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Migrants Ahoy!

This is a special Migration issue, and our Editorial is based upon a recent letter which was sent out to all sub-branches by the State President (Mr. W. J. Hunt).

"You are aware that, at the recent Federal Congress held in Brisbane, there was passed, in the name of Western Australia, a resolution that the League should inaugurate and foster an Immigration Scheme for British ex-servicemen through the British Empire Service League.

"The Executive Migration Committee has now commenced, with some degree of energy, to implement this policy. Other States are also moving in that direction, and it is urged that each sub-branch will give the matter thought and attention.

"The Minister for Immigration (Mr. Calwell), addressing Federal Congress, said: 'Immigration is most important to every individual Australian and to all sections of the Australian community... It is important to the old people and the young people, and perhaps more important to the younger generation than to the older generation... We welcome all people of goodwill, good health and good character who are likely to become good citizens... and I hope we will have at least fifteen million people to protect us if ever again enemies dispute our right to hold Australia.'

"In addition to this high Ministerial concept of migration, there is the immediate and practical aspect, that without an adequate labour force in this State, which a vigorous immigration policy will be made to provide, we cannot hope to overcome the housing and development problems inseparable from the policy of expansion so vital to our progress and future welfare.

"Here, indeed, is a challenge! Let us determine that the League will play its part in implementing its Migration policy. So to sub-branches I say, 'Give this your prompt and immediate attention. Set up a small committee if you wish; submit your criticisms if you like; but never lose sight of the larger viewpoint.' By doing this all within our own organisation [details of the scheme will be found on page 8] I am certain our influence will be extremely valuable and helpful in accomplishing the task which the Government has asked us to accept.'"
During the first six months of 1948 the number of permanent arrivals (migrants) coming to Australia was 27,441 (14,596 males and 12,845 females). This was 14,804 more migrants than arrived in the first half of 1947.

Of these migrants, 17,749 were British (65 per cent); 882 came from the United States; 369 were Dutch; 718 were Estonians; 964 were Greeks; 586 were Italians; 1,042 were Lithuanian; 828 were Lithuanians; 1,029 were Poles; and 429 were Yugoslavs.

The practice of restricting the entry of Asians into Australia dates back to the period of the gold rushes, when the Chinese caught the gold fever and flocked to the diggings, becoming expert "tailers" and working the dumps passed over by the Europeans. By 1839 there were more than 40,000 Chinese in Victoria alone. The very success of the Chinese led to racial friction, and between 1855-1861 Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia passed measures restricting the immigration of Chinese.

But these measures were repealed within a few years, for when the goldfields petered out, many of the Chinese left the country. But in 1870 public opinion again hardened against Asians, and by 1887 all the Australian States had reintroduced measures restricting the entry of Chinese. When the first Commonwealth Parliament met in 1901, all parties were in agreement that the continent must be preserved for the white races.

The geographer Griffith Taylor believes that Victoria should be able to hold as many people to the square mile, as Poland, while Queensland might have rather less people to the square mile than most of the Mediterranean countries. On this basis, the density of people to the square mile which could be supported in Victoria is 180. Taking all States into consideration, Taylor believes that Australia could support a population of 65,000,000.

But Henry Barkley thinks that the total population of Australia should not exceed 30,000,000, of which Queensland would hold 11,000,000 instead of about 1,000,000, and Western Australia would have 5,000,000 instead of about half a million.

The Prime Minister (Mr. J. B. Chifley) says: "Australia is the one land in the world peopled by the English-speaking race which offers unlimited opportunities for those who will work to advance and expand this country... there are great prospects for... men and women willing to take their part in the building of Australia into a great nation in which a decent, just and constantly improving way of life is the right of all... I have great faith in the future greatness of this country. Those who feel they can share that faith are welcome here."

Professor Wadham calculates that, providing there is little change from today's diet, Australia could hold and feed about 50,000,000 people. But when standards of diet are taken into account, Griffith Taylor alters his figures, stating that on a diet "similar to the present standards of the United States," Australia could support about 20,000,000.

A German geographer named Giesler has totally different views, and he holds that Australia's total population could be as high as between 150,000,000 and 200,000,000. He thinks that the present wheatbelt could hold 150 people to the square mile, whereas at present, in the best settled areas, there are approximately 15 people to the square mile. But as he gives a density of 65 persons to the square mile in the Northern Territory, and three to the square mile in the Simpson Desert, Giesler seems a trifle too optimistic.

As it is, the peoples of the world are by no means evenly distributed. Great Britain and Northern Ireland have 47,000,000 people; the Dutch East Indies holds 63,000,000; Spain has a population of 24,000,000; yet Australia has only around 7,000,000 in its 2,974,581 square miles.

The Australian birthrate, per 1,000 of population, was at the rate of 42.6 in 1860. But ten years later it had dropped to 38.7, and almost ever since there has been a steady decline, except for minor fluctuations, and in 1941 the rate was 18.9. In Japan, it is 27.0, in Ceylon, it is 35.8, and in Egypt it is 43.4.

In 1914, Australia's natural increase of population was 86,000, but in 1939 it was only 53,000. And as the population had by 1939 grown by 2,000,000, the natural increase, had it been at the 1914 rate, would have been 125,000. See how many youngsters we have "lost" in this way.

For that reason alone, migration must be backed to the hilt and encouraged in every possible manner. The League's scheme must be fully supported. And those who "fear" the advent of "foreigners" may secure some comfort from the fact that at the 1947 census 99.5 per cent. of the people in New South Wales and 99.4 per cent. of those in Victoria were of British nationality.

Total of people born outside the British Empire, at the date of that census, was: New South Wales, 45,201; Victoria, 33,224. Of these, only 14,970 in New South Wales and 11,607 in Victoria were of foreign nationality, the remainder being British subjects, mainly by naturalisation.
This is Official
Items of Interest from the State Executive

A meeting of the State Executive was held at Anzac House on Wednesday, January 12, at 5.30 p.m. Business included:

**NEW YEAR HONOURS**
It was resolved that congratulations be sent to Sir John Dwyer, K.C.M.G., and Canon E. M. Collick, O.B.E., whose services had been recognised by their inclusion in the New Year Honours List.

**MIDDLE EAST SITUATION**
The following resolution was carried: “That, in view of the extremely grave situation that has arisen on the Egyptian and Palestine front, and in view of the fact that men and women of Australia, whom this League represents, have fought on two occasions to preserve the important British interests and vital Empire links in the Middle East, this League urges the Commonwealth Government to convey to the British Government approval of any appropriate steps taken by that Government to preserve these interests in order to maintain the integrity of the British Commonwealth.”

**LAND**
The report submitted by Mr. Davies covered a number of cases which had been rejected by the Land Purchase Board, and Federal Congress items Nos. 183, 172, 184, 180 and 178. The report was adopted, subject to the congress resolution in respect of the rehabilitation loan being further discussed by the committee.

**RE-ESTABLISHMENT**
The report submitted by Mr. Stanbury covered a deputation to the Attorney-General; appointment of engineer, Cottesloe Council: road haulage of wheat; appointment of caretaker, Mt. Barker school; Federal Congress items dealing with war gratuities; C.R.T.S. increased allowances, and request for monetary benefits to be extended to cover the full length of the course as a gift; and a report on the deputation from the committee to a meeting of the Bricklayers’ Union. The report was adopted, and it was decided that the report covering the deputation to the Bricklayers’ Union be referred to the Housing Committee.

**HOUSING**
The report submitted by Mr. Davies on four meetings of the committee covered a decision to circularise sub-branches re stocks of seasoned timber; suggestions re the Co-operative Building Scheme; shortage of materials; houses under construction; north-west activities; Geraldton sub-branch; a number of personal cases; deputation to the Federal Minister for Housing; and a discussion with members of the State Housing Commission.

**RE-PATRIATION**
The report submitted by Mr. Stahl covered the recent meeting of ex-servicemen’s organisations and a further comprehensive report on the interview with Dr. A. Stoller regarding treatment for psychiatric patients.

**THE LISTENING POST**
The report submitted by Mr. Leslie covered the granting of an option to the printers of continuing the printing of The Listening Post for a further twelve months, subject to certain conditions at the expiration of the present contract; sales of the journal to the public; and a recommendation that the Song Competition be divided into two sections.

**MIGRATION**
The report submitted by Mr. Lonnie covered the steps which had been taken to initiate the League’s scheme for the group nomination of British ex-servicemen through sub-branches; the presentation of Migration Circular No. 2 in respect thereof; and a reply from the Minister for Immigration to the committee’s recent comments on its visit to the Graylands Migration Camp.

Other reports included Finance (Mr. Herlihy), W.A. Aged Sailors and Soldiers (Mr. A. Yeates), Anzac House and Anzac Club (Mr. Ferguson), Faversham (Mr. Herlihy) and Amelioration (Colonel Mansbridge).

It was resolved that Miss Mary Meares, M.B.E., be nominated by the League as United Nations’ delegate.

An expression of sympathy was sent to Mr. J. M. W. Anderson in respect of the illness of Mrs. Anderson, with wishes for her speedy recovery.

Appointment of sub-branch officials was confirmed in respect to Bindaan, Cowaramup, Dowerin and Kensington.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

A further meeting was held on Wednesday, January 26, business including:

**LAND**
The report submitted by Mr. Davies covered a circular to sub-branches re Rural Re-establishment Loan; notification of the appointment of a liaison officer between the Land Settlement Board and the committee; and complaints arising from a visit to the Northcliffe sub-branch.

