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The State President Says . . .

I've been asked to write a Christmas message for The Listening Post. Under different circumstances this might not be a very responsible task. The right measure of good cheer in suitable language would be quite adequate. But Christmas, 1950, I'm afraid, is not quite so easy. The present situation in Korea, even if it improves considerably, is a grave warning of the tempo of the times in which we live.

Good cheer, none of us will grudge, but serious issues face the League. The country is looking to us for some firm leadership in each community, no matter how small.

Democracy perhaps will always present some confusion in leadership; its conditions are so liberal. Already the Prime Minister is depending greatly on the League in the matter of support of defence, for defence today is of vital importance; indeed, it is infinitely more important today than it was even a week ago. Defence extends beyond the field of men and materials; it embraces citizenship and production; service at the highest level.

I believe, therefore, that amidst the normal good cheer of the approaching season there is a definite challenge offering to our organisation. All might not agree that the country has drifted; at least most will agree that there is a grave danger of drift in the present confusion. The League then must serve as it has never served before; some members in uniform; most of us as responsible citizens; some of us with capacity of leadership developed through Empire service.

How does the League stand? Strength must be the watchword of the moment. I think therefore that my Christmas message would be a call to service, interpreted primarily in a strong effort for record membership imbued with the keenest possible application of our motto of eternal vigilance.

In every community there is opportunity for public service. Most sub-branches serve adequately in the dual field of welfare and social contact. Let us give a little more attention to the genuine needs of the community. Boost your numbers and boost your service.

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A meeting of the State Executive was held on November 1, there being 19 members present when the minutes of the previous meeting were read. Apologies were received from the State President, from Dr. Greenham, and from Messrs. Hunt and Lonnie.

Prior to the meeting, a reception was given to Johnny Funk and to Mr. Calder (Australian and New Zealand representative of the British Ministry of Pensions). Mr. Calder was welcomed by the Acting President, Mr. E. O. Davies, and his health was proposed by Mr. F. Stahl and seconded by Mr. E. S. Watt. Mr. Calder said that the main object in visiting the West was to keep in contact with each British serviceman and his problems, and to make sure that he received everything to which he was entitled.

The toast of Johnny Funk was proposed by Mr. F. Chaney and seconded by Mr. J. Walmsley, and seldom do the walls of Anzac House have reverberated to louder or more hearty applause. The words said in praise of Mr. Funk's heroism were not spoken too long, but they were sincere and came from the speakers' hearts. Mr. Funk was most modest in his reply, but as he left the room all present rose to wish him all the best of good luck.

A motion was then passed that the management committee be given power in the matter of assisting Mr. Funk in his visit to friends in Australia.

Mr. Davies was in the chair at this meeting and business dealt with included:

New Sub-Branches

In reply to a letter from the Melville Road Board, regarding the number of sub-branches established in a district, it was moved: "That this executive is wholly appreciative of the road board's efforts in the past, but is of the opinion that the formation of R.S.L. sub-branches in any district is considered to be of great benefit to not only the R.S.L. but to the road board district in general. The allocation of land to sub-branches is a matter for discussion between the road board and the sub-branch concerned."

Housing

It was reported that a communication has been addressed to the Chief Secretary regarding the request that the League be advised at an early date whether the Government was prepared to give effect to congress resolutions submitted in regard to the Increase of Rent (War Restrictions) Act. A communication has now been received from the Chief Secretary advising that alternative suggestions submitted by the League are now with the Crown Law Department for consideration. No reference, however, has been made regarding the congress resolutions.

It was further reported that congress resolution 191 (referring to the possibility of providing suitable hutments of flats, or, say, two rooms and kitchenette to be controlled by sub-branches in trust for the League), is receiving consideration by the committee. Plans and specifications will be available shortly.

Immigration

Terms of an essay competition on immigration were outlined, the tentative title being "The Western Australia of Tomorrow." Details of this competition will be released in full at a later date.

Sports Council

It was reported that the A.R.M.S. semi-finals were played on October 12, Mt. Hawthorn v. Gloucester Park, and on October 19—Gloucester Park v. Nedlands. Winners were Gloucester Park and Nedlands. The grand final on October 26 was won by Gloucester Park. Messrs. Hunt, Edmondson, Keeley and Sexton (Sports Council secretary) were present during the games. Mt. Hawthorn won the Yellow Cab trophy for the highest number of points scored in rifle shooting. It was decided to oppose the playing of games during the summer months. The Anzac Club snooker and billiards handicaps and championships have been completed, all four events being won by Mr. O. Brindall, of the Mt. Lawley sub-branch.

Other reports presented included Re-establishment, Jubilee Celebrations, Anzac Club/Remembrance Day and Trustees.

A further meeting was held on November 15, when apologies were received from Messrs. Sten, Lonnie, Edmondson and Yates. The Acting
State President welcomed Messrs. Wilbur and Bailey, of the Subiaco, Perth Sub-Branch, who attended as visitors.

It was resolved that a message of sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery be sent to Mr. Garnet Philp, a former trustee and member of the State Executive, who is at present an inmate of the Repatriation Hospital, Hollywood.

**Housing**

It was resolved that it be recommended to the Housing Committee that a conference of interested parties be called to investigate the position regarding the building of war service homes.

**Trustees**

It was resolved that all sub-branches be requested to notify head office of any cases of distress which they themselves could not deal with.

