THE CONFERENCE of Dominion Prime Ministers has occurred, appropriately enough, in May, the month of Empire Day. When Anzac Day was an unmarked point in the future, people of British stock, throughout the world, used to celebrate May 24 as Empire Day. That day was selected because it was the birthday of Queen Victoria, during whose long reign the Empire grew and expanded to its present proportions. Though the word “Empire” is still used for purposes of brevity and convenience, the term “British Commonwealth of Nations” is a definition that is more satisfactory and more correct. For one thing, it contains that grand old English word “Commonwealth,” meaning for the common good, which became the official designation of our own country, in preference to “Dominion” or “Union.” It connotes at once the principles of responsibility and of free association, to which our own Prime Minister, Mr. Curtin, referred in the concluding sentences of his recent broadcast from London. Recognition of these principles, conscious or otherwise, has invariably succeeded in making the Dominions and the Colonies a united family, in time of war, however much we may have bickered among ourselves in times past. Failure to recognise these principles has led Germany, twice within half a century, to assume that the British Empire was merely a geographical expression which could not survive the shock of war.

It was their crass inability to see any point of view other than their own, and the fatal propensity for believing whatever they want to believe, which prevented the Germans from appreciating the lessons of history. Those lessons were pike-staff plain and crystal-clear. As far back at 1881, when the Colonies as they were then were shocked by the disaster to British arms at Majuba Hill, South Australia offered to send a contingent of fighting men to serve in South Africa.

A few years later, in 1885 to be precise, New South Wales sent a contingent of artillery and infantry to the Sudan. Twelve years later, Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee aroused a wave of loyalty which swept through every part of the far-flung Empire. There was no part of the Empire so small or so remote which did not send its quota of soldiers to London to take part in the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee. The Colonies proved that this loyalty was more than lip-service when they freely offered their men for service in the South African War. Manifestations of the most practical kind of loyalty were not wanting, long before the Germans failed to read the portents in 1914 and again in 1939.

The South African War hastened the federation of the Australian Colonies. The first war against Germany led to the definition of Dominion status. This was more a matter of defining something that had already come into being than of making any alteration in the relations between the Dominions and the Mother Country. Even before Canada became the first of the federations within the Empire, the recognised process of evolution for the overseas dependencies was from settlement to Crown Colony, and from Crown Colony to Self-Governing Colony. The progress to Dominion status was merely a step further in a natural and clearly-marked process of evolution.

It is significant, too, that when the term “Dominion Status” first became current in popular speech, there first appeared the tendency to discard the older and, perhaps, obsolete term “Empire” in favour of “British Commonwealth of Nations.” What will evolve from the present war is still in the lap of the gods.

Underlying the whole process is the ingrained sense of responsibility, and that mutual recognition of obligations which arises from it. In the political thought of the 19th century, the Mother Country no longer looked upon the Colonies as places to be exploited, despite the accusations hurled at us by our totalitarian opponents. The British Empire may be the result of a series of lucky accidents, such as that of India, where, to quote one historian, we went to trade and stayed to govern. Many of the Empire-builders, too, were not always over-scrupulous in their methods, but throughout the course of British history, there was always a sense of duty to less developed peoples, a recognition that not even those entrusted with the responsibilities of government may over-ride the law, and a consciousness of the advisability of training people of the Colonies to take over the management of their own affairs. Despite their great services to their country, both Robert Clive and Warren Hastings were impeached; and the history of the smaller Colonies is replete with examples of governors being recalled as the result of representations made.

In one of the Allied nations the other day, it was said that the British Commonwealth might well be studied as an object lesson in free association. The important word in that comment was association. The partners in that association have a primary responsibility to each other, jointly and individually. By their behaviour in the future, they may very well present to the world the blue-print for future happiness for all mankind. If they fail to do that, then they fail not only themselves, but they may precipitate more misery, unhappiness and degradation into this suffering world.”—Mr. John Curtin, in his broadcast from London on May 7, 1944.
by the Colonists. It is just this basis of fair dealing, justice and respect for the law, on which the British Commonwealth of Nations has been reared. It is just this basis, with its implied obligations, which makes possible the continuance of the Commonwealth as a free association of nations. That is something our enemies are incapable of understanding; something, in fact, which too many of our own people apparently fail to understand. Those who talk so glibly of Imperial exploitation willfully blind themselves to all the economic planning that has been going on for the benefit of the less prosperous Colonies. The matter, being a Colonial, rather than a Dominion Office affair, has not received the same prominence in our papers as the conference of Prime Ministers; but it effectively gives the lie to the terrors of the grinding Imperialist and the down-trodden subject races.

The present conference is an expression for the desire for greater cohesion on matters on which the Mother Country and the Dominions should be able to give prompt decisions and speak as one voice. The older suggestion of an Imperial Parliament, or an Imperial Cabinet seems to have been scrapped as impracticable; but, on present indications, Mr. Curtin’s proposal for an Imperial Secretariat is finding favour in London. It has been said that the secret of the British political genius is his capacity for compromise. That capacity for compromise has often irritated and amazed both friends and enemies in the past, and probably will again in the future. At present, it seems more than likely that it will achieve some arrangement that will provide greater cohesion in Imperial affairs with full autonomy in domestic affairs. Such a compromise would be more like a paradox, but it is not beyond the genius of the British race to achieve—and to make it work for the benefit of all mankind. By doing that, our leaders will, indeed, present to the world a blue-print for future happiness.

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One of the less likeable members of the fish clan is the cuttle-fish, which is noted for two strange forms of ability: It can swim backwards at great speed, and, when cornered, it discharges a black inky cloud, under cover of which it attempts to escape from an untenable position. Both these characteristics have been manifested recently by our back-street contemporary, “The Sunday Times,” in its personal attacks on prominent members of this League. In our April issue we commented on that paper’s unfair and baseless criticisms of Colonel H. B. Collett, and Mr. L. Thorn, MLA. We mentioned that Colonel Collett, in particular, had been singled out for such attacks ever since one we described as “the managing editor” had failed to secure the National Party’s selection for the Senate team that contested the last Federal election. The use of the term “managing editor” was a verbal slip on our part, but everyone knows the person who exhibited such bad sportsmanship in connection with the Senate selection was Mr. J. J. Simons, who is head of the back-street hierarchy which produces “The Sunday Times.” His official designation does not matter. No doubt Mr. Simons will adopt his usual evasive tactics and deny responsibility, but this will not fool anyone. The managing editor is Mr. V. C. Courtney, who “never has and is never likely to seek the National endorsement for the Senate.” This is readily understandable in view of experience gained when he stood as a National candidate for the Legislative Council. We concluded our comment last month with the statement: “Public men must expect criticism, and they do not moan when they get it; but this sniping behind cover does not appeal to anyone with any sense of decency.”

On Sunday, May 7, “The Sunday Times” reverted with a personal attack on Mr. E. S. Watt and a slighting reference to “The Listening Post.” The paper made no attempt to reply to our accusation of unjust criticism of Colonel Collett. Instead, it tried to saddle us with its own sins by complaining of inaccuracy.

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and abuse, and pointed out that it was not the managing editor who had sought the National Party's selection for the Senate. There was also the insinuation that our earlier criticism was made because the National Party had been attacked. These cuttle-fish tactics, however, deceived no one. On the other hand, they aroused the indignation of many Diggers and others. Space does not permit to print even extracts from all the letters, but we feel that the writers will understand this and accept our thanks.

A veteran contributor from Osborne Park expressed indignation at the attacks on Colonel Collett, who had known in peace and war over a period of 57 years. Another from Kalgoorlie had this to say: "In common with many Diggers in this district, I was more indignant than amused at the attempt by 'The Sunday Times' to spatter mud at my friend Mr. E. S. Watt instead of replying to his criticisms. Mr. Watt was referred to as a 'puffed up little printer,' and our official organ as 'an obscure local journal.' In the face of that our weekly weekly had the nerve to talk about abuse and inaccuracy. Such puerility convinces nobody, and I hope you will let me have the opportunity to print something Mr. Watt would not bother to do off his own bat. 'This puffed up little printer' has, in recent times, been president of the Master Printers' Federation of Western Australia, and is president of the Master Printers' Association in this State. At last year's annual State Congress he was unanimously elected one of the vice-presidents of the W. A. Branch of the NSS&AILA. He has been president of Perth Legacy. For years, too, he has been chairman of the State War Loan Committee. What is more, his military service during the last war took him into the firing line; it was not restricted by the contours of Blackboy Hill. His record of unsullied public service is well known and appreciated. As for 'The Listening Post' being an obscure local journal, extracts from our official organ have been re-published with acknowledgments in Eastern States papers, and in English periodicals. Only a few weeks ago, a long extract from the leading article of the March issue was re-published in 'The West Australian.' Over 12,000 Diggers look forward to receiving their 'obscure journal'—so carry on with the good work, Mr. Watt. The black-bordered attack was sheer dirt.

As our Kalgoorlie correspondent suggests, our cuttle-fish contemporary has tried to make personal abuse do duty for argument. So far from our original comment being abusive, it was a plain statement of fact which 'The Sunday Times' has not had the courage to refute nor the manners to admit. The puerile 'whine' published on May 7 might have been allowed to pass with the contempt which it deserves, and which it is undoubtedly receiving, but for one thing; That was the attempt to mislead people, including Diggers, by the suggestion that we, as a League organ, have been annoyed over attacks on the National Party. We brand that suggestion as a mischievous untruth. "The Sunday Times," as far as we are concerned, may attack the National Party or any other party to the heart's content and to the full extent of its very limited ability.