**HOUSING**
The report submitted by Mr. Davies covered special loan provisions; timber supplies; project building; and a resolution covering steps to be taken to overcome the lag in the production of building materials.

**RE-ESTABLISHMENT**
The report submitted by Mr. Stanbury covered offences committed by ex-servicemen whilst suffering from the effects of war-caused disabilities; road haulage of wheat as it affects ex-servicemen; and a resolution from South Perth sub-branch re C.R.T.S. allowances, which it is recommended should be submitted at the next meeting of the Federal Executive.

**RE-PATRIATION**
The report submitted by Mr. Stahl covered a comprehensive report by the secretary dealing with a number of individual cases.

**FAVERSHAM**
The report submitted by Colonel Olden covered the number of inmates; future policy; and a recommendation by the City of Perth sub-branch that arrangements be made for sub-branch
Other reports included Management (Mr. Sten), Anzac House (Mr. Ferguson), Corps of Commissionaires (Mr. Yeates), Amelioration (Colonel Mansbridge), Aged Sailors and Soldiers (Mr. Yeates), R.S.L. Hostel (Mr. Herlihy) and S.S.L. (Colonel Mansbridge).

The following officials were recommended to be confirmed: Tammin, Yarloop, Busselton, Baker's Hill, Mundijong, York, Kellarberrin, Bassendean and Carlisle.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

BRITAIN—"D" DAY AND TODAY
As a soldier, I had found that my endeavours were planned, encouraged and aided by commanders and staff who were themselves working in concert, who were practical men, and who could have done my job a great deal better than I could myself.

As a farmer, I find that my endeavours are not planned but prevented. The commanders are not working in concert, but one against the other. The staffs are not practical men but clerks. They are not helping and encouraging, but obstructing.

Worst of all, I find that the law has gone. The law of our war-time endeavours had required us to do things. The law of peacetime frustration tells us only not to do things. It no longer makes sense. It has become contemptible. Civic duty is no longer law abidance, but legal evasion.

In just four years the new world that had seemed to be born so brightly on D-Day has been made to smell like a rotten egg. Our best endeavours have become a poor joke.

If we were to see them drawn on the map in coloured chalk, as they were drawn in the Operations Room at S.H.A.E.F., they would not be headed for a Normandy beach. Hopelessly dispersed, they would be pointed in all directions.

And if we were to seek the spirit of man, as it was once expressed by those coloured symbols, we might find it beneath a heap of files being sat on by a swollen clerk.

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A Yank Looks at the West

By C. E. DOUGLAS

THE arch of the Harbour Bridge came into view on a bright October day as the Monterey made its way through the colourful harbour of Sydney, and it was then I felt that once again I was in Australia.

After undergoing immigration questioning and medical inspection I was approached by several newspaper reporters. "What is your name?" "Why are you returning to Australia?" "Don't you like America?" Before I was able to answer one question fully another followed. And somehow I did not satisfy these questioners, because I told them I left America quite contented with conditions there, and by no means because I disliked the country.

The next day I winged my way to the city I had come to love most of all—Perth. But as the trip took place at night I was prevented from viewing the country I had become familiar with. The joy and delight I felt when reunited with my wife and young son have been experienced by most men returning from overseas, so I will not elaborate upon them.

Now I have been residing in Perth for two years. Meeting old friends, making new friends and learning the Australian way of life have dominated a great part of my time. But I would like to say that when I meet new friends I am usually questioned—in friendly vein—as to what I think of the West, so now I shall try to answer the questions I am most frequently asked.

"How do you like it here?"

I enjoy being in Perth with my many new and old friends. The majority of people have made me feel as if I am really wanted, and that means a great deal to me, so I do wish to express my appreciation to all the people of this great State for the warmth of the hospitality I have received, both during the war and now. But I would like to add that when I approach the question of employment; this is not always so warmly received. The ex-service men's representatives have been most helpful, but the employer is often too blunt. There are times, it seems, when a Yank is not welcome.

"How do you like the climate?"

Well, I don't want to be pessimistic or too abrupt, but I think it is wonderful.

"Do you plan to settle in W.A.?"

If I can establish myself in employment or a profession that will satisfy me financially, I shall be very content to stay.

"Will you become a naturalised Australian?"

If, as I have already said, I become comfortably established—maybe.

Visit of Federal President

The Federal President (Mr. Eric Millhouse) is visiting this State during March, and while here he will visit a number of country sub-branches.

His itinerary is as follows:

Tuesday, March 15: Arrive Kalgoorlie 4.10 a.m.; attend sub-branch meeting.

Wednesday, March 16: Leave Kalgoorlie 2.30 p.m.; arrive Perth 5.50 p.m.; attend meeting of metropolitan sub-branches at Anzac House, 9 p.m. (social).

Thursday, March 17: Visit His Excellency the Governor (Sir James Mitchell) 10 a.m.; civic reception, Council Chambers, 12 noon; leave Perth 2 p.m.; arrive Harvey 4.10 p.m.; attend sub-branch meeting.

Friday, March 18: Leave Bunbury 9 a.m.; arrive Collie 9.30 a.m.; meet sub-branch; leave Collie 10 a.m.; arrive Narrogin 11.30 a.m. (lunch); leave Narrogin 2 p.m.; arrive Katanning 4 p.m.; attend sub-branch meeting.

Saturday, March 19: Leave Katanning 9 a.m.; arrive York 12.30 p.m.; lunch at Faversham; leave York 3 p.m.; arrive Northam 5.30 p.m.; attend sub-branch meeting.

Sunday, March 20: Leave Northam 10 a.m.; arrive Wyalkatchem 12 noon (lunch); meet sub-branch; leave Wyalkatchem 3 p.m.; arrive Dalwallinu 6.30 p.m.; attend sub-branch meeting.

Monday, March 21: Leave Dalwallinu 9.30 a.m.; arrive Carnamah 12 noon (lunch); meet sub-branch; leave Carnamah 2.30 p.m.; arrive Geraldton 6 p.m.; attend sub-branch meeting.

Tuesday, March 22: Leave Geraldton 9 a.m.; arrive Perth 6 p.m.; leave Perth for Adelaide 9.45 p.m.

"What kind of employment are you following?"

At present I am attending the Technical College, and I hope to matriculate at the University.

Now that I have survived the "third degree," I would like to mention some of my social and sporting activities. Whenever I attend the social gatherings among you, my two bob is always donated so that I, too, can enjoy a few cool ones "off the wood." Darts? I'll say. I enjoy a game as much as any Aussie. And whenever my form graces the dance floor I can do "old time" and, much to my amazement, enjoy it.

But, apart from my family ties, what I love and enjoy most is my Sunday afternoon game of baseball with my fellow club members. Being an American I still have a lot to learn about the game, and it may surprise some of the local people to know I can learn it from your own Westralian boys. Playing the game hard and clean, the true Australian way, doubles my enjoyment in participating in a Yankee sport on a foreign shore.

Your beaches, holiday resorts, scenic drives and wild flowers are different from any I have seen in my travels before. To be frank they are just damn nice.

At this stage many of you may say that I am pulling your legs. But I mean what I say. However, I am quite human and I have plenty of growls. Some of the treatment I have received here has been more than unpleasant. Perhaps my outlook is different from many, but I usually push aside my discomforts when they come along, and I think you can do the same.

If you can have three square meals a day, a roof over your head, clothing, a few pence to entertain your family and the chance to enjoy a fairly easy life—why growl?

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Australia used to be known as the land of wide, open spaces, a land on which the people lived chiefly by looking after vast numbers of sheep and cattle which roamed the sunlit plains; by shipping wool, hides and meat overseas and by growing wide, golden miles of wheat and other grain.

This was indeed Australia. Even today, it still represents an important part of Australia's way of living. The vast inland plains still support their tens of millions of cattle, their scores of millions of sheep. The greatest production, and certainly the principal export of this island-continent, is still that fine merino wool which, along with wheat and gold, was what Australia produced for world markets for over a hundred years.

Besides this traditional Australia there has evolved, however, a new Australia with a new kind of life— if not a new kind of people. Especially in the south-eastern States, the last forty years have witnessed the rapid growth of manufacturing industries... or, as we still call them in Australia, "secondary industries."

Sydney has become a huge metropolis—in the British Empire second only to London—with a population of 1,500,000, and one of the world's great centres of industrial and commercial activity. Melbourne, with a population of 1,250,000, and capital of Victoria, is the other principal centre of manufacturing industry and commerce. Adelaide, the capital of South Australia, possesses a group of very large industrial undertakings; while Brisbane, situated in about the middle of the east coast, is not only the capital of Queensland, a State with vast rural production, but is also developing rapidly in the field of manufacturing industry.

From Whyalla, in South Australia, and Yampi, in Western Australia, comes the rich iron ore, mined from vast deposits, to feed the huge modern iron-and-steel works at Newcastle and Port Kembla. These steel works are famous as the most efficient—and producing the cheapest steel—in the world. A further expansion of the industry is now being prepared, with additional rolling mills and a new tinplate works scheduled for construction during the next five years.

