University Training of Service Personnel

SOME time ago, the Federal Government adopted the enlightened policy of granting financial assistance to students whose abilities entitled them to university training, but whose means would not allow them to go on with these higher courses. For nearly two centuries now social and political reformers have been defining the rights of man, but it is only within comparatively recent years that governments have recognised that one of the foremost of man's rights is the right to the highest degree of education his social environment can provide. That is so in ordinary times. It is even more so in this troubled age, when hundreds of thousands of young men have gone into the fighting services fresh from school, and will return to civil life with so much lee way to overtake in vocational training and other forms of education. The government has devised a scheme of vocational training, though, it must be confessed that this is still in the blueprint stage. It has adopted the policy of granting financial assistance to other classes of students. Unfortunately, decisions in these directions do not provide a solution of the whole problem. It is not much use in providing facilities for students, when the facilities for training them are either inadequate, or totally absent.

This conclusion seems inevitable in view of publicity given recently to the affairs of the University of Western Australia. Although the State Government has increased the annual grant to the University from £40,000 to £48,000, the University Senate is still coping with the problem of carrying on without either curtailing courses, or charging lecture fees. Either would be a retrograde step that would have deplorable consequences, and even a contemplation of the possibilities should prove a spur to private benefactors, such as those who have so richly endowed older universities in other places.

The effects that the present position is certain to have on ex-service men and women after, and perhaps before the end of the war, was brought under the notice of this League by a recent deputation from the Guild of Undergraduates to the Management Committee of the State Executive. The members of the deputation expressed very great concern at the difficulties that are likely to arise at the University, if something is not done to ensure that there will be adequate accommodation, staff and equipment for the rush of students to the University immediately after the war. The majority of these students will, of course, be men and women from the services.

At the present time, the deputation pointed out, there are 1,000 students attending the University of Western Australia. Already accommodation and teaching facilities are very cramped. It was mentioned that, of the graduates in Engineering, from 1935 to 1940, 57 are in the services, and about one-third of these will need refresher courses. From 1940 to 1944, 29 graduates joined the services. Because of the shortening of courses from five to three years, all these graduates are expected back at the University to complete their full degree course. All other Engineering graduates are serving either in munitions, or in other essential services.

Another group consists of students who did one or two years at the University, and then enlisted. Most of these will want to return to the University to complete their training. There is also a class, by no means inconsiderable, of young people qualified for entrance into one or other of the Faculties, but who enlisted before even trying to do so. Provision must also be made for these to resume their studies where they were interrupted. The Faculty of Arts, generally the largest in any university, has been entirely suspended for the duration of the war, except for women students, and it is expected that a large number of men will want to enter the Faculty of Arts after being discharged. A similar suspension applies to the Faculty of Law. It is estimated that 40 Law students entered the services and that 75 per cent. of these will return to the University after the war.

One does not need magnifying glasses to see the tremendous strain that will be put on the teaching staff, and the accommodation of the University after the war. Even now, both are sorely overtaxed, and it is predicted on all sides that, if a move is not made without delay, the position of returned service men and women wishing to enter the University, or return to it, after their service will be seriously jeopardised.

It is the job of this League to see that service personnel are not placed at a disadvantage through their war service in this, or any other way. When the report of the Management Committee was considered by the State Executive, that body resolved that the "Commonwealth Government be asked to arrange
Lord Gowrie's Elevation

The Earldom which has been conferred upon Lord Gowrie is, indeed, the most appropriate dignity that this grand old soldier and experienced representative of the King could have received. The title of Earl goes back almost to the dawn of our history, for, in Anglo-Saxon times, the Earls were the fighting companions of the King. Lord Gowrie, who said farewell to the Federal Parliament at the beginning of the recent brief session, has had the experience which is unique for a Governor-General of having delivered the equivalent of speeches from the throne in three different Australian Parliaments. He was Governor of South Australia from 1928 to 1934, and Governor of New South Wales from 1935 to 1938. The only other Australian Governor with a similar experience was Sir Gerald Scobie Hall, who was Governor of Tasmania, Western Australia and New South Wales.

Lord Gowrie won the Victoria Cross during the action at Gedara, in the Sudan, on September 22, 1908. The citation, in the London Gazette of February 26, 1909, read: "The body of G. A. Hore-Ruthven (as he was then) saw an Egyptian officer lying wounded, within 50 yards of the advancing Dervishes, who were firing and charging. He picked the wounded officer up and carried him towards the 19th Egyptian Battalion. He dropped the wounded officer three times, while he fired at the Dervishes, who were following, to check their advance. Had the Egyptian officer been left, he would have been killed.

Lord Gowrie's first visit to Australia was in 1908, when he came out as Military Secretary to Lord Dudley, then Governor-General.

He was married to the peerage in 1915, when he was created a Baron. His elder brother was already the 9th Baron Ruth-

ven of Scotland, and 2nd Baron Ruthven of the United Kingdom. There is a long and interesting history of the association of the Ruthven family with the peerage. Earl Ruthven is the second member of the Ruthven family to hold the title of Earl. The first of the family to be made a Baron received the title in 1488. His grandson, Patrick, the third Lord Ruthven, was the leader of the party who liquidated Rizzio, the favourite of Mary Queen of Scots. His son became the first Earl of Gowrie, but being on the losing side in the political squabbles that followed the dethronement of Queen Mary, he paid the price of failure with his head. His son, the second Earl, died four years later. John Ruthven, the third Earl, was one of the victims of the so-called Gowrie conspiracy, which was one of the most baffling mysteries of history.

His and his brother Alexander were both killed during a fracas in their residence at Perth. It was alleged that Alexander Ruthven induced King James VI to visit the House, lured him into a tower of the building, and attempted to kidnap him. He was slain by James’ attendants, who burst into the room, and his brother the Earl was killed in the fight that followed. Unfortunately for those who like to dot the i’s and cross the t’s of historical narratives, the story of the attempted seizure rests solely on the unsupported word of the King, and his word was just about as reliable as an elderly gas meter. It has been suggested that the brothers were put out of the way because the Earl of Gowrie, who was also of royal blood, was a likely rival to James for the throne of England. The title became extinct in 1600. That of Baron Ruthven was revived in 1654. The title has descended by several female descents. Mary, Baroness Ruthven, married Walter Hore, the grandfather of Earl Gowrie, and the family then became known as Hore-Ruthven.

State President's News Letter

In his news letter, dated August 1, the State President (Mr. Anderson) gave details of the wide variety of subjects dealt with in the course of a day by Mr. Combs, who deals with inquiries at Anzac House. The subjects covered discharges from the Army, legal advice, rentals, eligibility, assistance for poultry farmers, pension queries, house accommodation, whereabouts of League members, return of POW’s badges, receipt books, sub-branch matters, receiving donations for POW, and Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ funds, transfer of members, relief work, workers’ homes, National Service inquiries, enrolment of new members, correspondence and various minor matters.

Mr. Anderson said that many inquiries are being made by discharged men regarding Land Settlement, and we are very much concerned over the delay of the Commonwealth Government in issuing a detailed statement of policy. Last month’s mention was made of efforts that the League has been making to ascertain the Government’s intentions.

Considerable argument is taking place regarding the interpretation of Clause 5a of the League’s Constitution, which defines eligibility. The Federal Congress has definitely stated that the definition contained therein does not apply to the Militia Forces who are, therefore, not eligible for membership. While it may be argued regarding the legal interpretation, Rule 24 states that Federal Congress shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of our rules. Accordingly, the decision given by last year’s Federal Congress must stand until next Novem-

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ber, when this year’s Congress will be held in Adelaide.

