A SUCCESSFUL CONGRESS

Congress in recent years has become a reflex of the increasing number of problems, both domestic and national, with which service men and women have to grapple. This year's Congress was no exception to the rule. The week that took in the Land Section and the General Congress was one of intense concentration and activity. In view of the number of important matters that had to be considered, it was indeed gratifying that there was such a large attendance of delegates. From that point of view, the attendance of 250 delegates, it was the biggest Congress held in this State. A much bigger attendance of younger men from the recent war had been expected. Nevertheless, the presence of an increased number of the younger men was very noticeable and so was the intelligent interest they took in the proceedings and debates. The long agenda, with the addition of notices of motion, must have placed a strain on many, especially as it was found necessary for delegates to come back for two night sessions. In order that more of the time of Congress may be devoted to discussions, a resolution was carried that, commencing next year, the official opening shall take place on the Tuesday night of Congress week.

This year, the visitors at the official opening included three members of the M.C.C. team. There might have been more but for the fact that the English cricketers were playing that day in Northam. On the following day, Congress carried a resolution recommending that honorary membership of the League, with the issue of badges, be given to those English cricketers who are eligible for the time of their season in Australia. Two distinguished visitors from the Eastern States were the Federal President (Mr. Eric Millhouse, K.C.) and the General Secretary (Mr. J. C. Neagle). Each had an opportunity of addressing Congress, and Mr. Neagle was able to visit the country and to see some of the work of sub-branches before he left the State. Incidentally, neither is a stranger in Perth. They were both here as delegates to the Federal Congress which was held in Perth last year. At the time, Mr. Neagle was President of the New South Wales Branch, and Mr. Millhouse of the South Australian Branch.

The membership issue, which was dealt with on the first day, was the subject of a most spirited debate. Although a ballot of financial members had been taken on the subject, there were many vehement expressions of opinion against widening the qualifications for eligibility. However, when the vote was taken, there was there was an overwhelming majority in favor of endorsing the result of the ballot. That, of course, does not finalise the matter. It defines the attitude that will be adopted by the Western Australian delegates when the question comes up for final decision by this year's Federal Congress.

The most interesting and the most keenly-debated topic on the third day was that of zoning. There were ten motions about zoning on the agenda. In addition to the zoning plan that was held over from last year's Congress, no fewer than six sub-branches submitted zoning plans of their own, while another asked for a special Congress in the event of a satisfactory solution not being found. Opinions varied from forthright opposition to any zoning plan at all, to an extension of the existing district committee system. Eventually, Congress carried a motion, by a large majority, that and zoning scheme would be unworkable as the areas involved would be too large and the identity of sub-branches would be submerged.

Comparable with the battle of zoning, in the interest it aroused and the keenness with which it was debated, was the attack on the plural voting question. This matter has exercised the minds of more than one Congress and a limit had already been placed on the number of votes any delegate could exercise. There were several items on the agenda dealing with this matter and with other aspects of voting. The State Secretary read a legal opinion to the effect that where delegates representing a sub-branch, or deputising for another sub-branch, did not number as many representatives as such sub-branch was entitled to have present, the delegates concerned were entitled to only one vote each. Thus, if a sub-branch was entitled to six votes, and had only two delegates present, it could exercise only the single votes of those delegates and not six votes, as had been the practice of former years. Congress rejected a motion for the adoption of this opinion in favour of an amendment that the procedure of past years be employed at this Congress.

From our own point of view, the attitude adopted by Congress towards The Listening Post items was very
Rehabilitation in British Colonies

PLANNING for the rehabilitation of returned servicemen has been a matter of major concern to the British Colonial Government since well before the end of the war. Some idea of the success of the plans can be obtained from a survey of the facilities available to returned servicemen in the African colonies and from the examples of the training provided for them in both the African and the West Indian colonies.

In the African colonies, ex-servicemen have an important part to play in territories that are still predominantly agricultural. In order that they may make continued use of the experience they received in the forces, and may help in the economic development, education, social welfare and all other aspects of African rural life, special technical and vocational training centres have been set up to enable them, whether fit or disabled, to take their proper place in the life of the community. For the man who learned a trade during his war service, more advanced courses are provided, and every effort is made to see that this further training is suited as far as possible to his existing qualifications and inclinations, as well as to local conditions and needs. In East Africa, African soldiers, who were disabled during the war, are looked after at an Army Rehabilitation Centre in Kenya, which treats patients from other East African territories and provides occupational therapy. When a disabled man is fit to work, he can receive suitable vocational training at an ex-serviceman’s training centre. In West Africa, rehabilitation centres have been set up in Nigeria, the Gold Coast and Sierra Leone. The first two of these colonies provide facilities for fitting and servicing artificial limbs. Throughout the British African territories there are advice bureaus and employment exchanges, to assist discharged servicemen to find jobs. In many colonies, preference is given in Government employment to ex-servicemen, while private employers are encouraged to follow a similar policy. In Nigeria there is a Government trade-training school for ex-servicemen, who are assisted to purchase tools, set up as craftsmen or settle on the land. In East Africa, the ex-service-
Man can be trained at the chief technical or vocational training centres while in Uganda. He may learn to be an engineer or survey assistant.

Bursaries, tenable at overseas universities, are provided for suitable qualified ex-servicemen. The man who goes home to Jamaica is eligible for a financial grant, which may enable him to attend the Teachers’ Training College or take a course at one of the Government technical schools. Grants are also available for men who want to start in agricultural pursuits or in trade. Similar schemes are operating in the other West Indian colonies. In addition to the help an ex-servicemen may receive in his own colony, the British Government has arranged for technical and educational courses to be given in Britain to suitably qualified ex-service men and women from the colonies. The training is free, and allowances are paid to meet living expenses. All these schemes are examples of the variety of the training and help ex-servicemen can receive, as some part of the recognition of the magnificent contribution made to victory by Colonial troops between 1939 and 1945.

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CONSTITUTION

That Congress endorse the result of the recent membership ballot.

That life membership may be granted by the State Executive to persons who have been members of the League for not less than ten continuous years, who through service, age or infirmity, are compelled to enter an institution, such life membership to be granted on the application of the member's sub-branch.

That the procedure of past years, in respect of plural voting, be followed at this Congress.

That Rule 6 (1) (c) be amended as follows: "No person shall hold the position of State President for a longer period than three consecutive years, provided, that, when elected to serve an unexpired term, that portion shall not count as part of the aforesaid three-year period."

That no full-time paid official of the League shall be eligible for nomination to the State Executive.

That the official opening of Congress take place on the Tuesday evening of Congress week, instead of on the Wednesday morning.

That Rule 19 be amended to assure that the annual subscription shall be 12/6 a member and that the fees so raised shall be allocated as follows: (a) State Executive, 4/6; (b) Sub-branches, 5/6; (c) Official publication, 2/6.

That membership cards be brought into use again.

Congress considers any zoning scheme unworkable, as the areas to be zoned are too large and the identity of sub-branches would be submerged.

ADMINISTRATION

That the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L. be the sole owner of Anzac House and any proposed extension thereto, and that other organisations be allotted the required space at reasonable rental and afforded every help and convenience, but no outside organisation is to be admitted on a contributory basis and so occupy part of the building in its own right.

That Anzac House do not divulge the names of sub-branches, when approached by outside organisations, on matters submitted by sub-branches unless it is considered necessary, and then only with the sub-branch's consent.

That, in order to present the strongest possible front to recognised authority in dealing with problems affecting ex-members of the forces, whether eligible or not for League membership, the State Executive should co-operate to the fullest extent with other organisations serving the interests of ex-service men and women.

That delegates to the B.E.S.L. raise the question with that Empire organisation of the importance of publishing the organisations in Allied countries to exchange views with the object of assisting to stabilise the future peace of the world.

That the State Executive form sub-branch debating teams to discuss subjects of national interest and, to that end, competitions with appropriate awards be instituted, and that the Press sub-branch be invited to conduct the competitions.