Among the basic industries which have very largely developed during the last few years is the production of bulk chemicals, including alkalis. But hundreds of modern up-to-date manufacturing establishments of almost every type—woollen, cotton and rayon textile mills, clothing factories, glassworks, paper mills, heavy engineering works, electrical engineering factories—scores of large ones and thousands of smaller ones—have been brought into existence in the great cities, and in the lesser towns, too, of what was once the "Lonely Land."

**STRANGER, PAUSE**

 Stranger, pause and shed a tear
For one who leaves no mourners.

E. Will Speed reposes here:
He cut the flamin' corners.

From giant railway locomotives to pen nibs—from 10,000-ton ships to hearing-aid for the deaf—from 17 million pairs of shoes to 27 million gallons of ice-cream—from worsted and woollen and cotton and rayon piecegood to motor tyres, toothbrushes, aircraft engines, microscopes, and pre-cooked breakfast foods—Australia now manufactures goods of almost every class and type known to the modern world.

This country is, moreover, to a large extent self-supporting in regard to the materials required for her manufacturing industries. Coal and iron, wool and cotton, timber and plastic materials, porcelain clays, asbestos, dozens of other basic materials for industry are produced in the Commonwealth. Increased mechanisation and expansion of coalmines, and development of hydro-electric power stations (particularly in Tasmania) supply in ever-increasing quantity Australia's expanding demand for power. Raw rubber and oil are about the only two basic materials Australia is still obliged wholly to import.

Most striking were the developments of industry during and since the war. Thousands of engineering works, large and small, have achieved new standards of precision. The basic chemical industries, long lagging, have become thoroughly established. In every sphere of industrial production Australia's own research laboratories have made conspicuous additions to the new techniques introduced from Britain and the United States. In her industrial plant and organisation, in her production methods and technique, Australia today is well in the second rank of the manufacturing countries of the world.

But there are still enormous possibilities and openings for further industrial development. It is still the Land of Opportunity for manufacturing industries. Already since the end of the war there has been a large movement of British and American (and some European) manufacturers to become established in the country; and it is seen that each new industry which comes creates wider opportunities for others. It is a safe prediction that, during the next decade, Australian manufacturing industry will expand and develop even more rapidly than in any ten years before.

Reverting to the comparison between "primary" and "secondary" production in Australia, it is not always realised, even by Australians, that during recent years the secondary or manufacturing industries have surged ahead to such an extent that they have now achieved "primary" position in Australia's economic life.

Today, the secondary or manufacturing industries produce more wealth, afford a livelihood to more persons, contribute more taxation, and thus play a greater part in her national economy than do all the rural industries combined.

In the last year for which statistics are available, the total production of meat and wool and wheat and other crops, dairy produce, poultry, fruit and vegetables, was £52 million. But in the same year the value of factory production was £354 million. Moreover, there are now about twice as many of the people of Australia engaged in manufacturing industries as there are in all the rural industries, including the farmers, the pastoralists, and all their permanent and seasonal employees.

The largest numerical increase has been in the engineering industry; there are nearly three times as many workers as there were before the war engaged in electrical engineering and (Continued on page 18)
Migrant Nomination Scheme

The Executive desires each sub-branch to accept responsibility through its members for nominating AT LEAST ONE BRITISH ex-service man. This involves guaranteeing accommodation and, if possible, employment. Immediately there is sufficient response from sub-branches, the authorities will be requested to arrange the necessary transport.

Through close co-operation with the British Legion and the Agent General for W.A., every endeavour will be made to check up on the character and qualifications of the ex-serviceman migrant.

When agreeing to sponsor a migrant or migrants, please state:
(a) Qualifications required of the migrant.
(b) Age.
(c) Religion.
(d) Nature of employment offered by you.
(e) Accommodation is available.
In cases where the name and address of the intending migrant are known, nominations should be made on personal nomination form E.M.1 (Free Passage Scheme), or E.M.2 (Assisted Passage Scheme). When their names are not known, i.e., they are to be selected in the United Kingdom, group nomination form E.M.3 should be used (e.g., for 10 ex-servicemen nominated by a sub-branch). Copies of these forms giving the fullest particulars are available on application to Anzac House.

Your Executive is wholeheartedly behind this scheme and will welcome any suggestions. Should any member require further information, please contact Headquarters.

Remember! The immediate target of your sub-branch is the nomination of at least one British ex-serviceman.

The progress of the scheme will be published periodically in The Listening Post, or by circular.

Latest issue of Australian Veterinary Journal has an article on "The Anthelmintic Efficiency of Phenothiazine Sulphoxide against Oesophagostomum Columbianum in Sheep."

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A SHORT STORY BY L. T. SARDONE (EX-A.I.F.)

NUGGET MATTHEWS was feeling happy—very happy. He'd recently enlisted for peacetime duty in the newly-formed Australian Regular Army. He'd been allowed to retain his wartime rank of sergeant, he had little to do, and his camp was not far from the city, allowing him home-leave at short intervals.

Now, on top of this, on such a glorious morning, had come the telegram informing him that Mrs. Matthews had just presented him with a bouncing baby son!

And so it was that all his cobbers had insisted that, whether teetotal or not, he must join them in a few noggins that evening—no matter what happened—just to "set the lady's head.

But Nugget stood firm, and on even such an auspicious occasion as this would not be turned from his recently-made temperate vows. "It's no use, Spike," he told his closest mate, "we're good friends in this army and we jog along well together; but as for drinking, well, I leave all that to you and the rest of the boys.

This was of no avail, however. They pestered him time and time again, and teased him so much that at length he gave in. "Aw—all right," he said at last, pondering, and at the same time rubbing the base of his protruding ear uncomfortably, "I'll have a couple with you tonight, Spike—but that's all.

For secretly Nugget remained a trifle over-awed at the prospect of giving strong liquor a "nudge" that evening. He well remembered the disastrous results of the last occasion on leave, and the solemn promise he made to his wife before he returned to his unit. The problem weighed heavily on his mind all that morning.

Then the brain-storm hit him. He grinned, he chuckled; he laughed outright. It was a cinch. It would please everybody, allow him to drink up big with all the boys, yet come out of it unscathed. He saw the mess-bar steward. A whisky bottle filled with cold tea. "Yair, I got it right," the steward grinned, pocketing the tip. "And make sure you pour Spike's from another bottle—just make some excuse," cautioned Nugget, smiling broadly.

"Just a little soda, steward," he requested airily, when he and Spike had draped themselves over the bar counter. "I'm going to show 'em I'm no wet, as a matter of fact, I'm prepared to take a bet that I'm going to drink that bottle of whisky before I leave here tonight! Any takers?"

Spike stared. "Well, well, I'll be damned! This is going to be good. Here's a quid to say you won't."

A grin spread over Nugget's sun-tanned face. "You're on. Here, steward, hold these two quid-notes for us."

Nugget drained his glass at a gulp, hanging it down on the counter. Blank amazement lit his face as he fought for breath, and clutched the counter for support. "Hell!" he gasped, "What the . . . I say, steward ... did you. . . ."

But it was all up for Nugget. With half the crowd on his back he gallantly got down to half the bottle. Then he went out like a light.

Major Minor was entertaining Colonel Redbraid at the officers' mess. The Colonel was up from Army H.Q. on an inspection tour, and had just concluded a busy and pleasant day. So far, everything had gone along swimmingly. Dinner finished, they proceeded to the bar for light refreshment, a chat and a cigar. The Major ordered and they took up their glasses.

The Major bumped his glass down upon the counter and coughed, his face quickly turning a livid red.

The Colonel made a wry face, tried to smile weakly, changed his mind and glanced furtively at the bottle near his elbow. He looked Major Minor squarely between the eyes. "I hardly took you to be the type to play practical jokes, Major," he rapped. "A joke that under the circumstances I cannot say I fully appreciate!"

"But ... but, sir ... really . . . I assure you ... There must be some mistake. I can't imagine what has happened! This is most unfortunate. . . ." He turned savagely on the steward, standing awe-stricken and stunned against the counter. "Steward," he thundered, "how do you explain the pouring of our drinks from this—this . . .?" he shook the bottle before the steward's crimson face, "this bottle of cold tea?"

"I . . . I . . . Sir," stammered the steward, in utter confusion, "it's . . . it's . . ."

"That will be all," the Major interrupted. "You can do all your explaining to the Camp Commandant at 0900 hours in the morning!"

"Y'know, Bill," the Sergeants Mess cook told his offside, as they rolled under their blankets a little after Nugget had been put to bed a sorry and sick man. "The Officers' Mess stewards do well for themselves. Had a bottle of whisky between 'em last night."

"They would," the spud-barber grunted, his sleepy voice showing little interest.

"Then," the cook continued, "one comes over this morning and asks for our barman. 'CORN into the supply depot,' he tells him. 'Any chance of borrowing a bottle of whisky from his stocks till next delivery day?' he says. 'We got it last night—we're broke to the world and now we're one bottle shy over there."

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LOYALTY

IT is particularly interesting to note that member bodies of the Associated Youth Committee of the National Fitness Council and those seeking membership are now required to confirm their loyalty to the King and to the British Commonwealth.

Perhaps it would be as well if a few other national bodies followed the example of the League, the Legion and the National Fitness Council in their banning of disloyal elements from their ranks.

