THE "POLITICAL" CATCH CRY

In terms of its constitution, the League is a non-political and non-sectarian organisation. In other words, we are not the adherents of any political party, nor of any particular church. That, however, does not mean that we should not take an active interest in legislative measures which have a direct bearing on the policy and aims of the League any more than it commits us to a lukewarm agnosticism in spiritual matters.

Since the League, through its leaders, expressed its disapproval of the unsatisfactory Re-establishment and Employment Bill, there have been several attacks on the political independence of our organisation. Perhaps the most ill-founded attack was that made by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Keane) who ended his reference to a public meeting of protest in the Sydney Town Hall with the airy insinuation that the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. had party political associations. At the same time, another Senator said, by innuendo, that the League was the tool of the financial institutions. Both honourable gentlemen should have known better. One can only infer from their remarks that they are victims of a tendency, so noticeable in recent years, towards impatience of criticism; or, they have become so used to gagging Bills through Parliament that they are now trying to gag the League with a clause of its own constitution. At all events, Senator Keane's remarks were published throughout the Australian Press, while evidence in rebuttal, presented by Senator Collett, during the same sitting of the Senate, received little or no publicity at all.

In the first place, as Senator Collett pointed out, the League was formed early in the last war, by men invalided back from Gallipoli and Egypt, and consolidated by those who came back later, in order to afford some assistance to their less fortunate comrades, particularly those who were sick and wounded, and the dependants of those who had fallen. Later, the League was consulted by the Government of the day in connection with the drafting of the repatriation legislation which, on the whole, has proved most successful. The basis of the League, and the reason for its success, is the comradeship formed by men who shared the dangers of the war, which gave to them the understanding of individuals and enabled them to work together, without regard to any man's politics, religion or social status. On that basis, the League has worked ever since: When Australia, in common with most other countries, experienced a period of unrest after the last war, the League exercised a steady influence on the community, which was greatly appreciated by those responsible for good government. That influence has continued ever since, and was particularly noticeable during the depression period. During the present war, the League has contributed in no small way to the nation's war effort; it was mainly responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the Volunteer Defence Corps.

Nevertheless, apart from its responsibilities to its members, the League has a public policy which should be acceptable to every good Australian. That policy embodies the following ten points: (1) The integrity of our Empire; (2) White Australia; (3) an adequate defence force; (4) a vigorous immigration system, with necessary safeguards to ensure suitable migrants being obtained; (5) unification of railway gauges; (6) nationalisation of main roads; (7) systematic immigration of industries; (8) re-afforestation; (9) public health; and (10) trade within the Empire. The League has had the respect of the public, and it enjoys that respect today. It has successfully repulsed every effort—and there have been many—to force it into any party political camp. As an organisation in Western Australia, it refused to discuss last year's referendum, and it has refused to give official recognition to any attempt to form a soldiers' party for the purpose of contesting elections. At the same time, the League has always encouraged its members to take an active part in public life in whatever capacity their talents indicated. That has been of great advantage to the community. A capable and well-directed organisation of about a quarter of a million members can do much to solve the great problems which lie ahead of us.

Perhaps it is the growing strength of the League with its increasing influence in all sections of the community that is feared by those who, if not actively opposed to the League's desires in the direction of preference and the like, are at least lukewarm about them. Senator Keane's professed suspicions about the League having party political associations are quite unwarranted and are entirely without confirmation, in fact. Nevertheless, the League will not run away from any attack on its principles, or on its leaders, whether that attack is launched by any political party or any individual. It is sheer nonsense not to say deliberate misrepresentation to call the League party political because the organisation has been definite enough in stating its dissatisfaction with the preference clauses of Mr. Dedman's Bill. When such a charge is levelled, one cannot escape the conclusion that this has been done solely as an attempt to muzzle the League. We know very well that there
are elements in this country that would like to disrupt the League, or failing that to reduce it to a state of impotence. Indeed, hirelings of those elements have obtained membership of the League for that very purpose. The tactics used in recent months, the attacks on leaders, and on the League's official organs, here and in other States, are all part of a general plan that is being operated, with a dull lack of originality, in organisation other than the League. It is from such sources that hazy generalisations about "being political" are heard most often. It would, indeed, be an appeasement policy of the most futile and pusillanimous order if we were to refrain from speaking, or writing, in support of the League's policies and attacks, or to attack or criticise by some member of a political party, or of some quasi-political body, those who hope to silence us by such tactics are foredoomed to disappointment. The League is an organisation of fighting men. As such, it will hit back vigorously when attacked; and it will fight for the welfare of the serviceman and his dependents, irrespective of what political party or individual the opponent may be. To that extent, and to the extent that we are weathered of the constitutional means and support all legislative enactments that accord with our policy, we are political; but we are certainly not party political.

MISS AUSTRALIA COMPETITION

The appeal for funds for the proposed War Veterans' Home has been in progress for about two months, and donations are coming in fairly well. By the middle of June £3,000 had been collected, and contributions were being received at the rate of £300 a week. Many of the sub-branches have not yet advised their programmes, so far as collecting for the Home is concerned. There are quite a number of sub-branches who have not yet applied for further supplies of brochures and advertising matter to assist them in their efforts to raise funds. So far the sub-branches have contributed little over £200, and the women's auxiliaries about £400. No doubt many functions are being arranged and sub-branch secretaries are urged to advertise the Head Office as to the plans they are making. A day for a street appeal in support of the fund is to be allotted shortly, and the Government Architect is to be approached with a view to drawing up tentative plans for the building. A major effort in support of the War Veterans' Home Fund is the Miss Australia competition, which is in process of being launched. The competition is being conducted along the lines of mutual aid; that is, those patriotic committees and public bodies who nominate candidates are each permitted to retain 50 per cent. of the funds raised. The amounts retained will be applied to their own particular purposes. The remaining 50 per cent. of the gross proceeds will go to the War Veterans' Home Fund. Similar efforts on behalf of their own veteran homes are being made in New South Wales and Victoria. In this State, the competition is being conducted by the League for its own War Veterans' Home, and sponsored by the Press Sub-Branch. The winner of the Miss Western Australia section of this nation-wide competition will be sent to Sydney to take part in the Miss Australia competition. Miss Western Australia will then be sent to Hollywood to represent Australia. The prizes in the State competition are as follows: First prize £1250; second prize £750; third prize £50; with a special prize of £100 for the largest amount collected. It is emphasised that all bodies sponsoring candidates should do so as quickly as possible. Miss Western Australia must be in Sydney on Monday, October 15, when the judging of the interstate winners will take place on the following day. It will be remembered that a West Australian girl, Miss Beryl Mills, was the winner of the first Miss Australia competition, which was held nearly 20 years ago.

The following rules in regard to eligibility and other conditions of the competition should be kept in mind. Candidates must be of British parentage, born in Australia, and not less than 17 years of age. It is suggested that competitors be sponsored by public bodies, such as the League and its sub-branches, patriotic committees, hospital auxiliaries, commercial activities, the motion picture industry, sporting bodies, and so on. Having in mind that Miss Australia will represent our country abroad, it is suggested that committees will select the type of girl of whom every Australian will be proud. Committees sponsoring candidates should complete the forms of entry and return them as soon as convenient to John Chappell, hon. secretary, War Veterans' Appeal, Anzac House, Perth. Candidates will be credited with one vote for each penny paid in support of their candidature. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes will be declared the winner of the town or group competition, which will be held throughout the State. The final selection of State representatives will be made by a special committee which will comprise two medical specialists, two artists, one sculptor, one motion picture executive, one theatrical executive, one physical culturist, one educationalist, and a woman's sports personality. Votes secured, or money raised, will not be taken into consideration by the Adjudication Committee in arriving at its decision. In making its decision, the committee will consider the following attributes: beauty and health, deportment and personality, education, voice culture, photogenic qualities, and sporting qualities. In addition to winning the State prize, the candidate finally chosen as Miss Australia will have a trip overseas. The War Veterans' Appeal Committee will appoint a suitable lady companion to accompany Miss Australia abroad.

