THE FIGHT FOR PEACE

"What are the thoughts of the fellows in the fighting forces. I have heard them from fellows round about the place. They are that they will demand international security. They will demand the right to live in freedom. They will not listen to any section of the community who will tell them that there is insufficient money to maintain employment. They are going through the most costly war in history, and they find that there is abundant money to carry on that war." —Lieut.-General S. G. Savidge, in an address at the Melbourne Legacy Club on November 7.

When we commemorated Armistice Day last year the tide of battle had turned in our favour and victory was assured. This year the flood-tide of success has brought us within measurable distance of victory and the question most commonly asked is not "How long will the war last?" but "How soon will it end?" No doubt, the end will come with dramatic suddenness, as did the German collapse in 1918; but we must let no war weariness nor the trickery of the vanquished rob us of the fruits of victory, as we were robbed in the years that immediately followed the Great Armistice. When men returned to civilian life after service in the previous war they found that public admiration vanished as soon as the German menace had been removed. They realised in bitterness and disillusionment that public sympathy waned as jobs became more elusive. It was only in the organisations of servicemen themselves that the flame of unselfish patriotism still burned, and the glorious brotherhood of the battle-line was kept alive. For the most part, the world was too war-weary to realise that sacrifices must also be made for peace, or that the snare of militarism had only been scoffed at and was patiently waiting for the opportunity to strike again.

The ink on the signatures to the Armistice was hardly dry when Germany began plotting to evade the armistice terms. In the following year, poor impoverished Germany spent money like water in efforts to bribe, cajole or blackmail politicians in Britain and France to force their Governments to give the aggressors lenient peace terms. Hardly had the Treaty of Versailles been signed when the Germans and their agents in other countries commenced a campaign of denunciation and sabotage of the treaty. Propagandists and their dupes skipped lightly over the precautionary nature of the treaty. They concentrated rather on painting an amiable, badly-misjudged German people, who were being made suffer for the crimes of their rulers. That picture is being revamped and will be presented again just as soon as this war is over. Compare it, however, with the judgement of his own people given by Rudolph Binding, an officer of the old German Army and one of the ablest of the German writers on the last war. "The fact of the matter is," he said, "that the German just cannot help being a bully. Put him on a horse and he ill-treats the animal. Make him a non-commissioned officer and he bullies the men under him. Make him a policeman and he bullies the public." The myth of the amiable misled German masses is effectively disposed of by eye-witness reports of the fanatical ferocity of the younger German troops, the generation bred and trained in Nazism, which is only Junkerism in a brown shirt. Those of them who survive will be, Germany of the future, and they are the ones who must be prevented from plunging the world into a third Great War. These fellows are the true descendants of the butchers of Magdeburg and Halle, whose atrocities numbed the world with horror during the Thirty Years War, three hundred years ago. Even now, when faced with the bitter realisation of defeat, they are already planning for the next war. That is a fact admitted by the German leaders themselves. It is also a fact which cannot be ignored or forgotten if we are to have that international security which our fighting men will certainly demand, and to which their sons will be justly entitled.

What has been said of Germany can be said with equal truth of Japan. The Japanese have also a long record of treachery and barbarity. They, too, are long-range planners who can see no point of view but their own. Defeat to them will mean but a momentary frustration of a working programme, if the victors show any misplaced leniency. When this war ends, eternal vigilance will be the price of safety, as it has always been. That is why the Federal Congress of the League is urging the Commonwealth Government to maintain permanent fighting services when the war is over. That is why the United Nations are planning measures for dealing with future aggressors. Whether those measures will be perfect, or even permanent, is something the future alone can decide. But there is something we can decide for ourselves without waiting for international measures, that is to make ourselves strong enough to play our part in these international proceedings, and to make ourselves worthy of being included in whatever arrangements are made.

As for the rest, the regeneration of the home front and the rehabilitation of service men and women, that is something in which this League, in common with other organisations, has long been vitally interested. Indeed, in many matters, such as land settlement and repatriation, our past experience has enabled us to give the country a decisive lead. As Lieut.-General Savidge said earlier in the month, "Returned soldiers will play a considerable part in post-war reconstruction, and their influence will be great." The direction in which that influence will be exercised has been sufficiently indicated, but we must never lose sight of the fact that the goal has not only to be achieved. It must be protected as well.
On Monday, October 28, the State Executive again had the pleasure of tendering a reception to the Prime Minister of Australia (Mr. John Curtin). The Prime Minister was in good form. His present visit to the State is the first he has paid since his last trip to Britain and America. Although he said he had come here for a rest, and to all outward appearances the rest has done him the world of good. Welcoming the Prime Minister, the State President (Mr. K. W. Anderson) said there were three things the League was anxious about. These were the details of the soldier settlement, the Commonwealth Government's preference policy and the provision of some war service homes. Replying to his welcome, Mr. Curtin dealt with these matters in their turn. He also had much to say about the general war position as it affects Australia and is likely to affect ex-service men and women.

Speaking on the Pacific conflict, Mr. Curtin said that Australia had a record in fighting, and production for war and civilian needs, that is not excelled by any other seven million people in the world. At the same time, he gave the warning that we in Australia will experience the nearness of the war much longer than either Britain or the U.S.A. Mr. Curtin said there would be no relaxation of those priorities considered for the maximum war effort until the capacity of the Japanese to resist has been destroyed, once and for all. He predicted that there will be a partial demobilisation of the British and American forces in the Pacific and Europe in the chapters of the war which have yet to be written. Australia must maintain her fighting reputation, and a fighting contribution.

Another interesting point made by Mr. Curtin, when surveying the position of the war in the Pacific, was the fact that, hitherto, it had not been practicable for Britain to participate to any great extent to the war against Japan. This was because of the demands nearer home. However, the time is not far distant when much more of the Union Jack will be seen in the Pacific. In the meantime, Mr. Curtin said, the Australian flag is the trustee of the U.P.S. The Australian flag is not merely the flag of seven million Australians; it is the flag of seven million British, as well.

Mr. Curtin declared himself in entire agreement with the suggestion that there should be such a measure of preference in employment for returned ex-service men as would compensate them for their war service and the civilian disabilities resulting from it. The Prime Minister pointed out that the position in this war differs from that of the last, when served overseas; but he assured the State Executive that a Bill providing preference would be introduced early in the new year.

War Service Homes

The position in respect to war service homes, as outlined by Mr. Curtin, is somewhat complicated. It is, in fact, very largely determined by the impact of the war in the Pacific. "This is no time for premature complacency," Mr. Curtin declared. "We can't entertain illusions that the time between now and victory is going to be short." Mr. Curtin held out no hope of any early relaxation of the restrictions on building to enable a start to be made with the erection of war service homes. "It is true that there is a shortage of houses," he said, "but I cannot offer any early relief. The cold, stark fact is that building materials are going into camps, hospitals and other buildings essential to the prosecution of the war. Look at Leyte Island. Are the forces landed there to go without the requisite materials for building huts, hospitals, warehouses and other facilities which the climatic conditions demand? About 100,000,000 feet of Australian timber has been made available for the re-erection of buildings in the task of pushing the Japs back to Tokyo. When I came back from Great Britain," Mr. Curtin went on, "I had the choice of building homes in Australia or making the material available for the Pacific. I did not hesitate to make the choice. There would otherwise have been a priority for the

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man who stayed at home. The time between now and the end of the war will be measured by the stamina and the capacity for endurance exhibited by the civilian population. The minimum contribution must be drawn from every man and woman to meet the requirements of the fighting men. Mr. Curtin declared that he would be untrue to his responsibilities as Prime Minister if he promised any early end to restrictions and the restoration of peace-time amenities. Australians will have to travel a long, uphill road, and the task ahead will take up more of our material substance than hitherto. Australia is the land mass that must be used as the future base for military operations, and the resources of this base must be used in preference to the sheer economic waste of bringing the materials we produce from elsewhere.

WAR AND THE PEERAGE
This war has often been called a "People's War," because there is not one walk of life nor class of society that has not felt its impact or suffered from it. Unfortunately, the term has been abused so long by radio exhibitionists in so-called "people's sessions" and others who derive personal gain from stirring up class hatreds, that one might think that the risks and sacrifices of the war had been borne by only one section of the people. We know the great contribution to the war effort made by those who are loosely termed the working classes and the middle classes, but it is only when casualty lists are published that we realise that blood has been shed by all classes in all British countries. Recently the American magazine, published a list of members of the peerage who had killed in action or on active service in the present war. It included H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, the youngest brother of King George VI. He was killed in an aeroplane crash while flying to Iceland in 1942. The Duke of Wellington, sixth in line from the Iron Duke, who was also a Prince of the Netherlands, a Spanish Grandee and a Portuguese nobleman, was only 21 years old when he was killed in Italy last year. To a mess steward who doubted his identity, the Duke once explained: "It's the same name so many pubs have."

