Anomalies in Preference

The Federal Executive has decided to make urgent representations to the Federal Government for an immediate overhaul of the Re-Establishment and Employment Act, particularly with a view to compelling the Government to observe its own legislation. The decision followed an unsuccessful appeal to the Full Bench of the High Court against the decision of a Footscray Magistrate, that the Commonwealth could not be guilty of an offence under Section 18 of the Act, in connection with the dismissal of an ex-serviceman from a Commonwealth Munitions Factory.

The Anomalies

The Federal Executive, among other submissions, will ask the Government to amend the Act to provide that "Any Crown servant who does, or omits to do, anything which, if done or omitted by an employer within the meaning of the Act, is himself guilty of the offence of aiding and abetting in the commission of an offence against the Act."

"Such an amendment would undoubtedly place a legal as well as a moral obligation on the Government and its servants, but the elimination of anomalies should be accompanied by the removal of fine distinctions between directives and employees, which have permitted Commonwealth and State Governments to flout the preference principle in a most scandalous manner. For instance, a law-court verdict, in a case arising out of the appointment of a non-serviceman as a member of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, when returned servicemen were available and competent to fill the post, was to the effect that the non-servicemen appointed was a directive and not an employee of the commission. This meant that the preference clauses of the Act apply only between returned men and nonreturned men who are employees of an organisation, and not in the case of appointments to what is virtually a board of directors. That is the type of legal quibble that could be raised by the Government in defence of the more recent and even more notorious Mountjoy appointment. Surely present clauses of the Act could be redrafted, or new clauses inserted, to plug up these knot-holes for evasion?

These are but a few of the ways in which preference is observed in appointments to jobs that carry relatively low salaries or wages, but shamelessly over-ridden when filling posts that carry higher salaries and greater prestige. One knows only too well that political patronage is the rule of the road to most of these positions; but, admitting and condoning all that, can anyone reasonably contend that there are not returned men in the Labour movement who could not fill the office of High Commissioner in Canada with greater dignity and a higher degree of competence than Mr. Francis Forde? Recently, too, much has been said about the possibility of Mr. McKell, the Premier of New South Wales, being appointed next Governor-General. At first it looked as if the daily papers were doing a little kite-flying to draw from the Government some clue as to who would be nominated. However, since the Prime Minister has neither denied nor admitted that Mr. McKell is being nominated, one must reluctantly come to the conclusion that this is what the Government has in mind.
recommending the appointment of a distinguished soldier, Lieut.-General John Northcott, as Governor of New South Wales. The Queensland Premier, Mr. Hanlon, who, by the way, is a Digger of the first war against Germany, followed suit by recommending the appointment of another distinguished soldier, Lieut.-General Sir John Lavarack, as Governor of Queensland. With all due respect to Mr. McKell, it would be a sad and silly anti-climax if the Federal Government were to succeed in foisting him on Australia as Governor-General. As a public man, he is little known outside his own State, or even throughout it. As a Premier, he does not carry half the punch of Mr. Hanlon of Queensland, or our own Mr. Wise. He has had no war service, nor have his achievements in any other direction been higher than average. One hopes for Mr. McKell's own sake that the Federal Government does not pursue any ill-advised plan to push him into an office for which he is so palpably unsuited. For the sake of the League and the servicemen generally one hopes that the Commonwealth Government will just look a little further and nominate someone from one or other of the states for this important position.

The same fact heavily encourages the hope that the Commonwealth Government will just look a little further and nominate someone from one or other of the states for this important position.

A SUCCESSFUL CONDUCTOR

By E.S.E.

At the Perth Town Hall on December 5, the South Perth Philharmonic Society gave an excellent concert which was broadcast over the National station. The leader of the orchestra of 31 players who was making his first public appearance as a conductor, and who did such a splendid job, was Mr. A. S. (Bert) Sagers.

Bert left Australia with the 2/4th Australian Machine-gun Battalion and took part in the fighting in Malaya. In the Battle for Singapore he was the C.O. of the composite battalion (which included "E" O/C of the 2/4th M.G. Battalion).

He was one of the survivors out of 700 forced by the Japs to do the "Death March" of 100 miles in six days into the centre of Thailand to work on the Burma-Thailand railway.

During the long period of his suffering as a P.O.W., he was subjected to beatings and insults, and at the end of the period was left a nervous and physical wreck.

When the Japs surrendered, and on being released, he was evacuated to hospital in Australia per the Duke of Gloucester's plane which left Singapore at dawn and arrived at Perth at dusk on September 24, 1945.

Upon discharge in February this year, after 61 years of Army service, Bert Sagers, who had reached the rank of Major, found the memory of the ghastly years of suffering and misery haunting him and he had to try to take up his civilian avocation again. It was hard to forget the cruelty inflicted on so many of his comrades, and Bert's renewed interest in music has given him a mental tonic-up which has greatly improved his physical condition.

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Action on Congress Resolutions

Since the Annual State Congress a number of items have been submitted to the appropriate quarters, and a number of official replies have been received. The Minister for Lands (Mr. Panton) has supplied the following comments on a number of items submitted to him.

Item 7 (North Perth).—It is the intention of the Allotment Board to give consideration to local knowledge, when allotting farms to ex-servicemen, under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme.

Item 8 (Big Bell).—Every effort has been made, and will be continued, to obtain the highest possible priority for the building of homes on farms for ex-servicemen, under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme.

Item 9 (Preston).—The matter of extending the provisions of the Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act (No. 9 of 1919) to discharged servicemen of the 1939-45 War, with particular regard to Section 11 of that Act, which relates to concessions of half rates, to holders of land under Conditional Purchase Leasehold conditions, has already received consideration. Action is being taken by the Government to introduce legislation, to enable ex-servicemen of the 1939-45 War to obtain concessions in regard to Conditional Purchase lands.

Item 10 (Dumbleyung).—The position regarding rural training under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme is that arrangements have been completed for the training of such ex-servicemen as are successful in obtaining farms under the scheme, where such training is limited to an eight-weeks' intensive course. In regard to practical training on approved farms, because of the difficulty of obtaining sufficient land suitable for the scheme, it is expected that this class of training will be deferred indefinitely. The position will be reviewed every six months.

Item 12 (Tambellup).—It is expected that a large number of properties will be resumed, if negotiations for their purchase are not successful. In each case, however, it will be necessary to show that resumption will result in a substantial increase in production, together with a reasonable increase in the number of persons usually resident on the land. Resumption work, however, must take second priority to that of purchasing properties offered to the Government for the settlement of ex-servicemen. It is expected that some months will elapse before the Commonwealth Valuers of the Taxation Department will be in a position to deal with resumption valuations.