**Remembrance and Poppy Days**

Mr. Davies submitted a verbal report on these days and expressed satisfaction with both the arrangements made and the co-operation of the various authorities and the general public. In addition to laying a wreath at the State War Memorial at the Remembrance Day ceremony, Mr. Davies attended the handing-over of the guidon by the 10th Light Horse Association to the W.A. Mounted Infantry.

Mr. Stahl reported having attended the dedication of trees in King's Park, a function arranged by the Public Service Sub-Branch.

A vote of appreciation to the staff for arrangements made for Remembrance and Poppy Days was carried.

**Jubilee Committee**

Mr. Craig reported having attended a meeting of the State Jubilee Committee and expressed satisfaction at arrangements made in regard to the League participation in the celebrations.


**Lucky Dogs**—The town council of Orsa, Northern Sweden, is says a cable message from Stockholm, to allocate the total revenue from dog licenses to the putting up of new lamp-posts.

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**TREE DEDICATION**

On Remembrance Sunday, November 12, a further 25 plaques were placed in Honour Avenue, Lovekin Drive, King's Park, in memory of servicemen who lost their lives in the 1939-45 war. A short service was held in the Avenue, arrangements being made by the Public Service Sub-Branch. [This sub-branch has for many years undertaken, on behalf of the State Branch, the duties entailed, in the allocation of trees and maintenance of the plaques in both the May Drive and Lovekin Drive Avenues.]

As Lovekin Drive was dedicated as an Honour Avenue by the Archbishop of Perth in 1948, the event on Remembrance Sunday was confined to a simple plaque-laying ceremony. The chairman of the Public Service Sub-Branch Honour Avenue Committee (Mr. L. J. Parks) presided, and outlined the history of the avenues and quoted the following words spoken by His Grace the Archbishop when dedicating the Avenue: "To the Glory of God, and in memory of those who gave their lives on war service in the defence of our country and our liberties, we dedicate this Avenue as an enduring witness to the sacred obligations of our inheritance, and a pledge of our faithfulness to the trust committed to us."

Mr. F. Stahl, representing the Acting-State-President (Mr. E. O. Davies), who was unable to be present owing to a prior League engagement, gave a short address, using as his theme the words spoken at the opening of R.S.L. meetings: "They shall grow not old..." Mr. Stahl repeated these words to the assembled gathering.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, applicants were handed their plaques which they placed at the foot of the respective trees.

All plaques in Lovekin Drive have now been affixed to the base of the trees. Previously they were placed in the ground in front of the trees, but were subject to damage and loss through vandalism that the new method has been adopted as a measure to preserve the plaques and make them more visible to passers-by. It is intended to treat the plaques in May Drive in a similar manner.

At the last meeting of the sub-branch the following motion was passed:-

"That it be placed on record the excellent manner in which the Honour Avenue Committee had carried out the arrangements in connection with the service on Remembrance Sunday."

The motion was moved by Ted Townsend, a World War I veteran, who has recently been discharged from Hollywood Hospital after his 97th operation. A true veteran who "was much impressed by the simplicity and sincerity, of the service."

Members of the committee are:

Chairman, Mr. L. J. Parks; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. L. Boyd; members, Messers. H. B. Hayles and M. J. Offer; hon. secretary, Mr. A. M. Bricc; Mr. J. E. Watson, secretary King's Park Board (co-opted).

At the ceremony a large gathering of relatives and friends were gathered and members of the Public Service Sub-Branch attended in strength.

- An asylum patient had been certified cured and was saying good-bye to the director of the institution.

"And what are you going to do when you get out into the world?" asked the director.

"Well," said the patient, "I've passed my bar examination so I may practice law. I've also had quite a bit of experience in college dramatics, so I might try acting." He paused for a moment, deeply in thought, "Then, on the other hand," he continued, "I may be a tea kettle."

When someone asked the famous clown, Fratelliini, why he had never married, he replied, "When you are thirsty, do you throw yourself into the river?"—Revue de la Pensee Francaise ("Quote" translation).
What the League Has Been Doing

(Continued from last month)

Amelioration and Emergency Relief Funds

Report of the Trustees for the distribution of the above funds for the half-year ending 31st December, 1949:

Relief was granted to ex-service personnel and their dependants for both World War I and II. There were seven meetings held and 105 applications were approved, involving an expenditure of £678/2/2 from both funds. This shows a slight decrease, pro rata, on last year's expenditure.

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The Imperial Government has allocated a sum of money to the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. for the relief of any indigent ex-Imperial personnel of the 1939-45 war. This fund is called the Army Benevolent Fund, and £43 of the amount has been made available to this branch for distribution where necessary.

The assistance of the sub-branch secretaries is appreciated, and I wish to thank my fellow trustees, Col. W. O. Mansbridge and Mr. H. A. Leslie, for their co-operation, also the State Secretary and his staff for assistance rendered throughout the period.

J. F. CRAIG,
Chairman of Trustees.

Anzac Club Committee

The financial operations of the club for the half-year ended 31st December, 1949, were quite satisfactory, the rate of turnover and profits having been maintained. All necessary repairs and maintenance were carried out and the club premises kept in good order.

Mr. C. W. Mitchell took over the duties of Club Manager, in addition to House Manager, in April.

An Amenity Sub-Committee has recently been formed to assist the social side of the club's activities. Club representatives are again participating in the inter-club billiard tournament, an annual competition which fosters goodwill amongst members of kindred clubs in Perth and Fremantle.