That a publicity officer or publicity committee be appointed from among members of the State Executive in order that the aims and policy of the League be publicised and that the activities of the Executive and sub-branches be kept before the public, non-interested members, and those eligible to be members, by making greater use of the Press and the Radio.

That a report be submitted to Congress as to the delay in implementing the instructions from the 1945 Congress, "That a notice board, showing names and locations of sub-branches, and dates and places of meetings, be placed in Anzac House and the discharge depot, in a convenient position where it may be seen by prospective members."

That Item 78 of the 1945 Congress be re-affirmed and that a report be submitted to Congress as to action taken on the item, which read: "That Congress instructs the incoming Executive to appoint a committee with the object of policing the future progress of items submitted for agenda at the Annual Congress, and that they report progress or otherwise made, particularly to the sub-branches sponsoring the items."

That the State Executive endeavour to arrange with a bus company for direct bus service to Hollywood Hospital on visiting days at certain hours, and return, as the present position of transport inflicts considerable hardship on relatives visiting sick ex-service men.

That, with the knowledge of the valuable assistance rendered by the local products committee before the recent war, the incoming State Executive consider the advisability of re-establishing a similar committee to advise: (a) The difficulties confronting the establishment of local industries; (b) to advise where possible the management of newly-established industries of the labour available from ex-service men in this State.

That the incoming Executive endeavour to re-establish the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield Competitions.

That Congress commend the State Executive, and particularly those members mainly responsible, for the action in obtaining Paversham and R.S.L. House.

That the incoming Executive continue the efforts to improve the amenities of the Anzac Club.

PENSIONS AND REPATRIATION

That the 100 per cent. rate of War pension be increased to £6/6/- a fortnight, with commensurate increase in all other war pensions.

That war pensions be not considered as income for any purpose whatsoever in the assessment of benefits available to ex-service men and women as civilians.

That the service pensioner should be treated on the same basis as the war disability pensioner in relation to extra earnings, hospital treatment and amenities.

That all ex-service men and women suffering from malaria, caused by war service, should be granted war pensions.

That the present rate of war widows' pensions is inadequate and that the rate should be considerably raised.

That, in the case of a member compelled to lose time because of treatment for a war-caused disability, treatment allowances at the rate of special pension, Class (c), should be paid fortnightly.

That the State Executive keep before the Government the resolution passed by many Federal congresses that when men become eligible for the old age or service pensions, such pensions be exempt from the means test.

That in the case of ex-service men and women attaining the age of 60 or 65 years, the full old age pension be paid irrespective of what other income is derived from personal exertion.

Congress urges the Commonwealth Government to provide that special scientific facilities be made available to disabled and partially disabled men, to fit them to become useful citizens in the future.

So as to do justice to applicants for war pensions, it is necessary that the Commonwealth Government instructs the administrators of the War Pensions Act to accept as irrefutable evidence that a person who has been accepted for war service was not unfit on joining and, in the case of a claim for a pension for disability being received from a person who has served in His Majesty's Forces, it will be assumed that the disability is war-caused or aggravated.

Congress is of the opinion that the Commonwealth Government should establish a suitable institution for the treatment and rehabilitation of ex-service men and women suffering from nervous disorders.

Congress reaffirms the necessity for the enactment of legislation which will provide adequately for the support and education of ex-service men and women's children who, by reason of their parents' disabilities are not receiving adequate support, education, or training.

That all members of the Mercantile Marine, who are eligible to join the R.S.L., should be entitled to all repatriation and rehabilitation benefits.

Congress presses for the retention of the Edward Millen Home by the Repatriation Department for the exclusive use of ex-service men.

Congress asks the Commonwealth Government that, at the next conference of Empire Statesmen, they endeavour to bring about reciprocity in repatriation, rehabilitation and pensions, throughout the British Commonwealth.

Congress urges that all surplus tools now in the hands of the
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Disposals Commission be reserved, so that they may be purchased by ex-servicemen.

Congress urges the Commonwealth Government to arrange for X-Ray examination for T.B. of all discharged service men and women, two years after the date of discharge.

Congress considers that the £10 allowance for tools of trade and £40 loan are totally inadequate in view of the rise in costs which has taken place since the amounts were fixed as far back as 1919, and suggests that these amounts be increased to £20 and £60, respectively.

EX-SERVICE CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT

That ex-service men and women on vocational training be paid the same allowance, and the allowance be not less than the male basic wage.

Congress considers that the allowance, as present made to full-time trainees under the Reconstruction Training Scheme, is inadequate and recommends that special allowances be paid, particularly in the Goldfields districts, where living costs are higher, and where special allowances have been granted to all employees by the Arbitration Courts.

That ex-service men and women should be given access to re-establishment benefits after they themselves have become re-established in their own enterprise.

Congress deplores the slowness of training and urges that the rate of training be speeded up for all tradesmen.

That the Commonwealth and State Governments be approached with a view to granting cheap loans to local governing bodies for the employment of returned men on constructional works.

That Section 27 of the Re-establishment and Employment Act be amended to include a proviso that an employer shall, when advertising, in any way whatsoever, any vacant position in his employment, state in such advertisement that the provisions of the Act regarding preference shall be complied with in the filling of such vacancy.

That the Federal Government be asked to increase the quota of trainees in the building trade and to step up the building programme.

That all gift duties be waived as gifts to settle or establish ex-service men or women.

That the period of payment of R.E.A. to accepted trainees under the P.W.R.C.T. scheme be extended until such time as they are called up for the commencement of their training, or are found suitable and acceptable interim employment.

That the time limit for applications for vocational training under P.W.R.C.T. be extended to two years after discharge, or two years after the termination of the war, whichever is the later.

That, in order to expedite P.W.R.C.T. and to relieve the congestion at training centres, more trainees be allotted to approved employers.

That in order to further the effectiveness of rehabilitation generally, vocational training, re-employment, etc., the full cooperation of industrial unions be requested, and their advice be
solicited from Government Departments and the R.S.L. to a greater extent.

Congress deplores the large amount of extravagant propaganda published on pamphlets and displayed to passers in connection with the rehabilitation scheme and requests the departments responsible to withdraw those which are irrelevant and not a true reflex of the actual facts.

Congress again presses for a substantial lowering of interest on all loans to ex-servicemen to a maximum of two per cent.

That absolute preference be shown to all ex-servicemen in the granting of shops, goods and materials, and that the matter be referred to the Federal Executive for action.

Congress strongly protests against the slowness displayed in implementing the Government's rehabilitation policy, as the delay causes unnecessary hardship to discharged members; and Congress is also of the opinion that rehabilitation benefits should not be confined to assistance only in the occupations engaged in before enlistment, but should be given also in cases where a discharged man is anxious to engage in a different occupation to that engaged in previously, provided he can show aptitude and confidence.

Congress supports the University ex-servicemen in their request that the £200 allowed to them be expended on books and instruments and not, as at present: £100 on books and £200 on instruments.

That the period of six months mentioned in section 18 (2) of the Re-establishment and Employment Act should be increased to 12 months.

PREFERENCE

Congress requests the Federal Government to delete from the Preference Clause the time limit of seven years.

That the clauses in the Preference Act be more strictly adhered to in the future.

Congress requests the Federal Government to amend the Preference Act to include preference to all ex-servicemen in Commonwealth employment, and that a liaison department be formed for the purpose of policing the Act.

That the Preference Act be amended to cover those still serving in the Forces, and that the seven-years' term be altered to date from discharge instead of the conclusion of hostilities.

That ex-servicemen be given preference for fishing gear, such as nets and all pelting equipment.

DEFENCE

That Congress press for the commencement of universal service for the youth of the nation, and re-affirms the principle of universal conscription of wealth, industry and manpower in the event of war.

That all ex-servicemen, who belonged to a rifle club before 1940, shall be given 303 rifles free of cost, or, alternatively, at the same price as was allowed by the Government when the rifles were impressed, provided these ex-servicemen agree to join a rifle club.

