The Parrot Chorus of Anti-Preference Propagandists

As the time for the introduction of preference legislation into the Federal Parliament approaches, the minority in the community opposed to preference becomes more virulent and more vocal in its opposition. Failing to find any valid reason as to why the serviceman should not be compensated for the disadvantages he has been placed under, his ill-wishers resort to the old, old catch-cries they have been repeating ever since the question was first broached.

We are told that, in the Utopia that will be created after the war, there will be jobs for all and, that being so, there will be no need for preference. More recently, opponents of giving the servicemen their just dues have adopted the attitude that rehabilitation is preferable to preference. Obviously, the whole includes the part. The suggestion that rehabilitation and preference are diametrically opposed, as has been suggested in more than one quarter recently, represents either a complete misunderstanding of the full meaning of rehabilitation, or a deliberate attempt to misrepresent it.

The advocates of preference contend that no scheme of rehabilitation can succeed unless it includes a very generous measure of preference for those who have sacrificed the formative years, professional and craft advantages, health, comfort and many other things, to say nothing of the risk of their lives, in order to render front-line service to their country. To say that these men are deserving of nothing more than a job when they return to civilian life, or that they are not entitled to something more than the man whose war service was on the home front, even though that man were prevented from joining one or other of the services by the nature of his job, is to be guilty of gross misrepresentation. This League is not opposed to the principle of jobs for all. We adhere to that ideal just as closely as we do to the ideal of preference; but we have pointed out again and again that preference means more than merely placing a returned man in a job. It means ensuring that he gets all the advantages that he could have expected had not the war interrupted his training, or other form of preparation for the future. If he does not, he may conceivably be a weak link in the rehabilitation scheme, and a probable cause of its failure.

On the other hand, the need of preference that is his due will not put any other man out of work, nor will it, as the sloppy mentality of the anti-preference crowd asserts, interfere with the advancement of his sons or younger brothers. If there are to be jobs for all—and we hope there will be jobs for all—and, if preference on that account will not be necessary, which we deny, why then do the opponents of preference fear it so greatly? And why do they become increasingly virulent now that some measure of preference is assured?

Another herring that has been drawn across the trail—a very red herring, indeed—is that preference was a complete failure after the last war. One can reject with the scorn they deserve the frequent charges that the strongest advocates of preference were the worst offenders in failing to give it. Such charges are ammunitions in the mullock-throwing batteries of party politicians. It is just as illogical to say that religion has been a failure because every creed has drawn lip service from hypocrites and other types of sinners. Preference was not a failure after the last war. Certainly it was not universal, as we hope to make it after the present war, but both Commonwealth and State Governments, and the majority of private employers throughout Australia, have honoured the principle in spirit and in letter, and, while the serviceman benefited, no one unjustly suffered by its application. Even assuming the application of preference had failed completely, that is no reason why it should not be applied to the men of this war. Objections to future preference on the ground of past failures are just as stupid as a possible argument that no repatriation scheme can succeed because returned soldiers were neglected after the South African and preceding wars of the past century. Actually, the development of repatriation plans since the Boer War and the inclusion of preference provision in the government's proposed rehabilitation legislation represent a complete awareness of the awakening of the public conscience in regard to what is due to the fighting man.

Another of the red herrings drawn over the pathway of preference is the wail that, in advocating preference, the League is driving a wedge between the servicemen and the trade union movement. The blatant nonsense of this catch-cry will be seen when it is realised that a large majority of the men who enlisted for this war, like their predecessors in the last war, are unionists themselves. Those who are not, and who will be finding employment for the first time in civilian life after the war, may be relied upon to join the appropriate union or association.

As we predicted in former issues, Mr. Curtin has proved once more that he is a better judge of public feeling throughout Australia than the opponents of preference. By lifting the issue out of the morass of party politics he has aided not only the servicemen whom the new legislation will benefit, but his own party, which was in grave danger of being split by the attitude of some of Mr. Curtin's own colleagues—the wordy Ward is a glaring example—to this very principle of preference. The outline of the Government's intentions, as published in the
DEATH OF SIR HARRY CHAUVEL

Yet another of the great Australian war leaders was called to higher duty when General Sir Harry Chauvel passed away in Melbourne on March 4, after a long illness, at the age of 80 years. Not only was he one of the great leaders of the war of 1914-18; he was also one of the founders of the Australian Military Forces, having had much to do with the organisation of the service and the training in peace-time of the men he led in war.

He was born in 1865 on a cattle station owned by his grandfather, a retired Indian Army officer, at Tambulamin, in the Clarence River district of northern New South Wales. He was therefore 49 years of age when war broke out in 1914. From his infancy, he was associated with horses. As he grew up he was in great demand as a jockey at picnic or amateur races in New South Wales and Queensland. He was also a great reader of battle stories, and his boyhood heroes were Saladin, the chivalrous opponent of Richard the Lion-Hearted in the Third Crusade; and Stuart, the great cavalryman of the American Civil War. He had his schooling in Tooowoomba, Queensland, and at the Sydney Grammar School; but, like many another great man, he did not gain distinction in the realm of scholarship. He commenced his soldiering in New South Wales, but afterwards joined the Queensland Mounted Infantry, with whom he served in the South African War. At a later stage of the South African War, he commanded a composite mounted force, which included Queensland, British, Canadian and South African soldiers. He was Adjutant-General of the Australian Military Forces in Melbourne during the change-over from the old system of voluntary enlistment to that of universal service.

At that time, it may be said, he was respected and even admired, but his habitual reserve did not raise him to the pedestal of a soldiers’ idol. In appearance, he was straight and trim, the typical beau sabreur of the military pictures. When war was declared in 1914 he was at sea, on his way to London to act as Australia’s representative on the Imperial General Staff at the War Office. On his arrival in London he asked for employment in France, but was informed that Britain had accepted Australia’s offer to send overseas an infantry division and a light horse brigade, and that he would be required to command the light horse brigade. Chauvel’s presence in England at that time was providential for the A.I.F. It gave him opportunity to see the sketchy arrangements that had been made for placing on bleak Salisbury Plain men who would be arriving from the sunshine of Australia at the beginning of the English winter. Even the Canadians suffered terribly during their first winter camp in England. Chauvel protested vigorously to Sir George Reid, Australia’s first High Commissioner in the United Kingdom. Reid, with characteristic scorn of red tape and convention, got Lord Kitchener on the telephone and put the matter up to him. Kitchener called for a report and, when he had considered this, he agreed with Chauvel that it would be better to disembark the A.I.F. in Egypt and complete their battle training there. The Australian Government adopted the suggestion, and readers of history know the result. On the Peninsula, Chauvel was for a time in temporary command of the 1st Australian Division. He too in the command of the Anzac Mounted Division at Serapeum on March 16, 1916. He left the Peninsula with the reputation of a shrewd and safe leader, who had made the most of restricted opportunities. He was a keen and just disciplinarian, but his manner was always genial to officers and other ranks with whom he came into contact. He earned the command of the greatest mounted force of modern times, the Desert Mounted Corps, by his intimate knowledge of tactics, by far-seeing preparation and exact execution rather than by inspired flashes of genius in times of crisis. He fought to win, but not at any price, and always retained a very rare concern for the lives of his men and horses. Here is what the official historian Bean says of him: “This remarkable Australian professional soldier, who was destined to become the greatest leader of horse in modern times, was one of the most imperturbable cavalrymen who ever crossed a saddle. No temporary failure depressed him; no victory, however sweeping and decisive, excited him. Knighted and awarded other decorations for his war service, he was Inspector-General of the Australian Military Forces after the war. As such, he persistently advocated a large standing army. It was Sir Harry Chauvel who led the Australian Contingent at the Coronation of King George and Queen Elizabeth in 1937. His last official service was as Inspector-in-Chief of the Australian Volunteer Defence Corps, during the earlier part of the present war.”

The The Listening Post for March, 1945

16th BATTALION ASSN.

It is with regret we have to announce that after 16 years of faithful service as hon. secretary to this association, Mr. A. L. P. Massey has been obliged by pressure of work and private reasons to hand in his resignation. Of course the committee had no other course but to accept it with regret. It was decided to grant to Ted a small honourarium for his past good service to the association. Bill Newick, of 39 Hunt Street, Mr. Lawley, was appointed to the new secretariaship. Bill has been a committee man for a number of years and has done good service in that capacity. Quite a number of names and addresses of old members were received, and it will be interesting to old members to read of them.

ARTILLERY COMRADES’ ASSN.

Mr. T. Garth presided over the monthly meeting. There was a good attendance and new members were given the usual “Welcome.” The secretary announced that for Anzac Day, so that gunners can have a rest and meet old comrades after the parade, the Perth Dinghy Club rooms have been engaged from noon till 4 p.m. Admission to the course is of short duration and independence.

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TOTALLY & PERMANENTLY DISABLED SOLDIERS' ASSN.