GROUP CAPTAIN EDWARDS ENTERTAINED

The list of distinguished men entertained by the State Executive in the boardroom at Anzac House was increased on Tuesday, July 3, when the guest of honour was Group Captain H. I. Edwards, V.C., D.S.O., D.P.C., just one day before the anniversary of his winning the Victoria Cross. He was the second Australian to win the Victoria Cross in this war and the first man from this State and the first Australian airman so to do. At the time he won the coveted award he was a wing commander serving with the Royal Air Force, and already held the Distinguished Flying Cross. It was on July 4, 1941, that he led an important daylight attack on the port of Bremen, one of the most heavily defended towns in Germany. Enemy shipping off the German coast had warned the anti-aircraft defences of the approach of the British bombers, but Wing Commander Edwards brought his formation 50 miles overland to the target. The formation flew low—at a height of less than 50 feet—passing under high tension cables and telegraph wires, and through a thick balloon barrage. On reaching the target, the bombers were met with fierce fire. All Wing Commander Edwards's squadron were hit, and four were destroyed. The attack was delivered successfully and then, with great coolness and skill, Wing Commander Edwards withdrew the surviving aircraft without further loss. The State President, in welcoming Group Captain Edwards to Anzac House, paid tribute to his outstanding service and expressed the hope that he would return to this State and be an inspiration to its young men. Mr. Anderson's welcomes was supported by the president of the R.A.A.F. Welfare Association, Mr. C. A. Hine. In spite...
of the short notice, the reception was well attended by members of the State Executive and others, including official representatives of the three fighting services.

POINTS SYSTEM FOR DEMOBILISATION

A communication from the Department of Post-War Reconstruction has explained the points system in regard to the demobilisation of servicemen. After careful consideration it was decided that length of service, age and marital status should be the basic props of the system. It was considered that length of service should be the main determination, modified by age and marital status, suitably weighted. In the case of men, the factors will be weighted as follows: One year of service will count equally with one month of service, but the length of service of a man who married before the cessation of hostilities will count time and a half. In the case of women, the order of release will be as follows: Those with dependent children; women married before the cessation of hostilities, other than those in the former class; women not included in either of the foregoing classes with dependents other than children; and other women in an order determined by age and length of service. Women who marry after the cessation of hostilities will be considered for release on compassionate grounds. Individual priorities will apply within the groups mentioned. Age and length of service will be so weighted that one month of service will count equally with four months of age, as at date of enlistment. Discharge in advance of normal priority may be given on occupational grounds in the national interest, or for the purpose of undertaking full-time training. Within these two groups individual priorities will apply. The actual weightings have not been finally adopted. At present, they are being checked statistically as to incidence. More advice will be given from time to time as further information becomes available.

UNRECORDED DISABILITIES

The following motion was recently submitted to the Minister for Repatriation:

That if the disability which led to the member's discharge is not recorded on the medical report made at the commencement of war service, it be assumed, in the absence of definite evidence to the contrary, not to have been present at that time.

The Minister in his reply said:

I think it can safely be said that the principle asked for in the resolution is being followed.

War pensions are a form of compensation for incapacity arising out of war service, and that is the only logical and reasonable principle to accept as a basis for the grant of war pension in respect of incapacity.

The capacity is penAssiable if it has been aggravated by his service.

Section 101 (la) of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act, 1920-1943, provides for a wide interpretation of "arises out of his service," and Section 47 places upon the Repatriation Commission the onus of proving that an incapacity is not attributable to, or aggravated by, service.

I have given much thought to this topic but consider that the existing provisions of the Act are adequate and equitable.

PUBLIC SERVICE VACANCIES

The R.S.L. in this State recently suggested to the Commonwealth Government that all vacant positions in the Commonwealth Public Service should be brought to the notice of
Where it has been necessary to fill an occasional permanent position, and in filling temporary positions under the Public Service Act, the provisions of the law in regard to preference to ex-members of the Forces are complied with.

In connection with the circulation of information relating to vacancies, all Commonwealth departments have been asked that, where there are vacant permanent or temporary positions carrying salary of not less than £400 per annum to which an appointment from outside Public Service personnel is to be made, advice be sent promptly to the Service departments containing particulars of salary, brief description of duties and any special qualifications or experience which it is considered desirable that applicants should possess. It was also requested that the Service departments be given as long a period of notice as possible when determining the closing date of applications.

EMPLOYED P's.O.W.

In reply to representations made by the R.S.L., the Minister for Labour and National Service has advised the League that where a prisoner of war is permanently employed in rural industry and has an aggregate experience of six months therein, the employer contributes the sum of £2 per week to the Government. Of this, a very small proportion is credited to the prisoner and, after allowing for the cost incurred by the Army in administration, etc., the balance is credited to the United Kingdom Government.

At times prisoners are employed on urgent seasonal work and employers pay to the employing authority a piece rate or prevailing district contract rates, but the prisoner does not receive any additional allowance.

"The League may rest assured," states the Minister, "that it is not and has never been the intention of the Government to permit these Italian prisoners of war to remain permanently in Australia. In due course they will be returned to their own country.

"They are being employed only as a temporary expedient until such time as our own rural labour is available in sufficient force and are not allowed to work on any property when other labour is available. At present their use is resulting in the production of necessary food which our depleted Australian rural labour cannot handle in sufficient quantities."

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STATE PRESIDENT’S MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

In his monthly News Letter, the State President (Mr. J. M. Anderson) gave the reminder that July is the month in which items for inclusion in the congress agenda must be submitted. Submissions are made for all offices connected with the State Executive. The closing date for nominations is July 26. As many problems connected with post-war reconstruction are arising, it is desired that as many sub-branches as possible should be directly represented at this year’s congress. Mr. Anderson also pointed out that a delegate belonging to a district takes back a lot of information which is useful to his own sub-branch.

Royal Australian Navy

The Re-establishment and Employment Bill has been considered by the Senate in recent weeks, and only one or two amendments were made. The main alteration was the addition of a penalty for any breach of the section of the Act, which deals with wrongful discharge after re-instatement. The position now is that the regulations have to be gazetted. As the Act provides much power to be exercised, regulations are awaiting the making of these regulations to see if any suggestions made by the League are incorporated. It will be recognised that if the regulations and the administration are sympathetic, this will do much to make even an unsatisfactory Act more workable and more in keeping with what the League had desired. I had this in mind when the Federal Executive interviewed the Acting Prime Minister (Mr. Chifley) the Minister for War Re-construction (Mr. Dedman) and Dr. Coombs in the Prime Minister’s office at Canberra last month. At the time, the Minister was asked if he would agree to the appointment of only returned men on committees, but he set up under the Act. He said that this was his intention, with very few exceptions, and I am hopeful that he will comply with his statement. The Minister pointed out that it was not intended to appoint other than returned men to these committees in cases where very exceptional qualifications were held. We, of course, feel that returned men with the qualifications for all positions could be found, if a proper survey were made. I am confident that the League’s action will make all the difference to the working of this Act. Therefore we should watch all appointments very closely. The committees have a good deal of power, and no doubt could offset to a material degree any unsympathetic action by officers of the department.

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enter into an agreement with the Regional Reconstruction Training Committee. The difference between the actual adult award rate and the partial allowance paid by the employer will be adjusted automatically at regular periods and the amount of reimbursement by the Commonwealth Government decreased progressively until the trainee arrives at 100 per cent of the adult award rate.

12. The period of full-time vocational training in technical schools or colleges will, in general, vary according to the calling, whilst the total period of training of any trainee will be determined by the Industrial Committee. This period will, as a general rule be one year less than the ordinary period of apprenticeship, but a reduction may be made by the Committee after due consideration of qualifications, ability and/or experience of the trainee.

13. In certain trades and callings for which facilities for full-time training are not available at technical schools or consideration, where the use of such facilities would not be justified in view of the small numbers concerned, arrangements will be made, whenever possible, for training to be given in industrial establishments approved for the purpose by the Regional Committee.

14. Living allowances for full-time trainees will be paid by the Department of Labour and National Service, and the conditions regarding hours, holidays, annual leave and loss of allowance in industrial awards or agreements relevant to the trade or occupation in which training is being given and applicable to the approved industrial establishment concerned. Conditions in respect of sick leave, special leave and other similar contingencies will, however, be the same as for all trainees.

15. Part-time training by class instruction or correspondence is available to those members who desire (a) to complete an approved course of training commenced under the Service during the war and return to a call of war; (b) to enter upon an approved part-time course with a view to improving their occupational status. Eligible applicants for part-time training are, in general, enrolled in existing classes subject only to the pre-requisites normally required of ordinary civilian students such as ability to profit from the course and, in some cases, occupational requirements.