A deputation from the League met the W.A. Trade Dilution Committee on July 18. It has been felt that discharged service men are at a disadvantage in obtaining positions as elevated, or added tradesmen, compared with those who had war service. It is hoped to obtain greater privileges for ex-service men, and the Dilution Committee gave the delegation a sympathetic hearing. There has also been correspondence with the Federal Government on the matter.

The Management Committee had an interesting talk with the Guild of Under-graduates of the University of Western Australia on July 17. Representatives of the Guild met the Management Committee as a deputation to discuss the provision of University training for ex-service men after the war. There appears to be a lack of facilities at the University for training on a large scale, such as will be needed when the war is over. The League will communicate with the proper authority, especially as so many of our lads interrupted their university courses when they enlisted in the fighting forces.

Prisoner of War Fund

In his circular letter dated August 1 the State President (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson) mentioned that the RSL Prisoner of War Fund was higher this year than it was at the same time last year, when the League’s efforts resulted in the collection of £12,500. As Mr. Anderson said: “It is worth while being able to do something for our lads who are so un­fortunately behind the lines.”

The conditions under which Australian prisoners of war in Germany have to live and work were described by a man who recently repatriated. He exhibited a lump of Nazi bread which he had fought back as a souvenier. It was a greyish black substance consisting largely of potato flour and it had been rolled in sawdust. Consequently, large lumps of wood were found in it. German tea was a mixture of leaves and herbs, with flower seeds scattered through it. Coffee was roasted grain, and there was no cocoa. No wonder our boys look wood were found in it. German tea was a mixture of leaves and herbs, with flower seeds scattered through it. Coffee was roasted grain, and there was no cocoa. No wonder our boys look wood were found in it. German tea was a mixture of leaves and herbs, with flower seeds scattered through it. Coffee was roasted grain, and there was no cocoa. No wonder our boys look wood were found in it. German tea was a mixture of leaves and herbs, with flower seeds scattered through it. Coffee was roasted grain, and there was no cocoa. No wonder our boys look wood were found in it. German tea was a mixture of leaves and herbs, with flower seeds scattered through it. Coffee was roasted grain, and there was no cocoa. No wonder our boys look wood were found in it. German tea was a mixture of leaves and herbs, with flower seeds scattered through it. Coffee was roasted grain, and there was no cocoa. No wonder our boys look wood were found in it. German tea was a mixture of leaves and herbs, with flower seeds scattered through it. Coffee was roasted grain, and there was no cocoa. No wonder our boys look wood were found in it. German tea was a mixture of leaves and herbs, with flower seeds scattered through it. Coffee was roasted grain, and there was no cocoa. No wonder our boys look wood were found in it. German tea was a mixture of leaves and herbs, with flower seeds scattered through it. Coffee was roasted grain, and there was no cocoa. No wonder our boys look

The Digger and his Discipline

During the present war, when a section of the Australian Press has been persistently fostering the sur­my that the Digger was a stout digger, who did not take kindly to discipline, battle leaders of the past war have done good service to the Australian soldier by correcting that impression. Among these have been General Sir Thomas Blamey, who, when he was a digger, said that the men of the AIF could not have established the fighting reputation they had without organisation, training and discipline. Nevertheless, the lingering erroneous opinion survives, with all its deleterious effects, for the most dan­gerous of all beliefs in time of war is the belief that the period of training and organisation, and the discipline that this engenders, is unnecessary for the produc­tion of first-class fighting men. The people we are fighting in Europe and Asia suffer from no such illusions. It is refreshing, therefore, to read an article by Gavin Long, a war correspondent who has seen the men of the Second AIF in action. The article was published in the U.S. Infantry Journal under the head­line: “The Australian Soldier; The Value of Training.” One statement he makes should be inscribed in every Australian’s memory. It is a picturesque legend, he says, “but as a matter of fact, saluting and other compliments, parade-ground drill, dress and bearing in the veteran Australian units today is smarter than I have seen in any British regiments, except the Guards, and I spent a good part of 1914 and 1915 as an Aus­tralian correspondent with the British Army.”

The men who had the experience of that organisation, training and discipline will, on a not far distant day, be returning to civilian life. During their war service they rubbed shoulders with all sorts and conditions of men. They developed the broad tolerance which has always been a feature of the Australian outlook. They shed the shackles of provincialism and learned to sympathise with the needs of the great and to admire the greatness that is often found in men of smaller calibre. They developed the team spirit which enables a man to rely on his mate and which makes it impossible for him to let his mate down. His war service developed a host of other qualities and implanted some which may not have been already there, such qualities as initiative, individuality, capacity for self-reliance, and determination, which are distinguished from hasty judgment. All these qualities make for good citizenship, and what makes for good citizenship lays the foundation, and the only sound found­ation for any social order. When so many thousands of men, and women too,

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### 32nd Battalion Reunion

The annual reunion dinner of the 32nd Battalion Association was held on Saturday, July 23. The president of the association (Major R. A. Geddes) explained for the benefit of visitors and new members from the ranks of the 2/32nd Battalion that this reunion is held annually on the Saturday night nearest to July 19. It was on July 19 in 1916 that the Battalion suffered the biggest "laming" in its history. That was in the action on the Fromelles Ridge, in the Fleurbaix sector.

For many of the 8th Brigade, which, with the 14th and 15th Brigades, formed the Fifth Division of the AIF, Fromelles was their baptism of fire, and a very sad introduction to the war it was. By July 1916 the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Division of the AIF were in France, and it was the role of the 5th Division, in cooperation with the 61st British Division, to pin the enemy down on the Fromelles Ridge, so that he could not reinforce his front on the Somme. Unfortunately, the attack ended in disaster. Positions were taken, but a heavy counter-attack developed against the 32nd on the left flank. The enemy were thrown back by heavy loss, but our own forces suffered also. At 1 a.m. on July 20 a heavier German counter-attack developed. It was a furious bombing attack against the ground our men had captured and were trying so gallantly to hold. The 8th and 15th Brigades ran short of bombs, and by 4.20 a.m. the position was hopeless. The 32nd Battalion was completely surround-
ed, and its 150 survivors made a gallant and organised effort to fight their way through the enemy. That was the end of the show. The remnants of the other units fought their way back in similar style, but the losses were sadly heavy. The 5th Division lost 5,533 officers and other ranks. The 32nd Battalion's losses were 45 officers and 701 other ranks, a total of casualties that was exceeded only by the 60th Battalion.

A number of telegrams were read, including one from Brigadier-General Tivey, who commanded the 8th Brigade ("Tivey's Chocs"). The toast of the evening was proposed by Mr. R. Alexander, and responded to by Captain Colvin, who represented the GOC. Other toasts were: "The 32nd Battalion," proposed by Mr. M. Lewis (44th Battalion), and responded to by Major Geddes; "The RSL," proposed by Major Geddes and responded to by the State President (Mr. J. W. Anderson); "Kindred Associations," proposed by Captain J. Johnston, and replied to by Mr. Eric Davies (10th Light Horse). The unit associations represented were the 11th, 16th, 28th and 32nd Battalions, the artillery, the engineers, the medical and limbless soldiers' associations. During the evening a life member's certificate of the association was presented to Mr. Alexander, who was secretary for many years, and a president of the association. A vote of thanks to the artists was proposed by Mr. A. Trumble. The artists were Messrs. Jack Cunningham (piano), Clive Evans (humorous monologues and recitations), Ted Bucher (impersonations), and two members of the 2/32nd, who rendered vocal items.