Recently we have had the privilege of entertaining the Maylands branch of the Red Cross Society to an afternoon tea and bridge. The social activities of the association have now been extended to include a bridge every Wednesday afternoon, darts on Friday and the Maylands R.S.L. women's auxiliary monthly afternoon tea and bridge. The R.M.S.M. women's auxiliary have also resumed their monthly bridge evenings in the rooms. These ladies also conduct a quarterly bridge for the association's benefit. The social committee have finalised the rules of the dart competitions for the championship shield, generously presented by Mr. G. McPhee. The nominations and entries close at the next general meeting in April. Please register as soon as possible, as the handicaps have to be worked out. A bridge evening is being arranged by Mrs. Rigg and R.M.L. women's auxiliary and the committee of the association as our contribution for the Legacy Club Appeal and will be held in the rooms on Tuesday, April 10. Those desirous of contributing towards this appeal may do so through the secretary Charlie Walker. This effort should meet with our whole-hearted support and give an opportunity to raise a tribute for all that Legacy stands, particularly when we realise that our deceased members' children are eligible for its benefits. It is reported by our hospital visitors that there are 25 members in hospital, and that comforts as usual have been supplied to each. The outside visitors had also visited many who are confined to their homes. All send greetings to members generally. It is pleasing to learn that our president (Mr. W. P. Griffiths) will be leaving hospital soon, and trust that the benefit derived will be permanent. His condition necessitated more treatment than was at first thought.

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

At the recent annual meeting of the West Australian division of the Air Force Association, Mr. C. A. Hine was re-elected president and Dr. A. B. Anderson and Mr. J. G. Paterson, vice-presidents; Mr. A. Harris, Hon. secretary; Mr. W. Hatcher, hon. treasurer, and Messrs. Hine and Harris were elected Federal councillors to the next interstate conference to be held in Adelaide on March 9. The office of the Association is now at Steamship Building, 168 St. George's Terrace, the hours being from 9 to 5. The telephone No. is B893. The president's report stated that the membership of the Western Australian Division is now 1,000. The Benevolent Fund stood at £910. Payments on account of distress cases totalled £57, whilst the Problems Committee had dealt with numerous cases of airmen and ex-airmen who had problems not connected with finance. Membership of the Association is open to all airmen who have served at least six months in the Service. Monthly meetings are held at the R.A.A.F. Rendezvous, William Street, Perth.
OUR FIRST WAR
The Sudan Contingent
By C. R. Collins

Such scanty and almost grudging publicity has been given to Australia’s role in the war during recent months that one can hardly wonder that such an important event as the departure of Australia’s first expedition to engage in a war overseas should have passed unnoticed. Sixty years ago, on March 3, 1885, the streets of Sydney were resounding to the tread of marching feet and the cheering of jubilant crowds. In the harbour, ships were belangled, and their whistles were adding to the din, as gallant volunteers in scarlet and blue embarked on the troopships Iberia and Australasian for active service in the Sudan. It was the period when the whole Empire had watched with breathless interest the efforts of Sir Garnet Wolseley to relieve the gallant but ill-fated Gordon in Khartum. “The skill of Sir Garnet in braving a cannibal” was not exerted in time to save Gordon, but the campaign in Egypt and the Sudan made such an impression on all sections of the British race that a large crop of male infants left the baptismal font labelled Garnet or Gordon.

It was in a letter to the Sydney Morning Herald (February 12, 1885) that Sir Garnet Strickland called upon not Australia alone, but all Christendom, to rise and crush the Saracens “before they become as formidable as their renowned ancestors. The idea of an Australian colony taking part in one of the Empire’s wars was not altogether new. As individuals, Australians had taken part in the Maori Wars in New Zealand. After the disaster at Majuba Hill, South Australia had offered to equip a contingent for service against the Boers, but the senior colony, New South Wales, felt the honour of forming and dispatching the first contingent of fighting men overseas. Sir Edward Strickland’s suggestion was translated into action by Mr. W. B. Dalley, who was Acting Premier and Attorney-General at the time. The suggestion, however, had opponents, as well as supporters. Foremost among these was Sir Henry Parkes, then in opposition and temporarily out of Parliament, through a defeat at the polls. Parkes contrived against the dispatch of troops overseas on constitutional grounds. At this time, too, a brush between Russian troops and Afghans, on the northern border of Afghanistan, threatened to plunge Britain into a war with Russia. Parkes and many other public men in the Colony of New South Wales did not consider it advisable to denude the colony of troops at such a critical time. Nevertheless, “the Rump Ministry under Mr. Dalley,” as Sir Henry scornfully called the minority Government, met and decided to send a force of 500 men to relieve Gordon. The offer attracted considerable attention in England and throughout the Australian colonies. Lord Rosebery cabled Mr. Dalley the inspiring words “Well done!” The British Government accepted one battery and an infantry battalion, 500 strong.

The public subscribed generously, and raised an amount of £40,000 to defray the costs of the expedition. The force was commanded by Colonel Richardson, R.A., then commanding in New South Wales. It comprised a battery (30 strong) of the New South Wales Permanent Artillery (afterwards incorporated in the Royal Australian Artillery), an infantry battalion of 28 officers and 500 other ranks and an ambulance unit, 30 strong.

The troops were enthusiastically greeted on their arrival at Suakim. The ship’s company of H.M.S. Carysfort, which was in the harbour as the troopships steamed in, lined the rigging and cheered. The drums and fifes of two British line regiments played the New South Wales into camp, and the infantry battalion was brigaded with the Guards. The Australians formed part of the force, under Sir Gerald Graham, which was entrusted with the defence of Suakim. They occupied and held a suburb about five miles east and south of the town, and some desert wells, and this was the closest approach to the port from the north-west, but all the big fighting was finished before their arrival. The artillery took part in a foray to blow up some desert wells, and this fighting was the last encounter of note in the war. In this action, Mr. Lambie, the correspondent of the Sydney Morning Herald, was wounded. Lambie was afterwards killed in the South African War. Serving with the infantry battalion was a youth named Holmes. He afterwards won the D.S.O. in South Africa and established the unique record of rising from Bugler to Colonel in his regiment, the old 1st Australian Infantry Regiment. He commanded the military force which occupied what is now the village of German New Guinea in 1914. Three years later, as a General, Holmes, G.O.C. 4th Division, A.I.F., was killed by a German shell near Messines.

The old Sudan Contingent won the respect and esteem of all the British and Indian officers with whom they came in contact. At last General Sir Garnet Strickland was killed in Turkey on the 16th May, 1885, Wolseley said: “It would also like to thank the gallant New South Wales Contingent for the services they have rendered; and also for the sympathy which prompted them to come from afar to take part in a war under the Empire to which we all belong. They will carry home with them the thanks of our Sovereign and the best wishes of those with whom they have fought side by side here. They have borne themselves well, both in action and in camp; and I trust, that if any serious war be forced upon our Empire, we may again find ourselves shoulder to shoulder with Australian troops, facing a common enemy.”
More Blather from Beeby

Mr. Dooley, a well-known character of the syndicated Press in the early days of the century, used to say, "If you can't lick your opponent, disqualify him." This advice has been taken belatedly by one Edward Beeby, a so-called news commentator, and his disciple within the League, H. O. Killicoot. Unable to refute arguments advanced by The Listening Post, these puny champions of anti-preference have attempted to challenge the status of this paper as the official organ of the League. The ball was opened by H. O. Killicoot in The West Australian when it was asserted that the paper was not the official organ of the League. Killicoot went on blantly to assert that the paper was not the official organ, and that the State Executive had no official or editorial liaison with the paper. The stupidity and falsehood of these assertions was laid bare in a letter to The West Australian by the Managing Director of The Listening Post. The next turn in this side-splitting farce was provided by the omniscient Beeby in broadcasts spluttered over the microphone on March 1 and March 8. Evidently believing in the efficacy of the Hitlerian advice that if you repeat a lie often enough you can always get a certain number of fools to believe you, Beeby declared that the League should have its own official organ, and snarled at the West for giving greater prominence to the Managing Director's reply than was given to Killicoot's letter. "That shows where The West Australian stands," Beeby blubbered. He might have added that it showed where everyone else with the remotest knowledge of the position stands. In that broadcast, Beeby gave the mainly advice to soldiers' wives to rat on their husbands by organising against preference. Soldiers' wives are no more likely to do that than are soldiers themselves likely to rat on their wives, but the stupidity of the advice would be missed by Beeby and his satellites. For the rest, the broadcast, which was supposed to be a trenchant argument against the preference policy, was really the best argument in favour of it that we have ever heard.

In his broadcast on March 8, Beeby referred to what was published in our February issue on the question of a so-called Battle Bonus. Beeby, of course, has no cause to love The Listening Post. We have dealt severely with him in the past. We do not mind his criticisms. Judging by his recent whines for more money to carry on his session, Beeby's stock would appear to be slumping. In any case, his criticisms amount to little or nothing at all with people capable of thinking for themselves. We do object, however, to his persistent lies. Although the status of The Listening Post has been made clear, Beeby persisted in challenging our right to call ourselves the League's official organ. Muddled thinking and cloud-headed bigotry appear to prevent him from realising that a periodical does not have to be owned by an organisation to be its official organ. He declared that the paper is personally owned without any connection between it and the

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Personalities

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in the war, he served on the staffs of the 3rd Light Horse Brigade and the Australian Mounted Troops, serving in Sinai, Palestine and Syria. He was also associated with various British and Indian formations. At the end of the war he was Brigade-Major of the 3rd Light Horse Brigade. He was mentioned in General Allenby's despatches.