What we are concerned with, and what we will always have something to say about, are unfair and baseless criticisms or returned soldiers in public life. Our original comment concerned such attacks on Colonel Collett, a member of the National Party, and Mr. L. Thorn, a member of the Country Party. In the event of similar sniping at any Digger member of the Labour Party, our indignation will be just as sincere, and just as vigorously expressed. We are not concerned with parties, but with individuals. It is the policy of this paper to defend returned men in public life against unwarranted attacks from any source, and particularly by disgruntled political aspirants.

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**War Service Homes**

At a recent meeting of the Federal Executive a number of questions affecting War Service Homes were mentioned, following the submission of Congress resolutions to the Minister for War Service Homes, whose replies are quoted.

The Commission's policy where homes revert to the Commission is to make all such houses available to returned ex-service personnel either by way of reallocation or sale, or by a weekly tenancy. The number of homes reverting are so few that advertising is hardly warranted. The Commission would, however, furnish particulars of reverted homes to district sub-branches of the League should application be made in each State to the Deputy Commissioner of War Service Homes. In view of the present housing position throughout Australia, it is not anticipated that any appreciable number of homes will revert.

Referring to the League's request for additional advances the Minister states that the Commission may, under the existing provisions of the Act, grant additional loans for extra accommodation in connection with utility services such as electric light, gas, water and sewerage. Second advances are not made for repairs or renovations which come within the scope of maintenance, but where the circumstances so warrant the Commission has power to effect repairs and renovations and require payment by way of an additional instalment. An amendment of the Act, therefore, is not necessary.

In connection with building, the Minister pointed out that the Commission's policy allows for each applicant to—
(a) Determine the type of home he desires, including design, fittings and class of construction whether in brick, weatherboard or other approved material.
(b) Determine the district in which they desire to reside.

Where the Commission undertakes the preparation of plans and specifications, each applicant is required to signify that such meet with his requirements before steps are taken to invite competitive tenders.

Supervision is carried out by the Commission's technical staff and the policy is to accept the lowest tender.

Under an advance by mortgage each applicant is given the right to occupy his own architect and builder and to have the home erected privately, subject to inspection during construction by the Commission's technical officers for the purpose of authorising progress payments and, of course, subject to the proposal being first submitted to and approved by the Commission.

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In reply to another resolution, the Minister points out that the Commission’s policy is not to grant loans in respect of semi-detached cottages or flats and to confine loans to proposals in development of homes of ordinary building allotments. The Commission is adverse to the erection of homes on what might be termed “pocket handkerchief” allotments, and requires building allotments to be sufficient in area to conform with accepted modern standards.

As to the resumption of building operations, it is regretted that owing to the present needs of the war as regards manpower and materials, arrangements cannot be made at the present time for a resumption of building. The Government appreciates the acute housing position, and this matter will be kept under close review, and immediately it is possible to again commence building activities, appropriate steps will be taken for the provision of funds.

INTEREST REDUCTION

A reduction of interest on War Service Homes has been announced by the Minister for Repatriation (Mr. C. Frost). Replying to representations made recently by the League, Mr. Frost said that the Government has approved of a reduction in the interest rate from five per cent. to four per cent, payable by persons who have purchased homes on civilian terms from the War Service Homes Commission, as from April 1. In cases where it can be established that such purchasers will, upon discharge, become eligible persons, within the meaning of the War Service Homes Act, 1919-1941, steps have been taken to secure adjustment of the purchasers’ accounts coming within the decision. The Minister added that it was proposed to continue the policy of extending the full provisions of the Act, wherever possible, to persons who become eligible upon discharge from the forces.

The eligibility of women discharged from fighting services for War Service Homes was referred to in Canberra by the Army Minister (Mr. Forde) on May 2. The Minister said that this aspect of the question of eligibility had not been considered specifically by the Government. Under the terms of the War Service Homes Act, as it stands at present, however, any person, male or female, who enlisted for, or was appointed for, active service outside Australia, or in a ship of war, is eligible to apply for a War Service Home on discharge, provided he or she is married, or has dependants for whom it is necessary to maintain a home.

Reparation Commission: MEDICAL SERVICE

Colonel Collett, speaking in the Senate recently, said:

I am troubled in regard to the medical staff of the Reparation Commission which, in my opinion, needs reform and reorganisation. On this subject I spoke first on March 23 of last year, and again, at greater length, on October 15. Despite the expressed desire of the Minister for Repatriation to give the Commission’s charges the best possible medical and surgical attention, he seems to have done nothing to bring this about.

I view the position with some alarm. I do hope that action will be taken, and that soon. One cannot regard without apprehension the return and demobilisation of half a million men and women who have served under such widely divergent conditions as mark the history of this war. The opportunity to do something is one that should not be neglected. The exercise of some imagination is required in order to guard against circumstances that may adversely affect the standard of health of the nation and inflict a heavy charge upon the returns.

Allenation of Lands

In these days, when so much is being said and written about new world orders after the war, the League, like other organisations, has given much consistent thought to the future. The League has not, however, concerned itself so much with the future as with the present. In fact, all through its history, our organisation has actively concerned itself with issues directly related to the welfare of service men and women and their dependants. The various sub-committees of the State Executive wrestle with problems connected with pensions and employment, and last, but by no means least, with those facing the returned man on the land. The State Executive’s Land Committee, carries out work of a most important and far-reaching nature. This is recognised in the fact that, each year, a soldier settlers’ conference precedes the Annual State Congress. There is one further thing that the League has set its face against; that is the lands suitable for soldier settlement being alienated for men now away with the fighting forces, and that any suitable Crown lands should be reserved for the men returning from this war, or, if they are to be worked in the meantime, they should be held on lease, and not alienated altogether. Recently many country sub-branches complained that suitable land for soldier settlement was being alienated. The League made protests to the Minister for Lands (Mr. Wise), stating that it would be advisable to reserve such land for men now away with the fighting forces, and that any suitable Crown lands should be reserved for the same purpose. In reply, Mr. Wise has written the following letter to the League:

“The’ very important aspect of post-war reconstruction has not been overlooked by me. A thorough investigation has been in progress for some considerable time to ensure the retention of suitable land for the settlement of returned soldiers of this war. Soon after the investigation was commenced, large areas were withdrawn from selection. More recently, vacant holdings in re-purchased estates have been included in this withdrawal. This does not mean that land will not continue to be sold to other than returned soldiers, but that careful investigation will be made into each application, to see that it does not interfere with the provision of land for soldiers, and that the granting of land is otherwise justified.”

“The Agricultural Bank cannot deal with the abandoned holdings under its control, as if they were Crown land, as it is only a mortgagee in possession. The Commissioners inform me, however, that, in considering any application, great care is exercised to see that speculation is prevented as far as possible. If the search shows that the applicant already holds sufficient land, his application is refused. Consideration is being given to the introduction during the next session of Parliament of a Discharged Soldiers’ Settlement Act. This measure will provide for discharged soldiers of the present war.”
Prisoner of War Fund

The League’s big activity this month is the State-wide appeal on behalf of the Prisoner of War Fund. It will be remembered that a similar appeal was made last year with highly successful results. Last year the League, through the efforts of its sub-branches in all parts of the State, and of the women’s auxiliaries, succeeded in raising a sum of £12,500, which was handed over to the Red Cross Society, to be spent in providing monthly parcels of food and medical necessities for our men who are prisoners of war in Germany. The lot of a prisoner of war is never a happy one, under the best of conditions, but it can be made less regular, and rendered less intolerable by the kindly thought of people at home who send comforts of various sorts to our men. It must be borne in mind, too, that these comforts are not luxuries. They are little more than the bare necessities, which the enemy cannot, or will not, provide for our men who are prisoners of war in his hands. Many plans have been put into operation to relieve the unavoidable monotony of life in a prisoner of war camp. Such plans include study courses, the provision of camp libraries, games and other means of recreation; and, last but by no means least, the provision of additional necessities which can reach the men in an ever-flowing stream of monthly parcels.

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At one stage of the war, when the enemy was meeting with greater success, and was consequently more arrogant, the monthly parcels of food were, almost literally, the sole means of keeping body and soul together. This has been borne out by the testimony of the men themselves, and the expressed opinions of the medical officers who were with them in the prison camps. Our fellows would have had a very thin line had it not been for the regular arrival of the parcels, purchased by the Prisoner of War Fund. This activity had another important effect, which was probably not reckoned upon at the time. The arrival of the parcels cheered the boys with the appearance, achieves far more than to send bigger supplies at less regular intervals. The peak of the appeal will be reached on May 19, when there will be street collections throughout the State, and stands in Perth and Fremantle have been allotted to members of the women’s auxiliaries as well as to representatives of metropolitan sub-branches and women’s auxiliaries in Anzac House on May 9, the State President (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson) announced that the proceeds of the appeal already exceeded £3,000. The State President and the League confidently look to all members of the public generally to subscribe a sum even greater than the £12,500 that was raised last year, to help the Red Cross Society to carry on its work of sending food and medical supplies to Australian prisoners of war in Germany.

