It would be both premature and inadvisable to attempt to forecast what will happen as the result of the recent conferences in Cairo and Teheran, but friend and foe alike may rest assured that the New Year will be a most unhappy one for the enemy. Newspaper comment on the statement issued from Cairo drew attention to the fact that Japan has already had sentence pronounced upon her. While not entering into details, the Allies have told that country that she will be compelled to evacuate not only the territories she has over-run by force of arms, but also those island groups which were mandated to her after the last war, and which she illegally fortified, in contravention of the terms of her mandate. Underlying the declarations from Cairo and Teheran are the indications that the holding period of the war is ending and that the United Nations are about to pass from the strategy of active defence to an offensive strategy in every theatre of the war.

Japan’s treacherous entry into the war prolonged the holding period. Even after the tidal wave from Tokio had spent its force against the Allied barriers to our north, there was still much anxiety in the countries directly affected by the extension of the war into the Pacific. The year 1941 ended in an atmosphere of gloom and doubt. The outlook was certainly brighter as last year drew towards its predesignated close. This year is ending, not only in the certainty of victory, which was never really absent even in the darkest days, but with a feeling of assurance that victory is within measurable distance.

It is characteristic of the general outlook at present that plans for the opening years of the peace are attracting almost as much concentration as the plans for the ending of the war. So far, most of these plans are still in the “blue print” stage; but the general ideas are there, waiting to be translated into concrete form. One finger-post to the future should be of immediate interest to everyone in this country: That is the declaration about the future status of Japan in the Pacific. The nations bordering that vast ocean in North and South America as well as in Asia and Australasia, are practically certain to establish some form of control for the prevention of future aggression, and for the development of native races in peace and freedom from political oppression or economic exploitation. In this new order for the Pacific, it is expected, and is even imperative, that Australia must play an influential part; but before we can influence history in our own part of the globe we must set our own house in order.

Australia’s future influence will be in the direct ratio to her strength. By that is not meant strength in the naval and military sense, though it should be plain to the veriest dunce that naval and military impotence will hinder reconstruction, just as it proved an overpowering temptation to the gangster Powers during the days of the umbrella appeasement policy. Obviously, it will not be possible for the United Nations to disarm completely, or even substantially, for some years after the enemy is overthrown. On the other hand, we should be reverting to the level of the people we are fighting against if we neglected any opportunity to strengthen our own peace front.

In the years between the wars, it was frequently said that our wide open spaces were a source of weakness to ourselves and a challenge to other countries. In fact, not so very long before the war, we were bluntly warned by one of our own political leaders that we must populate or perish. The size of the population that Australia can support has been a matter of controversy for scientists; but while the experts disagree over numbers, they are unanimous to the extent that the country can support a much larger population than its seven odd millions. Hitherto, we have been lucky. We have maintained a racial homogeneity to the extent that we have remained considerably more than 90 per cent. British, while the non-British elements have been either men of kindred races or at least people who can be assimilated into our own racial and social structures. That is the position we want to preserve when the war is over. Natural increase would be the most desirable means to this end, if we are given time; but the more leisurely ways of the past will not suit the future.

Admitting this, it is high time our Government made it clear that we took up arms to resist aggression, to preserve the integrity of our Empire and of our Commonwealth, and not for the privilege of giving our homes away, or of throwing open our doors to all and sundry. Our present position is sure to be chal-
Federal Congress Personalities
(By J.A.)

The Federal Congress of the League always brings together interesting people who are enthusiastic for our organisation. This year was no exception, and although periodically attacks are made on the leaders by persons who fear unity and strength, my association has always found the men who accept responsibility at Congress to be sincere and well-balanced with a fervent desire to do the right thing for the soldier, sailor and airman who, these days are carrying the burden of the strife; and also to do the fair thing to our country.

Hence a few rough sketches of the delegates may be of interest.

The guiding influence of Congress was Sir Gilbert Dyett who maintains his interest in League affairs. One soon realises Sir Gilbert is no ordinary chap. When he was here we saw his dynamic personality, and with his knowledge of League affairs the combination is rare. He proves on motions from the States which read "Congress views with alarm." Amongst his vices must be that of chess or billiards, because he is always looking for a move or a stroke ahead. To preface a motion in such a way, unless you can substantiate same with facts, is inviting trouble. His point is that to go to a maintained for bringing immigrants here. Otherwise, we shall have to take what is forced on us, and this we shall cease to be the homogenised people who can best influence the march of events in our own part of the world and beyond it.

Minister for something and at the same time view with alarm the administration of his department is too much. And there is logic here. It almost seems analogous to the man who criticises his boss to all and sundry when he is being well treated and then when the axe falls is the injured party. Despite his long service, Sir Gilbert is still young, and the Feds do not see why the League should go down to the lead he gave Congress on knotty points.

R. D. Itshash is president of the Queensland Branch. He has occupied this position for many years—someone at Congress said he had been elected for his 18th year. One of the identities of the League, he is well-known at the Congress table. Aliens are a problem in Queensland, and he pours forth his eloquence on this subject. Bob Huihns runs a department store, and is a business man with keen ideas.

L. Pumfrey is a new man and hails from Toowoomba. He has made an impression in returned soldier affairs and is a sincere type. Each time he spoke he held something to say of value to Congress.

New South Wales had Colonel A. W. Hyman and Keith Todd to make their representations, which were rather numerous. Colonel Hyman took over the presidency of the NSW Branch from Len Robb, and is a lawyer, practising in Sydney. He is one of the foundation members of Sydney Legacy, and spoke with the Legacy Club function in Holy Trinity, which was given to delegates. Colonel Hyman is keen to do what he can for the soldier, but conflicting interests make his job a hard one. Keith Todd is Country Vice-President, and comes from Griffith, in the irrigation area. He has been a delegate for many years, and is associated with all matters affecting soldier settlers in NSW. Manpower, repatriation and district agricultural councils are some of the jobs he has in addition to the League, and stands up to the barrage Congress. Keith has a lot of knowledge of RSL work, and is eager to do the right thing for the new and old soldier.

H. ("Tiny") Holmberg and W. E. Townsend were the Victorian representatives. Tiny Holmburg is Country Vice-President and a big man of 20 odd stone, with big ideas. A successful business man from Elwood, he is listened to with respect, and talked a lot of sense. Tiny is a popular man, and has the personal knowledge to press the difficulties of the man on the land. Bill Townsend is Vice-President of the Victorian Branch. He was selected when President George Holland was unable to make the trip. A vice-president, who specialises in pension matters for the State Branch, himself a war sufferer, he has done good work for other sufferers, and his remarks regarding repatriation were sound and informative. One of the brigade who does the hard job does not seem tired. Eric Millhouse, the President, led the South Australians. Eric is an outstanding lawyer, and in his idle moments between attending the High Court and local courts, takes an active interest in many
organisations. Besides being President of the League, he is President of the South Australian Football League, and chairman of the Police Appeal Board. He was chairman of the Billiards Association and other organisations. An asset to the League, he is an able speaker and brings the legal and also the common-sense view before delegates. He did not speak often, but with distinction.

Ross Jacob was the second delegate from South Australia. A past president of the South Australian Branch, he was the representative of the League at the unveiling of the Australian War Memorial at Villers-Bretonneaux. Ross is a pastoralist and farmer, and has given excellent service to the League, being chairman of the Club Committee at the Angas St. Headquarters of the South Australian Branch. The RSL Club in Adelaide is always favourably commented on by delegates. He is with Ross Jacob. He is one of the few colonels about these days who gained full spurs on the field of battle. Talks of retiring from active League work, but it is too good a man to go wholly into oblivion.

The responsibility of caring and arranging for the housing and general affairs of Congress fell on the Tasmanian Branch, and the leader was Jim Mitchell, who took up the State presidency when Les Mullen passed away. In private life Jim Mitchell is Official Receiver in Bankruptcy, and a nice chap. He is new to his high League job, but nevertheless efficient, and his control of the arrangements, coupled with the assistance of the State Secretary, left nothing to be desired. The exactness of the accountant characterises his work, and he should do well as the Tasmanian President. The second delegate was Jack Chamberlain, a farmer and member of the Tasmanian Parliament for the Ulverstone area. Jack is noted for his advocacy of the Digger's cause. Fiery sometimes, he gets his point home. Has wit in his makeup, and it just rolls out of him. In the Tasmanian Parliament there is no Hansard, so many of his witty speeches are missed in record, as he is reputed to reel it off in Parliament as he spoke at a reception to delegates. A good chap, and a real Digger's man.