Congress considers that in the case of a deceased ex-serviceman, all amounts of money that have been accrued to the estate, including payment in lieu of furlough, should be paid to the next-of-kin, irrespective of whether he or she was a dependant or not. Congress requests the Federal Congress to make a recommendation to the Minister for the Army on these lines.

HOUSING

That the present price of war service homes is too high for the average wage-earner, and Congress requests the Government to take steps to reduce the material cost of these homes.

That the rate of interest on war service homes be not greater than two per cent.

That the apparent irregularity in connection with the purchase and holding of building blocks be investigated, with a view to the release of more blocks for the purpose of building war service homes.

That more war service homes be erected in country districts.

Congress recommends to the Commonwealth that a branch of the War Service Homes Commission be established in Western Australia, and that the directive board be composed of returned men.

Congress is of the opinion that war service homes should receive more priority than at the present time.

Congress considers that returned servicemen owning their own blocks of land, and having been given notice to quit their rented home, should be given a permit to build their own homes, and that the proper Commonwealth authorities be approached.

To place a greater number of men trained in the building trade, and every effort should be made to release more material and do away with the bottle-necks that apparently exist in distribution and allocation of housing materials, and that private building should be encouraged.

That the Builders' Registration Act be amended to permit the grading of registered builders as follows: "A" class, to permit all building up to £5,000; and "B" class, to permit brick, jarrah, weatherboard and asbestos buildings up to £1,700.

Congress is of the opinion that an embargo should be put on the export of all essential building materials until such time as the housing plan throughout the Commonwealth has been stabilised, and requests the Federal Congress to pass this resolution on to the appropriate authority.

That the ceiling price of homes should be restricted to £1,700 until the economic emergency passes, and the demand for homes more nearly approaches that of a normal pre-war year.

ANZAC DAY

That the Federal Executive ask the Prime Minister to place the matter of Anzac Day on the agenda for the next Premiers' conference, with an intimation to the Prime Minister that nothing short of a full holiday will meet with the wishes and requirements of the League.

That a fresh approach be made to the National Anzac Day Service on the Esplanade to procure a route of march to the Esplanade traversing St. George's Terrace, Barrack Street, Murray and William Streets; and a more impressive ceremony on the Esplanade, including a massed marching and class, to permit the national flags to be carried in readiness by men's voices.

That, in the future, the Anzac Day parade in Perth should be held at 10 a.m., so as to give outer suburban people a chance to participate therein.

WAR GRATUITY

That the D.F.O. send to the widow or next-of-kin of a deceased member the necessary forms for the gratuity, i.e., W.G. 3, and not leave it to the party concerned to apply for the form.

That Congress press for the amendment of the relative Act governing war gratuities, ensuring that the gratuity be an automatic grant and not dependent on being applied for.

TAXATION

That the Income Tax Assessment Act be amended to include donations to sub-branches building funds among available deductions.

That the Federal Office of the R.S.L. co-operate with the Minister for Immigration in advertising overseas the benefits available in Australia to Imperial ex-servicemen.

In considering the Federal Migration Scheme, the rehabilitation and future welfare of ex-servicemen and women should be the first consideration.

For the purpose of immigration, the Rome Agreement made Italy a favoured nation. Congress submits that, in view of the fact that Italy was an enemy nation, further immigration of Italian subjects be strictly limited on a par with other foreign nations, particularly enemy nations.

Congress objects to the existence of the Italian Immigration Agreement, and considers that the Commonwealth Government should abrogate this agreement.

EMPLOYMENT

That two years by temporary employment in the Commonwealth or State Public Service should qualify for permanency.

That the present social service re-employment allowance be increased as follows: £2/10/- for each single person, and pro rata for dependants, to be paid for an indefinite period.

The League views with alarm the retention of persons of pensionable age, and couples without family responsibilities, in positions arising from wartime exigencies, to the exclusion of ex-servicemen.

Congress reaffirmed item 87 of the 1945 Congress agenda: "That the League, in making purchases, or having work done, should consider all returned soldier firms, and not give a monopoly to one.

That the Lotteries Commission be requested to give consideration that, where there are returned men in country centres, they should be given the agency for the sale of lottery tickets.
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Congress recommends that, where fishing boats are taken out by composite crews of ex-servicemen and either alien, naturalised British or Australian subjects of alien parentage, but should the craft or company owning the craft be unable to honour its obligations or become bankrupt, that members of the crew and the company owning the craft be debarred from holding a fishing licence in Australia for ten years, or until their obligations are made good by paying twenty shillings in the pound.

Congress requests the Federal Executive to approach the Ministers representing the three permanent Services—Navy, Army and Air Force—with the object of considerably increasing married quarters and making them available only to those on lower salaries until such time as there is sufficient accommodation for all.

ALIENS

That countries owning aero-dromes, railways, vital roads and other permanent assets, built by the forced labour of Allied prisoners of war while in Japanese hands, be asked to pay for these, and the payment received by Allied Governments be distributed among survivors of those ordeals, and the dependants of the many thousands who died in the course of such work.

OFFICIAL ORGAN

That the matter of The Listening Post be referred back to the incoming State Executive until such time as investigations are finalised in respect of the official organ of the League.

EDUCATION

While agreeing in principle with the consolidation of schools, Congress considers that the following preliminaries are essential: School buildings and grounds must be suitable to receive the increased enrolment; bus services must be directly controlled by the State Government or local governing authority; and roads must be maintained in a satisfactory all-weather condition, a task which is usually beyond the resources of the local governing authority.

Congress supports the Teachers' Union and Advanced Education Movement in their efforts to raise the standard of education in Western Australia, and in their effort to obtain a substantial increase in the State's allocation for education.

GENERAL

As age and health are, taking toll of South African War veterans, they should be given places of honour on each side of the saluting base at all celebration parades.

That Congress place on record its deepest sympathy with the heroic people of the Homeland in their dire food shortage, and consequent rationing of bread, and requests the Commonwealth Government to provide them with an adequate supply of grain, and to stipulate that the people of Britain receive these shipments exclusively.

Congress urges all Australian Governments to arrange as quickly as possible for regular X-ray examinations for T.B. of all persons between the ages of 15 and 45 years.

That in future disposal sales, the ceiling price of all lots be printed and placed in the catalogue.

That discharged members of the forces, who are issued with tobacco vouchers to draw their tobacco allowance, be allowed to transfer these from one town to another as they move in the course of their employment.

That the Federal Executive be urged to press the Commonwealth Government to reduce the retiring age from 65 to 60 years, and that superannuation and old-age pensions be payable at 60 years for males and 65 years for females.

Congress is of the opinion that the whole set-up of the licensing and catering systems, now operating in Western Australia, should be reviewed, so as to place them on such a basis that families can remain united while participating in these amnesties; and that to achieve this a Royal Commission be appointed with wide terms of reference to make the necessary recommendations to the appropriate authorities.

NOTICES OF MOTION

That a strong protest be registered against the possibility of the release of alien prisoners of war in Western Australia with a view to eventual citizenship, as indicated in the Press recently, and that the Government be urged to ensure that such a possibility does not eventuate.

That Congress urge the Government to take action in the matter of policing the taxation laws.

That this Branch is definitely of the opinion that the League should arrange to give more attention to ex-service patients at Heathcote, who now number 33, in regard to entertainment. It is considered that these men should be placed on the same footing as those in Sunset and other institutions.

Congress views with concern the obvious attempts by monopolies to prevent ex-servicemen from taking part in the export trade, and directs the incoming Executive to take the matter up with the Commonwealth Government with a view to correcting the position.

Congress considers that all war widows should be placed on the same footing as ex-service men and women in respect of employment.

Congress deplores the present inadequate loan of £1/10/- a week, granted to prospectors under the Prospecting Assistance Scheme. Because of the high cost of living and other difficult conditions prevailing in the bush, the Government is requested to increase this loan assistance to £1/10/- a week.