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The Future of Soldier Settlement

Members of the League in this State are waiting with what has become a considerable degree of impatience for a definite statement of the Commonwealth Government's policy on soldier settlement. So far, all that has emanated from authoritative sources are pious utterances that the returned service man who goes on the land after the war will receive far better treatment than his predecessor did after the last war. There have been a few brief and general statements from the Prime Minister and other members of the Commonwealth Government, and news items in the Press have referred to the consideration that will be given to the matter at the forthcoming Premiers' Conference. So far, all that can be known for certain is that there will be a soldier settlement scheme of some sort, which, if the Premiers agree, will be administered by the States as agents for the Commonwealth.

In the meantime, Diggers are wondering what will be the Government's reactions to the draft Bill, which was prepared by the League for consideration by the Rural Reconstruction Commission, and to the carefully prepared report submitted to the Government by the Commission.

Speaking in the Legislative Council during the debate on the Address-in-Reply on August 3, the Hon. J. Cornell, who is chairman of the State Executive's Land Committee, traced the activities of the League in preparing the draft Bill, and its reception by the Rural Reconstruction Commission. That the League's efforts were appreciated is shown by the following paragraph from the Commission's report: "The Commission places on record its sincere appreciation of the action taken by the Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia: not merely because of the time and expense which that body has devoted to the matter, but also because of its general attitude towards the investigation." The League, at two special conferences, embodied two basic principles, namely, that any soldier settlement scheme should be the full responsibility of the Commonwealth Government, and that the maximum rate of interest should not exceed 2 per cent. On the first point, the Rural Reconstruction Commission did not think it practicable for the Commonwealth to take over all aspects of soldier settlement, unless the Commonwealth, by an amendment of the Constitution, was charged with the full responsibility of controlling land and land utilisation.

On the question of interest rates, the Commission goes some way in respect of the League's proposals of a 2 per cent. maximum, inasmuch as it suggests that there should be no interest charge for the first five years, that the charge should be 2 per cent. for the next five years, and thereafter the charge should be at the current rate, not exceeding 4 per cent. As to the question of tenure, the League suggested perpetual leasehold, with subsequent right to convert to freehold. The Commission, Mr. Cornell said, appears to favour the choice of tenure being left to the States, as it now stands in several States. That is to say, if the returned soldier wants freehold, he may have it; if he wants leasehold, he may have it. The Commission appears to have agreed to the remaining suggestions put forward by the League regarding the examining and determining the qualifications of applicants; instruction and training of applicants; special financing arrangements, and the acquiring and improving of land for settlement, as well as special concessions in settlement terms to enable settlers to succeed. The Commission set out its own views in regard to the division of financial responsibility, as between the Commonwealth and the States.

Mr. Cornell then referred to the Commonwealth's reaction to the Commission's recommendations. "While it may be said that the RSL and the Rural Reconstruction Commission have laid all their cards on the table, and have submitted their proposals to be perused and digested by anyone who is interested, the Commonwealth's reaction has not been made available to the public. To ascertain the reaction of the Commonwealth, we have to rely on newspaper reports."

On the 17th July, "The West Australian" reported the Prime Minister to the effect that Cabinet had not accepted all the Commission's proposals and that the soldier settlement scheme was to be carried out by the States as principals with certain Commonwealth aid. No mention of the extent of the Commonwealth aid is made. According to the same newspaper, in its issue of the 27th July, the State Minister for Lands, who is chairman of the Rural Reconstruction Commission, stated—

Two fundamental differences suggested by the Press statement appear to be that the State shall be asked to act as principals, with certain Commonwealth aid, and that the tenure shall be on a leasehold basis. Without precise information on the question of
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Meares, was a fitting tribute to the work singled out for this honour. unremitting energy and Who, I ask, has she done so consistently, year by year. Here are three instances to indicate that any attempt to indicate the reaction of the Commonwealth Government to the Commission's proposals would be folly. The Commonwealth has made it quite clear that it cannot and will not consider any alteration in the Commission's proposals before the Commonwealth Government were the information would be invaluable to the men who go from this State to fight on behalf of the returned men. So far we have not got that information, but will keep on trying. Furthermore, the RSL has asked for the admission of its representatives at the Premiers' Conference in the capacity of observer, and will continue to press that request. The object in view is to enable the League to gauge the reaction of the States' representatives towards any alteration in the Commission's proposals.

When the Commonwealth and State legislation is introduced to implement the findings of the Premiers' Conference, our endeavours will be towards something that is repugnant to the RSL. In any future soldier settlement land scheme. In other words, if the States are to act as principals we desire to see that the mistakes of the 192ross Act are not repeated and that the object we have in view in our endeavour to help the Commission is achieved.

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Many improvements have been made in the rest room recently. A splendid lounge suite and radio have been installed by the Red Cross Society, besides other articles of furniture and accessories. The FUSW, has presented a handsomely carved and inlaid elbow rest. The kitchen arrangements are now up to date. A hot water urn and other necessary articles have been procured, and afternoon teas are now available every Wednesday and Friday. The afternoon teas are also a special feature of the capable hands of Mr. Bob Smith. Mr. Hales has done a great job of work in painting and renovating various articles of furniture. An Honour Board has been erected by a friend of the association which is, indeed, a work of art. An attempt is being made for its official unveiling. The committee thanks those whose untiring enthusiasm and energy have been responsible for the marked progress the association has made. Members generally are thankful for services that have been given so ungrudgingly.

**Reception to Miss Meares**

At the meeting of the State Executive on August 2 it was decided to appoint Miss Mary Meares, MBE, on her appointment as a YWCA representative with the South-East Asia Command. It was felt by all present that the appointment, which was quite unsought by Miss Meares, is one of the most appropriate decisions the League has ever made, and that she has done so consistently, year by year, ever since the war. Her work in arranging transport every year for the men whose war disabilities prevent them from marching on Anzac Day, and who, with certain sections, are still part of the noble service she has rendered ex-service men in this State.

Accordingly, though all regret her departure, all are glad that she has been singled out for this honour. On Monday, August 7, a reception was given in her honour by the Executive in the Board Room at Anzac House. Miss Meares was welcomed by the State President (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson), and other speakers were Mr. A. Yeates, Col. Collett, the President of the League, Victoria and South Australia (Mr. J. Pierpoint), and Mrs. J. McKeinlay. All speakers stressed the importance of her welfare work on behalf of ex-service men and women, which had been carried on with unremitting energy and enthusiasm since the days of the last war. She had proved a valuable human link between the League and the men it wished to help, and her work had been done without flagging or hand-clapping. There is none who has been more deserving of the appointment, which will bring opportunities for service in a wider field.

In her reply, Miss Meares expressed appreciation of the tributes paid her. She thanked all present, for their good wishes. She had been thankful for the tribute, but it was constituted, and never had she received anything but the most cordial co-operation. Miss Meares stated that the work she had done in the past would continue in her absence. She would leave behind her the machinery for carrying out the transport arrangements for Anzac Day, and for all the other services she has initiated and carried on so capably.