On his return to civilian life he took up a deep and dairy farm at McAlinden in the Boyup Brook district, where he was farming when the present war broke out. With the Australian Military Forces, he served from 1940 at Western Command Headquarters and later at the headquarters of the 3rd Australian Corps till 1943. During this period he was secretary with the rank of Lieut-Colonel of the combined planning committee in Western Australia of heads of the services, including United States services. In 1943, he was appointed commander of the northern sector of the State. Resuming civil life again at the end of May, 1943, he joined the staff of the International Harvester Co. Although he has always been a keen student of politics, this is the first time Mr. Palmer has been a member of a political party.

We regret to announce the passing of the late Alf Clarke, an esteemed member of the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville Sub-branch, who answered the Last Call at Edward Mil len Home on February 9, after a long illness. He served with the A.S.C. in the last war. We join with this Sub-branch in expressing deep sympathy to his relatives.

Mr. James Hall Wylie, for many years a farmer in the Emu Hill portion of the Narrogin district, passed away in the Cortinon Hospital recently. The larl Mr. Wylie was a most respected citizen and an energetic worker for all things which had, as their aim, the good of the district. He was an active member of the Narrogin Sub-branch which he had been secretary for several years. In this capacity, he was a tireless worker in furthering the interests of ex-servicemen. During the present war, he was one of the pioneers of the Home Guard movement in the district. During the early stages of its formation, he acted as an instructor to the local unit of the V.D.C. Under the name of "Lance-Jack," he was a regular contributor to the Diggers' Page of "The Western Mail." The funeral which took place on November 1 was attended by members of the Narrogin Sub-branch, Narembeen V.D.C., Bruce Rock V.D.C. and officers of N.C.O.'s of the A.I.F. The calls at the graveside were sounded by Bugler J. Hoskin, Jr.

At a recent meeting of the Maylands Sub-branch the President congratulated a veteran member, Mr. Jack Weeks, on having made the allotted scoring of 80 points, a record for the season. The hardy veteran has been a stalwart worker for the sub-branch, and we join with Maylands in wishing him many more years of health and happiness. On the debit side, a number of members of the sub-branches have been in hospital. R. Fleming has been in St. Anne's, G. Morrison in the Repatriation Ward and Lindsay Burket, a returned man from the present war, in Hollywood. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

**THE R.S.L. AND THE WAR LOAN**

The letter which the State President, Jim Anderson, sent to each sub-branch on war loans has had the desired effect. Dozens of extra sub-branches to our knowledge have now made it one of their national efforts and the result will be reflected in a larger number of subscribers. Mr. Anderson's letter reads:-

"By their services in war and peace, members of the R.S.L. have proved their loyalty and patriotism. They recognise that the essential job on the home front in these days of war and strife is to supply without stint the money and materials necessary to fight. Many members of the League and workers and auxiliaries throughout the State have taken a prominent part in the War Loan effort. Although all Loans have eventually been filled, some after the closing date has been extended, many more subscribers are required for the Third Victory Loan which opens on the 13th March.

"Will you consider strengthening your local War Loan Committee, or, if an active committee is not functioning in your district, will you form one? In the last Loan, a suburban sub-branch accepted full responsibility for organisation in its district with a most gratifying result, and to my knowledge six other sub-branches are doing the same this Loan. Who, other than the man who has seen service, has a better right to appeal to the public and to organise a local drive for this Loan?"

"The R.S.L. day for the Third Victory Loan has been fixed for Saturday, 21st April. I suggest that your sub-branch consider making a special drive for that day, perhaps, public functions. Will you please advise of the extent of your assistance, and especially the result of the special effort on 21st April."

**VARIA**

The 17th Bn. (A.I.F.) Association is about to publish a history of the achievements of the Boys of the Old Brigade. The work has been compiled by Lt-Col. K. W. Mackenzie, M.C., from a personal account of the brigade, private diaries and personal-accounts. It also will include a general roll of 7,000 members, an Honour Roll and a list of awards and decorations. The price per copy is £1 and the circulation is to be limited to subscribers. Members of the 17th residence in this State are invited to forward their remittances to the Hon. Secretary of the Association, R. S. McGovern, 16 Bond Street, Sydney.

When the Russians take Berlin, the guns of Moscow will salute the third occasion on which a Russian Army has entered the German capital. The other occasions were long ago, during the Seven-Year's War, when Russia was the ally of Austria and France against Frederick the Great of Prussia. The Russians entered Berlin in 1917. The Russians held the city for a few hours, and then withdrew after levying a substantial tribute in money from the inhabitants. Three years later, on October 4, 1920, the Russians again entered Berlin. They retracted upon hearing a Russian invasion. Recently the Great was advancing by forced marches to relieve his capital. Before they withdrew, the Russians levied another heavy contribution from the Berliners and destroyed the city's foundries and arsenals.

At the March meeting of the Northam Sub-branch, several complaints were made about the treatment received by individual men returned from the present war. Mention was made of two outstanding applications for admission to courses of instruction under the Post-war Reconstruction Scheme. The eligibility of one applicant is admitted by the department, but, after considerable correspondence, nothing further had been done. In the other instance, the instruction desired could not be provided in this State and another section occupation was offered, but this was also not accepted by the applicant. Northam Diggers cannot be blamed for feeling that post-war reconstruction is a high-sounding phrase, but it does not seem to be getting anywhere. Another complaint concerns a Returned soldier, who had been sent to the Railway Department for employment. This man was subsequently discharged having failed to pass an eyesight test, in which he was not allowed to wear glasses.

In the interests of returned men generally, the application of this test should be investigated, for, if men can pass a written test while wearing glasses, it is not understood why railwaymen should be subjected to a more severe examination. It was therefore decided that this complaint be referred to the State Executive for investigation.

One of the unfurphies broadcast so persistently by the opponents of preference is that the service-men themselves do not want it. That is probably why our own League, which represents returned service-men of all the services, has demanded preference so vigorously in resolutions passed by annual State and Federal Conferences. The annual State Conference is not only a thoroughly representative meeting of all service-men, but it is also a cross section of the community, in that delegates belong to all political parties, all religions, and every respectable stratum of society, including employers and employed. If the League's opinion on the subject is sufficiently widespread, another growing organisation of service-men, the Air Force Association, has declared for preference. Only this month, the Federal Council of the Air Force Association met in Adelaide, and stated its views in favour of preference in a telegram to the Federal Postmaster. It is only when service-men meet in conference that their views on preference or on any other vital question can be expressed, and it
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is the height of stupidity for any opponent of preference to keep on asserting that the service men do not want it.

A few weeks ago, a country sub-branch of the N.S.W. Branch of the League registered a strong protest against the loose manner in which Italians are being allowed to acquire land in the district. The sub-branch which, according to the published report, is taking the matter up with the local governing authority and the State Government, alleged that an Italian syndicate had already bought up some of the best land in the district, and that some of those who are benefiting by these purchases are men recently released from internment. These statements certainly call for investigation and legislation, for the stranger within our gates cannot be allowed to alienate land which should be reserved for the men who are away fighting for it. We suppose, however, that had Australians who are gaining financially from these rackets will come forward with the familiar idiotic wails about attempts to claim racial superiority and so on.

Eric Davies was at a sub-branch meeting recently at which the State Executive in its capacity of Public Enemy No. 1 was coming in for a certain amount of strafe. One member loudly demanded why it was not possible for the executive to get more beer for the club. Eric thought to turn the attack by stating, "Well, you know we sit for three or four hours once a fortnight, and hear dry arguments, without even having a spot of something wet ourselves. "There you are," the critic declared. "That's just what I say. How the devil can they look after us when they can't look after themselves."

Mr. Curtin's 60th birthday recently, and on meeting his wife he remarked, "So Mr. Smith has become a seragemonian." She promptly retorted, "I resent that. Mr. Smith is and always has been a clean, good living man."

The House of Commons debate on the Greek situation last month made the apologists for the E.L.A.S. gangsters squirm on their benches. Gallacher, of Glasgow, screamed out in denial of the atrocity stories, although these were well authenticated by British officers on the spot, and the correspondents of reputable British and American newspapers. Later, the stories were confirmed by other ranks of the British Army, who had been in action in Athens, and by escaped and released prisoners. One and all, they condemned the E.L.A.S. extremists as "thugs," "criminals" and "murderers." Other parties making up the E.A.M., of which the E.L.A.S. is the "fighting" force—notably the Socialists and members of the Agrarian Party—dissociated themselves from the Red Fascists as soon as it was safe for them to do so. Nevertheless, all sorts of eminent nobodies in England and Australia were ready to throw mud at the Government because British troops maintained order and did not allow gangsters to use the arms given them to fight the Germans, to enforce their own brand of politics on their own countrymen. During the Commons debate, Mr. Churchill declared that the Government had never been more maligned by a section of the Press than it had been during the Greek crisis. Even in Perth, we had semi-educated curiosities writing in the "Silly Beggars" column of the "Daily News" and mountebanks of the microphone slobbering over the alleged suppression of Democracy in Greece. The only points made in these feeble effusions were statements that the E.L.A.S. gang had wanted elections in February, and that war correspondents had not been allowed to cross the lines and interview the gangster leaders. The February elections made only one demand presented by the E.L.A.S. There was also their impudent and dangerous demand that they should control the police, presumably to liquidate anyone who disagreed with them politically, and to carry on the reign of terror under the camouflage of prosecuting quislings. One local clown even went so far as to brand all the unfortunate hostages in E.L.A.S. hands as quislings. As far as war correspondents are concerned, they have never been allowed to cross the lines from one army to another on any front in any war, and even the most one-eyed of the Red Fascists must admit there was a war on in Athens at the time.