Strangely enough, loyalty, to some folk, means exactly nothing. Communists, Jehovah's Witnesses and varied brands of conscientious objectors are willing and ready enough to take everything which Australia can give them, but they feel not the slightest desire to do anything whatsoever for the country.

Not only are they quite willing to let the other fellow shed his blood while they shelter behind him, but they are brazen enough not only to admit it, but to glory in the fact.

Abraham Lincoln is famed as a man who said many true and wise things; but nothing more fitting was said than his words at Springfield, in December, 1839. They were: "Many free countries have lost their liberty, and ours may lose hers: but if she shall, be it my proudest plume, not that I was the last to desert, but that I never deserted her."

But to come nearer home, the Werribee sub-branch (N.S.W.) some time ago issued a loyal creed which all of us might well memorise and follow. This creed was:

I believe—
In the Commonwealth of Australia as a constituent part of the British Commonwealth of Nations.
I believe in its democratic Constitution, which provides reasonable protection for life and personal liberty.
I acknowledge the debt owed by me to the men who fought in two world wars to safeguard my liberty, and I acknowledge, too, my debt to those great Australians who have laboured to make this country great.
I believe in Australia's fealty to the British throne, in its loyalty to the British flag, and in its ability to work out its own industrial, social, economic and political salvation without the interference of alien agitators.
I believe it to be my duty to love my country, to obey its laws, to labour to keep the Constitution inviolate, the faith of my people free, their Imperial loyalty aflame, and their national patriotism a burning passion; I believe it to be my duty, too, to defend Australia against its enemies, coming from within or without, and to see that Australia plays a worthy part in the contribution of the British Commonwealth to the betterment of conditions throughout the world.
That creed is concise, yet it embodies all those things necessary for a common expression of loyalty to King and Country.
Loyalty is more than a mere word.
The dictionary says that loyal is "true, faithful to duty, love or obligation; faithful in allegiance to sovereign, government or mother country"; but loyalty, to the true patriot, is something within him which mere words cannot express. He needs no admonition to be loyal—his loyalty comes naturally, and cannot be stifled. He is willing to sacrifice self to his country's good.

But, strangely enough, in the piping times of peace quite a number of people who should know better are apt to entirely disregard loyalty.
Many of our long-haired males openly state that they will fight for neither King nor Country, but when the call does come, it is a fact that the percentage which refuses to fight is extremely small. But, for all that, such a percentage should really not exist at all.

Every man in a democracy is certainly entitled to his own opinions upon all subjects, but we must not lose sight of the plain fact that the ship of democracy, which so far has weathered all storms, may sink through the mutiny of those on board. To keep it afloat, loyalty is essential.
The League, as a democratic body, believes that every one of its members should have freedom of political thought, but it does insist that loyalty be the basis of membership.
Remember, every League member has a background of loyalty. There has been a lot of poppycock broadcast at times about men joining the forces to get away from their wives or to dodge their obligations. As an answer to this nonsense, let us transfer, for a moment, wartime conditions into everyday peace times. Can it be suggested for one moment that any sane man would sit in a hole in the bush and allow other people to hurl explosives at him, to fire machine-guns at him, and to do their best to kill him, unless he was activated by something so strong that it means more to him than life itself? Can it be suggested that a man would choose to live in jungle heat or arctic cold, often badly fed, and always in danger of disease and even death, just to get away from home and family ties.
The whole thing is too ridiculous to need further comment.
Loyalty—doubt it not—is the mainspring which sends men out to battle and death in times of war. Let us then have such loyalty in times of peace, that this land of ours may truly be "a land fit for heroes to live in."

U.N.O. ESSAY CONTEST

Mr. A. J. Grenfeld, who is visiting Perth in February, offers prizes of £15, £10 and £5 for the best essay on "How I (the entrant) can help world peace and/or help U.N.O. to become more effective." Entries should be of at least 1,000 words, preferably typewritten, and should be addressed to Mr. Grenfeld, c/o G.P.O., Perth.
He was called upon to answer his own question.
"That's easy," he said. "The rabbit starts at the bottom and digs up." "But," suggested a member, "how does it get to the bottom?"
"That's your question," answered Chisholm.

A Major, a Captain and a Lieutenant were discussing love-making.
"Love-making," said the Major, "is 75 per cent. work and 25 per cent. pleasure."
"Wrong," said the Captain, "it's 50 per cent. work, 50 per cent. pleasure."
"So far as I'm concerned," said the Lieutenant, "it's 25 per cent. work and 75 per cent. pleasure."
"We don't seem to agree," said the Major. "Let's call in the Orderly." They did, and explained the case.
"Well," said the Orderly, "if you want my candid opinion, and with all respect to your rank, you're all wrong. It's 100 per cent. pleasure. If there was any work connected with it, you'd all leave it to me."

The one who thinks our jokes are poor
Would straightaway change his views
Could he compare the jokes we print
With those we cannot use.

The minister had just finished an excellent chicken dinner. As he looked out of the window, a rooster strutted across the yard.
"My!" said the minister. "That is certainly a proud rooster."
"Yes, sir," said the host, "he has reason to be proud. One of his sons just entered the Ministry."

Volunteers were being called for. A man was wanted who knew shorthand. Out stepped our pet private. "Shorthand, sir," he said. "I can do one hundred words a minute, sir."
"Oh," came the reply. "Buzz off to the kitchen; they're very shorthanded over there."
**PERSONALITIES**

Mr. E. Nicholson, president of the Goomalling sub-branch, recently visited Perth on business.

* Miss Pat Bird (Miss Highgate, R.S.L.) was placed second by the judges in the recent Miss Western Australia quest. Congratulations are in order, both to the young lady and to the members of the sub-branch who worked so energetically on her behalf.

Bill Brown was recently elected president of the Melville sub-branch, succeeding Mr. R. Jones.

Roy King, of the South Perth sub-branch, was recently presented with a Certificate of Service in appreciation of his valiant work in connection with that sub-branch's building fund.

Mr. C. Robinson, an old stalwart of the Lake Grace sub-branch, is, we understand, something of a "wizard" at both darts and quoits. Showing younger members of the sub-branch recently how the games were played in World War I, he cleaned the board.

Mr. E. S. Young has been appointed secretary of the York sub-branch.

Harry Millar, president of the Mundaring and Districts sub-branch, was recently forced to resign his position due to heavy pressure of work. Harry Rutherford, who has held the post before, was elected in his place.

Many of the so-called "modern young people" look upon home merely as the place one goes from the garage.

Don't speak too harshly about your enemies. You made them.

Bob Chambers, a valued contributor to these pages on numerous occasions, who recently secured a position on the reportorial staff of the South Western Times, has become a member of the Bunbury sub-branch.

Mrs. McKinlay, State President of the Women's Auxiliaries, is to be congratulated upon her forthright statement at a recent city meeting: "Plenty of people make promises; we don't promise, we do things."
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MR. CHIFLEY

The Prime Minister (Mr. Chifley) in his Report to the Nation broadcast on the night of December 19, said that Australia must accept the fact that migration was the main source of extra labour; the present shortage of workers was possibly as high as 175,000 men and women, and, because of this shortage, Federal, State and local government works and private enterprise expansion plans, estimated to cost £600,000,000, could not be carried out. His figures did not show the full unsatisfied demand for labour because all vacancies were not made known to the Commonwealth Employment Service, the Prime Minister continued, after saying that new vacancies were being notified at the rate of 8,000 a week.

He warned that the excess of demand for labour over supply was today much greater than was essential to healthy full employment. Labour shortage was due mainly to establishment of new undertakings and expansion of existing Australian industry; a feature of the situation was that labour shortages in some basic industries were retarding other industries dependent on them for materials.

To overcome the shortage, the Commonwealth Employment Service was placing migrant, as well as Australian, labour to make the maximum possible contribution to production. For the immediate future, the nation must look to migration as the main source of any substantial additions to the labour force. “This meant a further strain for the time being on housing, but hostels were being built for migrant workers, who were being placed in industries producing basic housing materials. Australians must accept those migrants readily as fellow-workers and do everything possible to help them; they would not deprive Australians of jobs, instead, their assistance would help the Government to maintain its full employment policy and to provide Australians with essential requirements—houses, hospitals, schools, water conservation schemes, power undertakings and similar national projects.”

MR. MENZIES

“It is fantastic to believe that migration from Great Britain would weaken that country,” said Federal Opposition Leader R. G. Menzies at a civic reception in Perth recently.

“We don’t subtract from the strength of Great Britain when we bring population from Great Britain. All we do is add to the total strength of the British Commonwealth of Nations,” Mr. Menzies said.

BE A BOOSTER

Boost the League, my service friend,
Boost the sub-branch you attend,
Boost the work which it is doing,
Boost the course which it’s pursing;
Work for all its aims—in thought,
in word, in deed,
For that’s the ideal way, my friend,
to help the League succeed.

W.B.

MR. THORN

“I am pleased to see the R.S.L. has completed arrangements for nomination of British ex-servicemen to come to W.A.,” says Immigration Minister L. Thorn.

“I wish to thank the R.S.L. for its co-operation, and I am sure that once ex-servicemen commence to arrive, other organisations will follow the splendid example of the League.”

