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OF THE LEAGUE's attitude towards Communism, and as the result of criticism from some sub-branches regarding the defeat of a motion put before the State Executive that a protest be lodged with the Perth City Council against the Perth Town Hall being made available for a meeting of the Communist Party (the booking was afterwards cancelled by the Council), the State President has issued a statement which has been unanimously endorsed by the State Executive.

In this statement, the State President said that, because the League stands for the unquestionable maintenance of law and order, he did not feel disposed to recommend that the State Executive should approve of any interference with Communist party meetings. Undue publicity was always the result of such opposition, which might be accompanied by some contravention of the law. Until the Communist Party was declared illegal by the Government it could claim protection in the event of organised disruption of approved meetings.

But no Communist could become or remain a member of the League.

"The League is an organisation totally opposed to the principles of Communism, and from this position the League cannot be moved.

"Prompt action should be taken by the Government against persons alleged to have uttered treasonable statements. The law provides for the maintenance of principles which the League is determined to uphold. If the law is found to be insufficient, it is the League’s duty to see that it is suitably amended.

"The best way to oppose Communism is to prove that our democratic way of living in accordance with British standards is the best. In public life, members should support only those persons who openly declare their opposition to Communist doctrines.

"We will not tolerate Communism.

"We must impose a crushing defeat on Communism by strengthening democratic ideals against Communist disruption."

MAY, 1949

NEW SERIES 23
A naval lieutenant tells of the time
the big 16-inch gun was sent to
Valletta Harbour in Malta. It was
loaded aboard a tramp steamer at Gib,
and in convoy it eventually reached
Valletta after passing through one of
the worst air raids ever seen in the
Mediterranean. As At Valletta, they dis-
covered that the harbour did not have
a crane big enough to off-load the
gun. Back went the ship, in convoy,
through further bad air raids, to fetch
a crane. The crane was put aboard
at Gib. and the steamer, with gun
and crane aboard, went back through
another bad series of air raids. At
Valletta, they now discovered that
the geniuses at Gib. had packed the
gun on top of the crane.

Anxious to assert his rights as an
owner of the nationalised railways, a
citizen walked into a London railway
hotel and made himself thoroughly
at home in the lounge. His pleasant
sensation of proprietorship was rudely
disturbed, however, by an unimagina-
tive official who took him to the door
ejected him. Next morning he
charged with trespass and mulled in a
sum of £16/5/.

At Christmas, 1844, English table
beer was sold for fourpence the quart.

The fire brigade at Halifax, Nova
Scotia, was called out on one occasion
when a seaman set himself alight by
striking a match on his trousers.

Eastleigh (Hampshire) magistrates
have decided that goldfish are “toys.”
That is, toys within the meaning of
the Public Health Act, and they base
their decision on a dictionary defini-
tion that a toy is “something to look
at and amuse.” Decision was made in
a case in which two men were fined
£1 for exchanging toys (the goldfish)
for rags brought by children.

In a certain town lying on the bor-
der between Mexico and the United
States, a peculiar currency situation
exists. In Mexico a United States
dollar is worth only ninety cents of
their money, while in the United
States the value of the Mexican dol-
lar is only ninety cents of United
States money. One day a cowhand
rolls into a Mexican cantina and
orders a ten-cent beer. He pays for
it with a Mexican dollar, receiving
for change an American dollar, worth
just ninety cents there. After drink-
ing the beer, he rolls ever the bor-
der to an American saloon and orders

Here lies the mother of children
seven,
Four on earth and three in
ever a heaven;
The three in heaven preferring
rather
To die with mother than live
with father.

Epitaph in a
Birmingham Cemetery.

another. This he pays for with the
American dollar, receiving a Mexican
dollar note for change. He takes this
back across the border and repeats
the process, drinking beer merrily all
day, one in Mexico, the next in
U.S.A., receiving as change an Ameri-
can dollar in Mexico when he pre-
sented a Mexican dollar and a Mexi-
can dollar in U.S.A. when he pre-
sented an American dollar. At the
end of the day he was as rich as he
started, with a dollar in his pocket.
The question is: Who paid for the
beer?

Perhaps if men of the Kremlin had
some sense of humour it would be
better for the world. For example,
it would be spared the ridiculous spec-
tacle of M. Panuyashkin, Soviet Am-
bassador to America, solemnly rising
at a meeting of the Far Eastern Com-
mission and charging General Mac-
Arthur with “gross violation of inter-
national agreements in banning strikes
by Japanese Government workers.”
As an answer to such brutal tyranny
what about a sympathetic strike by
Soviet Government workers.—Syren
and Shipping.

The medical profession doesn’t seem
to be what it was. A police report,
date June 19, 1877, and made out by
an officer at Northam, stated that a
native assistant - policeman, named
Jimmy, was ill, and that it had been
necessary to send for a doctor from
Newcastle (now Toodyay). The doctor
had certified that Jimmy was suf-
ferring from neuralgia and had ordered
him “two glasses of beer a day for
two or three days.”

In 1202, a 64-oz. white loaf or a
96-oz. whole-grain loaf could be pur-
chased for one farthing. By 1735 a
quartern loaf (4 lb. 5½ oz.) was sold
for 5½d.; ten years later the price
had dropped to 4½d., but thereafter it
gradually increased until, in 1800,
it was 22½d. Two years later the
price had dropped again to 11d.; and
by 1844 the best English bread was
6d. the 4 lb. loaf.

When, many years ago, the Birm-
ingham insurance companies sold all
their fire-fighting equipment to the
city for £700, a proposal to purchase
a steam fire engine was opposed on
the ground of economy. One was
bought, however, but was not allowed
to be taken from the fire station with-
out the written authority of the Chief
of Police. A fire broke out while he
was on holiday, the engine could not
be used, and as a result a woman was
burned to death.

It’s comforting to know that “The
average highball is equal to three
hard-boiled eggs. A cocktail is equal
to three slices of bread and butter,
and a bottle of beer is equivalent to
a plate of ham and eggs.”—Morris
Fishbein, editor of the Journal of the
American Medical Association,
A meeting of the State Executive was held at Anzac House on Wednesday, April 6.

Visitors to this meeting were Mr. Jim Grey (a member of the Victorian State Executive for over seven years) and Mr. Max Hibbe, of Kojonup. Mr. Grey conveyed greetings from his executive.

Highlights of the meeting were:-

RE-ESTABLISHMENT

The report submitted by Mr. Stanley pointed out that, in spite of the efforts made by the League to improve the position in regard to bricklayers, we are concerned that no further training class has been commenced, particularly in view of the evidence which exists that there is a demand for skilled bricklayers and trainees. A resolution, "That the ex-service men's representative, on the Regional Re-construction Training Committee be instructed to insist that another class for bricklayer trainees be commenced forthwith," was endorsed.

REFRATIATION

The report presented by Mr. Stahl disclosed a most comprehensive coverage of individual cases. Letters were received by the committee from a number of members thanking it for its assistance (in one case a pension was increased by 50 per cent.).

It was decided to strongly protest against any suggestion that the administration of the medical section of the Repatriation Department be removed from the city, and the committee considered that the time was opportune to make further representations to the Federal Government regarding the admission to Repatriation General Hospitals of ex-service patients suffering from non-war disabilities where beds are available. Both motions were unanimously supported.

HOUSING

The report presented by Mr. Davies disclosed the fact that the question of the amount of assistance to applicants under the War Service Homes Act was recently accorded full consideration by the Federal Cabinet, and approval has been given to an increase to £2,000. Legislation is being drafted to cover this approval, and it is anticipated that this will be discussed in Parliament in May.

AGED SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN'S FUND

The report submitted by Mr. Yeates disclosed that 777 persons were now in receipt of assistance.

MIGRATION

The report submitted by Mr. Lone showed that 15 migrants were being sponsored and over 50 migrants were seeking sponsors. The shortage of housing was affecting sponsorship in a number of cases. The Migration Scheme, it was pointed out, was taking some little time to get under way.