Item 18 (Koorda).—The estimation of the productivity of individual farms under consideration for soldier settlement is made on practical lines. The object of the estimation is to ascertain whether the ex-servicemen, to whom the farms may be allotted, can become successful settlers. Any information which the local committees may wish to submit, regarding cost of development and earning capacities of land in their districts, will receive careful consideration.

Item 39 (Cowaramup).—“That all dairy cows or heifers be either sold with an approximate calving date or just as forward or backward springers.” The following reply has been received from the Under Secretary for Agriculture (Mr. G. K. Baron-Hay): The Agricultural Department, in purchasing young heifers for issue later to returned servicemen, has tried to safeguard the interests of subsequent purchasers, as far as is possible. In the first instance, the heifers are purchased from herds, regarding which the Departmental Field Officers have some knowledge, as to the quality of stock. The heifers are subsequently handled by experienced stockmen and, if any obviously indicate that they are unsuitable for dairy production, these animals would be disposed of for slaughter. All heifers are being inoculated, so that they should be immune from subsequent contagious abortion. Further, a number of pure-bred virile young bulls have been purchased, and these are run with the heifers, under control conditions, as far as possible during the period of the year most suitable for mating. It is intended ultimately to sell these heifers on valuation to returned service farmers, as “in-call” heifers, but, when purchasing dairy cattle it is not customary to give any guarantee regarding the actual date of calving. Therefore, the proposal in the resolution is being closely followed by the Department of Agriculture, and these stock will be sold as forward or backward springers, depending on the period when they were allotted to farmers.

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Resolution 46 (Perth): Gully Lands: Congress urged the State Government to make available all Crown gully lands in the Serpentine, Jarrahdale, Murray and Armadale Road Board Districts for returned soldiers’ settlement.

The Minister for Lands has replied that practically all the country referred to in the resolution is on water catchment areas which are already in use or the use of which is projected. The use of the land, particularly gully lands, on water catchments, for closer settlement cannot be permitted.

The Minister also pointed out that, as a matter of forest policy, the alienation of small, isolated areas of land in forest country is generally opposed, as past experience has shown that when narrow strips of gully land are alienated, problems of fire control are created, and the department is generally prevented from releasing areas of adjoining timber country in order to give an area of sufficient size to provide a reasonable living.

Furthermore, the natural haulage lines for the transport of forest produce follow the gullies, and it appears that for the most part these gullies must continue to carry the bulk of the traffic. In addition, the effect upon the stream flow in the main rivers of a general clearing of the valleys of tributaries must be carefully considered, the value of forest cover in general in preventing floods and soil erosion being well known.

The Minister regrets, therefore, that he is unable to comply with the request contained in the resolution.

Resolution 28 (Harvey):—Referring to resolution 28, urging an investigation into the cost of producing milk to determine whether the price paid to the producer is fair and reasonable, the Under-Secretary for Agriculture has advised:

It is felt that an investigation into the cost of producing milk under the varying conditions in the districts which supply milk to the metropolitan area would always be open to question. Such investigations are costly, and experience has shown that they give very little satisfaction.

The price paid to producers of whole milk is apparently more attractive than that being paid for butterfat, sufficiently so to have created a valuable interest in the holding of a quota.

Resolution 42 (Perth):—In connection with reconservation and impounding waters for irrigation, the Under-Secretary for Works has advised on behalf of the Minister that the matter of conserving the alluvial soil now being carried off from cultivated lands and impounding the waters for irrigation purposes will receive full consideration in the department and further advice will follow.

The Chairman of the Rural and Industries Bank (Mr. R. W. Bosisto) has forwarded the following comments on resolutions carried at the Annual State Congress:

Resolution 23 (Harvey):—Officers at the bank are aware of the Commissioner’s directions in this matter, and only in cases where the soldier applicant for rural loans does not conduct a banking account at the Rural or any other bank are they to advance proposals that his finance be secured from, and banking done, with the Rural Bank. The Commissioners do not consider that the bank’s officers have departed from the instructions as above.

Resolution 24 (Perenjori):—An equity of 10 per cent. of the purchase price of a farming property by an approved soldier settler is in conformity with the Commonwealth Re-establishment and Employment Act (1945) and Regulations. The Rural Bank is, in Western Australia, only the prescribed authority for the handling of loans and allowances under this Act and as such is required to carry out Commonwealth direction in these matters.

Resolution 25 (Pinjarup):—Ex-servicemen from World War I are charged an interest rate of 4½ per cent. per annum on a long-term basis. Funds for their settlement on the land were appropriated under the provisions of the Discharged Soldier Settlement Act.

The Rural Bank’s capital is provided by the State Treasury and interest is paid thereon by the bank, and the Commissioners cannot at present see their way clear to reduce the interest rate on overdraft accounts which are now being charged and which is the rate charged by other banks following the introduction of the National Security Regulations.

Since the passing of the Rural and Industries Bank Act, a client has the facility provided of having his accommodation on an overdraft basis. This system provides for the calculation of interest on the daily balance and he thus reaps the benefit of a set-off of all credits paid to the account. This is a definite saving, and compared favourably with the long-term principle. This facility was not available to clients of the former Agricultural Bank after the First World War.

Cattle and T.B.

The Director of Land Settlement (Mr. Fyfe) has advised the League that the under-Secretary for Agriculture states that great care has been taken to ensure that cattle purchased for the scheme are not from disease. All the cattle selected are young, with the exception of a small number of cows purchased from owners who have sold their properties to the Government, and for that reason alone should be particularly free from disease.

Tuberculin testing of these cows would not, under the circumstances, be warranted, but the League could be assured that much caution will be exercised in connection with this matter.

Mr. Fyfe was commenting on a motion carried by this year’s Annual State Congress, which asked that cattle purchased for service settlement should be guaranteed free from tuberculosis.

The following replies to other resolutions have been received from the office of the Minister for Education:

Item 277 (Yokine).—(a) It is agreed that school buildings and grounds must be made suitable to receive the increased enrolment resulting from consolidation, and this is being attended to as quickly as existing conditions will permit.

(b) The department is encouraging local authorities to run bus services to schools, and it is hoped that the number being run will continue to increase. However, it is quite impracticable at present to provide the same service to all areas of the State which are directly controlled by the Government or a local authority. Nevertheless, your congress’s views on this matter have been noted with much interest.

(c) The question of maintenance of roads is one not for this department, but, naturally, we are concerned to see that the routes used by the school buses are in a safe and otherwise satisfactory condition. To this end, I have suggested to local authorities that they should make representations to the Commissioner for Main Roads.

Item 278 (City of Perth).—The Education vote in this State has already been very substantially increased, as can be seen from the following figures:

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The State Budget for this year includes £1,144,000 for the Education vote.