The W.A. representatives were Tom Edmondson (President) and Jim Anderson (Senior Vice-President); but you know them, and I will not waste further space.

Perhaps the most interesting personality at Congress was Colonel A. G. Butler, from the Australian Capital Territory. A doctor, he was one of the leading Brisbane medical men prior to the Great War, and recently was awarded the rare honour of receiving the British Medical Association Gold Medal for outstanding work. - Now attached to the Australian War Memorial staff, he wrote the Australian history of the 1914-18 War. Whilst he often expressed his amazement as a newcomer to Congress of the matters dealt with, his own contributions, freely given, were listened to with great interest, and we were fortunate in having a medical mind to bring into the research in preparing the medical history and study of nervous diseases provided the basis for several fine speeches. A stickler for the soldier whom he attended on Gallipoli and in France, every delegate felt it a privilege to meet him, and they all hope to meet this grand old man again.

Sir Gilbert Dyett called all the State secretaries to Hobart this year, and with Vince Raymont they were a helpful party. I say helpful, because who knows the League better than the State Secretary? It was pleasing to see every one of them present, and it is a good scheme to foster these meetings, because each is a good man, and the League being an Australian body, the interchange of ideas should be Australia-wide. From their discussions nothing but advantage and co-operation can result. They should be present at all congresses in order that in their work they will know the minds of delegates. I will mention them in turn following the States from the north. George J. Angell is the Queensland Secretary. He expressed himself logically and showed that he was very much in touch with repatriation and other soldier legislation.

J. R. (Dick) Lewis, from New South Wales, took over from A. R. Cutler, VC. Jack is a friendly chap who has been a coal mine executive, and he brings with him the temperament, and should do well in his job.

C. W. (Charlie) Joyce looks after Victorian affairs. As editor of "Mutti," he writes considerably and well on soldier matters. A modest, likeable chap, he does good work.

F. E. (Frank) Reynolds, of South Australia, was the wit of the party. Frank is a bundle of energy, and the progress of the League in South Australia speaks a story of Frank's efforts.

Our own Dave Benson is the Senior Secretary, having held office for a longer period than the others. It must be close on 20 years now. Dave managed to hold his own, and enjoyed the contact with other secretaries.

The Tasmanian, F. E. (Fred) Cotton, was the hardest-worked at Congress. He was on the job night and day. It is no easy job for the State where Federal Congress is held. Fred earned the thanks and good wishes of all for his attention to detail, and he spared no effort in his desire to make the Congress a success.

H. K. (Keith) Joyce is from Canberra, and is the Australian Capital Territory Hon. Secretary. All his spare time is for the RSL, and he is on the staff of the Department of the Interior. A good chap, well the League at heart.

Last, but not least, is E. V. (Vince) Raymond, General Secretary. Vince had plenty of worries, but is one of those efficient types who manages to get things done. The Hobart "Mercury" paid a tribute to him, and it was well deserved.

These notes would not be complete without mentioning J. (Jack) Webster, Acting Chairman of the Repatriation Commission, and H. H. (Horace) Richardson, Commissioner of War Service Homes. Horace was connected with the League in Tasmania, and then became General Secretary in Melbourne, from that position going to the Repatriation Commission. He attends all Congresses. You can have a straight talk with him, and he will get with the Department point of view, which is helpful and gives delegates a lot of information. Jack has the confidence of the League, and is doing a job which gets criticism. Our Repatriation Act is a good one, and Jack Webster helped to make it so. H. H. Richardson, although not called upon to defend his Department like his mate, nevertheless gave his point of view, and we hope to see the War Service Homes Commission soon building houses again.

Horace Richardson was one of those who had to clean up some of the early mess, and this experience should be of great value to the new Diggers.

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In the history of any great social movement that is destined to determine the mode and conditions of life of a people throughout a prolonged cultural cycle, it is always possible to identify, by "wisdom after the event" on occasion or other, what wisdom and perspicacity have discerned and pointed out the way to the social and national salvation. History tells of many such. And those communities have "come out on top" in the struggle for existence who have had the wisdom and the ability to discern the actual nature of the problems that beset them. And again, as I have suggested, there appears in the pages of a small book like the one I have written, a beacon-light such as I have indicated above. It is contained within the pages of a small book, "War Aims of a Plain Australian" by Angus & Robertson, and in this little work we have a potential focal point of thought for every Australian who has the real will-to-service should not fail to derive, not necessarily an exact, cut-and-dried scheme of social adjustments, but inspiration and suggestions which shall enable him to think for himself clearly and constructively on these matters; and thus to play a worthwhile part as a citizen in the future of Australia.

State Secretaries' Conference

During his recent trip to the Federal Congress, the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson) attended a conference of State Secretaries. All branch secretaries were present, including Mr. H. E. Joyce, the Secretary of the Australian Capital Territory Branch. One important matter discussed was that of new members joining the League, while away from their home States. This problem first presented itself when Queensland enrolled many hundreds of AIF men, who had returned from the Middle East. At first the Queensland Branch issued badges and decided what the cost from the State Capital. Then it was decided to retain the first half of the subscription, and transfer the members with the second half. It was finally decided that Queensland, or any other State which enrols a new member, whose permanent home is in any other State, shall retain all the first year's subscription and, on the second year, transfer such a member to his home State.

The majority of the States announced that badges were not now issued to servicemen joining, who were still with the forces. Such members were told that the badge would be retained for them in trust, and issued to them after discharge. A membership card was issued in place of the badge.

The general practice among other State branches has been, to date, that all subscriptions are paid from January 1 in each year, and, no matter what month a member joins, he pays the full subscription of 10/- per annum. The Federal Constitution provides for this, and so does Rule 19 (1) of our own State Constitution, which says: "The subscriptions shall be 10/- per member per annum, payable yearly in advance on January 1 in each year." To have all subscriptions come in on the one day would take a lot of work off the shoulders of honorary secretaries, and it is considered, therefore, that our own branch should bring this system into operation.

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Homes for Soldiers

The advent of the Commonwealth Housing Commission in this State set the League a task to shape its housing policy, and a committee was formed, consisting of Messrs. E. S. Watt (chairman), E. O. Davies, H. E. Day (of South Perth Sub-Branch) and Colonel H. B. Collett. After a number of meetings, the following report was prepared and endorsed by the State Executive, eventually being submitted and elaborated upon to the Commission by the State President, assisted by Mr. Day.

The League is of the opinion that, subject to the any determinations by the Governments on matters of policy, such as—

(a) Large-scale housing programmes;
(b) regional planning;
(c) field of Government and private building;
(d) provision of finance;
(e) control of prices;
(f) provision of services, communications and transport;
(g) standards of dwellings;
(h) standards in respect to internal fittings and conveniences;
(i) communal requirements and amenities.

1. The policy and plan comprehended by The War Service Homes Act be retained.

2. The War Service Homes Commission be instructed, and provided with the means to resume at once its operations for the provision of homes for ex-service men.

3. In the event of the Workers Homes Board continuing to act as the agent for the WSH Commission in this State, the operations of the Commission shall not become subservient or secondary to those of the Board.

4. In the same event, a representative of the RSS&AILA shall be appointed as liaison officer between the Board and the League and shall sit with the Board when dealing with applications made under the WSH Act.

5. In any acquisition of areas of land for building purposes, made by Commonwealth or State authorities, a proportion of such area shall be set aside for the purposes of the WSH Commission.

6. In any Commonwealth or State Housing Scheme commenced during the currency of hostilities, a substantial proportion of the dwellings shall be set aside for the use of ex-service men.

7. Private ownership shall be encouraged.

8. In connection with dwellings the desiderata are:
   (a) They shall be built on sites chosen by the prospective occupier; and
   (b) to their selected design and capable of enlargement to meet later needs caused by increase and growth of families; and
   (c) at a cost within the capacity of the purchasers to pay; and
   (d) contracts for construction shall be let on a basis of competitive tendering.