State Executive

At the meeting of the State Executive on February 14, there were present Messrs. Anderson, Edmondson, Watt, Wood, Thorn, Olden, Mitchell, Cornell, James, Davies, Zeffert, Macgregor, Craig, Elliott, Bateson, Harvey, Sneddon and Reece.

Constitution.—The Constitution Committee reported on a conference with the League's honorary solicitor, who advised the amendment of a number of rules, some of which were in conflict. He also recommended that the rules be re-drafted by a competent authority. The report was received. It was resolved that the suggested amendments be consolidated, circulated to Executive delegates, and put on the next congress agenda.

Anzac Club.—The report of the Anzac Club Committee dealt with the arrangements being made to re-cover the billiard table and cushions, and to repair the club chairs. It also reported on the recommendation to close the bar at 1.30 p.m. on Saturdays, leaving the

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the rest of the club open until 6 p.m. The report was adopted.

Pensions and Employment.—The Pensions and Employment Committee reported on steps being taken to arrange a deputation to the Minister for Railways on preference, and on several individual pensions. A recommendation of employment officers of sub-branches was recommended for March 7. A recommendation to overcome the lapse of six months before No. 3 Tribunal sits in Perth was submitted. It was recommended that the State Tribunal meet alternately in W.A. and S.A. only.

Veterans' Home.—The War Veteran's Home Committee reported on preparations for launching the appeal. It is hoped the launching will take place some time in March.

Membership.—The report of the Membership Committee contained recommendations for increasing advertising in picture theatres, discussion groups among sub-branches and forwarding to all W.A. units in the services printed information regarding League activities. The report was adopted. The formation of Graylands Sub-branch was approved.

Reconstruction Training.—A report urged the appointment of an additional representative on the Regional Committee. Mr. Zeffert will be absent from the State for some time, he nominated Mr. Yeates to act as his deputy. This was agreed to, and also the selection of Mr. Norman Elliott as the second delegate. A telegram to this effect has been sent to Melbourne, asking the General Secretary to ask Dr. Coombs that Mr. Elliott's appointment as second delegate be approved, and advising the appointment of Mr. Yeates as deputy for Mr. Zeffert.

Delinquency.—A report on discussions with the Child Welfare Department on juvenile delinquency suggested that the League's committee should visit various boys' homes in the metropolitan area.

Alien Businesses: State Congress Item 159.—A reply was read from the Premier, arising from representations made regarding inquiry into the number of businesses formerly owned by men of the Forces and since taken over by aliens. It was resolved to send a copy of the Premier's reply to Mr. Hawthorn-North Leederville Sub-branch.

Aliens and Surplus Stores.—A letter was received from the North-East Fremantle Sub-branch regarding purchase by aliens of surplus stores. It was resolved to forward the letter to Federal Executive.

Visits.—The following visits were reported on by members of the Executive. Messrs. Bateston and Mr. Russell were recommended for the visit to the Royal Western Australian Regiment. Mr. Ward and Edward Millen; Mr. Craig, Maylands; Mr. Bateston, Bayswater, P.O.G.H. and Lemnos; State President, Mr. E. S. Watt and Pensions Officer, Repatriation Department; the State President, D.A.A.D.A. Association.

Visit of the letter from Claremont Sub-branch suggested a roster of visits by metropolitan sub-branches to the Claremont Mental Hospital.

It was resolved to refer the letter to the presidents and secretaries' meeting on March 7.

Appointment Patents Office.—The file in connection with the appointment of an enemy national was referred to, and questions raised in the Senate were reported on together with a reply from the Prime Minister’s Dept.

Re-Emigration Committee.—A letter was received from the Federal Office requesting nominations for a panel on a re-instatement Committee, particulars of which appeared in the last Government Gazette. It was resolved that the State President make inquiries whilst in the East and wire back full particulars.

Anzac Day.—A letter was received from the Director of Education asking the League's cooperation in the special Anzac ceremony on Tuesday, April 24.

War Orphans' Appeal.—A letter was received from the chairman of the Perth Legacy Club in connection with the Legacy Appeal on behalf of War Orphans.

Senior Inspector Motor Vehicles.—A reply from the General Secretary stated that ex-servicemen had been recommended for the appointment and the matter was now before the Public Service Board.

Appreciation.—A letter was received from Collie Sub-branch thanking the Executive for arrangements with the Emergency Transport Board for an omnibus to travel from Collie to Bunbury and return in connection with the South-west conference of auxiliaries.

A letter was received from the ward secretary at Sunset, thanking the Executive for providing extra lighting for use of inmates.

War Veterans' Home.—A suggestion from the organiser of the “Miss Australia” contest, that the State President go to Sydney to discuss matters in connection with the competition during his visit to Melbourne.

It was resolved that the State President accept the invitation.

Universities and Preference.—A letter from the Vice-Chancellor of the University was read concerning the W.A. University Senate's agreement for preference to children of servicemen, and enclosing a reply from the Chairman of the Universities Commission, Sydney, stating that the Universities have hitherto chosen students solely on the grounds of academic merit, and expressing the Commission's opinion that it would be undesirable to depart from this general principle.

It was resolved that the matter be submitted through the Federal Executive, and that stress be laid on the fact that the Senate of the University of W.A. had agreed and expressing regret at the tone of the reply received from the Commission.

Payment of Funeral Expenses.—A request was received from a sub-branch in recess for payment of funeral expenses of a late member from funds held on behalf of the sub-branch.

It was resolved that permission for payment of the account be given.

King's Park Board.—A letter was received from the Superintendent, King’s Park, pointing out that 131 trees were made available to florists for Anzac-Day. He suggested that these be made available to florists for Anzac-Day.

It was resolved that the information be given to the Press.

Proof of Service.—A letter was received from Swan View-Greenmount Sub-branch that Army Headquarters asked that a record of all “W” men volunteering their services be made available to the League, and that it should not be the responsibility of the individual to obtain proof.

Collie Sub-Branch.—A letter was received from the Collie Sub-branch regarding the lack of accommodation in Collie for men released from the Forces for occupational purposes, and suggesting that a hostel be opened to meet the position.

It was resolved to approach Mr. Panton, as Minister for Mines.
Fremantle City Sub-Branch wrote requesting that the P.M.G.’s Department allow service pensioners the 10/ per year wireless fee, the same as the invalid pensioners. It was resolved to submit this matter again to the P.M.G.

Midland Junction.—The appointment of officers as advised by the Midland Junction Sub-branch was confirmed.

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In the absence of the State President, the chair at the meeting of the State Executive on February 28 was taken by the Senior Vice-President (Mr. E. S. Watt). Others present at the meeting were Messrs. Edmundson Yeo, Manbridge, Wood, Leslie, Thorn, Ferguson, Olden, Mitchell, Ferguson-Stewart, Cornell, James, Davies, Macgregor, Craig, Elliott, Bateston, Harvey, Sneddon and Reece.

Visitors.—The following visitors were welcomed: Messrs. Chambers (president Waroona Sub-branch), R. Richards (Dowerin) and J. K. Jefferson (secretary Nedlands Sub-branch).

Land Committee.—A report was submitted on a committee appointed to inquire into the marketing of fruit and vegetables, and the appointment of a League representative. Several other matters raised by sub-branches had been dealt with by the Land Committee. These included rabbit virus, alienated properties, the denial of a cabbage contract to a discharged member of the Forces, and the pooling of farm machinery. It was resolved that a member of the committee be appointed to give evidence before the Royal Commission on the personal covenant in mortgages, and that Mr. Leslie be appointed, and Mr. Thorn, if necessary.

Taxi Incident.—The Anzac House Committee reported action taken in connection with a letter which had appeared in “The West Australian,” in which it was alleged that a taxi driver had refused to accept a voucher tendered as payment, when called to take a returned soldier to the Perth Hospital. It was stated that the committee had written to the Taxi Drivers’ Association for further information. The report was adopted.

Preference Publicity.—It was resolved that articles on preference should be published at regular intervals, and that anti-preference propaganda be replied to.

Late Tom Silver.—The chairman announced that he had just received word of the passing of the late Tom Silver at the P.P.H. It was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to the relatives.

R.S.L. Broadcasts.—The following roster was approved for R.S.L. broadcasts: March 1, Mr. E.O. Davies; March 8, Mr. J. M. W. Anderson; March 15, Mr. O. L. Harvey; March 22, Mr. E. S. Watt; March 29, Mr. R. Macgregor; April 5, Mr. W. Reece.