Remembering Nelson

In the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich there is on view a collection of family heirlooms and relics of Britain’s greatest Admiral, Lord Nelson. BBC observer, Thomas Maltby, himself an ex-sailor, recently went to see and describe it for “Radio Newsreel.” Great sailor as Nelson was, he was cruelly afflicted with that most elementary and distressing malady, seasickness, and in a letter to Lady Hamilton, written on board the Maddiea, lying in the English Channel, he wrote, “I am so dreadfully seasick that I cannot hold up my head.”

The relics and heirlooms are well arranged, the paintings hung in correct sequence, and dozens of Nelson’s own possessions, including a brace of pistols, so well preserved that they would even fire today. There is the seal he used for his dispatches, his watch, sugar basin, and a buckle from his shoe. “I am sure,” said Maltby, “that the exhibits from H.M.S. Victory will probably be the main attraction, for there is the chair, the sofa bed and shaving glass which he used in his own cabin. And the bloodstained cough on which his arm was amputated on the ship Theseus at Santa Cruz. But in spite of the appeal of many of the exhibits, there’s something I found very intimate about a whole collection of his uniforms and decorations. There is his uniform coat worn at the Battle of the Nile, and another he used at the Battle of Trafalgar, in which you can see the hole made by the bullet in the left shoulder, which struck the Admiral down. And there’s also the coat—traditionally believed to have been put ready for Nelson to change into after Trafalgar. It is fitting, I think, that this magnificent collection of our greatest Admiral should finally come to rest in this museum overlooking the Thames.”

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New Zealanders Coming to Perth: To reciprocate the visit to New Zealand last year of a delegation of League members, a party of 50 representatives of the New Zealand Returned Services Association will be the guests of the League at Australian ceremonies on Anzac Day, 1949. Four representatives have arranged to come to Perth.

Ex-Service Businessmen and Rationed Goods: In reply to a Federal Congress resolution asking "That when an ex-service man enters a new business, a sufficient quota of rationed goods be made available, and that such goods be assessed on the expected turnover," the Minister for Trade and Customs states that "ex-service men will have no difficulty in obtaining permission to engage in a business involving the sale of tea and butter against the surrender of coupons . . . and a coupon bank may be given to enable the purchase of initial trading stocks so that the business may be established on a good footing. But where the business involves the use of rationed foods without surrender of coupons (as a cafe), the policy of the Rationing Commission is to restrict the granting of coupon assistance to ex-service personnel who closed down or disposed of a business of that type in order to enlist. . . . It would not be practicable to carry out the proposal that any ex-service man should be entitled to a quota of tea and butter for the purpose of establishing a catering business. . . . However, I wish to add that every application from a former member of the Forces is dealt with on its individual merits and receives full and sympathetic consideration."

Scholarship Fees: In regard to a motion passed at the August meeting of the Federal Executive "That the Commonwealth Government be asked to have the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act amended to allow any scholarship won by children of deceased servicemen to be retained by the winners of such scholarships and not deducted from any fees paid under the Repatriation Act," the Minister, for Repatriation states that the provisions of the Soldiers' Children Education Scheme are now being reviewed and the policy regarding scholarships examined.

Trainee Tradesmen: The Minister for Labour and National Service, approached by the League on the matter of affording an opportunity to ex-service men for training and qualification in certain engineering trades where a serious shortage of workers exists says that the League's proposals for admitting as trainee tradesmen members of the Forces with no service training or experience in the dilution trades has been considered a number of times. . . . "But I feel that no further arguments have been presented which would warrant my recommending an extension in the scope of the Act."

Preference and Lottery Tickets: At the recent State Congress a resolution was carried "That the League requests the Lotteries Commission to give first preference to maimed and limbless ex-service men in regard to the sale of lottery tickets," and this resolution was recently forwarded to the Commission with a request that it be considered. But the Lotteries Commission secretary, in reply, merely refers the League to his previous letter (of 3rd February, 1948), wherein it is pointed out that the question of preference rarely enters into the consideration of applications, since any person desirous of obtaining an agency must first secure suitable business premises for the purpose, and then furnish an application which is considered on its merits. . . . It is the policy of the Commission to re-instate, as agents, all ex-service men who returned to their former places of business, and this irrespective of whether or not other agencies have been established in the locality during their absence on service. Applications from ex-service men for new agencies have always received sympathetic consideration, and are rejected only in cases where it is known that minimum sales are not likely to result from the establishment of an agency, or where it is felt that any business resulting from the appointment would be largely at the expense of other agents in the locality who, in many instances, are themselves ex-service men.

War Gratuities at Overseas Rate: At the 33rd Annual Federal Congress, the West Australian delegates submitted a motion which read: "This congress presses strongly for the payment of full gratuity of 2/6 for man-power or other good reasons, were prevented from rendering war service . . . I cannot promise that I would at present be prepared to recommend to Cabinet that the provision in question be repealed, but your representations will certainly be borne in mind should any proposed amendments of the preference provisions be under consideration."

"Remember me? Back in '42 you told me to drop in anytime I was this way."

Preference Provisions: The Acting Attorney-General states that in regard to the omission of section 27 5(a) of the Re-establishment and Employment Act (called for by the 33rd Annual Federal Congress), "This section . . . which removes from the preference provisions the engaging for employment of a person already employed by a particular employer. . . . is part of a general scheme and should be regarded in its context as part of a code which undoubtedly is of advantage to ex-service men. Quite considerable preference is at present accorded to ex-service men and it would be inequitable to extend this preference to the detriment of persons who have had long periods of faithful service with their employers and who,
Service North of 14.5°: Latitude: A resolution at the 33rd Annual Federal Congress "That the Commonwealth Government be requested to pay the full gratuity of 2/6 per day to personnel who served north of 14.5° South Latitude and who on discharge were issued with a Returned from Active Service badge" has brought a reply from the Prime Minister which stresses "The desirability of payment of the higher rate of gratuity to members other than those included in the category originally decided upon was reconsidered by the All-Party Committee which is comprised of ex-servicemen from both sides of the House, on 12th April and 20th October, 1948, and the conclusion was reached that there should be no departure from the original decision."

Civil Service Examinations: Resolution 201 of the 33rd Annual Congress, "That the attention of the Commonwealth Government be called to the fact that ex-servicemen candidates for Civil Service examinations are examined in subjects bearing no relation to their actual work," has brought the following reply from the Prime Minister's Department: "The Commonwealth Public Service Act, in common with other Public Service legislation, prescribes a minimum standard of general education for entry to the Third and Fourth Divisions. For ex-servicemen, the standard is a good deal lower than for others—for example, the Intermediate, as against the Leaving Standard. . . . Doubtless the League will appreciate the need for a good general education as a requirement for entry into the Commonwealth Public Service."

Increase in Re-establishment Loan: At the last Federal Congress the Western Australian branch moved "That the Re-establishment (Farming) Loan be increased to £3,000." To this resolution the Minister for Post-War Reconstruction makes this reply: "Business re-establishment loans for agricultural purposes as provided for under Division 3 of Part VI of the Re-establishment and Employment Act, 1945, were never intended to be the means of financing a land settlement scheme. If an ex-serviceman desires financial accommodation in excess of £1,000, the Commonwealth offers no objection to his obtaining additional finance from any other source he may desire, providing the combined encumbrances do not exceed 90 per cent. of the approved value of the security, and assistance is rendered the borrower by the Commonwealth accepting a second mortgage for its advance. . . . Re-establishment loans for Agricultural purposes totalling over £7,000,000 have been granted to ex-servicemen . . . and in no case has evidence been produced that an ex-serviceman has suffered hardship due to the fact that the maximum amount he was able to obtain from the Commonwealth was limited to £1,000. . . . I regret that I cannot agree to Congress' resolution that the amount of the loan be increased to £3,000."

War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals: A new regulation has been gazetted providing for the payment of medical witnesses' fees in instances where the appeal is successful and providing that the Tribunal certifies that the attendance was necessary.

The regulation also provides for payment of the cost of obtaining and presenting X-ray reports, films, medical certificates, pathological reports, etc., under the same conditions.
This New Australia

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manufacture of metal goods of all descriptions. Manufacture of agricultural machinery has doubled; shipbuilding and the manufacture of brass and copper goods have more than doubled.

The textiles industry is another field in which enormous developments have taken place—and are still continuing. Even before the war the demand for woollen and worsted yarn and piece-goods was met almost entirely by Australian industry; and the expansion of this particular industry is restricted today only by a shortage of labour. The production of cotton yarn and piece-goods has doubled since 1939, and further additional cotton mills are now being built.

As capacity for cotton-spinning increases, so, it is hoped, will Australia’s capacity for growing her own raw cotton. As to the rayon textiles, the industry has increased tenfold since the year before the war, and three or four of the largest projects have not yet materialised. Within a very few years Australia should be able to meet the whole market for both cotton and rayon textiles and to develop, in addition, a considerable export market.

Clothing manufacture also has very largely increased, so much so that saturation point has been reached. In a general way it can be said that the existing clothing industry can meet all the requirements of the Australian market. Even more clearly is this the case in the footwear manufacturing industry; indeed, if all Australian shoe factories were able to secure enough labour to operate them at full capacity, the market would be over-supplied.

Food processing naturally expanded very greatly during the war, and though there has been some contraction, the export of processed milk, canned fruit and jam has been increased to some extent to compensate.