COAL PRODUCTION

A motion submitted by Mr. Stahl: "That, in view of the vital importance of increased coal production, the League urges the Government to immediately take up the matter of opening up further coal fields so that as soon as the Fremantle Power House is complete, there will be enough coal available to meet all requirements of industry," was carried unanimously.

A further meeting was held on April 20, highlighting being:-

HOUSING

The report submitted by Mr. Davies pointed out that the City of Perth sub-branch had again brought up the question of provision of accommodation for all persons being evicted, and as it had been stated that no less than five evictions had taken place recently within a few weeks, further details are awaited.

It was decided that the State Housing Commission be requested to continue the policy whereby successful applicants for private permits to build be permitted to operate under the War Service Homes Scheme, and vice versa.

LAW

The report submitted by Mr. Davies disclosed that "Prior to June 30 last, any war pension received by a successful applicant for a re-establishment allowance was deducted from the allowance so paid. But since that date such deductions have not been made. However, several cases have now come to notice where: ex-service men, particularly those on the higher rates of pension, have suffered hardship because of deductions made in the past. Inquiries are now being made with a view to obtaining some retrospective adjustments for those concerned."

PAPERSHAMS

The report submitted by Mr. Sten disclosed recent donations from the Denmark sub-branch (£5/5/-), the International Harvester Co. (£2/2/-), and the Morawa and Toodyay sub-branches (£1/1/- each). Supplies of tobacco and first-aid equipment were received from the Red Cross.

Annual Report

The recent balance sheet of West Leederville - Wembley "Fire" Park shows the sub-branch to be in a healthy financial state.

Whilst on this subject, it would be fitting to mention that the hardworking treasurer, Mr. Bert Pyke, did not stand for re-election this year. His past services to the sub-branch were strongly emphasised by Mr. G. Newton, who proposed that his good work be recorded in the minutes. Mr. Kinsman, too, came in for his share of praise for good work as treasurer of the building fund.

Mr. Kinsman and the dance committee were warmly applauded for the healthy state of finances gained from this source.

Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson and Mr. Bryce Johnson came in for special mention in connection with the same organisation. Members will be pleased to learn that these folk will again form the backbone of this year's committee.

Our immediate past secretary, genial Jim Beer, is now unable to take his usual active part in the running of the sub-branch and his services will be missed.

It was recorded in the minutes that a fountain pen be purchased and presented to Jim as a token of appreciation for his past sterling service.
From the Editor’s Note Book

Parkinson, editor of The South-Western Times, an Englishman, who has a deal to say in favour of the League and its activities, and who is keenly interested—and active—in migration. . . . Visited Arthur Murray, who recently was honoured with a life membership—he had previously received a Certificate of Merit. Mr. Murray states that he held the position of secretary to the sub-branch for 12 years, and was secretary of the Bunbury Band Contest for seven years. Gymnasium instructor at the local High School for a period of over a decade, Mr. Murray has apparently lived a most active life. Discharged from the 11th Battalion on Armistice Day, 1918, he joined the League immediately afterwards and has been active in its interests ever since. . . . Looked over the local headquarters—the ballroom is now being redecorated. . . . A hospital visiting roster shows that members on the sick list are not neglected. . . . A fairly recent photograph of the women’s auxiliary shows over 40 enthusiasts. . . . A Memorial Plaque to Miss Rose Clements prominent in the hall. . . . It seems that this good lady left some £400 to the sub-branch which enabled building to be started. . . . Told that Tom Shaw, warden of the Bunbury War Memorial, makes a point of visiting Perth each Anzac Day for a reunion with his old Digger cobs. . . . Chatted with Mr. Frank Johns of the Narrogin sub-branch, who was staying at the Rose Hotel. He praised the anti-Communist activities of the League and said that it had been seriously suggested that Albion’s feature-articles on this subject might be displayed in shop windows throughout the district [Albion takes a dignified bow]. . . . Met a valued and frequent contributor to these pages—Bob Chambers, now on The South-Western Times staff. Bob is certainly a live-wire when it comes to digging up news. . . . Chatted with Mr. H. W. Taylor, late of the Quairading but now of the Williams sub-branch. Mr. Taylor has recently taken over a 3,000-acre Sol-

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ANZAC DAY, 1949

THE 34th anniversary of Anzac Day was celebrated in Perth by large crowds than for some years past. At dawn some 3,000 witnessed the simple ceremony at the State War Memorial, while 4,218 marched in the parade of ex-service men and women later in the morning. Crowds estimated at between 30,000 and 35,000 lined the route of the march.

(There were 49 units on parade, which was led by four Victoria Cross winners—Messrs. R. Gee, T. Starcevich, J. Woods and Sgt. J. Gordon (still serving in the Army). V.C. winner C. Sadler attended in a hospital car.

Four delegates from the New Zealand Returned Services Association—Messrs. G. Warren, M. Jenkins, C. Inch and W. H. Simmons—followed the V.C.'s, and further back in the parade Army nurses in white uniforms and headgear and red caps drew much attention.

On the Esplanade dais were the Governor (Sir James Mitchell), Lady Mitchell, Senator J. M. Fraser (representing the Commonwealth Government), the Minister for Repatriation (Mr. Barnard), the Premier (Mr. McLaury), the Lord Mayor (Mr. J. Toc-terdell), the Chief Justice (Sir John Dwyer) and Service chiefs.

The service was conducted by the State President of the League (Mr. W. J. Hunt), who was assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon D. K. McConchie and the Rev. A. C. Inwood.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

In his address, Mr. Hunt said:—

"... Here today we have several thousands of the people of Western Australia—a real cross-section of our State's population. But we here are not alone in the keeping of this great day. In every capital city crowds have assembled; in every country town, at some time or other today, crowds will assemble; and in many outback homes groups will gather—all united in the one thought: that this great Australia of ours has been moulded and welded by its menfolk—and its womankind—who were prepared to work for it, to fight for it, and—if needs be—to die for it.

"At every gathering, from Fremantle in the west to Sydney in the east; from Darwin in the north to Hobart in the south; at every gathering in the inland towns; at every gathering in bush centres; at every gathering in New Zealand as well as throughout Australia—all those assembled will have the same sentiment in their hearts: an overwhelming love for their country. . . ."

"Native-born and foreign-born alike will have realised that our land is what it is—a land of opportunity, of freedom and of plenty—because its people have, through many decades, fought for it to remain so. And because this is recognised, this memorial service—this day of commemoration—has become a part of our national life.

"I want to keep the Navy—I'm a warmonger; they want to send it for scrap—they are ironmongers."

—Winston Churchill.

"It is customary to associate this day—Anzac Day—with the men of the Navy, the Army and the Air Force—and with our gallant Nurses—who died on Gallipoli, in France, in the Middle East, in New Guinea, and on all other fronts on which Britons were engaged. It is a day of commemoration. Always will it be a day of commemoration. Always will it be a day to commemorate those who gave their all for the principles which they held so dear. Never can we forget those immortal words from the New Testament: 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.' But this is also a day of reflection, of contemplation. A day upon which we must re dedicate ourselves to the task of facing our responsibilities and our duties.

"For world events today are such that it behoves us to look ahead as well as to the past. Indeed, if we fail to look ahead then we are not following up—we are not faithful to those principles for which our heroic men and women have died. No man or woman can rest content with merely words of commendation for those who have gone. They died for a reason—they died for their principles—they died for their country—can we do less than see that they died not in vain?

"... Here today are thousands of men who wear badges showing that they fought for their country—some in World War II, some in World War I, some in the Boer War and in wars which have almost been forgotten. These men—aye, and women—are welded together in the bond of service.

"Let them not close their eyes to the dangers which confront us. Let them not be content to settle back at ease, saying, 'It cannot happen here.' Let them not get into that position—so dangerous—which is born of apathy, indifference.

"Let us all be determined that we will stand four-square, shoulder to shoulder, to resist with all our strength these evil ideologies which seek to destroy and to befoul and to strangle.