Every effort has been maintained to ensure that only those eligible are able to enjoy the privileges of the club. The cooperation of all financial members is necessary to enable the committee to carry out this policy. All financial members are invited to make full use of the club and the amenities provided. This applies particularly to country sub-branches, and country members will always be welcome.

Once again I desire to express my thanks to my fellow members of the committee for their work and co-operation. To all members of the club and League staffs I also offer thanks for the excellent services rendered.

C. G. FERGUSON,
Chairman.

W.A. Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Relief Fund

The committee appointed by the Executive of the R.S.L. continue to function on behalf of the trustee appointed under the Act governing the control of these funds, and in so doing held 13 meetings during the period under review.

The number of persons receiving relief from this fund was, at the date of the report, 80.

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The total amount disbursed from the fund was £698, for the period of six months. The grants vary from £1 to £4 per month, according to the circumstances of the recipients, each case being subject to review every 12 months. The average age of the males is 67 years.

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On behalf of the committee, Messrs. James, Watt and Benson.

W. O. MANSBRIDGE,
Chairman.

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To accommodate 300 National Service trainees, Swanbourne Camp is to be extended and improved at an estimated cost of £91,700.

The work, which has commenced, includes new construction and conversion of existing buildings to provide barrack quarters, a camp hospital and other amenities for a battalion and administration staff.

At Nungarin, 20 prefabricated houses will be constructed as permanent married quarters for Australian Regular Army families. The State Housing Commission will carry out this project for which tenders have been called and expenditure of £38,120 approved.

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Ex-Servicemen and Public Hospitals

In the course of its activities since its establishment in 1948, the Regional Welfare Committee of the Services Canteen Trust Fund has noted that many ex-servicemen, not in a position to pay for private medical treatment, are unnecessarily burdening themselves with such expenses either because of lack of knowledge of the facilities available to them at public hospitals, or because of ignorance of the procedure necessary to transfer to public hospital treatment once treatment by a private doctor has commenced.

"With a view to future prevention of difficulties thus arising, my committee has requested that I should suggest that you might give publicity in your journal to the effect that there is no means test for treatment at public hospitals (by virtue of the Hospital Benefits Act and Commonwealth-State financial arrangements) and, even if an ex-serviceman commences treatment with a private doctor and finds that treatment is to be prolonged and/or will involve hospitalisation, he may transfer to public hospital treatment by letting his doctor know the circumstances and asking him to arrange admission to a public hospital.

"In recent correspondence with the three main public hospitals in the metropolitan area, I have been assured that for urgent cases beds will always be made available immediately."

So says Mr. M. B. Paust, secretary of the Western Australian Regional Committees, and he also gives us the following data:

The questions asked of the Royal Perth, Fremantle and Princess Margaret Hospitals were as follows:

(a) Is there a means test applied in respect of out-patient treatment? if so, could details be supplied.
(b) Is there a means test for in-patient treatment? If so, could details be supplied.
(c) If a person first attends a private doctor, is advised he requires hospital treatment and the patient realises he cannot afford private treatment, what is the procedure necessary to enable him to be

admitted to Royal Perth Hospital? If the treatment required is urgent, can beds always be made available?
(d) Is there any particular type of operation which cannot be performed at your hospital?

The replies were as follows:

Royal Perth Hospital

(a) A means test is applied to all out-patients. It is difficult to give specific details because each case must be considered individually in relation to possible length and cost of treatments or investigations to be carried out, and whether the applicant is the patient's bread-winner or a dependant, and other such circumstances.

(b) By arrangement between the State and the Commonwealth in the terms of the Hospital Benefit Act, there is no means test for in-patient treatment. However, most in-patients pass first through the outpatient department. Additionally, the first question of admission is decided by the hospital's medical officer on the grounds of medical necessity and urgency.

(c) The question of admission rests between the patient's own doctor and the hospital's admitting medical officer. If in the opinion of the hospital's medical officer immediate admission is warranted, accommodation is always found, although the hospital is frequently full to capacity.

(d) It is not possible to give a general answer to this question. If any specific case arose, it could always be referred to the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Anderson, for his opinion.

Fremantle Hospital

(a) A means test does apply for out-patient treatment. No details can be supplied as each case is treated on its merits.

(b) No means test applies for in-patient treatment, but no case is admitted unless on the recommendation of a medical practitioner.

(c) See as above. No urgent case (urgent in the opinion of our medical superintendent) is refused admission.

(d) The only operations which are not performed are those relating to "planned neuro surgery and thoracic surgery."

Princess Margaret Hospital

(a) There is a means test which applies to out-patient treatment. This is based on the number of children in the family and the basic wage. At the moment it runs as follows:

Family with one child, £8/11/6 or £1/8/- over basic wage.

Family with two children, £9/6/6 or £3/3/- over basic wage.

Family with three children, £10/6/6 or £3/3/- over basic wage.

Family with 4 children, £11/6/6 or £4/3/- over basic wage.

The maximum income to be £11/6/6. Basic wage 1/8/50, 47/3/6. In special circumstances, outpatient treatment can be given to children whose parents receive more than the means test, but this depends on other circumstances, including their expenses, and is taken in conjunction with the severity of the type of illness from which the child is suffering.

(b) There is no means test for in-patient treatment. Under the Hospital Benefits Act, all in-patient treatment is entirely free and is available to all members of the community.

(c) If a child is sent here by a private doctor who recommends in-patient treatment, we must necessarily remain the final judge as to whether or not such treatment is necessary. In the majority of cases

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League Cricket Notes

The association commenced the cricket season on October 15 with the "A" grade making a start first this year:

When the fixtures were drawn up, 14 sub-branch teams nominated. Six were placed in the "A" grade and eight in the "B" grade.

