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One of the most amazing features of the present war is the close co-operation that has been achieved by Britain and France in every possible sphere—naval, military, financial and economic. Such co-operation is the offspring of the will to victory, the singleness of purpose, and the team spirit without which no victory can be won. The same team spirit was the outstanding characteristic of the A.I.F. and of the League which perpetuates the ideals for which the Digger fought in the former war.

Can we say truthfully that this spirit exists to-day? A comparison of the numbers of those eligible for League membership with the numbers of actual members gives rise to honest doubts.

Years ago we used to write in our copy-books such trenchant phrases as "Union is Strength," and "No chain is stronger than its weakest link," but how many of us think of applying these time-honoured maxims to our own League. For several years now, the State Executive and the sub-branches have been actively engaged in seeking new members for our organisation and retaining old ones. Membership fell off seriously during the depression, but sub-branches made heroic endeavours to keep their men. Since the depression membership has improved, but there are still far too many eligibles outside the fold. Strangely enough, it is not the man whom we might, for want of a better name, call the hard-up Digger who is most lax in this respect; it is only too often the man who, by virtue of his position in the community, should still be a leader among his fellow Diggers.

What is the reason? Apathy is the word that trips most readily from the tongue in answer, but we venture to suggest that Sheer Selfishness would be the truer phrase. We used to boast of our readiness to share wallet and tobacco pouch with a cobber. In those older and more strenuous days we thought very little of the man who stood aside while others hoisted pack and rifle in the war for civilisation. The "Hang you, Jack, I'm all right" outlook had no place in the philosophy of the Digger, so why should it be tolerated now.

There is no valid reason why any ex-service man should be outside the ranks. Our League owes its strength to the wisdom of its founders in deciding that the organisation should be non-sectarian and non-party in politics. The State Executive, year by year, may be accepted as a true cross-section of the ex-service men of the State. It includes members of Parliament belonging to all three political parties; professional and business men; men of various religions and from every social stratum; and, above all, men of practically every army rank from private to colonel. But all pull their weight in the common cause, and administer the policy which is defined in the League's constitution and amplified year by year at State and Federal congress. It is the character of the organisation, its freedom from religious or sectarian bias, and its general reasonableness, that has been the basis of its strength. No matter what political party is in office, deputations from the League can be assured of a courteous hearing, and Ministers of the Crown know full well that this League never advances a proposal that has not been carefully thought out in advance.

That is all to the good; but, to get back to the old copy-book maxim, "No chain is stronger than its weakest link." In this case, the weakest link is membership. The time has come when, more than ever, the League should exert a greater influence on public affairs. The obligation we owe to our less fortunate comrades still remains, and in another year or so we shall be undertaking obligations on behalf of the younger generation of Diggers. Increased obligations demand increased strength, which can come only through increased membership. The League is doing much for the comfort of men in camp, and for the entertainment of those who will be passing through our seaports as the war continues.

Many of us are, unfortunately, past the age for rendering personal military service. Others, more fortunate, have managed to join the Second A.I.F., or to be accepted for home service. As for the rest, we should dismiss from our minds the idea that "They also serve who merely stand and wait." There is a niche that every man, no matter how poor or how bowed he may be by the burden of Anno Domini can fill. He can fill it best by becoming a financial member of the League. That is more than an obligation in these times. It is a sacred duty. To all existing members, we would say proselytize. Use your influence to check and refute the hot-air merchant and the fortune-monger. Recover that first fine careless rapture of Digger gaiety to cheer those bound overseas, and those who have left behind them. There is no organisation other than the League, with its nation-wide machinery, to achieve this; but the League's work has remained handicapped, and will be even more retarded by the eligible who remains outside the ranks.

Perhaps it never occurs to these erring ones that they are slackers; but it does to us. Think it over, Digger. If you can't enlist in the new army, you can enlist in the League and strengthen its work on the home front.
THE MARCH PAST
BY COLONEL COLLETT, C.M.G.,
D.S.O., V.D.

I was present at the recent march through Melbourne of the Victorian portion of the Second A.I.F. A salute was taken by His Excellency the Governor-General (himself the wearer of the V.C.) from the steps of Parliament House in Spring Street.

Upon these steps were assembled persons who, during the last half century, had contributed much in the making of Australian military history.

Foremost—Sir Harry Chauvel, and near him Sir Frederick White, together with divisional and brigade commanders of cavalry, artillery and infantry of the three theatres of war, i.e., Gallipoli, Palestine and the Western Front. Unfortunately, there were gaps in the “ranks” through the “falling out” of Sir John Monash, Sir Talbot Hobbs and “Pompey” Elliott.

Missed, too, were Sir Neville Smyth, V.C., Sir Charles Rosenthal and some of special interest to this State in the persons of Generals Bessell-Browne, R. L. Leane and E. F. Martin.

I saw also that fine old administrator, General Tom Griffiths.

Those who remember the period April to December, 1915, would have rejoiced to see again the familiar face of Padre Baxter—himself looking very little older and still somewhat careless in his dress. Another countenance it was good to see was that of Bishop “Tom” Riley who, strange to say, was not wearing the insignia of the 10th Light Horse.

In the person of one general officer, not encountered for nearly four decades, I recognised and talked again with one who had been my brigade commander at the great parade in Centennial Park (Sydney) on January 1, 1901, on the occasion of the proclamation of the Commonwealth of Australia.

It would be difficult to set down in writing the feeling of all these veterans as they witnessed the Second A.I.F. sallying forth in response to the call of the Empire, clad in the shining armour of youth; but to the close observer would have been revealed pride in the eyes and good wishes from the hearts. And the men of the new units, I think, somehow caused this atmosphere for, as the group of scarlet capbands and gold peaks came into view of the marching troops, the ranks seemed to stiffen in bearing, the arms swinging more freely and the stride took on a new vigour and firmness.

It was an impressive and unforgettable sight, and to me it appeared that the torch was thrown and caught.

SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD

September 3, 1939, found the Salvation Army as ready as ever to serve wherever the need showed itself. Bramwell Booth once said, “Salvationists must be the servants of all.” Salvation Army chaplains and military secretaries need no introduction to the members of the first A.I.F.

The boys everywhere say the ‘Salvo’ was his ‘bonzer’ friend; always there, never too tired, and apparently never spent out—always with something to help the Digger.

The Salvation Army being international has its organisation in almost every land, and is serving on all fronts and in over 100 military camps in England, and has established over 50 centres for British troops in France.

His Majesty the King said: “By its work of love and mercy, both in peace and in war, the Salvation Army has become honoured and endorsed in the hearts of the nations of the world.”

Field-Marshall Earl Haig said: “Salvation Army workers have shown themselves of the right sort, and I value their presence here as being one of the best influences on the moral and spiritual welfare of the troops.”

Field-Marshall Viscount French said: “Its activities have been of the greatest benefit to the soldiers in this war.”

The Salvation Army will live up to its traditions in this war and is out to give a willing, cheerful service in camps and at the front.

A splendid Red Shield Hut is in course of erection at Northam camp. This will cost with equipment about £750. The hut will include a large recreation hall, with provision for letter-writing, reading, etc., a kitchen, private room and store. The large verandah will give the front elevation an imposing structure.

Major-General J. M. A. Durrant, C.M.G., D.S.O., has consented to perform the opening ceremony on Saturday, February 17, at 3.30 p.m.

At Melville Camp a marquee is in use, this being purchased by the Salvation Army.

An appeal has been launched to raise funds to help these schemes, and in this connection a concert will be held in the Fortress, Murray Street, on Wednesday, February 28, presided over by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor (Dr. T. W. Meagher), and a Red Shield street appeal will be held on Friday, March 1.

Donations may be sent to Brigadier John P. Dean, 79 Murray Street, Perth.

LETTERS FROM OUR MAIL BAG

The most interesting part of the day for an editor is the opening of the mail. Occasionally a real prize packet is received, but recently we found two prizes in the one mail which differ slightly in outlook and opinion; one throwing a bouquet and the other—well, judge for yourself.

S.F.H., of Tambellup, writes:

“I have never before written you, but may I now compliment you on The Listening Post as a whole and particularly on your leaders, which I have read since my return at the end of 1919. Seldom, if ever, have I seriously had cause to differ in opinion. As a member of the League I feel too that our thanks are due to you for the way you have at all times upheld the principles and tenets of the League.”

“Long may you be spared to fight for our ideals and to impart through your columns the help and assistance we need more and more as each year passes.”

The other letter is from W.A. Southorn, of Wyalkatchem. His letter reads:

“I regret to read such deliberately misleading, mis-stated and worse, such unconstitutinal comments, on current front page of The Listening Post, and hope further depths of such despicable verbiage will not mar the page in future. Further, I would ask you to peruse the enclosed and fitting comments—marked ‘XX’—of The Listening Post front-page article, for it is no doubt a fuller and more condemnatory criticism and one which is also endorsed by Yours, W. A. Southorn.”

(This friendly letter made us read again our leading article which was largely a criticism of the practice of the disciples of communism.)

The fitting comments marked “XX” appear in a communistic paper published in Perth under the heading “Brass Hats Fear Truth,” in which we are accused of “spleenetics against the Communist Party.”—Ed.
DEFENCE CONTRACTS

The general secretary has forwarded a copy of the reply received from the Minister for Supply and Development to representations made in connection with defence contracts.