The Iron Duke's political associate and Ministerial colleague was Sir Robert Peel, Peel was a baronet. His descendant, Sir Robert Peel, the sixth Baronet, paid the supreme sacrifice at the age of 21 while serving as an ordinary seaman in the Royal Navy. Lord Stuart, the direct descendant of Clive of India, was killed in action at the age of 38. The Earl of Suffolkeoke and Berkshire, aged 35, was the twentieth of his line, succeeded to the title as a child after his father was killed in the last war. He was a man of many parts. He had worked on a sheep station in Australia, had been a sailor before the mast, a collector of rare books, and a scientist. During the present war, he became one of Britain's leading bomb disposal experts. He was blown to pieces, with seven of his staff, three years ago. Lord David Douglas Hamilton, aged 32, was the son of the Duke of Hamilton, Scotland's senior peer. He was a crack amateur boxer, who captured Oxford. With his wife who, as Prunella Stack, was adjudged Britain's most perfect girl, he toured Britain preaching physical fitness. Their son, born in July, 1940, was a "perfect boy."

Last August, Squadron-Leader Douglas Hamilton was shot down and killed. One of the latest aristocratic casualties was Lord Stuart, youthful heir to the earldom of Castle Stuart, who died on the Italian front. Two years ago, his elder brother was killed in North Africa. The Marquess of Harington, aged 26, eldest son and heir of the tenth Duke of Devonshire and owner of an estate of 20,000 acres, was killed in France about two months ago, just four months after he had married Kathleen, daughter of the former United States Ambassador to Britain, Joseph Kennedy. Captain Lord Shuttleworth, Royal Artillery, was killed in action last year. He was the third Baron Shuttleworth; and the third of his...
family to die in battle. Lord Lyell, aged 30, was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for valour in North Africa last year. Lord Lyell lived as a Scottish Laird, and died in a bayonet grapple inside a German gun-pit.

RETREADING PLANT

At the recent annual congress it was resolved to make representations to the Minister for Industrial Development asking that the best endeavours be made to induce the Commonwealth Government to establish a tractor tyre retreading plant in this State.

The Minister for Industrial Development (Mr. A. G. Hawke) has advised the League that it has been ascertained that to set up such a plant would cost in the vicinity of £30,000, and that the small number of tyres which would be available for retreading does not justify such a big expenditure.

One of the bigger retreading companies in Perth has been closely watching this aspect for a considerable time, and it reports that during the past few years only six tyres have been sent to the Eastern States. At the present time the larger retreaders operating in the Eastern States will not undertake this class of business owing to difficulties arising through the shortage of rubber and manpower.

The risk that emergency measures might become permanent was mentioned at the Federal congress during the discussion on war service homes. Mr. Nagle, of New South Wales, declared that houses being built by the Commonwealth were definitely sub-standard and not even decent week-end shacks. "Aren't they temporary?" came an enquiry, to which Mr. Nagle retorted, "Yes, but income tax was brought in, in the time of Pitt, as a temporary measure, and we still have it."

Like our own State Congress, the Federal Congress, which has been sitting this month, has been a very important one in the history of the League. The agenda included many items of vital importance to the returned man, and of more than 60 were sent on from our own annual congress. What is more, this year's Federal Congress has been far longer than usual. The W.A. Branch was represented by the State President (Mr. J. W. Anderson), and the chairman of the Land Committee, the Hon. Jas. Cornell, M.L.C. The whole atmosphere of congress has reflected the seriousness with which the League is regarding its responsibilities and its recognition of the magnitude of the task that lies ahead. The Lieut.-Governor of South Australia (Sir Mellis Napier) who officially opened the congress, said the job we set out to do in 1914-18 would not be finished until the whole world accepted the rule of law - the ideals of law and order - as a matter of conscience as well as lip service. The powerful influence of the League should be enlisted for the purpose of finishing the job. "Yours was the lead in the war effort," he said. "There is no other organisation which could better or more appropriately initiate and lead a peace effort, which must come from the people and not from Governments." Good will messages were read from the King, the Acting-Governor and the Minister for Repatriation.

Sir Gilbert Dyett was elected Federal President for the 26th successive term. In his opening address, Sir Gilbert Dyett said that pertinent and important amendment to the Repatriation Act meant that the benefits received by Australian servicemen compared not unfavourably with other parts of the Empire. About three hundred million pounds had been paid to Australian ex-service men and their dependants since the last war. This included one hundred and ninety-seven millions in pensions, fifty-four millions in service pensions, twenty-five millions in general pensions, two and a half millions in educational benefits for children of deceased or disabled men, and also for general pensions, service homes, country gratuities and land settlement. Up to now, sixty-six thousand pensions are being paid as a result of the present war. Sir Gilbert Dyett congratulated those who served in the Volunteer Defence Corps and stated that the League and the people of Australia were grateful to them for their self-sacrifice and service.

Eligibility of Militiamen

Although the discussion on the question of eligibility for membership took place relatively late in the proceedings of congress, this matter was, from the general interest it aroused, probably the most important item on the agenda. At its sitting on November 14, the Federal Congress amended the League's Constitution to admit militiamen who had served in a theatre of war. A motion to that effect was carried by 24 votes to four, only the delegates from Victoria and South Australia voting against it. Those States favoured deferring the question of any proposed alteration about eligibility for membership until after the war. Delegates who favoured the admission of the militia said that opinion on the matter had changed during the past three years. At first, members of the present A.I.F. were against admitting militiamen, but now most of them favoured it. The following motion was carried: "That any person, including those in the Commonwealth Military Forces, attested, appointed or posted for active service shall be: (I) a full member of this League, providing that he or she has served in a theatre of war, as defined by the Federal Executive." The Federal Executive lost no time in arriving at this definition. It met that night and declared that theatres of war, in respect of the C.M.F., shall be: (1) the whole of New Guinea; (2) Papua; (3) Ambon; (4) Timor; (5) Nauru; (6) Ocean Island and any island or territory outside Australia, as from January 4, 1942, and that portion of the Northern Territory north of latitude 14 degrees 5 minutes South, from February 19, 1942, to March 31, 1943, provided that members of the C.M.F. who, subsequent to that date, served in that area, applied for transfer to the A.I.F., shall be eligible for membership of the League. It was also decided that members of the A.I.F. and R.A.A.F., who served in New Guinea, shall be eligible for membership of the League, provided they served in that area between February 19, 1942, and November 14, 1944. One feels sure that members of the League and members of the general public as well will approve of a decision that has removed an anomaly, if not an actual injustice to many men who have been in action
against the enemy, and of whom not a few have been wounded in action.

Preference

The preference question gave rise to a very spirited debate. A motion sponsored by Victoria expressed concern over the attitude of the Federal Government on the subject. The motion was lost, and an amendment from South Australia was carried, expressing gratification at the Prime Minister's recent announcement that a Bill providing for preference would be introduced early in 1945, and expressing confidence that the measure would be enacted by the Commonwealth Parliament. Other motions expressed concern at the recent A.C.T.U. resolution on preference, and asked for a clause in the Preference Bill that employers be required to include a percentage of partially-disabled men on their staffs, and urged that preference be given to returned men as polling officers at elections.

Control of Aliens

Numbers of resolutions dealt with enemy aliens, the most important being the pledge that no Italian, Rumanian, Bulgarian or other enemy alien ber permitted to acquire or owning land. A Queensland motion for the deportation to their own countries of all interned enemy aliens, naturalised British subjects of proved disloyalty and dangerous origin of war, was carried. Another Queensland motion that no Italian, Rumanian, Bulgarian or other enemy alien be permitted to acquire land for ten years after the war was also carried. Other resolutions on the same subject urged: Ten years' residential qualification before naturalisation; deferring of naturalisation applications until after the war; prohibition of the use of foreign languages in public; prohibition of alien colonies and schools; and the resumption by the Government of land taken up by aliens since the war.