Very large and very important expansions have occurred in the manufacture of industrial chemicals. The mere doubling of the number of employees in this industry does not sufficiently indicate the importance of the development. Together with the iron-and-steel industry and the textiles industry, the production of bulk chemicals represents the establishment of innumerable other industries upon a sounder economic basis. It is possible for a country to develop a range of secondary industries based upon imported supplies of steel, textiles, industrial chemicals, and other basic materials; but such a country’s manufacturing structure is without any firm foundation. Australia was practically in that position before 1914, and still, to a considerable extent, in 1939. Although the iron-and-steel industry had been developed during the intervening period, the country was mainly dependent upon overseas sources of textile yarns and industrial chemicals. Today, Australia’s degree of dependence upon other countries for basic manufactured materials is very rapidly diminishing; and within the next five years she should be producing locally all her requirements of ferrous metals and tinplate, brass and copper, aluminium, woollen, worsted, cotton and rayon yarn, plastic materials, and industrial chemicals.

The paper-making industry has expanded, and is still expanding, at an enormous rate. The glass industry has increased by 50 per cent. since 1939 and is capable of meeting the whole of Australia’s requirements. The manufacture of plastic goods, including plastic materials, has grown fourfold since 1939, and several very large new developments are now in course of materialisation.

Finally, wartime developments in the sphere of electronics have been largely maintained during the post-war years. Nowadays, Australia makes, for peacetime use, a complete range of electrical and electronic components, from Cathode Ray and X-ray equipment to Electronic Timers, Photo-electric Controls, and all the intricate and delicate electronic testing equipment used in modern industry.

What are the opportunities for overseas manufacturers to establish new industries in Australia?

It must be realised that many manufacturers established plants in Australia during the period between the two world wars, and some of them even before 1914. Many others have set up Australian factories since 1939. In some cases the industries in Australia are owned solely by foreign capital; but in a majority of instances schemes have been adopted for joint control by overseas and Australian interests. At the time this article is being written, there are well over 100 further manufacturers known to be planning either the transfer of existing industries to Australia or, more frequently, the establishment of duplicate plants in Australia.

—From Air Pacific.

There’s Many a Slip

(Continued from page 9)

“So you gives him a bottle, eh?” Bill anticipated.

“Yair,” replied the cook. “I goes into the bar, grabs a bottle off the shelf and pulls all the others forward one. ‘Keep it dark,’ I tells our friend, ‘and don’t forget to come across pretty soon with a replacement; and remember, too, that’ll cost you five bob.”

“An’ now I suppose the flamin’ officers ‘ave downed the lot,” said Bill drowsily, “and they’ll be in a damn bad mood when Sergeant Matthews gets paraded in the morning.”

Circus proprietors, it appears, are troubled by a world shortage of clowns, this being due, it is believed, to so many of them having gone into politics for a living.
Public Service Luncheon

The December luncheon of the Public Service Sub-Branch took the form of a Christmas celebration at Boans Reception Hall on Wednesday, December 15, 1948.

One hundred and twenty members and friends were present.

Guests on the occasion were: Hon. the Premier, Mr. D. R. McLarty, M.M., M.L.A.; the Commonwealth Public Service Inspector, Mr. G. W. Akeroyd; the Public Service Commissioner, Mr. S. A. Taylor; the State President, R.S.L., Mr. W. J. Hunt, M.B.E.; the Secretary, Civil Service Association, Mr. N. G. Hagan.

Mr. Stoddart, who was attending a Press Sub-Branch luncheon in the same building, conveyed greetings on behalf of his president and members. During his reply to the toast of Parliament, the Premier thanked State Civil Servants for the work they had done during the past year.

They Say...

The Editor, "The Listening Post."

Sir,

I would like to congratulate you on your leading article, God Save The King, in The Listening Post for January. The sentiments are well expressed for such an influential body as the Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Imperial League. It is indeed champagne to offset unpatriotic statements from a few disloyal people who create so wrong an impression outside of Australia.

I am sending your article to England to quarters where it will be well publicised as representing the feelings of the great majority of Australians.

Yours faithfully,
V. B. MURSELL

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Honour Avenue Dedication

BEHIND the recent dedication of an avenue of trees in Lovekin Drive, King's Park, Perth, to the memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice on war service, is a story of considerable hard work by the officials and members of the Public Service sub-branch.

Mr. L. J. Parks, president of the sub-branch, outlined this in his speech at the ceremony, but for those who were unable to be present the story may again be told.

The first Honour Avenue, in May Drive, to the memory of those who fell in World War I, was planted on August 3, 1919, the trees being oaks raised from acorns donated by Her Majesty Queen Mary from Windsor Great Park. But, unfortunately, the oaks did not thrive, and it was reluctantly decided to replace these with eucalypts, a replanting which was carried out in 1941.

Back in 1922 the Public Service sub-branch undertook the maintenance of the plaques in Honour Avenue, and about two years ago the King's Park Board advised that there were approximately 300 trees in Lovekin Drive which could be allocated for dedication to the memory of those who gave their lives in World War II.

Plaques for these trees will be fastened to the butts at a uniform height, as it has been found that the previous method of placing the plaques in the ground is unsatisfactory. All plaques will now be fastened to tree butts.

Some years ago, Lady Angela St. Clair Erskine made a world tour and then wrote a book, "Fore and Aft" (Jarrolds), about it. At a glance it seemed an interesting volume, until one reached the page where Angela reached Perth, a city which she dismissed in one paragraph. But what a paragraph! "I drove with the Fergusons into Perth. From Lord Forest's statue in the Queen's Park you get a most lovely view of the town where the Swan River merges into the sea and looks like some vast lagoon."

A news item which recently caught our eye stated that the post office in a small town is staffed entirely by members of one family. A stranger asking one of the young ladies for a stamp, may, on occasions, we expect, be courteously requested by try father down the counter.

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You've seen the sensitive way the blind feel with their hands as if these were antennae. But the devilish German booby trap in North Africa which shut out light for all time from William Black also destroyed his hands.

A remarkable man, Bill Black, as exceptional as his wife who first met him when she was a V.A.D. at the Burwood Plastic Hospital where he was an inmate. With her constant help, he's made good. At the annual reunion and conference of the New Zealand Blinded Services' Association he stood out as the most popular personality. "He's not only likeable, he's got guts," said one of the blinded at N.Z. St. Dunstan's at Epsom. The tribute significant. That man spoke with the inner knowledge of what it takes to come to life's surface again when you are blind.

Stocky and whimsical, Bill Black and his fair and curly-haired wife looked a smart pair at the Auckland reunion. He wore a sports coat of unusual herringbone weave; she a coat of the same material and toning, both of material of his own weaving, the warp and woof of a loom specially designed for him by the occupational therapist at the Christchurch Hospital and made by the mechanics at Burwood.

Gadgets have simplified many things for him. The P. and T. Department schemed out a special telephone at his Belfast home. He presses a lever on the wall, the telephone mouthpiece comes out on an extension arm. With his feet he presses a button on the floor. Up comes the mouthpiece. Another arrangement of presses and releases permits him to dial the number. The New Zealand Commercial Travellers' and Warehousemen's Association gave him a gold repeater watch. By a system of button, pressure, rings tell the time. But he is unable to hold the watch to apply pressure to the button, so the Department of Industrial and Scientific Research prepared for him a watch case. With the watch inside, pressure against the sides works the time-informing button. The watch and case were handed over to him with appropriate ceremony the other day by blinded Mr. J. D. McGuire, director of St. Dunstan's, in Auckland.

Bill Black has only one trouble, or what he regards as a trouble. He's putting on weight. That's one of the things he feels he must fight, and it is hard for him to get the robust exercise he needs. So St. Dunstan's Trust Board had made for him in Auckland a special sort of railed-in escalator-treadmill, and by the time you read this it will probably have been delivered to him at his home.

All the gadgets in the world could only help Bill Black so much. Always, full dependence rests on his wife, and friends who watched the two in Auckland speak of her devotion, of the deep affection velling between them.—From "R.S.A. Review."

Nearly 280 years ago, Lange de Terzi visualised an aerial ship which would be used to destroy hostile fleets and buildings, castles and cities. Next came Jonathan Swift, with his vision of 1726. His immortal hero, Gulliver, saw the floating island of Laputa. When the king wished to punish a mutinous town he simply sent Laputa to float over the place while the inhabitants were pelted with great stones, "against which they have no defence but by creeping into cellars and caves while the roofs of their houses are beaten to pieces." And in 1769 Erasmus Darwin wrote: "Warrior bands alarm the gaping crowd and armies shrink beneath the shadowy cloud."

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Sub-Branch Activities

It is the aim of "The Listening Post" to make its columns of wide interest to members in all parts of the State, and the Editor welcomes reports from all sub-branches. But in order to make such coverage as possible, secretaries and public officers are asked to confine their reports to a maximum of 200 words. All names of persons should be typed or written in CAPITAL LETTERS, and copy should be in the Editor's hands by the 20th of the month prior to publication.