The Minister writes: With reference to your letter of December 22, 1939, to the Minister for the Army, which has been passed to me for reply to the question raised regarding defence contracts in Western Australia, I desire to inform you that the suggestion of the State Executive of Western Australia that the necessities and equipment of the defence forces in a State should be obtained in that State has been made by various interests in Western Australia during past months, and I have given this aspect of supply much earnest thought. The prime consideration of my department is to secure the huge quantities of clothing, equipment and general supplies required by the defence forces as expeditiously as possible at fair and reasonable prices. A hard and fast observance of the policy suggested would mean dividing Australia into a number of restricted fields of tender and supply, and without doubt would impair efficiency and make the outfitting of the Australian armed forces more difficult and more expensive than under the method now employed.

The normal practice of giving prospective tenderers throughout Australia an opportunity of tendering for all large supplies, particularly goods of Australian manufacture, is thought to be the fairest from the manufacturers' point of view, irrespective of the State in which he may be carrying on business, and results in the department obtaining the supplies in the cheapest Australian market. Under this system, tenderers in each State are placed on the same footing so far as delivery of the goods is concerned, because delivery is taken f.o.b. or f.o.r. in the State in which the goods are manufactured. Tenderers may tender for the whole or any part of the supply required. Moreover, a certain amount of flexibility of practice is observed to meet varying circumstances and endeavour made, consistent with the conservation of the public interest, to spread the work as much as possible. In this connection I desire to say that, in addition to the tenders invited throughout the Commonwealth by the Central Contract Board of my department, the subsidiary contract boards in each State are regularly arranging purchases within their own States for provisions, forage, fuel and general stores involving considerable expenditure.

The subjoined statement of the purchases arranged between September and December, 1939, from suppliers in Western Australia may be of interest:

Purchases arranged by Central Contract Board during the period September 1 to December 31, 1939—

Firm, Item and Value.
Sheridan's Austral Engraving and Stamping Co., regimental badges, £28/6/11; E. J. Oliver & Sons, mallets, tent, £228/4/5; Altona Engraving Co., cranes (portable), £445/7/6; W.A. Worsted & Woollen Mills, serge, £4,844/10/6; Goode, Durrant & Murray Ltd., flannel shirts and trousers, £4,026/5/1; Franklyn Hosiery Mills, socks, £1,726/18/3; Saunders & Stuart Pty. Ltd., boiler enamel for explosives factory, £240; Felton, Grimwade & Bickford, medical stores, £100/18/4; F. H. Faulding & Co. Ltd., medical stores,
£10/10/3; The National Clothing (W.A.), jumpers and trousers, £4,168/10/10; Pearse Bros., boots, £3,500; Davidson & Lecoutre, loops and buckles, £320/11/9; Millars' Timber Co., dining forms, £1,088/15/-. J. Gadsden Pty. Ltd., kit bags, £5,950; and negotiations expected, will result in further orders in progress.

The value of local purchases authorised by the District Contract Board (Perth) from September 1 to December 31, 1939, amounted to approximately £60,000, but the details of these purchasers are not available in Melbourne. Since January 1, 1940, further orders have been placed in Western Australia by the Central Contract Board for boots (Pearse Bros.), £5,950; cloth gaiters (Reliance Manufacturing Co.), £1,250; jackets, service dress (Adelphi Clothing Co.), £1,071/17/6 and negotiations are in progress with certain clothing manufacturers which, it is expected, will result in further orders for clothing being placed in that State.

The question of preference to returned soldiers tenders when contracts are being allotted has been brought under notice on many occasions in the past, and it has been found undesirable to issue instructions which would hamper the exercise of discretion by responsible officers. It will be appreciated that if considerations other than the tendered price and the suitability of tenders to carry out the contract satisfactorily have to be taken into account, abuses are likely to arise.

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MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

At the recent Federal congress, it was resolved—

That, in addition to the present procedure, it be a recommendation to the Defence Department that arrangements be made for medical officers of the Repatriation Department and other local medical officers to conduct preliminary medical examinations of local applicants for enlistment in the Second A.I.F., and that railway warrants be provided to the nearest recruiting centre.

The secretary of the Department of the Army has advised:

In reply to your letter December 5, 1939, regarding medical examination for the Second A.I.F., I desire to inform you that it is not practicable to utilise the services of medical officers of the Repatriation Department to conduct preliminary medical examinations. Neither can approval be given for a further preliminary medical examination at the applicant's home town in addition to present procedure, as suggested, as this is not in any way necessary for departmental pur-

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poses and would result in considerable and unwarranted expense.

Provision has, however, been made from the outset for payment of return fares of applicants to the nearest local recruiting centres where preliminary medical examinations are carried out by officers of the Army Medical Corps or approved local doctors, and the final examination is by a medical board in camp.

Patriotic Funds

"J.E.W." writes: Some time ago I suggested to my employees that, as an enormous combined effort was necessary to win this war, and as we were not likely to be called up for service overseas (65 per cent. are returned men), we might assist by contributing so much from wages.

The employees readily agreed to the proposal as follows:

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The money will be collected from wages by the secretary — who will keep an account of receipts and disbursements. As each complete 10/- is collected, it shall be allotted to whatever fund the majority of the employees desire to assist.

This proposal, which can be terminated at any time by a majority vote of the employees, has been agreed to by the employees.

I am aware that a large number of firms and staffs make regular contributions to patriotic funds, but there are many others who have small staffs and no doubt think their efforts as contributors would not be worth while. I suggest that if employers of small staffs like to make the little personal effort to collect, by agreement with their employees, any small regular contribution they would be surprised how the total would mount up.

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COMPARATIVE SUB-BRANCH MEMBERSHIP

The comparative membership discloses a slight increase over the figures of last year. Seeing that the grim reaper is taking a steady toll of our members, the figures are not particularly disappointing, but they are far from satisfactory. A few sub-branches have shown a reduction owing to members leaving the district, but there are others who have slipped away through lack of the necessary energy to keep the sub-branches active, and we advise every sub-branch to closely watch their membership. It will be noted that “Central” has 91 members. This large figure is not looked on with approval by the State Executive. Ex-service men come to Anzac House to join the League often only to receive the facilities of Anzac Club, and although these members are strongly advised to transfer to a functioning sub-branch, they cannot be forced to do so.

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SOME CITIZENS I HAVE MET

BY "HUMMY"

A well-built, nuggety young Aussie, of the right age for the army, came to me one day and said: "Can you tell me what's the best way to get a 'cushy' clerk's job in the Air Force." On being asked why he didn't have a go at a pilot's or observer's or even a gunner's job, he replied: "That's no ruddy good to me; a man might get shot or crash!" So I said: "Well, boy, you're game, there's no doubt about it." He looked at me and said: "How do you make that out?" I said: "You've got a — lots of yellow down your back and it's all uncovered. Are your feet cold, too?" Exit.

Another joined a technical unit and dearly loved to strut round town in his "Uni" with collar open at neck, brass buttons and buckles nearly green for want of brasso and carrying his "glen-garry" under his arm with his swank-stick. Asked why he didn't have a go to get away with the A.I.F., "second edition," I was informed that his "old man" was "arranging" a commission for him.

A third asked for information about compulsory training. I put the breeze up him with the result that an hour later he came and said he had run up headquarters, but they did not want his age-group yet. Asked why he was so pleased about it, I was told that had he been called up it would have ruined his training for him. He aspires to be a "weight-lifter," so told him the artillery would be glad of "weight-lifters" but not "lead-swingers."

Old memories were revived with the "drop-in" visit of a new recruit to the Air Force. He got through but was kept waiting so long that he espun a "good one" and was immediately sent into barracks. He recounted his first night on guard duty. The breeze was properly up, in fact he was frozen stiff, as a dim shape crawled towards him from the scrub. Too windy to fire or do any bayonet work, the agony was increased by a continuous noise off to his right, and there he was when his relief came on. Together they advanced on the enemy. The first was a paper bag blowing with the breeze; the second was a corner flag marking the extent of the beat, also flapping and cracking in the breeze. He thoroughly enjoys the life now and I couldn't help thinking of a night in Sinai on "outpost" when a whole "detail" had the breeze up over an unnoticed bit of scrub lying just down the rise from our post."

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Mr. W. Mc J. Lochhead, secretary of the Mundaring and Districts sub-branch, is at present in hospital suffering a serious nervous breakdown. His excellent and untiring services will be greatly missed. He has faithfully served the sub-branch as secretary for over five years. His old comrades wish for him a speedy recovery to normal health.

Advice has reached the League office of the death, in Vancouver, of the late Sergeant-Major Duncanson, who served with the 28th Battalion (A.I.F.). The report of the death came from the Disabled Veterans' Association, who made all the funeral arrangements, the details of which were passed on by the League to the 28th Battalion Association. Needless to say, appreciation has been expressed by the Sergeant-Major's old comrades of the 28th, and also by the League officials to the Veteran's Association at Vancouver for their kindness in arranging the last honours to this deceased Digger.

We regret to record the death of Mr. W. Green, of Subiaco sub-branch. Mr. Green served overseas with the 51st Battalion and had many friends among members of his old regiment and returned men generally. Although he did not often attend sub-branch functions, he was well known to many members, among whom, his quiet and likeable personality, made him very popular. To his relatives we extend our sincere sympathy.

The secretary of the W.A. Branch of the Federated T.B. Sailors and Soldiers' Association states that this organisation is endeavouring to establish a claim for a war pension on behalf of a former member of the 44th Battalion named W. U. (Jock) Gordon. The association would like to get in touch with Joe Galt, Jim Workman, Jim Martin and Bob Lawrence. These Diggers, with Jock Gordon, were taken prisoners of war at Hamel on July 4, 1918. It is requested that any of the Diggers mentioned, or anyone knowing anything about the whereabouts of any of them, kindly write to the State secretary of the T.B. Association (Mr. E. O. W. Mullen) at 11 Tranby Buildings, 90 King Street, Perth.