9. Each house erected on its own ground, i.e., no semi-detached structures or blocks of flats.

10. Local government authority shall not have jurisdiction in respect to houses built under the WSH Act where any such house does not fully conform to the local regulations concerning "brick areas."

11. For various reasons, well known to authority, a period of time must elapse after the cessation of hostilities before ex-service men become static in the community. This can be set down at, say, five years, during which period a man may have changes of occupation, abode and marital condition.

To meet this situation it is necessary to consider the advisability of—

(a) Building under terms for conditional purchase;
(b) building for letting to ex-service men, and subsequent sale to the general public, including ex-servicemen.

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14. The rate of interest payable on advances do not exceed 2 per cent. per annum.

15. Ex-service men and widows of the 1914-18 war remain eligible, fifty-fifty, with those of the war of 1939—

Training of Ex-Service Personnel

Benefits approximating the basic wage will be accorded to ex-servicemen under the Federal Government's reconstruction training plan. Besides an allowance for books, a single man will probably receive a living allowance of £3/5/- a week. The weekly allowance for a man with one dependant will be about £4/16/- and about £5/5/- a week. The scheme is still in draft form, but the foregoing details have been released by the Ministry for Post-War Reconstruction. For members of the women's services, or widows of members of the services who have been accepted for full-time training, the living allowance proposed is £2 a week for a woman living at home and not maintaining herself, and £2/15/- a week for those not living at home, or with dependants.

Until large-scale demobilisation begins with the end of the war, discharged service personnel will be placed in positions from which they will derive most benefit in peace time. Those with no jobs to return to, or as the result of war-time nationalisation of industry, will get temporary posts of immediate national importance. In this way, their ability to qualify for the special training benefits and allowance under the training scheme will not be affected. At the end of the war, they will be eligible for all training, under the same conditions as the men and women leaving the services at that time. A committee has been established to organise the scheme. This committee foresees its introduction in three phases: during the war, during the demobilisation period, and after discharge. The War Cabinet has decided that, for service personnel honourably discharged, there will be three types of training available. The first will be full-time professional training, which takes in university courses. The second will be full-time industrial training, including technical and trade courses. The third will be part-time professional and industrial training for people who go into employment. The committee has recommended that, for part-time training, tuition and other fees will be paid, up to a limit of £20 for both men and women members of the services, and for widows of servicemen. The selection for training will take into account the relative suitability of the individual to the training, and the opportunities of profitable employment in the occupation. Part-time training will be provided for persons who wish to complete an approved course begun in the services, or whose efficiency will be improved by such training. The selection will depend on the suitability of the applicant, and the value of the training in the post-war world. Executive regional committees will be set up in the States to administer the training scheme.

In Praise of the A.I.F.

Australians as a people are not more addicted to boasting than people of other countries. We have, at times, taken a pardonable pride in our achievements in peace and war, but, as a general rule, our national fault has been too great a readiness to slump into the admission that anything done or produced in other countries is, on that account better than anything which can be done or produced here. In fact, American visitors have often taken us to task because we do not give sufficient publicity to our natural resources and our personal achievements. That is why it is good sometimes to read in our papers what other people have to say about us. It is even better to realise that what has been said plainly shows that the spirit and determination of the first AIF has been inherited by the Australian fighting men in this war.

Australian successes in New Guinea were recently the subject of a leading article in England's leading newspaper, "The Times." The article said, among other things: "If the Japanese at Sattelberg fought with more obstinacy than skill, that does not detract from the quality of the admirable Australian troops, who have borne the brunt of the ground fighting in north-eastern New Guinea. There merit is the highest, since many..."
of the troops engaged in these peculiarly difficult operations in jungles, swamps and forest-clad mountains, had served their apprenticeship and won a high reputation in the Libyan Desert, which might justifiably be described as the topographical antipodes of the Papuan theatre of war.

"It is still doubtful whether the Japanese infantry, for all their fanatical courage in defence, have any sentimental attachment to the land they were fighting in. It is a dangerous situation, but we must carry on with the job."

The impression I have got—and it is shared by all my officers—is that the supreme excellence of the Australian troops from top to bottom. They are magnificent. They know their piece. They are full of the aggressive spirit and are splendid leaders. Perhaps the most impressive thing of all is the standard of leadership. I am convinced that the Australian troops are the equals of any troops in the world. They are supremely confident that they can beat the Japanese whenever and wherever they meet them. And I would like to add that what I have said is in no sense an exaggeration."

These young men, of whom Major-General Letbridge spoke in such glowing terms, are no shadowy heroes from legends long forgotten. They are our own boys, our sons and younger brothers, lads of flesh and blood whom we have watched grow up, and whom we have probably bored stiff with our own tales of moving adventures by flood and field. They are carrying on in the spirit and traditions of our organisation when the war is over, and we may feel both sure and proud that the future of our League, and of our country, will be in such steady and capable hands."

During the last war, when the British Civil Service and almost every other institution in Britain were being combed out to provide fighting men, that outspoken London weekly, "John Bull," weighed in with the suggestion: "Why not comb out the Army?" This was recalled by Senator Collett's recent complaint in the Senate. He said there was need in the Army for economy in manpower and material. He would be satisfied if all senior officers were being used to the best of their ability. There seemed to be an excess of auxiliaries, and too many people in uniforms who did not do any Army function. The trouble with many of these commissioned civilians is that they hold substantive rank, and rank rank at that. The sight of some of them in uniform is sufficient to bring the service into contempt, and there is not one doing a job that could not be done just as well, if not far better, by returned soldiers of the last war, who are now too old for the firing line. On the other hand, fit men of fighting age have been released from the Army for full-time non-combatant work.

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On Saturday, December 4, the Artillery Comrades' Association held a very pleasant meeting in the Board Room at Anzac House, with the president W. "Bill" Beadle in the chair. After formal business was despatched, a presentation was made to Jack Kenny, who for many years has been secretary of the association. In making the presentation, Mr. Beadle referred to Jack Kenny's splendid and untiring service in connection with all matters connected with the well-being of gunners, and especially the annual arrangements for Gunners' Day. His remarks were supported by Captain C. R. Collins, of the State Executive, and the two vice-presidents, Alex Cunningham and Tom Garth. The presentation took the form of a tray and a wallet of notes. In returning thanks, Mr. Kenny was somewhat overcome with emotion, but other for a daughter of an artilleryman, two vice-presidents, and the secretary of any change of address.

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SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS

-Battles long ago were freely discussed with a familiarity that has not been blunted by the years, when South African and Imperial Veterans gathered in the Board Room at Anzac House for their Christmas reunion on December 11. The fact that December 11 was the anniversary of Magersfontein did not detract from the jollity of the occasion. Members did, however, regret the absence of the president, Major J. Colpitts, who is seriously ill in hospital. In his absence, the senior vice-president, Fred Bateson, took the chair. The general president, Brig.-General A. J. Bessell-Browne, was there, and looking better than he has for a long time. Among the guests were four members of the State Executive—the State President (Mr. T. S. Edmondson), Past President (Colonel Collett), Colonel Mansbridge, Captain C. R. Collins, and Mr. E. O. Davies, who was there in his capacity of president of the 10th-Light Horse Association. So, with Fred Bateson, the representation of the Executive was unusually strong. The brief toast list gave opportunity for some very entertaining speeches, and much emphasis was laid on the example set by the men who fought in South Africa and earlier wars, and the foundation they laid for the armies of the present. The afternoon was an enjoyable one, and well up to the standard which the veterans have set and so consistently maintained.

32nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION

All office-bearers were re-elected without opposition at the annual meeting. So, for the ensuing year, the officers are: President, Major R. A. (Dick) Geddes; secretary, J. Rutherford; assistant secretary, D. McKay; committee, A. Trimble, F. McKenzie, H. Whittlestone, J. Johnstone, C. Isbister, W. O'Shea, E. C. Moore, S. Burns and E. Mainstone; auditor, D. Napier; publicity officer, A. Downing. Incidentally, Jack Rutherford has entered on his eighth year as secretary. What the association lacks in numerical strength it makes up for in the enthusiasm of its members. This is exemplified by the fact that four most successful functions are held each year. The most important is the annual dinner each July. This is attended by members from all parts of the State. Members parade at the State War Memorial and place a wreath in honour of those men of the Battalion who fell on that disastrous July 19 at Fromelles. Socials are held annually on the evening preceding Anzac Day, and in Christmas week; while the annual general meeting, held in October, is always followed by a most enjoyable function. Members are reminded that the Christmas social will be held this year at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22, in the Wembley Hall, 347 Hay Street (East). The secretary reports that a number of invitation cards have been returned, marked "not at this address." Members are therefore asked to notify the secretary of any change of address.

