congress recommends that full support be given to representations made by primary producers' organisations for a guaranteed price of 4/- per bushel of wheat at port of shipment.

21. CALINGIRI.—That Congress requests the Land Committee of the R.S.L. to co-operate with all other producer bodies who are working for the stabilisation of wheat and wool prices.

22. ARDATH-BABAKIN.—Congress agrees that the Land Committee of the R.S.L. should support the wool executive of the P.P.A. in its efforts to stabilise wool prices.

23. PINGRUP.—That Congress is of the unanimous opinion that the land section of the R.S.L. should solidly support the fixation of a minimum price for wool.

24. GRANBROOK.—That Congress urges the Commonwealth Government to guarantee a minimum price of 1/6 (one shilling and sixpence) per pound for fleecy wool. As the Commonwealth Government were refused statutory marketing powers, any difference between price realised and guaranteed minimum be made up by subsidy from consolidated revenue.

25. GRANBROOK.—That Congress considers the allocation of 20,000 to 25,000 bales per day at Perth wool sales is not in the best interests of growers, and that associated brokers be urged to reduce daily offering to a minimum of 12,000 bales.

26. PINGRUP.—Congress agrees that when grower control of marketing of wheat is obtained, the clean basis of selling of wheat should replace their f.a.q. standard as at present.

27. MT. MARSHALL.—Congress agrees that the Railway Department should install water troughs at all railway trucking yards in the north-eastern wheatbelt.

28. CALINGIRI.—Congress agrees that endeavours should be made to have the cheap superphosphate railway freight extended throughout the year.

29. PINGRUP.—Congress agrees that all mortgages appertaining to farms and houses of returned soldiers should be now taken over by the people of Australia so as to enable returned soldiers to have their last few remaining years in security and comfort.

30. PINGRUP.—Congress urges that amendment to Transport Act be made to delete the words clause 3 "oats and barley" and insert the words "all cereals," and that members for the State Parliament be interviewed with a view to their co-operation.

31. PINGRUP.—That Congress is unanimous that a compulsory pool under growers' control is essential to obtain a fair price for wheat.

32. DARLING RANGE.—That Congress request the Hon. Minister to appoint a growers' representative on the Metropolitan Markets Trust; such representative to be a bona fide grower of such produce sold within the precincts of the Metropolitan Markets. The grower representative to be elected from nominee organisation and ballotted for by all using the Markets for the sale of their primary products.

GENERAL CONGRESS

ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

33. HARVEY.—Congress agrees that where a motion emanating from a State Congress is passed, at a Federal Congress or Federal executive meeting, a precis of the debate on the matter without alteration or amendment be furnished to the State executive of origin and furnished in turn to the sub-branch of origin.

34. COLLIE.—Congress agrees that a "comprehensive report, setting out the attainments in regard to resolutions agreed to in the previous year's Congress, be placed before each annual Congress in order that delegates and the sub-branches they represent may learn what progress the League has made in this State during the year.

35. SPEARWOOD-HAMILTON HILL.—That Congress is of the opinion that League badges should be altered to enable financial members to be more easily distinguished from nonfinancial ones.

36. GRANBROOK.—That it is the opinion of Congress, the financial crowns supplied are of poor quality and the fasteners not of suitable material, and that more suitable crowns be obtained for future use.

37. MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD.—That Congress requests those responsible to see that the financial crowns are made of much stronger material in future.

38. ARMADEAL.—Congress agrees that League funds be used for the benefit of its members and their dependents only.

39. MAYLANDS.—Congress agrees that the delegate to Congress shall have the power to vote on any resolution for more than one sub-branch.

40. CARLISLE.—Congress agrees Rule 6 (1)(a) is altered to provide that any candidate for election to the State executive who is representing other sub-branches and, therefore, holding proxy votes, be not permitted to cast more than one vote in the ballot for the election of officers to the State executive.