"I have already stated, we have enemies in our midst. Are we going to let them undermine all we hold dear, as the Quislings and other traitors undermined Norway and France and Holland and Belgium and Poland during the early days of the last war? Are we going to say, 'This is none of our business'? Or are we going to combat this evil with all the power and strength which lies within our combined forces?

"... We demand with every right that Australia shall always remain as a true home of democratic freedom; that its men and its women may always be admired for their courage, their honesty and their willingness to help. We ask, finally, that God may bless our efforts to do that which is right, our efforts to place in the forefront, for all time—God, the King and the Empire."

Mr. E. S. Bushell, one of the organisers of transport for disabled and aged men, who had been carrying on this job for more than 30 years, collapsed and died while marshalling cars to their places on the Esplanade. His death will be a sad loss to the League, but he died as he would probably have wished—"in harness." A dawn ceremony and an afternoon parade at Fremantle were well attended, as were functions throughout the metropolitan area and country districts.
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A NUMBER of sub-branches already have large sums on hand awaiting only the relaxation of building restrictions to build. Others are contemplating drives for the raising of funds. When the time comes to build — naturally after housing has reached normal proportions — the advice given here will be of value to you.

Remember that the further one gets from the close of the war the more difficult it will be to raise the moneys desired. The wells of patriotism have a tendency to dry up.

There have been sub-branches, however, that have launched appeals unsuccessfully. Their efforts have languished and have almost fallen by the wayside. The districts in which this has occurred have not been all poor districts, either — they have been areas where money has awaited collection, but the method of picking it up has been faulty. The planning has been wrong, or maybe there has been no planning at all.

See that your Plan is Good

The sub-branch that aims to obtain a memorial home should first of all decide what it actually does want. Businessmen have a thorough dislike of giving to something nebulous; they dislike building up somebody else's banking account. There is nothing very attractive about that. It is much more pleasant building up one's own.

The average businessman likes to know, too, what the ultimate cost of a project will be. He does not want his donation to look "stingy," and at the same time he dislikes being overgenerous. Clearly, the sub-branch must disclose its plans, and submit a concrete proposal — and if it is the proposal (or can be made the proposal) of one of the business groups, all the better. Men work better, and give more for their own creations.

It follows that the committee launching the appeal must do a lot of preparatory work before going to the public. No appeal should go off half-cock. When the committee goes before the first public meeting it must have a definite proposal to put forward, backed by the support (already secured) of those local authorities whose assurance the public will take of the practicability of the proposals.

If the project includes the purchase of land, the committee should have as one of its members a business man with a special knowledge of real estate in the district — plus a builder and an architect.

A primary need in any case is an accountant to be on the committee, to assure the public that the finance side will be well taken care of.

Plenty of Preparation First

The most common fault in launching appeals is to suddenly spring the idea on a public meeting, and then to ask the meeting to elect the committee. The committee men then appointed are expected to begin there and then, straight from scratch.

When this happens — and it happens far too often — that's all they do for the first few weeks, or even months — just SCRATCH.

When the project is ready for putting to the public, it should be set down on paper, and then ronced for circulation amongst leaders of thought in the district. The sub-branch should give each leader two or three days to digest the plan, and then send a deputation to enlist his active cooperation, not forgetting his suggestions.

If there is amongst the leaders of thought in the area one who is a good mixer, with plenty of drive and persistence, see whether he will accept the chairmanship of the appeal.

If he accepts, his friends will be morally bound to rally around him, and the circle of giving will be widened considerably, and a new group of helpers will be brought in.

But there are two catches in bringing in an outside chairman.

There is the danger of his taking upon himself afterwards the right to say what shall be done with the proceeds. This can, however, be safeguarded by the wording of the preliminary notices.

The second danger lies in the possibility of the choice not being favoured by a section in the community which may oppose the appeal but disapprove of its selected chairman. They may stay out of the appeal altogether. However, that is a matter for the local sub-branch to work out.

Give the Chairman some Discretion

The chairman should have the right to form sub-committees to look after sections of the appeal, and he should be able to co-opt whom he likes to help him. After all, it is money that is wanted and the chairman, with his prestige to maintain, is not likely to do anything that is not for the good of the effort.

Methods of raising moneys differ according to local needs and circumstances. Race meetings, carnivals, dances, gymkhanas, raffles, card evenings — all these have been successful elsewhere, and some will be applicable to your area.

A good preliminary move is to obtain beforehand promises of donations from local business men so that when the appeal is launched it can go with a bang from the outset.

Even though big events may be programmed for the appeal, a good committee never ignores the value of the small card evening, which, if it does not return very much in actual money immediately, represents good value in advertising.

Every small evening is a widening of the publicity (and the friendly circle), and publicity is important in an appeal.

Only one more point need be stressed: Don't commence your appeal just before Christmas, or at a time that will result in a break of three or four weeks within a month or so for some reason common in the district.

Resumed appeals never go with the same zest as was present before the suspension.

The present is a very good time for running a Memorial Hall appeal — don't leave your project too long on the shelf. The sands of patriotism are trickling out, and there may be difficult times ahead. Prepare for those difficult times by securing the erection of your own welfare headquarters, which will serve you in good stead, whether the future be bright or not so bright. — By permission of Reveille.
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WITH a sigh of relaxation, W. J. Pilbury settled back in the first-class smoker of the waiting train. A carryage to himself—if his luck held! Almost too much to hope for in these crowded, bustling days.

He was a middle-aged, neatly-dressed, prosperous-looking man. He could have been any one of a dozen types: stockbroker, merchant, commercial traveller. There was an aura of respectability and comfort about him.

He removed his hat and gently fanned his perspiring brow. Perhaps he was getting old, he thought grimly, and recalled the recent words of his chief: "Pilbury, we want young, vigorous men in this organisation," the Old Man had said, and when he had gone on to suggest that Pilbury needed a holiday the implication was obvious. Pilbury sighed again and glanced at an attractive girl who hesitated outside his compartment. She moved away, and Pilbury resumed his thoughts.

The chief was no fool, but he (Pilbury) had always thought that common sense, observation and coolness were the essentials in his job. He had them all right, he thought defiantly, but what was the use when the higher-ups clamoured for young, university-trained men with all kinds of talent and new-fangled ideas.

His thoughts were abruptly shattered by the guard's piercing whistle, and his hopes of a solitary journey vanished as the door opened quickly. A girl entered. It was the one who had glanced in a few minutes before.

The train moved off and Pilbury noted with grudging approval that she was attractive in the modern way. Her flimsy summer dress revealed an astonishing number of curves. He smiled faintly to himself. At least he wasn't too old to appreciate a pretty girl.

The train seemed ill at ease as she fumbled and groped into a smart handbag, finally producing a packet of cigarettes. She lit one and inhaled deeply, then sat back in her corner, frowning. She looked up and appeared to notice Pilbury for the first time.

"Oh! I'm so sorry," she exclaimed. "Would you care for a cigarette?"

Pilbury looked out of the window and puffed generously at his cigar. There was a big smudge of smoke ahead on the horizon indicating a big town.

Suddenly the girl tried again. She uncrossed her silk-clad legs, leaned forward purposefully, and jangled Pilbury's knee with a scarlet fingernail.

"Look, mister," she said. "I don't know who or what you are. But if you don't give me five pounds before we reach the next station you'll be the sorriest man alive."

This threat seemed to interest Pilbury.

"Really," he asked. "Why do you say that?"

"Because," she said slowly, "if you don't I shall give you in charge at the next stop for attempted assault. Oh yes I shall," she went on quickly. "And I'll get away with it. The police always take a girl's word in these cases, and in any case you'll get your name in the papers."

She sneered contemptuously.

"I'll look nice to all your respectable friends, won't I? 'Middle-aged city man accused of assault on girl.' You'd better give me that five pounds, mister."

Pilbury seemed to think this over. He frowned, and studied his cigar. A long, white ash had formed. At last he spoke.

"So that's it; eh? Blackmail with a new twist, based on the idea that some of the mud will always stick. Well, and the decisive firmness was in his voice again. "That won't get you your five pounds."

The train gave a warning whistle and rattled over some points. Some scattered houses began to appear.