A former prisoner of war, who was recently repatriated to Australia, declared at the meeting that the Red Cross parcels DO reach the prisoners. They must continue to be sent, he said, otherwise it will be a bleak outlook for them.

The amount of money already in hand has resulted from the flying start made by sub-branches in organising their activities for the appeal. For instance, there was a notable effort by the Waroona-Hamel Sub-Branch on Easter Monday. This took the form of a monster sports meeting, including two log-chops, followed by a ball in the evening. By this means the Waroona-Hamel Sub-Branch was enabled to donate £111 to the fund. Since then the same sub-branch has donated a further £25. Another pleasing addition to the fund was an amount of £122/19/11 donated by United States service personnel. Other amounts above the £100 mark were £111/11/6 from the

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Mt Hawthorn Sub-Branch has sustained a great loss through the recent death of Wally Bell. He was an esteemed member, who had long been a patient sufferer. He served with the 17th Batt. during the war. We join with the sub-branch in extending sympathy to his bereaved family. Bill Rowles is now convalescing, but it will be some time before he is his old self again. Con Masters is in the Home of Peace, and would be glad to hear from any of the boys. So would Fred Hayes, another member whose name is on Mt. Hawthorn's sick list. Len Woods, the eucharist, is a very sick man at present. Jim Morton is back again, after his recent illness. Bill Skates, Tom May and Sid George showed it well to be a speed recovery.

Members of West Leederville-Wembley Sub-Branch are sorry to hear of the continued illness of Bill Haines, who has been on the sick list for a number of weeks, and is sadly missed. He is a cherished member of the local town hall, and has done an immense amount of work for the sub-branch for many years. We join with his sub-branch friends in wishing him a speedy recovery.

It is with regret that we learn of the illness of Fred Yeomans, vice-president of the Cottesloe Sub-Branch. It is sincerely hoped that the illness is not of a serious character, and that the patient will soon be restored to normal health.

It is with pleasure that we announce that Mr. A. Daws, the president of the Osborne Park Sub-Branch, is progressing favourably after his recent severe operation. We join with his Osborne Park friends in wishing him a speedy return to normal health.

After carefully considering the entries, the committee of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust have decided to award the McIntosh Scholarship to Thomas Brian Tomlinson. The McIntosh Scholarship was founded to perpetuate the memory of one of the pioneers of flight between Britain and Australia. The present holder of the scholarship is the son of a totally incapacitated soldier of the last war. He commenced his education at the Darlington State School and, later, he entered Wesley College. In 1941 he sat for the Junior Examination and passed in nine subjects; in 1943 he sat for the Leaving Examination and passed in seven subjects with five distinctions. He is the son of a Wesley College graduate, and passed the Alliance Franciae examinations in 1940 and 1941. He intends to enter the Faculty of Law at the University of Western Australia.

Through the death of the late E. D. Eames (16th Batt. AIF), the League has lost an old stalwart, and the Harvey Sub-Branch a man who cannot be replaced. "Old Ted," as he was affectionately known, was one of the men who fought in the African War, and one of the original 66th in the War of 1914-18. His association with League affairs goes back to the very early days when our organisation was known as the RSA. He resided in Harvey for many years and was manager (unpaid) of the RSL Hall and rooms, taking a keen personal interest in its upkeep and cleanliness. Through the soul of Ted Thomas has passed on, and now Harvey is one of the sub-branch as one who served the League, through his sub-branch. He leaves a widow and three children, to whom our heartfelt sympathy is extended. He was 60 years of age when the Last Call sounded.

We extend sincere condolences to Claude Langford, the well-known conductor and past president of Nedlands Sub-Branch, on the recent death of his mother. In her younger days, the late Mrs. Langford was also a noted organiser of choirs in this city, and it is apparent from her that Claude inherits his musical ability.

The many friends of Major John Colpitts were more than a little worried when the grand old veteran expressed his determination to lead the South African Veterans in the march past on Anzac Day. It was feared that the exertion, even for a short time, might cause a relapse. However, here was an instance of a man knowing himself better than his friends. He carried out the job, as he has done in former years, and there was no unfavorable reaction. In fact, as he put it himself, he felt all the better for it.

Hughie Leslie, MLA, had a spell in hospital last month. Some running repairs had to be done to the injured leg, and his appendix was removed. He is now very close to hospital, but his recovery is rapid. His relapse, however, has made it possible for him to attend the House.

State Secretary Dave Benson's elder son, Bill, has achieved a double distinction. While home on leave last month his father, Bill, was in the lucky position to see the promotion to the rank of captain has been gazetted. Bill's fiancée is Miss June Simpson, a teacher of business methods in the Education Department.

Another Digger schoolmaster, who is a proud man these days, is Edgar Logan,
who was wounded at Passchendaele while serving with the 48th Battalion in the last war. One son, Major Edgar Logan, who graduated from the Royal Military College, Duntroon, a few years ago, is now back in this part of the world, after having seen active service with armoured units in Italy. Another son, Colin, has been a prisoner of war ever since the fall of Singapore. The third son, Bruce, has had a very varied experience of the war. While one of the crew of a merchant ship, he became a prisoner of war, and was interned in what used to be Italian Somaliland. Liberated when the British took that bit of Mussolini’s African Empire, he came home in May, 1941, very much the worse for wear, as a result of his experience as a guest of the Dings. However, he joined the RAN in July, 1941, but was discharged medically unfit in October, 1942. The trouble was chronic dysentery, which he contracted while a prisoner of war. He spent about twelve months in hospital, and another three months building up his strength on a New South Wales sheep station. Then he joined up again and served with the Americans in a Water Transport Division in New Guinea for six months in 1943. He is now doing his second tour of duty with the Americans.

**FUNERAL EXPENSES: Ex-Imperials**

The following letter has been received from the Secretary of the British Empire Service League:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letters of December 15 enclosing resolutions No. 85, ex-Imperials’ Funeral expenses, and No. 79, Imperial War Pensions.

In regard to No. 85, dealing with the funeral expenses of Imperial ex-Service men resident in Australia who die in indigent circumstances, I would advise you that where death is due to a disability which had been accepted for pension purposes, a grant of £10 is made by the Ministry of Pensions towards the funeral expenses. This arrangement applies to pensioners wherever they may reside. The grant previously was £7/10/- but has now been increased to £10. No other State provisions exist in England for payment of funeral expenses other than assistance from the Poor Law authorities.

The possibility of getting the Government to help to meet the point made in the resolution is extremely remote. If I can be of assistance in regard to such claims, please let me know.

In regard to the second resolution dealing with war pensions, these have recently been increased, and the rate for a totally disabled man of the rank of private now stands at £2 per week. If the pensioner is unable to work because of his disability, he can receive an additional 10/- per week. The British Legion is pressing for further increases in pensions, particularly for those seriously disabled and where disablement has a marked effect upon a pensioner’s earning capacity. It is, however, doubtful whether the Imperial Government would be prepared to increase the amount payable to pensioners resident in Australia to an amount higher than that paid to pensioners living in Great Britain or elsewhere.

These resolutions will, however, be brought before the Empire Council in due course. I may say that I was present at the Southern Area Conference of the British Legion, and the delegates present were very interested indeed to hear of these resolutions and of the interest taken in Australia in the ex-Imperials who are living in that country.

Mr. Macdonald Hastings, the well-known broadcaster in BBC overseas news services, said recently: ‘This “pay-as-you-go” income tax scheme raises one of the most fascinating quizzes of high finance. To put it into effect, theoretically, the Government has to sacrifice a year’s revenue of income tax, which is owing from last year. But, in practice, the money keeps coming in just the same, because people go on paying their income tax, whether it’s based on this year or last. And, as somebody said in Parliament, ‘the Exchequer won’t miss the money until the Day of Judgment, and then nobody will care anyway’.”

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Osborne Park's Jubilee

Early last month the Osborne Park Sub-Branch celebrated its silver jubilee, having been formed on Saturday, April 5, 1919. The 25th birthday of the sub-branch was marked by a special function in the Memorial Hall. The president (Mr. A. Dans) was in the chair, and among those present were representatives from neighbouring sub-branches and local government bodies. The Navy was represented by Lieut. Turville, the Army by Major Buck, and the State Executive by Messrs. E. S. Watt and W. James.

During an interval, a silver salad bowl was presented to the foundation president (Mr. W. Anderson). It bore the following inscription: "Osborne Park RSS&AILA, Silver Anniversary, 1919-1944. Presented to W. Anderson, Foundation President." Because of war disabilities, Mr. Anderson could not be present, and the gift was accepted by his son, Mr. S. J. Anderson, who is a vice-president of the sub-branch.

There was a long guest list and a musical programme by soldier artists. The success of the function was due to the energetic work of the secretary (Mr. W. Ashdown).

Mr. Anderson has sent us an interesting account of the formation of the sub-branch, and has described at length a banquet and musical evening, given to returned men by the residents of Osborne Park, on April 5, 1919. At this function the late Mr. John Tyler presided, and the speakers included the late W. E. Robinson, Captain R. G. Sexty, the late Mr. J. H. Wannell, and Major Duffy. During the evening Mr. J. Butler, who was then State Secretary, appealed for the formation of the sub-branch.