That all requests for donations from public and private, be addressed to the W.A. Branch of the League and not to sub-branches; and that the W.A. Branch be the receiving authority for sub-branches for any cause which has the endorsement of the W.A. Branch headquarters, and to-forward lists to subscribing sub-branches.

Congress favours the reinstatement of meat deliveries to householders.

Congress urges the State Government immediately to introduce a Bill to amend the Purchasers' Protection Act in accordance with a request made recently by the League.

Congress considers that, in view of the increased interest in education today, that we should be falling down on our job if we did not make education one of our primary considerations.

REFERRED TO STATE EXECUTIVE

The following items were referred to the incoming State Executive:

That the present social services are inadequate for the aged ex-serviceman, and Congress should press for immediate work to be put in hand to obtain accommodation for the incapacitated ex-serviceman.

Congress considers that, at the appropriate time, the age for vocational training under the Post-War Reconstruction scheme be raised from 21 to 25 years, in industries that can carry them.

That, in view of Press publicity given to Mr. Dedman's and the North Perth sub-branch's reports on the deep-sea fishing industry, this means of rehabilitation should be strongly supported.

That the W.A. Branch investigate the possibility of establishing a co-operative company to exploit the fishing industry in wholesale and retail trade, and to the rehabilitation of ex-servicemen.

Congress urgently requests the State Government to appoint a Royal Commission, with comprehensive terms of reference, to investigate the fishing industry in W.A., with the object of controlling any ex-enemy alien monopolistic tendencies, so that people on low incomes can obtain fresh fish at economic prices.

That the amount of £3/3/- a week, payable by guests on entering Paviland House, now the rehabilitation of ex-servicemen.

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Warden, State War Memorial: Col. Athol Hobbs, who has acted as
Hon. Architect for many years.

LEAGUE TROPHIES

The three League trophies for the year were awarded as follows:
Newdegate Cup, North Perth; Colonel Collett Cup, Bridgetown;
Mary Cornwell, Pinelly.

Personalities

● One of the unexpected reunions of Congress week took place
on the day of the official opening, when there was mutual
recognition between the English cricketer, N. W. Yardley, and Phil
Carter, of Anzac House. The Englishman did hit his bit against the
Axis with the R.A.F., to which Phil Carter was attached in the
Middle East. They had last met when they played cricket on
opposite sides “Somewhere in Egypt.”

● One of the most pleasing motions carried at this year’s Congress
was the recommendation that the League’s Certificate of Merit, for
conspicuous service in assisting the R.S.L., be awarded to Coun-
cillor Caddy. It was moved by Mr. Hawthorn-North Leederville
and, seconded by West Leederville-Wembley. Over a period of
years, in fair weather or foul, Caddy has placed his outstanding
musical ability at the disposal of the League in conducting
community concerts in aid of League activities. Both from the
entertainment angle and from that of financial success, his con-
ductor’s baton has been the wand of victory, and every member
of the League hopes he will live long to enjoy the meed of recog-
nition we have been able to give.

● After the report of the annual conference of Women’s Auxili-
aries had been presented to the General Congress, the State Presi-
dent presented the Auxiliaries’ State President, Mrs. McKinlay,
with a Certificate of Merit in recognition of her outstanding work over
the years and a Merit Badge.

● Two League stalwarts have been obliged to retire from active
duty. Mr. M. E. Zefft, former State Executive member, was
unable to offer his services again as representative on the R.S.L.
Trading Company. Mr. J. Prendergast, for many years Hon.
Auditor for the League, has also been unable to carry on. Letters
from them to this effect was received by Congress, and suitable
expressions of thanks for the services they had rendered for many
years were expressed in the usual cordial manner.

● During the September meeting of the West Leederville-Wembley
sub-branch, members stood to pay the silent tribute to the memory
of their late fellow member, Mr. Dan Moran, who passed away
during the month. We join with the sub-branch in extending deep
sympathy to his relatives.

● Narrogin sub-branch has lost a valued member through the
recent death of Mr. Percival Milward. He was an Imperial
ex-serviceman and a veteran of the South African War. A regular
attendant at meetings, it was his office to keep the roll-book, and
this job was done with all an old soldier’s devotion to duty.
Members will greatly miss his quiet, unassuming and pleasant
manner.

● One of the best-known men in the R.S.L. in W.A. must be
Frank Congdon, of Subiaco, who retired from the position of presi-
dent of that sub-branch at the annual general meeting on Sep-
tember 23. Ern served with the 11th Bn. in the 1914-18
argument and turned out again this time with the 2/7th Field
Ambulance, A.S.C. looking after the transport. He went overseas
with the 6th Div. and saw active service in Libya, Greece and
Crete. Before Ern relinquished the chair, ex-Secretary Ike Lester
gave the large gathering present a short but comprehensive resume
of the sub-branch’s history and the vigorous and effective part
which Ern Congdon had played in its development and the attain-
ment of the high standing it holds in the district at present. After
being hon. secretary for some years Ern was president in 1938
and 1939 and on his return from war service he took on the
position again. He has done a good job, not only for the sub-
branch but for the League as a whole.

● Ron Halcombe, re-elected by Congress to the State Executive,
is to be commended for a characteristic act of kindly considera-
tion. During the cricket match between Western Australia and the
visiting M.G.C. team, Ron (himself a cricketer of note) made
and carried out arrangements for giving blinded soldiers a microphone
commentary on the match. Judged by the photograph that appeared
in The West Australian, the recipients of this courtesy greatly
appreciated it.

● Dalwallinu has lost a valuable member through the transfer of
Mr. J. Tunstall, who has been manager of the local branch of the
Bank of New South Wales, to Bunbury. He served with
the 4th Divisional Artillery in the war against the Kaiser, and
has been a staunch member of the Dalwallinu sub-branch during his
residence there. Bruce Rock will decidedly gain by the transfer.

● The absence of Mr. Bill Hyde from a recent meeting of the
Dalwallinu sub-branch was noted with many expressions of regret.
Illness prevented him from being present. Bill Hyde served with
the 10th Light Horse, his regimental number being 1248. We
join with his many friends in wishing him a speedy recovery, and
rejoice that the latest medical bulletins are favourable.

● Yet another of the Old Eleventh has attended his last sub-
branch meeting. Charlie White, a popular member of the Yaler-
ing sub-branch was a veteran of two wars. He was born in
Lewes (Sussex) in 1876 and made soldiering his first job. He
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African War and arrived in Australia in 1912. With the 11th, he was in the Landing on Gallipoli, was wounded badly and invalided to Australia, where he entered the service of the W.A.G.R. He remained a railwayman until his retirement some years ago. When he reached the allotted span of three score and ten, he was still an upstanding, soldierly man, as straight as a rush. He was buried at Wickepin, his cobblers acting as pall-bearers, and his remains covered by the flag he was always so eager to defend.

- The following is Mr. Hawthorn's sick state for September. Harry Blunt is still progressing slowly. Sid George has been a cot-case again, but we hope to see him about soon. Tom May has not been so well, but is still bright and cheerful. Bill Scates is about the same. Arthur Mouritz hopes to be able to come to meetings soon, and Ern Moore is back at home. He was at the last meeting and hopes to be able to attend more regularly. Bill Fisher is in Ward X, Hollywood, and J. Neeson is at Edward Millen. We wish them all a rapid return to better health.

- Mr. Hawthorn members congratulate their vice-president, Len Vivian and Mrs. Vivian on the marriage of their only daughter, Shirley, to Ron Whitfield, of York. May we also add our best wishes for their future happiness to those of the sub-branch?

- One of Mt. Hawthorn's younger members, Bruce Inder-Smith, was recently discharged from the R.A.N. and is now looking for a farm. Bruce has certainly crammed plenty of experience into his young life. He joined the Merchant Navy at the age of 16. Twelve months later he came home for a short holiday, during which he joined the sub-branch. Then, at the age of 17, he joined the R.A.N. and served aboard H.M.A.S. Arunta in all her actions. Now he seeks to attain the Old Salt's traditional objective—a life on the rolling wheatbelt.