41. PERTH.—Congress agrees that a full-time employment officer be appointed.

42. CLAREMONT.—Congress agrees that sub-branch secretaries be paid officials. The amount of salary to be paid to individual secretaries be at the discretion of each sub-branch.

43. MT. BARKER.—Congress agrees that the position of State President shall not be held by one member for more than three consecutive years.

44. PERTH.—That for the purpose of electing the State executive the sub-branches of the League be grouped by the Management Committee of the State executive into twelve parts, as near as possible equal on the basis of financial membership, as at March 31 each year, and having regard to the geographical situation, and that each group be empowered to elect one representative to sit as a member on the State executive for twelve months; further, that the nominations for each group be lodged at least two months prior to the date of the commencement of Congress each year, and that the election by each group be conducted by ballot to be conducted by the strongest numerical sub-branch in each group; the result of such election to be finalised and advised to the State Secretary, at least seven days before the opening of Congress; the result of the returning votes on the State executive, the election to be held in the usual way.

CONSTITUTION

45. KUKERIN.—Congress resolves that the amount of £10/10/ as required by our present Constitution for life membership be amended and brought down to a far more reasonable amount, same to be on a sliding scale according to member's age.

46. BUSSELTON.—That every man who signed up for service during the War and prior to the Armistice be eligible for membership of the League.

IMPERIAL EX-SERVICE MEN

47. ALBANY.—That Congress press for a special pension being granted by the Imperial Government on the same lines as that granted to ex-A.I.F. men by the Commonwealth Government.

48. ALBANY.—That Congress press for a discussion at the next Imperial Conference upon the disabilities of ex-Imperials in the Dominions and Colonies.

49. MARGARET RIVER.—Congress agrees that all ex-Imperial men be put on the same footing as ex-A.I.F. men re jobs in any Government works and to receive the same consideration.

50. KALGOORLIE.—That Congress continue to press for the appointment of a resident commissioner for Imperial pensions in Australia, to facilitate the hearing and adjustment of pension appeals by ex-Imperial men.
71. ARMADALE.—That Congress declare that Anzac Day service in Perth be held in the afternoon.
72. NORTHAM.—That Congress agrees that ex-Imperial returned soldiers employed in Government services be granted the same privileges as ex-A.I.F. men in regard to leave on Anzac Day.
73. NORTHAM.—That Congress recommends to the State executive that all ex-service men other than Australian returned soldiers lead the Anzac Day parades as a mark of courtesy.
74. CALINGIRI.—Congress directs incoming executive to consider the organising of country sub-branches towards a monster rally for Anzac Day in Perth, to be held every three or five years.
75. MELVILLE.—That Congress agrees that the singing of "Land of Hope and Glory" be left out of Anzac service on the grounds that the lines "Wider still" to "mightier yet" are offensive to other nations.
76. ALBANY.—Congress is of the opinion that the unveiling of the War Memorial at Canberra be performed at the dawn service, as it is considered that the dawn service is essentially an Australian institution.
77. NORTHAM.—Congress is of the opinion that the matter of wages staff returned soldiers being granted Anzac Day as a holiday with pay at their home stations be represented to the Commissioner of Railways as an alternative, should any wages staff returned soldier be called on to work on Anzac Day or be away on duty from his home station on Anzac Day be paid penalty rates for the day in the same manner as for Christmas Day, Good Friday and Labour day, or that a day in lieu thereof be added to his annual leave.
78. MELVILLE.—Congress agrees that the State Government be asked to provide free railway passes for all ex-service men who desire to attend Anzac Day parade in 1939.

MINING AND PROSPECTING
79. MT. MAGNET.—That Congress agrees to draw to the fact that in case of returned soldiers seeking prospective sustenance, if they are in receipt of a small military pension, an amount equal to that pension is deducted from their sustenance payments and that Congress urges that this injustice be removed.
80. MT MAGNET.—Congress agrees that no repayment be made by sustenance prospectors until they make £2 (two pounds) a week clear.