The New South Wales Rhodes Scholar for 1940, Basil Holmes Travers, is a scion of a distinguished military family that has been represented in four wars. This young man is in his twenty-first year, and is an officer of the Second A.I.F. His father, Colonel R. J. Travers, served with the force that took New Guinea in 1914, and subsequently with the 2nd Division in Gallipoli and France. His mother's father, Major-General Holmes, had the unique distinction of going from bugler to Colonel in the old first Australian Infantry Regiment. He was a member of the contingent New South Wales sent to the Sudan in 1885, and was awarded the D.S.O. during the South African War. The late General Holmes commanded the force which took New Guinea, and he was in command of the 4th Division of the A.I.F. when he was killed near Messines in July, 1917. Young Travers was an Arts student at the University of Sydney when the war broke out. He is a double blue having won that coveted distinction for football and cricket. Now he is a commissioned officer in the Second A.I.F. and his scholarship will be held open for him until a more pressing engagement with Hitler is terminated.

Mt. Hawthorn sick state reveals that Bill Skates and Tom May are both jogging along, and friend Jordan is showing a slight improvement. Jimmy Brown's knee is still undergoing treatment, and still very bad. Monte Saunders and Mark Raymond are both improving, and Rocke is as well as can be expected. Fred Charles or any of the other executive officers request that members will notify them of cases of sickness or accident.

We have been authorised to state that Jim Dinan, a very prominent member of the League, has received endorsement, and will carry the banner for Labour in the contest for the Swan seat in the next Federal election. Jim Dinan served for over four years with the A.I.F. and went through the Gallipoli campaign as a member of the 4th Light Horse while still legally a minor. He is now a member of the State Executive and of the League's Land Committee. On his return from the war he played league football with North and South Fremantle. He has played an active part as a member of the Wheat and Woolgrowers' Union and is also a member of the Eastern Districts Memorial Hospital Board. Before returning to Western Australia to renew farming operations, about six years ago, Jim Dinan was a traveller for farming machinery, and has been a member of the Commercial Travellers' Association (Victoria) for the past fourteen years. He is well and favourably known in political circles, having been president of...
of strength to Bassendean for so many years. Jim’s health has not been of the branch, a small presentation who has been on the sick list. Like the their former president, Mr. H. Crofts, memor Broome Hotel about 13 years ago.

Anyone knowing anything about his abouts is requested to write to the branch.

Mr. B. O. Legg is seeking information about his brother, No. 10925, Trooper John Legg, formerly of the 3rd King’s Own Hussars. He stayed at the Governor Broome Hotel about 13 years ago. Anyone knowing anything about his subsequent movements or present whereabouts is requested to write to the Secretary, Fremantle City and District sub-branch.

We join with members of the Carlisle sub-branch in extending sympathy to their former president, Mr. H. Crofts, who has been on the sick list. Like the burghers of Carlisle, we wish him a speedy recovery.

At the meeting of the Bassendean sub-branch, a small presentation was made to Jim Claufton, who has been a tower of strength to Bassendean for so many years. Jim’s health has not been of the best in recent years, but this never interfered with his work for his fellow Diggers. We still have kindly and grateful recollections of the time when his sub-branch notes were sent to The Listening Post from a bed of sickness. We understand that he has left the Bassendean district and join with his many friends in wishing him good health and all happiness in his new home.

The late Lord Tweedmuir was one man who, in his time, played many parts and played them well. When plain Mr. John Buchan he was a distinguished novelist and historian before he entered politics. He was a front-line soldier in the Great War, attaining the rank of colonel before he was taken from the firing line and placed in charge of a department of Army Intelligence. It is interesting to note that, while he was in charge of this department, two of the men who worked under him were the brother novelist who writes under the name of “Seamark” and the late Mr. A. B. Kidson, of Perth. Greater, perhaps, than any of his novels was his biography of Cromwell, for he brought to that work the rare combination of literary ability and military knowledge. He was the first Governor-General of Canada to pay an official visit to Washington, and now he has established another but melancholy record, that of being the first Governor-General of Canada to die in office.

Sub-Lieutenant Ralph Richardson, of the Fleet Air Arm, who was the star of the film “The Lion Has Wings,” escaped uninjured last November when his plane crashed and burst into flames in Hampshire. The plane overshot a field, skimmed under an oak tree, lost its tail, shot across a road and pancaked in a garden. Even that mixture of fire and metaphor did not cook the indomitable Ralph.

A recent cablegram from London stated that Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the former Secretary for War, has joined the writing staff of The News of the World. His job will be to provide a weekly commentary on the war.

At a recent meeting of the State Executive, appreciation was expressed of the action of Sister Roberts in enlisting as a nurse with the Second A.I.F. For some years Sister Roberts has been in charge of the Repatriation Ward of the Perth General Hospital. She has nursed hundreds of men suffering from war-caused disabilities and was highly popular among them.

One of the most notable members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force is Captain Francis Voelker, M.C. In the last war he won the Military Cross at the age of 18. He was severely wounded and captured by the Germans while serving with the British Army, and spent the rest of the war in endeavours to escape from German prisons. On one occasion, disguised as a man who took swill to pigs, he reached the Baltic before he was recaptured.

One of the grand old pioneers of the State, Mr. Jesse Hammond, passed away at the beginning of the month. He was a prominent member of the West Australian Historical Society, and an authority on the early days of Perth and Fremantle. Mr. Hammond was the author of two books, “Winjan’s People,” a description of the tribal customs and folk

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A gloom was cast over Perth by the news of the recent death in the United States of Dr. Cyril Bryan. The late Doctor, who had gone to America on a health trip, was a veteran of three wars. He served in the South African War and in the Zululand Rebellion of 1906, and was a gunner officer in the Great War. In his time he played many parts, and played them well. Soldier, author and physician, he practised in London for some years after the Great War, but returned to Perth when he heard that his mother was dying. He has written much about the early history of the State and on matters connected with his profession. His books and his articles in The West Australian were marked by a graceful and whimsical style which saved scholarship from becoming tedious. Cyril Bryan was a prominent member of the Press sub-branch, and at one time sat on the State Executive, where his medical knowledge made him invaluable in connection with pension matters. For the past few years, he carried on under the burden of ill-health, and maintained his good humour to the last. A good companion, he was a popular speaker at sub-branch and unit reunions. He was one of those kindly souls who was incapable of doing a mean action or saying a mean thing. His translation to higher service will leave the Digger fraternity a sadder and poorer organisation.

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The scarcity of supplies of flax has placed heavy emphasis on the need for an extension of Australia's flax-growing industry. Since the war began, flax has sold in the streets of Melbourne during the A.I.F. march, it was used to aid the Australian Comforts Fund. Councillor Frank Beaurepaire, organiser of the fund, bought the cartoon for £115, and the day's activities are expected to bring the fund to £11,000. A number of country returns have yet to come.

On Sunday, January 21, 30 Diggers from the Old Men's Home were the guests of the North-East Fremantle auxiliary. Proceeding by bus to Mandurah, they were welcomed by the local auxiliary, who provided them with an excellent lunch and later on with a tea that was enjoyed to the full. Much credit is due to this young auxiliary for the splendid organisational ability that was evident everywhere, and for the plentiful supply of everything that was necessary to make this a most enjoyable day's outing. Once again North-East Fremantle auxiliary showed initiative and good judgment by combining with Mandurah to give the "Burnt-Out Diggers" one of the most enjoyable days that they have yet had.

According to the London Daily Sketch, German insurance companies are preparing their latest "expectations of life" tables for insuring the various branches of the war services. These will contain a remarkable revelation of the damage which Britain's navy is doing to Hitler's submarines. Expectation of life for submarine crews will be 62 days. It signifies that, in the eyes of actuaries, the undersea losses of Germany are so great that no crew on active service can expect to survive longer than this period.

The London Daily Mail reports the trial and sentence, at the Old Bailey, of a gang of foreigners who forged and sold passports to aliens at £150 a time. The gang had done a big trade in fictitious passports to refugees in fear of deportation, and who were willing to pay large sums for British citizenship. The ringleader, when he got wind of Scotland Yard's investigations, fled to Poland—where he was rounded up by the Nazis.

Douglas Reid, whose "Insanity Fair" and "Disgrace Abounding," provided such scathing commentaries on the events before and after Munich, has this to say about Karl Hermann Frank, Hitler's Bully No. 1, who is now directing the Nazi reign of terror in Czechoslovakia: "Frank comes from the belt of inextricably crossbred German-Slav land that produced Hitler himself; he never gave public or private proof of any ability whatever, for he was a bankrupt small tradesman in a town near Karlsbad a few years ago. Now Frank is torturing old men, massacring young ones, transporting thousands of students to German concentration camps without informing their parents, using every sadistic device that a diseased brain can invent to exterminate the Czech consciousness of nationhood."

Mr. W. M. Nairn, M.H.R., adviser the R.S.L. recently that a returned soldier who was in temporary employment in the Commonwealth Service sat for the Junior Public Certificate in the hope of qualifying for the permanent staff. He passed in three subjects, but the regulations required four passes, and he was faced with the prospect of having to sit again for the full examination, that is, six subjects. Upon taking the matter up with the Senate of the University, however, the concession has now been made to part-time students in that they will be permitted to count passes fewer than the obligatory four. The Senate has acknowledged Mr. Nairn's efforts on behalf of returned soldier candidates, and has passed the news on as likely to interest returned soldiers who propose to submit themselves for the Junior Examination.