BEDFORD-MORLEY PARK

Periodically sub-branches are visited with strange cycles. Some are cycles of apathy, dissatisfaction; some cycles of absenteeism. The occasion was the last branch meeting of the year for the Auxiliary, and there are issues facing the sub-branches' auxiliary. The attendance at the branch meeting for the year was reported. Reports covering the year's activities were given by the president, secretary and treasurer. The sub-branch has only been functioning for 12 months, but has made some satisfactory progress that has been made towards greater unity and all concern. The President is in a very comprehensive report dealing with sub-branch activities, tended his thanks to all the members for their loyal support during the year. The meeting was held at 8:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

BEVERLEY

At our annual Christmas dinner held on December 21 approximately 45 per cent. of our members were present, which was a great effort. It is hoped that the same can be repeated on our next gathering. The secretary would like to see more members come forward to fill in the record cards, listing their number, blood group, where they served, etc. The following office-bearers are appointed: President, Mr. A. E. Wilmot; secretary, Mr. A. Moxon; treasurer, Mr. D. Raddiffe. The members of Beverley sub-branch, with all other members of R.S.L. in Australia, a Happy and Healthy New Year, and if these two, they have the warmest wishes. Our next bi-monthly meeting will be the second Saturday in February.

GLOUCESTER PARK

The first 1949 meeting was held at the Wensley Hall, Hay Street, Thursday, January 14. At this meeting the committee is looking forward to a greater interest being shown this year and the coming year. The Sgiene Executive was represented by Mr. J. H. Downey, who installed the incoming president, Harold Wright. Harold has had many years with the sub-branch and has served the West Province very well, and has been bestowed upon him. Our cricket team had its first win when it defeated West Perth in a game played on Saturday, January 9. The members are looking forward to more games of matches to come in mind and make cricket more popular.

GOSNELLS

The monthly meeting was held in the Paddington Hall on December 20. Only 16 members were present. This was very disappointing, as it was decided to hold alternate meetings at a distance for all Paddington members. The sub-branch has not improved the attendance. After the meeting and refreshments hour was spent with the cup that cheers.

KENSINGTON

The first annual meeting was held in the G.A. Hall on Monday, December 20, the president, Mr. A. E. Mitchell, in attendance. Reports covering the year's activities were given by the president, secretary and treasurer. The sub-branch has only been functioning for 12 months, but has made some satisfactory progress that has been made towards greater unity and all concern. The President is in a very comprehensive report dealing with sub-branch activities, tendered his thanks to all the members for their loyal support during the year. The meeting was held at 8:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

KULIN

The president this year is George Meekie, the son of good old Peter, who has worked long and hard for the organisation, and the secretary is Rev. Rev. Giles, who has done equally well. Being a young member I can see we have a terrible lot to come, but not thoughtless and too backward. Perhaps we will show some pinion, but if we are going to be of any value to the organisation we need the whole of the members to attend the monthly meetings and give us an opinion of our well-filled meeting. We have had the pleasure of our State Secretary's company and I am sure what little he has said, though maybe it was an eye-opener. We are able and willing to cater for any of you people down there if you ever come visiting, and providing you give us fair warning we will do our best to cater. All branches are well-filled meetings. We have had the pleasure of our State Secretary's company and I am sure what little he has said, though maybe it was an eye-opener. We are able and willing to cater for any of you people down there if you ever come visiting, and providing you give us fair warning we will do our best to cater. All branches are well-filled meetings. We have had the pleasure of our State Secretary's company and I am sure what little he has said, though maybe it was an eye-opener. We are able and willing to cater for any of you people down there if you ever come visiting, and providing you give us fair warning we will do our best to cater.
The Minister for Immigration (Mr. Colwell) conferring with Mr. J. C. Neagles (left) and Mr. A. R. Eva (right) of the Victorian R.S.S.A.I.L.A. on the League's proposal to bring British ex-servicemen to Australia as nominated and sponsored migrants under the auspices of the League. Mr. Neagles is Federal Secretary of the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A., and Mr. Eva is chairman of the Victorian Branch's Migration Committee.

the positions of vice-presidents. Mr. W. E. Miller was unopposed as the secretary. He, too, finds pressure of private business very heavy on his time, and has decided to carry on only until the end of January, when a successor must be found. A matter which concerns every sub-branch in the Hills districts, is one of compiling names of all who fell in the second world war. Sub-branches in the Hills districts were communicated with about six months ago, with the view of sending names of all those from the district who paid the supreme sacrifice. The object, of course, was to have tablets prepared for fixing to the Mundaring War Memorial, which is the only monument in the district. It was felt that next-of-kin would feel aggrieved if some names were omitted, so the extension of time for finalising the list was set at January 31. It is hoped that all names will be in the hands of Mr. W. E. Miller by that date.

SHENTON PARK

Although our sports evenings have of late been very good turnouts, none has ever gone off as well as that held in mid-December. The holiday month for the Y.L.M. members and their friends who attended, and, in effect, conducted it in a manner which gave a great deal of pleasure both to themselves and to the organisers, who were pleased to see such success. Highlight was the presentation to the ladies' auxiliary of several bouquets as a tangible expression of the regard with which the members are held by the sub-branch. The support of the auxiliary has given over the past year has been very considerable, although it has not always been apparent to the naked eye. All members/have, however, been aware of it and appreciate both it and the native force. The sports evening was the climax of a year which was marked by considerable advancement of the sub-branch, not only in the financial aspect but also in the growth of the spirit in which the R.S.L. was formed. The younger men have, more and more, taken on responsibilities and more are gathering around to help hold up the torch. We have lately taken the opportunity of welcoming to this district people newly arrived in this country and who now feel a little lost. We are pleased to find these people coming into our midst and we always try to assist them to adjust themselves in their new home. Our meetings are held each month on the first Wednesday, at the Progress Hall. Visitors are welcome.

SOUTH PERTH

The Christmas social has been acclaimed the biggest, best, and brightest show that the sub-branch has staged for some years. Over a hundred and fifty guests were present to enjoy the programme and to wish one another all the best for the year we now face. The committee wishes to thank all those who helped to make the evening a success. Our special thanks are given to Mr. A. Letch's Swanbourne dance band and every member of it. Other artists, who we hope to hear more, were Miss M. Buchan, Mrs. E. Keesley and Mr. G. Letch. The highlight of the social was the presentation to Mr. Roy King of a Certificate of Service in appreciation of his work in connection with the building fund. Those who have helped him, join with us in saying that without Roy there would not be a building fund. Among those present were Messrs. Bill Hunt, Jim Gordon, V.C., F. Stahl, E. Davies; and among some of those who have not been to the sub-branch for some years but are expected back among us were Messrs. H. Murphy and Charlie Mann. It does us all good to see those remembered faces again.

Among those present at the Battle of Omdurman were Lieut. Beatty, Captain Hah, and Ensign Winston Churchill.

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The Art of Public Speaking

A few notes which may be of value to speakers of both sexes.

Many learned and experienced professional men, when called upon to speak at a business or social gathering, are at once reduced to a state of panic. They may stand aside and see a fluent but less-qualified man ascend the rostrum and assume the leadership that should have been theirs.

This stage fright, due to lack of experience, will disappear with practice and training—the best training being to speak and keep on speaking.

Attend as many meetings as you can; lodge, social, political, club, etc., and study the approach, delivery and effectiveness of the main speaker. Make a point of saying something at each meeting—not too much at first—until you gain confidence.

Do not attempt to speak on a major occasion without careful preparation. Explore all avenues of the subject, which should be one of which you have intimate personal experience. Collate all data available and, after assembling the facts in your mind, prepare a draft of your speech. Revise the draft, excluding all unsuitable material and, if necessary, re-arrange ideas in proper order—introductory, development of theme, illustration, conclusion.

Rehearse the speech thoroughly; then destroy your manuscript. Your speech will then have a firm basis of preparation, but delivery will appear ex-tempore. A speech should not be read on any account.

Correct Speech and Voice

Speech indicates the standard of education of the speaker; a certain standard of speech being expected from the professional man. If he speaks badly the audience immediately loses faith in him; they conclude his speech reflects his professional ability.

The voice, too, is important—to a great extent we grade persons in life by their voices. The precise accents of the professional man differ from those of the labourer, whose accent again differs from the soft drawl of the society drawing-room.

Delivery of Speech

The beginning of the speech is vitally important. The audience is forming its impression of the speaker in the first few minutes; if he hesitates, mumbles, or alienates its sympathy, it becomes restive or indifferent.

Self-confidence is of great value to a speaker, but it must not become a blatant cocksureness.

Always begin by some reference to the occasion, for that is the reason you have been asked to speak.

You must, of course, make your speech suitable to the occasion. You will be listened to with impatience unless you study the mood of your audience. Adapt yourself to the place and occasion.

Begin quietly and slowly; for you must give your words time to sink in. Do not be too emphatic at first, or you will soon realise you have stolen your own thunder, having no emphasis left for later parts of your speech.

The untrained speaker usually begins in a low key, but tends to pass to a higher one, until he stops finally exhausted.

The speaker must have three aims—to rouse attention, create interest and induce action.

You must have solid facts lucidly presented—the speech must possess substance, but lesser facts and arguments must be stated first, gradually working up to a climax. Do not expose your main argument first, or else...

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Settling In
BY LARRY BOYS

Well known in County Durham is the story of "the town that hung the monkey."

When the invasion scare of the Napoleonic wars was at its peak, a circus ship was wrecked on the northeast coast of England, and a chattering chimpanzee was washed ashore, the sole survivor.

With great to-do, the miserable ape was dragged off by the locals to the market-place, where it was publicly tried, found guilty of being a French spy, and hanged.