Land Settlement and War Service Homes

The congress adopted a Victorian motion that the Government should be asked to take a serious view of the amount of land that was today being offered for sale, mostly at inflated values, and of the readiness of foreigners and big land-owners to acquire such land. The motion said: "The establishment of a soldier settlement scheme by the Federal Government to invest all suitable land in the northern areas of Australia for settlement under the repatriation scheme. A Queensland motion that approved ex-servicemen settlers in the proposed soldier settlement areas be allowed wherever they wished, was carried. Congress urged the Government to consider the draft land settlement Bill submitted by the League, with a view to incorporating its principles in the Government's Bill. A Western Australian motion urged the Government to expedite the implementation of its land settlement scheme by appointing its own administrative and co-ordinating machinery. Every State, it was urged, would thus be able to carry out its part in the scheme, as determined at the recent Premier's Conference. The motion was carried.

In connection with war service homes, congress decided to request the Government to see that plans of all Government-built houses conformed to the standards required by municipal councils, in the same manner as those of private contractors. The only order of suitable homes would be built for returned servicemen and women. A Queensland motion, which was carried, urged the Government to place discharged servicemen on No. 1 priority for building material to build their own homes and for manpower, in the event of their arranging the necessary finance. The resolution of the last conference that the interest rate on money advanced by the Government for war service homes should not exceed two per cent, was reaffirmed.

Those were but some of the main items covered by this year's Federal Congress. The congress will be covered more fully when our delegates return and present their report.

MARKETING BOARD

A resolution which covers marketing and control was submitted to the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Wise), and at a recent State Executive meeting it was decided to refer the following Ministerial reply to the Land Committee:

I acknowledge your letter dated 25th instant, in which you refer to the decision passed at your Annual State Congress that a marketing board should be set up under grower control for the purpose of marketing agricultural produce, particularly perishable commodities. It is not clear from your letter whether the proposed board should control the marketing of all agricultural produce. If this is intended, it would mean the abolition of a number of marketing organisations which are at present carrying out useful functions and would require the endorsement of the producers concerned. The question of the sale of perishable commodities, particularly vegetables, is one which has been examined throughout the Commonwealth from time to time and recently also in this State, with a view to overcoming some of the difficulties to which your letter refers.

The success of a marketing scheme which is very briefly outlined in the resolution would depend almost entirely upon the degree to which the surplus could be profitably absorbed, as any losses incurred in the sale of surpluses would have to be averaged with the price obtained for that portion which was readily sold.

The whole question is very involved, particularly with perishable commodities, where even one day's delay may mean the reduction in grade of that commodity in comparison with fresh supplies coming forward, as for instance, in the case of lemons, cabbages, soft-stoned fruits, etc. The success, too, would depend upon a method being evolved for the suitable grading of such commodities and at present a committee is enquiring into means whereby this aspect may be overcome with a view of preventing certain abuses which are taking place at present where perishable commodities, particularly vegetables, are being sold by weight and not by the bunch as under normal conditions. Further, an organisation to carry out the provisions of such a marketing scheme would be costly, and it would be impossible under existing conditions to obtain the necessary trained personnel to put such a scheme into operation. Although every aspect might be examined with a view of implementing such a scheme if found desirable in the post-war period.

I think the suggestion in the fourth paragraph in the resolution, that your Executive should appoint an appropriate marketing committee, a very useful one, as this committee would be able to investigate all the aspects involved in such a wide resolution and be able to submit more details setting out the views of your members upon these aspects.

TOOLS OF TRADE TO EX-SERVICEMEN

The Minister for Repatriation has advised the R.S.L. that the original time limit placed on applications for assistance to procure tools of trade was six months, but on account of abnormal industrial conditions which resulted in many ex-servicemen taking some time to settle down to their normal civil employment, the Repatriation Commission has decided to extend the time limit to twelve months.

At the same time it was agreed that where incapacity was considered by a...
Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation to justify favourable consideration of an application lodged more than six months after discharge, such an application would be favourably considered. Furthermore, having regard to the number of ex-servicemen who, immediately following their discharge, accepted employment with the State, it was decided that where those eligible for tools of trade were engaged in national employment in industry related to the war effort or under the direction of manpower, their applications would be added to the twelve months’ grace period. It was recognised that there would always be late applications deserving of consideration, but the Minister considers that follow-up conditions adequately meet the position.

**A NAVAL OCCASION**

On Thursday, October 12, the Mosman Park Sub-branch was “at home” to the boys of H.M. Navy and a night of good fellowship was recorded. By invitation, about 25 P.O.’s and other ratings under the care of their P.T.I. P.O. “Clubs” arrived at the hall by R.N. transport and proceeded to get acquainted with each other.

“Eight bells” was struck shortly after, and the whole assemblage gathered round the Shrine of Honour and paid respects to those who are no longer with us. After this ceremony was duly honoured, Bill Craze took charge at the piano and “ Sons of the Sea”, “Rule Britannia” and “Waltzing Matilda” were in turn sung lustily.

On conclusion of these opening items games commenced in earnest, and in the first round the R.S.L. team proved too strong from the boys from the Old Land by taking darts, table tennis and quoids. The bowls teams was not good enough, however, and honours fell to the R.N., who ran out comfortable winners.

At 9 p.m. George Ashworth gave the order to “splice the main brace”. This interruption was not unduly prolonged, and when the trained artists from the R.S.L. and R.N. proceeded to entertain. Plenty of talent was in evidence, and the items were capped off with an exhibition of sword swinging, followed by an exhibition with luminated clubs by the P.T.I.

More conviviality and supper brought the evening to a close, and the visitors left for the ship, strictly in conformity with the C.O.’s injunction “that they must return in an orderly condition.”

This evening was arranged in a great hurry and demonstrated how we could do a little towards entertaining those to whom we all owe so much. Mr. Lewis, of the Y.M.C.A., was good enough to arrange the matter with the R.N. representative, and we feel sure that he would be glad to do the same for any other sub-branch that indicated a desire to do something of the kind. It was easy to entertain and meetings subsequent to the first will always be easier. Mosman Park will be on the job again as soon as opportunity offers, and we are looking forward to an even better time than was derived from the first.

**VARIA**

Victoria Park’s hon. secretary reports that a number of older members of the League who, over recent years, had dropped out of activities, have again rejoined the sub-branch. This is very gratifying to the sub-branch officers and is an indication that the star of the League is not just a ‘scope in the house’.

At the meeting of the State Executive on October 25, the State Secretary reported on a case in which a sub-branch had unsuccessfully demanded the return of a membership badge from an unfinancial old comrade. When the bond was renewed from the head office, the person concerned paid up subscriptions for the two years he was in arrears.

Under general business at the meeting of the State Executive on October 25, Mr. A. Leslie, M.L.A., referred to the points of urgency in connection with identifying themselves with public and civic affairs. It was decided that this matter should be mentioned again in the State President’s News Letters and the State Secretary’s Circulars.

In a recent report to the State Executive, the secretary referred to a case of a soldier-settler in the South-West who had applied for irrigation pipes three months ago. He was disgusted to see all of his neighbours, one being an alien, have their work completed whilst his own lay uncompleted. As the matter was urgent, the State Secretary used the telephone to short-circuit all the departmental authorities concerned with the application. The determination of whether the application was in order, the people controlling machinery, the firm supplying machinery, the department concerned with releases and finally the officer responsible, was helpful. However, this Diggs has now notified head office that a few days after his first letter was written a truck arrived and brought all the piping and material for cementing the drains and it looked as if the irrigation would be completed in time for the first watering.

On Russian Day the State Executive sent the following message to be cabled to Marshal Stalin: “The Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen’s Imperial League of Australia (W.A. Branch) send greetings to your comrades of the Russian fighting forces, and sincerely congratulate them on their heroic and remarkable achievements against a common foe. We hope and pray that before the next anniversary of Russia’s national day, the enemies of freedom will have been destroyed and that the noble efforts of the Allied nations will result in lasting peace and security to the peoples of this war-wracked world.”

Albany Sub-branch claims a new record, that of enrolling father and son as members on the same day. Both have served in the present war.
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FAREWELL TO BRIGADIER HOAD

Before he left Perth on transfer to another Command, Brigadier O. V. Hoad was the guest of the State Executive at an informal farewell reception on November 17. In the absence of the State President, the latter (Mr. E. S. Watt) was in the chair. Brigadier Hoad is a son of the late Major-General Sir John Hoad, who took the 1st Victorian Contingent to the South African War in 1899. That unit was combined with other contingents from Tasmania and Western Australia to form the 1st Australian Regiment. Brigadier Hoad commenced his soldiering as an officer in the 5th Australian Infantry Regiment, in the old days before the introduction of universal training. He went to the United Kingdom for more intensive training, during which time he was attached to the Gordon Highlanders, and then to a Dragon Guards Regiment. On his return to Australia, he passed a competitive examination for appointment to the Administrative and Instructional Staff, now the Staff Corps. When war broke out in 1914, Captain Hoad, as he then was, had to change duty with the Canadian forces, which included a tour of service in the Bermudes. His further service abroad in the last war was in France with the 21st Bn. A.I.F., and he was dangerously wounded in 1918. After the war, he held various Staff appointments until he came to Western Australia four and a half years ago. At the little function on November 17, Mr. Watt mentioned the happy relations that had always existed between Brigadier Hoad and the officials and committees of the League. In reply, Brigadier Hoad stated that his tour of service in this State had been a happy one. He said that the League and its officials were doing splendid work on behalf of ex-servicemen and women and their dependants. He hoped this work would continue and that League officials would always go to those in command when they had cases to submit on behalf of servicemen.