The new teams to enter this season are South Perth and Scarborough, and a No. 2 team from the City of Perth Sub-Branch.

Since the commencement of play North Perth and Nedlands, who are unable to get a team together, have withdrawn, leaving six for each grade.

It is unfortunate that two of the larger sub-branches cannot get sufficient support from their members to compete in this competition.

We extend a welcome to South Perth and Scarborough and we look forward, in future seasons, for additional increases from the sub-branches to our cricket association.

The following are the results of fixtures played on October 15, 1950: "A" grade: Mt. Lawley (138) defeated Bellevue (66) by 74 runs on the first innings.

D. Rawray batted well for 75 n.o., an extra good start for the season.

Rex Masters (5 for 28) and the old war-horse Harold Jenkins (3 for 12) put Bellevue on the spot. Still this team should do better as the season progresses.

The next match was between City of Perth and West Leederville and resulted in a win for the City team, 1 for 78 against 66.

The consistent-Peter Rollo made 31 n.o. T. Bomford, 22 n.o., and M. Catt 19. Peter was the winner of the "B" grade batting last season for West Leederville. W. Belford did well in a small-scoring innings in making 36.

Two of the older teams met in the next game in Mt. Hawthorn and Maylands. The Mounts had first use of the wicket but found Les Shand in a deadly mood, and they could only manage 51. This was a very consistent score and one of the smallest scores this team has ever put together, and to this Maylands replied with 47. R. Croxton, for the Mounts, was the only one of his team to make a stand, his total being 17. R. Axford (4 for 20) opened the season well.

For Maylands, Les Shand secured a good double—37 with the bat and 6 for 18 with the ball. Les has been a very consistent and keen member for his sub-branch team over a number of years.

The fixtures played on October 22 in the "B" grade resulted in wins for Bedford-Morley Parks and South Perth. There are no other reports to hand from remaining games. Bedford-Morley Parks defeated Scarborough after a very close game by only two runs, scores 96 to 94. For the winners, W. Bowman 38 and W. Moyle 19, and for the seconds A. Hepworth 36 and P. Dawson 30 n.o.

In this game, Allan Dick, for Bedford-Morley Parks, bowled well and secured the first hat-trick for the season, his figures being 11 overs 27 runs for 7 wickets. An extra good effort, Allan. Scarborough was not disgraced, and we look forward for some bright cricket from this new team. Well done in your first match.

The second match was to be played between South Perth and Nedlands. It was bad luck that South Perth had to be content with a forfeit. Nedlands was unable to secure a team. Eyes will be on the southern lads during their next fixtures.

The match with City of Perth No. 2 and West Perth was a win for the City team on the first innings. Scores were 140 to 67. Batting for Perth: L. Scott 48, H. Holder 21 and M. Brown 20. For West Perth: Brennan 19; Hutchison 13; Bowling: City of Perth, C. McLean 5 for 20, L. Scott 2 for 3. For West Perth, Brennan 3 for 27.

October 29 saw the "A" grade in action again. West Leederville-Wembley defeated Mt. Lawley 153 to 122. A. Barnett for West Leederville made top score with 78 n.o. and R. Glemister 46. For Mt. Lawley, A. Smith 29, R. Blight 23, H. Beheu 21 n.o. A. Barnett for West Leederville finished a good day in taking 4 for 17 runs.


City of Perth commenced their innings in fine style, being 1 for 61.

N. Catt 36 and T. Bomford 22. Due to the bowling of E. Gooley, who took 5 for 12 off 7 overs, and W. Axford, 4 for 17, the City team could only manage a further 18 runs, being out for 79.

Maylands and Bellevue match reports have not been received, so we cannot give particulars of this game.

The only match reports received for the fixtures on November 5 were the Bedford-Morley Parks game. This resulted in a very easy victory for Bedford-Morley Parks who scored 4 for 206. W. Maine, late of the North Perth team, made a grand 85 n.o. W. Bowman 31, G. Morgan 28, J. Waterhouse 26. The City team could only manage 59. L. Scott and Bratt making 15 each and second innings 32. For Bedford-Morley-Parks, W. Moyle 6 for 28, A. Jones 4 for 23, A. Dick 3 for 17.

I appeal to the secretaries of sub-branch cricket teams to forward match reports on. We cannot publish these unless they are sent along.

A. B. ("Nobby") CLARK, Publicity Officer.

INTER SUB-BRANCH COMPETITIONS

The following games have been arranged for the entertainment of members at Anzac Club. Games to be played will be billiards, snooker, darts and bridge.

Kensington v. Gloucester Park, January 8 or 9, 1951.
Belmont and Middle Swan v. West Leederville, January 16, 1951.
Shenton Park v. South Perth, January 29 or 30, 1951.
Forrestfield v. Railway Workshops, February 19 or 20, 1951.

Sub-branch secretaries or sports directors must notify Mr. L. Lowe (secretary of Anzac Club Amenities Committee), in writing, if the suggested date is suitable and the approximate number of members who will be attending.

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Land Settlement Queries

Recently the State Secretary received the following queries from the Tammin Sub-Branch regarding war service land settlement:

1. Why in 1948-49 the quotas 1-6 were between 20-30 farms each and quota 24-30 in 1950 are between 3 and 4?

2. Do the war service settlement have an option on all farming land sold?

3. Why are properties bought and sold in all districts every day without W.S.L.S. full investigation? If they are investigating these properties fully, why are they not purchasing same?