WAR SERVICE HOMES
81. MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD.—This Congress is of the opinion that the "open cheque" contract form to be signed by occupiers of War Service Homes be a sewerage contract is accepted should be abolished and a definite contract price form be adopted.
82. MURRAY.—Congress is of the opinion that the building of workers' homes should be accelerated in country districts and that more money be made available for workers' homes generally.

PREFERENCE TO EX-SERVICE MEN
83. ARDATH-BABAKIN.—Congress agrees that special attention be directed to the vigorous renewal of the League policy of preference to the returned soldiers.
84. KONDININ.—That congress ask the Government of Western Australia to show more preference to ex-service men.

DEFENCE
85. MELVILLE.—That Congress strongly recommends that universal training be reintroduced in Australia.
86. PRESS.—Congress supports the principle of compulsory military training with its implication of universal service if at the same time everything else with which Australia is endowed, including wealth, public and private, be conscripted to the cause in time of war.
87. NANNUP.—Congress is of the opinion that compulsory military training should be reintroduced. Such training to be wide in its scope and to embrace all the man-power in the Commonwealth.
88. MERRIDIN.—Congress expresses itself in agreement with the proposed defence expenditure by the Commonwealth Government occasioned by the mad conditions prevailing throughout the world; but reserve the prerogative of exercising its democratic right in demanding that such expenditure shall be financed by the Commonwealth Bank by its use of the National credit resources without adding to the present huge National debt, and without increasing present burdensome taxation. A copy of this motion be for-
That Congress strongly urge the Minister for Defence to
that, in the opinion of Congress, a separate hospital be erected by the Commonwealth Government for the purpose of treating returned soldiers and members of the permanent Military Forces; as, owing to the expansion of the latter, the present accommodation is insufficient.

97. PRESS.—That Congress recommends to the Repatriation Department the complete taking over of Ward X of the Perth Hospital as an additional Repatriation Ward, so that the same privileges and comforts may be afforded to men in that ward as are enjoyed by those in Ward XI. 100. NEDLANDS.—Congress urges that all ex-soldiers who are receiving pensions for a war disability of 50 per cent. or over be eligible for admission to the Repatriation wards, when such ex-soldiers are ill, irrespective of the nature of the illness.

101. Manjimup.—Congress agrees that the Repatriation Department be requested to make provision for the better comfort of men awaiting a medical board at the Repatriation Department buildings by installing comfortable accommodation such as chairs, lounges, reading matter, etc.

102. Kalgoorie.—That this Congress urges that all South African veterans who enlisted in Australia for service in Australian units be placed on an equal footing with returned soldiers of the Great War, with respect to pension rights.

103. Wickham.—That it be confirmed that the provisions of Division 3 of Part 3 of the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act shall be further amended so as to apply to members of other Empire forces who have resided for 20 years within the Commonwealth, and who fulfil the necessary qualifications contained in Act as amended and assented to, on December 6, 1935.

104. Pemberton.—Congress agrees that where the recipient of a service pension cannot earn any extra money towards the upkeep of a large family, the limit of four children should be amended to make it applicable irrespective of date of birth.

105. Armadale.—Congress agrees that all ex-service men and widows of dependents that are receiving a disability pension and who are unable to earn their own livelihood be given the right to ask for a review of their pensions, or catered for in other directions.

106. Mt. Lawley-Inglewood.—That Congress request the State and Federal Governments to grant exemption from assessment of all rates and taxes regarding property occupied by a service pensioner of the Commonwealth Government.

107. Kalgoorlie.—That Congress continue to make representations to implement No. 60 (1937) re deduction of war pension from sustenance.

108. Big Bell.—That men in receipt of pensions for war injuries shall be entitled to receive full sustenance for self and family, when certified by local medical officer as being unfit for work, irrespective as to whether a pensioner is an inmate of a Repatriation hospital or country hostel.

109. Wiluna.—Congress agrees that the age for pensions be reduced to the age of 55 instead of 60.

110. Darling Range.—Congress agrees that all returned soldiers receiving 50 per cent. pensions for three (3) years past without alteration be made permanent.