Noel Coward, who is not and never has been a fighting man, has aroused great indignation in Brooklyn in consequence of his book "Middle East Diary." In the book Coward said he had met tough men from Texas and Arizona, but he was less impressed by "mournful little Brooklyn boys in tears and alley alleys" than anything worse than a bullet in the leg or a fractured arm. Perhaps a bullet through the leg or a broken arm might seem a mere detail to such a virile superman as Noel Coward, but the comparisons held, he was irascible and tactless, even if they had come from a fighting man, which Coward certainly is not. He merely brings out the truth of the Shakespearean line: "He jests at scutaries who cannot see." In any case, those of us who met the Americans in the last war know that they had their faults, just as we had ours, but we never found them mournful little cry-babies. It took a converted pacifist like Noel Coward to make that amazing discovery.

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Personalities

Sir Gilbert Dyett was re-elected Federal President at the Federal Congress meeting in Sydney and was returned for the sixth successive term. As a token of appreciation and affection, the South Australian State President (Mr. Eric Millhouse) presented Sir Gilbert with a solid silver salver.

A gloom was cast over many people in this State when they learnt that Mr. Gerald P. Foley, vice-chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Commission and secretary of the Timber Workers' Union, had died suddenly at his home. "Jerry" Foley was well known in the Labour movement in this State, and well liked there and everywhere. As vice-chairman of the A.B.C., he visited every State and won the esteem and affection of everybody. He was a man of marked ability, and tactless, even of the old days before the war broke. He went to the National station by C. R. Collins, who has also written much verse, and who has always had a high regard for the work of Oscar Walters. Thanks to "Jerry" Foley, the League's public was given something that was in pleasing contrast with much of the stuff written in red ink by poetasters who despise themselves above the laws of rhyme and rhythm. The late Mr. Foley had served in the R.A.N. He was a man who could walk with kings and keep the common touch. In every sense a man's man, his personality was one of courtesy and kindness, added to which he was a man of marked ability, who served the Labour movement faithfully and well, and who did much for broadcasting, not only in this State, but through the length and breadth of Australia.

We regret to report that Mr. Marcus Anderson, headmaster of the Subiaco State School, and an old stalwart of the Fremantle City Sub-branch has been seriously ill in the Mount Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Bob Good, publicity officer of the Maylands Sub-branch, had an argument with a tram recently. The tram won, and Bob's ribs were damaged somewhat. When he gets better, we hope he will tell us all about the incident—or as much as he can remember of it.

At the October meeting of the Nannup-Jarrahwood Sub-branch, older members commented upon the true spirit of comradeship, loyalty and honest-to-goodness feeling for each other man that only the men who formed the great brotherhood of arms during their war service. One who remarked upon this was Archie Groves, now 75 years of age. Another old Digger, Ernie Mowday, said that more than twenty years ago he opened the old Barabup Sub-branch, now the Nannup-Jarrahwood Sub-branch. He could not recall any single occasion where a discordant note had been sounded at meetings, and he was proud to belong to a team which had held such a remarkable record to this day. It is certainly a challenge to the State.

The State's only woman trumpeter, dainty and petite A.C.W. Hannah Coll, now a member of the W.A.A.F., was among those who sounded the calls in the city on Armistice Day. Not only is she the State's only woman trumpeter, but she is also the only woman member of the R.A.A.F. She was added at a passing-out ceremony when she was stationed in Melbourne. This wee fair lass is only 4 feet 10 inches high. She is just 18 years of age, and has played the cornet since she was six. She was taught by her father, Mr. A. W. Colley, a capable cornet player, who was a Digger of the last war. Hannah has often performed at R.S.L. and Red Cross functions. She joined the W.A.A.F. six months ago.

Among those who attended the meeting of the Albany Sub-branch on November 3 was Sister L. E. Whiteman, of the British Nursing Service, who is home from England six months' leave. She is the daughter of the genial and popular James Whiteman (Marquis of Torbay) who served with the 16th in the last war, and a sister of Geoff Whiteman, who has been discharged from the forces after active service, but who remains in the Army, of which he lost an arm. The Whiteman family have done their service for King and Country and for the League, in peace and war, and it is always a pleasure when one of them comes to a sub-branch meeting. It is needless to say, the Albany Diggers gave Sister Whiteman a very hearty welcome.

Members of Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville Sub-branch and, indeed, of many other sub-branches, were shocked and grieved to hear the sudden death of that good comrade, Jim Morton, on November 1. Jim has left a wonderful record for the memory of his friends. He was one of the personalities of the League. During his long association with his own sub-branch, of which he was a foundation member, he held the offices of both president and secretary with high distinction. He was also a trustee and secretary of the building committee. Whatever position he held, he always made co-workers feel that they were welcome. Jim Morton was one of the greatest workers for the building of the Memorial Hall which is now the headquarters of the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville Sub-branch. It was his foresight which made the building possible and his work and guidance which led to its completion. He served with the 5th Battalion during the last war. Two of his sons are pilots in the R.A.A.F. and a daughter is secretary of the women's auxiliary. Mrs. Morton is a foundation member of the auxiliary. To her, and the other members of the family, we offer our heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

We have pleasure in announcing that L. Breen (Ted) Turner, of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, and the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville Sub-branch is making good progress at Wooroloo, and hopes to be back at meetings before long. Tom Campbell, of the same sub-
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broke out in 1890. He duly reported back and went out to South Africa. He met the Australian regiment commanded by Brigadier Hoad's father at De Aar, and later at Faardeberg. The outbreak of the Boxer Rising in China in 1900 caused another change. He went with his battery to China and remained there ten months, after which the battery went back to Africa. The trip back was in a ship belonging to the West African Shipping Company. The men of those days called the shipping line the West African Starvation Company. The journey took 27 days, and by the time they arrived back home it was March 1890. During the last war, Mr. Yeates served aboard with the 44th Bn. A.I.F.

One of the guests at the send-off to Brigadier Hoad at Anzac House on November 17 was Mr. H. R. Richardson, the Commissioner for War Service Homes, who is in the State on official business. He served with the 20th Bn. A.I.F. in the last war.

We regret to report the death of Flight Sergt. K. T. Frankish, R.A.A.F., of Mt. Lawley, who has been reported killed in air operations overseas. His father is Dick Frankish, of the Department of Mines, who served with an artillery unit in the last war. To his bereaved parents and other relatives we offer our heartfelt condolence.

Scabbards Off

By Pip Tok

Mr. K. H. Todd, one of the New South Wales delegates to this year's Federal Congress, said that at the last N.S.W. conference a motion had been passed that had been organised from outside was made to sway returned soldiers away from preference. We have had the same experience in Western Australia, and the disappointment of outside intriguers and their agents were being allowed to control League policy has been shown in letters to the Press. In this connection, the strongest misrepresentation of what happened at congress has been seen in Homebush, where control League resolutions advocating stricter control of aliens. It may be mentioned in passing that more strongly-worded resolutions to this end have been carried by the Federal Congress. Two persons had depended on aliens for their living having written letters to the Editor of "The West Australian," and they have been followed by others, until the original resolutions have been distorted to represent an alleged alien menace. In the eye of the law, being allowed to control League policy has been shown in letters to the Press. It is extraordinary how the obtuseness of people like Ward and Calwell prevent them from seeing that they are among the very last persons who should chip men who have had war service. When Spender, M.H.R., asked the Army Minister (Mr. Forde) something about having the 1939-43 Star awarded to soldiers serving in New Guinea, Transport Minister Ward chimed in and remarked, without reason, relevancy or even common good manners, "You should get the Tokbruk Star," to which Spender replied, "There's one star you won't get." More crushing still was the rebuke Country Party member Abbott of New South Wales administered to the Minister for Belated Information (Mr. Calwell) during the debate on the Bill to ratify the

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Food Agreement, Mr. Abbott contended that the Government should not have entered into the agreement without first having consulted Parliament. Calwell interjected, "You declared war without consulting Parliament." It is strange that any Minister for Information should be so uninformed as to imagine that the Government in past years, in 1939, whether Labour or non-Labour, could have done anything other than declare war on Hitler, but that was all one to Calwell. However, his ears must have tingled when Abbott declared: "You never dared to go near a war, and you took fine care to keep out of this one."