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- Members of the Eaglehawk, Bendigo, sub-branch have formed a co-operative company to relieve the unemployment position among returned men. The company will issue £1 shares, for which ten shillings will be paid on application and ten shillings on allotment. A committee of the sub-branch is now investigating several proposed activities, among which are brick-making, plaster sheet-making, bottle-making and confectionery.

- A link with a much older world war was snapped in Paris on August 31 by the death of an American lieutenant, Charles Godwin. He died of infantile paralysis, after a ten-day's illness, only a fortnight after his marriage to Princess Laetitia Murat. The widow is the great-grandniece of Napoleon, through the marriage of Napoleon's sister Laetitia with Joachim Murat, the Emperor's famous cavalry leader.

- If Hamlet were living in Prague today he would have no cause for complaining about "the Law's delays." Last month, one Josef Sofranek was arrested for being a Gestapo spy. He was hanged five hours later.

- A separations claim that passed almost unnoticed amid the noise of wilder arguments was one presented by New Zealand Maoris against Austria. The Maoris have petitioned the Dominion Parliament to demand the return of a number of mummmified bodies, the remains of Maori chieftains, which were stolen by an Austrian named Reichel. 60 years ago. Reichel boasted of his theft and presented the bodies to the Vienna Museum.
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In the new Germany, Hanover is to become an autonomous State once more. Hanover became connected with English history when the Elector succeeded Queen Anne on the English Throne, with the title of George I. In the mid-eighteenth century, the Hanoverian connection was cordially disliked by English politicians, who blamed it for dragging England into Continental wars. The separation came when Queen Victoria ascended the Throne. Under the Hanoverian law, no women could reign, and the throne of Hanover passed to one of the Queen’s uncles. That set-up con-

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An Act of Expulsion

One of the most drastic steps taken by this year's Congress was the outright expulsion of a member from the League. This was the sequel to incidents during the day's proceedings, when the conduct of the member, Mr. E. B. Smallpage, one of the delegates from the Perth Sub-branch, brought him into conflict with the chair. As a result, he was ordered by the State President to sit down. The incident might have been considered closed had the following appeared in the Daily News report of the proceedings: "Interviewed afterwards," Mr. Smallpage said, "My opinion and the opinion of all the other members, as it stands at the moment, is run by all the old men. They do not want anything changed from the old constitution. Another thing is that of politics. The League has accumulated a great amount of funds, but they are so tied up that they cannot use them for any charity work at all; they are too much red tape. They are becoming politically-minded, which is definitely against the constitution. I am right behind Mr. Millhouse when he urges the younger members of the League to get up and take an active part in the R.S.L.'s affairs."

This stupid piece of bombast, besides being a tissue of lies, is part of the pattern of propaganda being used here and in other States with the object of dividing the young Diggers from the old, of infiltrating and gaining control and, of course, grabbing the funds. The announcement that Mr. Smallpage is behind Mr. Millhouse may be very comforting to the Federal President, but it deceives no one, least of all the young Diggers. Subversive tactics like these could not pass unchallenged, and they did not. On the following day, the following motion was moved and carried: "That in the opinion of Congress the action of Mr. Smallpage (i.e., in making such a statement for publication) is malicious and subversive of the best interests of the League. Congress considers him guilty of such conduct as to make his membership of the League undesirable. This Branch, therefore, exercises its powers under Rule 5 of the Federal Constitution and vetoes his membership." The second of the motion was one of the returned men of the recent war. When given an opportunity to deny or admit the charge and to produce any justification for his action, Mr. Smallpage blustered and evaded the issue, trying to sidetrack the motion by offering to make a statement to "two good men and true," rather than to the full Congress of 270 delegates. An amendment to this effect was overwhelmingly defeated, as it should have been. Congress realised it was a palpable subterfuge. When the motion was carried, the State President called on Mr. Smallpage to leave Congress.

It is regrettable that such an incident should have taken place, but it might not have happened had last year's Congress expelled the offender's associate, Mr. H. O. Killcoat, instead of approvingly re-electing him. Through a technicality, Mr. Killcoat was able to thumb his nose at the League. Congress was tolerant enough to accept him as a delegate this year; but, after the act of expulsion, he evidently realises that discretion is the better part of valour and walked warily.

TRADE COMMISSIONERS

The Minister for Commerce and Agriculture (Mr. W. J. Scully) has notified the R.S.L. that his department recently appointed nine Assistant Trade Commissioners, eight of whom are ex servicemen. Of the selected men are undergoing training and will shortly go overseas to their appointed positions. The remaining five will then take up duty in the Department for a short period of intermittent duty before being posted abroad. These nine appointments cover the following posts: London, New York, Washington, Bombay, Calcutta, Shanghai, Cairo and Chile. Mr. Scully also points out that his department recently invited applications for seven positions of Trade Commissioner in New Zealand, N.E.I., Hong Kong, Cairo, South Africa, Singapore and Bombay, and it is considered that with all these recent and pending appointments, and the extension of overseas duties, a list of overseas Trade Commissioners, there can be no question of any failure to explore avenues for the extension of Australia's overseas markets as suggested by the League.

Moreover, it will be observed that the policy of training suitable ex-servicemen to fill these important positions abroad is already in operation in the Department.

Sub-Branch Activities

CARLISLE

There were bumper attendances at the last two meetings. Reports indicate that substantial progress is being made. Victoria Park brought a big team along to a games evening, at which the visitors were Victo-rians. The second of the two sides of the Park was an eight of a mile standard. Major Finnan thanked the visitors and, in his response, Mr. R. S. O'Connell pointed out that the recent visit to the R.S.L. at Carlisle was of much interest and to all the ex-servicemen, and was another indication that the League is more than a local branch, that it is a national organisation.

DENMARK

The monthly meeting on September 17th was reasonably well-attended. Arrangements were made for the members of the sub-branch in Denmark, representing the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, to visit the town on October 3. The president, Mr. T. Hollings, had the privilege of meeting Their Royal Highnesses on behalf of the League. Three members, Mr. E. Sutton, Mr. T. Morgan and Mr. N. Benton (formerly of Goomburra), have married in recent weeks. To all we extend our congratulations. Mr. Jim Hill is still in Hollywood, but we understand that he is well and greasing satisfactorily. Most of the problems in connection with rehabilitation have now been solved satisfactorily and the success of the sub-branch in these matters is largely due to the work of the hard-working secretary, Len Stewart.
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The annual general meeting and election of officers on September 25 was a memorable evening. Seventeen officers were elected and all were unanimous, in striking contrast of post-war cooperation. Here are the names: president, Bill Lennie; secretary, Andrew Thompson, treasurer, Bert Cuthbertson; auditing officer, Ena Skinner; sportsmaster, Ted Todd; auditor, A. J. Gordon; public auditor to be elected; committee, G. E. Wilson, H. Durrant, H. T. Johnson, Fred Codd, L. Heyward, Don Williamson, Norm Cook, L. Roberts and Frank Rastin. It will be observed by keen members of the sub-branch that ten of the office-bearers are men of World War II. The sub-branch wishes them every success in the forthcoming year and no less to the older men from whom the young ones can take an example. The annual meeting is fixed for Friday, November 22, at the Western Picture Theatre in Roe Street, near Rokeby Road. Further details will be announced at the general meeting on Wednesday, October 30.