Red Cross Questionnaire.—A reply was received from the Red Cross Society to a complaint regarding the questionnaire submitted to next of kin in mental cases, and pointing out that while the questionnaire was not as satisfactory as a personal interview would be, an interview is arranged where possible. It was resolved that a copy of the reply be sent to the Yarloop Sub-branch, who raised the question.

Repatriation P.O.W.—The State Secretary reported on correspondence with the Western Command in connection with escaped P.O.W. It was resolved to submit the matter to the Federal Office, so that representations could be made to L.H.Q. that consideration be given to the question of sending escaped P.O.W. back to forward areas for duty, notwithstanding the fact that they might be classed as A1.

Sub-Branches.—The appointment of officials as advised by Bridgetown and Kojonup Sub-branches was confirmed.

Further instances of gossip in newspapers were received from the Kojonup Sub-branch.

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It was resolved that the League upheld the freedom of the Press.

A letter was received from the Public Service Sub-branch in connection with the appointment of a Director of the Tourist Bureau. It was resolved to refer the matter to the Pensions and Employment Committee. The Fremantle and North-East Fremantle Building Fund was given authority to open an account in the Commonwealth Savings Bank.

District Committees.—It was resolved that Nos. 14 and 15 District Committees be invited to send their delegates to State Executive meetings.

Battle Bonus.—A resolution was received from Subiaco Sub-branch that the State Executive be asked to urge for a battle bonus to members in combat areas. It was resolved that the matter is one for congress.

Army Huts on Land Adjoining Anzac House.—A letter was received from the Acting Town Clerk advising that the building committee of the City Council would not vary their previous decision.

Repent. Clinic.—Letter was received from Victoria Park Sub-branch regarding the unsatisfactory arrangements at the Repatriation Clinic as to patients awaiting attention. It was resolved to refer the matter to the Pensions and Employment Committee.

Anzac Day.—Letter was received from Federal Office with particulars of the arrangements suggested by the Prime Minister’s Department for Anzac Day, including the recommendation that Anzac Day should be a symbolic and not a carnival day. To secure uniform observance throughout the States, the Commonwealth will provide under National Security powers that hotels and wine saloons be closed throughout the day; that no race meetings or organised sports be held; that theatres including picture theatres close until 1 p.m. It asked for the co-operation of City Hotels, City Cafes, City Cafeterias, Suburban Stores, Country Stores and now again Australian Military Camps and Royal Australian Naval Units who have selected

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of the R.S.I.L in commemorating the National Day. It was resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the Anzac Day Committee.

Preference.—The matter of the appointment of the investigating officer of the Postwar Reconstruction Branch was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee.

A.C.F. Appeal.—A letter was received from the organiser of this appeal acknowledging the consent of the League previously requested to assist in the appeal. The appeal was to take place on May 4, the second of the two dates allotted to the A.C.F. for street appeal.

War Service Homes Regulations and Brick Area.—Another letter was received from the Mr. Hawthorn-North Leederville Branch in this matter, and it was resolved to advise the sub-branch that there was insufficient information on which to come to a decision, but that if they would submit specific cases, the matter would again be gone into; and also to point out that by-laws are drawn up by local authorities.

University Preference.—A letter was received from Col. Collie enclosing a letter from Mr. Dedman (Minister for War Organisation and Industry) in defence of the attitude adopted by the Universities Commission in reply to the League's request for preferential treatment as to entry to the University by children of servicemen. It was resolved to send a copy of Mr. Dedman's letter to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of W.A. and to the returned soldier members of the Senate.

Bottled Beer.—Complaints were received from Bunbury and Maylands Sub-branches regarding the restriction of men in uniform purchasing bottled beer from hotels. It was resolved that the League could not make this matter the policy of the League not to interfere with any regulations.

War News.—Maylands Sub-branch advised that servicemen on leave from the Eastern States complained that Eastern States newspapers published no West Australian news. It was resolved that, while the League was sympathetic in this matter, nothing could be done, as there was no doubt that the news was sent East but was not published by newspapers there.

R.A.A.F. Leave.—Fremantle City Sub-branch wrote in regard to leave for airmen returning from the Middle East. An instance was cited where a man with three and a half years' continuous service abroad was granted only 14 days' leave, while personnel from the Darwin area, with only 12 or 15 months service had been granted 32 days. It was resolved that the complaint be forwarded to the Federal Office.

Preference.—The Pensions and Employment Committee reported on a deputation to the Minister for Railways in connection with eight cases of promotions and appointments to men who were not returned servicemen, to the detriment of returned soldiers applicants. The deputation received a sympathetic hearing from the Minister, who promised to investigate the particulars of each case. The Minister said he was in accord with the Commonwealth Government's move in the matter of preference. Reference had been made by the railways to the possibility of applicants qualifying for higher executive positions if preference in the lower-paid positions were given. This view was challenged by the deputation. The State Executive referred the matter to the Pensions and Employment for further consideration.

Visits.—The following visits were reported:

Messrs. Leslie and Brown (Lemnos and Repatriation Wards P.O.H.), Messrs. Leslie, Davies and Coombs (Warooka Sub-branch), Messrs. Edmondson and Brown (Edward Mil- len and Heathcote), Col. Mansbridge (Children's Scholarship Trust and Red Cross), Mr. Bate son (P.G.H. and Hope of Peace), Mr. Ferguson (Melbourne Dock Board Club), Mr. Cornell (Hollywood), Col. Mitchell (Sunday evening buffet, Anzac House).

Mr. Leslie reported on conditions at Lemnos Hospital: Wireless out of order and the steps taken to repair it; the necessity for electric fans and recommendations to the appropriate authority for installing ceiling fans, and surgical iron for crippled patients.

Sub-Branch Activities

WEST LEEDEVERVILLE-WEMBLEY

We are all very pleased with the continued progress of our activities, and new members continue to move into position. At our regular meeting on Monday, March 12, the president (Mr. Cecil Bolton) welcomed several new members, including E. Wright, M. R. Isard, Sgt. Douglas, A. K. Ford, E. McGuckin, J. F. Abbott, M. Southey, J. W. Cable. Arrangements are well in hand for the appropriate observance of Anzac Day and the sub-branch will be officially represented at Anzac services to be conducted by the local churches. We hope to reintroduce our annual picnic at the end of the year. Members and supporters are asked to bear in mind that dancing dates are being fixed for May, July and September, and also that at an early date we hope to be participating in the community concerts. Members were pleased to see old faces at this meeting in Chris. Beechey, who was a foundation member and who has given stalwart service to the League; also Agricultural Bill Kartou who hiked down from Glen Forrest on this occasion. Harold Hains was also present with his son who has just returned from the present scrap. Jimmy James, another old member, re-appeared. At last we have some news of Anzac Club. This is a point with our members of the lack of facilities at the disposal of returned servicemen, both amenities and the time factor. However, we appreciate what the management of the club are endeavouring to do. This sub-branch is conducting a lottery by special permission of the Lotteries Commission, and public support is sought to make it a success. Our sick list is very small and except for a few minor casualties, everybody seems to be alright. We are pleased to know that Archie Herd is about again. The barbeque conducted on March 10 was an outstanding success. The director of ceremonies (Mr. Bill McCulloch) reported that the gross result was £7.-. The best thanks of all members are extended to the Halliday family who so very kindly made their house and grounds available, and also to the Prosser family and all their able helpers. We are indeed grateful.

A children's party will be conducted in the local town hall on April 7, commencing at 2:30 p.m. We recently invited some British Navy personnel to a games night, and it was unfortunate that through some misunderstanding very few turned up. However, we were pleased to have been of some service to those who did come along.

RETURNED ARMY NURSES

The monthly meeting was held on March 1, when a fair number of members attended. Arrangements are in hand for a bridge and social evening on the first Thursday in May.
DALWALLINU
There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting on March 1. The financial statement showed a healthy position, with a credit balance of £12/0/6 in the general fund and £12/15/1 in the amelioration fund. It was decided to invite the ladies to a meeting to discuss supper arrangements for the Annual Ball and the possibility of forming a women's auxiliary. The boys of the local State school challenged the sub-branch to a cricket match on March 17. The sub-branch decided to donate £5 to the Legacy Club's appeal, and to make a further donation at a later date. Before the end of the meeting, the president successfully moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Lea, who, in his absence, was in charge of the sub-branch.

GRAYLANDS
The inaugural meeting of this new sub-branch took place on February 23. Sam Wainwright, an ex-Imperial of the last war, who served with the 2nd A.I.F. in the present war, was elected president. Two well-known Diggers of both wars were elected vice-presidents. They are Harry Lane and Dave MacLean. George Fletcher is secretary and Sid Torckler will look after the funds. The meeting opened with an attendance of 33 financial members. Among those present were "Bluie" Gray, who seems to have carried out a special job very efficiently; Tom Hall and Harry Bray (who recently returned to Australia after spending some time as the guest of Adolf Schlickgruber), Peter Sullivan and George Sullivan. The official opening of the sub-branch will be celebrated on March 23. The meeting will take place in Green's Building, opposite the Claremont railway station.