"All right, mister. If that's the way you want it, that's the way you'll get it. I'll give you one last chance. Do I get the money?"

"No," said W. J. Pilbury.

She flung her hat to the floor. She ruffled and tussled her hair until it hung in black disarray over her face. She twisted her stockings. Finally, with a quick, vicious tug, she ripped open the front of her thin dress. For a moment she stood in front of him, her chest heaving.

The train entered the big station and she rushed to the window. She half hung, half leaped over the edge. The startled crowds of waiting people began to shout and gesticulate at her.
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And the same method of heating works wonders on plants, shrubs and trees. With a blizzard howling by, we can have green lawns for a living-room carpet and a bed of tulips for decoration in the dining-room, while a flowering lilac tree can be used as a screen for our bedrooms. In a word, we can if we like, live in homes which are gardens the year around.

We shall no longer be limited in our building to wood, brick, stone and concrete. Plywood, plastics and glass are the things the home of tomorrow will use. One architect has visualised a home to be built when times are normal in the form of a glass dome—a bubble which covers a garden—a home in which the bedroom is under an oak tree, the living-room walled by a perennial flower border, and the kitchen set beside a lily pool. Sliding sections of a type of glass already in production give privacy wherever wanted, for while you can see out through this glass, no one outside can see in. Still another type of glass panel will give darkness when desired, even at noon, for bedrooms—

... (Continued on page 26)
It was during one of those Red Cross blood-collection drives. The Centre was very busy, and as a nurse rushed out of the room with a container of freshly-drawn blood she met a colonel who was a regular donor. They recognised each other and the nurse greeted the officer brightly: “Just jump into bed, Colonel. I’ll be with you in a minute.”

A girl from a place called Porthcawl wore a newspaper dress at a ball; The dress caught on fire And burned her entire Front page, sporting section and all. 

A man underwent a serious operation, the success of which depended upon forced feeding. Free from the effect of the ether, he discovered the feeding machine with its tube by his bed.

“Good Lord,” he cried out to the nurse, “what’s that thing for?” After the nurse had gently explained, he seemed somewhat pacified.

“All right, but I want two more of those machines,” he said.

“But why?” she asked. The patient smiled sardonically.

“Well, you and the doctor have been so kind that I want you both to have lunch with me tomorrow.”

Cook: We lost all our kitchen equipment when the Mess got burned.

Erik: Yeah? Couldn’t have been much of a tin-opener, to be so easily ruined.

Waiter: You’re not eating your fish. What’s wrong with it?

Diner: Long time no sea.

A psychiatric board was testing the mentality of a negro soldier. “Do you ever hear voices without being able to tell who is speaking or where the voice is from?” he was asked.

“Yes, sir,” answered the negro.

“And when does this occur?”

“When I answers the telephone.”

“Dad,” said little Alfred, “our teacher at school told us today that the olive branch is the emblem of peace. What is the emblem of war?”

“The orange blossom, my son,” replied his father.

The young man saw an exceedingly attractive girl at a picnic. When he finally met her he gazed rapturously into her eyes. “I could kiss you to death,” he whispered.

“Well, I’m not objecting,” said she, and the young man kissed her with all his might. While this was going on, the girl idly picked a piece of clover and started to hit him on the head. Puzzled, the young man asked the reason.

“Well,” she said, “if you’re kissing me to death, I’m beating your brains out.”

Society lady (approaching Henry):

“We are having a raffle for a poor widow. Will you buy a ticket?”

Henry: “Nope. My wife wouldn’t let me keep her if I won.”

The guide was describing the Statue of Liberty to the visitors. “This little finger on the statue is just 11 inches long,” he remarked.

“Why only 11 inches,” cracked a smart alec.

“Prop-use,” shot back the guide, “if it were an inch longer it would be a foot.”
PERSONALITIES

Sergeant-Major J. Woods, of the Press sub-branch, who is still active despite the fact that he is fast approaching the age of 90 years, is one of the few men in this State who can claim to have been wounded by an arrow. No—he was not with William the Conqueror.

Don Bain, of the Calingiri sub-branch, is at present in hospital. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

get around. It is with considerable regret that we learn that Major Walters is at present suffering from a broken shoulder, sustained when his horse fell, and we are sure all readers will join with us in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Mr. George Holland, Victorian State President, was, we regret to hear, the victim of a motor accident recently, having the misfortune to receive a fractured leg and head injuries.

Amongst those to receive the Bachelor of Arts degree at the recent graduation ceremony at the W.A. University was Stan Watt, Jnr. Stan had long and distinguished service during World War II as a fighter pilot with the R.A.A.F., in the course of which he concluded a tour with the famous Desert Harrassers' Squadron in Italy. He has now joined his dad, Stan Watt, Sr., at the Imperial Printing Coy. Pty. Ltd., taking over charge of the sales department.

“This Year, Next Year, Sometime, Never”

Mr. F. Chaney, of the State Executive, who recently attended a Federal Executive meeting at Canberra, was given considerable front-page publicity in the Victorian Press. Undoubtedly Mr. Chaney is an up-and-coming live-wire.

Tramways conductor No. 516, who is a member of the League, deserves commendation for his unfailing courtesy which is continually remarked upon by travellers in the suburban area.

Doctor B. G. Thompson, president of the N.Z. Association, was recently a welcome visitor to a meeting of the State Executive.

Jim Giblett, late of the Collie sub-branch and past country vice-president of the League (South-West) is now a member of the office staff at Anzac House.

Mr. N. A. Norris, O.B.E., has been elected president of the Claremont sub-branch.

Mr. V. M. Walters, District Office, Bamenda, British Cameroons, sends his 1949 subscription to the West Perth sub-branch through Mrs. Walters, who says: “He asks me to tell you that he reads The Listening Post from cover to cover.” As we have remarked before—we certainly
A Personal Question
By PAUL BUDDDE

We buried Hans Hammersmit in a shallow hole, just five yards past where we had buried Bob the day before.

"Never mind, you poor coot," muttered Harry as a Requiem, surveying both the graves. "Maybe if we live we'll make the world a better place for the mates of both of you."

The other day I met Harry. "Well," I said, "what price your post-war world now?" He looked at me solemnly.

Just as cryptically he expressed himself again.

"Mate," he said. "It's them blokes that fought the war at home. It's got into their blood, and they're still fighting a war at home."

Maybe Harry wasn't as cryptic or obscure as I imagined, for in both his utterances he put two crucial thoughts. You see, in the last seven years we justified the killing of the other bloke and the killing of the mate alongside of us, by saying that it was for the good of posterity—for the sake of our families and our countries. And then we came home and found that we did this, not to preserve our rights, but to preserve the rights of a small minority who wish to plunge us and our country into something worse than war. Now we begin to wonder if we have not killed under false pretences—and what is worse, killed unjustifiably. For unjustified killing is murder.

For so we must name ourselves if the orgy of the last seven years is to result in the rise to power, within our own country, of the very forces we claim we set out to destroy; and if we sit back and allow this anarchy to persist.

If we do not believe in this chaos, then, though we have been betrayed, there is still time for us to act. As servicemen, we permeate every political party, every religious creed, every branch of industry and commerce and every grade of profession and labour. Cannot we therefore plan some unity of purpose, some motivating aim which will allow us to stand steadfast against the infiltration of the forces of disruption and upheaval?

In 1939 we were united to fight against a common enemy in order to enjoy our freedoms. As servicemen, surely in 1949 we can be none the less united in the fighting of a peril as grave as that we faced before, and one that menaces just as surely our freedoms and the welfare of those we love?

Our fathers fought before us in 1914/18 and, 21 years after, had the mortification of seeing their work undone by similar forces of evil. Must we face the same destiny because this time the foe is amongst us and we hesitate to thrust him out?

Professor Robert S. Arias, of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, asserts that "good, whisky can be made cheaply from sawdust and oil refinery wastes." We were served with something like this quite recently, it seems.

A mid-western university held entrance exams, for a group of ex-G.I.s. One of the questions was: "Name two ancient sports."