KATanning

The president, W. H. Matthews, was present on an attendance of 50 members on September 20. A one-time vice-president, Mr. S. Sandells, was a welcome visitor from the Claremont sub-Branch. His information on the proposed housing scheme was much appreciated. The management committee met on the previous Monday and dealt with all urgent business. The president thanked the Diggers of World War I for their 100 per cent, roll-up to assist in raising the necessary amount as elsewhere at the welcome home to Diggers of World War II. It was very satisfying to see such enthusiastic support. In order to reform No. 4 District Committee, a meeting was called by Messrs. Stewart and Austin (Gowanawup). This was held at Katanning on Sunday, September 8. The meeting was attended by the State Secretary, Mr. D. M. Benson, who accompanied by Mr. W. B. Sandells of the Land Settlement Committee. Officers elected: president, A. W. Potts; secretary, R. Lewis: vice-president, E. House, P. Stevens and F. Carwardine. These officers will form the management committee, which will be held from sub-branch. Hence, officers on the sub-branch have the fighting spirit which is so necessary. Messrs. Benson and Sandells met members of the R.S.L. at the clubrooms and gave an instructive account of the Land Settlement Committee. Mr. F. J. Stowe suggested that the Katanning Road Board be urged to insist in adopting a town in Britain of similar size to Katanning, and that regular supplies of foodstuffs be set for distribution. The suggestion found ready support. The meeting resolved that the Katanning Road Board be asked to cooperate and to form a committee consisting of one board member and one R.S.L. member to organise the collection of suitable articles. At the conclusion of routine business, an interesting address was given by Mr. O. W. Wood (Psychology Service) on the part played in the war by Psychology services.

VICTORIA PARK

President George Yeates presided over a good meeting in September. Membership is now well over 1,200. Many new members attended for the first time and were formally welcomed by the president. Members reported having visited Edward Wilson Home and the Carlisle sub-branch for games nights, and many jobs done for residents of the district. Mr. B. Hill, on the Leons Cricket Club; Mr. F. Alexander, Security Loan. Members attended the auxiliary birthday party, at which the State President, Mr. Anderson, and the General Secretary, Mr. Nicolle, were the main speakers. Meetings are now held on the first and third Fridays of the month.

RETURNED NURSES

Monthly meetings have been well-attended. Mrs. Newman, Matron of the War Nurses Hostel, held a very successful bridge evening for the hostel fund. A fete will be held at the hostel (Old Street), on November 22, by the Returned Nurses Club. The Sisters from Hollywood have been outstanding in their efforts to raise funds for the War Nurses' Memorial Fund. They hope to have a fete and garden party early in December for the hostel funds.

SOUTH PERTH

The annual smoke social on September 21 was an innovation, as it was entirely apart from routine business. Among the guests were the State President, Mr. Anderson, and the State Secretary, Mr. Benson. The latter commended the sub-branch on its plans for erecting a memorial hall, and the fine state of the building fund, which now stands at £2,283. This happy position reflects great credit on Mr. Roy-King and his fellow workers on the building fund. Mr. Tom Spooner spoke on the need for all members to pull their weight to make the sub-branch and the building fund a success. Mr. Anderson presented the immediate past president, Mr. Morris Day, with a Certificate of Service. The evening swarmed along with harmony and long drinks. Full marks go to "Circus" Walsley and his committee for a most enjoyable evening. The games will be twice monthly, on Sundays. The cricket committee, Jack Jennings and Charlie O'Donnell, welcome all starters. Sports Day is to be held on the 11th of November, with the usual full swing. The "dined" and "wined" members, consider he had the table topped all sewn up. Bob Boam, John Rennison, John Roberts and Jack White consider themselves champions at line-shooting, bowling and shooting respectively. Tom Cuthbertson, Egan, Fitz and Bert Allen claim special proficiency at bridge, but "Circus" has them all baffled with his grand slam.

DARWIN

A gathering of over 100 ex-service men and women assembled at the Road Board Hall on Saturday, August 10, the occasion being a district smoke arranged by the Road Board. A sumptuous dinner commenced at 8 p.m. Mr. O. J. Butcher, chairman of the Road Board,
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one of the young brigades who made an excellent job of it. Prizes have been donated anonymously for the first few sessions, and it is intended to hold a special session at the end of the year at which all findings will be given away. Next year’s meetings will be held on the Tuesday nights and will be held at Anzac House hall every Thursday for your dance.

FREMANTLE CITY

The sub-branch entertain county delegates from Kondinin, Boulder, Harvey, Dongara, Albany and Narrogin on Sunday, October 5. Among the visitors present were Messrs. Allan and H. W. J. Daly; D. B. Williams; Harold Steelos, S. J. Palmllott, F. J. Pearson, and even Fred Matthews deserted the wilds of Victoria Park to get a whiff of the briny. The committee invited the sub-branch visitors to the monthly meetings and the meetings were more attractive and there are some surprises for the future. The R.S.L. Club is growing and developing. There are approximately 500 members.

MOSMAN HILL

The September meeting was held with the president, Dick Whitslaker in the chair. Dick Norgard’s transfer to Swanbourne sub-branch was approved with regret. Many members voiced regrets at losing such a quorum of an experienced committee hoping to make more progress of three was appointed to draft proposals for the extension of the hall and the provision of amenities. It was suggested by the committee that the monthly meeting and sports night be held on the Tuesday nights instead of Thursdays. After much discussion, Tuesday nights were approved by the members present. Sports nights held in conjunction with the monthly meetings are on the books and will be continued, but bigger matters of members and their womankind are urged to turn up for sports nights on the Tuesday nights as always. The sub-branch’s committee has been very busy and has many social activities in view. The top priority is claimed by a children’s party to be held on Tuesday night, December 17.

BOULDER

The sub-branch has at last decided to apply to the Department of Defence for a building application to be made, for a large hall, and will be held on the Tuesday nights instead of Thursdays. After much discussion, Tuesday nights were approved by the members present. Sports nights held in conjunction with the monthly meetings are on the books and will be continued, but bigger matters of members and their womankind are urged to turn up for sports nights on the Tuesday nights as always. The sub-branch’s committee has been very busy and has many social activities in view. The top priority is claimed by a children’s party to be held on Tuesday night, December 17.

BASSEENDEAN

The business meeting for Thursday, October 3, was presided over by the new president and secretary, Mr. Theo Brewer and Ron Smith, respectively. The meeting was well attended and the resolutions of the former president and secretary, Mr. Dick Fry and Mr. George Drinkwater, were adopted. It is hoped to form an R.S.L. orchestra in due course and an application will be made for a club license. Another billiard table has been secured and two well-equipped tables will be installed in our new premises. An application for access to the building has been made and will be granted. The meeting’s top priority is to apply for two sub-branch members who have filled the requirements of the old Diggers to a certain extent, but we are, of course, better for the young Diggers. An appeal for funds for the new building is being made, and donations for this purpose, however small, will be welcomed by the sub-branch. Our new president, Ted Hucker, with the assistance of an energetic committee is hoping to make more progress in the interest of the sub-branch during the next twelve months.

COOGEE

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cantextensive reservations to the hall. The sub-branch reunion, which it is thought will attract an attendance of 500, was set down for November 16. The Poppy Ball will be held on November 9. The sub-branch decided to increase the number of poppies for sales throughout the year, from 800 to 1,000 this year. The sub-branch has accepted a challenge from the Deammill cricket club to meet before the commencement of the Association fixtures in which the R.S.L. team will compete for the first time.

SWANBOURNE

The first general meeting of the Swanbourne sub-branch was held on October 2. Over fifty members and intending members were in attendance. It was agreed to make the immediate target the raising of a fund with which to erect a hall at an approximate cost of £3,000. Messrs. Young and Cole were appointed treasurers. Approach has been made to the Rydalmere Road Board with a view to obtaining the use of the abandoned tennis courts at Allen Park, on the basis that we maintain them in good order in return for the use at no cost. It is hoped that a favourable report on this question will be available for our next meeting. Rev. Eddy was elected treasurer, vicar, J. H. F. Brown, owing to pressure of business, was unable to continue in that office. There is grave misapprehension on the part of some members as to the use of sporting equipment, Cottesloe sub-branch for the donation of a police board, and to Claremont sub-branch for the use of tables and forms. An effort is being made to get the State President along to our next general meeting on November 7. Failing this, a member of the Executive will be invited to attend. Members were pleased to welcome the president and sent a vote of thanks on the Y.M.C.A. for the donation of the board. A woman's auxiliary is considered a necessary and desirable adjunct to the sub-branch. At the next meeting it is hoped to arrange a date for calling the ladies committee to discuss the matter. The third week in each month has been set aside as a sports night and the efforts of the sports committee, comprising Messrs. Cook, Croze, Cyril Bassett, and Noyrd, Jr., will be followed with interest.