**HUMBUG?**

Before he left Perth, Senator Keane fired a Partisan shot at the League. He declared that preference to returned soldiers, or the "gimmick of "humble bug," and added that he did not think the returned soldiers' leagues were non-political. He was right in saying there is a lot of humbug about the preference question, but the humbug comes not from the members of preference who say that it will not be necessary in the brave new world that will follow the war, while still insisting on preference for unionists. These good folks ignore a fact, stressed by all recent speakers on the reconstruction period, that there will be a long transition period before normal conditions are restored, and the equally, nationally fact that so many service men are, and will be, unionists in any case. The "Jobs for All" slogan has yet explained how the returned soldier unionist is to be regarded in comparison with, say, the chronic coal striker. Senator Keane speaks of returned soldiers' leagues. He evidently means to refer to the "only one League" in all Australia. Calling our organisation political is an attitude that is becoming very common nowadays. Not so long ago, when Mr. Holland, the president of the Victorian Branch, took Mr. Calwell to task for the slur he cast on men who enlisted at the beginning of the war, that gentleman retorted by describing Mr. Holland as "the political president of the RSL." The inference is that a politician must be allowed to attack planks of the League constitution with impunity. Once any League official, or any League publication attempts to refute such criticisms, it immediately becomes political, with certain sections. If that principle is adopted, it would be the easiest thing in the world for any political or quasi-political interests outside the League to wriggle away its constitution, plank by plank, with impunity, and no one would care. The League is in dread of being branded political. That would reduce our organisation to the status of an old boys' association.

Speaking to business men during his recent visit to Perth, the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane), who is also Minister in charge of rationing, said that he did not realise the importance of the last War had on the volume of beer until this fine form of boneless food came under the control of his Department. "However," the Minister added, "I've never heard of anyone dying for want of it." It is disappointing to hear. A serious job is to be done, especially when the last War has cast its shadow over so many things, especially when the beer quota of the Anzac Club is just about exhausted. In his circular to sub-branches this month, the State Secretary mentioned the need for refrigeration. Sub-branches are not able to perform for any more sub-branch functions for the time being. The corollary to the problem is to defer holding functions until the quota position has improved.

Sub-branches are again notified that Allied service men, including United States personnel, now in the country, cannot be admitted to membership of the League.

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Personalities

In our last issue we stated that Fred Matthews had resigned the position of secretary of the Victoria Park Sub-Branch. Actually, Fred did not stand for re-election, but agreed to take a seat on the committee. This good Digger is highly respected by all members, who wish him much better health than he has experienced lately.

Victoria Park Sub-Branch has advised that Bert Fisher (2/14th) is the first year's winner of the Stan Gurney, VC, Memorial Shield, which was donated to the sub-branch by Mr. M. E. Zeffert, of the State Executive, to perpetuate the memory of the late Stan Gurney, VC. The competition for the shield is on a points basis for the enrolment of new members, visiting hospitals, and generally acting in the best interests of the sub-branch. The shield has to be won for three consecutive years by any one member before it becomes his property, but each winner receives a replica.

Mr. George Ashworth, who was recently re-elected president of the Mosman Park Sub-Branch, with an absolute majority over two opponents, is now entering the tenth year of his presidency. Dick Thomas, last year's secretary of Mosman Park, is taking a well-earned rest. Keith Woods volunteered for the vacant job of secretary, and he is being assisted by Jim Strickland.

Mr. Reg Wood, chairman of the Pensions and Employment Committee, has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Post-War Reconstruction in Western Australia. It is gratifying to learn that such a prominent member of the League has been appointed to this post, especially as the appoint-ment is an important one from the League's point of view, as well as from that of the State. Mr. Wood has been a member of the State Executive for several years, and is a past president and secretary of the Nedlands Sub-Branch. He was Industrial Registrar at the Arbitration Court before he received the new appointment, and has years of experience in the Civil Service to recommend him for the new post.

Mr. Carl Ferguson, formerly Assistant State Secretary, and now Rehabilitation Officer for the Department of Labour and National Service, has been over East on a special conference on the rehabilitation of ex-service men. He mentioned that he was pleased with his trip, so far as his own job was concerned.

Men from the present war are taking an active interest in League affairs. Victoria Park Sub-Branch is especially pleased with the support given by the younger returned men in that sub-branch. Mr. R. Brown (2/3rd Pioneer Battalion) has just been installed as secretary, and Mr. J. Brown (2/16th Battalion) is now one of the vice-presidents.

In these days, it has long ceased to be unusual for a father and son to belong to the same sub-branch, but Albany has had the distinction, which is claimed as a record, of enrolling a husband and wife, both returned service personnel of this war, on the same day. The new members are Pte. J. M. Short, of the AAMWS, and Cpl. H. G. Short (2/14th Field Ambulance). They received a wedding present from their fellow members at the sub-branch meeting on August 4.

At the August meeting of the Subiaco Sub-Branch, members paid the silent tribute to the memory of Les Dobbs and George Giles, two Digger comrades who passed away during July. The resignation of the secretary, Ike Lester, who, unfortunately, has not been enjoying the best of health, was accepted with deep regret. However, as the annual meeting and election of officers takes place in September, he has consented to carry on until then. He will, of course, still work for the sub-branch in a less strenuous capacity.

Members of the Cottesloe Sub-Branch are pleased to see vice-president Fred Yeomans on parade again, after many months of illness. We trust and hope that his health will continue to improve.

The League has been advised by the POW Relatives' Association, Melbourne, that messages recently received from Japanese sources stated that the following prisoners of war are well, and they love to relatives: Sgd. Telford, Spr. Charles L. Hill (Kalgoorlie), and Pte. Jack Gartnell (Bassendean). They are all waiting for letters.

In their treasurer (Mr. George McPhee) the T.&P.D. Soldiers Association have a man whose untiring work would be sadly missed should he have to give up this post. Besides taking particular care of the financial side of the association, he is the official visitor to Ward XI and Edward Millen Home. He goes to these institutions two or three times a month, taking various comforts to members. He rarely misses a function, and is a shrewd man to have on a deputation. His war service was with the 1st ADT.

Another keen and continuous worker for the T. & P.D. Soldiers' Association is Mr. Dave Langford, whose main service is that of visiting members confined to their homes by illness, or disability, and there are quite a few of these. His visits take him through the metropolitan area and keep him fully occupied. From the many expressions of appreciation we have heard, we realise that he is providing valuable service to his fellow Diggers. Dave served with the 44th Battalion during the last war.

It is with regret that we record the passing of Mr. F. Stacy (44th Battalion).

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Information regarding wounds incurred on Gallipoli by No. 63 Private Thomas George Lamont, 3rd FAB (A Section) line he wanted. His was an early enlistment in the 3rd Field Ambulance, and served with it from the day he went into camp at Enoggera, Queensland, until the Evacuation of Gallipoli, and afterwards in France. Mr. K.O’Carroll, head Teacher, State School, Isomia, Queensland, who served with him until he left the unit on transfer to an infantry battalion, says that Lamont was wounded in the head, on Gallipoli, but was evacuated. Unfortunately, the records, medical history sheets and so on of the unit were dumped into the sea, by order of a commanding officer, during the evacuation. Consequently, valuable evidence in support of a pensions claim on behalf of this man has been lost. Mrs. Lamont is appealing to the Repatriation Department for acceptance of her husband’s present condition as due to war service. We understand that several members of the 3rd FAB are now residing in Western Australia. If any of them could give detailed information regarding this soldiers’ war injuries, especially of the type mentioned by Mr. O’Carroll, will they please forward it without delay?