In his recently published book, "Days of Fresh Air," Leopold Stennet Amery, the former Dominions Secretary who was the guest of the League in Perth some years ago, relates a good story concerning Winston Churchill. Amery and
Churchill were both war correspondents in Natal in 1899, and both took daily trips in an armoured train which did reconnaissance work for the force that was trying to relieve Ladysmith. One day Amery missed the train, but Churchill, punctual as usual, caught it—and was caught by the Boers when the train was derailed. Years later, when Amery and Churchill were both Cabinet Ministers, the former recalled this incident in twitting his colleague about the disadvantages of being an early bird. "Yes," Winston retorted, "If I had not been caught I could not have escaped, and my imprisonment and escape provided me with materials for lectures and a book which brought me in enough money to get into Parliament in 1900—ten years before you."

According to an English weekly, Hitler has his new General Headquarters at the village of Clotten, about 20 miles south-west of Coblenz. The paper says that French reconnaissance aircraft have discovered its whereabouts and are keeping a close watch.

One of the changes wrought by war has been the abandonment of the shoulder strap of the Sam Browne belt. The belt, which is called after General Sir Samuel Browne, had its origin in India during the nineteenth century, but it was not adopted by the British forces as a whole until the era of the South African War. At first the single shoulder strap was worn by mounted troops only, infantrymen sporting the double brace. The Great War saw the advent of the single strap, and the adoption of the Sam Browne by all the armies of the world. And now, not only has the shoulder strap been discarded, but it looks as if the belt itself will cease to be worn on ordinary occasions. In the latest pattern of officer's tunic the belt is incorporated with the jacket, just like the cloth belt of the old-fashioned Norfolk jackets.

Here is one of the latest flashes of unconscious humour from the German radio station Deutschland. "Great Britain is breaking international law," the announcer declared, "by paying over to Herr Hitler the royalties accruing from the sales of 'Mein Kampf' in Great Britain." This strange German solicitude for international law on the part of the Nazis is amusing and pathetic at one and the same time.
A titled lady in London recently informed a gossip writer, "I may look well off, but I am not." That sounds rather like the motto of the Army Gymnastic Staff, "Look it, even if you don't feel it."

An English humorist has defined "Blitzkrieg" as the lightning war, which never strikes in the same place once.

Last September, a German refugee in England was exempted from internment because Scotland Yard was unable to produce any evidence against him. Later, he was recognised by other refugees as a fellow-prisoner in a German concentration camp. It was noticed that he was given special privileges by the Nazi authorities, from which the dinkum victims inferred that he was a spy of the Gestapo. They reported this to the police, with the result that the alleged refugee was haled before the Tribunal once more, and this time he was interned.

The Foreign Affairs News-Letter considers that the sinister Himmler, chief of the Gestapo, is the real ruler of Germany to-day, and states that the time for a show-down between Himmler and Goering is fast approaching. In fact, the show-down cannot be delayed much longer because the future of Germany depends on its result. If Goering wins, it is believed that he would be prepared to discuss peace terms with the Allies on the basis of the restoration of Poland and Czechoslovakia and a dinkum plebiscite to allow the Austrians to say whether they would resume their status as an independent State, or remain incorporated with the Reich. Foreign observers think the odds are on Himmler, whose secret police machinery is a more powerful asset than Goering's greater ability and affability.

The air correspondent of The News of the World shows how we were betrayed by our fears into the Munich surrender over a year ago. He declares that Germany's claim that she will be able to send 30,000 aircraft into the skies for attacks on Britain next spring is just so much moonshine, put out by the Goebbels' furphy foundry to make Britons shiver. Until 1938, when the early Messerschmids made their appearance, Germany did not possess a single-seater fighter of worthwhile speed. 'Planes designed in 1937 and built in 1938 or 1939 do not possess a speed of more than 354 miles an hour for fighters, or 300 miles an hour for bombers. Since these types were only going into mass production last December, the total aircraft available to the Nazis for actual warfare next spring will scarcely reach 5,000 of all types. They will have to compete with British bombers than can do well over 300 miles an hour and fighters of the 400-miles-an-hour class.

11th BATTALION (A.I.F.) ANNUAL PICNIC

The 11th Battalion annual picnic will be held at Coogee Beach on Saturday, March 3. Buses will leave old G.P.O., Perth, at 10 a.m. travelling via both Canning Road and Subiaco-Fremantle. Those desirous of attending should get in touch with Wally Blair, 79 William Street, Perth ('phone B7486) in order to ensure reservations on buses.

The quarterly general meeting will be held in the Stirling Social Rooms on Monday, February 26, at 8 p.m.
Pithara on holidays and also went down South, where he contacted Bruce Layman and Bert Guippy, sweeping the old yarns all over again. Bob Knowles wrote from Onslow and included "Nugget" Baynes and Don Cronin in his list of members. Bert Ulrich, of Derby, also sent in an extra pair in old Goldring and Godbeare. Bert George was down from Wyndham and says Fred Salmon and Dave Rust are still in the saddle. Ted Hastie, of way out Mt. Hawthorn way, another enthusiast, but Bert Walters went on the prod because he was not written to. The worst of these ex-troopers is they taken it for granted their addresses are known. Harry Dann, Jim Wry, W. H. Lockwood, Woodsy—you all know little Woodsy—Bob McCracken and Jonesy are quite good at sloping arms with the Garrison mob. Activities are now expected to hum with full force in the association and non-members are again invited to come to the meetings and join up.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY PAY CORPS

Following upon the receipt of a request from the Tasmanian Branch, representations were made to the Prime Minister to have the age qualifications for members of the Australian Army Pay Corps extended, so that returned soldiers would be eligible for appointment.

For information, the age qualifications were as follows:

Major, under 40 years of age; captain, under 35 years of age; lieutenant, under 30 years of age; warrant officer, under 40 years of age, other ranks, between 20 and 35 years of age.

The general secretary advises that the Commonwealth Government has acceded to the League's request and forwards a copy of the official advice received from the Prime Minister's Department for information.

It reads:—With reference to your letter of January 6, 1940, embodying the text of a communication from the Tasmanian Branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. regarding the age-qualifications for persons desirous of enlisting for service overseas in the Australian Army Pay Corps, I desire to inform you that approval has been given for extending the age limit to 50 years in such cases.

Selection of personnel from New South Wales and Victoria has already been made and includes several returned soldiers. The selection of personnel from other States is now in progress and applications from returned soldiers suitable for the positions available will receive full consideration.

Scabbards Off!

(By Pip Tok)

A man may forgive woman for being two-faced, but never for being double-chinned.

Sir Walter Cirtine, General Secretary of the British Trade Union Congress, came back from a recent visit to Finland stripped of any illusions he may have ever entertained regarding the morale and the efficiency of the wonderful Red Army. He was astounded at the number of prisoners the Finns had taken, and the quantity of war material that had been captured. The Russians have evidently been the Finns' best quarter masters.

Sir Walter Cirtine also saw something of the damage caused by the senseless and cowardly Russian air raids. No one who knows Sir Walter can call him the tool of capitalism, and it was obvious from the interview he gave British journalists on his return that he was convinced somewhat against his will. Nevertheless local morons will tell us that Stalin does not bomb civilians. They know. They've had the dinkum oil from Moscow.

In another column, mention is made of a communication from a reader who seems hurt because The Listening Post has been blasphemous enough to speak slightingly of Communism. The communication is on all fours with a marked item in a communist publication that has been sent to us. The subject matter, combined with the atrocious English, suggest that both are the work of the same hand. Such criticisms could pass without other comment than a pitying smile, were it not for two things. One is the obvious attempt to divide the League, by the impudent suggestion that it is a Brass Hat's show. The other is the equally impudent lie that the writer of last

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Age cannot wither vehement little Billy Hughes, nor can custom stale the infinite variety of his colourful language. Addressing a meeting in Sydney, Billy vigorously denounced the enemies inside our gates. By these he meant the peculiar people who want the Allies to disclose their war aims, and the preachers of alien doctrines, and those other secret agents of Hitler who paste idiotic declarations about an imperialist war on telegraph posts. Billy is right. These “Stop the War” cranks are traitors who would be severely dealt with if they indulged in the same line of propaganda in Hitlerland or Stalinland. The Federal Attorney-General’s Department has an investigation branch and, it might not be too much to assume, that this branch is already inquiring into the source of the money which keeps this treacherous agitation alive.

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Author “Jock” Belford was in Perth during the month. The publishers have now promised that the book will be issued some time in May.

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BY A.J.S.

The late Dr. Cyril Bryan was a born raconteur and did not mind telling a story or two against himself. One of his best is as follows:-

Before being elevated to the position of adjutant to his artillery brigade, the genial Doc, had been in charge of a battery.

At the time ammunition was scarce, consequently only a limited number of rounds was allotted to each battery; but by some means the Doc’s battery had accumulated a small reserve which they jealously guarded.

One day shortly after his elevation, the Doc was approached by the battery sergeant-major of his old love.

“I say, Captain,” began the B.S.M., “Fritz has a gun just here behind this ridge (pointing to a spot on the map) and it is strafing us like hell. What about giving us permission to put over a salvo or two to-night?” — adding as an afterthought, “We’ll name the possey after you.”

Sounds all right, though the Doc, and a chance for my name to go down in history. So the necessary permission was given, and that night there was great activity on the Western Front.

Then for some weeks the B.S.M. studiously avoided the adjutant. But one day he was run into.

“Sar.-Major, how is Mount Bryan getting on?” queried the Adjutant.

“Er—Mount Bryan—yes. ‘Oh, that!’ stammered the Sar.-Major. ‘Blown right off the map. Nothing left to name, Sir.”