4. Do they have enough time of option to investigate fully these properties?

5. What part do local Repatriation committee have in W.S.L.S.?

6. What is the R.S.L. doing to help its members obtain these properties or to speed up allocation?

7. Does the Government expect full voluntary recruiting for future wars if they cannot fulfil promises of the past two wars?

The queries were submitted to the chairman of the Land Settlement Board and the following answers were recorded:

1. When the Land Settlement Board was appointed, the policy was adopted of placing ex-service men upon farms as soon as possible after purchase. At the time there was a considerable pool of farms, already purchased, upon which development was sufficient to warrant their occupation by qualified applicants. The earlier brochures, therefore, contained larger numbers of farms until such time as the pool of purchased farms was exhausted. For a number of reasons, very few farms are being purchased at present, which necessitates the number of farms in each brochure being comparatively small.

2. The Land Purchase Board has no option on all farming lands. The War Service Land Settlement (Notification of Transactions) Act, 1949, requires notification to the board of properties available for sale, and gives the board the right to prevent the transfer of the property—consequent upon its sale—for a maximum of 42 days, which gives the board an opportunity of negotiating with the owner for its purchase. There is no power, however, to prevent the sale of a property by a vendor to anyone either for a lesser or a greater sum than that which the board is prepared to pay if it so wishes.

THANKS
Flat 2, Block 4,
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The Secretary,
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Dear Sir,

I wish to thank the League, and especially the officer who gave me the advice in connection with my application for recognition of a war disablement.

Without his advice I am sure that I would not have had the disability recognised and the pension granted.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) B. H. WALTER.

The Editor,
"The Listening Post."

Dear Sir,

Please could you spare a few lines... I wish to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to both the Pension Officer (Mr. MacKay) and the Repatriation Officer (whom I believe is Mr. Fitzgerald) for the courtesy which these gentlemen gave me—a total stranger to Anzac House, having had no occasion to enrol myself of any of these privileges before.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) A. S. MCKALE.

The Land Purchase Board is not prepared to pay more than a true economic value for a farm, which would enable the further development and allotment to an ex-service man without the necessity of a capital write-down.

In view of the very high price for wool at the present time, and to a lesser extent the comparatively high price of wheat, the board is unable to compete on the open market for wheat and sheep farms unless there are special circumstances surrounding the sale which enable the board to agree with the vendor on price.

In practice, the period of 42 days during which agreement must be reached is sufficient to enable the board to make such enquiries as are necessary and to finalise purchase if agreement on price is reached.

5. The advice of the Repatriation committee—where they exist—would be welcomed by the Land Settlement Board, particularly regarding properties which may be likely to come upon the market.

6 and 7. These are matters of general policy affecting the League, and to which you may prefer to reply.

Dealing with queries 6 and 7, the Head Office reply was:

"Peace assure you that the League is taking a very active interest in endeavours to help its members obtain properties under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme, and will continue to do so within the limits of practicality. Under the W.S.L.S. agreement, one of the principles of the scheme is that settlement shall be undertaken only where economic prospects for the production concerned are reasonably sound and the number of eligible persons to be settled shall be determined primarily by opportunities for settlement, and not by the number of applicants."

"It is presumed that the Government does expect full voluntary recruiting for future wars, and the League as an organisation advocates an adequate defence force and is pleased to associate itself with the desirability of the Government in this regard. An endeavour will be made to have publicised in "The Listening Post" those points raised by you and dealt with by the chairman of the Land Settlement Board."

SPECIAL MENU FOR NAVY

The Royal Australian Navy will celebrate Christmas Day, as usual, with a special Christmas dinner menu for all ships and shore establishments. The Minister for the Navy (Mr. Francis) says that the menu will include turkey, and other poultry, ham, plum pudding, cake, fresh fruit, nuts and ice cream.

- After a long absence, coconuts have returned to food shops in England, but they have been unobtainable so long that few are buying them, and newspapers are suggesting ways in which they may be served as dessert.
Visitors

Two happy warriors landed in Fremantle from the same liner at the end of October. They were Sir Alan Patrick Herbert, the well-known English humorist and London Punch writer, and Australia's own Peter Dawson. Those who know “A.P.H.” merely as a whimsical writer of burlesques and musical comedies overlook the important fact that he served on Gallipoli with the Royal Naval Division and was severely wounded in France. One of his earliest publications—if not the earliest—was a slender volume of verse entitled “Half Hours at Helles,” which portrayed the humour of the trenches in World War I. Herbert, with the rank of P.O. in the R.N.V.R., commanded a yacht (his own property) called “The Water Gipsy,” named after one of his successful books. He is in Australia under the auspices of the British Council and will be a guest lecturer at the W.A. Adult Education Board’s summer school at the University next January. His subject will be “English Humour.” No one could handle this subject more efficiently, for Herbert, apart from his writings, is one of those humorists who looks like a humorist.

His shipmate, Peter Dawson, is home again after spending twelve months on his twelfth visit to the Old Dart. He is to make a concert tour of all States for the ABC. Peter is another man whose war service has been overshadowed by his professional fame. It is sometimes forgotten that he was a “dinkum Digger” of the first A.I.F. He was in England when the Kaiser decided to chance his arm in 1914, and could have wangled a commission in the British Army without any trouble; but he preferred to come home at his own expense and get into the uniform of an Australian buck private.