16. Tuition fees, cost of essential books and tools, normally required of civilian students are paid by the Commonwealth. Government up to a limit of £60 for any part-time trainee. Correspondence instruction may be considered as an extension of part-time training. Eligible and selected applicants are enrolled in the same way as for civilian students and their fees, etc., up to a limit of £60 are paid by the Commonwealth Government.

17. Where the course, required by the trainee is not available from an educational authority in Western Australia, an application referred to the Regional Committee in a State possessing such a course with the request that arrangements be made for the student to be enrolled as a correspondence student. Fees for such courses are paid by the Commonwealth in the case of training within Western Australia.

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**At the meeting of the State Executive on June 20, it was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr. D. Paton, who was a patient in the General Hospital, and pillar of the North-East Fremantle Sub-Branch, was the first returned soldier of the present war to be elected to the State Executive. Actually, this was virtually a re-election, because Dave gave up his seat on the executive to go to the present war. He had been an executive delegate for some years before the present war broke out, and he was one of the leaders of the fight to have the height of enlistment lowered. When the Army authorities did decide in this direction, Dave immediately enlisted. He and Hughie Leslie, M.L.A., are the only two executive members who served in both wars. Fred Benson is another two-war man. He played an active part in that little unpleasantness we had with President Kruger at the beginning of the century, and dommed khaki again for the war of 1914-18. The record for campaigns, however, is held by former State President Alf Yeates, who served in the last war.

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**Members of the Albany Sub-Branch report, with deep regret, the death of a real soldier and a fine comrade, Lieut-Colonel W. A. Lommer-Cowie, who answered the Last Post on June 15. He saw active service in the Burmese War and with the Chitral Relief Force. At one time an officer of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, he transferred to the Indian Army and commanded the 14th Bn, the 1st fought in three wars. They were the South African War of 1899-1902, the Boxer Rebellion in China and what the newspapers now call World War No. 1. We sincerely hope that Dave Paton will soon be back with his colleagues at executive meetings.

**With our fellow members of the Albany Sub-Branch in offering deep sympathy to Mr. W. J. Watson (4th Bn.) and his son, Sgt. W. H. Watson, who has been reported missing in action after the loss of a son and brother, killed in a recent air crash.

A well-known member of the Boyneup sub-branch, Mr. Joseph Hodgkinson, who was chief engineer of the Boyneup butter factory, collapsed and died at his work on June 30. The late Mr. Hodgkinson was a popular citizen and his passing was a great blow to the district. He was 58 years of age, and had been a sergeant-major in a Scottish regiment in the last war. He will be greatly missed, especially when the Imperial toast is proposed at sub-branch reunions. He always responded to that toast, at which there was none of his force. At one time an officer of the Royal

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**At the July meeting of the Swan View Greenmount sub-branch, members expressed regret at the sudden death of their fellow member, Mr. C. J. H. Smith. He was a veteran of the war and had served in the last war. We join with the sub-branch in tendering deep and sincere sympathy to his widow, Mrs. Burton, his brother, who is a prisoner of war in Borneo, and other members of his family.

**Mr. Fred J. Pearson, The Listening Post’s Nannup-Jarrahwood correspondent, resigned the office of social secretary of the sub-branch during May through pressure of business. He has been associated with League affairs. Though inclined to his light of his performance under the bosh of modesty, his hobby has always been that of creating human understanding, and the regard for the work involved in this great field has kept him actively engaged in many spheres. Joining the A.I.F. in March, 1915, he served with the 12th Bn. and went through all the big fighting on Gallipoli, until he collected at Lone Pine. We are glad to have his assurance that he will continue his contributions to the L.P.

**Two old soldiers faced each other in pleasant circumstances a few weeks ago when former State President Alf Yeates, as one of the Y.M.C.A. trustees, made a presentation to Mr. Robert Dewar, who, after his retirement from the Australian Naval Forces, decided to help Y.M.C.A. workers in various camps. The presentation was a memento of this service. Alf Yeates and Bob Dewar first met when they were soldiers together in India 40 years ago. There was a reunion on the night when the association was in the 44th Bn. of the A.I.F. in the last war. Mr. Dewar, responding to the presentation, referred to the humorous side of soldiering in India. Part of his duties at one time was helping to look after a dairy herd. The supply of milk for the sick was a major problem, and he decided to find ways of increasing the supply. The milk was to be collected from the native supply and used in the death rate from enteric fever declining from thirteen per cent. to two per cent. Mr. Dewar has been an active member of the League in Western Australia. Years ago, he was a member of the sub-branch. His two sons, both Staff Corps officers, are serving in the present war.

Congratulations to Mr. James Elliott, a pioneer settler of the Karrelocking district, on the new distinction gained by his son, Squadron-Leader E. J. Elliott. In April last year, Flying Officer Elliott, as he was then, was awarded the D.F.C. for “a tour of operations which has been outstanding for consistency and good flying.” Now, Mr. Elliott’s son has been awarded the Air Force Cross “in further recognition of his splendid services.” Squadron-Leader Elliott is 24 and has been overseas for three years. All of his operations have been with the 800 Squadron R.A.F. Central Mediterranean Forces. He was born at Wyatchakine. His early education was limited to the sixth standard at the North Karrelocking school, where there were never more than 15 pupils. To get into the R.A.F., he had to take the London Aeronautical Examination and lecturers arranged by the R.A.F. His final training was received in England. His proud father, Jim Elliott, has had a good war record himself. In the last war he served with the 16th Bn. and was awarded the Military Medal with Bar.

Lieut-Colonel R. W. Blair, E.D., has been appointed Corps Commander of the V.D.O. in W.A. on a part-time basis in place of the late Mr. R. B. Robinson. Colonel Blair served abroad in the 1st Bn., Battalion and later with the Air Force. During this war he served on various administrative staffs and commanded V.D.O. groups in the South-West and Geraldton. The Colonel is a member of the Geraldton branch of the Royal Flying Corps in this State. His only son, Bob, who was a pilot in the R.A.A.F., was killed in France in October.

**Jack Matthews, one-time secretary of the Victoria Park sub-branch is back in civvies again, after a spell in the Army. He has been elected to the sub-branch committee. His brother, Robert, still on active service with the R.A.F., is now a member of the sub-branch.

**Syd. Anderson, of Victoria Park, has been discharged from the R.A.A.F. after five years service. He is a dental mechanic in civilian
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life. Before he enlisted, he was often heard "over the air" doing the George Formby act with his ukulele. Syd is open for evening engagements, and sub-branch secretaries should take note.

Mrs. Wal. Tolmie, elected president of the Victoria Park women's auxiliary last month, is no stranger to the presidential chair. It is claimed that Mrs. Tolmie holds a record in this respect, having been president from 1934 to 1939. She had been secretary for four years before that.

Albany sub-branch congratulates one of its new members, Pte R. Mair, on being awarded the Military Medal.

Mention of Alf Guy in the June Listening Post has reminded a member of West Swan sub-branch of the yeoman service rendered by this real soldier as a V.D.C. officer in the present war. Severely wounded while serving with the 44th Bn, in France, he was able to contradict a greatly exaggerated report of his own death. Disabilities did not prevent him from becoming a foundation member of the V.D.C. in this war, and serving as a company commander in the Swan Bn, with conspicuous ability and devotion to duty. His company ("D" Coy.) recently tendered him and Mr. Guy a social evening in recognition of his services. The West Swan sub-branch claims the credit for the discovery of Alf Guy, as he was their original unit leader, but he has always been a soldier since his cadet days, so perhaps it would be more correct to say the sub-branch recognised his ability.

R. McLean Roberts, a stalwart of the Carlisle sub-branch and a former contributor to the Listening Post, has been on the sick list for some time. All who know him regret to hear this, and wish him a speedy recovery.

A recent wedding at Carlisle carried with it the blessing of all members of the sub-branch. The happy young couple are Jack Nil, son of Frank Nil, and Yvonne, daughter of Alec Calder. Their fathers are both members of the sub-branch. The bridegroom was taken prisoner at El Alamein. He was a P.O.W. in Italy for a time, but managed to escape into Switzerland. Since getting back into Civvy Street he has taken up duty with the P.M.G.'s Department at Pinjarra. Like his father, he is a member of the Carlisle sub-branch.