“And, concludes the Doc, “My one chance of going down in history went up in smoke.”

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Reception of Soldiers

The League has taken the initiative in forming a Soldiers' Reception Committee. At the meeting of the State Executive, the committee consisting of Mr. M. Zeffert (chairman) and Messrs. Aberle, Lamb, Paton, Olden, Hunt, Anderson and Denton was formed, with the power to co-opt prominent people outside the League. The immediate result was a meeting in Anzac House on January 31, to which every organisation invited sent a representative. The Perth City Council was represented by the Lord Mayor (Mr. Meagher), the D.N.O. by Lieut.-Commander Gover, the O.C. by Capt. Summehays, the C.O., R.A.A.F., by Flying-Officer Walton and the Freemantle City Council by Councillor Griffiths. An apology was received from Colonel Collett. Members of the executive present were Messrs. Zeffert, Olden, Anderson, Paton, Denton, Hunt, Aberle and Watt. The chairman of the committee (Mr. Zeffert) extended a welcome to such a representative gathering, and said that the League considered that everybody was willing to help in welcoming members of the Second A.I.F., who would pass through Western Australia, to and from active service. The League desired to provide voluntary transport and light refreshments, and to help the troops with information and in other ways.

The Lord Mayor explained that he had called a meeting of citizens for the following day. A resolution was carried confirming the purposes of the meeting and offers of support were forthcoming. Information was given by the various staff officers present in connection with the possible duration of leave from troopships, the time elapsing before the arrival and berthing of boats, and the number that could be dealt with at one time. In connection with the catering and general arrangements, it was decided that one representative from each of the organisations present, with the chairman (Mr. Zeffert), should meet the Lord Mayor the next morning and prepare proposals for the Lord Mayor's meeting.

The proposals drawn up were presented to the public meeting in the City Chambers on February 1. At this meeting the Lord Mayor presided. Mr. Panton represented the Premier, and the naval, military and air authorities were represented. The meeting approved of the organisation of a Citizens' Reception Committee. It was decided to ask the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Mitchell to extend their patronage, and to form an executive committee. Sub-committees governing transport, catering, entertainment, hospitality, finance and information were recommended. It was agreed that the Lord Mayor be president of the executive and that a representative of the League act as chairman of the council.


The Lord Mayor opened the meeting of the executive on February 2, and then handed the proceedings over to the chairman of the R.S.L. committee (Mr. Zeffert), who was appointed as chairman of the executive council subject to ratification by the State Executive of the League. At this meeting the different sub-committees were appointed, League representatives being included as follows: Transport, Colonel Margolin and the State secretary; catering, all our women's auxiliaries with Mrs. Dean (Friendly Union) as convenor; finance, Colonel Lamb, who is convenor, Mr. Taylor (Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation) and Mr. Taylor (Auditor-General) are included; entertainment and hospitality, this is an important sub-committee for which Mr. F. J. Aberle was nominated as League representative; information, Mr. E. S. Watt (as representative of the R.S.L. and Master Printers' Association) was nominated. Mr. Paton will act as a liaison at the Freemantle end.

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From information received, all the sub-committees immediately commenced work and Mrs. Dean has notified the League that within a very short time she could cater for at least 1,000 men. She has 80 women already at short call when the occasion arises.

The League's own committee met again on February 6, all members being present.

After reviewing the recent happenings and the rapid organisation of all public bodies, it was agreed to intimate to the executive that this reception committee continue to function for the present.

It was resolved to recommend to the State Executive that the services of the State secretary be offered to the reception council, providing that the State Government and the City Council also assist with any necessary staff for clerical work.

It was unanimously agreed to recommend to the executive that the chairman (Mr. Zeffert) be appointed as the League's representative and to act as chairman of the executive council as resolved at the public meeting.

As dodgers have already been printed for distribution to troopships, it was agreed to recommend that the executive meet the cost of same.

The executive subsequently agreed to make the services of the State secretary available to the Soldiers' Reception Council, as the general secretary of all committees, and to confirm the appointment of Mr. Zeffert as chairman of the Citizen's Council. It was also agreed to make all the accommodation of Anzac House available, including meeting rooms for committees.

An English weekly states that Germany's submarine losses have been so serious that, before the end of the year, Goering opened negotiations with Russia for the purchase of a number of Russian submarines. The stout fellow, according to the report, proposed to sell the 20 odd German ships in Russian harbours and to take submarines in exchange.
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He appealed to returned soldiers to assist to suppress dangerous rumours and to do all we can to prevent our defence problems from becoming the football of party politics. He said that we are a dying race, and that we should hold together till the end in the League as we did in the army in 1914-18, and as one who had been a member of the League since 1920 he gave good advice to those who hold off because of some fault (real or fancied) to join up now and put things right from the inside. He finished with a good yarn—

At Gallipoli, a Digger was digging a well. A general came along, looked down the hole and said: “What are you doing?”

The Digger did not answer.

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At the meeting of the State Executive on January 24, there were present Messrs. Yestes, Olden, Aberle, Denton, W. James, Hunt, Anderson, Nicholas, Margolin, Potts, Sten, Keeling, Lamb, Watt, Patton, Cornell, Thorn, Williams, Zeffert and Dinnan. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. H. James, Collett, Philp, Pant, Fairley, Mitchell, Colebatch, Paterson, Curlewis, Mackenzie and Johnstone.

Condolence.—Resolutions were carried expressing condolence with the relatives of the late Lady Colebatch, Mr. R. E. Bush and Dr. Cyril Bryan.

War Funds Regulation Act.—It was agreed that the W.A. Branch of the R.S.A.L.A. apply for registration under the War Funds Regulation Act, in order to cover the sub-branch activities on behalf of the Garrison Battalion and the new A.I.F. It was also decided to advise the Premier of the League's disappointment at the omission of a League representative from the council constituted under the Act.

Reception Committee.—Following a discussion on the recent experiences at Anzac House, it was resolved to form a Soldiers' Reception Committee. The following were appointed, with power to co-opt prominent persons outside the League: Messrs. Zeffert, Aberle, Lamb, Patton, Olden, Hunt, Anderson and Denton.

Federal Executive.—It was agreed that the State President represent the branch at the meeting of the Federal Executive on February 7. In connection with this meeting, it was decided to oppose a suggestion to send a League representative overseas and to agree to the sending of a representative to the New Zealand Anzac Day celebrations.

Publicity.—Aising out of a previous executive resolution, it was resolved that the Membership Committee be asked to undertake the necessary publicity, and in future be known as the Membership and Publicity Committee.

Broadcast Roster.—The following arrangements have been made in connection with the broadcast roster: February 20, Mr. J. M. W. Anderson; February 27, Mr. F. J. Aberle.

Pensions and Employment Committee.—This report was submitted by Mr. Anderson and was adopted.

It was agreed that the following resolutions be forwarded to the Federal Executive:

That the W.A. Branch requests the Minister for the Army to reinstate civilian labour in military camps, thus offering avenues of re-employment for numbers of returned soldiers who have recently been retired from such work, and releasing younger men for active service overseas.

The W.A. Branch strongly recommends that all necessary guards, including aerodrome guards, in Australia should be carried out by the Garrison Battalions and that the Air Board's explanation that aerodrome guards may be liable for overseas service is considered an attempt to depart from Government policy of preference to returned soldiers for such work.

The employment report showed that 25 positions had been found during the month of December, and that 380 men were registered after extracting the cards of men who had not reported recently.

Department of Information.—The State President reported in connection with the Department of Information and activities of the Y.M.C.A.

Liaison Officer.—The State President reported that the G.O.C. had agreed to the appointment of a liaison officer, and Mr. Hunt had been nominated. The nomination was approved.

Garrison Battalion Welfare Fund.—Colonel Olden submitted this report, which indicated that £44 had been donated by sub-branches and £15 spent on Christmas cheer, leaving a balance of £29 in the fund.

It was resolved to draw the attention of sub-branches to this fund in the next head office circular.

It was reported that all purchases by this welfare fund were exempt from Sales Tax; also that the Friendly Union and the women's auxiliary were co-operating and had representatives on the committee.

It was resolved also to approach the Federal authorities urging that wireless sets used by the Garrison Battalion be exempt from license fees.

Anzac Club. The club committee's report showed that the recent receipts were satisfactory and recorded appreciation of the excellent conduct of troops visiting the club recently.

Salvage Committee.—This report was received. It intimated that inquiries had shown that there was a market for waste fats, and inquiries were being made into the question of general salvage by either the State or Commonwealth Government.

U.S.F.—The report of the United Service Fund showed that there had been 45 recent approvals, the amount involved being £65/4/1.

Land Committee.—Mr. Hunt reported that members of the Land Committee had met recently and discussed proposals for saving wheat area restriction, transfer of land to aliens, land rents and one or two other matters. An interim report was received.

The following visits were reported:

Mr. Potts (Gloucester Park sub-branch),
Colonel Olden (Claremont sub-branch),
Colonel Margolin (Red Cross, National Fitness Committee and Lemonos Hospital), State secretary (Albany sub-branch).

Second A.I.F.—Advice was received from the Western Command that the matter of keeping a record of the Second A.I.F. was receiving attention.

Sub-Branches.—The State secretary was instructed to advise the Laverton sub-branch on the position regarding army canteens. It was decided to advise the Laverton sub-branch that the question of the employment of foreigners in mines had been taken up with the Commonwealth authorities on several occasions.

The State secretary was instructed to advise the Nedlands sub-branch on recent developments in regard to the appointment of civilians to military positions.