Oscar Walters, Digger poet, who was on Gallipoli with the 3rd Field Coy., Australian Engineers, and who is now editor of the "West Australian Worker," is the latest target for Red Fascist abuse. A move has been launched on the Goldfields for his dismissal on the ground that some of his articles are detrimental to unity. The articles complained of upheld the policy of the Australian Labour Party which has, hitherto, set itself against affiliation with the Communist Party. In a recent issue of "The Worker," Oscar hit back with great effect. He declared that the attack had come from Communist elements. He made capital of the high-sounding phrase "detrimental to unity," and carried the war into the critics' quarter by quoting from a circular put out by the Communist Party just before Hitler attacked Russia. At a time when the British Empire was fighting alone, and with her back to the wall, the Red Fascists in our own country served the cause of unity by declaring in a circular referred to that the war "now developing in the Pacific is an extension of the world imperialist conflict." The circular went on: "In this disaster-struck, discredited rubbish, the Labour Party has concurred. These lick-spittles of Imperialism, these glib mouthers of democracy, these tools of Australian fascism, have vilely betrayed the trust the workers have placed in them." Mr. Walters rightly asked whether or not that was "detrimental to unity," or was it "good uniting policy." One sincerely hopes that the workers of this State and their democratically-elected representatives will show their customary good sense by giving the new move the rebuff it deserves. The Red Fascists, and their dupes, the ParLOUR Pinks, have never yet explained how it came about that this "world imperial conflict" became a holy war overnight immediately Russia was attacked. The same gang that intrigued against Mr. Curtin in Fremantle and tried to brand him as a war monger campaigned very hard during the last Federal election, but the workers stuck to their trustworthy leaders and returned them with an overwhelming majority.

Since the foregoing item was written, the State Secretary of the Australian Workers' Union (Mr. C. Golding) has explained that the meeting which demanded Mr. Walters' dismissal was a meeting of a mere 25 members of one of the largest trade unions of the State. That affords another example of the advisability of members of organisations attending meetings and not allowing an interested few to run them. Readers of "The Listening Post" will remember the recent instance of 26 or 30 members of the Perth Sub-branch who tried to commit a sub-branch whose membership is now about 1500 to opposition to the preference principle. The anti-preference resolution carried by this coterie—or was it a Killi-coterie?—was rescinded at a subsequent and better-attended meeting. That is just the way the Red Fascists work. They take advantage of the apathy of those who will not attend meetings and then intrigue against the organisation from within. The campaign against Mr. Walters is reminiscent of the recent campaign against "The Listening Post," when an impudent attempt was made to muzzle the official organ of the League merely because it upheld League policy against attacks from inside and from without.

In our October issue, the closing date for entries for the "Artists in Uniform" Exhibition being arranged by the Perth Legacy Club was given as November 15, 1944. Since publication, the acting president of the Legacy Club has advised that "in view of the wide area covered by the entries for this exhibition, it has been found that November 15 is far too early and therefore it was decided to extend the time allotted for the acceptance of entries, and alter the closing date to January 15, 1945."

Part of the Nazi war of nerves in Denmark took the form a short time ago of leaflets dropped by German planes bearing British markings. These leaflets, faked by the Germans, informed the Danes that their country would soon be occupied by Russians and American negroes. During the next few days the daily post in Denmark showed a big increase. The Danes were posting back the leaflets to the Germans, with "Thanks for the loan."

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At the meeting of the State Executive on October 25 there were present Messrs. Anderson, Edmondson, Watt, Yeates, Mansbridge, Wood, Leslie, Thorn, Ferguson, Olden, Mitchell, Ferguson-Stewart, Cornell, James, Davies, Collett, Zeffert, Macgregor, Craig, Bateson, Harvey, Sneddon, Reap and Johnstone (Country Vice-President).

Staff.—After formally welcoming one of the Country Vice-Presidents (Mr. Johnstone), the State President reviewed the position of the staff, intimating that although two appointments had been made, he considered that the W.A. Branch of the League is still without the services of an Assistant State Secretary, a position which was recommended by congress. It was resolved to invite applications for the vacant position of Acting Assistant State Secretary, with a salary of £28 a week, plus basic wage adjustments.

Victory Loan.—Collie Sub-branch notified the State Secretary that it had invested £200 in the Second Victory Loan. This brings the sub-branch’s total subscriptions to war loans up to £700. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Executive decided to invest £1,200 in the loan.

Protest.—The State Secretary reported that two sub-branch officials had called at head office to protest against certain officials of the Gun Ammunition Branch having been appointed commissioned officers. One of these is a man 24 years of age, who had been exempted from military service on the ground that he was doing essential work. The report was received.

Pensions and Employment.—The report of the Pensions and Employment Committee referred to a number of congress items and the action taken thereon. Other matters mentioned were reported permanent appointments in the State Civil Service, and the contemplated creation of a Promotions Appeal Board. It was agreed that these matters be discussed with the Premier. A recommendation in connection with leave of discharge service personnel was deferred for further inquiry. It was resolved that Mr. Edmondson be added to the Pensions and Employment Committee.

Land Committee.—The report of the Land Committee referred to action taken in congress items, and to copies of decisions at the recent Premiers’ Conference in respect of soldier settlement. Each member has been issued with a copy of the report.

Poppy Day.—A report on a meeting of metropolitan sub-branch and auxiliary representatives on October 16, was presented. City selling-stands were allotted for this year’s street appeal, which will take place in the metropolitan area on Friday, November 10. One hundred and ten thousand poppies have been ordered from the Maimed and Limbless Men’s Association.

Trades.—The report of the Relief Fund Trustees revealed that possession of a property in Haytesbury Road, Subiaco, had been gained. This property had been bequeathed to the League, and it is now the subject of sale negotiations.

Visits.—The State President reported on his recent visit to the Wyalkatehem and Nungarin districts, on which he was accompanied by the State Secretary. Mr. Anderson referred to the excellent work being done by the chapters concerned. The State President also reported on a reception to the Prime Minister and a welcome to Captain Cutler, V.C., and the crew of the Lancaster bomber. Other visits were reported by Mr. Edmondson, Messrs. Davis (Edward Millen Home, Heathcote and Anzac Buffet), Mr. Cornish (Subiaco and Hollywood Hospital), Mr. Ferguson-Stewart (Victoria Park), Mr. Wat (11th Regiment), Mr. Bateson (Perth Hospital and Anzac Buffet).

Patents Office Appointment.—The State Secretary read a letter from the Prime Minister’s Department confirming that an alien had been appointed to a position in the Patents Office at Canberra. The letter claimed that the appointment was only temporary and that the alien possessed outstanding qualifications. It was decided that further representations be left to Senator Collett, as cases of this sort fail to regard the claims of Australians serving with the fighting forces.

Sub-Branches.—Norseman Sub-branch made certain recommendations in connection with the proposed veterans’ home. The State Secretary’s reply was endorsed. The Red Cross Society also made inquiries about hostel accommodation. It was decided that the State Secretary should reply.

It was resolved that Mr. Lawley Sub-branch be granted permission to appeal for funds for a memorial building.

Nonmbling Sub-branch protested against sending convicted persons to country districts. It was decided that the matter be referred to the delinquency committee.

Australia-Russia League.—This organisation asked the State Executive to appoint a representative. It was decided that it is not the practice of the Executive to appoint representatives to other committees.

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At the meeting on October 11, the president (Mr. J. R. Hylton) presided over an enthusiastic gathering. The number of members is steadily increasing, mostly from young Diggers. The important subject of the evening was the report from congress delegates. A very comprehensive resume of the congress programme was given and listened to with interest. The news that Mr. S. W. Wright was elected as country vice-president was received with acclamation. Mr. Wright suitably responded. The president explained that, pending the election of an organising secretary, 25 applications were received from widely scattered parts of the State. Reports were received from organisations attending to ex-servicemen’s welfare. Repatriation cases were on the increase and were receiving every consideration from that committee. The president welcomed visitors, who included the State President (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson), Mr. Ferguson
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VICe RIA PARK

The monthly meeting was held on October 20, with the president (All Nicholas) in the chair. Attendance showed an increase on previous meetings and is an indication of the added interest being taken by young and old Diggers. The meeting was addressed by the newly-elected Executive member Mr. Ferguson-Stewart, of Gosnells Sub-branch, who served overseas with the Second A.I.F. Mr. Ferguson-Stewart spoke briefly and his remarks were well received. Poppy Day was the main business discussed, and it is hoped to better last year's performance. The financial position is very healthy, and thanks are due to the women's auxiliary for their very fine efforts in this direction. The popular candidates are working hard for the P.O.W. Fund, and this competition is drawing to a close. Membership is now past the 350 mark. The annual smoke social will be held on Friday, November 15. Twenty members are urged to attend. Cheerio to our comrades at the Edward Millen Home.