Squadron-Leader F. J. Horwood (R.A.A.F.) has announced his intention of standing for the forthcoming by-election for the Greenough seat of the Legislative Assembly as a Country and Democratic League candidate. He joined the first A.I.F. at the age of 17 and served as an artilleryman in France and Belgium. After the war he became a farmer at Deepdale, Geraldton, and was a member of the R.S.L. until he joined the R.A.A.F. in 1941. When the present war started he was appointed manpower officer at Geraldton and toured the area from Carnamah to Wiluna with the first A.I.F. recruiting board in November, 1939. Later he travelled through the same area in the R.A.A.F. recruiting train. It was on this train that the late Flying Officer Newton, who won the Greenough seat at the last general election, enlisted in Mingenew. In 1942, Flying Officer Horwood went to Darwin. Later he served in north Queensland, the islands and from there to Cape York. Practically the whole of his service since July, 1942, has been in the tropics. He has commanded R.A.A.F. units since July, 1943, and is still doing so in the North. His eldest son joined the R.A.A.F. immediately he became 18, and is now an air crew trainee.

Mr. M. E. (Morrie) Zeffert received well-merited eulogy from members of Perth Legacy at the annual meeting held on July 10. The president of Legacy usually holds this office for one year only, but so successful was Morrie's year which concluded in 1944 that members unanimously requested him to continue for a second term. With the completion of this year the foundation of the organisation of the big job ahead is well laid, and for this much of the credit was rightly given to the retiring president. His untiring zeal, his insight, his driving power and his eloquence has set a standard which will be difficult to emulate.

The new president of Perth Legacy is Mr. Jack A. Mallett, who is well known as "Martingale" of The Western Mail. He served as a commissioned officer in the British Army in the last war and came to W.A. shortly after. Jack is a fluent, witty speaker and a sincere worker, and is a worthy successor to Morrie Zeffert.

We offer with our own the congratulations of all members of this Branch of the League to our worthy State President (Mr. J. M. W. Anderson) on his new appointment. He was recently made Chief Electoral Officer for Western Australia. We wish him every success in this important office.

It is with the deepest regret that we record the recent death of Mrs. P. R. E. Terelink, who was for many years secretary for the Nedlands women's auxiliary. The deceased lady was the widow of one of the early members of the Nedlands sub-branch. She remained a staunch supporter of all activities of the League and its members since she relinquished the secretaryship. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. It was only a few weeks before her death that she found time to write to The Listening Post expressing appreciation of the paper's leading articles and its policy.

Everyone who has met Mr. V. H. Johnson, M.H.R., will be pleased that he has been included in the Chifley Cabinet as Minister for the Interior. Mr. Johnson represents a big slice of the interior, as his electorate is the biggest in Australia. Many Diggers will remember with gratitude the stand taken by Mr. Johnson during the debate on the Re-establishment Bill. He said that, although his own union, the A.W.U., of which he is Federal President, had made a declaration to the contrary, he believed in preference for returned servicemen.

Many good fellows who served in the First Great War have since made their military service more than a hobby. In their sacrifice of time and energy they gave much to their comrades, and when the Second World War arrived, they formed the backbone of the new army. Such a chap is Lieut-Colonel Harry Wilson, who we are delighted to join, with his host of friends in congratulations on receiving the well-deserved honour from H.M. the King of the Order of the British Empire.

Congratulations to Mr. L. Glaeuet, the Curator of the Museum, on being awarded the Royal Medal for outstanding scientific achievement. Mr. Glaeuet, who is the Digger of the last war, is a past president of Perth Legacy and a member of the Press sub-branch. He is an excellent lecturer with a keen sense of humour, and has addressed sub-branches on many matters, his specialty being a subject of which he spent much time in research during his active service days, that of "chats."

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PREFERENCE?

Vincent J. Brady, Digger and Law graduate of the University of Sydney, who is the League's solicitor in New South Wales, has defended the Commonwealth Government's preference facade with a burst of remorseless logic. He was referring to the recent application before the High Court of Australia by former New South Wales Senator Digger Dunn, who appealed against the appointment of Mr. Hanlon, Editor of The Worker, and a non-service man, as a member of the Board of the Australian Broadcasting Commission. Dunn's application was sponsored by the N.S.W. Branch, not because he wanted the job, but as a test case in which it had to be proved that some returned man was available and capable of filling the job. The application was made under Section 117 of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act, which lays down that in all appointments to the Commonwealth Public Service, or to the service of an authority of the Commonwealth, preference must be given to returned servicemen. The Court ruled that Digger Dunn was competent to fill the appointment, but that the Board of the A.B.C. was not a service-man in the authority of the Commonwealth. The question was one of definition. Had the disputed appointment been one on the permanent staff of the Commission the Court, it was stated by the appeal judge, would have found in Dunn's favour. The position afforded ex-servicemen's to Section 117 of the Repatriation Act is now repealed and Section 27 of the Dedman Act will apply instead. That is the section which, in Mr. Brady's words, forces the ex-serviceman "to run the gauntlet against the civilian." It is an escape clause which replaces all previous preference legislation. That is why Mr. Brady thinks the Bill should more correctly be termed the Abolition of Preference Bill.

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Air Commodore Brownell served with the A.I.F. as a gunner in the last war. As such, he won the Military Medal. Afterwards he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps and, during his service as a fighter-pilot, he won the Military Cross. After the war he became a permanent officer of the R.A.A.F. when it was established.

During his service in this State he has always been a good friend to the League and has won many friends for himself. While we deeply regret his departure, we congratulate him on his transfer to an overseas command and hope that the transfer will provide opportunities for new distinctions. We wish him "all the best, a safe return, and hope that a third term of duty in Western Australia is not so far ahead.

As Air Commodore R. J. Brownell found it difficult to accept the State Executive's invitation to a formal farewell function before he left the State, he sent a letter along to the State Executive, in the course of which he wrote: "As you are aware, I have been associated with the Royal Australian Air Force in Western Australia since its inception (with a few gaps when I have held other commands), and I can definitely say that our associations with the R.S.S. & A.I.A have always been most pleasant. We were only a small show when I first came here, but we have grown, and I think the postwar Air Force should be an Air Force of which this country will be proud. I only hope that it will be my good fortune to have the command over here again, when I will have the opportunity of linking up with all the good friends I have made in the R.S.S. & A.I.A."

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REPATRIATION BUILDING

As members of the League, we are especially interested in the present acute housing shortage, and are naturally in agreement with those who believe that the erection of homes for servicemen and their wives, or their dependants, should have priority over public buildings. In the matter of public buildings themselves, we believe that those to be erected for the welfare of the servicemen, and for the accommodation of departmental staffs implementing plans for their rehabilitation and welfare, should be built before other departmental buildings. It is imperative that officials of the Repatriation Commission, for instance, should carry out their own work under conditions likely to aid, rather than impede their work. At the last June meeting of the State Executive, delegates were unanimous in agreeing to make a strong protest to the Minister for Repatriation (Mr. Frost) against the apparent deferment of the building of the new repatriation centre at the foot of William Street, Perth. It was also agreed to ask for a No. 2 priority for the work so that, when demobilisation of the Forces takes place, the staff and accommodation will be adequate to meet the needs of the Commission. Months have elapsed since the site for the new Repatriation centre
alleged that certain officers of his own battalion of the first A.I.P. had been cashiered for cowardice. Other Digger members of the Senate gave Amour the lie direct on that occasion. An officer can be cashiered only by sentence of court-martial, and the official records of the battalion showed, when consulted, that no such courts-martial had ever been held.

Billo, just back from an operational area, was holding forth about the Army Education Service. "Anyway," he said, "you've got to hand it to them for some of the good they've done. Take the case of Bluey Green in our mob. He couldn't read or write when he joined up. He was one of those poor crows what had to put a cross on his attestation paper. Well, the C.O. sent him along to the Army Education wallahs, and in less than six weeks he was up before the colonel for forging a leave pass!"

According to a recent cable, America's swooner, Frank Sinatra, has had an audience with the Pope, during the course of which he assured His Holiness that he would never sing in grand opera. Surely such an assurance was unnecessary.

The old serviceman's habit of being tattooed is one that dies hard. It was almost universal in the days before identity discs were issued and, therefore, gave rise to the recognised means of establishing identification. Young sailors and soldiers were not so keen on the business during the last war, and the practice seems to be less prevalent among the present generation of servicemen. However, one does run across it now and then. Consider the case of the recently discharged soldier who was so proud of becoming a member of the League that he had a representation of the badge tattooed on his forearm. One fears the poor lad will have a painful time getting the financial crown altered every year.