The following week the first meeting was held in Mr. Tyler's store. Mr. W. Anderson was elected president, with Messrs. J. Black and R. Corlett vice-presidents. The growing popularity of the sub-branch, and its welcome gatherings, led to the next big advance in its history — the acquisition of a block of land on which to build a hall. The first proposed site was rejected by the sub-branch on the unusual ground that it was "too near the pub." Then the present site was selected. Further progress was achieved when the Federal Government gave cash grants to local governing bodies for the employment of returned soldiers. The Perth Road Board received its quota, and a gang was formed for clearing-in the Osborne Park and coast wards. There was no Scarborough Beach in those days. Five men were selected and, as the result of a ballot, Mr. W. Anderson was appointed ganger. The way these men worked was a credit to the Army. The ganger had to drive twice a day to the village blacksmith to get the axes sharpened. As the blacksmith's forge was nearly opposite the pub, he invariably returned with something more than the tools of trade.

However, ill-health compelled Mr. Anderson to resign from this job. In the meantime, the sub-branch got busy with building operations. The public gave wonderful support to the effort, and help in the form of labour and building materials came from all quarters, while the ladies organised dances, concerts and other functions to raise funds. It was not long before the hall was built, and since then it has been extended and improved. Today it is a valuable asset to the League, and plays a prominent part in the welfare of Osborne Park. Incidentally, there is hardly an important building in Osborne Park with whose erection Mr. Anderson has not been directly associated, and in this work of civic progress he has been ably assisted by members of the sub-branch.

Legal Services Bureau for Members of Forces

The following letter from the Deputy Crown Solicitor (Mr. J. M. Mills) will clear up certain misunderstandings which have arisen out of a recently published announcement of the formation of a Legal Service Bureau for Members of the Forces. Mr. Mills writes:

I desire to inform you that I have been instructed that the Bureau is not to take any action in regard to assisting members of the services to make out and carry through claims to the Repatriation Commission and appeals to the Repatriation Appeal Tribunals. The reference to that work which appeared recently in "The West Australian" was due to a misunderstanding.

I desire to state for your information that the article which appeared in "The West Australian" was considerably condensed from the Press statement on which it was based. In that Press statement the full address and the telephone number of the Bureau were set out.

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Seekers for historical parallels have found several between Mr. Churchill and the late Col. Frank Knox. Most striking of course, was that each was a soldier before he became ruler of his country's navy. It is not generally known, however, that each had his first experience of war service in Cuba, Mr. Churchill, as an attaché with the Spanish Army in 1895, and Colonel Knox with Roosevelt's Rough Riders in Uncle Sam's war with Spain in 1898. Incidentally, Colonel Knox's colleague, Mr. Cordell Hull, also saw service in that war as a captain in a Tennessee regiment of volunteers, Mr. Church­ill and Colonel Knox were both members of the same political party. Mr. Churchill on the literary side, and Colonel Knox as an editor and newspaper proprietor. Mr. Churchill was First Lord of the Admiralty and gave the historic order for the Royal Navy to put to sea in August 1914. As Secretary of the United States Navy, the late Colonel Knox built up the naval establishments, until his country's fleets were strong enough to make war in two oceans.

Much interest was aroused a few weeks ago by General Montgomery's quotation from the first verse of the 68th Psalm: “Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered.” The same words were quoted by Cromwell at the Battle of Dunbar, and the psalm itself was the battle song of the Iron sides. Accordingly, it must be just about the oldest war song of the British Army. The tune of Made­moiselle from Armentières, to which generation after generation of British soldiers have sung different words, would probably be next in order of seniority, though Made­moiselle's claim in this regard would appear to be challenged by “Waltzing Matilda.” The recent newspaper discussion of the origin of the Australian bush song suggests that the music is that of a marching song of Marlborough's day, “The Jolly Fussiler.”

Two cases occurred recently in which undesirable were given a death certificate, and the Certificate of Discharge did not show any reason for discharge. This matter was reported to the Federal Office with a request that some distinguishing mark be placed on certificates given to undesirable. Service has now been released that any man discharged from the Army as an undesirable is not issued with a badge. In doubtful cases, therefore, the applicant for membership who is asked to produce his discharge badge.

Sub-branches desiring to approach Ministers of the Crown, through a deputation, are advised to make their arrangements through the Head Office. This will ensure that the subject of the deputation comes within the League's policy.

Since the beginning of the year sub-branches have had difficulty in obtaining supplies of beer for reunions. An official of a city brewery suggests that, next year, it might be better to defer such functions until the cooler months, when the supply position will not be so acute.

The Minister for Commerce and Agriculture (Mr. Scully) declared a few days ago that the Commonwealth Food Control Organisation was not over-staffed. And the public they control is certainly not over-stuffed.

A photographer friend has pointed out to me the facial differences between the war leaders of today and those of former wars. The clearly-cut, stern-set features of the strong silent man the ideal cultivated by British officers of the Kitchener era, went out with the last war. General MacArthur, whose resemblance to Brig.-General Leane, now Police Commissioner in Sydney, is remarked upon, is one of the few survivors of that type today. General Montgomery, to a less extent, is another, though his ascetic features are relieved by the joke in his mind which is bursting to find expression in those crisp, prophetic statements that Montgomery has made on so many occasions. General Eisenhower and the Soviet Marshal Voroshilov widen the face rather than close it to the camera. De Gaulle is one of the senior of the type which wears the close-clipped moustache that came into fashion with the last war. On the other hand, Marshal Stalin and General Giraud sport the heavier moustache of Bainsfather's Old Bill. Mr. Churchill has this in common with Stalin—each seems to be chuckling inwardly over some jest whose punch has been missed by dull people. However, I said to my photographer friend, "Who are we, with faces like ours, to comment on those of other people?"

One of this year's graduates in science at the University of Western Australia is a young man named Caw, who gained first-class honours in physics. Mr. Caw has certainly something to crow about.
APPRECIATION
When Mr. C. G. Latham was appointed War Loan Director for W.A., it was expected that he would call on his Digger pals to help him in his big national task. There was not sufficient time to complete the organisation for the First Victory Loan, but some sub-branches, such as Mt Hawthorn and others, did a great job. Mr. Latham was appreciative, and sent the following letter to the State Secretary:

"I desire to thank, through you, the members of your sub-branches who assisted us in the First Victory Loan. I regret that we did not obtain 100 per cent, but those who helped did excellent work.

"I feel sure that, like myself, as an old Digger, they felt that they could not let the younger members down. This task should be a very good advertisement for the League, giving confidence to those who will be returning to join in the work and helping other returned Diggers; something that our League stands for, and which in the past has been so admirably carried out.

"I shall be glad if you will place this letter before your sub-branches, because I desire them to know that we appreciate all the help they gave."

SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS’ ASSOCIATION
The monthly meeting was held in Monash House on May 1. The association made its programme for May mainly to commemorate Queen Victoria’s birthday (May 24) which has been, for some years past, recognised as “Veterans’ Day.” On Sunday, May 21, a tea to old soldiers and an entertainment to all inmates of “Sunset” will be given by a party of the association. At 12 noon on Wednesday, May 24, the association will parade and lay a wreath on Queen Victoria’s Monument in King’s Park. His Excellency the Lt-Governor and the Lord Mayor have kindly consented to be present. Wreaths will also be laid by the Lord Mayor on behalf of the citizens of Perth, and Commander Anderson, on behalf of the ex-Naval Men’s Association (W.A. Branch).

On Tuesday, May 30, the Annual “Veterans’ Day” Social will be held at 8 p.m. in Monash House. It is hoped that all members and friends of the association will attend. It was also decided at this meeting that the association donate a writing desk, suitably inscribed, for the lounge room in the Home for Retired Army Nurses in Claremont, in memory of the late Sister Mary Nicolay, who was an honorary member of the association and was for many years a well-known identity in Perth. Many people will also recall she was the last of Florence Nightingale’s trainees. After further business the annual meeting was held. The treasurer tendered his balance sheet, and the auditors reported thereon, calling attention to the fact that the balances of the various funds were in good condition. The election of officers was proceeded with, all officers being re-elected. Brig-General A. J. Bessell-Browne, general president; Canon E. W. Collick, patron; and all other officers as last year.

ARTILLERYMEN COMRADES’ ASSOCIATION
The president (Mr. W. Beadle) occupied the chair at the May meeting when three new members were welcomed. Weekly dances are being run on Saturday nights in Anzac House, in conjunction with the Gloucester Park Sub-Branch. The Gunners’ share of the proceeds goes to the scholarship funds. The tickets are due to the MC (Mr. Dvoretsky) for donating his fees back to the funds, and to the worthy gentleman who donated the flowers. There was a good muster at the Dawn Ceremony, when a wreath was placed, and at the tying of ribbons on trees. It was also very heartening to see such a good roll-up of old gunners, with a sprinkling of new gunners, at the main parade. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. and Mrs. A. Cunningham for throwing their home open on Anzac Day, and for allowing the dance committee to use their home at such short notice.

T&P.D.S. ASSOCIATION
Recent meetings included a special meeting at which it was decided to take steps to make the association an incorporated body. It was pleasing to note that many members availed themselves of the services so generously provided by Miss Mary Meares and her associates on Anzac Day. The cars they provided enabled members to attend both the Dawn and the Esplanade functions. At a recent general meeting, Mr. Hills, of the Partially Blinded Soldiers’ Association, paid a visit on behalf of that body. Mr. Hills congratulated the association on the new premises, and on the progress made. Mrs. R. L Foskett spoke on matters of vocational training, and the rehabilitation of people who have suffered from illness and stress. The bridge evening arranged by Mrs. H. W. Rigg and Miss Mary Meares was a great success. It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of the late Mr. A. Nicholls (5th Pioneers). He had been a very patient sufferer for a long time.