Lottery Ticket Sales.—Resolution 255, sponsored by thePinjally sub-branch, asked 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. The Chairman of the lotteries Commission has replied that where returned men make application for the right to sell agency tickets, the lotteries Commission invariably gives them precedence over other applicants, and it will be the policy of the Commission to continue on these lines.

Notices to Quit.—Resolution 218 (Marvel Loch) asked that returned men owning their own blocks of land, and who have received notices to quit a rented home, be given a permit to build their own houses to live in. The proper Commonwealth authorities have to be approached in this matter. Since congress the contents of the resolution have been under the attention of the Executive Committee. It has been pointed out that a notice to quit a dwelling-house is not regarded as an eviction order but, if an ex-serviceman is issued with an eviction order by a Court, every effort is made to offer him a rented dwelling and, in some cases, eviction is suspended until the house is ready.

Aliens in Trade.—In response to the R.S.L. that the absorption of aliens in industry or business be so controlled as not to prejudice the complete rehabilitation of ex-servicemen, the Commonwealth Attorney-General, Dr. Evatt, has replied: “The control of immigration is a matter for the Department of Immigration. That department states that it has been the rule not to authorise the admission of aliens, unless it is considered that they could fit into some trade or occupation without detriment to persons already settled here.” I am informed that every care is being taken by the department to ensure that aliens are not admitted in numbers likely to endanger the successful rehabilitation of Australian ex-service men and women.

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A Scandalous Appointment

In pursuance of its new policy of "Spoils to the Vanquished," the Federal Government has appointed Mr. D. A. Mountjoy, the former member for Swan, to the executive of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. Apart from the unsavoury side of such political appointments, which has already been well ventilated in the Federal Parliament, the unsuitability of Mr. Mountjoy for such an office shirks at one from every angle. He is a man of limited educational attainments, who has given no evidence of any personal interest in science or of any capacity for research. Even if the Prime Minister's contention that it had been intended to appoint a worker's representative to the executive of the Council be taken seriously, there must be many workers who are also returned servicemen in the trade union movement who are better qualified by education and service to their country than the recently-defeated member for Swan. That being so, it is not surprising that the appointment was discussed at the meeting of the State Executive on December 4.

Executive delegates were of the opinion that the provisions of the Re-establishment and Employment Act were being broken, or that the Act did not provide adequate protection for ex-servicemen. During the debate on the House of Representatives, the Minister for Post-War Reconstruction (Mr. Dedman) accepted full responsibility for the appointment, and claimed that the preference provisions of the Act had been complied with when the appointment was made. In saying this, Mr. Dedman is probably sheltering behind the technicality that Mr. Mountjoy is a directive and not actually in the service of the C.S.I.R. That point was worked in a case in New South Wales, when an appointment of a non-soldier to the Australian Broadcasting Commission was challenged in a court of law. The fact that such a subterfuge is being available for any Government wishing to break the spirit, if not the letter, of the preference clauses of the Act, amply illustrates the League's arguments in pressing for amendments to the Act.

A telegram from the Corrigin sub-branch, read at the State Executive meeting, said that the sub-branch strongly protested against Mr. Mountjoy's appointment and urged that steps be taken to secure its annulment on the ground of the preference policy. The Quairading sub-branch expressed the opinion that the position could have been filled by an ex-serviceman, and that there must be many ex-servicemen better qualified for the post than Mr. Mountjoy. The sub-branch hoped that the State Executive "will protest against these political appointments that are made with total disregard for the principle of preference to returned servicemen." The Executive resolved to write to the Minister for Post-War Reconstruction (Mr. Dedman) asking under what section of legislation relevant to Commonwealth appointments the vacancy had been filled.

Mr. Dedman's reply will have to be more convincing than his defence of the appointment in Parliament if the League is to be satisfied. The statement that the salary paid for the job (£400 a year with travelling expenses at the rate of £1/10/- a day) is not large is as lame as the excuse given by the nurse-girl in one of Captain Marray's stories. When accused of having had an unauthorised baby, she pleaded in extenuation that "it was only a very little one." Equally ridiculous is the Prime Minister's suggestion that the appointment would enable Mr. Mountjoy to ascertain how atomic energy could be used to raise the standards of living. That reply was greeted by the Opposition with jeers, in which many thousands of newspaper readers must have joined. Mr. Mountjoy's supporters flogged themselves into a frenzy of pseudo-righteous indignation at what they called a venous attack on him as an individual. They conveniently forgot that only last year the same Mr. Mountjoy adjourned a Parliamentary privilege to slander a man whose only son had just been killed in action.

The foregoing matters do not greatly concern this League. What does concern us is that in making the appointment the preference principle was so blatantly and inexusably over-ridden. All the excuses offered so far by Government spokesmen are just so many insults to human intelligence.

R.S.L. MEMBERSHIP

The Federal President (Mr. Eric Millhouse, K.C.) announced at the beginning of the month that a special Federal congress would be called early in February to reconsider the decision of the annual Federal congress, last October, to widen the qualifications for membership. It will be recalled that the motion submitted by the W.A. branch, in favour of admitting volunteers with honorable discharges and with six months' continuous service, to membership, became the substantial motion, which was carried by nine votes to four. The motion was opposed by the Victorian and South Australian delegates. Later, the Victorian and South Australian branches asked the Federal President to call a special congress to review the decision. The West Australian and the New South Wales branches, on the other hand, supported the new rule. The Quairading branch has not yet expressed an opinion on the advisability of convening a special congress, but the Australian Capital Territory branch has supported the move. A new development occurred on November 29, when the Tasmanian State Executive decided to request a special Federal congress. At the same time, the Tasmanian Executive resolved to ask Tasmanian sub-branches for an expression of opinion on the matter, so that instructions may be given to delegates to the special congress. The Tasmanian decision has given the necessary quota of three State branches required by the constitution of the League for the summoning of a special congress. It is expected that delegates to the February congress will press for a Commonwealth-wide ballot of members on the question of eligibility. For us in Western Australia it is difficult to see what useful purpose will be served by the special Federal congress. It may confirm or rescind the decision of the annual congress, but that could be done just as well, and more quickly and less expensively by the several State executives. To rescind the decision of the annual congress would be of doubtful legality, and this State has already had a ballot on the question. It may be pointed out, State Executives will want to know if the men who become eligible under the amended constitution are to be admitted, or are they to be kept dallying until after the decision of the Federal congress is implemented or sabotaged? No doubt these questions will be answered in due course, but the recent development is certainly puzzling.