An ex-sergeant racked his brain, finally wrote: "Anthony and Cleopatra."
Land Settlement Disappoints

A Review of Progress and Development to 1st March, 1949

FROM the point of view of the R.S.L. and classified applicants, the progress has been disappointingly slow. Up to date, statistics show that 3,215 applications for classification have been made. Of these, 337 have withdrawn, 853 have been cancelled (most have failed to reply to letters sent to them), 20 were ineligible, 488 transferred to the Rural Bank under the C.R.E. Loan, 86 were unsuitable, 73 still await classification and 281 have been allotted farms, leaving a balance of 1,565 classified applicants, of whom 436 require practical training for various periods and for which no provision has been made. It will thus be seen that there are 1,109 classified applicants who are still awaiting farms, although the scheme has been in existence for 3½ years. Sixty-five farms of various types are almost ready and will be allotted in the near future.

Provision has also been made under the scheme to train and settle on tobacco farms 60 men during the next three years at the rate of 20 per year.

Causes of Delay

1. One of the main causes would appear to be the very high standard set by the authorities as to what shall constitute an economic farm unit. Our representative on the Land Purchase Board has drawn attention to the large number of farms offered (2,038) and the comparatively small number required (336). Many of these, in his opinion, have been sound economic farms in the past and could be in the future. Experience has shown that there are many farmers who, by their thrift, good management and work, have made and are making a good living out of a farm of a much smaller size and financial responsibility than the apparently scaled patterns of wheat, sheep and dairy farms now being allotted. Most of the criticism from country sub-branches is on this account.

This also raises another important question. During the classification of most of the applicants, the committee responsible was not aware of the large financial responsibility which the settler would have to carry, and it was very difficult to say that a man of average intelligence, knowledge and outlook, who had perhaps been working on farms for a considerable period, was not up to the standard necessary to make a success. But when one considers that the average wheat and sheep farm is costing £10,000 of public money, it must be admitted that it is a very serious liability for a settler to shoulder and perhaps more serious to place in his hands. The best and most up-to-date farm management, business ability and work will be required of the settler to make good, otherwise there must be a repetition of the failures and writing-down of the first Soldier Settler Scheme.

Many have expressed a wish for a smaller and less responsible area, which they could manage and work themselves with the help of their wives and families. On the other hand, quite a number of the men who have been allotted farms have shown their bona fides by launching out into share and contract farming, and have acquired considerable plant and cash and thus will have an equity in their farms from the start and no need to borrow full loans from the scheme for their stock, plant and fixtures.

2. Another, and perhaps the most serious cause of the delay, is the lack of housing and materials and the skilled labour necessary to provide the settler, his wife and family with a comfortable dwelling. So many promises were made as to what would be done for them, but time has shown that these promises can only be fulfilled very gradually and at great expense.

Fencing materials are also very short, and until the industrial and manufacturing situation improves, it would appear that this shortage must continue.

In addition, there has been (and is) a lack of labour and machinery necessary to bring the farms up to the condition required by the Act, and again it would appear that this will continue for a long time.

Farm machinery is also very hard to obtain, especially tractors, but the size, scope and financial responsibility of the large farm makes it imperative that the settler should have an up-to-date plant.

3. Much has been done since our last report (18th June, 1947) to remedy the delays caused between the Commonwealth and State authorities, and, generally, things are working smoothly; but there still appears to be (at times) a difference of opinion as to whether a farm offered for sale is suitable or not, and greater attention should be given to this aspect on the lines of Clause 1 of the Causes of Delay stated above. Liaison between the R.S.L. Land Committee, the War Service Land Settlement Board and the Commonwealth Deputy Director has been arranged, and should be used to the fullest extent.

The suggestion made by the R.S.L. that men should be placed on their farms to help to bring them to a stage where they could be allotted has been adopted under what is known as "The Caretaker-Allottee Basis" and has speeded up the settlement of a number of applicants.

Practical Training

One of the greatest disappointments of the whole scheme is the failure of the authorities to implement practical training.

The Act states that the fact that a man has had no farming experience will not be a bar to his participation in this scheme. Practical training was designed to overcome this. Every other type of training has been carried out under the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme except this, and it does appear that very little effort is being made to further decentralisation or, build up a rural population, or even to provide labour which will be so essential for the men who have been allotted the standard farms.

Duration of Classification and Allotment Period

This question is constantly being asked. The Act states that a man may apply for classification for five years from the end of the war, or the date of discharge of the man who has had six-months' service. The question arises as to whether the war has actually ceased, and a deadline fixed for applications to be lodged.

Clarification of these points should be made.

Recommendations

1. The Land Committee of the R.S.L. still urges that its recommendations (Continued on page 18)
WAR SERVICE FARMS.—The Minister for Post-War Reconstruction states that he has approved of the acquisition of 2,000 acres of land near Bending, to provide a wheat and sheep farm under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme. He has also approved of the subdivision of a property of about 4,647 acres near East Arthur, into two wool-growing farms which will be allotted to ex-servicemen.

INCREASED LOANS (BUSINESS).—A resolution at the 33rd Annual Federal Congress, “That appropriate representations be made to the Prime Minister with a view to increasing the Re-establishment and Business Loans from £500 to £1,000,” was forwarded on, and the Prime Minister has now replied: “It is felt that the present provisions governing these loans are adequate, and in the circumstances it is regretted that the League’s proposal cannot be adopted. It is pointed out that, in the event of the maximum amount of re-establishment loan payable having been received by the applicant, and further capital being required, application could be made for the early payment of war gratuity. It would, of course, be necessary for the applicant to satisfy the war gratuity administering authority of his real need for additional capital.”

MINISTRY OF POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION.—Office hours of this department are now 8.45 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., on Mondays to Fridays only. The office will no longer be open on Saturdays.

LAND SETTLEMENT TRAINEES.—Resolution 194 at the 33rd Annual Federal Congress, “That the Commonwealth be requested to ensure that the provisions of the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme be so amended as to provide that applicants under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme be able to work where possible on farms in districts and in the primary industries in which they hope to obtain farms,” submitted by Western Australia, has brought the following reply from the Minister for Post-War Reconstruction: “I have to advise you that, as far as practicable, farm trainees have been placed on farms in the districts where they intend to settle or in districts which they have themselves nominated. Should a trainee on a farm request that he be transferred to another district, his request is, if possible, granted. In all cases, trainees are placed on farms in the industry they intend to pursue on the completion of their training. In the circumstances, I do not think that any amendment of present arrangements is necessary.”

FIRST YEAR’S PROCEEDS—W.S.L.S.—In reply to a query, “What proportion of their first year’s proceeds (i.e., last year’s) will be given to War Service Land Settlement members by the authorities, and what advances for all purposes, including any further working expenses advanced or balance carried over from the first year’s operations, and rent. Provided these commitments are met, the allottee may use the proceeds of the farm as he chooses. Where, for reasons beyond the control of the farmer, he is unable to meet all commitments and carry on, the authority may make further advances for working capital under Clause 15. Each case will be considered on its merits.”

AIDING CRIPPLED EX-SERVICEMEN.—Ex-servicemen paralysed in the lower part of the body, or those that are legless, are to be granted up to £200 each by the Services Canteen Trust Fund to assist them in purchasing motor cars. Trust Fund is making these grants as an equivalent supplement to similar assistance given by the Red Cross.

MEDICAL SUSTENANCE.—In October last, the Federal Government passed legislation amending certain sections of the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act, and under this amended legislation the standard rate of war pension has been increased from £5 to £5/10/- per fortnight. As the amount of sustenance payable is based on the 100 per cent. rate of war pension, it follows that medical sustenance was correspondingly increased. The question of payment of a higher rate of sustenance in cases where the member loses wage or salary during a period of treatment is at present under consideration.