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Personalities

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Mr. Archibald James Hawkins, after a short illness. The late Archie Hawkins was a big man physically, and big in every other aspect of manhood. A good Digger and a good citizen, his genial personality won him a host of friends both in and outside the League. Perhaps his best work for our organisation was done when he was secretary of the North Perth Sub-Branch, in those golden pre-war years when the sub-branches were in their prime. In later years, Mr. Hawkins was chief inspector for the Victoria Insurance Company in this State. He left the company's staff to go to the last war, and rejoined on his return from active service in 1919. During his war service, he was badly gassed, and suffered considerably from this war disability during the succeeding years. The late Mr. Hawkins was born in this State. He leaves a widow, one son and three daughters, the eldest of whom is a member of the WAAAF in another State. He was only 47 years of age when the Last Call sounded. To his bereaved family the heartfelt sympathy of this League is extended.

On December 3 Mrs. Barnett, president of the Victoria Park RSL Women's Auxiliary, entertained the committee in her home in Miller Street. Competitions, games, etc. made the time fly, and a very dainty supper was served. Mrs. Tolmie (vice-president) thanked Mrs. Barnett on behalf of the committee, and expressed a wish that this time next year the war would be over. Mrs. Larmison, one of our members, is a patient in Hill 60, Belmont, and would welcome any visitors. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Sydney papers have reported the death of Major-General John Paton, who answered the Last Call at Newcastle (NSW) at the age of 70. The late General Paton had had years of association in peace-time with the Australian Military Forces. During the last war he commanded the 11th and later the 7th Infantry Brigades of the AIF. In 1914 he was with the hastily improvised force which captured Rabaul and occupied what was then known as German New Guinea. His outstanding service during these operations was the capture of the German gunboat Komat. This was the first warship captured by Australian forces. He led the 7th Brigade through the latter half of the Gallipoli campaign.

Another link with the military history of the past century has been broken by the death of Colonel Cyril St. Clair Cameron, who was known and revered by Tasmanian soldiers for several generations. As an officer of the 12th R.Y.Lancers, he served through the Second Afghan War and rode with Bobs to Kandahar. He had a fine estate in the Tasmanian Midlands, on which he lived for the rest of his life, except when he attended the Federal Parliament as one of Tasmania’s first senators, and when he went on war service. He commanded a Tasmanian contingent in the South African War of 1899-1902. For several years he was commanding officer of Tasmania’s only regiment of Light Horse in 1914, and again as a special service officer on Birdwood’s staff, but that stern taskmaster, Anno Domini, prevented him from seeing much of the war against the Kaiser. Few men of the old voluntary service days made so deep an impression on all ranks who served with him. Colonel Cameron was a man to conjure with in Tasmania before 1914. The men of his own regiment never tired of quoting him, and junior officers even tried to look like him. That, perhaps, is the greatest compliment ever paid to a commanding officer; but Col. Cameron was one of the old school of commanding officers who made the first AIF possible.

Gloucester Park and Maylands Sub-Branches were represented at the funeral of the late Morrie M. Woods, who passed away on November 26 after an illness of over 14 months. He was a member of both sub-branches. During the last war he fought the good night with the 11th Battalion AIF, after which he became RSM, He was formerly a vice-president of Gloucester Park. He had a host of friends in both sub-branches, and throughout the League generally. His remains were cremated at Karrakatta on November 29.

Leo Ingram has now transferred to the Maylands Sub-Branch, as he is now living in that district. The sub-branch already finds him an acquisition on social nights, when he can usually stage a good vaudeville turn.

The Maylands casualty list has been a heavy one. In addition to the death of Morrie M. Woods, we regret to record that the vice-president of the sub-branch (Syd Burns) had the misfortune to lose his good wife. The president and many members of the sub-branch were able to attend the funeral. We join with them in extending deep sympathy to our bereaved comrade.

Jack Lockhart, of Maylands Sub-Branch, was able to attend the last meeting after having had another of his bad turns. It is hoped that he will continue to enjoy improved health. He is a great worker who is always keen to do his best for the sub-branch. The secretary of the sub-branch (A. Cook) has not quite recovered from his recent indisposition, but members are said to see him back in harness once more.

Lieutenant J. A. Mallett, a member of a local VDC battalion, has been appointed ADC to the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir James Mitchell), who is Honorary Colonel of the VDC in this State. The appointment, it is understood, is the first of its kind to be made in Australia. Jack Mallett is known to a host of country readers as “Martingale” of “The Western Mail.” He is a member of the Press Sub-Branch, and was a founder member of the sub-branch’s VDC unit. He is also senior vice-president of the Perth Legacy Club. Jack served through the last war, in which he was awarded the Military Medal, with the 3rd Musures, and later

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Syd Coles, of Albany, has received a cable from his son, who is in the Merchant Navy, telling his dad that he got married on December 5, which is just four years to the day since he sailed from Albany. His only son, who is now over 200 strong, and we know that he was responsible for the majority of the subscriptions. Ten new members were enrolled during the past month.

We join with the Subiaco auxiliary in extending condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Lourey, on the recent sudden death of his wife. Mrs. Lourey had long been a member of the auxiliary, and will be greatly missed by her fellow members.

We regret to report the death of Barney Fowke, a member of Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville Sub-Branch. We join with the branch in tendering our sympathy to his widow and family.

Osborne Park Diggers gave an impromptu reception to Joe Dutt, when he was discharged from hospital and resumed command of the local hostel. Joe has been a good friend of the sub-branch, and members are glad to see him back with the spots at the old spot.

There was a series of happy coincidences at the drawing of Tattersall's Melbourne Cup Consultation in Hobart last month. As everybody knows by now the winning horse, Dark Felt, was drawn by Bob Benzie of the Nedlands Sub-Branch. It was not known at the time, however, that among those who saw the drawing were two past presidents of Nedlands, and a member of that sub-branch. The past presidents were the State President (Mr. Tom Edmondson) and the Senior Vice-President of this State Branch (Mr. J. M. Anderson). The member was none other than the worthy State Secretary (Mr. Dave Benson). It made one wonder why it did not arrange this especially for the visitors. What is more, the drawing was done by the president of the South Australian Branch (Mr. Eric Millhouse); and the present manager of Tattersall's is Major A. W. Hutchins, DSO, a former member of the Staff Corps. Bob Benzie received the news of his good luck only a little while before being advised that his son, young Bob, is being repatriated after being a POW in two countries. We wish the story could have a happy ending, but, unfortunately, Bob Benzie has been far from well for a long time. One of his eyes has been giving him a lot of trouble, but latest advice suggests that he is now on the road to recovery. We join with his Nedlands coppers in hoping he will be quite well by the time his boy reaches home.

Looking hale and hearty and bearing the burden of the years lightly, W. H. Larsen, who served with the 10th Light Horse in the War of 1914-18, was in the city this month to attend the South African and Imperial Veterans' Christmas reunion. Someone asked him: "Ain't you Dad from the marginal areas?" "Oh, no,"

the sturdy veteran replied. "I sold out to him when I retired."

Two seniors of the veterans sat side by side at the recent reunion. One was E. Snashall and the other G. H. Crisp. Both are members of the Osborne Park Sub-Branch. E. Snashall was one of the helmeted, red-coated Tommies about Kowloon, and he didn't escape with the Somersets Light Infantry and went through the campaigns in Burma in 1885, 1886 and 1887. He is still physically and mentally alert. At the reunion he related how he told those around him that little of interest was taken in the welfare of the veterans in his time. Such things as veterans' reunions were still in the womb of the future.

Mr. G. H. Crisp, a former vice-president of the South African and Imperial Veterans' Association, saw service in the South African War of 1899-1902 with the Royal Engineers. During that service he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. This was on the occasion of his destroying, along with eight others, the enemy's railway line at Kroonstad, before the occupation of Pretoria, with the object of preventing the Boers from getting away with their guns. Mr. Snashall and his companions, who had with them the celebrated American scout, Major Burnham, were chased by the Boers for three days, but they were fortunate enough to escape capture.