NAIRMOON

The institute has received a thorough spring-cleaning and the billiard table has been put into excellent repair. The committee is a little difficult regarding the transfer of trusteeship has been completed, members hopes to renovate the business portion of the building. In future the business portion of the general meetings will be restricted to about a hour or two as an effort to allow plenty of time for the get-together and smoke side. To this end the institute has been laid and with effort will continue to maintain the business and correspondence. Local ex-services men formed a band of for H.R.II. The Duke of Gloucester, when he visited Nairnmoor. Jack deQuaery was O.C. Guard of Honour, and Smith, deQuaery and Smith, and M.M. winners Godwin and Wood were presented. Delegates at Congress were Messrs. Dawson and Cardwell.

NANNUP-JARRAHWOOD

The annual ball, held a few nights before the September meeting was quite a success, from which the various funds will benefit. At the meeting, president Frank Buderick was in his place, and reported to the secretary, Merv Longbottom and Roy Hall. Mr. Fred Taylor (R.A.A.F.) was elected secretary of Claremont sub-branch to the meeting. A woman's auxiliary is considered a necessary and desirable adjunct to the sub-branch. At the next meeting it is hoped to arrange a date for calling the ladies committee to discuss the matter. The third week in each month has been set aside as a sports night and the efforts of the sports committee, comprising Messrs. Cook, Croze, Cyril Bassett, and Noyrd, Jr., will be followed with interest.

BODDINGTON

A combined smoke social, welcome home and get-together night was held for the returned men and women of the district on September 9. About 150 attended. Mr. O. F. Ferrier delivered the guests to their tables, which had been laid by the members of the auxiliary. The toast of the R.S.L. was proposed by Mr. Farmer and responded to by H. Holder. The ladies toast was the Navy, Army and Air Force, proposed by Mr. R. Gordon and responded to by Mr. Jack Brennan, the Anzac proposed by Mr. L. Thacker and responded to by Mr. L. Price. A victory toast was proposed by Mr. Taylor. Visiting members were the vice-president, Mr. Wallace, with a response from Mr. F. Craig (Gloucester Park); the Woman's Auxiliary, by the president. Mr. Eagen on the piano, and Mr. Pepperwell with the banjo, provided the music for community singing. Individual items were given by Mr. Diggory and the Tivoli comedian, Jimmy Royce.

GLOUCESTER PARK

The monthly meeting held on September 9 saw one of the best attendances for some time. By the formation early in September of a new women's auxiliary, another good step has been reached. Mrs. McKinlay was present to start the ball rolling and our many thanks go to her for a successful start. To the president, Mr. Loyar, the secretary, Mrs. Davey; and the many members of the auxiliary, for their best wishes for a very happy and fruitful association. All members know who to find Bill Fisher or Bill Reed and are asked to do so at any available opportunity so as to be kept posted with the social activities of the sub-branch. Members are asked to concentrate now of the assistance they will give George Owen and company on Poppy Day.

The meeting this month was not quite so well attended as those of previous months due to the absence of our six delegates, who were busy at Congress, and also the absence of many of our good sport men, who were attending the Presentation Ceremony at Anzac Club. This was quite a day for Gloucester Park, and our congratulations go to Rex Heygote and the members of the V.C. and D.S.O. on their most excellent showing. The next ladies' night is on October 24, and it is held at the Canarvon Hotel. Radio Drive Drive, Cliff Lambe is the organiser for our Poppy Day Committee and if it is possible for any members to assist, please notify Bill Fisher or Bill Reed you cannot contact Cliff Lambe.
NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

A very lively meeting on September 30 was ably presided over by Mrs. Charlton, although the attendance was not as large as has been of late. Mr. Crehers reported on the final meeting of joint building fund committee and the division of funds. A motion was carried regarding the establishment of sub-branch office in the R.S.L. Club rooms. This should have the hearty support of all members, it will, among other things, tend to lighten the burdens of our hard-working secretary, A. Bowd. All, by the way, is at present taking a short holiday in the way of a trip to Llandudno with the South Fremantle Football Club, of which he has been social secretary for many years. The date of the annual reunion was fixed for November 18. Final arrangements are in the hands of the social committee, under the capable hands of Len Ming and Norm Payne.

OSBORNE PARK

The spring ball on September 14 proved very successful. At the ball the raffle for the canteen of cutlery was drawn. As a result, the building funds are going to benefit considerably. It is pleasing to note the keen interest many members are taking in social games. Each Wednesday evening following meeting nights is now set down for sports, where rifle shooting, dart, quoits and table tennis are played. It is hoped to have competitions against other sub-branches in the near future. The meeting of October 2 was well attended and quite a lot of business was dealt with, the matter of the "Green Envelope" was finalised, and it was decided by the majority to continue. J. Words, resigned as editor and Harry Flett filled the vacancy. The picnic to the hills was left to the social committee to deal with, and possibly will take place in the near future if transport can be arranged.

Women's Auxiliaries

STATE EXECUTIVE

The State Executive meetings on September 16 and October 7 were well-attended. On September 16, final arrangements for the forthcoming nineteen annual conference were made. During the month, the State President had a very busy time fulfilling engagements with auxiliaries. On September 6, with the State Secretary, she attended the handing-over ceremony of the Red Shield Hostel by the Sportsmen's Council to the League, and which henceforth will be known as R.S.L. House.

On September 5 Mrs. McKinlay attended an inaugural meeting of the Gloucester Park auxiliary. On September 10 the final of the McKinlay shield games competition was held in Victoria Park R.S.L. Hall. The State President and the State Secretary were present as well as a very large gathering of supporters from the auxiliary. Subbies won the shield from Redlands, the pre-war holders of the trophy. Mundaring auxiliary arranged a rally and picnic on September 11, which was attended by Mesdames McKinlay, Sherlock and Taylor and, in the evening, the President and Secretary attended South Perth's birthday party. On September 12 Mundaring auxiliary arranged a children's fancy dress ball, at which Mesdames McKinlay and Henderson officiated as judges, and Mrs. Peas attended as their representative on the Executive. During the evening, Mrs. McKinlay presented Mrs. Finlay, past president of the auxiliary, with a Certificate of Service. Mrs. Henderson, Senior vice-president, journeyed to Pinuparrup on September 4, at the invitation of the auxiliary and officially opened an exhibition.

Hospital Visit

Hospital visitors reported 96 visits to patients in Royal Perth Hospital. Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Kay visited recuperation patients in Hollywood Hospital. These visitors find visiting these patients much more difficult than in Wards X and XI, as patients are in so many different wards, but it is hoped that arrangements will soon be made for all wards to be visited.

At the meeting of the executive on October 7, Mrs. McKinlay (State President) welcomed three newly-elected members—Mrs. Cullen (South Perth), Mrs. Harold (Gloucester Park) and Mrs. Winser (City of Perth) to the executive. The State President reported that on September 17 she attended the official opening of the Country Women's Associations' Conference, and on September 18 she travelled to Armadale, where she had the pleasure of forming yet another auxiliary. On September 19 Mrs. McKinlay and Mrs. Crofts were present at a dinner arranged by the newly-formed Welshpool sub-branch for members and their wives. Here also a new auxiliary has come into being. Yet another auxiliary added to the ever-growing list is that of Como.

On September 30 a meeting of sports directors was called for the purpose of discussing agreements made. Recommendations were referred to conference for consideration and endowment. On Saturday, September 29 was a red letter day for ex-service patients from Claremont Mental Hospital, when they were taken by Red Cross transport to Glen Forrest for luncheon and afternoon tea by the Mundaring and Swan View auxiliaries. Grateful thanks are extended to the attendants (members of Greylands sub-branch) who, by giving up their duty time to accompany the patients, make these outings possible.