Mr. W. L. Stephenson, a member of the League living at 160 Coronation Parade, Enfield, Sydney, is anxious to secure a copy of the 44th Battalion history. Can any reader, who owns a copy and has no further use for it, pass it on to Mr. Stephenson?

Members of the 44th Battalion are asked if any of them can give detailed information of the military service of the late William Trewern, both before and after he was wounded, during the course of his service with the 44th. Up to the time of his death, he was employed on the W.A. Government Tramways, and was known to his many friends and members as “Darkie.” Mr. W. J. Reed, secretary of the Gloucester Park Sub-Branch, would greatly appreciate any information that can be forwarded on behalf of this late comrade.

A high honour was paid to Mr. M. E. Zeffert during the month when he was elected without opposition as president of the Perth Legacy for the second consecutive year. So successful was his year of office that the Board of Management requested Morrie to continue in office—a procedure which has never before been carried out—and this was supported by all members. In addition to this important responsibility and that of the RSL State Executive, Morrie is chairman of the Citizens’ Reception Council and Soldier’s Dependents’ Welfare Fund, and is prominent in other activities.

Mr. W. A. McI. Green, formerly City Architect, who has been appointed Acting Town Clerk of Perth, served in the 2nd Tunnelling Coy. during the last war. In his younger days, he was a keen footballer, and during the half-time between turns in the front line he played with the famous Second Division Football Team.

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Scorer: B. McIlwraith.

1944 Team

1939 Team

Our Gloucester Park contributor commenced his report this month on a note of pathos—or was it poetic justice? "Owing to the breakdown of tram facilities there was a meagre attendance at the monthly meeting on August 3."

pointed this out to our vigorous friend, Secretary Bill Reed. Bill reckons a lot of other sub-branches have been in the same boat. "Boat" seems to have been the right word, considering there were no trams running.

The request of a captured German general to his countrymen to get rid of Hitler bears a strong family likeness to a death-bed repentance. The German generals carried out Hitler's policy of ruthlessness eagerly enough while the going was good, and they would have hailed Hitler as the hero of all time had the tide of victory flowed in their direction. Now that they are being soundly beaten on all fronts, they are trying to revive the exploded myth of the good German people who were goaded into war by their wicked rulers. As Mr. Eden pointed out in the House of Commons last month, Hitler would not have become the Dictator of Germany striving after world domination if he had not symbolised the German mentality. Possibly, German generals may think a turn of coat might secure easier peace terms for beaten bullies, but no amount of whimpering for mercy will bring in the hour of defeat is likely to deceive the Allies.

The writer of this paragraph is an Australian of the fourth generation, and one whose 25 years in the Australian Army took him into every State of the Commonwealth. He yields to no one in his love for his country, its people and its institutions. That is why, in common with many others, he resents an inferior, though well-meaning, song foisted on the public as an extra National An-
them for which people must stand up in picture theatres. Accordingly, his sympathies, entirely with Mr. Leslie Craig, MLC, whose remarks about the song, during the debate on the Address-in-Reply, made him the target for a violent and very stupid attack in "The Sunday Times" on August 13. No one of average intelligence would infer from Mr. Craig's remarks that he suggested that people were disloyal when they stood up for this song. Accordingly, the heading "Mr. Leslie Craig, MLC, Insults Australians" was both stupid and untrue. As "The Listening Post" has pointed out on more than one occasion, Australia's National Anthem is God Save the King, and, as a writer winding up a long and tedious controversy in "The Daily News" mentioned, an extra verse appying to Australia has been added to God Save the King, and this should make the playing of any secondary national song unnecessary. Like Mr. Craig, the present writer would like to know by whose authority this particular verse was selected for playing in theatres. The music, at best, makes a fairly decent band march and used to be played as such at Royal Reviews in the Eastern States, and the words, though laudable in sentiment, are, below mediocrity as verse. The song was practically unknown in this State until the ABC commenced it for the introduction of the Australian News, just as the BBC has at various times used the British Grenadiers, Hearts of Oak, and, more recently, Liliburlero. Neither the ABC nor the BBC ever suggested that any of these songs should be given a status equal to that of the National Anthem. We do not stand up for any of the English songs, and there is no more reason for standing up for Advance Australia Fair than there is for Waltzing Matilda, or that other old popular song of the last war, Australia Will Be There. We are not at all concerned with Mr. Craig's brand of politics, any more than we are with those of "The Sunday Times," assuming that paper does not change it politics again in two years' time; but we would point out that the sacrifices Mr. Craig has made for Australia go far beyond the sheep-like standing up for an inferior song. Mr. Craig lost a leg in the last war. Two of his sons are on active service today with the RAAF, and one was recently awarded the DFC. Accordingly, the suggestion that he insults Australians or is un-Australian in outlook is merely a stupid insult to human intelligence.

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### Gunners' Night

The Artillery Comrades' Association held a most enjoyable reunion on August 11, with the new president (T. Garth) in the chair. Proposing the toast of the Association, General Bessell-Browne outlined the history of Gunners' Day in a most interesting manner. He also referred to the excellent work of Secretary Jack Kenny and his able coadjutor, Ernie Henley (a gunner of the present war). In the response, the two vice-presidents (Messrs. Snow and Alex Cunningham) made a toast. Other toasts were the artists and the president and chairman. An excellent musical programme was presented by Messrs. Jack Holman, Harry Ward (banjo), Ron Rees (cornet), Eric Allen (piano) and other capable performers. During the evening a presentation was made to the retiring president (Mr. W. Beadie).

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"The Factory in the Garden"
The matter of Hollywood visiting had been mentioned at a meeting of the Management Committee, and the State President submitted proposals for metropolitan sub-branches to take part in the work of visiting this hospital. It was resolved that the suggestion be referred to the meeting of sub-branch presidents and secretaries on July 26.

Anzac House Committee.—The report of the Anzac House Committee mentioned that the Deputy Director of Rationing had now approved of an issue of commodities to the Women’s Auxiliary of the Executive and, therefore, the RSL Buffet in the supper room at week-ends could now be conducted.

Finance Committee.—The report of the Finance Committee covered the receipts and payments for the month of June. The report stated that the overdraft on Anzac House was now £980, and this amount would be reduced by the next debenture for £533, leaving a small amount owing at the end of next year.

Land Committee.—The report of the Land Committee referred to letters and wires despatched urging an announcement of the Federal Government’s policy in regard to returned soldier settlement.

It was also recommended that the Federal Executive’s decision to substitute “critically examined” for “freezing of transfers” really meant nothing, and that in view of the Federal Executive not concerning the W.A. Branch recommendations to freeze all transfers of rural land, it is now recommended that a committee be set up in each State to examine all transfers of agricultural land and that this committee to have executive powers in respect to acceptance or rejection of such transfers.

The Land Committee has been concerned about reports of heifer calves being destroyed in some districts, and had approached the Agricultural Bank, asking if figures could be obtained. Figures had been obtained from the Statistician which indicated that there had been a small increase of dairy cows between March 1943 and 1944. It was resolved to write to the Minister for Agriculture, expressing the hope that provision would be made to conserve the progeny of dairy cows so that new soldier settlers could be provided.

It was also resolved that sub-branches be invited to submit constructive suggestions for congress, and that the Premier be asked if it was the intention of the Government to take any legislative action for the provision of ex-service men of this war on the land.

It was resolved: “That with a view to ascertaining how far and to what extent the recommendations of the Rural Reconstruction Commission in respect to future returned soldier settlement differ from the findings of the two League conferences in regard, the delegates who framed the findings and gave evidence thereon before the Commission be called together at an early date and, in the meantime, the League offer no specific opinion upon the Commission’s recommendations.”