EX-SERVICEMEN AND UNIONS

One of the most important resolutions carried by Federal Congress dealt with the rights of ex-servicemen to be admitted to unions, provided they have the ability to carry out work in the industry and satisfy the employers' standard of qualifications. Unanimously it was decided to press for legislation on these lines, and the proposal was warmly supported by the Melbourne Press. In an editorial, The Melbourne Herald said: "It is deplorable that in a country which was saved only yesterday by its fighting men there should be any doubt about the right of those men to join unions for which they are qualified and to have in every way a fair chance to make good their loss of training or advancement in the war years."

Delegates were gratified to learn that while the Victorian Fibrous Plasterers and Plaster Workers' Union had decided to shut down on new members until continuity of plaster supplies is guaranteed, exceptions to the ban were ex-servicemen returning to the trade and ex-servicemen being trained under the C.R.T.S. It is to be hoped that other unions, similarly placed, will make the same concessions.

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Reconstruction Training

In New Zealand great progress has been made in the training of disabled ex-servicemen. The R.S.L. has been pressing for similar facilities in Australia, and particularly so since the delegation from the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association visited Australia earlier this year to confer on matters concerning ex-servicemen with the R.S.L. It is therefore, interesting to note that the Commonwealth Government has recently become interested in the New Zealand system of training the disabled, and sent a delegation to New Zealand to inquire into the methods of that country. Included in the delegation were Mr. Eltham, Director of Industrial Training; Dr. Galbraith and others, from the Department of Post-War Reconstruction.

In a farewell letter to Mr. Leadley, General Secretary of the New Zealand Disabled Servicemen's Re-establishment League, the delegates said they had had the opportunity of seeing the work of the League in their vocational training centres from Dunedin in the south to Auckland in the north, and well understand the pride of the League in their splendid centres and in the assistance given throughout the years to disabled members of the New Zealand forces. It was indeed a grand record of service, and they had been deeply impressed. It was further indicated in the letter that the high standard of work produced was a factor of our League.

Hospital Visits

I would like to draw attention of sub-branches to the need for hospital visiting. Disappointment has been expressed by patients at the lack of hospital visiting. In the metropolitan area, sub-branches have been rostered for visits to hospitals and institutions, but on many occasions have not fulfilled their job. I do hope that greater interest will be taken in this very important work of our League.

Faversham

Faversham Holiday, Rest and Convalescent House at York is being officially opened by the Lieut.-Governor, Sir James Mitchell, on December 15. The support of sub-branches is required in the project which is badly needed in W.A. Some criticism has been received of the charge of £3/3/- weekly. I would point out that the accommodation is better than hotel accommodation, and we want to maintain the high standard. The cost of the services—light, water, etc.—are higher in York and we have to meet these costs. We have no funds to call on and must make it pay. It is hoped that sub-branches will assist any deserving cases from their amelioration funds and, if necessary, the central amelioration fund might help. A trip to York on December 15 will be enjoyable and Faversham House may then be inspected. Bus accommodation at a cost of 10/- may be reserved at Anzac House.

This is the season when the gifting is so often heard, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," and I hope the festive season will bring joy and happiness to all our members. I regret very much I have not been able to accept all the invitations to sub-branches and organisations which I have received. Lately I have had as many as four invitations for one night. However, I wish all Diggers, young and old, their families, members of the women's auxiliaries and all our friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. The absence of years from the civilian fold has been a staggering handicap for ex-servicemen now seeking to rehabilitate themselves, but the same spirit that guided them to victory will inspire them in peace. May this Christmas be brighter to all.

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THE LATE MR. JAS. CORNELL

Although the Hon. James Cornell, M.L.C., had been in an indifferent state of health for some time, the League and the State as a whole were shocked at receiving the news of his sudden death in the early hours of November 26. Mr. Cornell's life was crowded with service to the country and to the League. Only about three months ago we were congratulating him on his election as President of the Legislative Council, in succession to Sir John Hinkler, whose death he had been Chairman of the Upper House for nearly 20 years. He had sat contiguously as a member for the South Province since he was first elected in May, 1912. He was nearly 73 years of age when the last summons came.

Mr. Cornell was born in Victoria on December 23, 1874. He worked as a shearer in the Riverina country and came to Perth in 1896. He was connected with the trade union and Labour movements until the big split on the conscription issue in 1916, when he joined the National Labour Party and, later, like Mr. W. M. Hughes, became a member of the National Party. Mr. Cornell's death leaves Mr. Hughes the only member still taking an active part in Australian politics who left the A.L.P. on the conscription issue. During the first world war against Germany, Mr. Cornell served for two years with a Tunnellers' unit in France. He returned to Victoria in September, 1918, since when he has been closely associated with the activities of the R.S.L. For the past 26 years, with the exception of one brief gap caused by illness, he has been a member of the State Executive. He has also rendered splendid service as chairman of the R.S.L. land committee. With Sir Gilbert Dyett and Mr. Alex. Dark, he represented the R.S.L. at the B.E.S.L. conference at Cape Town in 1921. He again represented Australia at the B.E.S.L. conference in Ottawa in June, 1925.

VALE FRANK McADAM

One of the best-known and best-liked men in R.S.L. and official circles in the State, the late Mr. Frank J. M. McAdam, passed away in the St. John of God Hospital on October 26. A veteran of the first war against Germany, in which he reached the ranks of Major, he was one of the pioneers of the R.S.L. in this State, an early president of the Perth sub-branch and a member of the State Executive. Indifferent health, and pressure of public business, prevented him from entering so actively into League activities in more recent years, but his heart was always with us, and his genial personality was always a source of cheer and inspiration. A big man physically, as well as mentally, he had an unflagging good humour, which concealed the ravages of illness that grew worse with the years. He has a distinguished record in the Public Service of the State. He was a member of the Civil Service Association continuously for 15 years, and was association president for seven years. He also rose to the distinguished position of President of the Australian Public Service Federation, and one of the few who had been honoured with life membership of the association in this State. At the time of his death, he was still in office as immediate past president. To his widow and relatives we extend heartfelt sympathy.
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**Personalities**

- After spending about 18 years in Perth, R. A. Biggs is returning to his native Tasmania. Belonging to the Scottdale district of the Tight Little Island, Reg. Biggs served in France with the 40th Battalion, the only complete Tasmanian battalion in the First A.I.F. He was on a paper in Launceston before coming to Perth. For some years he was with The West Australian, but left that paper during the recent war. He was on full-time military duty, from which he went to the Perth sub-Treasury. He is now being transferred to the Hobart sub-Treasury. In R.S.L. matters he was for a few years secretary of the Press sub-branch, and he used to be a well-known occupant of the Press table at Executive meetings and other R.S.L. doings. Mrs. Biggs used to be a very active member of the Press women’s auxiliary.