Australia war graves and memorials in the European theatre suffered surprisingly little damage by reason of the German occupation of such territory. This pleasing reassurance was given in a report of the Australian Director of War Graves Services. He gained the information from the Imperial War Graves Commission, while on a recent visit to London.

German authorities had been particularly anxious to ensure that all war cemeteries, whether of the late or the present war, should be well maintained. The Germans even appointed an officer of the German Army to see that this was done. By permission of the Germans, the French and Belgian authorities attended to the care and maintenance of all war graves in a most satisfactory manner. In regard to memorials, the Menin Gate Memorial has been slightly scarred by shell splinters, but it is not thought that the structure of the memorial has been affected. The memorial at Mont St. Quentin is intact and undamaged, except that the bronze statue and bronze hand have been removed. In the cemetery at Villers-Bretonneux, some of the headstones have been broken or damaged by shell fire, but very little damage has been sustained by any cemetery.

The orders against fraternising with the enemy are being carried out more strictly in Germany today than they were after the last war. Similar orders were issued last time, but as British and American soldiers were billeted in German houses, some social contacts with German civilians were unavoidable.

VARIA

Last year the late Mr. Datchens of the Osborne Park Hotel, who was a prisoner of war in Germany during the last war, showed a huge picture of the Red Cross in the front bar, and patrons were asked to contribute, and the money being raised, the coins being stuck around the cross, according to size and denomination. This was the means of raising a large sum for the local Red Cross. This year his widow, Mrs. Datchens, organised a similar appeal which raised £11. At a special function in the local picture gardens on June 13, Mrs. Datchens was presented with a framed photograph of the novel picture on behalf of the Red Cross. The presentation took place at a picture show given by the proprietor, Mr. McClure, on behalf of the Red Cross.

News of the projected meeting of the Big Three makes one wonder if Tokio will deliver a counter-thrust by convening a meeting of the Big One.

A certain type of politician has developed a new technique in the ancient and ignoble art of mud-throwing—that of traducing someone outside Parliament who is accused of asking a question. This technique has developed since sniping at a man under cover of Parliamentary privilege has fallen into such well-deserved disrepute. Referring to a recent R.S.L. meeting in Sydney to protest against the Demonstration protection Bill, Senator Amour asked if the convener of the meeting, Major-General F. A. MacGuire, had not been an accountant of the United Australia Party with an eye on a seat in Parliament. Senator Amour should know quite well that Major-General MacGuire is a member of the medical profession, and a very distinguished one at that, and has never been an accountant for the U.A.P. or anyone else. Some years ago, the same Senator Amour, again under cover of Parliamentary privilege,
able. In fact, many British Tommies married German women. Nine months after General Pershing issued the non-fraternisation order to American troops, the men were removed from billets to barracks, and the order was rescinded. By that time it had become desirable that better social relations between soldiers and the better class German families should exist, if only from the fact that association with women of lower type has caused a sharp rise in the incidence of V.D.

The British 11th Armoured Division has as its G.O.C. Major-General G. P. B. Roberts, a triple D.S.O., who is only 38 years old. One of his brigadiers, Churcher by name, is 39, while Lieut.-Colonel Max Robinson, of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, is only 28. The Division fought in North Africa and on the Western Front. It went through eleven months of fighting with only five weeks' rest. Most tank commanders in the present war have been surprised by the stamina of their men. During the last war, tank men sometimes bled from the nose and the ears. None of this has been recorded in this war, despite the fact that tank men have often been in action for 30 days at a stretch, without any relief.

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**State Executive**

**June 8, 1945**

**Visitors.**—At the meeting of the State Executive on June 8, the State President welcomed Mr. J. Campbell from Vandaconko State. His visit was due to a request of the Federal Government Architect.

**Announcements.**—The executive was invited to attend the meeting of the State Executive on Monday, June 11. The State President announced that a deputation of the executive members will be sent to the Government Architect in connection with leave conditions of the exhibition with the Australian Government and the Commonwealth of Australia. The meeting was attended by the Secretary and Members of the Membership Committee.

**Rehabilitation.**—The report of the Rehabilitation Committee was read, and the committee was recommended to consider the appointment of a full-time officer, particularly for work in connection with ex-servicemen and women. The matter was referred to the Membership Committee.

**Service Women.**—Sub-Branches of the State have been approached with a request to consider the appointment of a full-time officer, particularly for work in connection with ex-servicemen and women. The matter was referred to the Membership Committee.

**Yarramool Eastward Railway.**—Several letters were received from soldier settlers declaring that the long-promised railway was to be thrown open to the public by the end of the month. The report was adopted.

**Veterans' Home.**—The total amount collected for the Veterans' Home was £2,728. Subscriptions were coming in at the rate of £200 a week, and extensive advertising was being used. A day a year was to be set aside for the purpose.

**Relocation.**—The report of the Re-establishment Committee was read, and the committee was recommended to consider the appointment of a full-time officer, particularly for work in connection with ex-servicemen and women. The matter was referred to the Membership Committee.

**Hospitals.**—The Hospital Advisory Committee reported on the conditions at Wards X and XI of the Perth General Hospital. The committee was approached with a request to take steps to increase the number of beds available to ex-servicemen on the land.

**N.S.W. Appeal.**—Strong exception was taken to the action of the organisers of a N.S.W. appeal to raise £25,000 for the Veterans' Home, and that the weekly income was the only way in which the appeal could be carried out.

**State President.**—The State President reported that £3,287 had been collected for the Veterans' Home, and that the weekly income from the sale of stamps was £200. The arrangements for publicity, the Miss Australia competition, street appeal and sub-branch activities were discussed.

**Reparation Committee.**—The Reparation Committee's report mentioned cases where financial assistance was being paid, and it was wished to start in business for themselves on the 1st January. The committee was asked to continue the investigation, and the steps being taken to secure a remedy.

**Membership.**—The Membership Committee's report showed that membership of the W.A. Branch is now about 18,000. New sub-branches formed during the month are: Busselton, Geraldton, Fremantle-Clyde, and the North Beach Sub-branches.

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**Tramway Appointments.**—The Minister for Railways replied to a recent deputation in connection with the appointment of non-returning soldiers to positions in the Railway and Tramway Departments. The Minister's letter was referred to the Membership Committee.

**Aliens.**—Maylands Sub-Branch expressed the hope that, if the German war in North Africa was over, that they might be allowed to remain here after the war. A similar letter was received from Balladine Sub-Branch, who were living in the country. The matter was referred to the Membership Committee.

**Penal Patients.**—A sub-committee, comprising Membership Committee members, was appointed to investigate complaints made by Maylands and Nedlands Sub-branches in regard to conditions in the country. The matter was referred to the Membership Committee.

**Housing.**—A letter was received from Maylands Sub-Branch about the delay in releasing married quarters for new families. The matter was referred to the Membership Committee.

**Service Personnel.**—The Minister for Air announced that the Air Force had been asked to forward to the Federal Government a list of the number of men who wished to return to service at home. The matter was referred to the Membership Committee.

**Railway and Tramway.**—The bill for the railway and tramway was introduced in the House of Representatives. The action taken was resolved to send the request to the Executive.

**State President.**—A letter was received from Federal Correspondence organs of N.S.W. and Allied States, enclosing a report of the Membership Committee's report. The letter was referred to the Membership Committee.

**Annual Report.**—The report of the Membership Committee was read, and it was resolved that the report be considered at the next meeting of the executive.

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The complaint of a country sub-branch against an alien securing a building permit is to be referred to the Premier and to the Minister for War Organisation of Industry.

Visitor.—At this stage, the State President welcomed Mr. R. Marsh, an executive officer of the Demobilisation Committee of the Department of Postwar Reconstruction. Acknowledging the welcome, Mr. Marsh briefly traversed the plans for demobilisation and was thanked for his information.

Aged Sailors and Soldiers.—The report of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund recommended that the executive ask the trustees of the fund to make a donation of £5,000 to the War Veterans' Home Fund.