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In reply to the League's representation that sustenance whilst awaiting Medical Boards to be paid, the Minister for Repatriation has advised that where a member of the forces is to be discharged medically unfit and the Medical Board considers that entitlemen is indicated, discharge from the forces is not effected until his claim for war pension has been determined, and the war pension, if granted, would commence from the day following cession of service pay.

In cases where a member is discharged whilst still unfit to earn a living and not entitled to a war pension, a special allowance may be paid by the Department of Social Services for a period not exceeding 13 weeks.

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

This body consists of ex-airmen of the 1914-18 War and serving airmen and ex-airmen of this war. Its policy is to encourage all airmen who are eligible to join the RSL, as well as their own association. The subscription is 10/- per year, and the office is at 10 Milligan St., Perth; telephone 2847. An attractive badge is issued free. Membership in this State is now approximately 500, and in Australia approximately 9000. A Federal Conference was held in Melbourne, and all States were represented. Office-bearers in W.A. are: President, C. A. Hine; past president, J. G. Paterson; vice-presidents, H. H. Hoare and J. G. Paterson; secretary, A. Harris; Treasurer, W. Harvey; Federal councillors, C. A. Hine and J. G. Paterson.

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Membership Committee. (b) A letter from this sub-branch about army camps received, and a reply left in the hands of the State Secretary.

Mt. Hawthorn Sub-Branch.—A letter from this sub-branch with publicity to troops as to their eligibility for League membership was referred to the Members Committee.

Claremont Sub-Branch.—Correspondence re loan posters from this sub-branch was referred to the Federal Office.

Secretary Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund.—It was decided that Mr. Waddington be appointed secretary in place of Mr. Ferguson if the trustees are agreeable.

League Reporting.—It was resolved that it be a recommendation to the Federal Executive to invite applications from branches for appointments for this appointment as reporter to the League. The term of the appointment to be at least two years, and £750 per year plus travelling expenses. That it be the duty of the reporter to be League to create and maintain contact with the Government and Parliament, public departments, public bodies, associations and the Press for the purpose of collection of information or information supplemented by the policy of the League. That information so collected shall be collated and with suitable notation and comment, transmitted to State Branches in the form of, say, a Weekly Bulletin.

APRIL 26

At the meeting of the State Executive on April 26 there were present Messrs. Anderson, Yeates, Edmondson, Watt, Smith, Margolin, Paton, Baker, James, Olden, Collett, Bateson, Wilson, Wood, Davies, Cornish and Macgregor.

Condoence.—It was resolved to send a letter of condolence to the Hon. A. H. Panton on the bereavement sustained by his family.

Anzac Day.—The State President reported on Anzac Day Dawn Ceremony, Esplanade Service, Fremantle and Salvation Army commemorations. It was resolved to forward letters of appreciation to the various organisations which assisted on Anzac Day.

Reports on suburban services were made by Mr. Yeates (Cottesloe), Mr. H. G. Wilson (Fremantle), Mr. Leslie (IOGT), Mr. Yeates (St. Mary's Cathedral), Mr. James (Mt. Hawthorn), Mr. Baker (Maylands), Mr. Wood (Fremantle).

Visits.—Visits to sub-branches, etc., were reported by Mr. Leslie—Midland Junction; Mr. Yeates—Reconstruction Committee; Mr. James—Osborne Park (with Mr. Watt), West Leederville and Mt. Hawthorn; Mr. Wood—Suburban Hospitals. The following visits to hospitals were reported: Messrs. Edmondson and Panton (Edward Millen and Heathcote); Mr. Edmondson (“Sunday”); Messrs. Yeates and Macgregor (Perth Hospital); Mr. Bateson (allwards Perth Hospital, and Home of Peace); Mr. H. G. Wilson (Fremantle Hospital and Mount Hospital).

State National Fitness Council.—Letter from the Education Department received. As no RSL representative is on the Council a protest will be lodged with the Department of Education.

Fremantle City Sub-Branch.—A letter was received from this sub-branch in connection with property.
Sports are still going strong. The darts tended to all workers' and contributors' stages a Mock Wedding during the month, which raised about £60 for the Auxiliary. The Returned Day services were attended by nurses from both wars. The president (Sister Clifton) placed a wreath at the Dawn Service.

RETURNED NURSES

At the monthly meeting on May 4, 60 new members—Mr. Cocker, Spershott and Wilson, and Flight-Sergeant Ross, of the New South Wales Branch—were welcomed. Altogether 22 new members from the present war were enrolled during the past month. The Anzac Day report and congratulations were extended to the Marshall (Mr. Pamflett) and Mr. Healy, who gave the address. It was resolved that the Management Committee be increased by two members from the new forces. Attention was drawn to the special appeal for May. Donations already amount to £5, and several affairs are under consideration, by which it is hoped that a substantial contribution will be made this year. The last month's picture is on May 21, by Mrs. Kanzler. The whole of that night's proceeds will go the POY Fund.

VICTORIA PARK

The April meeting was well attended, 80 members being present. The president (Mr. T. Peake) passed resolutions in the chair, and 50 new members were enrolled, including Capt. Yates, of the 2/8th Battalion and Flight-Lieut. Reckes of the RAAF. The president extended a hearty welcome. Capt. Yates, duly responded. The social given by the sub-branch to the women's auxiliary was a very successful function from all angles, and the ladies sent along a letter of appreciation for the support. The skits put over by the boys were enjoyed. Alf and Joe (True Lovers), Fred, Harry and Bert (1 Forget) were well staged. Committee-man Bill Tin- nis met my birthday at Churchill Park a week ago and injured some of his toes. The boys wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him at meetings soon. Bill Power, to mark the occasion of his birthday, presented the sub-branch with a very handsome smoker's band. Jim Bates and J. Hodgson, the two lucky members of the sub-branch to win the Charities recently, turned it on for the meeting and did credit to sub-branch. The president congratulated them and thanked them for their hospitality.

The Anzac Day service conducted by the sub-branch was well attended, and we wish to thank all those who assisted with this service. The secretary (Mr. F. Matthews) left no stone unturned to complete the arrangements. The Anzac Day address was given by Capt. C. R. Collins, of the State Executive. The able manner in which he handled this subject was well appreciated by the people present.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

The April meeting again showed a marked improvement in attendance. It was pleasing to see many new members present. Keen interest was revealed by several members in running the bus to the sub-branch, and a long discussion ensued when the problem of AIF boys in Australia was discussed. The general feeling was that all services, irrespective of overseas service, should be catered for and associated in the wider theme of the policy of the League. The discussion was adjourned without any motion being placed before the chair. The secretary had pleasure in advising members that 45 new names had been placed on the register, and a cordial welcome to those new members was extended from the chairman. The sick report revealed only one member on the sick list. It was agreed that we record the passing of Fred Pratt, and extend his family our sympathy in their loss. Meetings are now held in the East Fremantle Town Hall, and it is hoped members will attend in ever increasing numbers. One of the sub-branch members will be tendered to the auxiliary, and the necessary invitations to members and their wives will be duly forwarded.

KUJA-MOLLERIN

A barbecue was held at the president's farm in January. Pleasure and other festivities were notable, and there was a good attendance from the surrounding districts. A dance held in the Mollerin Hall on Easter Saturday was also well attended. At a meeting held on April 23 it was decided to allocate the profits of the two functions (£23) as follows: Mission for Seamen £7, POY Fund £8, and Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Union Fund £7.

ARMADALE

Following a decision at a recent meeting, there was no local ceremony in observance of Anzac Day. Collections for the POY Fund will be made when the necessary authority has been granted. A worry bee was organized to help the widow of a member. A new building project has been launched. The Road Board has agreed to hand over the block of land which has been held in trust for the League. In order to obtain legal status, it was agreed that the hall should become incorporated. When this has been done, steps will be taken to complete the transfer of the land.

SOUTHERN CROSS

A good attendance was recorded at the meeting on April 25. President Davie was in the chair, and was announced that ill-health would prevent him from seeking re-election. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. J. E. E. Beach; vice-presidents, Messrs. Goodwin and Clifton; secretary, Mr. J. H. Davie; treasurer, Mr. J. M. Beckwith; hospital visiting committee, Messrs. Berrey and Fairclough; relief fund, the president, secretary, and one other member, if necessary; general committee, Messrs. Berrey, Fay, and Webb. A street appeal was made on April 22, and 250 tabs were sold. A sports meeting on the Sunday brought in about £25; a
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picture show in the evening, nearly £20; and a ball on Monday night, another £25. Various consultations, and a donation from the RAOB, brought the total up to well over £100 for the POW Fund. For this we are indebted to Len Carlson and his Fire Brigade friends. They did all the strenuous work, as they considered the RSL members were getting too old to do too much solid graft.