- Mr. Harold Wilkins, former president of the Bruce Rock sub-branch, was honoured at the meeting on October 24. In the presence of 30 members and visitors from Narembeen and Shacketton-Kwoylin sub-branches, Mr. S. A. Brown (vice-president) made the presentation of a beautiful walking-stick, suitably inscribed. Mr. Wilkins came straight from Hollywood Hospital, in response to a special invitation from the sub-branch. Although he is not able to walk unaided, he appears to be very cheerful and was happy to be among old friends once more. Mr. Wilkins was a foundation member of the sub-branch in 1918. He was a member ever since. He was vice-president for some years, and president for 12 years. He has also been country vice-president of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L. He is also a holder of the League’s Certificate of Service. In presenting the walking-stick, Mr. Brown mentioned that the Totally and Permanently Disabled Men’s Association had assisted in procuring it. Mr. Brown apologized for the absence of the president, Mr. McQuigan, who was away on business. In his reply, Mr. Wilkins gave a brief report of congress proceedings and expressed keen appreciation of the work of the State Executive, members of which had come to the hospital daily to convey him to and from the congress.

- West Leederville-Wembley sub-branch reports with great regret the impending retirement of Mr. H. M. Henderson from local politics. For the past 30 years, Mr. Henderson has worked unrelentingly for the district. His services have always been available to the sub-branch, and at no time have members approached in vain. He is a member of the joint building committee, which is composed of sub-branch members and other citizens. Mr. Henderson had a very strenuous time during the war years. He has devoted 30 per cent. of his time to charitable and patriotic movements and organisations. Those who know and appreciate his work will realise that a little relaxation is now indicated, but this indefatigable worker will be missed all the same.

- Nannup-Jarrahwod sub-branch is losing the services of a keen and devoted worker, Fred Pearson. For many years he has been a vigorous member of the sub-branch, an efficient bearer of office, and a capable representative of the sub-branch at the annual State congress for many years. At the meeting of the sub-branch on November 19 reference was made in most complimentary terms to his long years of service. A motion of thanks and gratitude was carried, to which Mr. Pearson responded, expressing his regrets at losing the constant environment of the happy fellowship that had developed in the sub-branch. Among his constant duties for many years has been that of sub-branch correspondent to The Listening Post. We join with the sub-branch and the many other friends he has made during his visits to Perth in wishing him the Compliments of the Season and all the best for the future.

- Wickepin sub-branch suffered a sad loss when member Charlie Elson passed away in the Narrogin Hospital on November 5. He had been a sick man for a long time, and he will be greatly missed by both the sub-branch and the district. He was buried at Narrogin. Sub-branch members formed a guard of honour, and the Cortege was followed by Mr. Phillips of the Narrogin Town Band. Our sympathy goes out to his widow, daughter and two sons, one of whom is a member of the sub-branch.

**Varia**

- Even buildings are affected by rehabilitation needs. At the fashionable French seaside resort, Deauville, an enterprising retailer has taken over a German pill-box, which he now uses as an ice cream and confectionery stand. At Luton, England, a married couple, after looking everywhere for a house, converted the local air-raid warden’s post into a three-roomed bungalow.

- Two hundred and fifty Australians who have been serving in small ships with the Americans, have returned from Manila for discharge. The total pay-off will amount to £45,000, and the largest individual payment will be £1,248. At least 30 per cent. of the Australians employed in American small ships had saved their money because, on that service, they had very few opportunities for spending. The average pay was about £15 a week, and some were able to save more than £2,000.

- The Oberammergau Passion Play, which has been presented every ten years for centuries, last attracted tourists from every part of the world in 1936. The story of the Crucifixion is played by the villagers who, for the rest of the year, are just hard-working country people. All the same, they scornfully rejected big offers from American film companies for the screen rights of the play. This year, when the play fell due, it was not presented at all. This was because Anton Lang, who plays the part of Christ, has been banned for suspected Nazi sympathies.

- While the Chicago Tribune was fulminating hysterically against Australian soldiers, American soldier-journalists were telling their countrymen much about the deeds of the Diggers that had long been blanketed by the rules of censorship. Dale Kramer, who was a correspondent in the South Pacific, describes the fight put up by the Australians at Buna-Gona as “an epic of heroism against enemy forces, and also against malaria, dengue, dysentery and lack of water.” Kramer tells the story of an Australian Infantry battalion which lost 200 men, one-third of its effective strength in a single attack. Of this incident, the American Lieut.-General Eichelberger said: “I have seen today something I never dreamt I would see. I have seen infantry going on and taking such
casualties as I would not have believed any infantry in the world could take and still go on. However long I live I never expect to see the like again."

- In the recent New Zealand general election, service defaulters were not allowed to vote. This was the culmination of a long campaign conducted by the R.S.A., the New Zealand equivalent of the R.S.L., to have conscientious objectors, and dodgers of war service, denied civic rights. They succeeded to the extent that defaulters were declared ineligible to vote on November 27.

- A sub-branch of the R.S.L. in Victoria printed tickets for its annual reunion and smoke night with the request that, because of the expense of obtaining glasses, each member should bring his own glass.

- The recent arrival of 200 Eastern Europeans in Sydney in the liner Strathmore was referred to in letters from sub-branches, which were received at the meeting of the State Executive on December 4. Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch requested the State executive to make a strong protest against the admission of immigrants into Australia until the present housing shortage has been overcome. North Perth sub-branch urged that when immigration is resumed, people of British stock should be given absolute preference in the allotment of berths in relation to shipping available. The Executive decided to ask the Commonwealth Government what its immigration policy is, and to inform the North Perth sub-branch that its suggestion is already the policy of the League.

- In a recent frenzied attack on Australian servicemen, Colonel McCormick, of the notorious "Chicago Tribune," dropped his guard and led with his chin in talking about the alleged convict ancestry of Australian troops. England did not begin to ship her surplus gaol population to Australia until the American War of Independence made it no longer possible to send convicts to Virginia and the Carolinas. The convict system lasted far longer in the American colonies than it did in Australia, so that, by the law of averages, there must be many more Americans descended from convicts than there could possibly be Australians. One could pardon McCormick for allowing hysteria to over-ride history, but references to criminals come strangely, even impudently, from a leading citizen of a city which up to about ten years ago was a by-word as the metropolis of organised crime and political graft.