AUTOMATIC BENEFITS C.P.S.—At the last Annual Federal Congress, the following resolution was passed: “That as the period of service with the armed forces by Commonwealth employees is now regarded by the Commonwealth Public Service Board as service for the purpose of furlough, extended leave, or payment in lieu of furlough, provided the employee makes application to his head office in the prescribed manner, and as the particulars specified in the said application are identical with those supplied by the employee on joining the Commonwealth Service, the Commonwealth Public Service Board be asked to grant the benefits above...”
stated automatically instead of wait-
ing for the employee to apply for same.” This resolution was forwarded to the authorities, and the Prime Min-
ter has now replied: “Upon the appointment or engagement of an off-
er or employee in the Public Ser-
vice, particulars of the war service of such persons are obtained by the
Public Service Board or its inspectors
located in the various States. In the
case of permanent officers, this infor-
mation is entered on a form which
contains other information which is
intended for the sole use of the board.
Such information includes data for
the assessment of points for determi-
ning the order of engagement of per-
s-om so eligible. Information regard-
ing particulars of furlough granted or
payment in lieu thereof is not re-
ceived by the Public Service Board’s
office, or its inspectors. In this con-
nexion it is mentioned that all de-
partments were requested, on October
1, 1947, to check and endorse par-
ticulars relating to war service of offi-
cers and employees, where such were
applicable to service for furlough, on
the staff records of the persons con-
cerned. This necessitated production
in the department . . . of an officer or
employee’s discharge certificate. As
this practice would normally occur
but once in the individual’s Public
Service career, it is not considered
that any hardship or inconvenience
results therefrom . . . . It is con-
sidered that the procedure observed . . .
in connection with the crediting
of war service for furlough purposes
is satisfactory, and no variation in
regard thereto is considered necessary.

GROWING OF COTTON.—A
State congress resolution pressing for
an investigation into the possibility of
cotton growing for the purpose of
rehabilitating ex-servicemen has been
forwarded to the Minister for Agri-
culture, who states that the possibility
of the establishment of cotton grow-
ing in Western Australia has not
been overlooked. Preliminary work
indeed, has already been carried out,
but the Minister adds that “it will
be necessary to show that cotton grow-
ing can be carried out on sound lines
before recommending it as an avoca-
tion for war service personnel.”
W.A.’s resolution on the matter at
the 33rd Annual Federal Congress
has brought the following reply from
the Minister for Commerce and Ag-
riculture: “I have to advise you that
the production of cotton in Australia
is the function of State Departments
of Agriculture. For climatic and
other reasons, Queensland is the only
State which has developed the in-
dustry, and this development has been
based on the big boll long-staple type.
Short-staple types are produced in
low-wage countries, and under nor-
mal conditions our cottons cannot

of 3-yearly rotation. It is thought
that the project will lend itself to
sidelines (grazing, etc.), and for this
purpose provision has been made to
partly clear a further 50 acres on
each property, which can be further
developed by the grower himself. Es-
imated cost of development, together
with the purchase price of suitable
land, will be about £1,400, and the
grower will be required to pay rent
at the rate of 2½ per cent. per annum
on land and non-structural improve-
ments. Suitable accommodation (cur-
ingarms and sheds), and fencing
must be provided—cost of these struc-
tural improvements will be in the
vicinity of £2,000. This sum will re-
quire to be repaid over a period of
30 years with interest at the reduc-
ing balance at the rate of 3½ per cent.
per annum.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.—A
resolution at the recent Federal con-
gress moved by Western Australia
was, “That a bigger percentage of
petrol tax monies be spent on road
improvements in newly developed
settlement areas.” This has brought
the following reply from the Federal
Treasurer: “It is a fundamental prin-
ciple of Commonwealth-State finan-
cial relationships that the Common-
wealth Government does not make
any grants to local government bodies.
It is true that for a number of years
special grants have been paid to the
States for road purposes, but these
grants have been paid to the State
Governments, and the manner in
which the money is spent is a matter
for consideration by the State autho-
rities. . . . However, provision is made
for a specific grant in respect of the
maintenance and construction of
roads, other than main roads, in
sparsely settled areas. . . . This has
been increased to £2,000,000 per an-
um. . . . It is estimated that
£7,300,000 will be paid to State Gov-
ernments by the Commonwealth for
road purposes during the current
financial year.” The local Minister
for Works, in dealing with this mat-
ter, says: “The first charge . . . must
be construction and maintenance of
declared main roads . . . but it has
always been the policy of the Main
Roads Department that the bulk of
road finances available from the petrol
tax should be expended in country
areas.”
LAND SETTLEMENT DISAPPOINTS

(Continued from page 15)

Of which, in regard to improvements, stocking and equipment, are indefinite.

3. That the development of the new schemes in the lower South-West be speeded up so that men in the lower grades of classification can obtain farms more suited to them; but such development should not prejudice the acquisition and improvement of already developed and partly-developed properties.

4. That the attention of the Government be again drawn to the failure to obtain material and labour necessary to make the scheme function as it should.

5. Full provision should be made to render advice and guidance to settlers by thoroughly competent advisers, in view of the necessity for every man to excel as a thoroughly up-to-date manager and farmer. Some men resent this, and control that must accompany a scheme such as this, but it is very necessary in view of the financial risks involved.

6. Provision should be made to enable the settler on any property acquired under the W.S.L.S.S. to have the title to the land made freehold or leasehold at his discretion.

In conclusion, the War Service Land Settlement is a huge scheme, which really required a large amount of preparation and planning, together with the skilled and unskilled labour and material necessary to make it a success and bring the farms up to that standard promised to the men when they were discharged. Unfortunately, post-war conditions in the labour, industrial and economic spheres, the difficulty of dovetailing the work of the two authorities, and the high values of farm produce due to prosperous post-war conditions have greatly added to the difficulties that have had to be overcome in the purchase of farms; but it is hoped that now the machine is running a little more smoothly much greater progress will be made.

The League is keenly disappointed with the slow implementation of the scheme in Western Australia. As already pointed out, there have been almost 1,200 withdrawals and cancellations of applications, indicating the dissatisfaction of ex-servicemen concerned. It would seem that unless considerable and early improvement is made in the scheme as at present constituted, consideration must be given to the possibility of its complete recasting. If such recasting is decided upon, then the League should be co-opted to ensure the success of a great project, so vital to young ex-servicemen and to the State.

Gardening Competition

In order to encourage returned ex-servicemen residing in the district to beautify the surroundings of their homes, the Kensington Sub-Branch, in co-operation with the South Perth Horticultural Society, has decided to conduct a gardening competition and the State President (Mr. W. J. Hunt) has kindly agreed to donate a trophy to the person gaining the highest number of points in the competition.

The following rules will apply:—
1. The competition shall be limited to members and prospective members of the Kensington Sub-Branch R.S.L.

2. The garden area will be limited to approximately one quarter of an acre.

3. The competition will be divided into five classes, viz., (a) Best Front Garden; (b) Best Back Lawn; (c) Best Lawn; (d) Best Garden Bed; (e) Best Special Feature. Class (e) would consist of shrubbery, shade-house, glasshouse, rockery, fish pond, etc.

4. Entries will close on September 13, 1949, and all arrangements will be made for judging to be carried out in early October.

5. Judging will be carried out by the members of the South Perth Horticultural Society and the judges’ decision shall be final.

6. The standard of judging will be as follows: Decorative value as a whole, 50 points; general layout, 25; colour effects and blending, 10; graduation of borders and beds, 5; condition (cleanliness and tidiness), 5; camouflage (use of creepers, shrubs, etc., on fences and outbuildings), 5. Total, 100 points.

Stern Father (sarcastically): “Say, young man, it’s past midnight. Do you think you can stay here all night?”

“Gosh!” explained the innocent young man. “I’ll have to telephone mother first.”
DARLINGTON HONOUR ROLL

The Darlington Progress Association wishes to erect an Honour Roll to commemorate the names of all who enlisted in the Services during World War II. Particulars required are:
- Name
- Sex
- Regimental Number
- Branch of Service (including Merchant Navy, if Died on Active Service)
- Address of residence

Those who enlisted from the Darlington district (or anyone connected with the Darlington district) should contact either the Darlington Progress Association, or Mr. A. R. Field, Hon. Secretary, Glen Forrest- Darlington Sub-Branch, McGlew Road, Glen Forrest.