111. Pemberton.—That Congress affirm that accidents which occur to returned soldiers in their ordinary civil avocations should not prejudice his application for the continuance or increase of a pension.

112. Nedlands.—In view of the fact that ex-soldiers who have no medical history whilst on active service, and are suffering disadvantages in obtaining from the Repatriation Tribunal affirmative decisions as to whether their disability is war-caused, Congress urges the Government to adopt a more liberal interpretation of the benefit of doubt clauses, where soldiers have good war service and have subsequently broken down in health.

113. Kalgoorlie.—Congress is of the opinion that in the case of a war pensioner who disappears for no illegal reason and who cannot be traced by the C.I.B. or any other authorities and whose pension is not drawn upon, that his wife be specially considered by the Repatriation Department for a widow’s pension or some alternative benefit, the pension is of the opinion that poppies be issued to all members of the League.

114. Perth.—Congress is of the opinion that a special fund be created to provide comforts for the returned sailor and soldier inmates of Claremont Asylum; all sub-branches being expected to subscribe to same.

115. Perth.—Congress agrees that a hutment colony be built for the housing of returned sailors and soldiers who are living on a small pension.
121. KOJONUP.—This Congress is opposed to any proposed renewal of alien immigration unless such proposals are essential to the defence requirements of Australia.

AGED SAILORS AND SOLDIERS’ FUND

122. PRESS.—Congress is of the opinion that concerted action be taken by metropolitan sub-branches of the League to promote an annual sports meet worthy of the occasion as a source of revenue for the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund.

123. PINGRUP.—That to enable greater funds being collected for the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund, Congress requests country sub-branches to establish a stack at each siding for receipt of donations of wheat, and that the necessary permission be sought from the Agricultural Bank Commissioners to enable the results to be marketed and proceeds paid direct through the usual channels.

124. WYALKATCHEM.—That Congress is of the opinion that a wider appeal should be made by the State executive for the building up of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund with a view to providing adequately for accommodating prematurely aged sailors and soldiers, and that with a view to stimulating a wider interest in the appeal a definite scheme regarding the administration of the fund to those who may come within the scope of its benefits be published in conjunction with the appeal.

125. KUNUNOPPIN.—Congress is of the opinion that the annual subscription of members should be raised to 12s. The additional 2s. 6d. to be specially earmarked for the credit of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund. This in no way to interfere with the coupons, but to be considered as additional thereto.

126. WEST SWAN.—That Congress be asked to give a clearer and more definite statement of how the trustees are to administer the W.A. Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Relief Fund when it becomes operative on December 1, 1940.

127. ARMA DALE.—Congress is of the opinion that the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund trustees, now comprising two Government and one R.S.L. trustee, should be altered to be one Government and two R.S.L. trustees, so that the League shall have controlling power over the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund.

128. KUNUNOPPIN.—Congress is of the opinion that objects of the fund shall be clearly defined, the amount required to be stated, and some indication given as to administration of the fund, and the cost (estimated) of same.

129. KOORDA.—Congress urges upon the committee of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund the necessity for stating—That amount necessary in their opinion to raise for the fund.

1. The amount each sub-branch should contribute.
2. A definite scheme of disbursement.
3. A scheme of disbursement.

130. KOORDA.—Congress is of the opinion that in view of the age of returned soldiers who served in the South African War and as many of these are now in need of assistance, a fund be started immediately for them, same to be called “South African Aged Soldiers’ Fund.”

131. WYALKATCHEM.—That in view of the age of South African veterans, many of whom are in want, and in view of the fact that the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund cannot be used before 1940, a separate fund to be called the “South African Veterans’ Fund” be started and put into operation immediately.

132. KUNUNOPPIN.—Boer War Ex-Service Men: Congress is of the opinion that if practicable some immediate provision of relief should be made for ex-service men of the Boer War, and an amount should be set aside from the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund, based upon some proportion of their membership, and all contributions received from this section of members be credited to their fund.