- During his maiden speech in the House of Representatives, Len Hamilton, the new member for Swan, mentioned that Leslie Haylen, M.H.R. for Parkes (N.S.W.) had sent Swan's former representative, D. A. Mountjoy, a telegram of condolence, in which he (Haylen) was stupid enough to state, in effect, that even if the commandoes were still with us. At Mr. Hamilton pointed out, the reference to Mountjoy as a commando is particularly displeasing to people in this State. One thinks, however, that the reaction will be amusement rather than annoyance. Hamilton, who served in both World Wars, is the only West Australian member of the House of Representatives with fighting service to his credit. The Haylen mentioned is the same Leslie Haylen who, not so long ago, made the childishy silly statement that the R.S.L. was losing members because the young Diggers refused to be dominated by the old. However, few people take Haylen very seriously these days. For some time during the recent election his own seat was in danger, and he just managed to scrape back by virtue of the servicemen's votes.

- For a week after Remembrance Day, Press reports from the Eastern States were full of indignant comment on the way the
occasion was exploited by the red-rag elements of Sydney and Melbourne. Such conduct is nothing new for these people. On Victory Day, the local mob took advantage of the celebration of the end of the war against Japan by stoning on the Esplanade to raise funds for the Red Cross. There is nothing to be said against that; but they spoofed The West Australian and the Australian Broadcasting Commission into giving them much publicity under the impression that the demonstration was actually being run by the Red Cross. In the Eastern States last month, they disturbed the calm of Remembrance Day in Sydney and Melbourne by staging processions and Domain and Yarra Bank meetings to celebrate Russia's National Day, although the actual date was three days previously. The day, of course, was the anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, after which the Bolsheviks made a separate peace with Germany, releasing 40 German divisions for a fierce onslaught on the Allies on the Western Front. Many old Diggers bitterly remembered this. They also remembered that Russia's pact of friendship with Germany in 1939 made Hitler think he was free to throw down the gauge of battle and plunge the world into another long and disastrous war. The Sydney and Melbourne celebrants called it an "imperialist war" at first, but it became a "holy war" when Hitler attacked his former ally Stalin in 1941. It is illegal for anybody to hold any demonstration other than Anzac Day observance on April 25, and it is high time the law stepped in and prevented other shows from marred the solemnity of Remembrance Day.

Repatriation Notes

To the end of September, over 5,300 brides and children and fiancées of Australian servicemen have been brought to Australia. They have come from the United Kingdom, Canada, South Africa, India, Middle East, New Zealand and Borneo.

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The Victorian Branch of the Repatriation Commission receives over 5,000 letters a week from ex-servicemen and their dependants. Delay could be reduced if every letter to the department quoted the full name and regimental number of the serviceman, as well as his unit of service. As the R.A.A.F. and R.A.N. do not use State prefixes, it would greatly assist the department if members of these two Services gave their State of enlistment as well. Departmental correspondence or file number should be quoted in all cases. Do you know that there are 203 "J. Ryan," 297 "W. Smiths" and 102 "R. Jones" in the Victorian Branch office records?

Repatriation facilities provided for discharged members of the Forces who are domiciled in New Guinea and Papua include provision for medical examinations and treatment for those suffering from war-caused difficulties at centres where a medical officer is stationed and a European hospital provided.

Benefits of the Soldiers' Children's Education Scheme have been extended to the children of white residents of New Guinea. Many of them were evacuated to Australia during the war.

Over one million pounds have been advanced by the Repatriation Commission to date for the purpose of establishing and re-establishing ex-service men and women and war widows in businesses and pre-war occupations. Since the inception of this legislation, nearly 8,000 loans, with a maximum in any one case of £500, have been granted.

More than £500,000 has been spent on gifts of tools of trade to ex-service men and women of the recent war. In all, nearly 80,000 gifts have been made, to a maximum amount of £10 in any one case.

Repatriation officers have been instructed to give the benefit of the doubt, in the widest sense, in favour of applicants for Repatriation pensions. The amended Act provides for this.

Full-time trainees, who are totally blinded, are entitled to the full training rate, in addition to war pensions and allowances. Where part-time training of not less than 20 hours a week is undertaken, one-half of the training rate may be paid.

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We regret having to disappoint those correspondents who sent their notes in late this month. We have been obliged to make an early start due to the Christmas holidays.
At the adjourned meeting on November 27 there were present Messrs. Anderson, Edmondson, Sten, Davies, Mansbridge, Craig, Halcombe, Ferguson, Thorn, Yeates, Olden, Hunt, Watt, Beaton, Fitzharding, Murray, Heriby, Stahl, Paton and Ferguson-Stewart.

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Appreciation.—A letter was received from the Yarloop sub-branch appreciating the Executive's action in appointing a representative on a recent deputation to the Minister for Education.

Federal Congress.—A full and comprehensive report on the recent Federal Congress was submitted by Messrs. Leslie and Craig, who represented our own State Branch. It was resolved that sub-branches which had submitted items be advised, (a) that these be published in The Listening Post, and (b) that copies of the delegates' report be sent to sub-branches, with a covering letter drawing attention to the particular items forwarded by the sub-branch. A vote of thanks was accorded the delegates.

Special Congress.—There was a full discussion of circulars notifying the intention of the Victorian and South Australian Branches to ask for a special congress of representatives from all branches to consider further the recent decision to extend the eligibility clause. The following resolutions were carried: (1) in view of the fact that four of the States submitted resolutions to the Federal Congress in favour of extending the eligibility clause, and decided in favour of the extension by nine votes to four, the W.A. Branch considers that no good purpose could be served by referring the matter to a Special Federal Congress, and that this branch definitely opposes such a move. (2) That the Federal President be requested to instruct the branches to implement the eligibility extension as from January 1, 1947, which is the beginning of the new financial year.

Representation.—Mr. L. Thorn, M.I.A., was elected delegate to represent the W.A. Branch at the forthcoming Anzac Day ceremony in New Zealand. Mr. W. J. Hunt was nominated as this branch's candidate to represent the R.S.I. at the coming B.E.S.L. conference in London. In response to the request from the State Executive, the Executive decided that the W.A. Branch had no objection to the Federal Secretary attending the conference.

Levy.—In connexion with the levy of 2/6 a member, decided on at the recent State Congress, it was resolved that sub-branches be notified that, as the Constitution of the League was amended at the last Federal Congress, earnings levy now must be levied for any purpose and, as the W.A. Branch decided at the last State Congress, a compulsory levy of 2/6 be added to the annual subscription.

The followiQg resolutions were passed: (a) resolutions of protest and appeal to the Federal Congress were drawn to the attention of the State Executive, and it was resolved that it might prove an obstacle to many ex-servicemen who want to buy their own homes. Satisfaction was expressed with the issue of a Royal Commission to Mr. Willmott, M.L.A., in his investigation of the housing shortage problem. It was resolved that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Vocational Training Centre.

Beaver House.—Approval was granted for the trustees to sign a lease of the Beaver House premises for a period of 25 years.