WYALKATCHEM

On October 20 a very happy function was held in the sub-branch and women's auxiliary buildings to welcome the State President and State Secretary of the League, and also to wind-up a magnificent competition which yielded £1,392 to the R.S.L. Prisoner of War Fund. Generalissimo, the host of the local hostelry, was first past the post, having amassed the magnificent sum of £500. Incidentally Mr. Wise was backed up by a vigorous ladies' committee who contrived by every means known to the best of organisers, to keep their candidate in front. Mr. B. O. Read, of Korrolock, pressed the winner closely with the sum of £325, whilst Stan Jones, another Wyalkatchem starter, gathered in £125, Mr. C. Broadbridge, representing Nallkin, £62; Fred Bancoult, of Benbow, £51; and Mr. H. Diver, of Yorkrakine, £44, were the other starters. The expenses were merely nominal, and Norman Neilson, as chairman, as a wind-up to the Ugly Man Competition, presented £176 donations—£52 from a Gala Sports Day and £62 from a P.O.W. Ball, all the figures illustrating that there was every and enthusiasm behind every effort. Not only were the proceeds collected during the whole proceedings, with Bob Cashmore as presiding officer, deserve the best thanks of the W.A. Branch of the League, producing as they did a sum that was equal credit to the Wyalkatchem district.

MOUNT BARKER

A meeting was held on October 20 with the president (R. H. Jenkin) in the chair. The chairman, who had represented the sub-branch at congress, gave a very interesting report on the proceedings. He mentioned that the item put up by the sub-branch was well received and duly passed. Commencing the meeting on November 17, future meetings will be held on the third Friday of each month. The question of alterations to the building was left over until the November meeting. It was resolved to increase the order of poppies by 50 this year.

SHENTON PARK

The November meeting with the president, Mr. R. W. Ogg, in the chair was well attended. Several new faces were noticed, which is in line with the younger men joining their local sub-branches. Two members are again in the Repatriation ward—Mr. H. E. Bolton, one of the earliest State Presidents, and Mr. Percy Clegg. We wish them both a speedy recovery. The Druids' challenge was a great success, and a return match will be arranged in the near future. Poppy Day arrangements are well in hand, and with the assistance of a women's auxiliary, plus Mr. Taylor's Boy Scouts, a record sale is expected.

GLOUCESTER PARK

The monthly general meeting was held at Emble Hall on November 2. Finances showed the usual healthy condition. The meeting discussed at length the poor attendances, the roll-up being only about 10 per cent of total membership. Members are to be circularised and, it is hoped that an improvement will result. Nominations for the various official positions for the ensuing year were received. Elections will take place at the next meeting. Visitors from North Perth Sub-branch were welcomed and suitably responded, with the chairman to return the compliment. Preparations for Poppy Day were finalised, and it is confidently expected that all previous records will be beaten.

ALBANY

President T. Brown welcomed several new members at the meeting on November 3. Among them were Sister L. E. Witt, of the W.A., Mr. E. F. Page, son of the O.C. Gardens, F. Adlam, of the 2/2nd O.C. Gardens, F. Adlam, of the 2/2nd A.G.H., and Messrs. J. McDougall and R. Kenworthy. The draw for the goose club, in which there were 200 entries, will take place in the Institute on Friday, December 22, at 8 p.m. The report of club nights for the P.O.W. Fund showed that the takings were £277/7/6. Letters of thanks have been sent to Mr. M. Tomlin, Mrs. de Large, Mr. Geale and Mr. Manea and his staff. It was resolved that one guinea be donated to the Greek Red Cross appeal, which is being run by Mr. Manea, as a mark of appreciation of his efforts on behalf of serving members of the forces. Mr. Geale's resignation from the social committee was accepted with deep regret. The resulting vacancy has been filled by Mr. J. McDougall. Total membership is now 307. It was resolved to urge the State Executive to have a brochure printed giving something about the facilities available for settlers, and urging all members of the forces being discharged to seek the advice and help of sub-branch officials before deciding on any particular block. It was also decided to notify the Land Committee that the sub-branch is very perturbed about the unloading of abandoned blocks, held by the Agricultural Bank, on settlers who have already been discharged, and who are not fully aware of the nature of these blocks. After official business had been transacted, Sister Witt and Mr. F. Page gave members an account of their experiences overseas.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

The attendance at the October meeting was well up to the president, Mr. E. J. Tomlin, who extended a hearty welcome to 46 new members. The energetic secretary (Alf Doust) is keeping up his wonderful average of new members. Mr. J. Collins reported that Poppy Day preparations are well in advance, and an all-out effort should bring a record year. It was moved that the sub-branch participate in the Youth Centre Appeal. Mr. Brown was elected as delegate to the Community Youth Centre Committee. Mrs. Payne was named as R.S.L. Queen. Mr. Paton gave a comprehensive report on the State Congress. The president reported that Mr. Herlihy is well on the road to recovery, having been confined to his home for a few weeks or so. The sub-branch send their heartfelt sympathy and are looking forward to this staunch and capable officer being on deck again. Volunteers for visiting Hollywood were called for. There was a very quick response, so 14 members will be on their way bright and early on Sunday, November 26.

SUBLICO

The annual reunion in King's Hall on October 20 was an outstanding success. Two hundred and twenty were present and all enjoyed a great night. The State Executive was represented by Mr. R. E. Headcorn, the Army by Major Gillespie and the Air Force by Wing Commander Rushbrook. The toast of the Navy, Army and Air Force was proposed by Fred Frost and suitably responded to by the representative of the Sub-branch. The State Executive was proposed by Bill Thomas, and Jimmy Cornell was in his best form in responding. Incidentally, this sub-branch was responsible for putting him on the Executive in 1919. His memories of old Subiaco over the last 40 years.

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were full of interest. The toast of the sub-branch was entrusted to our old friend Wally Richardson, who has had the same job almost since the sub-branch was formed, and responded to by Cliff Saddler, V.C., who was on the top of his form. Ben Williamson proposed the toast of the visitors, who were many in number and responded to by the Maor of Subiaco, Dick Cornish and Morrie Lewis, of the Perth Sub-branch. The toast of the Artists and Helpers was again proposed by Alf Buggins, who always arranges the harmony, and was responded to by Ivan Paddock. The hall was, as usual, decorated by Charlie Tranter and all the flowers were sent to Hollywood Hospital next morning. The October meeting was well attended. Eighteen new members were enrolled, and those present were welcomed by the president in his usual good style. The report on congress was given by Geo. Potter on behalf of the delegates, who announced that all the motions put forward by the sub-branch were sent on. The treasurer announced that the overdraft on the hall now stands at £29. This was greeted with cheers, and it must be gratifying to those old members (some of whom are away on service) who started this project to know that the hall will soon be clear. Thanks also go out to our women's auxiliary for their sterling work in this direction. The Saturday night bridge parties are still going strong and are a continual source of revenue. P.O.W. collections for the month amounted to £12/15/-.

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executive conducted a most successful evening's dance for the purpose of showing appreciation of the men for the consistently excellent services rendered by the ladies of the auxiliary. There was an attendance of over 200. Even so, the members of the committee noted the inexplicable absence of one or two veteran members. Attendance at monthly meetings—the second Monday of the month—continues to be satisfactory. The following names have been added to the list:- Messrs. W. G. M. Heerdegen (late Chaplain Flight Lieut. R.A.A.F.), A. G. Bryant, A. W. Hastie, M. G. Jennings, C. H. Muhlenk, K. Mort, Len Owen (late R.A.A.F.), A. Repacholi, R. J. O'Brien, H. C. Smith, T. Taylor and A. O. Withers.