BRUCE ROCK
The following officers were elected at the annual meeting: President, Mr. H. Wilkins; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. A. Brown and R. Withall; secretary, Mr. J. T. Grocock; auditor, Mr. Bradley. A letter from the State Executive was read, regretting that the executive could not be present at the meeting and wishing the sub-branch every success. After business was disposed of, harmony in literal sense prevailed. Mr. K. Allen presided over the piano in good style and the local vocal talent was not backward in coming forward.

MIDLAND JUNCTION
Mr. James Craig presided over a bumper attendance at the annual meeting on February 1. All phases of the sub-branch's activities were covered at the annual report of the president and the secretary (Len Wilkinson). The splendid efforts of the women's auxiliary throughout the year were also the subject of favourable comment. It is generally recognised that without the wholehearted and intelligent cooperation of the women folk the sub-branch could hardly carry on.

OSBORNE PARK
The president (Mr. Duns) took the chair at a good meeting on January 24. Business was soon disposed of, so that office-bearers and members could attend the presentation of cheques in the Yugoslav Hall. The cheques represented the proceeds of the Osborne Park Garden Fete, from which the sub-branch benefited to the extent of £76. The meeting on February 2 was also well attended. Vice-president Wickery was in the chair. The secretary reported on a successful raffle. Membership is still increasing. Old members are rejoining and men from the present war are coming in at a gratifying rate. Among new members in the Rev. T. M. Langmead, unfavourable weather was responsible for a disappointing attendance at the dance in the local War Memorial on February 10. Nevertheless, the seamen's amenities will benefit to the extent of £4, thanks to the support of the few stalwarts who are always on deck when any sub-branch activity is floated. Mr. Frank Gueli again came to light with a donation. For many years Frank has been a generous contributor to all social organisations at Osborne Park.

TAMBELLUP
The annual meeting on January 10 was poorly attended, as so many of the members were away on holidays. The president (Fred Daddow) resigned, his reason being that he be authorised to give all such cases to a auxiliary throughout the year were also covered in the annual report of the branch.

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ALBANY
At the monthly meeting on March 2 it was decided that the State Executive be written to for permission to apply to the League to have a local repatriation home erected, it was resolved that the president and both vice-presidents be nominees, as a deputation, to meet the Municipal Council on Monday, March 12. In connection with the desire of the sub-branch to have a really suitable War Memorial Home erected, it was resolved that the president and vice-presidents apply for a request to be made to the War Memorial Fund. The meeting closed after a vote of thanks to the presiding officer. Mr. Bradley, and Mr. Torckler will look after the funds.

SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT
The following correction is made to last month's report: Officers elected included the president, Mr. E. Hore, and vice-president, Mr. D. Ryan; secretary and treasurer, Mr. M. Roux. There is a roll-up of the monthly meeting on March 5. Mr. McPhee attended a meeting of sub-branches at Midland Junction, as a result of which a District Committee was formed, representing five sub-branches. The first sub-branch dance will be held on March 24, and there will be the usual Buck's Night on the third Monday of the month.

KUKERIN
At a most successful reunion dinner, the president (Don Hamilton) was chairman for 22 members and guests. The latter included Mr. Charlie Wall, who was due to the spread provided by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Duncan and the staff of the Kukerin Hotel. The toasts were honoured in ap-
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proven style. Memories were revived by the tales told by new members recently returned from battle stations. The days of the Boer War were recalled by Mr. J. Mycock, and of Gordon and the Sudan campaign by Mr. H. E. Hills.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEEDERVILLE

New members are joining up at every meeting. Those during February have been added to this committee. Entries made this month should be returned from members who have well and faithfully served the sub-branch over a long period. Members were grateful to the orchestra and the "ladies of the R.A.A.F., who has just returned from overseas, and Mr. Humfries, of the War Loan Council, who gave members an outline of the activities arranged in connection with the Third Victory Loan campaign. Some members of the sub-branch are already on the loan committee of the district. On February 26, trophies won during 1944 were presented in the presence of a large gathering. Bill Kay, as M.C., made everybody feel at home, and introduced conjurer Mr. Pancake and his friend Reg. From the way George Black watched him, it would not be surprising if George, with the assistance of his cobber Les, did not produce a few tricks of his own at some future evening. Mrs. Keeley entertained the gathering with a song. Certificates of Service were presented to the past secretary (Cuth. Richardson) and to another great worker for the sub-branch, Harry Richardson, who has well and faithfully served the sub-branch over a long period. Members were grateful to the orchestra and the "ladies of the auxiliary for making the evening such a success. Future meetings are on April 5 and April 19.

BUNBURY

In order that, with the post-war years, a new hall with the conveniences expected of an R.S.L. headquarters of the South-West will be erected, a competition is being arranged to obtain ideas expressed either in written outline or by means of a plan. A prize of £5 has been generously donated by Mr. H. Sherry for the best entry received. During the past months successful appeals were organised on behalf of the Churchill appeal and of the Legacy Club. On February 17 a smoke social attracted an attendance of over 100. Thanks to the persistent voice of Mr. W. Roach, whose active interest in the sub-branch and regular attendance at meetings never fails to enliven the proceedings, the committee has decided that there will be a definite reappearance of the coffee, biscuits and cheese at future meetings. Always a tower of strength in the social activities of the sub-branch and as a member of the hall committee, Mr. Jack Gibson is arranging with the co-operation of the women's auxiliary for the regular fixture of a monthly R.S.L. dance, which should become one of the leading attractions of Bunbury R.S.L. entertainments.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

A departure from the usual hum-drum meeting was featured in a talk given by Mr. Huck, president of the Teachers' Union. Various phases of education were covered, and it was emphasised that this subject was of vital concern to all members, whether young or old, particularly as affecting the future of our State and nation. Our thanks to this gentleman for his very interesting talk. A joint meeting of Fremantle and North-East Fremantle Sub-branches is to be held on April 9 for the purpose of putting before members more clearly the scheme for the proposed building of a headquarters and the club in Fremantle. The co-operation of all members is most necessary to bring our plans to function, and it is imperative that interest in this project be stimulated. A social evening in which the respective auxiliaries and women folk can participate will follow this meeting.

GLOUCESTER PARK

There was an attendance of 55 at the March meeting. During the observance of the two minutes' silence, in honour of fallen comrades, The Last Post was sounded by Mr. T. Seager, while all lights in the hall were extinguished. This procedure will be followed at all future meetings. The president (Mr. Cliff Lambe) extended a cordial welcome to visitors from the North Fremantle, Wembley and Belmont Sub-branches, and to new members. Twenty-six new members were admitted during the month. The handling of as much of the business as possible by the committee enabled the formal portion of the meeting to be concluded by 9.25 p.m. The remainder of the evening was then spent in conviviality. The first of the monthly "Sports Nights" was held on February 15. Although the attendance was as large as anticipated, the function was a great success.

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**YOKINE**

One of the largest attendances yet recorded marked the fortnightly meeting on February 21. The president (Jack Lannigan), again in good form, occupied the chair and cordially welcomed the new members and visitors. Looking remarkably fit in civvies after five years in khaki, Bruce Burley was congratulated and heartily welcomed by all. Harold James intimated his intention of forming a committee to help make the War Loan quota for this district a success. He was assured of the co-operation of many members. The stewards are to be commended on the excellent supper, which was enjoyed by all.

**SUBIACO**

The February meeting was again in charge of senior vice-president Alf Buggins, owing to the absence of president Cliff Sadlier, V.C., who is now in the convalescent stage after a term in Ward X. All present were pleased to learn that he is on the mend. Twenty-one new members were enrolled, and those present were greeted in real Subiaco style by the acting president and vice-president Ted Laine. In reports of hospital visits, it was mentioned that the past treasurer (Capt. Syd. MacNamara) was being discharged from Hollywood Hospital after seven months. Syd was injured while on V.D.C. duty. Members were pleased to see him back on R.S.L. work once again. During the meeting a letter was received from Lieut. Ken Banton, of the Subiaco section of the V.D.C., asking us to accept a donation of £40 towards the Building Fund. This was accepted with thanks. Many of our old "Diehards" are still carrying on with the V.D.C. and the gift is all the more appreciated for the fine gesture from the local unit. Since the inception of the V.D.C. the sub-branch has provided accommodation for its members. The treasurer reported that the overdraft on the hall is now only £60. This is encouraging, and members hope to have a clear bill by the end of the year. The collections for the P.O.W. Fund was only £4/2/- for February. Sports and social activities are still going strong. Attendances are increasing every Wednesday night, and sports master Geo. Wilson is in high spirits.

**SHENTON PARK**

At the February meeting, the president (Mr. R. W. Ogg), the secretary and treasurer (Mr. E. Bishop) and the minute secretary (Mr. B. Strongman), were re-elected. Mr. Austin was re-elected vice-president in place of Mr. P. J. Clegg, who has resigned. Other officers elected were: auditors, Messrs. Gill and Strachan, who are also acting as pensions information officer; general committee, Messrs. Law, Robertson, Kleeman, Humphries, McLocklin, Clappison and Strachan. Sub-committees have been appointed to carry out a wide field of activities. One, comprising Messrs. Austin, Kleeman and Humphries, will go into the question of ways and means for the sub-branch to acquire its own social hall. A donation was made to the Legacy Appeal. Membership has been increased by about 20 since the New Year. The March meeting was well attended. A games and social evening followed the routine business.