WAROOMA-HAMEL

An especially ambitious effort to raise funds for the POW appeal and sub-branch amelioration funds was launched by the president (Bert Chambers) about a month before Easter. As a result, a monster sports meeting was held on Easter Monday. In addition to mounted and pedestrian events, the programme included two log-chops, for which the prize-money was £50 and £20 respectively. Willing helpers and the co-operation of other patriotic bodies in the district made the day one of the most successful yet held in Warooma. The log-chops proved a tremendous attraction, and more than justified the big prize-money. The other events made the programme one that catered for all tastes. After the ball, which wound off the proceedings, it was announced that the proceeds of the day had amounted to £169. Of this amount, £111 is being donated to the POW Fund, and £85 to the sub-branch's amelioration fund. The honours go to the secretary (Ralph Troy) for the way he handled the details of the organisation. Members of the women's auxiliary, assisted by ladies from other organisations, made a splendid job of the catering. Members of the sub-branch feel justifiably proud of their achievement, and are grateful for the assistance given by all other bodies of the district.

At the meeting on March 11 a hearty welcome was extended to two visitors, Messrs. J. Moller and W. R. Endersbee. The sub-branch expressed sympathy with two members—Messrs. F. Sheen and C. Wyatt—who were in hospital. Keen pleasure was expressed when it was stated that they were well on the way to recovery. On the motion of Mr. Ryan, a vote of thanks to the managing director, Bert, was carried. The president reported progress made in trying to get a satisfactory supply of superphosphate for two members, whose supply was totally inadequate. Circumstances and regulations, however, foiled these efforts. The arrangements for Anzac Day were left in the hands of the secretary. The president said he would attend and assist at the children's Anzac Day service. A circular from the War Loan Committee was received. It was felt that the War Board should take the lead in this matter, with all the assistance the sub-branch could afford. This view was communicated to the War Loan Committee and to the War Board. The secretary was instructed to advise Mr. E. E. Randle of the precise location of the war loans. Specials, tare and fullers' earth in the Calingiri-Balgard district. The land scheme for returned soldiers was discussed, and dissatisfaction with the personnel of the committee was expressed.

DALWALLINU

At the annual meeting on April 27 it was necessary to elect a new president in place of Mr. G. W. Tunstall, who had filled the chair since the sub-branch was reformed in 1940. Mr. Tunstall was transferred to Kojonup last December. His successor is Mr. G. L. Haskey. Other officers elected were: vice-presidents, Messrs. R. P. Bicket and A. B. Hyde; treasurer, Mr. G. Tunstall; secretary, Mr. A. Carton; trustees, Messrs. G. L. Hyde and T. Hodgson; auditor, Mr. F. Connolly; and media (in addition to the principal officers), Messrs. E. G. Mercer and K. Meddings (a returned soldier from this war). It was decided to sell 250 tabs for the POW Fund. One guinea was donated to the Gowrie Scholarship Fund. It was resolved to record appreciation of the services of the past president (Mr. G. W. Tunstall). Until further notice, meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month in the Dalwallinu Hall. A card evening will be held on June 1 in aid of the hospital appeal. The secretary (Mr. A. Carton) is the sub-branch's choice for the popular bachelor competition.

BULLSBROOK

In our last issue, sub-branch notes relating to Bullsbrook were incorrectly headed Bullinich. At the monthly meeting on May 6 the following donations were made: First Victory Loan, £50; ACF, £5; POW Fund, £5; Merchant Navy Fund, £5; Red Cross Society, £5.

YWING

The sub-branch held its first Anzac Day Service. Approximately 60 people were present, when Mrs Millington, wife of the Hon. H. Millington, MLA, placed the sub-branch wreath on the memorial. Another wreath was placed by Mr. J. Langman, representing the Perth Road Board. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Ridden. Mr. Pat Hainer sang Land of Hope and Glory. The address was given by Mr. H. Millington, MLA, after which an inspiring sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Ridden.

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The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Sgt. J. Russell after the service a community concert was held in the hall.

**GLOUCESTER PARK**

The monthly meeting was held on May 4. A number of new members have joined during the month, and three old members have rejoined, after having served in the forces for a considerable time. Mr. R. B. McGregor, who represents the sub-branch on the State Executive, was present. He spoke highly of the work the sub-branch is doing, and of the way the evening's business was conducted. The sub-branch made a start with its building fund by electing three trustees. The fund has nearly reached the first £100 mark. This amount was almost raised when the committee's intentions were made known to the members present. Members are asked to save their spare cash for the POW appeal.

**CLAREMONT**

There was a large attendance at the May meeting, and several important matters were dealt with. The report of the committee on the visit to the Claremont Mental Institute caused an intense and prolonged discussion. It was decided that a committee be appointed to visit the institution once every month, and that all metropolitan sub-branches be invited to send a delegate to accompany the committee on its visit. It was thought that by this procedure all sub-branches would gain a clearer insight into the condition of the ex-service patients. A collection was taken up to provide further amenities. A notice of motion for the next monthly meeting was given dealing with the eligibility for membership.

**GERALDTON**

The first general meeting since the revival of the monthly meetings was held on April 24. There was an attendance of about 40 members. After routine business was completed, refreshments, music and games were enjoyed by members. The social committee has arranged a bridge tournament in aid of the POW Fund. This is now in fine progress, and is meeting with success. A snooker tournament is also in the offing, and this should prove a good draw amongst members. Lou Pomeroy and Jim Bohan are the handicappers, and are open to receive entries. Quite a number of members are practising assiduously, including some alleged dark horses. Another Anzac Day has come and gone, and is most fittingly honoured by the sub-branch. The Dawn Service was held at Birdwood House, and the muster of returned men was the largest for some years. In the afternoon a public service was held at Birdwood House, preceded by a march of returned men and others. This service was largely attended by members of the public, and an inspiring address was given by the president (Mr. Syd Freeman). On the platform supporting the president were the mayor (Mr. R. Carson), the Premier (Mr. J. C. Wilcock), high ranking officers of the Allied Services, Ministers of Religion, and our two vice-presidents (Messrs. E. Hancock and B. Lock) and the secretary (Mr. J. Rogers).

Membership roll is still increasing, and it is pleasing to note amongst new members there is quite a good sprinkling of the 2/AIF returned men. The POW appeal is being enthusiastically carried on by the women's auxiliary, and good results are expected. One of our younger members and a committee-man has recently become the father of a baby daughter. Congratulations, Eric!

**BOULDER**

The Dawn Service in Boulder was not as well attended as in previous years, but the main commemoration service in the afternoon was a record for Boulder. One of the most pleasing features was the attendance of large numbers of discharged soldiers from the present war, as well as men of the present forces on leave. The president (Mr. W. Rouke) is to be congratulated for his very fine address. Post-war plans are being made by the sub-branch to erect one of the finest buildings in Boulder as a club for Old Diggers. This was the main business discussed at the last general meeting. The majority of the 25 new members enrolled during the past month were members of the 2/AIF. Arrangements are well in hand for what is hoped will be a record sale of POW badges on May 29. Members of the women's auxiliary will, as usual, be well behind the effort.

**OSBORNE PARK**

Meetings have not been very well attended lately, but several returned men from the present war have joined the sub-branch. There are now 80 financial members. At a recent meeting it was decided to approach the authorities to raise the tobacco purchase for discharged soldiers extended to men discharged in 1943. The dances are being well supported, and there were good attendances at the special service on Anzac Day.

**MAYLANDS**

The president (Sep Horton) presided over a good meeting on May 4. Fifteen new members, including two from the Navy, were welcomed. One of the old members, Joe Kemp, reported visiting Mandurah during Easter. He met many old Diggers there. The recent gymkhana, in support of our representative in the "March to Berlin," in aid of the Police Boys' Club, was a great success. A dance on May 1 was one of the best, financially,
ever arranged by the sub-branch. The local Anzac Day commemoration was well attended by Diggers and members of the public. At the next meeting the secretary will raise the question of raising money to build a home for the sub-branch. The sick report shows that several members are in hospital. They are being regularly visited. Since its last meeting the sub-branch lost one of its oldest members, Mr. P. Petersen. A letter of condolence has been sent to his relatives.

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

At the May meeting the much-debated point of a women’s auxiliary was discussed on a motion to form a women’s committee. The motion was lost, but notice of motion was given to reopen the discussion at the next meeting. The most important business of the evening was the election of officers for the next year. A good number of nominations was received, but more may be required to fill the sub-committees. Elected unopposed were Olly Williams (president), Dan Fullerton (secretary), Murray Eliot (treasurer), Alf Chapman (auditor), Fred Graves (publicity), L. Haywood (games secretary), E. Payne (social secretary), and M. Maloney (assistant secretary) in place of our silent member Jack Wyatt. Incidentally, Jack’s refusal to nominate again after more than seven years in the job was probably the surprise of the evening; but even then he maintained his reputation by just shaking his head, although when pressed he was heard to mention something about “broken shifts.” In view of the increasing membership — now 498 — a recommendation from the management committee to increase their number from 8 to 12 was agreed to by the meeting. The additional officers will be elected at the meeting on June 6. The membership meeting will be held on June 13; the social meeting on June 20, and the management committee meeting on June 27.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

Another large attendance was recorded at the monthly meeting held on May 8. New members continue to be enrolled. Special attention is drawn to the community concerts which are being held in the Luxor Theatre every Sunday night and conducted by G. Caddy. These concerts are run in conjunction with the Mt. Hawthorn Sub-Branch, and the proceeds are devoted to POW and amelioration funds. Members and their friends are particularly requested to support this movement. The weekly dance and bridge nights are being continued. Anzac Day passed off successfully. The sub-branch held an indoor and outdoor service, preceded by a parade. We are indebted to all those who made the day a success, particularly our great friends, the Salvation Army Band. New members were welcomed in Messrs. K. Waddington, Maskiell, Anning, Daniels and Dodd.