133. NEDLANDS.—Congress is of the opinion that the Federal Government should be asked to introduce legislation to enable the advertisement of the profits of the War Service Homes Insurance Fund to be transferred to the W.A. Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund and similar funds in other States of the Commonwealth.

134. ARMA DALE.—Congress agrees that when the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund becomes operative, no person be granted relief from same until having been a member of the League for at least three years.

NATIONAL HEALTH

135. NANNUP.—Congress is of the opinion that in view of the clauses of the National Health Insurance Act it would be advisable that at least 2,000 members (returned soldiers) were banded together to form an approved society under the Act so as to be able to look after the interests of members under the aforesaid Act.

136. PRESS.—Congress urges the Commonwealth Government to include a scheme of national physical training in its National Insurance plans; and, in doing so, to revive the former collaboration between the military authorities and the educational systems of the several States, realizing that these institutions alone have the knowledge and experience needed for the training of large numbers in a limited time.

EMPLOYMENT

137. CARLISLE.—Congress agrees that a full-time official be appointed to take charge of the R.S.L. Employment Bureau at Anzac House.

138. MANJIMUP.—Congress agrees that the State executive be asked to approach the Minister for Works in order to obtain, if possible, one day’s extra work per week for single ex-service men on sustenance.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION

139. HARVEY.—Congress instructs the State executive to do all in its power to have the Agricultural Science Course restored into the curriculum of the Junior Leaving examination at the University.

140. KALGOORLIE.—Congress is of the opinion that the Minister for Education should be approached to install cooling tanks in lieu of water bags to schools within the area N. of Lot 33 and E. of long. 116°

141. KUNUNOPPIN.—School Children’s Travelling Expenses: Congress is of the opinion that travelling expenses for country school children should be uniform, thus calling for an overhaul of present conditions, and the correction of existing anomalies.

142. MT. MARSHALL.—Congress agrees that the present anomaly of travelling allowance for children attending school be cut out by substituting a flat rate of travelling allowance, vide 6d. per day irrespective of conveyance used.

143. KUNUNOPPIN.—Congress is of the opinion that the practice of providing city cast-off school furniture to country schools should be discontinued.

144. WYALKATCHEM.—Congress is of the opinion that it is time that country schools are equipped with modern school desks instead of being supplied with the cast-outs from city schools.

GENERAL

145. PRESS.—Congress agrees that the Commonwealth Government be asked to arrange for the provision of a seaplane base on the Swan River, together with the necessary equipment.

146. CALINGIRI.—Congress agrees that the executive should support any attempt by other bodies to have exchange on cheques abolished in Australia.

147. KALGOORLIE.—That Congress approach the Government with the request that the question “are you a returned soldier?” be placed on admission cards to Government hospitals.

148. PRESS.—Congress is of the opinion that the League should adopt as portion of its National work the planting and care of suitable trees to beautify the State, to counteract soil erosion caused by wind and rain, and to provide necessary shelter for stock; and that sub-branches be requested to put this initiative into practice by personal effort; and that the League co-operate to the fullest extent with the Departments of Agriculture and Forestry together with the Tree Planters’ Association.

149. GLOUCESTER PARK.—Congress is of the opinion that the League should conduct or cause to be conducted a Death Benefit Scheme for the relief of the widow and family of returned soldiers who may pass over the Great Divide in the future.

150. PRESS.—Congress is of the opinion that, having in mind the people’s natural love of ceremonial and pageantry, such organisations as the University, schools, youth clubs, sporting bodies and the military authorities be urged to present public spectacles whenever possible; not only as an inscription to the participants, but also as an indication to observers as to what may be done by enthusiasm, practice and the will to learn; that this matter be brought more particularly to the attention of the Commonwealth Government through the medium of the Federal Congress so that an example may be set by the military authorities; and, further, that the State executive be urged to initiate action by the other organisations.
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