**NORTHAM**

The president (Mr. R. G. Pilmer) presented at the monthly meeting of the Northam sub-branch on March 7. The secretary (Mr. G. C. Conley) said that the issuing of membership cards, as was done universally in the past, had been revived in the Eastern States as a means of identification for soldiers. Desiring to visit R.S.L. clubs. He had sent membership cards to all serving soldiers who were members of the sub-branch in case they desired to enter Anzacs clubs whilst on leave. The monthly report disclosed a membership of 231. In reporting on activities of the hospital visiting committee (now in recess) the secretary of the committee (Mr. P. T. Prince) said that over 2,000 patients from this and the last war had been entertained by the committee since its formation about two years ago, and more than £200 had been disbursed in this work. During a discussion on procedure for observance of Anzac Day this year, it was suggested that at the Citizens' Commemoration Gathering there should be other speakers, apart from the president of the sub-branch, and an opinion was expressed that there was a minute to the effect that the president should be the only speaker. It was therefore resolved that the secretary make a search of the minutes so that the matter could be fully dealt with at the next meeting, notice being given by one member to rescind any limiting motion that might have been recorded. A proposal for the revival of the customary reunion smoke social, which has been abandoned during the war, was defeated after discussion. Dr. Beamish made an appeal to those present to give their aid in making widely known the present demand for blood donors for transfusion purposes. All persons, he said, should be blood-grouped in their own interests and those who felt able to do so should volunteer as donors. For general civilian purposes, blood donors should preferably be between 20 and 45 years of age. Reference was made to criticism of the feeding point at the Northam station for soldiers on movement. It was resolved to appoint a committee, comprising Messrs. Wolfenden, Walsh and Traeckh, to make inquiries.

**BASSSENDEN**

Officers for the ensuing year were elected at the annual general meeting on January 25. Mr. F. Savage was elected president in place of Mr. C. Cook, who has done valuable work.
during his term in that office. Other officials elected were: vice-presidents, Messrs. Bird and Summerton; secretary, Mr. P. Hughes; treasurer, Mr. D. Bridson; trustees, Messrs. Chipp and Watts; social committee, Mr. Bill Matthews. The building committee presented a very favourable report, and the social committee is still doing good work. The Labour Day Gift raffle is going well, too. Every three months a brief circular is being distributed, giving the members the latest news of the affairs of the sub-branch. Mr. E. Key has been elected as publicity officer for the coming year.

MT LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

The chief business at the March meeting centred around the War Loan and the outcome was the formation of the Mt. Lawley-Ingleswood R.S.L. War Loan Committee. The sub-branch is working in conjunction with the district committee, and as the committee is an active one, good results can be expected. But every member can help. Application forms are available from members of the committee. Wards or pressure of work, Horsey Ward has had to resign from his position as vice-president, and Ted Aylett was elected in his place. The meeting also elected three trustees—Roy Alexander, Dan Fullerton and Murray Elliott. The discussion on politics was deferred to the meeting on April 3. Other meetings: Management, March 27; Membership, April 10; and Games night, April 17.

GERALDTON

At the February general meeting a strong social committee was formed consisting of the general committee, the representatives from the women's auxiliary and our new off-spring, the Ladies' Younger Set, and at the first meeting of this committee there was a full and enthusiastic attendance. Arrangements are in full swing for the darts tournament to be held on March 14 at Birdwood House, and about 46 teams will take part. A district singles championship will also be played in conjunction with the darts event. It was pleasing to note the attendance of several new members (2nd A.I.F. and R.A.A.F.) at the last general meeting (Messrs. Moss, Pepper, and Cook). They were warmly welcomed by the president (Mr. Alan Rutherford). A warm welcome was also extended to Mr. Tom Sten and Mr. Tagney, the latter a member of the Fremantle Branch. Recent visitors to Birdwood House included Vic. O'Grady, secretary of the Boulder Sub-branch, who is spending a recuperative holiday at Geraldton, and we wish him a speedy recovery to health. The annual reunion of the sub-branch has been fixed for Saturday, April 22, at Birdwood House, and it is hoped to make it the best ever. A hospital visiting committee has been formed by the sub-branch, and two members will visit any sick ex-service men who may be in the local hospitals. Gaunt sub-branches adjacent to Geraldton are asked to advise Jack Roger (our secretary) of any members who may be in hospital, and they will be visited. In response to an appeal by the Legacy Club, a donation of £20 has been forwarded from this sub-branch, and an appreciative letter of thanks has been received from the organisers of the appeal.

NARROGIN

"A most enjoyable evening" was the unanimous decision of the large number who assembled at the lesser town hall on March 1 at a complimentary social and dance arranged by the president and members of the sub-branch to the ladies of the auxiliary as a small expression of gratitude for their wonderful support during the year 1944. At

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10.15 "The Cookhouse Door" sounded a halt for supper, which was prepared and served by the members, and judging by its ample proportions, one would think they were catering for their old battalions. The president (Mr. Alf Wilson) took advantage of the interval to voice the feelings of the members generally, and to enumerate but a few of the ladies' efforts, to which Mrs. Smith, president of the auxiliary, suitably responded. A highlight of the evening was when she handed Mr. Wilson a handsome donation toward the reduction of the debt on the Institute. The president and members are very grateful to the following artists who so willingly and ably contributed to the programme: Mrs. A. Anderson (solo), Mrs. Bird (solo), Mr. Thomas (solo), Mr. Hancock (instrumentalist), Mr. Trefort (instrumentalist), Mrs. Thomas (accompanist), and Mrs. R. Anderson and Miss Flute, who supplied dance music.

MAYLANDS

The social on February 8 was one of the best ever held by the sub-branch. Among the distinguished visitors were the State President (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson), Col. Perrier, Mr. H. Shearn, M.L.A., and the sub-branch's old friend, Dick Corinial, MLC, who recently returned from a trip to Queensland. A very fine musical programme was provided by Mr. Holman. The meeting on February 15 was well attended. Seven new members were enrolled. Visitors to the meeting were Messrs. Jackson (Kalgoorlie) and Grundy (Mullewa). An explanation of the hours of admission to the Annac Club was received from the State Secretary. The sub-branch has received permission to run a lottery in aid of the building scheme. Another item of interest was the appointment of three delegates to the district committee.

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When the sons of Eastern States and overseas farmers return to civilian life, the problem of their settlement on the land will be quickly solved by investigating and personally inspecting available areas in these high-rainfall districts.
FREMANTLE DISTRICTS

Invitation cards have been posted to all sub-branch members from the building committee to a social on April 9. If any have missed out, please contact the secretary. This committee has been cooking cash-raising cakes for the past two months and invite you along to sample their products. Also they want you to put in your spoon and stir the next batch. Executive member Bateson was a welcome guest at our last general meeting, and his address was warmly applauded. We sometimes wonder how many manpower hours some of these voluntary workers put into weekly on behalf of the League, and it is fully appreciated. One small craft leaves harbours each day about 1.30 p.m., and can be seen full steam ahead down High Street. That's Tug Wilson, the president, making for the R.S.L. office to see if there is anything to be done. Our old opponent, "The Foreign Infiltrator" came in for his share of criticism at last meeting, but he continues to flourish in spite of the verbal barrage. Will it always be so? Preference was debated and the Prime Minister's stand was appreciated, but the red herrings across the track will not take our protagonists from the trail. Sickness has a few of our members. Tommy Train in Perth Hospital, Wholagan in Fremantle Hospital, Kevin Tangney in Hollywood and Bob Miller in Wooroloo are our latest. Chins up, boys, we want you back soon. The secretary reported much for February, but is perturbed that there are still 61 unfinancial to carry forward. This is regrettable, as good money is expended on postage that could be used for better purposes. The next general meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22, in the Town Hall rooms. Try to be present.

MOSMAN PARK

Our February general meeting yielded a record attendance for all time, and many new members were enrolled. The important business of the evening was the adoption of the committee's recommendation for the acceptance of Dick Whittaker's resolution regarding financing the outstanding liability on the hall. The motion was supported by Bill Gee, who gave some illuminating information on what had been done by at least one other organisation to his knowledge. The position is now that arrangements are being made for the issue of 2½ certificates bearing interest at 2½ per cent. Many members have signified their intention of taking certificates, and it is not anticipated that there will be any difficulty in disposing of the whole issue. Much useful information was given to members by Carl Ferguson at a recent sports night, where we entertained the staff of the rehabilitation committee. At least three members will derive immediate benefit from the information given. The service committee is gradually settling down to a line of action and should soon be a factor in assisting members to overcome their relation to rehabilitation, pensions, employment, War Service Homes and taxation. The resignation of our appointed secretary (Keith Woods) was received with regret. Keith is somewhere in the Pacific chasing Nips. In the meantime, Bill Crofts is looking after important office. Plenty of talent was in evidence at the conclusion of the meeting at quoits and darts, and we should have no difficulty in fielding first-class teams in at least these two items.