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Some Details of the Birth of a Sub-Branch

By J. KEIGHTLEY (Rockingham)

FORMED about 1919, Victoria Park must be one of the oldest sub-branches in the State. I well remember its birth, which was a result of one or two Diggers sitting on the horse trough outside the old Victoria Park Hotel one night. We have stuck to the R.S.L. when the going was far from smooth, and have pulled our weight. Many who, in those early days, could see no sense in joining, later became League stalwarts.

The Alexander Hall and two shops with rooms at the rear were always open. No one seemed to know who owned the property, so we commandeered one room and put a lock on the door. At a preliminary meeting we received our first donation—glass for the window and labour for fixing it, donated by the father of member Fred Lee.

Having formed the sub-branch we now canvassed for members, and at our first meeting had an attendance of fourteen. A. Abbott (now secretary of Belmont), Fred Lee (Lands Department), F. S. C. Brown—afterwards secretary Cleaners’ Union (deceased), Fred Matthews (still a stalwart), Bill Porter (deceased), Bert “Cock” Newman (deceased), Smith, South African Forces (deceased), Sam Hatton (late Tramways), Gibbs (later of Leonora), Kelly (mail contractor) and the writer. (I must apologise—can’t think of the other three—memory faded.)

We ran a prize packet night and packed the Town Hall. One of our best supporters, Cr. Harper (later Lord Mayor of Perth) won a bottle of whisky, was given one drink and had to be satisfied. A sucking pig was one of the prizes, but it got loose. Others only got a packet of salts, “for working people,” so it said on the wrapper.

Funds were all in one account, but we intended to build and later were offered a two-storey weatherboard house opposite the present fire station. We had about £200, but by this time many of our old cobbers were having a rough spin, so we used some of the money for amelioration, although many were not members. Later we ran a ball in Government House ballroom, but atrocious weather caused a heavy loss.

I could go on longer, but I hope others will contribute memories of the League’s early days.

The old Digger’s ranks are thinning, for Gabriel’s trumpet keeps sounding. We should let the younger members know something of the foundation on which we all hope they will continue to build.

In conclusion, here’s a challenge to the whole of the League in Australia:

Of the 14 who attended the first meeting, Bert “Cock” Newman had served in three wars, South African, Boer Rebellion, and 1914-18; Fred Matthews, South African and 1914-18; Bill Portee, South African, siege of Mafeking and 1914-18; Smith served at Rorke’s Drift (Zulu War, 1879); F. S. Brown, South African and 1914-18; and the writer, South African and 1914-18. A chap named Hayes, who we accepted as a member, fought in the Jemison Raid (an official war in 1895). Half of those attending that meeting had been on active service before 1914.

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The art of humorous short-story writing is rare; but Mr. E. Hinchcliffe, of Palmyra, seems to have it. He is one of the 90 ex-service graduates of the Teacher's Training College, Claremont. When he has acquired skill in the elimination of non-essentials and in titling his stories, we may expect his name to become familiar in this field.

FROM the very first moment I started to learn Japanese, I looked forward to the day when I could try something out on the genuine thing.

I thought I should like to try the phrase: "Is this a book?" This was the first sentence in my Japanese reader, and the answer, straight to the point, was given as: "Yes, it is so." I chose this one because it captured my fancy. You see, the Japanese for: "Yes, it is so," sounds remarkably like "high sawdust," with emphasis on the "saw." The thought of popping a question at one of the Sons of Heaven, and having him say: "High sawdust" tickled me immensely.

The first Japanese I ever encountered was a P.O.W. I was assigned to ask him a few questions about himself and his unit, and so forth. This was all so prosaic, that I thought no one would really mind if I satisfied a desire.

I held up my notebook.

"Is this," I said, mustering my very best Japanese, "a book?"

I must admit that I was sadly disappointed. He just sat and looked at me. It was obvious that he suspected me of just making a pass at him, but he never gave away the fact that he was, indeed, interested. And so I ventured a question.

"Look here," I said, "Is this a book?"

Still no answer, and still the same guarded look.

"Look, can't you understand plain Japanese?"

I was starting to raise my voice.

"What's the matter with you? Look, see this!" I shook my notebook under his nose. "Is this a book? Come on now, is it?"

I watched him squirm slightly in his seat as he prepared to speak. I waited in pleasant anticipation. Surely, he would reply: "High sawdust."

"Do you mean this?" he said, and touched my notebook.

I spoke roundly to him for a minute or two in exceedingly plain English. The armed guard outside the door told me later that he was quite shocked.

I am normally a patient man. I gave him one more chance.

"Now look," I said, reassuringly. "This thing here is an object. An object, understand? Now, then, is it a book?"

"Do you mean book?" he said. "Guard!" I shouted, hammering the table. "Guard, remove this little yellow gentleman. Take him away before I shoot him as he sits."

I had five more brought up from the compound. They were worse; if anything, they looked as if they weren't even sure whether it was a book.

"Here's another one," said the guard. "They've just brought him in. They want his name, rank and unit for filing.

"I had one last fling.

"Is this a book?" I said. "High sawdust," he said cheerfully. His face broke into a toothy grin.

I grinned with him. Here at last was a Japanese who had at least a smattering of intelligence, and who knew his own language. I told him so.

"Oh, excuse," he said. "I am not Japanese. I am a Formosan.

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BUSMAN’S HOLIDAY
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Then she screamed at the top of her voice.
“Police! Police! Stationmaster! Help! Help!” she shrieked.

With a hiss of escaping steam the train stopped. A large crowd milled around the door. Someone pulled it open and the girl fell into protective arms. Behind her, unperturbed by the ugly murmurs that greeted him, W. J. Pilbury stepped out.

Above the cries of the hostile crowd came authoritative voices. Two burly policemen forced their way through, accompanied by the stationmaster. One of the policemen gripped Pilbury by the arm.

The girl did not wait to be questioned. She pointed an accusing finger at Pilbury and sobbed hysterically:

“Th-that man — that unspeakable swine—he tried—he tried.”

The policeman who was not holding Pilbury interrupted soothingly:

“It’s all right, miss. We’ve got him. There’s no need to worry now.”

He produced a notebook and pencil and turned sternly to Pilbury.

“Now then, you. What’s your name and address?”

Pilbury smiled grimly.

“Just one moment, officer,” he said quietly, and there was that in his voice which commanded attention.

“Before I give you the particulars you need, I want you to note one very important item. I have been accused of a very serious offence. One in which a girl’s word will always override a man’s.”

He looked meaningly at his accuser, who stared defiantly back.

“Now then,” he added, “and he raised his free hand to the policeman’s wondering eyes. “Look at my cigar ash. It is intact. . . . Do you see what I mean?”

A murmur rose from the crowd as they saw his point and the policeman shuffled uneasily.

“I’m sorry, sir,” he said ruefully. “We just naturally thought—ah! No you don’t!” He broke off and grabbed the girl who had tried to dive into the crowd.

“It’s all right, officer,” Pilbury replied, “of course you did. Anyone would. But you see, I’ve had a certain amount of training in these things and—oh, of course, you’ll still want my name and address, won’t you? I am Detective-Sergeant Pilbury, W. J., of the C.I.B.”

He paused and smiled thoughtfully. “Just returning from a holiday,” he added.

Her face turned and pointed to the shrinking girl.

“And if I’m not mistaken, that dangerous specimen of female trouble is Kate O’Connor. ‘Hard boiled’ Kate’ to her friends. We’ve been trying to catch her for a long time.”

As Pilbury walked off through the crowd he nearly bumped into a large, elderly man hovering on the outskirts.

“Oh! Hello, Chief,” he said. “Looking for me?”

“Smart work, Pilbury. Smart work,” said the other enthusiastically. “There’s life in the old dog yet, eh?”

He slapped Pilbury on the back boisterously.

“But I really think that holiday did you good.”