Membership Committee.—The Membership Committee’s report referred to the proceedings to be taken at the presidents and secretaries’ meeting on July 26. It was decided that an invitation should be extended to members of the League attending the Primary Producers’ Conference on that date.

The President reported that, accompanied by the State Secretary and members of the Subiaco Sub-Branch, the Trades Dilution Committee had been interviewed in respect to returned soldiers who were diluted into industries, and that it was considered that the Employers’ Federation and the Iron Masters’ Federation should be approached to arrange that the Federal Executive be requested to approach the Government to secure an additional regulation under the National Security Act to provide that returned soldiers, trained and diluted to industries, should be retained in employment in the event of withdrawals of personnel being made from such industries. The report was adopted.

Visits.—Reports on visits were made by Mr. Watt (Lennons Hospital); Mr. H. Williams (Corrugin Sub-Branch); Mr. Coral, (Sunset, Railway Workshops and Bassendean Sub-Branches); Messrs.
Anderson, Watt, James and Davies (North Perth Sub-Branch); Mr. Anderson (Dilution Committee and the Quami-Club, where £60 was donated to the POW Fund); Mr. Leslie (Coorda); Mr. Bala (Sub-Branch); Mr. Inns (RTH Hospital); Mr. Davies (Perth). The State Secretary submitted a report on Wooroloo following a discussion with Dr. Henzell.

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**August 2**

At the meeting of the State Executive on August 2, the appointment of Messrs. Anderson, Edmondson, Watt, Blackhurst, Smith, Mannersbridge, Thorn, Leslie, Correll, Olden, Zeffert, Bateson, Wilson, Davies, Cornish, Macgregor and Collins was confirmed. The State President extended a cordial welcome to Messrs. F. Cottrell and G. H. James of the No. 2Entitlement Tribunal, and to Mr. Hetherington, the secretary of the Lake King Sub-Branch.

**Lemnos Hospital.**—A report was submitted of a recent deputation to the Minister for Health (Mr. A. H. Panton), at which representations were made urging improved conditions at Lemnos Hospital. The Minister intimated that many of the items covered by complaints were under discussion between the Public Works branches of the Commonwealth and the State.

**Metropolitan Presidents, etc.**—The State President reported on a recent meeting of the presidents and secretaries of metropolitan sub-branches on July 28. The meeting was attended by representatives of sub-branches, and a number of State Executive delegates.

**Visits.**—Visits to sub-branches, etc., were approved of by the President (Red Cross Centre); Mr. Macgregor (South Perth); Mr. Watt (Lymet and Lemnos); Mr. Thorn (Maryville); Mr. Edmonds (Fremantle Sub-Branch); Mr. Crichton (Mansbridge); Mr. Edmonds (War Loan Committee); Colonel Olden; Mr. Macgregor (Lakes District); Mr. Cornish; Mr. Cottrell (Hospital). The letter from the State President was confirmed. The appointment of new secretaries as advised by Mosman Park and West Swan Sub-Branches was confirmed.

**Conference.**—A letter from the Fighting Services Association, inviting the League to send representatives to a proposed conference for discussion, was received. It was decided to notify the association that the policy of the League, in connection with the subjects proposed for discussion at this conference has already been laid down by State and Federal congresses. Accordingly, no good purpose would be served by sending representatives to the proposed conference, as the State Executive is bound to congress resolutions.

**Miss Meares.**—Regret was expressed at the impending departure of Miss Mary Meares, MBE, from the State. The Executive unanimously accorded congratulations to Miss Meares on her selection for the appointment she is to take up, and expressed appreciation, and that of ex-service men, for her voluntary self-sacrifice on behalf of returned soldiers since the last war.
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BOULDER

The annual meeting on July 13 was well attended. The balance sheet discloses a healthy financial position, but greater efforts must be made to augment the building fund. The resignation of the president (Bill Rourke), who will be prevented by circumstances from carrying on, was received, and a hearty vote of appreciation of his services was recorded in the minutes. Mr. G. E. Ellery, who has been treasurer of the sub-branch for some time, was elected president. A number of the young Diggers were elected to the committee. Thanks are due to the young stalwarts, Ron Bodinmer and Artie Hahn, for their unfailing assistance at the weekly euchre tournaments. They are ably assisted by Stan Maynard and his energetic wife. New members are still being enrolled, and it is pleasing to see the number of young Diggers attending meetings and taking such an active interest in the affairs of the sub-branch.

KALGOORLIE

Many old and new Diggers assembled at the annual meeting on July 11. The chair was occupied by Mr. G. F. Pope (unopposed). Messrs. H. Hubert, Mr. R. E. Pope, A. Rintoul, C. Butter, and Rev. A. Mason. A vote of thanks was accorded the returning officer (M. Lydon) and his staff.

MASSEY-HARRIS RAKES

Two new members were enrolled at the meeting on July 8. The following donations were approved: POW Fund, £5; Red Cross, £5; Salvation Army Comforts Fund, £5; Merchant Navy Comforts Fund, £5.

MARGARET RIVER

Despite inclement weather a fair attendance was recorded at the July meeting. Bob Forrester, the sub-branch president, was again in the chair. A successful dance was held on June 24 in aid of the building fund for the purpose of erecting a Memorial Hall and sub-branch meeting rooms. Thanks are due to the women's auxiliary for providing a grand supper. This auxiliary has only just been formed, and a popular baby competition is now well in hand to raise funds for parcels for the Margaret River ladies who are doing their bit for King and country. Any surplus funds from this competition will go to the building fund. The next dance will be on September 2, when the results of the baby competition will be announced. Financial members now number 17.
Executive who were suitably welcomed were Messrs. Edmondson, Bate and Harvey. In his report, the president stressed the necessity for making the best of the prevailing opportunities for raising cash to reduce the sub-branch's liability. As a result of this, it is expected that much activity will be in evidence during the ensuing year. It was decided that the monthly intermediate sports meeting will be held on the second or third Tuesday of the month, instead of the second Thursday, as at present. The annual smoke social will take place on August 19. The POW effort continues. It was announced that the Sunday morning Darts Club had collected over £60 for the fund. Bill Craze welcomed old and new friends at the library on meeting nights and on Sunday mornings. Nothing pleases Bill more than the sight of an approaching member with a few books to donate.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, Geo Ashworth set out on his tenth consecutive year as nominal head of the sub-branch with an unusually small meeting. The report of the retiring secretary (Dick Thomas) deserved a larger audience; nevertheless, those who heard it were pleasantly surprised with the financial position of the sub-branch, which indicated another year of sterling and untiring effort by our genial Dick. Bill Craze reported on an excellent year's work in the library, and due to the difficulty in converting the funds in hand into stock, appealed to members for further contributions of books suitable for circulation. A bottle of sherry attracted a big field in our "search for talent" to the dart board at the conclusion of business. Bill Stothard ran out a comfortable winner in a game of "Shanghai" and showed good form throughout. At our next meeting it is proposed to cater for the quoit players. The intermediate meeting held as a sports night on the second Thursday in each month is growing in popularity, and we should build up stronger teams by the time sub-branch competitions are resumed.

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again. We regret to report that "Champ," Kholney, who was badly hurt in a fall, and Ted Lewis are still on the seriously ill list. Wishes were expressed for their speedy recovery.