It was resolved to forward a protest to the Prime Minister, through the Federal office, in connection with the recent appointment of a non-soldier to the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

In response to a letter from the Albany sub-branch, it was resolved that inquiries be made in relation to overseas comforts.

The Albany sub-branch was advised that...
the question of the eligibility of members of the Mercantile Marine for League membership was one which affected the policy of the League and must, therefore, be submitted to congress.

The appointment of officials as advised by the Waroona sub-branch was confirmed.

War Service Homes.—The State secretary reported on the cases of two men serving in the forces, from whom the full instalment for their War Service Homes was demanded. It was decided that the necessary recommendations be made to the Minister in Charge of War Service Homes.

Leave of Absence.—The State President was granted leave of absence from the next meeting.

February 7, 1940

At the meeting of the State Executive on February 7, there were present Messrs. Olden, Aberle, W. J. James, Hunt, Anderson, Nichol, Margolin, Keeling, Fairley, Lamb, Waut, Paton, Cornell, Thorn, Wainman, Zeffert and Johnston. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, H. James, Collett, Philip, Panton, Denton, Potts, Sten, Mitchell, Colebatch, Paterson, Curlew, Mackenzie and Dinan. In the absence of the State President, Colonel Olden occupied the chair.

Reports: Soldiers’ Reception Committee. — Following on the resolution carried at the last executive meeting to create a reception committee for the purpose of welcoming and entertaining members of the Second A.I.F. proceeding to and from active service, a report was submitted on meetings which had been held since then at Anzac House and the Council Chambers. The committee in charge had been formed and sub-committees governing transport, catering, entertainment, hospitality, finance and information were appointed. An executive council, which consisted of representatives from a number of organisations, was also formed, and M. E. Zeffert had acted as chairman.

Mr. Paton had been appointed the liaison officer at the Fremantle end.

In adopting the report, the executive approved of the printing of 2,000 dods containing information and also offered the services of the State secretary as secretary of the Reception Council, providing that the State Government and City Council also assisted with the necessary staff for clerical work.

The appointment of Mr. Zeffert as League’s representative on the executive council was confirmed.

Relief Fund Trustees.—The report for the month of January was received and adopted. Fourteen cases had been assisted at a cost of £41 17/-.

Liaison Officer.—Mr. Hunt submitted a report on his activities as liaison officer between military headquarters and the League, and submitted a statement showing the number of returned soldiers employed in the Defence Department. His report was adopted and the statement was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee.

Visits.—The following visits were reported:—Mr. Paton (African Park), Colonel Faiery (Kalgoorlie, Boulder and Moorine Rock), Mr. Aberle and the State secretary (Bunbury), Mr. W. J. James (Mt. Hawthorn), Mr. Nichol (Manjimup and hospital visits), Colonel Margolin (Red Cross meetings).

A reply was received from the Prime Minister’s Department to representations urging that Anzac Day should be declared a paid holiday throughout the Commonwealth. The reply suggested that the matter should be determined by the various State Governments. After discussion, it was agreed that the Employers’ Federation and the Trades Hall be advised that, in the opinion of the State Executive, Anzac Day should be included as a paid holiday in all Arbitration Court Awards.

Sister Roberts.—The State secretary was instructed to communicate with Sister Roberts, extending the State Executive’s best wishes before departing overseas for service.

Lucnow Hospital.—The Claremont sub-branch was appointed the League’s official visitor to Lucknow Hospital.

Appointment Sub-Branch Officials.—The appointment of officials as advised by the Menzies and Koongup sub-branches was confirmed.

Dental Treatment, Garrison Battalions.—South Perth sub-branch forwarded a resolution in this regard. The matter is now before the Federal Government and it was agreed that the South Perth sub-branch be advised accordingly.

Educational and Vocational Training Members Second A.I.F.—A resolution from South Perth sub-branch dealing with this matter was received, and it was agreed that a copy be sent to the Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation.

War Funds Regulation Act.—The South Perth sub-branch expressed the opinion that the League should be represented on the council administering this Act. The matter had already been taken up.

Red Cross Funds.—The following resolution was carried by the Claremont sub-branch, and it was decided to forward a copy to the Red Cross Society:

That any money collected in Australia for the Red Cross Society for the use of soldiers serving overseas during the present war be, as far as possible, spent in Australia and goods forwarded overseas, so that the money should serve in some measure to provide employment in our own country and also obviate the loss sustained by the advance rate of exchange.

Salvage Funds.—A communication, written to Colonel H. B. Collett by the Acting Minister for Supply and Development, stating that inquiries were being made as to what opportunity there was for the disposal of fats was received. A copy will be forwarded to the South Perth sub-branch.

Burial, Imperial Ex-Services Men.—Consideration was given to a request from the Woolroolsub-branch that sub-branches throughout the State should be circularised for donations towards a fund which would be used for the burial of Imperial ex-service men who died in indigent circumstances. In discussion, it was stated that the State Executive had formed such a fund some time ago but, owing to the large number of calls made, the available money was disposed of in a very short period. It was agreed to advise the sub-branch accordingly, and to inform them of what had been done to induce the Imperial Government to allow solicitation for burials and to advise that the executive could not agree to the proposed circularisation of sub-branches.

Statutory Rules and Regulations National Security Act.—The Federal Executive advised that the Commonwealth Government was considering representations recently made on this matter.

Suggested Fund: Relief in Turkey.—Bunbury sub-branch suggested that the League should inaugurate a fund for the purpose of relief in Turkey. The reply was left in the hands of the State secretary.

Soldier Patients in Old Men’s Home.—The superintendent of the Old Men’s Home sought the permission of the State Executive to circularise various sub-branches for donations to assist in the screening of pictures at the Home. It was agreed to advise the superintendent that the State Executive was not in favour of such action and that, as the result of the efforts of sub-branches of the League, a fund had been established for the comfort of ex-service inmates of the Home. Further, that from that fund a grant of £10 would be made for the purpose stated by the superintendent.

War Funds Council.—General authorisation for the League to raise moneys for patriotic funds was received from the secretary of the War Funds Council.

Connect Canteens Abroad.—A communication from the N.D.A. sub-branch in regard to this matter was deferred pending the return of the State President.

B.E.S.L. Records.—Mr. Cornell stated that he had it in his power to arrange for the original records of the first B.E.S.L. conference held in South Africa. He offered these to the League. It was agreed that the matter be deferred until next meeting.

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KUKERIN

The annual meeting was held on January 27. Mr. J. C. A. Pike was re-elected president and Mr. W. Broadwith vice-president. A welcome return to the sub-branch was made by Mr. Bill Broadwith, after a sojourn at Boulder. The annual dinner has been arranged for February 24.

OSBORNE PARK

The boys are in harness again, after the Christmas recess, but the hot weather has caused a temporary suspension of the dances. Alf Dane is about again, after his recent indisposition. The ladies of the comfort committee are very satisfied with their first effort in sending parcels to all local lads on service. Many letters of thanks have been received. The Memorial Hall looks brighter now with its cyclone fence and the trellis fence across the vacant part of the block.

ARMADALE

The monthly and general meeting was held on January 10. The election of officers for the coming year was as follows: President, Mr. J. Taylor, Hon. secretary, Mrs. C. Cummerly (re-elected), treasurer, Mr. W. Berry (re-elected), committee, Messrs. H. Price, A. Clarke, A. Sanderson and J. Watson; joint auditors, Messrs. J. Baldson and C. Marsh; caretaker and steward, Joe Cuff (re-elected). The ranks of members of this sub-branch, including the past president (an hon. secretary), are thinned by the demands of national service, but the above is a strong and capable team and should be able to fulfil the many obligations and duties which an important sub-branch has to meet in a war year. The president (Mr. Taylor)—an ex-Imperial man—has the ability and public-spiritedness to carry out the best traditions of his office, and he has the good wishes and support of all the members. The sub-branch membership now stands at 82, of whom 72 are financial. Routine and financial business was dealt with and the retiring office-bearers were accorded a hearty vote of thanks. It was arranged to hold a special smoke social on the third Saturday night in February, with Messrs. R. S. Sampson, M.L.A., and Ross McLarty, M.L.A., as guests of honour.

PERTH

The annual meeting was again well attended. Many new faces were to be seen, but few volunteered for active service with the result that "The Old Brigade" were re-elected to do their hard yoke. Members were delighted to welcome Bill Rea as the new treasurer. The half-yearly report disclosed a loss on the six months' work, but this is not very serious as the euchre, bridge and dance evenings are proving very popular. During the month 20 members visited "The Evergreens" camp at Swanbourne and, after a pleasant games evening, came away feeling that much had been done to break the monotony of camp life. It was gratifying to see one of the sub-branch's past presidents (Capt. Buchan) in charge of the Y.M.C.A. hut. The Perth sub-branch has decided to adopt ten lonely W.A. Diggers for the duration of the war.

SUBLACO

The chief business at the February general meeting was the decision not to hold a picnic this year, in view of the extra work already entailed by new responsibilities. A good attendance of members heard the curator, Mr. Lightfoot (now happily recovered from a recent indisposition), who, although unsuccessful attempt to wrench the patriotic funds not yet contributed by Western Australia from the clutch of the Federal Government. Nothing daunted, and with his wounds still fresh upon him, he turned to the defence of the Kimberleys from the massed attacks of hordes of refugees. At one stage it appeared that he might again be overborne, but the day was saved by

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Gaulter Wilkins, who, with Nordic guile pointed out the uses of a flank attack, inciting the faithful to battle, with well-chosen passages from the gospel according to St. Goebbels. This, with the usual 3-gallon keg, made a pleasant evening. Bridge evenings and dances continue fair and warmer. Coming bridge evenings are February 24 and March 9.