W. J. Pilbury snorted expressively.

Mr. Robert John Leonard (1747), a member of the Southern Cross sub-branch, who was discharged at the termination of World War I, is seeking lost discharge papers. Another Southern Cross resident, Mr. R. Teale, who is anxious to join the League, also seeks discharged papers which have been lost. Mr. A. E. Millett, sub-branch secretary, is hopeful that something can be done for both these gentlemen.

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Actually, black light is a part of the ordinary light we all know and see. Strictly speaking, black light is not heat. It is just radiation. It passes through air or glass and still remains cold: But when it strikes you, or furniture or something solid, it is transformed into heat. The sun itself is the primary source of energy. It radiates down and passes through the air as light, but when it strikes the earth's surface, trees, grass, dirt, houses and humans, it is transformed into heat.

This radiation from the sun is an extremely complex thing. It can be divided off into sections by the lengths of the rays which make up the complete radiation. The light our eye sees is only a very small part of the total. Other divisions of the sun's light are the ultra-violet rays, those beyond sight at the violet end of the rainbow, and the infra-red rays below sight at the red end of the rainbow. Beyond "light" rays are such extremes as the X-rays, the radium rays, the cosmic rays — while in the opposite direction are radio waves.

(Condensed from The Boston Sunday Globe.)
Sub-Branch Activities

BASSENDEN
On Friday, March 28, the sub-branch held a most successful Sunday concert, juince publicising for the coming concert, which is sponsored by the Relax Com- mitee and the local branch of the Brisbane Battalion. The concert was held in the Brisbane Town Hall to capacity. The artists did a splendid job and were very well received.

CLAREMONT
Over two hundred people attended the social, which was held in the West End Club. A large number of members were present and the social was very enjoyable. The entertainment included a musical performance by the local orchestra.

BEDFORD-MORLEY PARKS
Morley Park branch has been working hard on all projects to further the interests of its members. They have been hosting events and discussions to address the needs of the local community. The members are dedicated to making the club a welcoming and supportive environment for everyone.

COLLIE
Our meetings on March 1, 15 and 28 have shown an average attendance of 20. Business is brisk and our new secretary, Mr. A. Jones, is doing a good job. Our members are looking forward to the coming months, which promise to be even more exciting.

GLOUCESTER PARK
The April general meeting was well attended and very productive. Notice was given to members to be present on May 15 for the next meeting.

CALINGIRI
After the February recess, the sub-branch held a meeting on March 15 at Yeerongpilly. The meeting was well attended and the business was conducted efficiently.

CARLISLE
The March meeting was well attended and 30 members were present. The branch has recently been awarded the “Excellence in Service Award” for its hard work and dedication to the community.

CLAYTON
The sub-branch held a social on April 10 for members and their families. The event was well attended and the members enjoyed each other's company.

MAYLANDS
March 31 again saw a good turnout at the sub-branch. The attendees were active and engaged in discussions and activities. The meeting was held in the local hall and was well run by the committee.

MARGARET RIVER
The sub-branch held a successful social evening on May 20, with a large turnout of members. The event was held at the local hall and included a range of activities to keep everyone entertained.

MARVEL LOCH
The sub-branch held a successful social evening on June 10. The event was held at the local hall and included a range of activities to keep everyone entertained.

NORSEMAN
The sub-branch held a successful social evening on July 10. The event was held at the local hall and included a range of activities to keep everyone entertained.

variously overlooked this matter are requested to forward their subscriptions, for 1945 as soon as convenient.
presentation in the R.S.L. Hall. It was with regret that we had to inform him. However, what is Norseman’s loss is Denmark’s gain.

NORTHEAST FREMANTLE

The general meeting held in the East Fremantle Leisure Centre on Monday, April 23, was well attended. After an interesting meeting and general discussion, members adjourned to games (bowls, dominoes) and refreshments. When it comes to bowls, the older Diggers seem to belong to this side of the year, but the latter are learning fast and training hard. However, it would be an ambitious bowler who would try to copy Johnny’s comeback, right angled, cannon-off-the-keg bowl, a shot which usually draws the shot each time. At this meeting it was decided that the bowls games were played at a faster tempo and that it was not allowed to have common and common delays in delaying one of the players from the key—possibly something to do with the assistant secretary’s absence on leave? In view of two successive Monday meetings which, in April, it was decided to cancel the general meeting and to hold a special committee meeting on Wednesday, April 28. After a chat and refreshments, veteran officers looking, a good attendance at the May meeting is expected.

SHENTON PARK

In answer to an appeal by Headquarters for aids to maintain the sub-branch, which is in a parlous state, this sub-branch has agreed to lend a hand financially. According to all reports this time old friends are out to back the appeal, and are doing so in a manner and is serving its purpose fully. It is expected that this appeal is an ideal retreat from the rushing world for many of advancing years who find there are not many places where they can turn to for comfort in their declining years. There is plenty of room for more boarders should the appeal prove successful, and it is only a short distance to go there to stay. Another matter in which we are interested is the recent announcement of men and women who fell in the line of active service during the 1939-45 war, who were residents of the Shenton Park-South Perth area. These names we wish to preserve by inscribing their names on the war monument. If you know any name please communicate to us, and we know, would not like to think that they have been forgotten.

VICTORIA PARK

The March meeting was not so well attended as usual, the date, of necessity, had to be altered, this doubtless kept many away. Also, due to operating a curfew (leaving for slightly short), which he did in the usual handsome manner, as those who attended were able to enjoy the social and do some playing (leaving for slightly short), which he did in the usual handsome manner, as those who attended were able to enjoy the social and do some playing. A great credit is due to the sub-branch committee on the social on April 1 saw the month’s activities off at a flying start. It was the best evening of this nature yet held, on attendances at any rate, thanks chiefly to our ladies’ auxiliary committee. A special feature of the night was the special feature of the night was the appearance of some of the ‘older set’ who appeared to be enjoying themselves no end. There was plenty of room and the floor looked its usual familiar self.

On April 22 the committee held a special meeting to discuss the possibility of the sub-branch resuming its social activities. This meeting was well attended, and the committee were unanimously in agreement that the sub-branch should resume its social activities.

OUTING TO ROCKINGHAM

A trip to Rockingham was made on April 6 by the sub-branch. The trip was a great success, and all who participated in the outing had a splendid day. The trip was arranged by the sub-branch committee, and all who participated in the outing had a splendid day. The trip was arranged by the sub-branch committee, and all who participated in the outing had a splendid day.

GLEN FOREST

A community outing was held in the Glen Forrest Hall on March 19. This was the third of a series of successful outings run by the sub-branch. The outings have been considerably augmented.

VICTORIA PARK

There was an average roll-up at the last two meetings, and it is expected that the next meeting will have a good turn-out.

F.P.S.U.

The monthly meeting of the F.P.S.U. was held in Ascot House, Mrs. Dunny (President) Ward, on Thursday, April 18. The meeting was well attended, and the business was transacted in a very business-like manner. The committee was re-elected, and the financial report was also tabled. The next meeting will be held in Ascot House, on Thursday, May 2.

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NEWS AND NOTES

At our last meeting were, the members of the Executive received news which was heard with the most profound regret. The State President announced that he would not be standing for presidential election at the forthcoming meeting. In consequence of Mr. McKinlay’s long and faithful service.

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GRAND OPENING OF ROCKINGHAM COTTAGE

A grand opening of a new cottage in Rockingham was held on April 6. The cottage was opened by Mr. and Mrs. Ford, who were both present at the opening. The opening was followed by a good attendance, and the house was well received by all present.

AFB CHRISTMAS PARTY

The AF B Christmas party was held on December 25. The party was a great success, and all who attended had a splendid time. The party was arranged by the sub-branch committee, and all who attended had a splendid time. The party was arranged by the sub-branch committee, and all who attended had a splendid time. The party was arranged by the sub-branch committee, and all who attended had a splendid time. The party was arranged by the sub-branch committee, and all who attended had a splendid time.
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AUSTRALIA—President: W. Ellis, Augusta; Secretary: F. H. Brown, Augusta; 2nd Wednesday in each month; "Duo-Oul," near Augusta Hotel, 6 p.m.


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