This incident, which is well authenticated, is not as unlikely as you may think. The poor folk who executed the chimpanzee were like most of the inhabitants of the British Isles in those days. They had never seen a foreigner and only had the wildest "boogeyman" conception of what a Frenchman looked like.

The monkey on the beach was obviously a hairy, malformed, sub-human creature such as they had always imagined foreigners, particularly Frenchmen, to be. And he spoke some gibbering language that was even less intelligible to the locals than the dialect of their neighbours across the Tees in Yorkshire.

So he was therefore a Frenchman, therefore a spy, and therefore should be executed.

Things have changed in the couple of lifetimes since that happened. Newspapers, radio and films have taught us that foreigners have legs, arms and teeth like ourselves, but there remain among us many people who instinctively regard the foreigner as being something lower in the human scale, a little nearer the animal.

The tendency to regard all foreigners with distrust and distaste dies hard among some Anglo-Saxons. It is something we must discipline out of our character if we are to survive and continue to march forward in this new cosmopolitan world of the 20th century.

Next time you use the word "foreigner" with undue emphasis, remember the town that hung the monkey, and have a good laugh at yourself.

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HARRISON, A., age 38 years; Slaughterman-Butcher; married. Religion: C. of E. Sgt. Slaughterman-Instructor during the war. Address: 44 Bulstrode Avenue, Hounslow, Middlesex.

McFARLANE, W., age 37 years; Shop Manager (Maypole Dairy Co.); married with one daughter (13) and one son (11). Wife has had domestic experience (private and in hotels) in town and country, including seven years on farm. Both are prepared to try anything. Address: 58 Montague Street, Rothesay.

Up to July, 1942, few people in this country had ever heard of "like" Eisenhower! Yet this former U.S. Army Chief of Staff was already revered by millions of Americans. He was known as the most modern-minded soldier in America. Born in Texas, his ancestors left Germany 300 years ago after suffering religious persecution. The name "Eisenhower" means "Iron Hammer," and it has lived up to it. He has always been tough. After leaving school he earned his living successively as a farm worker, a cowpuncher, a professional baseball player and a ditch-digger.

While "Good Accommodation for Man and Beast" used to be the slogan of the innkeeper, today the beast has it all over man, for a new type of American cattle-carrying vessel will carry its animals with the best of quarters and care—most of them being installed in upper-deck accommodation, where there will be plenty of fresh air and even sunlight. Medical attention will also be provided lest any of the cattle should suffer from seasickness.

A man from West Virginia wrote to the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington to ask how he could avoid burning his hands with the electric light in his new home. Investigations revealed that, although the man's home had been completely wired, he had purchased only one electric light bulb, which he patiently screwed and unscrewed as he took it from room to room wherever it was needed.

Newcomers
In regard to a recent feature article, "Tolerance," by Albion, the following, from "Tomorrow's Australians," is of more than passing interest:

A correspondent has asked me what we are to do about ironing out expressions like Refo, Dago, Eyete, Yid and Pommy which persist so strongly in the Australian idiom.

He points out that, by using such terms, Australians are guilty of throwing spanners in the works of their own immigration programme.

I agree. Tagging offensive names on to newcomers is one sure way of retarding their assimilation into the Australian community. Calling them Dagos and Reefos will not help them become good Australian citizens. It will drive them to seek refuge and comfort in the company of their own fellow nationals, forming groups of people who regard themselves more as unwanted exiles than as new citizens of a new nation.

Unfortunately, an opprobrious term cannot be disciplined, argued or cajoled out of existence. Every time you prune the thing, the roots go deeper.

But we can get at the real cause and remove it. The Dago and Yid terms are only symptoms of an attitude of thought which regards all foreigners with suspicion not unmixed with fear.

Some Australians have always feared that immigrants, by accepting lower wages and working-conditions, would reduce the Australian standard of living. Others are firmly convinced that certain foreigners have some weird gift of making a lot of money very quickly, without visible effort.

Both these schools of thought are fortunately becoming old-fashioned. But we can hasten their decay by personal propaganda in the right places—the hotel bar, the club, the drawing-room, the ferry, the train and the tram. Those of us who know that Australia's future depends on successful immigration must take every personal opportunity to dispel the fears, prejudices and suspicions that still linger in the minds of the uninformed, the misinformed and the fanatic.

Then it will only be a matter of time until the "Dago" nicknames atrophy and die.
WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

STATE EXECUTIVE

On Monday, December 20, the last meeting of the Executive for 1948 was held. From that date it will go into recess until the first Monday in January. During this period, however, all hospital visiting will be carried on as usual.

Official Visits

December 8—Mrs. McKinlay attended the War Blinded Well People’s Commemoration’s annual meeting.

December 9—The State President, with the vice-president (Mrs. Henderson), attended Victoria Park auxiliary’s annual bazaar.

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December 9—At night the State President and State Secretary were guests of North-East Fremantle at their Christmas Party.

December 10—Mrs. McKinlay and Mrs. Stockman were guests at South Perth auxiliary’s Christmas Party. Mrs. McKinlay presented a Certificate of Service to Mrs. Daventry.

December 14—Mrs. McKinlay attended a social tendered to the Neldins auxiliary by their sub-branch. A Certificate of Service was presented to Mrs. Woodhouse. A president’s roll of honour board was unveiled and presented to the auxiliary by the sub-branch.

December 17—Meudams McKinlay, Stockman and Henderson were present at the social evening at Bedford-Morley Parks. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a cheque for £5.00 to the sub-branch by the auxiliary.

December 17—Mrs. Cullen, State Executive representative, and the State Auxiliary was present at their Christmas party. Certificates of Service were presented to Maudams Swainies and Sherritt.

Christmas Cheer

For days previous to Christmas, members of Executive were busy packing Christmas presents for distribution to men and women in homes and hospitals. Hundreds were packed, all suitable to the needs of the recipient. Included were chocolates, candied fruit, handkerchiefs, ties, socks, novels, playing cards, etc. Each parcel was attractively wrapped in gay Christmas wrapping paper and had its own little greeting card, stating that the gifts were from members of the auxiliary. Where more appropriate, small cash gifts were given and every effort was made to ensure that something which would give the greatest pleasure.

These parcels were all personally delivered by members of Executive, who paid visits to the Edward Millen Home, Health Care, Wooroloo, Hollywood, Royal Perth Hospital, Police and Fire Stations, and a number of other places.

All of this Christmas cheer was made possible by the generous donations of auxiliaries all over the State, which assured the Executive to carry pleasure and happiness from country branches who were unable to assist the Executive on account of lack of funds. It was only the determination that the Executive should carry Christmas cheer to all who were in need of it which enabled the Executive to carry pleasure and happiness from country branches who were unable to assist the Executive on account of lack of funds.

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VICTORIA PARK

Since our last report the auxiliary has had a busy time. A very successful indoor birthday party was held in September, when delegates from both metropolitan and country auxiliaries were entertained. Mrs. Prie (hon. secretary) arranged the programme and Mrs. Gear (president) opened the top tier of which we took to the patients in the Edward Millen Home. Early in December we held a very successful bazaar and sale of work, which was opened by Mr. Ray Boyd, member for Fremantle, who was accompanied him, assisted by Meudams Woolley and Kelly (visitors) judged the various decorated stalls. The climax of the evening was the flower show; second to the fancy stall; second to the sweet stall. The bazaar was carried on in the evening, when we had a talk with our friends and a copy of “The Listening Post” please pass it on to a friend overseas.

THE ART OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

(Continued from page 27)

It may fall on heedless, unprepared cars.

The climax of the speech, exhorting action, must be relevant to the occasion.

It is essential to avoid an anti-climax. When you reach the climax—it stops!

The temptation to continue speaking may be very great, but to continue only weakens the effect of the climax. It is a wise man who knows when to stop.

(I will now heed my own advice—and—stop.)

—Gilsed News (Sydney)

SUB-BRANCH DIRECTORY

This Directory is as up-to-date as current information allows, but where data is incomplete sub-branch secretaries are asked to provide some for inclusion at their earliest possible convenience. The attention of sub-branch officials is directed to W.A. Branch Rule 13 (1) regarding election of officers and confirmation of their appointment by the State Executive.

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AGNEW—Secretary: J. Lotter, Agnew.

ALBANY—President: John E. Hay, State School, Albany; Secretary: A. Wright, 57 South Road, Albany; 1st Friday each month; 7.30 p.m.

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ARMADALE—President: A. F. Griffin, Armadale; Secretary: E. W. Mills, Armadale; 3rd Wednesday each month; 6.30 p.m.

BAILINGUP—President: A. S. Wright, Bailiup; Secretary: L. G. Mauger, Box 42, P.O. Bailiup; 2nd Tuesday each month; Road Board Hall; 8 p.m.

BALLOU—President: H. Flavell, Baladia; Secretary: R. Pitchell, Baladia.

BASKENDEAN—President: T. Summerton; Secretary: D. Bridding; 2nd Wednesday each month; 7.30 p.m.

BAYSIDE—President: W. E. Morley, 26 Cottage Road, Bayswater; Secretary: R. W. Cocks, 35 Beach Road, Bayswater; 2nd Tuesday each month; 8 p.m.

BEDFORD-MORLEY PARMS—President: T. F. Serventy, 48 Rosebery Street, Maylars; Secretary: H. Leivers, 90 Salisbury Street, Maylands; 2nd Thursday each month; 7 p.m.

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