**MOUNT HAWTHORN-NORTH**

Returns to the committee, under George Black and Secretary "Whiz" Sinclair, have the arrangements for the ladies' night on November 27 well in hand. Members were asked to bring their wives and friends along, and show how the efforts of the social committee are appreciated. The secretary, Cuth. Richardson, is away on leave. Bill Rowies and Tom Craig are filling the gap during his absence. The final night of the championships saw a good attendance. Roy Peterson, as sports director, had the programme working very smoothly. The games were keenly contested and well applauded by the spectators. Roy had the valable assistance of Bob Stace and Ern Tonkinson, who so ably umpired 12 games of tennis. Both deserved the thanks they got from players and spectators. The grand champion is Roy Peterson, with Jerry Carroll second and Fred Thomas seen third. The following were the results of the individual games: Quoits: 1, Bill Stone; 2, Fred Barrett; 3, Greg Peterson; 4, H. James; Bowls: 1, Ern Hinchcliffe; 2, Jack Woodhead; Table Tennis (A grade): 1, Roy Peterson; 2, Carney Blab; Table Tennis (B grade): 1, Geoff Morley; 2, Ted Nathan; Darts: 1, Gerry Carroll; 2, Dave Bell; 3, George Black and Roy Peterson; 2, Ted Hatcher and McKeown. The sweep was won by young Charlie Drake, a recently returned P.O.W. Members are reminded of the final break-up on December 14 and the children's party on December 22.

**MAYLANDS**

There was a good attendance at the meeting on November 2. The secretary and treasurer of the building fund reported satisfactory progress. Arthur Hullett reported that two sick members in Ward XI are progressing favourably. Les King, who resigned the secretaryship two years ago to enlist, has been discharged and is now back with the
GERALDTON

The October meeting was a notable evening. Mr. Logie, president of the Darling Range Sub-branch, was in attendance by invitation, and after the meeting gave an interesting address on the prospects of Blue Asbestos Mining in the North-West. The second monster darts tournament was completed, and this time the winners were the Mercantile Club team. A good number of Nannup members were present. The organiser, Mr. Val Brown, again had all these arrangements in tip-top order and he was the recipient of the committee's congratulations and thanks at the monthly committee meeting. The celebrations in connection with the liberation of Greece were conducted at the memorial at Birdwood House on October 27, and there was an excellent attendance of the Greek community and officials of the local sub-branch. The R.A.A.F. guard of honour was a feature of the proceedings, and the service was conducted by the Rev. K. B. Halley. Wreaths were laid by the members of the Greek community and also by the sub-branch. An investigation committee consisting of two members of the sub-branch has been formed for the purpose of reporting on applications for relief, etc. The local radio station, 6GE, has kindly allowed the sub-branch a ten-minutes session on the air each week; and this thoughtful and kindly gesture is greatly appreciated by members. Mr. Alf Wheat, of Radio Pictures, who has been a generously consistent donor to the P.O.W. fund, again came to fight on the occasion of the recent war loan rally and donated the unhooked section of the show to the P.O.W. fund. An amount of £13 was realised. The thanks of the sub-branch are tendered to Mr. Wheat.

BULLSBROOK

September, October and November meetings were held on the first Saturday in each month. They were well attended, and several new members from the present war have been enrolled. All business was conducted with satisfaction, and good results were shown from the financial point of view. At the October meeting, it was decided to issue canteen orders for £1 each to all members of the district in the fighting forces. The weekly dances remain popular. A Poppa Ball was held on November 11.

FREMANTLE CITY

The president (Mr. H. G. Wilson) was in the chair at the recent general meeting. The principal business was the consideration of the report of the building committee which, in conjunction with the North-East Fremantle Sub-branch, had received a mass of orders for orders for the Greek fund, again came with the general meeting.

NANNUP-JARRAHWOOD

A good number of Nannup members made the journey to Jarrahwood for the October meeting. Mr. Frank Badrick was again in the chair, and business was despatched with promptness and efficiency. The meeting was entirely to proceed to raise funds for this object. The appointment of a full-time secretary from among several applicants who have been interviewed by the joint committee. The following motion, proposed by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Tomlin, was carried: "That this meeting of League members of Fremantle City and also the members of the joint committee be allowed to proceed with the building project of building an R.S.I. headquarters with club premises, on a site to be selected, and to proceed to raise funds for this object." The appointment of a full-time secretary from among several applicants who have been interviewed by the joint committee. The following motion, proposed by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Tomlin, was carried: "That this meeting of League members of Fremantle City and also the members of the joint committee be allowed to proceed with the building project of building an R.S.I. headquarters with club premises, on a site to be selected, and to proceed to raise funds for this object." The appointment of a full-time secretary from among several applicants who have been interviewed by the joint committee. The following motion, proposed by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Tomlin, was carried: "That this meeting of League members of Fremantle City and also the members of the joint committee be allowed to proceed with the building project of building an R.S.I. headquarters with club premises, on a site to be selected, and to proceed to raise funds for this object."
MIDLAND JUNCTION

At the recent monthly meeting, congress delegates made their report. Gratitude was expressed at the election of the president (Mr. J. Craig) to the State Executive. The sub-branch has begun a drive to secure its own hall. At a meeting of citizens and R.S.L. members, a committee was formed to raise funds for this purpose. At a recent social arranged by the auxiliary, the State President (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson) and the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson) received a cheque for £54 on behalf of the P.O.W. fund. A further cheque for £100, representing money raised by sub-branch members, was also presented. At a recent children's concert at Bellevue, organised by Valman Higgins and June Smith (aged 14 years), the sum of £6 was raised for presentation to the P.O.W. fund. On receiving this amount, the president (Mr. Craig) expressed the thanks of the sub-branch and commended the children on their efforts to help our P.O.W. comrades.

MOSMAN PARK

The October meeting was well attended and a good deal of business was put through. It was pleasing to see Reg Forbes again and also Harry Burge, who now takes the first-class petty officer's insignia. Both members have been unavoidably absent from meetings for some considerable time. We were pleased also to have members of the R.N. in attendance at the meeting. It was refreshing to hear George Nelson attempt to have the sub-branch conduct a weekly dance for the benefit of the hall fund. George, in common with many other members, felt that the sub-branch should make fuller use of the facilities at its disposal for the general benefit of the organisation. Other members thought otherwise, however, and what appeared to be a good proposition has gone begging. It is understood that George intends running a dance himself on those lines, and has booked the hall for the last Saturday in the year for the purpose. He is promised the support of many members, and has the best wishes of all. Dick Thomas gave a report of what transpired at congress. Members appreciated the difficulty attendant upon attempting to straighten out difficulties that are bound to occur at this critical time of our history, and expressed the feeling that better order would prevail next year. The many items calling for attention are causing meetings to drag on until late hours, and at the next meeting an attempt will be made for a punctual start of meetings and for much of the matter now read at the general meeting to be disposed of by the committee.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

There was the usual large and representative attendance at the November meeting. Members and intending members are reminded that we have installed a loud speaker system at the local town hall, which is a great innovation, and is appreciated by all. A very encouraging report was submitted in connection with the community concerts. These are now being held on the Esplanade, Perth, on Sunday evenings, and the sub-branch will further benefit from the proceeds from time to time. It is very satisfactory to note that over £200 has been allocated to this sub-branch and our friends Mr. Hawthorn-North Leederville Sub-branch, thus enabling us to make further contributions to the war loan. We express our sincere appreciation to Cr. E. Caddy for his wonderful effort in conducting these concerts. He has always been a good friend of the sub-branch in more ways than one. Thanks, old chap. New members were welcomed in Messrs. W. R. Turiff, W. A. Sheppard, H. A. George, A. H. Zinkler and G. B. Cross. The sub-branch is pleased to welcome back Mat Epis, who has been on the sick list for a long time. Our effort on Poppy Day was the second best on record. Again we thank our old stalwart Hughie Peters, who someone referred to as an old balled man (from Hughie himself) for his usual effort on Poppy Day. Mr. L. C. Nimmo, chairman of the local war loan committee, was happy to report that the local quota had been filled in the 2nd Victory Loan, and so we congratulate him and his committee on the excellent work done. They are already getting into form for the next efforts early in the New Year. We will be visiting the Manchester Unity Lodge in force on Thursday, December 7, when they have arranged a special evening of entertainment and competition for our benefit. Contributions continue to come in for the P.O.W. fund, and Messrs. Botts Limited effort is definitely outstanding, they having contributed nearly £100 to date. Bridge evenings are held every Friday night in the local town hall and the secretary has made a special appeal for further support from members and their friends. Anyone is welcome. And now with Sergt. Crowe introducing rummy competitions from Friday next this will no doubt cause a big fillip to the attendance. A Paddy's Market is being held on Saturday, November 25, from

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MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

Attendance at the November meeting was not as large as over the last few months, but nevertheless more than 100 signed the book. Members are particularly asked to make sure that they do this, as a record of the numbers attending is required for Newdegate Cup points. The most important business of the evening was a report by the chairman of the building committee (Ted Wall), in which he announced the formal opening of the fund and called for donations. The committee's target is £20,000, and while it is realised that this cannot all be raised at once, the amount has been fixed as representing the long-term view, so that as the years go by the Memorial building can be made one of which the sub-branch and the district can be proud. But nothing can be done without funds, so it is up to all members to do their best to get as much as possible into the building fund, when £5,000 will enable a start to be made. Meetings: Management, November 28; General meeting, December 5; Membership, 12; and Management, December 19. This last will be a combined meeting of all committees.