All the returned soldiers member of the Legislative Assembly, on all sides of the House, retained their seats at the recent elections; and there are three members of the fighting services among the new members. Flight-Lieut. Newton, RAAF, who defeated Mr. W. Patrick for the Greenough seat, is only 27 years of age, and is still on active service abroad. He went overseas last year and was only recently promoted to his present rank of Lieut. At present he is captain of a Stirling bomber. Early last month he was in raids on Kassel, Frankfurt and Bremen.

Mr. Horan, the new member for Nelson, has been employed by the Pemberton Sawmills, and has lived in the district for 22 years. He is general vice-president of the Timber Workers' Union and secretary of the local branch. He has 4½ years' service in the last war, and is vice-president of the Pemberton Sub-Branch of the League.

Dear old Fred Warner, a former member of the State Executive, who held the Mt. Meeanee Country Party member in the last Parliament, did not seek re-election last month. The seat was won by Hugh Leslie, a member of the present State Executive, another Country Party man, who has seen service in both wars, and who is also presiding officer of the Wheatbelt Press group of newspapers. In recent years he has established several records. He was the only sitting president of a sub-branch of the League for 20 years, and did his service with the 2nd ALF. During the present war he served in the Middle East, and lost a leg at Tobruk. His entry into the Legislative Assembly provides that House with a one-legged member. It is already one in the Legislative Council—-the Hon. Leslie Craig. Again, while many members of Parliament have been elected to the State Executive, Hugh Leslie is the first delegate to the Executive to be elected to the Federal Parliament. Colonel Collett, of course, is the only delegate to be elected to the Federal Parliament.

His many friends in the League will welcome the announcement that Lin Thorn, who represents Toodyay in the Legislative Assembly, has been elected Deputy Leader of the Country Party. Lin, who was returned unopposed at the 1931 election, is practised by them in the fact that he is not red, and was certainly not yellow when the bugsles sounded the "Fall In" for the last war.

Mrs. James, the hon. secretary of the Blinded Soldiers' Association, desires to acknowledge receipt of the following donations: D parcels, Dwellingup Sub-Branch RSL, £9 13/11; Patrons Captain Stirling Hotel, £5; Two Americans, Fremantle, £1.

Colonel A. G. Butler, writer of the Medical History of the War of 1914-18, has written in respect of an item about the treatment of shell-shock, which was published in the September "Listening Post." The Colonel has reminded us that in Chapter II of Volume III of the Medical History, the nature and significance of shell-shock was understood by the MO's of the last war, and the treatment which is now claimed as "the modern treatment" was well-known to medical officers of the BEF and ALF, and was practised by them in the last war. We thank Colonel Butler for this reminder, and also for the volume of the history, which he so courteously sent us.

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Britain's Minister for Labour (Mr. Ernest Bevin) has given an assurance that nothing shall stand in the way of a fair and generous deal for every man that had been disabled by the war. In the present session of the British Parliament, it is expected that an Act will be passed making compulsory employment of the disabled. Mr. Bevin said: "I want to see every town and village in Britain freed from the stigma of having a war-injured man left with nothing to do." During the same speech Mr. Bevin disclosed that three quarters of a million men and women of all ages, 65 and under, are doing a good job in the war effort. He gave an assurance that the Government would not forget these loyal and industrious old people.

The proposal to play "Advance Australia Fair," along with "God Save the King" and "The Star Spangled Banner," in theatres and other places of amusement has its merits, but it is likely to keep people standing for an unduly long time. It makes one wonder how much time will be left for the actual performance if the practice is extended to include the national anthems of all the United Nations. As far as we and our American Allies are concerned, the problem of thinking of nothing but "God Save the King." That is our national anthem, and it is well-known among Americans as the music of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," which was the national anthem of the United States until "The Star Spangled Banner." It was officially adopted as such between the wars.

Sub-Branch Activities

FREMANTLE CITY

The general meeting on November 18 was of a special character and was well attended. The committee which met the North-East Fremantle Sub-Branch on the matter of building a returned men's club in Fremantle reported progress. They brought back the suggestion that an amalgamation of the two sub-branches might simplify efforts. After discussion, it was agreed that the matter of amalgamation be left in abeyance for three months. The meeting was unanimous in the view that the establishment of the proposed club should be pushed along vigorously by both sub-branches. The matter of returned men in Claremont was then discussed. It was resolved to task the State Executive what action had been taken to place these comrades in an institution of their own. Members are earnestly reminded that subscriptions are due at the end of this month. They will greatly help the secretary (Mr. H. E. Hobbs) if they see him as soon as possible.

MAYLANDS

Attendances at meetings are on the up-grade. New members are being enrolled and the future looks bright. The first of the December functions, the children's fancy dress ball, was a huge success. A profit of nearly £50 was realised. A dance in aid of the Red Cross showed a profit of a little over £7. The sub-branch decided to make the amount up to £10. More than £200 has been raised in Maylands for the Red Cross this year. It was decided to fall in with the suggestion of promoting debates between Returned men and civilians on a double bill, and many questions will arise after the war which may have a considerable influence on the future of the League; but the experience of older members should count when subjects such as the political situation are discussed. Mr. Syd Aldrich turned up to the last meeting after an absence of years. Members hoped that he will again become an active member.

MOSMAN PARK

The October meeting was exceptionally well attended, and further new members were enrolled. The president (Geoff Asdworth) initiated a discussion on the best means of incorporating members from the administrative side of sub-branch affairs so that the benefit of their views could be more fully considered. After giving some time to the subject, the meeting decided to effect a fusion by the inclusion in the general committee of a number of recently returned members, to be nominated by those members themselves. Health reasons have compelled Will Bartlett to relinquish his activities in connection with the sub-branch, and it is hoped that another club from which the POW fund has benefited so considerably, the new comrade is Joe Brown, and if the results are not as good as previously, members feel that it will not be for the want of punch. We are all grateful to Will for his yeoman efforts in establishing this means of helping the fun along. Members who have been fortunate enough to attend meetings of the League of Service have been well compensated for their interest. Many helpful discussions have taken place, and we are indebted to the acting secretary of the group (Mr. Barnes) for the interesting addresses he has arranged at different times. Secretary Dick Thomas has been a great help to the sub-branch, and lurid stories should be well reflected in the Poppy Day figures. We all envy Dick his forceful personality.

PERTH

We wish to all members of the League the very best for 1944. Our sub-branch is concluding a most successful year, largely due to the improvements that have been made in all its activities. Membership is well up; the 800 mark, with the numerical position very solid. We deeply regret the passing of many of our old and valued members, but regret the fact that 200 of our old friendly comrades have joined up with us. Monash House is very popular with the "Boys," and I think we may be pardoned for saying that in throwing it open for the entertainment of the fighting forces, they have done much to create a friendly feeling towards the League. We would remind all our members that the annual general meeting and election of officers takes place at Monash House on Tuesday, January 11, 1944, and make every endeavour to be present.

NORTHAM

The president (Mr. H. H. L. Thackrah) extended a welcome to Flying-Officer Keith Nicholson, Sergeant Jerome, LAC I. B. Bailey, and Mr. H. A. Taylor (discharged soldier) at the meeting on November 3. The secretary (Mr. G. C. Cramb) reported on the considerable financial improvements in the sub-branch and, with the president, he had been attending meetings of the Northam War Loan and War Savings Certificates Committee, in response to an invitation from that body to form a sub-branch to appoint a delegate to the meeting. He appealed to members to support the Loans. Mr. Prince reported on the activities of the hospital visiting committee. The report disclosed a sound financial position. Hospital visiting had been done on several occasions in the month, visits to further trips to neighbouring towns, and smoke socials have been held during the month. It was resolved that the chairman of the hospital visiting committee (Mr. Thackrah) should come with the request to authorities regarding the arrangement of seating accommodation at the Red Cross recreation hall at the hospital. It was also resolved that the State Executive be asked to make strong representations to the authorities to secure the release of special supplies of confectionery for children at Christmas time. A committee consisting of Messrs. Holland, Adhead, Chidlow and Prince was appointed to place the views of the committee with the Commonwealth Housing Committee on its visit to Northam on December 6.