BASSEYDEAN

A very enjoyable evening was spent on May 4, when the women’s auxiliary and sub-branch held a combined sports night. Teams were formed, each consisting of two ladies and two gentlemen. Bowls, darts and quoits were played, points being allowed to winning teams. Two teams winning all three games meant a play-off. No. 8 was the winning team, after a very keen struggle. We wish to congratulate Medjames Cross.

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### FREMANTLE CITY

The general meeting was held on May 4. New members were welcomed. The sub-branch received quite a lot of congratulations on the manner the Anzac service was carried out. We were pleased on that occasion to welcome Their Excellencies Sir James and Lady Mitchell, the State President and some of the Executive. The speakers were Chaplain Frazee (USN), and Major Forces (Salvation Army and formerly AIF). The president and the Mayor also contributed short addresses. The Royal Marines Band, together with Bluejacket and Marine detachments, attracted a lot of attention, and here the sub-branch wishes to thank everybody who helped to make Anzac Day the red-letter day it was. After the service Fremantle hospitals were visited. A motion was carried after an animated discussion by a substantial majority in the following terms: “This sub-branch protests against any of the war-time industries being acquired by private enterprise after the war, and, further, that it should be sent to the State Executive for necessary action.” At the meeting on June 1 nominations for office-bearers will be invited.

### MT. HAWTHORN NORTH LEEDERVILLE

Recent meetings have been attended by an increasing roll-up of old and new members. During the month 24 new members have joined, and some of them will extend the champions in the various games. One of the chief items during April was the Anzac Day services. A record crowd filled the Ritz Theatre. The laying of the wreaths was carried out by the sub-branch, the auxiliary and Sons of Soldiers. An old comrade (George Gilmore) sounded the Last Post and the Reveille. The service was conducted by Padre Tom Smout, assisted by the officers of the Salvation Army. The address was given by the president (Barney Keeley). George Gilmore also sounded the calls at the theatre. The sub-branch also thanks Miss Smout and Mrs Howe for assisting with the piano and singing, and Mr. Parker for placing the Ritz Theatre at our disposal. Another matter which was dealt with was the war loan. Messrs. H. James and Edgar Logan have it working to a set plan. The sub-branch, in conjunction with West Leederville, has arranged to run community concerts with Gr. Caddy conducting, every Sunday night at the Hollywood (late Luxor) Theatre, in aid of the patriotic funds of the two sub-branches. We thank Gr. Caddy for the great work he has put in for the two sub-branches. The games are still progressing, and the first round has now finished. Many good games can be expected. The draughts champions are all hard at work learning all the new moves under Mr. Marsh.

### CARLISLE

Thirty-five members attended the general meeting, presided over by the president (Mr. Finch). Items dealt with included the POW Fund, the march on Anzac Day, and Sons of Soldiers’ League. It was decided to run a dance on May 6 in conjunction with the women’s auxiliary to raise money for the POW Fund. Mr. Jack Sells is arranging a bigger stufi for July. Membership has now passed the 100 mark for the first time. Old Charlie wishes all members to attend the next meeting on June 1, as this is nomination night for all officers.

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The supper room looked gay with the lunch tables decorated with flowers and food reminiscent of pre-rationing days. Lunch was served on arrival. There were no formalities. Mrs. McKinlay welcomed the guests, and invited each RSL State Executive member present to give a gesture to the guests. The result was many fine “Digger” stories from Messrs. H. Leslie, E. O. Davies, D. M. Benson and Capt. Collins. Our Hannah Colley delighted everyone with her cornet playing.

In the afternoon the patients welcomed the opportunity of talking together and having a sing-song round the piano. Members of the Blinded Soldiers’ Association joined the company for afternoon tea (at the conclusion of their monthly meeting upstairs). Mr. D. M. Benson introduced each member, and Mr. A. Craigie spoke a few words of greeting to the service men and women present. Mr. Hugh Finnis thanked the Southern Cross Auxiliary for making it possible. All the flowers from the tables were carried off by the patients to decorate their wards and cheer those unable to be present. Transport was provided by the Red Cross Transport Section.

The auxiliaries’ wreath was placed on the War Memorial at the Dawn Service by Mrs. McKinlay. She and other members of the Executive attended the Memorial Service in St. George’s Cathedral, and later all Executive members met at the Esplanade. In the afternoon each attended her own local service. Anzac Day is not only a day of memories, but the parade of ex-service men, the procession in cars of the wounded and disabled and the patients from Lemnos and Sunset inspires each good auxiliaries.

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ary member to greater service in the cause.

Would auxiliaries please note that the RSL Auxiliary Bridge Afternoon takes place at the PDH on Wednesday, June 7, at 2 p.m. It is an obligation on our part to raise funds at this function for the CRC, and to make it a success members should interest all their friends who play bridge and rummy. The charge is 8/- per table, with afternoon tea and prizes.

MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDEVILLE

Mrs. Stockman presided over the meetings in April, which proved a very busy month. Ladies made wreaths for the Mt. Hawthorn and Leederville schools, and for the Memorial Hall, for Anzac Day. The auxiliary runs community concerts in the Luxor Theatre on Sunday nights, conducted by Cr. Caddy. A Paddy's Market will be held in the Memorial Hall in Oxford Street on June 10. A total of £560 has been paid into War Savings Certificates. The last meeting was followed by a supper, provided by members, to wish Miss Gwen Owen every happiness on her approaching marriage. Mrs. Stockman spoke on behalf of the auxiliary and presented the bride-elect with £1/- as a wedding gift.

DARLING RANGE

The monthly meeting on March 8 followed a recess of three months. A letter of appreciation from the Army Minister (Mr. Forde) thanking members for their help in making camouflage nets was received. Knitters are also busy making socks. An amount of £32 was sent to a distressed family in the district, who lost their home and all their possessions in a fire. New members were enrolled at the meeting on April 8, and a sum of £5 was donated to the POW Fund.

F.U.S.W.

Mrs. Dean presided over the recent monthly meeting. Commander Gower, RAN, gave an interesting talk on the life of a sailor, and the wonderful work being done by the WRANS. Mrs. R. H. Moore, in thanking the Commander, presented him with a cheque for £50 for the WRANS comfort fund. Mrs. Lynch arranged the musical programme. The artists were Mrs. J. Goodman, Mrs. G. Symonds, Miss May Shaw and Miss Gwen Brockway. Mrs. Dean appealed for workers for the canteens, particularly for the Phyllis Dean Hostel on Sunday, May 21.

VICTORIA PARK

Mrs. Barnett presided over a well-attended meeting on April 28. On April 26 the auxiliary were the guests of the sub-branch at a wonderful evening. On this occasion the supper was prepared and served by a committee of men, and all the ladies had to do was to be waited upon and enjoy themselves. Mesdames Barnett, Prue and Matthews were each given a useful present to show the men's appreciation of their useful work. On April 28 a roster was called for street sellers for the comforts fund. Mesdames Haigh and Coleman paid their regular visit to the patients at Edward Miller's. Members are invited to take boxes for the collection in aid of the POW Fund on May 19. This is a special League effort. Several members have volunteered, but more are wanted. On May 24 the auxiliary will be the guests of the sub-branch at a social evening to commemorate the opening of the hall in Salford Street. On June 1 there will be a jumble sale to augment funds.

A gift evening in aid of this effort will be held on Friday, May 26, when produce, fancywork, or anything that will sell will be appreciated by stall-holders.

SUBIACO

There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting on April 19. The mock wedding on April 14 was an outstanding success, both socially and financially. As a result, £76/5/- has been handed to the sub-branch treasurer (Mr. Williamson) for the building fund. The monthly entertainment of convalescent patients from Lady Mitchell and Hollywood Hospital again proved an enjoyable afternoon. Miss Estes's pupils presented the main part of the programme. The transport was made available by the Red Cross. The president and members thank all who contributed towards the programme and assisted in other ways to make this entertainment such a success. The auxiliary has now undertaken to visit the Repatriation Wards at Perth Hospital, and made the first visit on April 26. Sweets and cigarettes were distributed. Musical items were given by Mesdames McMahon and Thomas. Subiaco was well represented at the Maylands auxiliary social evening. Increased numbers continue to make the visits to Sunset Home. This month bowls and darts were played. The inmates proved too strong for the visitors. The president (Mrs. Sadlier) placed a wreath on the Subiaco Memorial on Anzac Day.