Col. Godby, who recently had the misfortune to lose his wife, is also numbered amongst those whom we wish a speedy return to full health.

SUBLACO

Seventeen new members were enrolled at the August meeting. This brings the total to 350. The treasurer announced that additions to the POW Fund, during July, amounted to £10/4/6. This was less than usual, but it brought the total for seven months to £87, and the grand total for 19 months to £303. These amounts are from individual efforts and do not include sums raised by street collections. Sporting activities during July were up to standard, and the increased attendances on Wednesday sports nights is very encouraging. Members were entertained by West Leederville-Wembley Sub-Branch recently at Leederville. The hosts were the winners of a very enjoyable series of games. Tram difficulties did not permit so many members to travel to Mt. Hawthorn for a sports night. Nevertheless, those who went had a good time generally, although they lost the competition.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

Another successful meeting was held on Monday, August 14. Members and their friends are reminded that this sub-branch meets on the second Monday in each month in the Town Hall, Cambridge Street, at 7.45 p.m. We are always anxious to enrol new members. It is always a pleasant duty in welcoming new arrivals, and our last meeting was no exception to the rule, when several more joined. Satisfactory progress is reported in the activities of the sub-branch. Community concerts, which are conducted by Cr. Caddy in the Hollywood (Luxor) Theatre every Sunday night, continue to bring in revenue for the amelioration fund. We are grateful to friends from Mt. Hawthorn in this movement. West Leederville-Wembley people are asked to support these concerts. It is up to them.

The sub-branch's finances are in a healthy state. We have created a building fund and hope in time to have our own premises. We were glad to see Stan Gordon back after a rather nasty accident. We are sorry to hear that our old friend Bert in Mat Epis is an inmate of Ward 10. But, as Mat says, "Visiting hours are from 2 to 9." Our best wishes are also conveyed to Bert Pike, sen., and Tom Silverlock, who are also in hospital. The sub-branch welcomed back Colonel Jack Donaldson. He passed a good report to the doctor at the meeting in civies. Lieut. Stout, a one-time sub-branch secretary, was also welcomed. Our members were warned for duty visiting Hollywood Hospital on September 10. There was a lack of volunteers. The sub-branch was pleased to financially assist the Crippled Children's Seaside Home.

ALBANY

Much business was transacted at a well-attended meeting on August 4. Membership is now 297. The A victim of Honour has been a sore point with members for some years. As the result of a deputation to the Municipal Council and further discussions, a special meeting
was called for August 11 to go into the whole matter of past and future memorials. It was unanimously resolved to recommend Mr. A. H. Richardson for the League's Certificate of Service. Among the new members of the sub-branch are a husband and wife, who have returned from the present war, and are still serving in the forces. From the hands of the president they received a wedding present and a welcome to the sub-branch. Recent donations and functions have made it possible for another cheque—this time for £85—to be donated to the POW Fund. Collections at the meeting and further donations brought in another £6.

RETURNED ARMY NURSES

The monthly meeting was held on August 3, when seven new members were enrolled. Intending members are cordially invited to meetings, which are held on the first Thursday of each month in the Club Rooms at Anzac House at 8 p.m.

COTTESLOE

About 40 members attended the August meeting, over which the president (Mr. S. H. Hubbard) presided. Messrs. C. L. Harvey and S. H. Hubbard will represent the sub-branch at this year's congress. The sub-branch has adopted to Diggers with the Citizens' Reception Council. A donation was given to the appeal on behalf of the Crippled Children's Seaside Home, and a cheque for £25 was sent to the POW Fund. Members are reminded that a good attendance is desired for the annual meeting on September 5.

FREMANTLE CITY

The July meeting was attended by Mr. F. Bateson, of the State Executive. There was a keen discussion arising from Mr. J. McDowall's report on a visit to Sun- set by four members of the sub-branch. The majority of the speakers considered that the care of indigent and aged returned men should be the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. H. G. Wilson (unopposed); vice-president, Messrs. A. E. Brackman and Theo Brennan; secretary, Mr. K. Tingley (a returned man from the present war); Mr. H. E. ("Tom") Hobbs, past president and secretary for many years, has taken over the treasurer's job. The recent boxing tournament (organised by Mr. J. Spence) was a great success. It brought in £33/9/- for the POW Fund. The annual reunion will be held in the Fremantle Town Hall on Thursday, September 7, at 8 p.m., when the newly-elected officers will be installed.

GLOUCESTER PARK

Owing to the break-down of tram facilities, there was a meagre attendance at the monthly meeting on August 3. Correspondence included a very appreciative letter from Sister Despord, the sub-branch's gem member. She showed appreciation for the sub-branch's consideration in a practical manner, by the enrolment of another member. Gloucester Park welcomes Sister C. M. Allen, and hopes to meet her in person at a special ladies' night on September 13. This function is being arranged in honour of the ladies who gave such valuable help at sub-branch functions. Twelve new members have joined. Finances are in a sound condition. Congress arrangements were discussed, and consideration was given to the very successful dances, which are run in Anzac House on Saturday nights in conjunction with the Artillery Comrades' Association.

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

The main business at the August meeting was the consideration by members of the various motions for congress, which had already been discussed by the management committee. All the motions were keenly debated, and there is no doubt that the younger members are not only taking an active interest in League affairs, but are not going to tolerate any nonsense on the part of those whom they elect to look after them—a very healthy sign. At the end of the meeting, members listened to a talk by Sgt. Parry, who was recently repatriated from Germany. For the benefit of those who were not present, the one point he stressed was that POW's are almost entirely dependent on Red Cross parcels for their very existence. So don't forget—every penny helps, and there is a box in the Dug-out. Meetings: Management committee, August 29; monthly, September 5, 30; sub-branch, September 12; games and social, September 19.

MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH

LEEDERVILLE

July meetings were well attended, and very keen debates took up much of the time. This year's congress delegates will be Edgar Logan, Len Vivian, Garnie Blab, Bill Kay and H. James. Members were pleased to receive a visit from Stan Gordon, a former foundation member of the sub-branch. Stan is now a member of the neighbouring Wembley Sub-Branch. The third round of the championship games is now in progress. They must be finalised by the end of the month, and it is hoped that members who have still games to play will make the necessary arrangements.

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YOKINE

There were good attendances at the recent fortnightly meetings at which the president (Mr. Jack Lannigan) was in the chair. Work on the extension of the hall is progressing, thanks to the willing work of members who are devoting their Sundays to the job. The hospitality provided by the evergreen library is greatly appreciated. A gift of cutlery from James, and members hope to complete it with Ernie King. The annual smoko will be held, probably in September. The hospitality provided by the evergreen George Hamer on July 10 was greatly appreciated.

STATE EXECUTIVE

Mrs. J. McKinlay writes: Early in June the State Executive welcomed patients from Lemnos at Anzac House on behalf of country auxiliaries. After high tea, dancing and musical items were enjoyed. Light supper was served before the guests departed for home by bus. By courtesy of the RSL the quarterly social was held in the hall room of Anzac House. All present appreciated the fact that we can now hold such functions there once more. To mark this occasion, husbands of members were invited, and also the members of our RSL Girls' Social Circle, who have been doing such excellent work at CRC canteens during the past two years.

Last month a visit was paid to Sunset by members of the State Executive, taking gifts from country auxiliaries. As a variation to the usual tea, items were supplied that could be used later, such as jams, honey, biscuits, fruit, tea and sugar. The bi-monthly visit to Heathcote had to be postponed owing to staff difficulties at the Home.