Re-Establishment and Employment.—In a report from the Re-establishment and Employment Committee, attention was drawn to the position of unemployed ex-servicemen as building inspectors. It was pointed out that the position needed watchful, as these men might find that many of the positions had been filled during their absence on service.

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A suggestion that a photograph of the late Mr. Cornell be hung in the Boardroom was adopted.

DECEMBER 4, 1946

At the meeting on December 4 there were present Messrs. Anderson, Edmondson, Sten, Davies, Mansbridge, Croft, Halcombe, Ferguson, James, Thorn, Yeates, Olden, Hunt, Bateem, Murray, Herlihy, Stahl, Paton, Ferguson-Stewart and Lonnie.

The President extended a welcome to Mr. W. Long, who had been called up for duty to succeed the late Hon. J. Cornell, M.L.C. Mr. Long suitably acknowledged the welcome.

Committee Report

House.—This was presented by Mr. Thorn, and referred to the efforts being made to provide an emergency lighting plant; the question of a petrol bowser; for the vacant land and the notice to metropolitan sub-branches re bookings of the hall for the first six months in 1947.

War Service Reserve.—Two reports were presented by Mr. Davies, and referred to the Premier’s reply to the League’s request for a representative following upon the Upper House recommendation for a woman representative of the board.

Reference was also made to the efforts being made to remove sales tax from the remaining items of building material, and the numerous individual cases which had been represented or were now the subject of negotiation with the board.

The committee also drew attention to efforts made to secure an amendment to the Purchasers’ Protection Act, and the Government’s favourable reception.

Club.—The report was submitted by Mr. Thorn and referred to the Club licences and the increased assessment in consequence of the supplies of liquor delivered to sub-branches under the Club licence. The bar returns were also quoted and a summary of the receipts and payments reported upon.

Relief Fund.—Colonel Mansbridge reported on behalf of the trustees and referred to 14 recent applications, five of which were declined.

R.S.L.—House.—The report was presented by Mr. Herlihy and indicated that the business was being carried out satisfactorily.

Re-establishment.—The report was read by Mr. Sten and referred to recent meetings of the committee and the question of war trade, the latter item being left with the committee for further action.

Corps of Commissionaires.—Reported on by Mr. Yeates, and indicated that satisfactory progress was being made with the reorganisation of the Corps.

Visits.—A number of official visits were reported upon, and it was decided to authorise Colonel Olden to take up the question of a change of domicile for Lemnos patients with the statutory board.

Federal Correspondence

Circular 491 concerned representation at the B.E.S.L. conference. Four nominations had been received and the necessary authorisation was given to the State Secretary as to the method of voting.

Circular 492 was about admission of Chinese, in which the Commonwealth Attorney-General explained that care is being taken to ensure that aliens are not admitted in numbers likely to endanger the rehabilitation of ex-servicemen and women.

Circular 493 contained a letter from the new Minister for Repatriation, Mr. Barnard, who promised to visit all States to contact League officials.

Broom Sub-Branch (two letters received): (a) re formation of sub-branches for coloured members. Decided to notify that this was a matter for Congress. (b) Return of Japanese interview, and other discussion it was decided to write to the Attorney-General ascertaining the position of natural-born Japanese, and if interment revealed anything substantive.

Mountjoy Appointment.—Protests were received from Corrigin and Quintana sub-branches against the appointment of Mr. Mountjoy to the executive of the C.S.I.R. Decided that the matter be referred to the Federal Executive to ascertain under what section of the Re-establishment Act this appointment was made.

Invitations.—National Fitness Centre, December 12. Colonel Mansbridge. Mundijong-Jarrahdale, December 7, representatives to be appointed; Cottesloe, December 10, Mr. Herlihy; Busselton, December 7, Mr. Murray; Midland Junction, December 12, Messrs. Hunt and Murray; Cannings District, December 20, Mr. Craig.

City of Perth Sub-Branch.—The sub-branch made a recommendation that the levy not apply to certain members on small incomes. It was decided this was a matter for State Congress.

North Perth Sub-Branch wrote recommending that absolute preference in all shipping be given to British stock. It was decided that this recommendation be forwarded to the Federal office for Ministerial declaration as to policy.

Mr. Hawthorn Sub-Branch protested against admission of migrants owing to the acute housing position. It was decided that this matter be also mentioned to the Minister.

Swanbourne Sub-Branch wrote to patients at C.H.I. It was decided that a visit take place on Monday, December 9. The Secretary is to approach the Minister-General, and the following visitors were appointed: Colonel Mansbridge, Major, Bateem, Paton, representatives of the Red Cross, Claremont and Swanbourne sub-branches, with the State Secretary.

Torrens Sub-Branch recommended that ex-servicemen likely to be affected with hook worm should be periodically examined. The letter was referred to the Repatriation Committee.

Como Sub-Branch and Affiliation.—The Secretary was instructed to notify the sub-branch that there is no provision in the League’s constitution for affiliating with other bodies, but necessary co-operation could be secured by individual members identifying themselves with the movement.

A.M.P. Special Benefits Fund.—The Secretary summarised recent correspondence, and approval was given to the trustees acting for the fund in this State.

Maternal Cases.—The Repatriation Committee was requested to again take up the matter of relief of last wages to men attending for a half day at repatriation hospitals.
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We can proudly look back on the year past. Great tasks, face your Federal and State Executives; your sub-branch officials, too. They cannot succeed without unity and your earnest co-operation. Six years of war have disrupted the family and industrial life of those who served.

Let us continue to press for the jobs, homes, the amenities that make life worth living, and for which our members are striving at a disadvantage. You must get preference, adequate pensions, liberal land settlement, ample hospitalisation.

We must protect the relatives of those we left behind on the battlefields of Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific islands; and those in unknown graves in two hemispheres.

Public recognition of its obligation to those who fought is apt to wane as the memory of war recedes. This must not be allowed to happen.

You, fellow member, can give the general public a lead by singling out petty differences, by showing unwavering faith to your elected officers, and above all by carrying out at all times the ideals on which our great institution was formed.

**Sub-Branch Activities**

**NORTH BEACH**

At the general meeting all the senior office-bearers decided to retire in favour of new blood. This move means enthusing, but rather the reverse, each one of them is prepared to pull his weight from the floor. The retiring office-bearers were: President, Mr. J. A. Lord, treasurer, Mr. F. Pitcher; hon. auditors, Messrs. W. Wright and C. Betteridge. The new officials are: President, Mr. J. A. Lord; vice-president, Mr. T. Woodward; secretary, Mr. D. C. Owen; treasurer, Mr. D. C. Owen; auditor, Messrs. Pitcher and C. A. Lord. Mr. A. C. Owen transferred from treasurer and secretary as objects to auditors, and Mr. D. C. Owen remained as assistant secretary, but as he will be married before this goes to press, other interests will, no doubt, occupy his time, for a while away from work.