Re-establishment and Employment Bill.—A circular from the Federal Office contained recommendations from the Australian Capital Territory Branch, mendations from the Australian Capital Territory. The Premier and members of the Senate, and the Federal President's reply disagreeing with the suggestion. It was resolved that this matter be referred to the Reinstatement Committee. A letter on the subject from the Mullawa Sub-branch was also referred to the Reinstatement Committee.

V.D.C.—The Federal Office has been officially notified that the Army could not regard an ex-member's service in the Volunteer Defence Corps before the Corps was taken over by the Army as part of his service in the Australian Military Forces.

Sub-Branches.—N.E. Freeram Sub-Branch drew attention to a recent Commonwealth Bank, which contained the names of the salaried staff of the Postwar Reconstruction Department and the Department of War Organisation of Industry, the preponderance being highly in favour of non-soldiers in the higher salaried grades. The letter was referred to the Reinstatement Committee. (The matter was covered very fully in the editorial and other articles in the June 'Listening Post'.)

Subiaco Sub-Branch drew attention to articles in 'Mutty' the official organ of the Victorian Branch, on the League's policy on the alien question. It was explained that these Federal congress items had already been published, and the reply was left to the State Secretary.

The appointments of officials as advised by the Saloon Gums, Spearwood, Hamilton Hill, North-East Freeram and Bedford-Morley Parks Sub-Branches were confirmed.

Subiaco Sub-Branch recommended the appointment of a sub-committee to investigate conditions of the Metropolitan Markets as affecting returned soldiers in business. It was agreed that the sub-branch be asked for specific instances where returned soldiers in business had reported dissatisfaction.

Nedlands Sub-Branch reported that residents of Sunset had benefited very little from the recent increases of old age and invalid pensions, as the institution is reported to have taken the greater part of the increases. The matter was referred to the Repatriation Committee. A protest was sent to the Department of War Organisation of Industry.

Sub-Branch Activities

VICTORIA PARK

There was an attendance of 88 at the meeting over which President Alf Nicholas presided on June 15, despite the bad weather. The annual election saw the return of all last year's officeholders, with the addition to the committee of Edgar Chatham and Jack Motherwell. Visitors included the District Committee's delegate to the State Executive (Mr. Alan Blake), Mr. George Hamer (Secretary W. Yorke), Mr. H. G. Crofts (Carlisle) and Mr. Millan (Gloucester Park). Plans for the extension of the hall have been submitted to the authorities concerned for a permit to make the necessary alterations. The District Committee is planning a monster olympics at the Gloucester Park Oval. A social will be held on August 2, when the winner of the Stan Gurney, V.C., Shield will be announced. Membership is now about 500.

GRAYLANDS

The president (Mr. S. Wainwright) presided over an enthusiastic meeting of 30 members at the June meeting. Another new member, Mr. Alex Thompsett, who had a good fighting record with the 51st Bn. in the last war, was introduced. The secretary announced that more members, including men just back from the present war, would be joining us at the next meeting. The main business concerned the Claremont Poplar Girl competition. Ten young ladies are taking part, and great interest has been aroused.

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The following officers were elected at the June meeting: President, Mr. A. McLean; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Faulkner and E. G. Davies; secretary, Mr. R. Gill; assistant-secretary, Mr. G. Rankin; treasurer, Mr. J. Donley; auditors, Messrs. McDowell and W. N. Findlay; general committee, Messrs. W. C. Baker, A. R. McGrath, C. V. Fairhead, R. B. Maxwell, C. L. Lee, W. N. Findlay and R. L. Davies; delegates to the District Committee, Messrs. J. G. Sneddon, E. O. Davies and C. Rough; manager of "Green Envelope," Mr. J. G. Sneddon; editor, "Green Envelope," Mr. W. Blyth; publicity officer, Mr. R. L. Davies; stewards, Messrs. W. T. Combes, A. E. Mack and J. Wilson; building committee, Messrs. E. G. Davies, J. Faulkner, N. F. Cliff, J. G. Sneddon, E. B. Rosenhal, W. N. Findlay, and R. L. Davies; auditors, Messrs. E. O. Davies, R. Gill, and J. G. Rankin. A series of community concerts, to be held in the North Perth Town Hall on Tuesday evenings, will include a juvenile talent competition and will be broadcast by Station SKY from 6.15 P.M. to 10.30 p.m. The North Perth Returned Soldiers Entertainers put on a repeat performance of their colourful Cairo Waxworks skit, together with a re-arranged programme of individual and collective items, in the North Perth Town Hall on July 17. The show was produced by Mr. D. Pedlar and the artists were members of the sub-branch assisted by members of the auxiliary and younger set. The proceeds went to the North Perth R.S.L. Memorial Hall building fund. It is intended to repeat the show in the near future, either in Anzac House or the Perth Town Hall. In the happier days between the wars, the North Perth Sub-Branch produced many very fine shows, one of which was a play based on the lost war, written by Mr. Cliff himself. The reunion of such activities by the sub-branch is both interesting and welcome.

ARMADALE

The monthly meeting was held on June 13 with a fair attendance of members present. The following new members joined the sub-branch: Messrs. A. E. Jolly (R.A.A.F.), Y. H. Mead and R. Henderson (2/6th Bn) and F. T. Dodda (11th Bn). After consideration by the committee, it was decided to support the War Veterans Home Appeal and the Montgomery appeal. An appeal by a special committee on the Fighting Services Association was adopted. The hon. secretary (Mr. J. Sturrock) adhered to his decision to resign and it was left to the committee to call a special meeting to appoint his successor.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

The very large and enthusiastic attendance at the general meetings during the past few months has been most satisfactory and encouraging, and this high standard was maintained at the June meeting when the following officers were installed for the ensuing year: President, Lieut-Colonel Jack Heraty; vice-president, A. Charlton; Brennan and Jack Gallogher, secretaries; All Doust, assistant-secretary, Jack Callow; treasurer, Jack Walker; managers.

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GLASGOW PARK

Fifty-two members attended the last meeting, at which three new Diggers from this war were elected to office, Mr. Patitakis as assistant secretary, Mr. W. A. Jones as minute secretary, and Miss Ethel Ada to the show committee. It was moved and seconded that a committee was appointed to ensure that the sub-branch treasurer, who is now in his 26th year as the sub-branch treasurer, would be interested in learning if any other sub-branches had been able to keep him as long as he has not been able to get back gradually to the exciting profession. The meeting was adjourned.

NORTHAM

The monthly meeting was held on July 4, the president (Mr. R. G. Pinper) being in the chair. Several visitors were welcomed, including Mr. H. C. G. Bond, who was appointed National Service officer at Northam. Some time ago the sub-branch asked the State Executive if steps could be taken to return school teachers who were released from the Forces could be given a period of light duty with opportuni-tee to get back gradually to the exacting routine of teaching, especially in regard to one of the auxiliary schools which was received from the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson) who stated that he had been taken up with the Education Department and the question of a refresher course for discharged soldier school teachers was being considered. A circular letter was sent to the sub-branch asking for their co-operation in sending information. An interesting letter was received from the 2/6th Bn, which was for some time quartered at the Northam camp. The letter was sent to a member for 2/14/3/-, which, he explained, was the proceeds of a collection taken towards the sub-branch's building fund. It was intended as a gesture of appreciation, and the hospitality of the people of Western Australia generally and, particularly, of the Northam Sub-Branch of the League. The letter and the subscription were received with great appreciation. Mr. D. Adcock of the hospital committee continued to make regular visits to soldiers patients at the Northam Government Hospital, and the secretary (Mr. G. L. Carthew) mentioned that he had frequently been told by ex-patients how much the committee members visits were appreciated. A report by the committee on the procedure for the observance of Anzac Day, that was submitted to the sub-committee, was adopted for discussion at the July meeting, was adopted. It was decided that the meeting on August 1 be the annual meeting, to be submitted by Mr. E. A. Fillingworth on behalf of the sub-committee to the head offices of the town on a proposal that a welfare committee be formed in Northam for the purpose of carrying out a scheme that would see improvements to the Northam Government Hospital in the interests of the patients. It was proposed that a public meeting be convened by the sub-committee and that the various organisations in the town be invited to send representatives to the meeting. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the sub-committee would be appointed to steps to call a public meeting of the people of the town, and that the meeting be convened by the Chamber of Commerce. In addition, invitations be sent to all organisations in the town. The town likely to be a pleasant evening was spent. Members greatly enjoyed the visit of the State President, Mr. Anderson, who spoke on the developments of the business that is transacted by the head of-
OSBORNE PARK

There was an excellent gathering of members at the annual meeting on June 27. There were several visitors from other sub-branches. Mr. Ted Damon again acted as retiring officer and the election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. M. J. W. Anderson; vice-presidents, Messrs. Yule and Sweeney; secretary, Mr. R. A. Wood; treasurer, Mr. A. J. Duns; auditors, Messrs. W. B. Sim and G. Osborne; sick visitor, Mr. R. Baker. In returning thanks for his election as president, Mr. Wickes said he hoped the members would give him the same support as had been accorded to Mr. Duns in previous years, and also expressed the appreciation of members to Mr. Damon for coming out year after year to act as returning officer. After the formal business of the meeting was completed, a very enjoyable social gathering took place, during which Mr. W. James, of the State Executive, presented an enlarged photograph and a certificate of service to the retiring president. Mr. P. P. Osborne was pleased to welcome old friends and visitors from other sub-branches.