Another visitor to Perth during October was Kenneth Henderson, former leader-writer of The West Australian, and now Federal supervisor of religious broadcasts for the ABC. Kenneth was a padre in the Kaiser’s war and his experiences on the Western Front are related in his book “A Curate in Khaki.” While a member of the literary staff of The West Australian he became a foundation member and a past president of the Press Sub Branch. He is represented in the “W.A. Digger Book” (which was the League’s contribution to the State centenary celebrations in 1929) by a humourous effort in support of the claim that The Cooks Won the War.

HOWLERS By J. Stokes
Steam is water in a state of perspiration. Horizon is a place where you go and never get there. Hisses is the plural of his. A rum customer is a man who enters a bar with a cold. Shakespeare lived at Windsor with his Merry Wives.

SUB-BRANCH DIRECTORY
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PERSONALITIES

☆ Mr. C. W. Holland (Victoria) has been elected Federal President of the League.

☆ Sir Ernest Lee Steere, a good friend of the League in this State, was recently operated on for appendicitis. Sir Ernest is 85 years of age, and we are pleased to learn that he is making an excellent recovery.

☆ Campbell-Egan, of the Press Sub-Branch, is another of the fortunate ones enjoying an extended holiday at the moment.

☆ Cliff Kleeman, popular president of the Shenton Park Sub-Branch, was recently noticed “on the war path” at Anzac House. They do say that if you wish to keep out of strife, don’t mention pictures to Cliff.

☆ George Wilson, of the Mount Hawthorn and Kensington Sub-Branches, has been on the sick list for some time past, and it is feared that it will be quite a while before he is fit again. Tough luck, George.

☆ Bill Ferrier has been appointed to fill a current vacancy on the Anzac Club Amenities Committee. A very popular chap, Bill, who can be depended upon to do a first-class job.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS

☆ Johnny Funk, of North Borneo, who is at present visiting this country, has been awarded an honorary life membership of the League. We know that all our readers will join us in congratulating Johnny.

☆ Capt. H. L. Howden, Naval Officer-in-Charge, Fremantle, is at present on a month’s convalescent leave. He is visiting New Zealand and Norfolk Island.

☆ Phil Belton, of the Mount Lawley Sub-Branch, is holidaying in the Eastern States.

☆ Les Lowe, secretary of the Anzac Club Amenities Committee, has been admitted to the Repatriation Hospital, Hollywood. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

☆ Bill Geary, of the Carlisle Sub-Branch, is once again on the sick list. But Bill is a hard worker for the League and will not be off duty for longer than he is obliged.

☆ John McKenzie, secretary of the Frankland River Sub-Branch, who is farming under the W.S.L.S.S. with success, was recently a visitor to Perth.

☆ Albert King, of the Ardath-Babakin Sub-Branch, prides himself on attending every meeting since 1933. A very nice record indeed, and one which, we have no doubt, will be mighty hard to beat.

☆ Harry Stanbury recently motored to Muntadgin and took friends out to see his farm, where wheat is making a fine showing. The general opinion was that it would be nice to be around when Harry collected his cheque.
A.R.M.S. GAMES

The first semi-final between Nedlands and Victoria Park was played at Anzac House on Thursday, October 12, and resulted in a win for Nedlands.

The second semi-final was played on Thursday, October 19, between Mr. Hawthorn and Gloucester Park. The latter team was responsible for lowering Mr. Hawthorn's colours.

The final between Gloucester Park and Nedlands was played in the supper room at Anzac House on Thursday, October 26, and Gloucester Park emerged victorious.

At the conclusion of the games the Club Committee provided an excellent supper and something to drink. This was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all present.

During supper, the chairman of the Sports Council (Mr. B. Keeley) handed over the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield to Gloucester Park. He also presented Mr. Hawthorn with the Yellow Cab Trophy for the highest score in rifle shooting.

Among those present at this ceremony were: Mr. W. J. Hunt (Past State President), Mr. C. Sexton (secretary Sports Council) and Mr. G. Hill (chairman of the A.R.M.S. Games Controlling Committee). Mr. T. Steen (of the State Executive) was also present for part of the evening.

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EX-SERVICEMEN AND PUBLIC HOSPITALS

(Continued from page 7)

there is no trouble, but occasionally, owing to the shortage of beds and possibly difference of opinion, we are not able to admit cases which outside doctors consider need admission.

(d) With very rare exceptions, we consider we are able to handle any type of medical or surgical treatment in this hospital.

A NEW TAIL-LESS JET-PROPELLED AIRCRAFT

British aircraft designers have produced a new tail-less plane (BP111) of which the first details have just been announced. It is a single-seater machine driven by a Rolls Royce jet engine having a 5,000 lb. thrust. Made by the Boulton Paul Aircraft Company of Wolverhampton, it was recently given its first test at the British Aircraft Experimental Establishment.

This machine has been built specially for the British Ministry of Supply and will be used for research in high-speed aeronautics. Its wings form two triangles with edges swept back at 45 degrees. The fin also forms another triangle with the edge carried back at a sharp angle. Machines designed on this plan are known as delta winged aircraft. Many details of the construction of the BP111 are still being kept secret.
Carlisle Has Charter Presented

The meeting held on November 2 was in a way a red-letter day for the Carlisle Sub-Branch. There were 32 members and 12 visitors present to see Mr. Tom Edmondson, of the State Executive, present to us the League's charter.