The meeting-place has been transferred from Muller's Hall to the Surf Club building. A deposit has been paid on a block of land in a splendid position. When funds roll in, members will have their own hall in no time.

**WAROONA-HAMIL**

Good attendances continue to be a feature of the sub-branch's monthly meeting. This also marks the anniversary of the founding of the sub-branch. The enthusiasm shown by all concerned is that the hall continued for this venture. Much interest is being centred on the land settlement scheme and an effort has been made to have Mr. Fry (Director of Land Settlement) address the meeting in the very near future.

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**MAREEBA**

The quarterly meeting was held on November 6. In the future it is hoped to reduce meetings each month on the sub-branch committee to limit meetings to meet the needs of the sub-branch activities. A report on the State Congress was received from the sub-branch's delegate, Mr. G. G. Lord. The Club building fund was appointed to organise the raising of money for the sub-branch building fund. A very active sub-branch, the members are urgently soliciting to see that a suitable building can be erected as soon as circumstances permit. The next meeting is on December 4, the Old Boys' Dinner, and the Sports Day to be held on New Year's Day. The annual General meeting will be held early in the New Year.

**MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDERVILLE**

The sub-branch is now at the crossroads—the end of one year and the beginning of another. We can look back on a successful year and also improve on our mistakes. Members are reminded that nominations for office-bearers, which must be signed by nominator and candidate, close on January 9, and forms can be obtained from the secretary at any time. The elections for office-bearers take place at the annual meeting on January 23. During November members paid a visit to our neighbouring sub-branch, West Leederville, and one of the largest crowds ever seen enjoyed a good evening at the Great Hall.

**NANNUP JARRAHWOOD**

At the monthly meeting on November 19, reference was made to amalgamation on behalf of the widow of a member and two members. It was unanimously agreed that six guineas be donated to Faverialization House, a fortnight's convalescence for a member of the sub-branch, should the occasion arise. The resignation of the treasurer, Mr. Fred Spits, was received. Mr. D. C. Owen was appointed to fill the vacancy. The next meeting will be held at Jarrahwood on January 3.

**CANNING DISTRICTS**

Meetings were held on October 27 and November 24. At the October meeting much business was transacted. A social meeting was held on Saturday, November 10. The social committee has decided that the annual social, which will be held at the sporting, will be held at the New Year. At the same meeting Mr. J. A. Lord, the secretary to the State Congress, made a full report on activities there and, incidentally, his own activities outside of "working hours." Older members have memories of meetings which were happily concluded by gatherings around the card tables where a rubber or two of bridge was played. A serious effort has been made by the sub-branch wishes Don and his wife the best.

**MANUNUP**

Mr. L. Thompson presided over a well-attended meeting on November 14. Membership is now 562. This year the sub-branch sold 597 potties out of a total of 5,300. There has been no improvement on last year's effort. Keen support was accorded to the appeal for a complete success for the appeal. This was fixed for January, and arrangements are in the hands of a committee consisting of Messrs. W. L. Johnson, R. Smith, V. Cribb and J. Smith. Mr. A. Hamilton by the committee to the sub-branch will be addressed at the National Service Officer from Bridgetown. Mr. Owen. Two large photographs of the first convoy steaming out of Albany in 1914 were presented to the sub-branch. The committee to the sub-branch will be held at Mandurah. The sub-branch was attended by 108 members and guests at the annual reunion on November 16. A number of visitors included Mr. Suh (State Executive), Mr. L. J. Rees (President, North Beach sub-branch), Mr. T. R. Turner (President, Mandurah sub-branch), Mr. J. Torlinson (secretary, Northcliffe sub-branch), and Mr. A. Fontanini.

**MUNDARING AND DISTRICTS**

The November meeting held at Glen Forrest was one of pleasure and regret. Our padre, Rev. A. Thompson, our patron, who has been our solicitor of the last 20 years, unfortunately due to ill-health, was unable to attend. The meeting-place has been transferred to the Surf Club building. A deposit has been paid on a block of land in a splendid position. When funds roll in, members will have their own hall in no time.

**SUBIACCO**

Just as the sub-branch was preparing to defray (locally) the block of money for the building fund, an appeal for a total of $15,000 was launched. Mr. G. Anderson, was appointed to organise the raising of money for the sub-branch building fund. A very active sub-branch, the members are urgently soliciting to see that a suitable building can be erected as soon as circumstances permit. The next meeting is on December 14, the Old Boys' Dinner, and the Sports Day to be held on New Year's Day. The annual General meeting will be held early in the New Year.

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BULLSBROOK AND DISTRICTS

On November 11, sports organised by the sub-branch were held in Bullsbrook, in aid of the memorial fund. Despite deluges and disappointing weather, a profit was made and all agreed that the day was an enjoyable one. Refreshments were sold by members of the auxiliary.

At night a successful concert was held. On December 11 the auxiliary celebrated its eleventh birthday in the Bullsbrook Hall. The auxiliary has gone into recess until the February meeting in 1947.

SWANBOURNE

The inaugural meeting took place on November 27, in the Lesser hall of the Swanbourne Picture Theatre, and during the evening the following officers were elected until permanent officers were elected by ballot in two or three months' time: President, Mrs. Young; Vice-President, Mrs. Barrett; Secretary, Mrs. A. W. Bissett, and Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Wilson. It was decided to meet monthly for the purposes of general business and bi-monthly for the purposes of sport and social activities. The first of such meetings to be a combined sports meeting with members of the sub-branch, on December 18. Those present indicated a desire to be interested in inter-sub-branch sports and are looking forward to future meetings when table tennis and indoor bowls equipment would be available.

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10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, Perth; when called; President: E. (Ted) Andrews, c/o. Lands Department, Perth; Secretary: Roy Perry, 22 Cooper Street, Nedlands.

11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Annual meeting; December; President: W. A. Richmond, 11th Battalion, A.E.&E., Leederville; Secretary: C. A. P. Gostelow, 42 St. George’s Terrace, Perth (acting Secretary).

16th BATTALION ASSOCIATION—6th Barrack Street, Perth (Committee) third Thursday each month; President: W. L. Wyborn, 6th Barrack Street, Perth; Secretary: W. O. Newick, 59 Hall Street, Mt. Lawley.

20th BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Committee, as arranged; 2nd Monday; President: Mr. H. Gardner, 53 Fourth Avenue, Mt. Lawley; Secretary: M. J. Foster, 152 Coode Street, Como.

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