BASSENEADEN

The sub-branch held a ladies' night in the lesser hall on Thursday, October 26. A very enjoyable evening being spent with dancing, games and a little bit of fun, one corner of the hall being set aside for bridge. Some of the old stagers being Jim Weatherbourne, Ned Okley, Hughie Prosser and Geo. Atkins. At the conclusion of the evening, a very fine address was given by the president (Mr. C. Cook), thanking the ladies for the good work they were doing for the sub-branch and the work that had to be done in the future. The sub-branch held their business meeting on October 26, there being a fair attendance. There was much discussion in regard to the new R.S.L. building. It was also decided to hold a reunion of all members on or about December 14. All were glad to see our old member Mr. R. Fry well again.

CALINGIRI-BOLGART

The Bolgart members turned out in force at the October meeting and outnumbered Calingiri by seven to six. The principal business of the evening was Mr. Sheddon's report on the annual conference. The motion of a compulsory wool pool after the war rested on Mr. Sheddon's knowledge of the Atlantic Charter. He failed to pass the test. The sub-branch unanimously agreed that those members of the club who have the work that had to be done in the future should bear the full cost. The suggestion that intending farmers should undergo a refresher course, was considered a sound scheme. The suggestion of which department handles R.S.L. scholarships has still not received a satisfactory answer, and it was hoped that the Secretary (Mr. B. T. Jay) would be able to give a full explanation when they visited Calingiri towards the end of November. The secretary was instructed to invite members of neighbouring sub-branches to meet Mr. Anderson and Mr. Benson when they visit Calingiri. To encourage the newly-formed Toodyay Sub-branch, a party from Calingiri-Bolgart Sub-branch will attend their meeting early in December. The sub-branches have for their objective the sale of 200 poppies for the 1944 Poppy Day appeal. Mr. Sheddon suggested that the women's auxiliary should be revived. The members present promised that they would faithfully support the suggestion to their wives, and make known the results at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Sheddon for his ability and energy while at conference.

BOULDER

The general meeting held on October 26 was well attended and a considerable amount of business was transacted thereat. The delegats' report to the annual State Congress of the League was listened to with interest by members present. It was decided to form a Boys' Athletic Club. The sub-branches to meet Mr. Anderson and Mr. Benson when they visit Calingiri. To encourage the newly-formed Toodyay Sub-branch, a party from Calingiri-Bolgart Sub-branch will attend their meeting early in December. The sub-branches have for their objective the sale of 200 poppies for the 1944 Poppy Day appeal. Mr. Sheddon suggested that the women's auxiliary should be revived. The members present promised that they would faithfully support the suggestion to their wives, and make known the results at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Sheddon for his ability and energy while at conference.

OSBORNE PARK

Fortnightly meetings lately have been well attended with veteran Alf Dans in the chair. At the last meeting the sub-branch was honoured with a visit by Mr. Bateston, of the State Executive. He made an excellent report on subjects of interest and enlightened members on many points. P.O. Robinson, of the British Legion, also gave a very welcome. The president made a report on the ex-
Women's Auxiliaries

NAREMBEEN AND COTTESLOE

The R.S.L. women's auxiliaries of Naremb een and Cottesloe combined to entertain the old Diggers from Sunset on October 14. Naremb een sent £5, which was spent by Cottesloe on a river trip by bus, followed by high tea at St. Philip's Hall, Cottesloe. Mrs. Prendergast represented the State Executive. The men enjoyed community singing, solo items and the "Hokey-Pokey," which some of them performed with great gusto. This joint effort by country and metropolitan auxiliaries is a great idea, and could be a permanent feature of auxiliary work.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

The October meeting was well attended, 27 members being present. We are sorry to report that two members, Mesdames Newton and Blackwell, are on the sick list, and we hope that they will soon be restored to good health. Mrs. Prosser made a very handsome donation to the funds, for which members are very grateful.

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November is a busy month for the auxiliary. November 4 was the day of the Children's Party, while Poppy Day and November 25 were Paddy's Market, in conjunction with the sub-branch.

VICTORIA PAKK

Approximately 300 guests were entertained at the 10th birthday party of the auxiliary on September 29. Delegates from the annual conference and representatives of the Housewives' Association were present. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of Certificates of Service to Mesdames L. Wall and J. Jennings by the State President (Mrs. J. McKinlay). Supper, including the birthday cake, was provided by the auxiliary. Mrs. Harvey made the cake on this occasion. The social arrangements were in the capable hands of the secretary, Mrs. Prue. Mesdames Coleman and Haigh reported on their visit to the Edward Millen Home. In future, the auxiliary will take cakes to Edward Millen twice a month. The two popular girls, Miss Hannah Colley and Miss Sylvia Hodgson, are both working hard for the P.O.W. appeal. Members are urged to support them all they can. War Savings Certificates to the value of £550 have been purchased on behalf of the auxiliary.

SUBIACO

Mrs. Burgess presided over a good attendance at the monthly meeting on October 18. During the month, Cottesloe entertained Subiaco to a return sports meeting, and a very happy evening was spent. The combined committee of the sub-branch and the auxiliary is putting in some hard work for the children's plain and fancy dress party on December 16, and the adults Carnival Ball in the evening. The proceeds will go to the building fund. During the month visits were paid to the various hospitals.

MAYLANDS

At a recent meeting it was decided to send two guineas to the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Fund. The auxiliary had a stall at the Red Cross Bazaar on November 7. On November 3, members assisted in the street appeal on behalf of Parkerville Home. On the same day, others made visits at the F.US.W. hostel, while in the evening the monthly visit to Lemnos was paid. Edward Millen Home and sick-bay at H.M.A.S. Leeuwin have also been visited. War Savings Certificates bought by members are now worth £341. Mrs. Carroll has had to undergo an operation. Members and her other friends wish her a speedy recovery. It was with deepest regret that members learnt of the death of their beloved president, Mrs. Hall. A message of sympathy was sent to her bereaved husband and daughter.

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**Meetings**

- **Committees:**
  - **Soldiers Council:**
    - Piccary Theatre Building, 2nd Tuesday of each month.
    - Swan Street, South Perth, North, each month.
  - **Twenty-sixth:**
    - Yeating Hotel, 2nd Tuesday, 7.45 p.m.

- **Districts:**
  - **Council:**
    - Monash House, 23 King, 15.30 p.m.

- **Quarterly:**
  - **Committee:**
    - First Tuesday, 7.45 p.m.
    - Second Wednesday, 7.45 p.m.

- **Frequent Meetings:**
  - **Tuesdays:**
    - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7.45 p.m.
  - **Wednesdays:**
    - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7.45 p.m.
  - **Thursdays:**
    - 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7.45 p.m.

- **Monthly Meetings:**
  - **First Thursday:**
    - Last Thursday in each month.
  - **Second Saturday:**
    - Alternate 2nd Saturday, 8 p.m.

- **Sunday Meetings:**
  - **First Sunday:**
    - 1st Sunday in month, 8 p.m.
  - **Second Sunday:**
    - 2nd Sunday in month, 8 p.m.

- **Pension Meetings:**
  - **First Saturday:**
    - 1st Saturday of every 3rd month from June, 1940, at 8.15 p.m.
  - **Second Saturday:**
    - 2nd Saturday of every 3rd month from June, 1940, at 8.15 p.m.

- **Annual Meetings:**
  - **First Monday in each month:**
    - G. Martin, Kelmscott.
  - **Second Monday in each month:**
    - A. H. Wilson, Furnival St, Narrogin.

- **Additional Meeting:**
  - **Fourth Monday:**
    - W. Hart, Roleystone.

- **President:**
  - W. H. Moore, P.O. Box 11, Roleystone.

- **Secretary:**
  - R. V. C. Davidson, Kelmscott.

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