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

The 28th annual general meeting was held this month with the record number of about 160 members and visitors present. The incoming officers were installed by the State President, Mr. J. M. W. Anderson. The meeting went with a swing, and all business was dealt with promptly. The only item of general business other than the unusually high number of members was recorded at an annual meeting was a report from the building committee which required urgent attention. The committee were able to report that the building was finished and would be occupied by the members as soon as possible.

Some of the items discussed included the purchase of land for a new sub-branch, and the formation of a new sub-branch in the suburbs of the present sub-branch. The meeting was adjourned and the sub-branch is expected to have a very successful year.

BUNBURY

There was a satisfactory assembly of over 40 members at the June meeting. Almost unheard of, the history of the sub-branch, members will have to do to ballot for the election of the committee for the coming year. No fewer than 14 are contesting the eight places on the committee. Fred Senior will be elected unopposed as secretary, and Harold Birch as hon. secretary. In a recent deputation to the Bunbury Council, Herb H. Sherry, with most commendable tact and astute

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NARROGIN

The sub-branch combined with the auxiliary in running a V.E. Ball on June 15 in aid of the War Veterans’ Home Fund. In spite of unfavourable weather, there was a good attendance, and the fund should benefit appreciably.

OLD-TIME and modern dancing went with the delightful music supplied by the Wagon orchestra, under the leadership of Alan Roberts, and a bounteous supper was tastefully served by the ladies of the auxiliary. The bill was well decorated, and the President (Mr. All Wilson) spared no effort in illuminations. He also provided a loud speaker. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. Vince Davin. The committee sincerely thanked those people who contributed to making the evening a success, especially Mr. Sanders, who lent his piano, Messrs. Manning for the bunting and other decorations, Mr. F. Berry for the ticket writing, and Messrs. Weir, Brodribb, Kemp and Trudof, and the School of Agriculture for donations of milk. The evening showed a profit of £29.10/-.

MANJIMUP

There was a good attendance at the June meeting and it is pleasing to see the number of members taking an active part in sub-branch affairs. The annual meeting, which had been in abeyance for some years, took place on July 8. Members of the newly-elected committee are getting down to business in earnest. Since the inception of the P.W.O. fund, the sub-branch collected for the fund a total of £2,000.00, which will be donated to the R.A.A.F. and the R.A.N. It is hoped that the funds can be used to provide welfare services for war veterans.

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yet, and another "Gentlemen" in Morry Jones. H. Leslie, M. Zeifert and John Chappell, of State Executive, in turn conveyed congratulations to members on starting a long-held want, and representatives from other organisations also conveyed wishes from their respective bodies, ails which all took part in a convivial celebration. Eddie Tyler, late of Kooyong, was host for the evening, and stood drinks for the mob several times at their expense and also supplied the oats and cheese at his own expense, for which we were very grateful. All present agreed that it was a grand thing to have our own sub-branch so close to home and indications are for a very big attendance in future. Our lady supporters got together and formed an auxiliary at a very well attended meeting on July 3, at which the State President of the Women's Auxiliary attended and gave a resume of activities which are undertaken by other auxiliaries. The ladies' own publicity notes appear in their portion of the L.P., and we extend our thanks to the ladies for their fine gesture. Our president and secretary attended the presidents and secretaries' quarterly conference in Anzac House on June 25 and were well received. Their report was given to the meeting last night, also a report from the Treasurer and assistance secretary, who, on split-second notice, attended Baywater sub-branch smoq on behalf of our president and secretary who were unavoidably absent at the conference. The monthly meeting on July 9 was attended by 41 Diggers, a large number of whom are new members. We also had the pleasure of entertaining two ex-prisoners of war and Fred Coombes of State Executive. Time does not permit fuller notes on the meeting, and these will appear in the next issue.

Women's Auxiliaries

STATE EXECUTIVE

Two well-attended meetings of the executive have been held since the last issue of The Listening Post. Members of the executive have all been busy with their routine duties of hospital visiting, O.R.C. hostels, canteens and Anzac buffet.

Mrs. McKinnlay has had a very busy month and has attended many functions in her capacity of State President. Unfortunately, Mrs. Henderson (State Secretary) was prevented from attending these by illness, from which we are pleased to hear Mrs. McKinnlay is now recovering.

On June 6, Subiaco auxiliary arranged high tea for the Diggers from Sunset on behalf of the Manziux auxiliary, and Mrs. McKinnlay attended same and reported that a most enjoyable time was spent by the guests. The State President was a guest at the Salvation Army Women's Rally and also attended war loan and Soldier Scholarship Board meetings. On July 13 another United Social was arranged by the executive, and whilst not being so well attended as usual, it was enjoyable, and unexpected guests were members of the Royal Naval and Royal Marines who were made most welcome. They were very appreciative of the hospitality shown to them. On June 15 Mrs. McKinnlay journeyed to Cottesloe to be a judge at a fancy dress ball arranged by members of the younger set. On June 20 she attended Subiaco annual meeting and on June 23, accompanied by Mrs. Henderson, travelled to Pinjarra to attend the 21st anniversary of the Murray District auxiliary. On June 27 Mrs. McKinnlay was present at a musical afternoon arranged by two members of Victoria Park auxiliary in aid of the War Veterans' Home, and congratulated them on the success of the undertaking. The same evening the president and several members of the executive attended a social evening arranged by Shenton Park auxiliary. An invitation from Baywater Unity Club to attend their birthday party was accepted by the State President and Secretary and several members of the executive.

We are pleased to welcome another auxiliary to our ranks—Bedford-Morley Parks. Mrs. McKinnlay attended their inaugural meeting on July 3 when office-bearers were elected. The executive wish them every success in all their undertakings. The same evening the president and secretary were invited guests at Nedlands auxiliary birthday party. On Sunday, July 8, the executive visited Leonora, taking high tea to inmates on behalf of Bunbury and Waroona auxiliaries. Anzac Buffet continues to be a very popular rendezvous for the members of the Services and we are pleased to welcome members to our monthly meetings. This buffet will shortly celebrate its first anniversary and the State Executive of the League are to be congratulated on this very fine effort for members of all fighting forces and the appreciation of these efforts can be gleaned from the use of Anzac House for their entertainment is shown by the large numbers who avail themselves of this entertainment and by their excellent behaviour on every occasion.

MURRAY DISTRICTS

This auxiliary held its 24th anniversary on June 22. The occasion was marked by a birthday social evening at Pinjarra. Guests present included Mr. C. M. Johnson (State President) and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. McKinnlay and Mrs. Henderson. Owing to severe floods, many members from outlying districts were unable to be present. Mr. Colin Paterson, president of the sub-branch, was chairman, supported by Mrs. Ross McCarty, president of the auxiliary. Mrs. Inglis, the secretary, gave a most interesting resume of auxiliary activities since its inception. The suggestions of Mr. Walter McRae, that an auxiliary should be formed, a general meeting was called on June 16, 1924, at which the late Mr. Cantwell presided. Eight ladies were present. Mrs. Taylor was elected president. On July 9 was given a grand thing to have our own sub-branch so that we have in 21 years had only two presidents, four secretaries, and one treasurer. The auxiliary affiliated with the executive in 1929. Financial efforts of this auxiliary are worthy of praise and considerable amounts have been raised in various ways. Outstanding donations were £7/4/6 towards memorial to Edmund Higginson for memorial gates to late Mr. Cantwell. Catering has been done on many occasions, always resulting in a very successful day. In 1943 gymnastics were arranged. In 1943 £175 was sent to the F.O.W. fund; in 1944 £142/2/4 was donated to Murray Districts Hospital building fund; and in 1945 £76/2/11 to R.S.L. building fund, to the following: A.C.F., Naval Comforts Fund, Salvation Army, R.M.C.A., Missions to Seamen, Legion Auxiliary, Free French and Home Service Appeal, Red Cross and many others. One special donation from the members with the sub-branch is the best possible, and a wonderful support given to them whenever asked for by the parent body.