CLAREMONT

The monthly meeting was held on December 2. The attendance was the largest for some years past. Among those present were the State President (Mr. Edmondson) and the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson). Arrangements were finalised for the children's picture afternoon, at which the women's auxiliary will be in charge of the entertainment of the child-

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ren. The meeting was addressed by the State President, who outlined some of the problems confronting the League as the result of the present war. The State Secretary gave a review of the methods of procedure in regard to securing pensions. As the annual meeting will be held early in January, nominations for office-holders are due on that night.

MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDEVILLE

The night of the presentation of trophies won by members during this year's competitions proved a popular function. A large crowd rolled up to see their champions in action and to enjoy the entertainment provided by the E. Hancock and his concert party. Both orchestra and artists earned the thanks of members for contributing so materially to the enjoyment of the evening. Bill Kay again proved an efficient MC. In the absence of the president (Garnett Blab) the trophies won by sub-branch members were presented by Barney Keeley. The SSL trophies were presented by Mr. F. Batson. Each lad received a good reception, especially young Tommy Tucker, who won the grand championship. The SSL has proved itself a live body and a good asset to the sub-branch. The refreshments were handled by the ladies of the auxiliary. Thanks to the hard work of the ladies, this year's poppy sales broke all previous records. Members are advised that a picnic and sports have been arranged for Lemnos patients on January 9, or January 16.

OSBORNE PARK

Recent meetings have been well attended, and the contests provide much enjoyment. Poppy Day was again a success, a record of 2,000 poppies sold being registered. The happy result was achieved by the president (Mr. A. Dans) and the committee of ladies and members. Since the last meeting several new members from the present war have joined the sub-branch. They are E. Gill, A. T. Davies, W. Arbury and D. Groats (RAAF). Members of the Royal Nether lands Navy have attended recent meetings and enjoyed Osborne Park hospitality.

WICKEPIN

At the annual general meeting on November 12 Mr. C. G. Russell was again elected president. Messrs. Ted and Jack Walters were elected vice-presidents. The remaining office-bearers were unchanged. Among the guests at a very well attended meeting was Mr. Harry Seward, MLA. The balance sheet, read by the secretary (Mr. H. Elsby), disclosed a healthy financial position. It was decided to put a further sum into war bonds. The supply of remembrance poppies sold out early on November 11. More could have been disposed of, had they been available. The sub-branch has one member from the new AIF, Mr. C. Holdaway. The sub-branch will hold the annual ball on New Year's Eve, in aid of patriotic funds.

ARMADAILE

Poppies sold this year numbered 831, the nett profit being £24/15/10. Considerable discussion occurred over the issue of poppies to sub-branches a week before November 11. It was considered that this encouraged sales before the authorised time and tended to commercialise the appeal, thus losing sight of the sentimental aspect. However, a motion was carried in support of the old practice. Mr. Sturrock was appointed to represent the sub-branch on the Salvage Committee. The sub-branch and the Soldier's Welfare Committee held a social evening and children's Christmas treat on December 15. On November 24 a special meeting of the sub-branch was held at Balford. This was for the convenience of service men in jobs in that area who are unable to attend meetings of their own sub-branches.

GLOUCESTER PARK

At headquarters, Wembley Hall, Hay St., on Thursday, December 4, the sub-branch held the final meeting of the year. There was a good attendance for the annual election of officers. Results showed little change. Mr. C. Isbister was voted to a further year's presidency by a big majority. A welcome was extended to nine new members. Poppy Day activities were reviewed, showing a most successful result, a nett profit of £87/6/- accruing to the sub-branch. It was decided to purchase war bonds to the amount of £80, making a total holding of £260. Members were very appreciative of the hard work put in by the willing band of workers, particularly the ladies, who brought about such a splendid result. Competition amongst members of that band was very keen. Sales were topped by the president, whose personal efforts disposed of no fewer than 644 poppies. A very handsome basket of artificial roses was presented by the daughter of Mr. T. Seager. This will be disposed of, and the proceeds will go to the Amelioration Fund.

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record for the sub-branch, and our thanks are due to the working secretary and his co-helper, and the ladies of the auxiliary. The social tendered to the auxiliary was spent in games, vocal items, dancing and with the assistance of a visiting magician an enjoyable evening was spent. During the evening the State President (Mr. Edmundson) presented Mr. Tom See with a Certificate of Service. The December meeting was not so well attended as it usually is. The sub-branch fund is in full swing again, and we are looking for a big support from New Year’s Eve, in aid of patriotic funds. Among the visitors were members of an excellent band headed by the Subiaco Band who has just been repatriated from Italy. Harry gave a brief account of the prison camps in Italy, and spoke very well of the Red Cross parcels.

**SUBIACO**

The annual reunion in November was on outstanding success. Among the official visitors were Lieut.-Commander Hatton, RAN, Captain Symington, MC, and Squadron-Leader Rushbrooke, RAAF, representing the chiefs of the fighting forces. The State President was represented by Mr. Reg Wood. Other guests were the Mayor of Subiaco (Mr. J. P. Hallgate), Mr. L. Bolton, M.L.C, and the sub-branch’s old friend, Mr. J. O. Kember. Incidentally, this was the 24th occasion on which Wally was with the sub-branch, and he proposed the toast of the sub-branch in his usual good style. The December meeting was well attended, and eight new members were enrolled. This brings the total membership to 242. The sub-branch is observing the custom of sending 10/- canteen orders to all members in the forces belonging to the sub-branch, so that they may have a spot with the organisation at Christmas time. Arrangements for the boys in Hollywood Hospital are being made by the hospital visiting committee, which is in charge of Alf Buggins. The visit of the Subiaco sub-branch for a sports night took place on December 15. This was in response to a challenge thrown out in “The Listening Post” some time ago. President Cliff Sadlier, VC, and his committee are anxious to take the functions held in conjunction with the women’s auxiliary, to liquidate the debt on the hall, a success. The first was the children’s Christmas party on December 15, followed by the same evening by a carnival for adults. There will also be a carnival on New Year’s Eve in the King’s Hall, Subiaco. All the funds from these functions go to the hall account.

**VICTORIA PARK**

The November meeting was well attended. Fred Matthews gave his report on the Poppy Day sales. The president (Mr. T. J. Fitzsimmons) congratulated him on the way he organised the day, and the sales were a credit to the sub-branch. Members added to the register since the last meeting are: H. F. O’Brien, G. J. Boile, J. C. Green, A. A. Buckley, H. W. Luck, T. H. Poole, T. L. Burch, B. E. McFarland and Harry Leave. It is the desire of the sub-branch to make it quite clear to members who do not attend meetings that the resolution on the agenda at the last annual congress re the eligibility question was sent in by mistake. The sub-branch still stands for the constitution re the membership of the League. Members are reminded that the Stan Gurney, VC, competition is now in operation. Points will be allotted for work done for the benefit of the sub-branch.

**NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE**

A special meeting was called on November 22 to discuss the question of amalgamation with the Fremantle City Sub-Branch. The meeting unanimously favoured the proposal, and was of the opinion that considering the principle projects in view, no time should be lost in implementing the proposal. The proposal of amalgamation has been enthusiastically supported by the fathers of the sub-branches. The meeting concluded by thanking the various officials, service and ex-service men of the Port, and substantial support is assured if the sub-branches unite. At the general meeting 33 new members were enrolled, making the total strength swell over 500. Cheques for £30/1/- and £30/12/- were forwarded to the Crippled Children and POW fund during the month.

**CALINGIRI**

The meeting at Bolgart on October 27 was attended by 14 members, including Tom Burridge, who has recently been discharged. He was cordially welcomed by the president. The meeting endorsed the action of the president in arranging for the function planned. It was suggested that a claim for the expenses incurred should be sent to the Public Trustee. Mr. McKenna, of Mt. Lawley, was thanked for his services to the sub-branch for the annual State congress. Mr. J. McGill was congratulated on his election as Country Vice-President. Mr. King reported on the congress. Many aspects of congress, including the method of electing the State Executive, were discussed. Another matter which called for much comment was the circular dealing with soldier settlement. The general opinion was that it differed little from its predecessor, and certainly lacked emphasis on a guaranteed price for produce, which members considered was the basis of successful settlement. It was suggested that the League inquire into the action of insurance companies, in excluding members of his family from benefits when an owner insures his car or truck. A resolution to this effect was carried.

**MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD**

The monthly meeting was held as usual in the Dug-out, and about 90 members were present. The Poppy Day figures gave everyone a surprise, as although record figures were expected, the result passed expectations with total sales amounting to £280. Our thanks are conveyed to the ladies who so ably supported us and all those who helped, and our congratulations to the organisers. Once again the sub-branch assisted the Redlands Patriotic Funds Appeal, although, for various reasons, we were not able to do as much as we would have liked. Will any member who does not receive a 1944 calendar please notify the Membership secretary? Next general meeting, Tuesday, January 5; Management Committee, December 21; and Membership Committee, January 11.

**YARLOO**

In accordance with established custom, the Armistice Ball was held on the nearest Sunday to Armistice Day—this time November 13. It was a wonderful success, and there was a large attendance, a good floor and good music supplied by Joan Gillard’s Orchestra. A very nice sum will go to swell the amelioration fund. The sale of poppies was very gratifying, but the supply soon ran...
out. Mrs. A. Wilson kindly donated some Iceland poppies. The bunches were raffled realising £3. The president and members heartily thank all who sold poppies and helped to make the ball such a success. The sub-branch was pleased to welcome an old member, Sergeant W. Quarrel, DCM, who returned during the progress of the ball, from service overseas. He looked remarkably fit, and we hope he enjoys every minute of his well-earned leave.

The monthly meeting on November 9 was well attended. On the recommendation of the committee, Mr. R. Witford was unanimously elected president. Mr. M. Zeffert, of the State Executive, was present at the meeting, and was asked to install the new president. Before asking Mr. Witford to take the chair, Mr. Zeffert paid a tribute to the late R. E. Quarell, and referred to the active part he had paid a tribute to the late R. E. Quarell, and referred to the active part he had played in the welfare of the Auxiliary, is reflected in the record established by the sub-branch in this year’s poppy sales. Over £300 was collected by this sub-branch, considerably exceeding any previous total.

BOYANUP JUNCTION

After being in recess for nearly two years, the sub-branch was reorganised on November 25, when a splendid muster responded to the roll call. The former president (Mr. E. P. Ecclestone) and secretary (Mr. J. H. Raudler) were warmly praised and thanked for past services. The following officials were elected for the current year: President, Mr. A. M. Bryce; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. P. Ecclestone and R. R. Hurst; secretary, Mr. A. G. Scott; committee, Messrs. H. Trigg.

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WEST LEEDERVILLE- WEMBLEY

At the last meeting of the year another large attendance of members was recorded. New members in Messrs. J. R. Collins (2/28th), S. Cooper (2/32nd) and A. Waghorn (10th Dragonos) were welcomed by the president. The annual social and reunion was held on Monday the 6th, and proved an outstanding success, a very large number of members and visitors being present. The sub-branch maintained its reputation for a good show. It is pleasing to hear that our old friend Jimmy Everett is now returning to work after many weeks of illness. We hear that Messrs. H. B. Pike and B. C. Pike are both on the sick list, and we wish them a speedy recovery. We hear that there is a movement to recognise the good work done by our friend Carl Ferguson, and this sub-branch will be well in it. The writer of these notes particularly appreciates the value of this move.

There is a marvellous opportunity as pointed out previously in these notes, and from an athletic point of view the Amateur Athletic Association is ready to cooperate. Poppys Day sales created an all-time record, and we were £500 up on our previous best. Nominations for office-bearers for 1944 were received at this meeting, and an election will take place on the second Monday in January. In the meantime Geo. Newton will be re-elected secretary, and treasurer, and the auditor will be Fred Cornish; publicity officer, V. E. Troode; sports director, F. Stephens; and minute secretary, G. Warden.

Women’s Auxiliaries

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by the executive that we endeavour to resume our quarterly socials. Due notice will be sent to auxiliaries. An SOS came from Ordnance Department of the Army some weeks ago to the women's auxiliaries. The result was that in two days' work some 26,000 face washers were cut out of discarded Army bath towels. The first day's work was a combined effort, and the second Mt. Hawthorn's North Perth auxiliary also gave up a day to sewing on the covers of water bottles. Another call may come at any time, and I have assured the Army of our ready response. The new executive was seen in action for the first time upon the occasion of the Armistice Lunch at the 16th Battalion Drill Hall. Over 400 were catered for, and in spite of rationing and very warm weather the result was a credit to our executive. The following letter was received last month from Lieut. M. Kevan, Registrar, 1 AWH: "I have been directed by the CO of this hospital (Capt. Kershaw) to convey to the president and members of our association our deep appreciation of their generosity in having made available the piano recently installed here for the use of the patients. It has already given a great deal of pleasure to the girls and is there by materially contributing to their rapid improvement in normal health. You may rest assured that it will receive care at their hands in order that when the happy time arrives that there is no further necessity for this hospital to function, it may be passed over in its present excellent condition to whatever other institution your committee may decide upon. Once again expressing our sincere thanks and wishing your association continued success in your valuable contribution to the welfare of the members of the Forces and their dependants." As the cost of the piano was £120, the subscription list is still open to any auxiliary who may not have contributed before conference. It is good to know that our gift is so much appreciated by the girls.

F.U.S.W. In the absence of Mrs. Dean, who was in Melbourne, Mrs. T. C. Wilson presided over the recent monthly social. Capt. Clancy (AWAS) gave an interesting talk on life in the AWAS. Mrs. J. A. Collins thanked Capt. Clancy and offered the support of the F.U.S.W. it is ever required by the AWAS. A musical programme was arranged by Ida Gudes. The performers were Mrs. A. C. Atkinson (accompanist), Miss Gladys Pascoe (eulogiumist), Mrs. Doris Noursey (solo), Mrs. L. Farrant (solo) and June Cohen (pianoforte solo and dance). Mrs. R. H. Moore thanked the artists. Mrs. Wilson called for helpers for the Scarborough snack bar, which the Union has opened. The funds go to the Citizens' Reception Council.

VICTORIA PARK There was a good attendance at the November meeting. Correspondence included an appeal for street sellers for December 3 (Greece's National Day), the acknowledgment of a donation to the children in the sports in Tufnell Park, and a letter thanking members for their services in making camouflage nets. Arrangements were completed for Christmas cheer. On Sunday, December 12, members took afternoon tea and other comforts to the Edwardes Memorial Home, a social evening and the drawing of the goose club were arranged for December 15. The auxiliary has now gone into recess until the fourth Friday in February.

BULLSBROOK It was arranged that the October dance proceeds be sent to the Wooroloo welfare fund. The amount forwarded was £5 6/6. Six A.C.P parcels were purchased by the auxiliary, and £2 was donated to the R.O.W. appeal. Now that Christmas is approaching, and through transport difficulties, the auxiliary will not be able to entertain men from Sunset and the hospitals. However, amounts of £2 2/6 each are being sent to these institutions with the auxiliary's best wishes for Christmas.

SUBLICO Mrs. Sadlier presided over a well-attended meeting on November 17. Poppy sales this year broke all previous records. The auxiliary celebrated its 21st birthday on November 18. The State President (Mrs. McKinnlay) and most of the State Executive members attended the party. The cake was made and presented to the auxiliary by Mrs. A. Jackson. Dancing, games, competitions and vocal items helped to fill in a very enjoyable evening. The monthly entertainment of the Hollywood patients provided a very enjoyable afternoon. Thanks are again due to the Red Cross for providing the transport. The jumble sale on December 2 was the most successful yet conducted. The president (Mrs. Sadlier) thanks all who contributed to its success. A donation of £2 2/6 has been made to the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust Fund. Monthly sales have been made to several institutions and hospitals, and members have taken their turn at sewing at King Edward and Lemnos hospitals, and the Home of Peace. Arrangements have been made for the children's plain and fancy dress on the afternoon of December 18, and the adults' carnival ball that evening. The proceeds were ear-marked for the building fund. Euchre evenings on Wednesdays continue to be popular. Increased interest is being shown in practices in the RSL rooms on Monday evenings.
State Executive

NOVEMBER 10

At the meeting of the State Executive on November 10 there were present Messrs. Watt, Smith, Mansbridge, Margolin, James, Cornell, Olden, Collett, Zeffert, Harvey, Bateson, Wilson, Davies, Macgregor and Collins. Mr. Watt was in the chair.