Les Gilsenan, in proposing the toast of the sub-branch, gave an interesting review of its formation and early history. He said it was formed in the depth of the depression and as it was necessary to have ten financial members before the State Executive would recognise sub-branch status, those present at the original meeting were at their wits' end to find the necessary 10/- each.

He then pointed out that Mr. Fred White, of Carlisle Buses, put 45/- on the table and said, "Name your ten members."

What a wonderful gesture, and what a wonderful respect Fred had for the League!

Andy Boland, the only foundation member who is still a financial member of Carlisle, was present and added his reminiscences to those of Les.

Tom Edmondson was then introduced, and he apologised for the absence of George Yates, M.L.A., who was unable to be present on account of his parliamentary duties.

In a speech in which he outlined the work the League was doing for the ex-serviceeman, he appealed to members to support it in every possible way. The R.S.L. was in the forefront of all organisations, and wherever one went in Australia there was an active sub-branch of the League, he said. "As long as our members remember the sacrifices that brought the League into being, so the organisation will stand the test of time."

He then presented the charter to President Jim Rowell.

The president suitably responded and accepted the charter on behalf of the sub-branch.

Old members were then called on to speak. H. Crofts, who was a foundation member but who is now president of Victoria Park, spoke of the heritage that was built up by the old Diggers.

Mr. Davies claimed to be the oldest member present.

Harry Wescott spoke of his happy associations with the sub-branch.

The president then called upon Bill Geary to speak as one of the younger brigade.

Bill thanked the old Diggers for the heritage they had built and passed on, pointing out that the young Diggers had a ready made organisation of which they should be very proud.

He asked them to remember that the badge they wore was a symbol and that it was an honour to be able to wear it as it was priceless and could only be worn by those who had willingly made sacrifices for King and country in the field of battle.

D. Ibbotson also spoke on behalf of young Diggers and sincerely thanked the old Diggers for what they had built up for them.

Among our visitors were eight members of our auxiliary.

Their president (Mrs. Stebbing) thanked the sub-branch for the invitation to be present on such an auspicious occasion.

Mrs. Crofts (the auxiliary's secretary) appealed to young Diggers to get their wives or sweethearts to join the auxiliary, as they are badly in need of new members. She also spoke of the work the auxiliary was doing.

Mrs. Les Gilsenan, in supporting Mrs. Crofts, made an impassioned plea for new members. She said the old members had carried on for 18 years and were feeling the strain, but would still carry on if necessary.

They certainly have hearts of gold. —BIL GEARY.

BRUCE ROCK, ARDATH-BABAKIN, NAREMBEEN ANNUAL REUNION

The annual reunion of the above sub-branches was held in the Ardath Memorial Hall on Saturday, November 10, and was attended by over 100 members. The function proved very successful and enjoyable one.

During the evening charters were presented to each sub-branch by Mr. B. Keeley (State Executive district representative) and were accepted by the following: Mr. Brown (Bruce Rock), Mr. H. Wilkins (Ardath-Babakin) and Mr. C. Cavanagh (Narembeen). The charters were subsequently handed over to the respective sub-branch presidents.

Mr. Keeley was accompanied on the visit by Mr. Chas. Mitchell (manager of Anzac Club and a former resident of Ardath) and Mr. Harold Wilkins (a past president of Bruce Rock and later closely associated with the Ardath-Babakin sub-branch). There is no need to mention Mr. Wilkins' popularity in the district—it was apparent.

The presentation of the charters proved very impressive and we felt that an incentive has been provided to the three sub-branches who needed some new stimuli to revive interest in sub-branch activities.

The toast list was as follows: "State Executive," proposed by Mr. J. B. Muntz (president of Ardath-Babakin). The response was by Mr. B. Keeley. "Navy, Army and Air Force," proposed by Mr. W. G. Wallace, in reply by Mr. E. J. Blechynken. "Neighbouring Sub-Branches," proposed by Mr. C. C. Perkins, M.L.A., response by Mr. G. Phillips (Bruce Rock) and Mr. C. Cavanagh (Narembeen). "Ardath-Babakin Sub-Branch," proposed by Mr. C. Mitchell, response by Mr. C. H. Jones. "Guests," proposed by Mr. A. J. Clark, response by Mr. A. M. Buller. "Artists," proposed by Mr. A. M. Walton, in reply by Mr. J. H. T. Rutherford. "The Chairman," proposed by Mr. C. H. Jones, in response by Mr. J. B. Muntz.
Benefits, Members of Korean Force

At the August meeting of the Federal Executive, Western Australia moved: "That the Commonwealth Government be requested to ensure that adequate protection is afforded, on lines similar to the Australian Repatriation Act, to all Australian service personnel now serving under the U.N.O."

On October 25 the Minister for Repatriation made the following statement in the Senate: "Hon. senators will be interested to know what has been decided so far in the way of war pension and other Repatriation benefits for members of the Special Overseas Forces, Korea and Malaya. An early decision was necessary in respect of the benefits, such as war pension, medical treatment and education of children, which would be required immediately in the event of early casualties in the campaign. These ... and some other items have been decided.

"Members of the Forces to be covered for benefits are, briefly, those who are allotted to operations in Korea and Malaya. In full, the description of the classes and the period for which they will be covered are as follows:

"NAVY. All members serving in or posted for attachment to H.M.A. ships allotted for duty in operational areas. Period of eligibility, from the date the ship is allotted for duty in operational areas or from date of departure from last port of call in Australia, whichever is the later, and up to and including date of arrival at first port of call or return to Australia, or where a ship or a member is withdrawn from operational service to an area outside Australia, up to and including the date of arrival at the first port of call in that area.