REINFORCED ARMY NURSES

The president (Miss Clifton) presided at the general meeting on December 5. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Clifton; secretary, Miss Perkins; treasurer, Miss Ashton; committee, Madames Gibbs, Harrison, Graham-Brown, Misses Davies, Simons and Borwick; warden of ceremonial, Miss Hayes; vice-warden, Mrs. Tressider. Sister Nicholson’s resignation of the secretoryship was accepted with deep regret. On Thursday, January 25, the sub-branch entertained the Army Nurses of the Second A.I.F. The guests were welcomed by the president and made honorary members of the club. The guests of honour were Misses Clinch, Burgess, Edau, Warner, Robert Whiteford, Goff, Membray and Whitefield. There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting on February 2. A letter was received from the secretary of the Nightingale Club, suggesting that the sub-branch co-operate in the formation of a joint committee for the purpose of welcoming Army Nurses. Miss Borwick and Mrs. Tressider were chosen to represent the sub-branch. Miss Riggs donated ten shillings for the club.

ALBANY

The Burns’ night and welcome home to Alec Craigie was an outstanding success. Much business was despatched at the meeting on February 6. Alec Craigie signalled his return by moving the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting. The president (Mr. A. H. Richardson) reported on the visit of Mr. J. H. Prowse. After discussion of appeals from two organisations for funds, it was finally resolved that no donations could be made from sub-branch funds, as the whole of the sub-branch’s resources would be needed in Albany. The wording of the motion was “That donations to patriotic funds be referred to the management committee for recommendation.” It was moved by Mr. Whiteford, and seconded by Mr. Colvin. That the sub-branch protest strongly against the non-inclusion of Albany in the compulsory training scheme, and urge that it be included as soon as possible. After discussion, the motion was carried. On the motion of Mr. Colvin, seconded by Mr. Coles, it was resolved that a sub-committee be appointed to meet other local organisations to arrange for the entertainment of troops passing through Albany. The following were appointed to the sub-committee: Messrs. Colvin, Williams, Geale, Puls and Richardson.

HARVEY

The annual meeting was held on January 9. In reviewing the sub-branch’s activities for the year, the president (Mr. Lothhouse) referred to the serious drains that had been made on the amelioration fund. The sub-branch had been successful in one out of three pension claims. A member who had been threatened with eviction from his farm had been assisted by the land committee. The annual reunion had been attended by 86 members and guests and a successful dance on December 17 wound up the activities of 1939. The principal business of the evening was the election of office-bearers for 1940. For the seventh successive year, Mr. B. H. Lothhouse was elected president. Others elected were: Vice-presidents, Messrs. T. W. D. Smith and R. Irvine; treasurer, Mr. F. J. Jurgenson; auditors, Messrs. Leek, Campbell and Ogle; social committee, Messrs. R. Maidment, B. Keynes, C. Beaucleer, W. Jackson, G. Nelson, E. D. Eames, C. G. Eames, T. W. D. Smith, R. Irvine, P. Jurgenson and J. Leed; hall management committee, Messrs. B. H. Lothhouse, E. D. Eames, T. W. D. Smith, R. Irvine, P. Jurgenson and J. Leed; and committee, Messrs. B. H. Lothhouse and T. W. D. Smith. Mr. Johnstone announced that he would not stand again for the secretaryship, and, as there were no nominations for this office, the election was deferred until the February meeting.

CLAREMONT

The annual meeting was held in the Parish Hall on January 11. The retiring president (Mr. C. H. Briggs) welcomed the new executive and paid a high tribute to the new president. The following members were elected: President, Mr. T. Storry; vice-presidents, F. Davies and E. Woodland; secretary, Mr. Ford; treasurer Mr. C. Arndt; committee, Messrs. G. Day, J. Jacques, A. Wallace, C. Bannister, W. Beating, D. Whitehead, B. Bush, A. Aldridge. Next month the sub-branch will be holding the annual smoke. All members are requested to procure their tickets as soon as possible. The annual Christmas entertainment was well attended by members and their children. The duty of Father Christmas was undertaken by Mr. Les. Dewar. Many thanks go to the ladies of the women’s auxiliary who attended to the supper arrangements. The Claremont sub-branch of the A.S.L. have moved into temporary quarters in the Parish Hall. Mr. G. Day is warden, with Mr. Jacques and Mr. Bright as sub-wardens.

KALGOORLIE

There being no general monthly meeting in January, things have been somewhat quiet at the Institute. The executive met on January 19 and dealt with an accumulation of matters held over from the Christmas and New Year periods. The entertainment committee held a special meeting on January 26 to go into the matter of a proposed gymkhana to be held in March on the trotting ground. The Trotting Association has kindly lent the ground for the occasion and will put on three trotting events. A tentative programme has been drawn up, including pedestrian events, cycling, log-chop, tug-o’-war and events for boys and girls. Alex. Dickson is still doing a good job as hospital visitor and looks after the requirements of the Diggers in the wards. The weekly broadcast by station 6KG still goes on. Stan Jago is the chap at the mike.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDEVILLE

There was a record attendance at the annual meeting. The retiring president in his report touches on the good fellowship amongst the members and the amiable working of all his committees, especially the sick visitors. He also stressed the great work that had been done by the women’s auxiliary.

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The secretary gave his report in his usual Fred Charles manner. He stated that the average attendance was 45.8 for the year, and that 34 new members had joined up. The Poppy Day sales were a record for the sub-branch, which shows how Mrs. Lee and Mrs. James organised the ladies for the occasion. During the evening the two war photos were presented to the sub-branch by a member, Jim Frewson. An amplifier and loud-speaker were presented by Mr. Johnston. Both were thanked for their donations. The election of office-bearers caused great excitement and resulted as follows: President, G. H. Williams; vice-presidents, Messrs. Blah and Kelsey; auditor, Mr. Prendergast; secretary, F. Charles; publicity, Ted Nathan; building, T. Campbell, Morek, Keely, Richardson; social, Nathan, Andrews, O'Neill, Stockman, Stanton, Maxwell, Moore, Diggins, Longbottom, Billings, Keeley and Sing; accommodation, Messrs. Rowlies, Kay, Blah. Mr. Logan acted as returning officer, assisted by three members. Visitors included a member from South Australia, Mr. Bill James and the secretary for North Perth (Mr. Lang). Members of the Second A.I.F. were welcomed at a previous meeting.

MANJIMUP

We have lost our secretary, Bert Beer, who for the past three years has kept our books and records and written our letters and all that; and in between times, in his capacity of head of Manjimup school, has taught the young idea how to shoot (but not in the military sense). He has been transferred to a metropolitan school, but is coming down to our reunion on February 10, when he will be presented with a Certificate of Service. Our R.S.I. ball has become quite a popular place for social events, and is paying its way. On February 24 we are to have a dance in Jardee Hall for the special purpose of buying an artificial leg for a Digger, whose false limb has become useless. Unfortunately, the loss of the original leg was not war caused, and so it is not a Rept. responsibility. At the meeting on February 8, acting on the proposal of Albert Hastings, we decided to urge the authorities to lift the prohibition of gifts of fruit, at least as far as hospitals, homes and hospitals and camps are concerned. Last year the sub-branch and its women's auxiliary collected and forwarded quite a respectable number of cases of fruit, all given freely, for the several invalid homes. This year, the owners of all orchards registered under the marketing scheme are forbidden to give away any apples, as their crops have all been acquired by the Marketing Board.

BASSENEAN

The first sports meeting was held on January 18. The president (Mr. H. K. Minchin) was in charge of operations, and the meeting was a huge success. The business meeting on February 1 was well attended. It is pleasing to note that new members are enrolled at each meeting. A record is being kept of all men existing from the district for the present war, so that the interests of their dependents may be watched over while they are abroad. Members are reminded that the annual picnic will be held on March 3 instead of February 25. The following office-bearers were elected: President, H. K. Minchin; vice-presidents, F. Smith and A. Jobling; secretary, H. Fry; treasurer, J. Bridson; social and unemployment secretary, W. Matthews; trustees, T. Prenter and R. Lovelock; stewards, G. Atkins and Webbar; publicity officer, T. Summerton.

CARLISLE

The president (Mr. L. Gilsenan) presided over a bumper attendance of over 40 at the monthly meeting. Two new members were enrolled. Mr. O. Durkin was elected treasurer, Mr. Campbell mess secretary and Mr. G. Greaves social secretary. The annual picnic was held on February 4 at South Beach under ideal and most enjoyable conditions. Thanks are due to members of the auxiliary for their cooperation, and to the committee members who helped to make the outing such a success. A good muster is required at the next meeting on March 7.

PEMBERTON

The annual meeting was held on February 6, with Mr. E. A. Smith in the chair. In his address, the president mentioned the spectacular progress that had been made during the year, the steady increase of membership and the good spirit that animated all the sub-branch's activities. The following officers were elected: President, G. B. Todd; vice-presidents, E. A. Smith and J. Smith; secretary, G. Betty; assistant secretary, T. Evans; social secretary, J. Rorberry; treasurer, A. Robertson; auditor, E. A. Smith; committee, Messrs. McLachlan, Bryant, Falls and Dickson. The committee requests that the next-kin of soldiers in the Second A.I.F. to forward their names and other particulars to the secretary. Arrangements were made for dances, the first of which will be held on February 17.