Management Committee.—In consequence of Mr. Ferguson severing his connection with the League staff, the Management Committee had authorized the insertion of an advertisement in "The West Australian," calling applications for the position of Pensions and Inquiry Officer, at a commencing salary of £6/15/- a week, including basic wage adjustments. This, with other staff recommendations, was adopted.

Assessment Tribunal.—Colonel Mansbridge offered to assist appellants when the Assessment Tribunal commenced a session in Perth on November 29.

Visits.—Visits were reported by Mr. Zeffert (Nedlands), Mr. Bateson (Perth Hospital), Mr. Cornell (members of sub-branches in his electorate), and Mr. Watt (War Loan Committee).

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Watt on his excellent work as chairman of the State War Loan Committee, and on the success of the campaign.

Request Hours, RAAF.—A communication from the secretary of the Department of Air detailed procedure laid down whereby Air Force personnel may seek redress of grievances and complaints, stating that the institution of a formal Request Hour was unnecessary. After discussion it was resolved as follows: "This Executive is of the opinion that in view of the frequency and nature of complaints reported, that the system in vogue in the RAAF for ensuring the redress of grievances voiced by non-corroborated ranks needs an early and complete review. In support of this general request, the Executive agrees that the alleged initial difficulty met with by an airman in securing an interview with the authority having the power to give an immediate decision."

Hutment Colony Scheme.—The Carlisle Sub-Branch asked what action had been taken in connection with the resolution carried at the recent State Congress instructing the Executive to proceed with a Hutment Colony Scheme. The matter was referred to the Management Committee with a request that they consider the report submitted to Congress in 1936, and report back to the Executive.

Commonwealth Housing Scheme.—The South Perth Sub-Branch suggested that the Executive give evidence before the Commonwealth Housing Commission and referred to resolutions carried at last State Congress. They suggested that Mr. H. E. Day, a member of their sub-branch, be requested to give evidence. It was resolved to submit the resolutions carried at Congress to the Commission, and to collaborate with Mr. Day with a view to the preparation of evidence for submission to the Board.

League Trophies.—The Manjimup Sub-Branch lodged a protest against the decision of the judges in their awards of the Colonel Collaret Cup and the Mary Cornell Trophy. It was resolved to advise the sub-branch that a decision having been made cannot be varied and that the method of dealing with entries in the competition was being referred to a committee for consideration. It was resolved that an R.S. I. Competition Committee be formed. Messrs. Olden, Zeffert and Harvey were appointed. They were asked to investigate the matter of the competition and to report back to the Executive.

Ward XI, Perth Hospital.—Mr. W. Stratton Ferrier, late RAAF, expressed his gratitude for the attention given him by medical officers, sisters, nurses, and staff during a recent sojourn in the Repatriation Ward, Perth Hospital. It was resolved to send a copy of this letter to the Repatriation Department.

Taxation Exemption.—The South Perth Sub-Branch asked that inquiries be made into the matter of taxation exemption allowed discharged ex-service men, and urged that an exemption for 12 months should be sought. It was agreed that inquiries be made into the matter.

Sweets, Christmas Trees.—The Northam Sub-Branch asked that representations be made in the proper quarter for

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supplies of Christmas comforts, mainly sweets, for children. A reply was left to the secretary.

Federal Congress.—It was resolved that Mr. Watt should telegraph the Executive's good wishes to Federal Congress.

Sons of Soldiers' League.—Mr. Bateson requested that authority be granted to revive the activities of the Sons of Soldiers' League. This was agreed to.

November 24
At the meeting on November 24 there were present Messrs. Watt, Fanton, Smith, Mansbridge, Margolin, James, Cornell, Collett, Zeffer, Bateson, Wilson, Wood, Davies, Collins and Wilson.

Condolence.—Sympathy was expressed with Mrs. Edmondson, whose only remaining brother had died whilst on his way home, after having been exchanged as a prisoner of war for repatriation.

Sick Delegates. — The Executive's wishes for any early recovery were forwarded to Col. Olden and Mr. Macgregor, who are both in hospital.

Country Vice-President.—The Country Vice-President (Mr. Harold Wilkins), who was present at the meeting, was congratulated on his improved condition of health.

Taxi Rank.—A report of the Anzac House Committee recommended that the area on the east side of Anzac House be let to the Metropolitan Taxi-Cab Association. To be used as a rank for essential service.

Commonwealth Housing Commission.—The chairman reported that a sub-committee had, since the last meeting, prepared evidence for submission to the Commonwealth Housing Commission. The evidence was read to delegates, and this was adopted. An appointment was made for League-representatives to give oral evidence before the Commission on December 1. It was resolved that the State President (Mr. T. S. Edmondson) be asked to give this evidence. Assisted by Mr. H. Day, of the South Perth Sub-branch.

Visits.—Visits were reported by Mr. Wilson (Ex-Naval Men's Association), Mr. Zeffer (Air Force Association and YAL Memorial Service), Colonel Mansbridge (South African and Imperial Veterans' Association), Mr. Wilkins (Bruce Rock), Mr. Bateson (Mt. Hawthorn and Perth Hospital), Mr. Cornell (Southern Cross).

Tobacco, Discharged Personnel.—The Director, Central Canteen Control Board, advised through the Federal Executive the position concerning the issue of tobacco to discharged personnel. It was resolved that the information be conveyed to Mr. W. C. Thomas, of Wiluna, who raised this question.

Hospital Visiting.—The North Perth Sub-Branch referred to the appointment of an official visitor to Hollywood and other military hospitals. It was resolved to point out to North Perth Sub-Branch that adjacent sub-branches carried out this duty.

Letters of Appreciation.—The Acting Deputy Director, Fourth Liberty Loan, expressed appreciation for assistance rendered by the League. The Perth Legacy Club expressed its appreciation for efforts made by Mr. Wilkinson, of Midland Junction Sub-Branch, when endeavouring to secure accommodation for a deceased soldier's son. It was resolved that a copy of the letter be sent to Midland Junction Sub-Branch.

Munition Factory Retrenchments.—The Gloucester Park Sub-Branch protested against certain retrenchments at a munition factory. The reply was left in the hands of the secretary.

W.A. Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund.—A resolution was received from the Manjimup Sub-Branch relating to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund and urging a more generous attitude towards applicants to the fund. It was resolved to ask the sub-branch to forward details of cases they had in mind.

W.A. League of Service.—Minutes of a meeting held on November 3 were laid on the table. The annual fee of £1 to this League was passed for payment.

Release of Internees.—The secretary reported that advice had been received that a certain alleged Fascist leader in a country district who had been interned had now been released and returned to the district. On approaching the officials the secretary was informed that this man's actions would be watched, and if good behaviour was departed from he would be again interned. A report concerning him from a local resident had been forwarded to the Security Section. This action was endorsed.

Rejected Volunteers' Association.—This association advised that a Federal body was now being formed and any approach for recognition by the League would now be made from that body to the Federal Executive.

Digger Book.—Mr. Watt explained that he still had a quantity of W.A. Digger Books on hand. He thought he could now dispose of them at a reduced price for the benefit of the State War Memorial Fund. He sought the necessary permission, which was granted.
## ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICE MEN
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<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
<td>Last Friday each month</td>
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<td>R. A. Geddes, c/o Millars' Timber &amp; Trading Co., St. George's Terrace, Perth</td>
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<td><strong>PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, W.A. Branch</strong></td>
<td>Room 33, Bon Marche Buildings, Barrack Street, Perth</td>
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<td>W. Bowler, 8 Viewey, Nedlands</td>
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<td><strong>SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS' ASSOCIATION</strong></td>
<td>Monash House, corner Hay and King Streets, at Office, Room 33, 2nd Floor, Bon Marche Buildings, Barrack Street</td>
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<td><strong>TOTA 1Y AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION</strong></td>
<td>Monthly</td>
<td>1st Pension day of the month at 2.30 p.m.</td>
<td>W. P. Griffiths, J.P., 87 South Street, Seacombefield</td>
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<td>KALGOORLIE</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute</td>
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<td>KOORDA</td>
<td>Knox Hotel</td>
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