PERTH

The monthly meeting was held on June 6, when there was a fine attendance. We are pleased to report that the supper served on Monday nights are very popular and the financial results are very gratifying. This is due to the good natured efforts of those who volunteer to help. More funds could be raised quite easily if some...
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members would volunteer to prepare and serve suppers at Wednesday nights as well. Two new vice-presidents were elected—Mesdames Pack & Bailey. Several new members were welcomed.

GOOMALLING

At the June meeting a resolution was passed urging members to hand back their copies of The Listening Post to their friends who had not read them so that the papers may be posted to members of the armed forces in the forward areas. Arrangements have been made for returning this paper of war to give talks on meeting nights. The next meeting will be held at the Red Cross Hall, D.F.C. on July 29. In a shooting match against the Second S.C., the sub-branch won with 309 points to 292.

NAREMBEN

Bad weather prevented more than nine members from attending the ninth birthday of the organization. On June 21 the birthday party was

MOUNT HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDERVILLE

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting on June 21: President, Mrs. Riches; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Yeomans; committee members, Mrs. S. J. Martin and Mrs. S. G. Kerrie. The war savings officers, Mrs. Lee, assisted by Mrs. Rawlings and Mrs. Snook, are doing a very fine job. Monthly bridge altations are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month and then every alternate Thursday afternoon in aid of the War Veterans' Home Fund. The president, secretary and treasurer were each presented with a gift in recognition of their past work.

BULLSBROOK AND DISTRICTS

At the annual meeting all last year's officers were re-elected. The audited received a Certificate of Appreciation of the Acting Secretary, Mr. F. W. Riggs, with the recent Victory Loan. The meeting was followed by a very gay social evening, to which the local V.D.O. members and wives were invited by the sub-branch. For the first time in the history of the sub-branch more than £100 to various deserving funds and has also bought more than 630 one-pound War Savings Certificates.

ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICEMEN

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (W.A. Area)—RAAF Rendezvous, National Hotel, East Victoria Park, Thursday, June 25, at 8 p.m.; President: A. A. Harris, 580 Goy's Garage, St. George’s Terrace, Perth.

ARMILLED—B.L. Clubroom—2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m.; President: Spencer Gwyer; Secretary: J. Burrock, Freshwater Rd.

ARMADALE—B.L. Clubroom—2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.; President: Spencer Gwyer; Secretary: J. Burrock, Freshwater Rd.

ARBENDEE—Town Hall (lesser hall); alternate Thursday (pension days), 8 p.m.; President: Mr. A. J. Cummins, 1018 Canning St., South Perth; Secretary: J. Rawlings, 1585 Swan Rd., South Perth.

BELLARINE—Town Hall; alternate Wednesday, 8 p.m.; President: A. Main, c/o Post Office, Barwon; Secretary: R. Hookway, 16 Arundel Street, Barwon.

BENDIGO—City Hall, 2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.; President: T. W. Bond, Myrtle Park, Bendigo.

BEVERLEY—Freemasons Hotel; 2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.; President: D. Smith, Beverley; Secretary: R. C. G. Prior, Beverley.

BILLY JUDE—B.L. Clubroom—2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.; President: B. Whitton, Brookton; Secretary: F. Hollings, Brookton.

BULLSBROOK—Bullaburra Town Hall; 1st Thursday, 8 p.m.; President: P. A. Hughes, 61 Kathleen Street, Bassendean.

BUNBY—R.S.L. Hall; 2nd Thursday, 7.30 p.m.; President: W. W. Turner; Secretary: M. Ross, 15 Hill Street, Bunbury.

BUSHWALLOW—B.B. Clubroom—2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m.; President: E. J. Simpson, 598 Hay Street, Perth.

CALINGIR—9th Saturday, 5 p.m.; President: W. A. McPherson, 61 College St., Dunsborough; Secretary: E. W. Orme, 131 South Street, North Dunsborough.

CARRIAGE—Cotters Hall, 2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.; President: R. C. Stimson, 21 Albert Street, North Fremantle; Secretary: J. J. Smith, 21 Market Street, Fremantle.

DARLING RANGE

At the annual meeting on June 13, Mrs. Doherty was re-elected president. Other officers elected were Mr. J. B. Bateyer, secretary; Mr. R. W. Lang, treasurer, and Mrs. A. W. Stiles, honorary treasurer. A special resolution was passed that the club appeal with a ballot, which was also carried. President: Mr. M. E. Ziller; Secretary: E. R. Collis; Treasurer: Mrs. M. Collis. A cheque for £1430 on behalf of the Leveson Club appeal was presented to the Reverend Mr. E. A. Keen, vicar of St. John's Anglican Church, Mosman Park, for running a series of dances in aid of the Memorial Hall building fund, and for the War Veterans’ Home Appeal.

BEDFORD AND MORLEY PARKS

On July 3 a very gratifying attendance of Diggers’ wives and other relatives got together and after a very interesting address by Mr. W. H. H. S. Lang, 663 Ocean Drive, South Fremantle, an election of officers was held. Mrs. N. Sned颠ell was elected president; Mrs. R. D. Adams, secretary; Mrs. C. W. Ewan, treasurer. The minutes of the sub-branch was read and immediately got to work to arrange a get-together early in August, and asked the assistance of the sub-branch to that end. This is merely a pipe-opener, and great things should eventuate in the future when both sub-branches are united and their activities. Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays in each month in ‘Cottesloe Council Hall; 2nd Tuesday in each month; and a cordial invitation is extended to all service men and women and their relatives to go along and join the activities. Those intending to go during the day are asked to take along just a small item of eggs or other useful item, which may be used by somebody else and will be sold to go towards the work. At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. McKinnon expressed the hearty vote of thanks for attending and giving such of valuable lead to establish the auxiliary.

TOTAL PERMANENTLY DISABLED SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION—Room 33, 5th Floor, Glodden Building, Perth; 1st Pension Day of each month at 2.30 p.m.; President: John Bell, 142 South Street, Beaconsfield; Secretary: Chas. C. Walker, 124 Walton St., Mt. Lawley.

BUSSELTON—R.S.L. Hall; 2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m.; President: J. W. Atkinson, 616 South Street, Busselton; Secretary: J. J. Cooma, Busselton.

CALINGIR—Mr. Plant’s Home; 4th Wednesday each month; President: W. W. Lang, 61 College St., Dunsborough; Secretary: E. W. Orme, 131 South Street, North Dunsborough.

CARRIAGE—Cotters Hall, 2nd Tuesday 10 a.m.; President: J. L. Wilson, East Fremantle; Secretary: R. W. Lang, East Fremantle.

CARLISLE—Bickford Memorial Hall, 1st Thursday in each month; President: Mr. H. R. Johnson; Secretary: Mrs. J. J. Smith, 21 Market Street, Fremantle; Treasurer: J. J. Smith, 21 Market Street, Fremantle.

COLLI—Soldiers’ Hall; alternate Wednesday, 8 p.m.; President: T. H. Sarro, Cottesloe; Secretary: E. G. Arrowsmith, Cottesloe.

CORRIG—3rd Saturday every second quarter; President: W. F. W. Smith; Secretary: W. H. Collis, 56 South Street, North Fremantle.

COTTESLOE—Council Hall, Jarrod Street; 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.; President: S. H. Hubbard, 5 McNeil Street, Cottesloe; Secretary: E. G. Arrowsmith, 15 North Yarra Road, Cottesloe.

CLAREMONT—Parish Hall, Stirling Highway; 1st Thursday in each month; President: W. Ford, 13 Shannon Road, Claremont; Secretary: J. J. Ryan, 28 Bracken Street, Swanbourne; Phone 3312.

L. A. Coleman, social convener, Mrs. E. Clues. It was decided to dispense with committee meetings and hold general meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, commencing on July 13 at 8 p.m.

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