FREMANTLE CITY AND DISTRICT

On January 18, the sub-branch kept open-house for members of the Second A.I.F. and New Zealand Diggers. The business of the evening was relegated to the background, and the carnival spirit prevailed. The visitors were warmly welcomed by the president (Tom Hobbs). Members of the Senior Service were also present. One big, bluff-bearded mate, with a sort of American accent, mystified the hosts until they learnt that their guest was a member of the Royal Canadian Navy. In returning thanks, the guests spoke enthusiastically of the reception and hospitality accorded them in Western Australia. This point was specially emphasised by the Enzed. Much business was transacted at the meeting on February 1. Among the subjects discussed was the use of the building for the entertainment of younger comrades of the present fighting forces and the musical festival which will be launched on an ambitious scale next April. It will be conducted under vice-regal patronage and will conclude with a grand concert in the Fremantle Town Hall on Wednesday, April 24.

WAROONA-HAMEL

The annual meeting was held in the Memorial Hall on February 2. Mr. S. Handley was elected president, Mr. S. R. Ivey secretary. It being a very hot and close night, there was not as big a roll-up as usual. During the past year we lost our President (Mr. Ballard), who has answered the last roll call. Mr. J. Browne has left the district. We are having quite a number of calls on our amelioration fund. Diggers going through on the track are a problem. We cannot see them want for food. Next meeting on March 1, 1940. Roll up, as we are getting near the time for our annual smoke.

MOSMAN PARK

Our January meeting was held on the 30th and Geo. Ashworth was in charge of operations. A moderate attendance of about 30, many familiar faces being absent. During the evening two visitors were introduced—Mr. Davis, of Dwellingup, and Mr. Wilson, of Fremantle. Mr. Paton was also present as a member of the State Executive. One new enrolment was made during the evening, Geo. Watson, and our nominal roll now shows 101 members. The main business of the evening was that of attempting to determine the fund to which we should devote our efforts in raising of cash. Both the Y.M.C.A. and the R.S.L. were under discussion, and it was decided to leave the matter to the committee for decision. Meanwhile, the social committee will proceed to arrange programmes from which to raise the necessary. At the conclusion of

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the meeting, a quiet marathon was attempted, but the efforts of the boys was frustrated by the information that Billy Gibson had just become the proud father of another girl. The consequent head-wetting detracted from averages; nevertheless, some good performances were recorded. Our member, Gil. Clements, distinguished himself by winning the State singles) bowls championship, and is to be congratulated on his efforts. Gil. is also a good shot with the gun, and we are hoping to see him in our A.R.M.S. team this season. Next general meeting, Tuesday, February 27, and at the conclusion of business a series of games will be staged, from which a preliminary selection of the teams for this year will be made. The library is still proceeding satisfactorily, but more members and donations of books are required.

VICTORIA PARK

The annual picnic took place on Saturday, February 11. Shortly after 10 a.m. the good ship "Valkyrie" departed from Barrack Street jetty with a goodly crowd, determined to treat themselves to a right royal day, which they certainly did. No magnetic mines or U-boats disturbed our voyage. Keane's Point was the first stop, afterwards we proceeded to Fremantle for a view of the shipping. H.M.A.S. "Sydney" left as a perfect target, and we are hoping to see the men in the Australian forces. At the picnic a wonderful response to the request for interested members to attend. Mrs. McKinlay came along and said that she was pleased that discharged in the usual expeditious manner. Games and social intercourse then became the order of the evening. This sub-branch has again entered for the A.R.M.S. competitions, and members have already had a preliminary try out. Our old friend and member, Alex Panton, was present, and entertained members with interesting sidelights on his recent trip to the Eastern States. We shortly hope to have farewell two sub-branch members who have joined the Second A.I.F., one in our recent secretary, Mr. F. J. Stout, and also Sid Kaberry. New members continue to enroll, and the president (Harold Ingle) recently welcomed A. R. Pownall and George Daniel. Members are looking forward to a visit from the representatives of the Shell Company, and we expect to see their film on the petroleum industry. We are always ready to get some more "dinkum oil." The annual picnic takes place on February 18 at Goodee and great interest is being shown in the sub-branch 100 yards championship. All members intend to take part, and several have already broken down under the intensive training they have been indulging in. Despite a gammy leg, our secretary (Harold Hains) has been consistently lapping the Leederville Oval, and reports that whilst several other members have nothing to hide concerning their training routine, the dark horses appear to be the most favoured. George Warden, of Wembley, and Andrew (Diver) Hughes should worthy uphold the reputation of the Wembley district in George Tummell's absence. Unfortunately, our friend Warden has been unable to train very much owing to having to take the baton almost nightly with the sub-branch choir. Should these notes reach the eye of any returned soldier in the district, who has not yet joined the sub-branch, he can be definitely assured of a most hearty welcome. Perhaps he could make himself known to the president, secretary or publicity officer, who will be only too pleased to range to introduce him at the next meeting on Monday, March 11. The publicity officer, V. E. Troode, c/o. Westralian Farmers Ltd., Wellington Street, Perth, will also be pleased to receive any interesting comment on the activities of members.

Victoria Park had made a move in this direction. She spoke on various other matters in connection with the auxiliaries' work for the welfare of the forces, reminding members that our other work for the sick and other members of the First A.I.F. must not be forgotten. A sub-committee was formed in connection with the auxiliaries' work. Mrs. Barnett was elected chairman, Mrs. Tolmie deputy chairman and L. A. Coleman hon. secretary and treasurer. Over £3 was contributed by members for the purchase of wool. It was decided to meet on the first, third and fourth Thursday evening of each month in the lesser R.S.L. hall at the corner of Salford Street. Mrs. Harry Taylor kindly consented to take charge of the stock.

MAYLANDS

The auxiliary is doing some valuable work. At Christmas they visited all hospitals where Diggers were sick and gave each Digger a parcel, distributed cigarettes and lollies, besides holding concerts. The sick stewardsesses, Messrs. Wyne, Sandercott and Pettis, have visited all hospitals and homes for Diggers and taken them fruit, cakes, lollies, jam and books, over 340 parcels being given. At the last meeting we had as our honoured guest Mrs. McKinlay (State president), who congratulated us on our hospital work. She also spoke on war work, for which a lot of our members are keen workers for Red Cross and N.S.D., a number having passed their exams.

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<td>Every 2nd Tuesday in month at 8 a.m. Executive, alternate Fridays</td>
<td>H. James, Forests Department, Brookman Street, Kalgoorlie</td>
<td>D. F. Edwards, Kalgoorlie</td>
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<td>KARRIDALE &amp; DISTRICT</td>
<td>Derby</td>
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<td>J. Whoolay, Karridale</td>
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<td>Club Rooms, Carew Street</td>
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<td>KELLERBERRIN</td>
<td>Koorda</td>
<td>Quarterly (committee, 1st Friday)</td>
<td>Chas. H. Smith</td>
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<td>KOORDA</td>
<td>Kukerin Hotel</td>
<td>Last Saturday, quarterly (Jan., April, July, Oct.)</td>
<td>J. C. A. Pike, &quot;Falcondale,&quot; Kukerin</td>
<td>E. W. Robinson, Koorda</td>
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<td>H. H. Pelham, Lake Grace</td>
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<td>LAKE GRACE</td>
<td>Lake King Hall</td>
<td>2nd Sunday in month</td>
<td>R. D. Allen, Lake King</td>
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<td>Town Hall, Manjimup; Jarrade No. 1 State Mill (alternate month)</td>
<td>2nd Thursday, 8 a.m.</td>
<td>J. L. Mackenzie, Manjimup</td>
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<td>H. V. Jenkinson, Mt. Barker</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Supper Room, Town Hall, Maylands</td>
<td>Alt. Thursday, 7.30 p.m. (pension week)</td>
<td>S. Horton, Alma Road, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>L. T. King, 10 Carrington Street, Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>R. Fugh, Menzies</td>
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<td>J. Sheppard, Brookman</td>
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<td>R.S.L. Hall, Johnston St.</td>
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<td>G. A. Ashworth, Bond...</td>
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<td>E. W. Edwards, Mag...</td>
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<td>V. M. Creadie, Bencubbin</td>
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<td>1st Thursday, 7.45 p.m.</td>
<td>O. J. Williams, 21 Gro...</td>
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<td>Every 4th Friday</td>
<td>R. H. Rutherford, Mun...</td>
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<td>Mornington Mills...</td>
<td>Every alternate Sunday...</td>
<td>H. Smith, Forestry Dep...</td>
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<td>NAREMBEEN...</td>
<td>R.S.L. Institute, Narrogin</td>
<td>Last Thursday in each month</td>
<td>A. S. Graham, Naremb...</td>
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<td>NEDLANDS...</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building,</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>J. M. Anderson, 35 Tyrr...</td>
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<td>4th Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Lieut-Col. H. C. Bond...</td>
<td>S. Tugby, 42 Holland St...</td>
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<td>Railway Hotel, Northam...</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
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<td>H. C. S. Colebatch, Fitz...</td>
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<td>St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe</td>
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<td>W. L. Menkens, 30 Red...</td>
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<td>Monash House, 23 King</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday...</td>
<td>J. O'Farrell, 223 Fitz...</td>
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<td>F. Archer, East Pingelly</td>
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<td>E. S. Watt, c/o...</td>
<td>23 King Street, Perth</td>
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<td>R.S.L. Hall, 61 Townshend</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 10 a.m.</td>
<td>W. E. Sanders, National...</td>
<td>J. Newman, &quot;Mar...&quot;</td>
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<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Bank, Southern Cross...</td>
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<td>E. E. E. Condon, 65 Hes...</td>
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<td>E. J. Wroth, Toodyay...</td>
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<td>F. Smeaton, Traying...</td>
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<td>3rd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. Nicol, 35 Miller...</td>
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<td>J. H. B. Lawton, Yeal...</td>
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