On Sunday, July 14, the Anzac Buffet was officially opened by the State President (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson). There was a good attendance of service men. State Executive members were on duty as the caterers, and the RSL Girls' Social Circle served the cakes. Metropolitan auxiliaries are rostered for each Sunday with six members of their respective sub-branches. Our RSL girls will be the young hostesses. Mrs. Henderson will notify each auxiliary as their Sunday on duty approaches.

During last month I visited Narrogin, Wagin and Dumbleyung auxiliaries. All three showed a keen interest in the work done in Perth, and reported good progress in their own districts. I received a warm welcome from them and renewed many acquaintances. Delegates are looking forward to conference. Conference will, of course, be held in Anzac House this year and, as last year, will commence on Tuesday, September 20, instead of Monday, as formerly.

An invalid chair previously in use at Armadale has been donated by our State Executive trustees to the Repatriation Ward, Perth Hospital. Games have been sent to patients at Wooroloo as a gift from the Collie Auxiliary. They were delivered by our member, Mrs. D. Roberts. I attended the opening of the Hostel at Wooroloo, and was most impressed by the scheme which Dr. Henzel hopes to carry on in the next few years. Mrs. Henderson and I have attended at the following functions during the past two months: Annual meeting, RSL Girls' Circle; Housewives' Afternoon; Unity Checroo Club social; 44th auxiliary annual meeting; installation of president, Nendlands Auxiliary; and RSL farewell to Miss Mary Meares.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

Alf Crouch, elected for 1944-45 were: President, Mrs. V. Kinman; vice-presidents, Mesdames M. Jones and J. Trott; secretary, Mrs. W. McCulloch; treasurer, Mrs. Davenport; publicity officer, Mrs. E. Keegan. There was a roll-up of 24 members at the July meeting. Mesdames Kinsman and McCulloch were appointed conference delegates. To the past president (Mrs. K. Haines) best wishes are extended for her husband's return to good health.

NARROGIN

The annual meeting was held on June 13, with 29 members present. There were three new presidents. The report and balance sheet proved very interesting. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. L. Barron; vice-presidents, Mrs. D. Barron; treasurer, Mrs. J. Ribe. Two sewing circles were formed during the month, one at Camp Comforts and the other at Red Cross, where good work has been done during the past year. War Savings Groups are doing well under the capable direction of Mrs. Pat­tinson. The auxiliary has contributed £100 to war loans. During the year donations were made to several worthy causes.

MAYLANDS

At the annual meeting the president (Mrs. Hall) and the secretary (Mrs. Firmin) were re-elected unopposed. Other officers elected were: Vice-presidents, Mesdames Kinneas and M. Johnson; treasurer, Mrs. Jardine; trustees, Mesdames Brown and F. Johnson; general hospital committee, Mesdames F. John­son, Kinneas and M. Johnson; social committee, Mesdames E. Thompson, Menzies and F. Johnson; publicity of­ficer, Mrs. L. May. The many friends of the president will be glad to learn that she is home again, and improving in health. During the monthly visit to Lemnos, we proved an enjoyable evening and the cigarettes and sweets brought by Mr. Farnham were greatly appreciated. The Home of Peace, the Repatriation Wards at the Perth Hospital, and Edward Millen Home were also visited.

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KONDININ

At the annual meeting all officers were re-elected. They include the president, Mrs. A. Gordon; secretary, Mrs. E. M. Bowron; treasurer, Mrs. V. Young. The auxiliary has 34 members. A number of successful functions were run throughout the year, and various patriotic and other funds benefited from donations. Many articles have been knitted and sent to the Australian Comforts Fund. The auxiliary has 13 War Savings Certificates.

SUBLICAO

Mrs. Burgess presided over a moderate attendance at the meeting on July 19. A call for volunteers to man the Barrack Street Buffet the next day met with a satisfactory response. Members again visited King Edward Memorial Hospital during the month to assist with the mending of house linen and the making of new garments. Community concerts in aid of the building fund are conducted in the RSL Hall every Sunday evening. In conjunction with Manjimup, a high tea was given to the men at Sunset Home. The function marked the ninth anniversary of the auxiliary's first visit to Sunset. The catering arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. A. Jackson, who made and donated the birthday cake. Madames Thomas and McMahon presented a most enjoyable concert programme. The superintendent of the home (Mr. Brashaw) spoke highly of the work done by the auxiliaries for the ex-service men in the home. The RSL Ball was held in King's Hall, Roeby Road, on August 18. A feature of the ball was the presentation of the Dwarf Soldiers' Ballet. Euchre evenings, conducted every Wednesday in the RSL Hall, retain their popularity. Mrs. Cribb is anxious to get more members for these evenings. Sports practices are well attended, and all teams have shown marked improvement in their play. During the month members of the Camp Com- forts committee visited Mrs. Kirton in Glen Forrest. Before leaving the district, Mrs. Kirton was an active member of this committee.

WAGIN

The 15th annual meeting held on July 20 was attended by the country vice-president (Mrs. Archer), the president and secretary of the Wagon Sub-Branch, and a large crowd of members and interested ladies. During the evening Mrs. Dunstan, an old member and office-bearer, was presented with a Certificate of Service. Mrs. Dunstan was a very staunch and valued member, and has now gone to live at Narrogin. Those elected to office are as follows: President, Mrs. J. Wellard (re-elected); vice-presidents, Madames G. Ellis and J. Davidson; hon. secretary, Mrs. R. Holland (re-elected); treasurer, Mrs. A. Cashmore (re-elected); trustees, Madames Godfrey, Stevens and Campbell; publicity officer, Mrs. Wellard. Supper and a social evening followed. The auxiliary had a most successful and happy year. Every meeting now sees new members joining up. Work accomplished during the year included a very successful exhibition, a record in Poppy Day sales, a Christmas party for children of men serving, in the forces and of returned men and auxiliary members; over £15 worth of badges sold for the POW appeal, and donations to all auxiliary appeals. A visit by the State President (Mrs. McKinnay) last month was much appreciated. A meeting and a social evening was arranged in her honour. Mrs. Wellard has been elected the delegate to the forthcoming conference.

VICTORIA PARK

The general meeting on July 28 was presided over by Mrs. Hodgkiss, and business was brisk. Nominations for delegates to the annual conference were taken, and Madames Hodgkiss, Matthews and Tolmie were elected. An invitation was received from the sub-branch to a social evening on August 11. September 26 at 8 p.m. has been fixed for the auxiliary's birthday party, and conference delegates and their husbands are extended a cordial invitation. The party will take place at the RSL Hall, Salford Street, Victoria Park. An appeal for members to go along to the Edward Millen Home to do some sewing and mending was responded to by Madames Hodgson, Phillips and Gentts. Madames Hodgkiss and Haigh visited the Home. A team for bed-making at the Phyllis Dean Hostel for Sunday the 30th was arranged.

F.U.S.W.

The monthly social was held in the Burt Hall, under the direction of vice-president Mrs. T. C. Wilson. The guest speaker was Sergeant Fred Parry, who gave an interesting account of his experiences as a prisoner of war in Germany. He emphasised the great value of Red Cross parcels, on which many prisoners of war literally depended for their existence. Mrs. R. H. Moors thanked the speaker. The Musical programme was arranged by Miss Ida Geddes. Mrs. Matthews thanked Miss Geddes for her delightful afternoon of music, song and elocution. An appeal was made for workers for the Phyllis Dean and Citizens' Reception Buffets.

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