On May 2, 23 members visited Lemnos on May 10. Dancing, interspersed with vocal items, provided an enjoyable afternoon. Sweets and cigarettes were handed around among patients. Visits were also paid to ex-soldier patients in Home of Peace and St. John of God Hospital.
ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICE MEN

RATES: 41/- PER ANNUM

**Sub-Branch** | **Place of Meeting** | **Date of Meeting** | **President** | **Secretary**
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**ARMADALE** | RSL Clubrooms | 2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m. | Spencer Gwyer | J. Sturrock, Fremantle Road
**ALBANY** | Solders’ Institute | 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m. | A. H. Richardson, Albany | E. S. Healey, State School
**BALLIDU DISTRICTS** | RSL Hall | 1st Saturday, 8 p.m. | A. C. Wallis, Ballidu | R. J. Petcheill, Ballidu
**BASSENDEN** | Town Hall — Lower Hall | 1st Saturday every second month at 8 p.m. | C. Cook, Wilson St., Bassenden | A. Savage, 29 Whitfield St., Bassenden
**BROOKTON** | RSL Clubrooms | Alternate Thursday (pension days), 7.30 p.m. | S. Whittington, Brookton | P. Hollings, Brookton
**BUNBURY** | Bullock Town Hall | 1st Wednesday, 8 p.m. | Gus Pickard, R. & M. Jordan, Rundle Rd., Busselton | B. B. Woolley, Busselton
**BAYSWATER** | Town Hall | 1st Saturday, monthly, 8 p.m. | J. Welsh, Zoo St., Busselton | M. W. J. Reed, Busselton
**BUSSELTON** | Soldiers’ Institute | 3rd Monday | Staff Sergt. Hull, 33 Anzac St., Bayswater | T. Gillingham, 49 Stuart Street, Maylands
**CALINGIRI** | Mr. Plant’s Home | 4th Wednesday | F. Jones, Woodgate, via Busselton | J. McCullagh, Calingiri
**CANNING DISTRICTS** | Agricultural Hall | 4th Monday, 10 a.m. | T. F. Crane, Canning | L. B. H. Mack, Canning
**CARLISLE** | Backford Memorial Hall | 1st Thursday in each month | T. H. Barre, Clifton Street, Carlisle | R. L. Nelson, Carlisle
**COLLIE** | Soldiers’ Hall | Alternate Tuesday, 8 p.m. | J. Brennan, C. H. Hubbard, 5 McNeil St., Collie | C. W. Edwick, E. G. Cocks, 20 Princes St., Collie
**CORRIGIN** | Council Hall, Jarrod Street | 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m. | W. Ford, 13 Skenton Road, Claremont | H. J. Lane, 40 Weld St., Claremont
**COTTESLOE** | | When called | | C. T. W. D. J. Piper, "The Granite," 1 Vulture St., Claremont
**CLAREMONT** | Committee Room, Claremont Oval | 1st Thursday in each quarter | | C. A. Collin, Dalwallinu
**DALWALLINU** | Dalwallinu | 3rd Saturday in each month | W. Logie, Kalamunda | M. J. Johnstone, Kalamunda
**DARLING RANGE** | RSL Clubrooms, Canning Road, Kalamunda | 2nd Thursday in month | W. Seaver, "The Grange," Irwin | H. E. North
**DENMARK** | RSL Literary Institute | 1st Saturday each month at 8 p.m. | D. Morgan, J. Sloper’s Premises, Port Denison | H. S. Piper, "The Grange," Irwin
**DONGARRA** | Memorial Hall | Last Monday, 8 p.m. | A. W. M. Thompson, H. G. G. Wilson, 116 Marmion St., East Fremantle | Rev. J. C. Lund, Donnybrook
**DONNYBROOK** | | Last Saturday quarterly fam. | | R. A. Richards, W. G. Baker, Donnybrook
**DUNBARTON DISTRICTS** | | April, July, October | | C. C. Shirt, 54 Myrtle St., South Fremantle
**DUMBLEYUNGU & DISTRICTS** | Dumbleyung Hall | 2nd Saturday, 8 a.m. | A. A. H. Hillyar, Holyoake | G. C. Morgan, C. H. Joyson, Holyoake
**FREMANTLE & DISTRICTS** | Dwellingup Hotel | Saturday in month | H. G. G. Wilson, 116 Marmion St., East Fremantle | R. E. Hobs, 57 Oakover St., Fremantle
**GASCOYNE** | Wesley Hall, Fremantle | Forthnightly, Thursdays (pension nights) | Roy Godfrey, Carnarvon | B. C. Spencer, Gascoyne
**GERALDTON** | Council Chambers, Carnarvon | 2nd Tuesday | C. W. Freeman, c/o Great Northern Hotel | C. A. Gummery, 356 Marine Terrace
**GLOUCESTER PARK** | Wambyn Hall, 347 Hay St., East Perth | 2nd and 4th Mondays | E. D. Morgan, J. Sloper’s Premises, Port Denison | C. N. Roberts, 25 Marine Terrace
**GOWANGURUP** | Soldiers’ Room | 1st Thursday | M. G. Baker, Donnybrook | A. A. Hillyar, Holyoake
**GUTHEGA** | RSL Hall | Monthly | J. J. Jensen, 54 Myrtle St., South Fremantle | E. A. Mattews, 24 Marine Terrace
**HARVEY** | Soldiers’ Institute | 2nd and 4th Mondays | Roy Godfrey, Carnarvon | C. C. Shirt, 54 Myrtle St., South Fremantle
**KALGOORLIE** | Soldiers’ Institute | 1st Thursday | C. W. Freeman, c/o Great Northern Hotel | C. A. Gummery, 356 Marine Terrace
**KATANING** | Clubrooms, Carew Street | Monthly, 3rd Wednesday, at 8 p.m. | Jas. Old, Katanning | S. A. Seward, Katanning
**KELLERBERRIN** | Kellerberrin and Doodlakine | 2nd and 4th Mondays | Frank Nicholls, Doodlakine | M. J. Johnstone, Kalamunda
**LAWTON** | | Every 2nd Tuesday in month at 8 p.m. | | A. W. M. Thompson, H. G. G. Wilson, 116 Marmion St., East Fremantle
**MANNING** | | 8 a.m. | | J. J. Jensen, 54 Myrtle St., South Fremantle
**MARSHALL** | | Executive afternoon | | M. G. Baker, Donnybrook
**MUDGEE** | | Men’s Committee, 3rd Sunday, after V.D.C. parades | | C. N. Roberts, 25 Marine Terrace
**MURRAKRAWA** | | Monthly | | C. N. Roberts, 25 Marine Terrace
**MYRTLEVALE** | | Every 2nd Tuesday in month | | C. N. Roberts, 25 Marine Terrace
**NABADUCK** | | 8 a.m. | | J. J. Jensen, 54 Myrtle St., South Fremantle
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<td>Last Monday of the month (Jan., Apr., July, Oct.)</td>
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<td>MECKERING-CUNDERDIN</td>
<td>Supper-room, Town Hall, Cunderdin</td>
<td>Alternate Thursday, 53.45 p.m.</td>
<td>H. O. Polledor, Boddington</td>
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<td>Council Chambers</td>
<td>First Wednesday in month, at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>S. Norton, Alma Rd., Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>Quarterly, 3rd Friday March, June, Aug., Nov., 53.45 p.m.</td>
<td>A. H. Wilson, Narromine</td>
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<td>NEALANDS</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building, Broadway, Nealslands</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>G. Caldwell, Nealslands</td>
<td>P. G. O'Mara, 19 Northwood Street, Narromine</td>
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<td>NEWDEGATE</td>
<td>Newdegate</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>E. J. Tonkin, 36 Winson Rd., Newdegate</td>
<td>J. K. Jeffries, 8 Thomas Street, Nealslands</td>
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<td>NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE</td>
<td>Town Hall, East Fremantle</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>E. J. Tomlin, 36 Winson Rd., East Fremantle</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>RSL Clubrooms, Gordon St., Northam</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 9.30 p.m.</td>
<td>C. F. Fraser, Northampton</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>North Perth Bowling Club, North Perth</td>
<td>3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. H. L. Thackray, Gordon Street, Northam</td>
<td>R. G. C. Curlew, 154 Fitzgerald Street, Northam</td>
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<td>ORA BANDA-GRANTS</td>
<td>RSL Memorial Hall, Main Street, Osborne Park</td>
<td>Every 4th Friday</td>
<td>E. O. Davison, 77 Mabel St., North Perth</td>
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<td>OSBORNE PARK</td>
<td>Monash Hall, Osborne Park</td>
<td>Wednesday of Soldiers' Pension Week</td>
<td>E. O. Davison, 77 Mabel St., North Perth</td>
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<td>PERTH (Office hours: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.)</td>
<td>At Luncheon, YMCA, Murray Street, Perth</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>A. D. Ash, 104 Carr Street, Perth</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>Manseoir Hall, House, Perth</td>
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<td>E. E. Hancock, Naval Office, Perth</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>Quairading Hall and Dance Hotel, alternatively</td>
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<td>H. H. Bagnall, Water Supply Dept., Perth</td>
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<td>R. R. Cresswell, c/o &quot;West Australian,&quot; Perth</td>
<td>T. W. Etridge, 4th Floor, Perth</td>
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<td>RSL Hall, 61 Townshend Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Sunday in every 4th month at 10.30 a.m.</td>
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<td>Traying, Traying</td>
<td>4th Thursday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>A. O. Hadler, 104 Carr Street, South Perth</td>
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<td>C. A. H. Bolt, 39 Marlow St., Wembley</td>
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<td>4th Friday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>W. R. C. Ashmore, c/o Southern Cross Post Office</td>
<td>W. E. Greaves, 16 Forrest Street, South Perth</td>
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<td>G. E. Ash, 206 Margaret Street, Subiaco</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>Lesser Hall</td>
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<td>J. H. Riley, Traying</td>
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<td>2nd Saturday in each month</td>
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