On September 24 Mrs. McKinlay and Mrs. Stockman attended Victoria Park auxiliary's eighteenth birthday party. On September 23 Mrs. McGee.
Henderson represented Mrs. McKinlay at a tea given by the City of Perth auxiliary in Menasha House to patients from Lemnos and Sunset. Mrs. Stockman (State Secretary) and Mesdames Crafts and Prue (Executive members) were also present. Mrs. Turner, of G cartridge, was a country auxiliary visitor. On October 6 West Leederville auxiliary entertained patients from Sunset, Lemnos, Edward Miller and Home of Peace to a sumptuous tea. Mrs. Henderson, deputising for Mrs. McKinlay, attended a Safety Council meeting at the Municipal Offices. Mrs. Stockman reported that 20 patients from Lemnos were the guest of the Kiwi's Concert Party on October 2. We tender our sincere thanks to all concerned for this act of kindness to these patients. Our good friends, the Red Cross Transport, again gave their services.

At this meeting opportunity was taken of congratulating the State President, Mrs. McKinlay, on the presentation to her, at the R.S.I. Conference on the Friday of a framed certificate of merit from the Federal Executive, and the accompanying badge.

F.U.S.W.

At the monthly social, Mrs. H. Dean presided over a very large gathering. Mr. Vivian of Bosc Bros. was the guest speaker. He gave a very interesting talk on his impressions of England while on his recent tour. Mrs. Cooper thanked Mr. Vivian. Mrs. Connie Lewis arranged the musical programme which was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Moore thanked Mrs. Lewis and the artist. Mrs. Dean announced that the comfort shop at King Edward Maternity Hospital would open at the end of the month, all profits to go for comforts for the King Edward Maternity Hospital.

VICTORIA PARK

Through the absence of Mrs. Tolmie, who is holidaying in the Eastern States, meetings held on September 13 and 27 were presided over by Mesdames Harry Taylor and Enid Mead, respectively. Both meetings were well-attended. The auxiliary was represented at conference by Mesdames Matthews and Coleman. The auxiliary celebrated its 16th birthday on September 24 with a social and dance, to which all delegates were invited with their husbands. There was a record attendance and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Mrs. Prue arranged the programme and Mr. Eric Lloyd acted as M.C. All the artist were thanked by Mrs. Taylor. The birthday cake was made by Mrs. Taylor. On October 4 a children's fancy dress ball was held by the men's social committee and the auxiliary were there to give assistance as usual. There was a record crowd and the event was a huge success. Congratulations to the hon. secretary, Mrs. Prue, who has been elected junior vice-president on the State Executive, and Mrs. Marjorie Taylor, who completed her 15th year with the Executive. Stoll holders are busy with arrangements for the annual sale of work which will take place on November 13.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEYMOUTH

On October 6 an outing followed by high tea was given to the men of Sunset, Lemnos, Edward Miller and the Home of Peace. Thanks are due to the Red Cross and all car drivers who gave their services.

Thanks are also tendered to the artists who helped to make the afternoon such a success. Among those who were present, were the Auxiliary State President (Mrs. McKinlay), the R.S.I. State President (Mr. Anderson) and the General Secretary (Mr. J. C. Neagie).

MUNDARING

The annual meeting was held on July 18. There was a good attendance, Mundaring, the Weir and Glen Forrest being well represented. The suggestion to combine with other branches was accepted and resulted in a series of bridge parties held at Mundaring and Glen Forrest—whence the sum of £19 was forwarded to H.Q. Mrs. Geode was re-elected president; Mrs. Shilling, hon. secretary; Mr. Cutler, vice-president for the Weir and Mrs. McKie, vice-president for Glen Forrest. Regular inter-auxiliary meetings are to be held: the first of which passed off very successfully on September 11. On this occasion the State President, Mrs. McKinlay and Mesdames Sherlock and Taylor paid a visit, when thirty-six members of the three auxiliaries travelled to Mundaring Weir. After lunch, members enjoyed the address on auxiliary work given by Mrs. McKinlay and the afternoon was passed in musical entertainment and competitions. On Sunday, September 22, the patients from Claremont Mental Hospital visited Glen Forrest.

CLAREMONT

Claremont auxiliary reports the following donations: Old Diggers' Home, £2; War Veterans' Home, £10; Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Association, £2; Nurses' Home, £2; Fowlersham House, £5; Mission to Seamen, £2; Totally Disabled Sailors and Soldiers' Association, £2; Building Fund, £60.

DARLING RANGE

A victory treat was given to all children of the district on August 21. On September 21 members held a very successful "snow carnival" for general funds. Mrs. Doherty retired from the presidency this year on account of her health, and she leaves shortly for a much-needed holiday in the East. Certificates of Service were presented by the president, Mrs. Cornish, to Mrs. Doherty and Mrs. Henworth and a small presentation was made to Mrs. Henworth, who has served well as treasurer for nine years. Members enjoyed the games played for the McKinlay Shield and congratulated the winners.

GLOUCESTER PARK

The inaugural meeting of the auxiliary was held on September 5. Mrs. McKinlay presided and was assisted by Mr. W. Fisher. After Mrs. McKinlay had addressed the meeting and outlined the aims and objects of the women's auxiliaries, nominations were called for office-bearers and the following were elected: President, Mrs. Lanyon; secretary, Mrs. Dave Dearing; treasurer, Mrs. L. Harold; vice-presidents, senior, Mrs. H. Wright, junior, Mrs. L. Wallenda; trustees, Mrs. W. Fisher, Mrs. W. Reed and Mrs. C. J. Lamer. Meetings were decided to hold meetings on the first Thursday in each month at the Wembley Hall at 2 p.m. The next meeting would be on Thursday, October 3. All ladies interested are invited to attend.
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NORTH PERTH—St. Hilda's Hall, Glebe Street, North Perth; 3rd Monday in each month, 8 p.m.; President: R. M. MacLean, 78 Mabel Street, North Perth; Secretary: R. N. Baldwin, 78 Marmion Street, Mt. Lawley.

NUNWOLLING—M. Herbert, Nunwolling; Secretary: E. Dawson, Nunwolling.

OBSTETRIC SISTER'S SOCIETY—Meeting of the executive on Wednesday of Soldiers' Pension Week; President: E. I. Fethiel, 18 Main Street, Osborne Park; Secretary: N. B. Johnson, 216 Carr St., W. Leederville.

PENROD—Secretary: G. Todd. Pemberton.

PERENJOURI DISTRICT—Secretary: Mrs. B. H. Penfold, Box 26, Perenjori.

PRESS—M. J. Ryan, Y.M.C.A., Murray Street; 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 8 p.m.; President: H. Light, 36 Clifton Street, Perth. Secretary: W. H. F. Bolen, 518 Railway Street, Perth.

PITKING—Meeting on Saturday at 8 a.m.; President: G. C. Skeggs, 145 Small Street, Perth. Secretary: Y. M. Church, 127 Elizabeth Street, Perth.

PUBLIC SERVICE—Monsignor House; 3rd Tuesday; President: L. J. Parks; c/o. Tourist Bureau, Hoy Street, Perth; Secretary: W. L. Boyd, 735 Railway Street, Perth.

QUARRING-DAINING—Quarraling Hall and Dainong Hostel; alt. Tuesday, 8 p.m.; President: R. F. Clayton, Dainong; Secretary: R. L. Heslop, Box 42, Quarraling.

SAFETY RAY—ROCKINGHAM—Leamer Hall, Safety Bay; last Friday in month; President: H. D. Rowland, Defence Force, Safety Bay; Secretary: Neil C. Scott, "Bonnie Doon," Safety Bay.

SANDSTONE—W. J. Mould, 144 Railway Street, Sandstone; Secretary: W. J. Mould, "Avoca," Sandstone.

SANDERSON—Meeting on the first Monday of each month, 8 p.m.; President: R. H. Cowaram, 204 Railway Street, South Perth. Secretary: J. L. H. Baker, 204 Railway Street, South Perth.

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