Women's Auxiliaries

STATE EXECUTIVE

Well-attended meetings of the State Executive were held on February 19 and March 5. Reports were received from members who had visited hospitals and homes during the month and letters of thanks and expressions of appreciation were received also many gifts taken on behalf of country auxiliaries. Arrangements were also made for a United Social for all metropolitan auxiliaries at Anzac House on March 14. A letter was received from the State Executive of the League stating that Mr. R. S. L. on the report submitted to the committee in connection with the proposed War Veterans' Home, for which an appeal will shortly be launched. The news that two new auxiliaries had been formed at Scarborough and Wooroloo was welcomed. On February 22 the State President visited the newly-formed Wooroloo auxiliary and addressed members. Mrs. Hill (president) presided. This auxiliary will form a valuable link with the Sanatorium and will visit any ex-service-man or his dependants there if notified. The Women's Service and Ex-Service Group of the League of Service met in Anzac House on February 28. Among items discussed were certain recommendations to the City Health authorities. Strong support was given to a suggestion by other groups that a "courtesy campaign" be inaugurated.

On February 13 Mrs. McKinlay visited Busselton auxiliary and addressed an afternoon meeting on the activities of the R.S.L. auxiliaries. In addition to auxiliary members, many solicitors for the auxiliary were present by invitation. In the evening the sub-branch entertained the auxiliary to supper and opportunity was given to Mrs. McKinlay to outline the work of R.S.L. auxiliaries in relation to their individual sub-branches.

From Busselton, Mrs. McKinlay journeyed to Bunbury to attend a rally arranged by the Bunbury auxiliary on February 15. There was an attendance of 86 representatives of seven auxiliaries. A meeting was held in the afternoon in the R.S.L. hall, at which Mrs. King (president of Bunbury auxiliary) welcomed the visitors and then handed the chairmanship over to the State President. Brief reports of activities were given by the auxiliaries and addresses by Mrs. McKinlay, Mrs. Henderson (State Secretary) and Mrs. Crofts (Bunbury's representative on the State Executive) on the "Aims and Objects of the R.S.L. " and "Hospital Christmas Cheer" and "Social and Canteen Work" respectively. Mr. Bradshaw (headmaster of the Bunbury High School) read a welcome from the Mayor and appealed to all present to use their influence in procuring playing fields for the high school.

Questions were invited, and among items mentioned by the State President were "War Veterans' Home Appeal," "Support of coming War Loan" and an appeal to wives of young R.S.L. members. In the evening a social was held, at which members of the sub-branch were also present. All
auxiliaries present congratulated Bunbury on the splendid organising of such an instructive and enjoyable rally.

**SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT**

At the annual meeting on February 21 the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. T. Tomkins; vice-presidents, Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Byrne; secretary, Mrs. H. Hames; trustees, Mrs. O' Dea, Mrs. Baty and Mrs. Burnett; committee, Mrs. Tomkins, Mrs. Hames, Mrs. Baty and Mrs. Williams; auditors, Messrs. R. Richardson and Ryan. Mrs. Richardson moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Marsh and Mrs. Cheeseeman, the retiring treasurer and secretary, for their good work while in office. A combined meeting of the sub-branch and auxiliary was held on February 24 to discuss ways and means of raising funds for the coming year. General business was followed by a social evening.

**SOUTH PERTH**

After a recess of two months, the first meeting of the year was well attended. The big event at the end of the year was the bazaar in aid of the building funds. This was conducted in conjunction with the sub-branch. The Christmas party was also a great success. The auxiliary State President (Mrs. McKinlay) and several executive officers were present. With Mrs. Cullen as president, Mrs. Prendergast, secretary; Mrs. Linfoot, treasurer; and a good committee, the auxiliary faces 1945 with confidence. Visits to Heathcote, the repatriation wards of the Perth General Hospital, Sunset, Lemnos and Edward Millen are carried out regularly by members. Auxiliary members also take their turn at the various canteens and at bed-making on their appointed days. The thrift club and war savings group are progressing favourably. Sincere sympathy is extended to two members, Mrs. Norris and Mrs. Guinan, on their recent bereavements.

**COTTESLOE**

The auxiliary raised the sum of £6 for Legacy funds from a bridge and rummy evening at St. Philip's Hall on February 22. On February 18, the auxiliary was on duty at the Anzac House Buffet, which was well attended by servicemen.

**MAYLANDS**

The ladies paid their welcome visits to the Home of Peace, Repat. Ward and to the Old Ladies' Home, distributing sweets, cakes and cigarettes to each. They also decided to send £3/5/- to the Merchant Seamen fund and £2/2/- to the prisoner of war fund. The ladies also visited Mrs. Roberts, an old ex-member who has not been too well for some time. The many friends of our popular retired president (Mrs. Wyne) will be pleased to hear that she is making good progress after her recent illness. It is with regret that we hear of the death of the father of one of our members, Mrs. Stewart, and we all send her our sincere sympathy.

**VICTORIA PARK**

The February meeting was well attended, and Mrs. Hodgkins (president) welcomed members after the holiday recess and thanked them for good work accomplished. Donations were authorised to the Legacy Appeal and the Y.W.C.A. A letter was received from the sub-branch secretary (Mr. Brown) thanking the auxiliary for the cheque handed to Mr. Nicholas on the occasion of the Christmas social. Helpers were called for the first Wednesday of each month for the Silver Bullet. We regret to state that Mrs. Castle, a very energetic worker in all ways, has been very ill, and is at present in the Shenton Park Convalescent Home. We all wish her a speedy recovery. The secretary was asked to send her a letter, expressing the goodwill of all members. Mesdames Haigh and Coleman reported on their fortnightly visits to the Edward Millen Home. Gifts of magazines or papers would be appreciated. These could be handed in at either the committee or general meetings. The war savings group has now reached the £600 mark.

**F.U.S.W.**

Mrs. H. Dean, M.B.E., presided over the monthly social at Anzac House, which was well attended. The visitors included the vice-president women's auxiliaries (Mrs. Stockmin). Mrs. Elsie Ricter spoke on Red Cross matters. She asked for clothing for children who had been bombed out of their homes in London, and exhibited garments showing what could be done with secondhand clothing. One article was a boy's jumper made from a discarded pair of men's socks. Mrs. W. Bissett, a guest speaker, gave interesting information about V.A.D. work in England, especially during the Battle of Britain. Mrs. T. C. Wilson thanked Mrs. Bissett. Mrs. E. Lynch arranged the musical programme, to which Miss Nell Shortland-Jones and Mrs. T. Fremantle contributed. Mrs. H. W. Rigg thanked the performers. Mrs. Dean urged members to keep up the canteen work, and asked for helpers for the Scarborough shop.

The monthly meeting of the F.U.S.W. Younger Set was held on March 5 at the Burt Memorial Hall. During the evening a cheque for £30 was presented to Mr. J. A. Mallett, senior vice-president of Legacy, towards the £25,000 drive, which has been launched in Perth. Attention was drawn to the shortage of staff at the King Edward Memorial Hospital and all members willingly volunteered to carry out any duties allotted to them during the week-ends. The president (Mrs. C. Smith) inaugurated a membership drive. After all business had been discussed supper was served, during which a piano solo was rendered by Miss Joy Gronow.

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**SHOP at FOYS**

For VALUE and Friendly Service!
ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICE MEN

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<td>4th Thursday each month</td>
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<td>ARMY &amp; NAVYhofRMADES' ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Anzac House, Perth</td>
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<td>T. Gartsh, 70 Lincoln Street, North Perth</td>
<td>Jack Kenny, 139 Sixth Avenue, Internetwood</td>
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<td>Annual Meeting</td>
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<td>D. M. Benson, Anzac House, 5 Gardens St, North Perth</td>
<td>Mrs. W. James, 34 Coldstream St, Leederville</td>
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<td>11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>Gregson's, 32 King Street, Room 53, 5th Floor, Gladstone Buildings, Perth</td>
<td>Friday before Anzac Day</td>
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<td>Cr. Dr. C. H. Leadman, Chairman: Anzac House, 59 Tait Ave, Leederville</td>
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<td>E. C. Rogers, 65 Fairfield St, Mt Hawthorn</td>
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<td>SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL FORCES A.B.E.A.</td>
<td>Monash House, corner Hay and King Sts, Room 53, 5th Floor, Gladstone Buildings, Perth</td>
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<td>Major J. W. Colpitta, Anzac House, 70 Stirling St, Perth</td>
<td>Mr. Gumpfich, 539 Hay St, Perth</td>
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<td>TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION</td>
<td>Bassett on, Bassett on, Bassett on, Bassett on</td>
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<td>ARMADALE</td>
<td>RSL Clubrooms</td>
<td>2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Spencer Gwynne</td>
<td>J. Sturrock, Fremantle Road</td>
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<td>BALLIDU DISTRICTS</td>
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<td>A. C. Wallis, Ballidu</td>
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<td>BASSENDEN</td>
<td>Town Hall—Lester Hall</td>
<td>Alternate Thursday (penultimate day of month), 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>C. Cook, Wilson St, Bassendean</td>
<td>F. Hughes, 61 Kathleen St, Bassendean</td>
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<td>BAYSWATER</td>
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<td>KALGOORLIE</td>
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<td>KATANNING</td>
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<td>MANDURAH</td>
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