"ARMY (i) A.R.A. and other serving members of the Military Forces and special enrolees ex civilian life allotted to the Special Overseas Force for duty in an operational area. (Reinforcements for B.C.O.F. in Japan are excluded.) Period of eligibility, from date of embarkation from Australia for operational duty up to and including date of disembarkation on return to Australia unless earlier allotted to other duties or to another Force. (ii) Personnel in B.C.O.F.: Period of eligibility, from date of posting to Special Overseas Force allotted for duty in operational area up to and including the date of disembarkation on return to Australia unless earlier allotted to other duties or to another Force.

"R.A.A.F. All members (flying, ground and administrative) or any unit allotted for operational duties against the enemy. (This includes both the squadron based on Japan and the transport and bomber squadrons attached to the U.K. Forces in Malaya.) Note: It was considered that the conditions relating to the squadrons in Malaya were analogous to those obtaining in the squadron engaged in Korean operations. (i) In the case of units overseas, from the date the unit is actually allotted for operational duties against the enemy up to and including the date of disembarkation on return to Australia or allotment to non-operational duties, whichever is the earlier. (ii) In the case of a unit proceeding from Australia on allotment for operational duties against the enemy, from the date of embarkation from Australia up to and including the date of disembarkation on return to Australia or allotment to non-operational duties, whichever is the earlier.

"The areas of operations will be prescribed from time to time as circumstances warrant.

"In addition to the categories mentioned, any member of the Forces wherever serving outside the mainland of Australia will be covered to the same extent in the event of incapacity or death due to enemy action. This covers possibilities such as a long-range bombing plane attacking troops who have not been allotted to operations in Korea or Malaya.

"The classes of dependants eligible for pension or other benefits will be the same as provided in the existing Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act. The rates of pensions will be similar and the provision will operate whereby a widows' pension for the first six months will not be less than the standard components of service pay and allowance which she was entitled to receive from, or in respect of, the member.

"Medical treatment for incapacitated members will be on the existing basis which covers all treatments of whatever description required for the incapacity due to war service. It will include the extension whereby treatment is afforded for incapacity not due to service where pension is payable at the general rate for total incapacity on the higher special rates.

"Medical benefits for widows and children and certain classes of widowed mothers, on the lines of the present arrangement, will be available.

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“In addition to the provisions outlined for members of the Forces, it has been decided to grant certain benefits for Commonwealth employees, such as official war correspondents, photographers and cinematographers, proceeding to Korea on official duties in association with the Special Overseas Force. The benefits will be similar to those which were granted to similar employees during the 1939-45 war. They comprise pensions for the employee and dependants on the same basis as that provided in the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act for members of the Forces, and medical treatment for incapacity resulting from employment with the Forces. Assistance for education of children, and furniture grants will be made where the employee loses his life or is rendered totally and permanently incapacitated.

“Consideration has also been given to rehabilitation benefits, and a statement by the appropriate Minister is expected shortly.”

Hampering of Korean Force

The Tasmanian branch, at the August meeting of the Federal Executive, moved: “The R.S.L. takes strong exception to the action of any organisation or individual in refusing to handle stores to Korea, thereby jeopardising Australian forces being utilised in the United Nations action in Korea.”

To this resolution, the Prime Minister has replied as follows: “I note the League’s attitude to any interruption of the smooth flow of stores to Korea as a result of the refusal by any organisation or individual to handle such stores. We will not permit any interruption of this kind.”

Support for U.N.O. in Korea

Another resolution at the August meeting of the Federal Executive, moved by the Victorian branch, was: “That while regretting the tragic march of events which has led to the present situation, the Federal Executive of the R.S.S. and A.I.L.A. wholeheartedly supports the decision of the Commonwealth Government to send troops to Korea in support of the stand taken by the United Nations Organisation in defence of the democratic way of life.”

To this the Prime Minister has replied: “I welcome the support expressed for the Commonwealth’s action in dispatching units of our armed forces to Korea to join with the United Nations forces actively resisting this unwarranted aggression.”

The Prime Minister on Korea

In a recent broadcast to the nation, the Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) said: “If we are to be involved in a third world war in the next few years, it will be as the result of attack by international communism. There is no other present major source of danger to the world’s peace. Korea is a sort of preliminary; a testing out of our strength and willfulness; a cheap war for the communist, since he fights it with Koreans, just as he fights by means of Chinese in Indo-China and Malaya, and by means of an industrial fifth column in our own country. . . I say it quite bluntly, an Australian army raised only for service in Australia would, in all probability, be raised for no service at all. It would be the equivalent of a wooden gun. And the democratic world cannot afford to have its common front against communism weakened by the withdrawal into useless isolation of some of the best troops in the world. . . If the evil day dawns on which the last great world struggle begins, we must be prepared to fight wherever it is essential that the enemy be met and overcome. I emphasise that statement. We must meet the enemy’s attack where it comes, in fact, and not where we would prefer it to come. . . The first great thing is that we should continue to be free. The second great thing is that we cannot be free indefinitely without national self-discipline, urgent preparation and unswerving determination to cooperate with our friends in the defence of liberty in those places in which the aggressor may strike.”

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Sub-Branch Activities

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A very encouraging turn of events for the management committee of this sub-branch was brought about by the large attendance at the last general meeting on November 14th when our president had the pleasure of giving a renewed welcome to many old members, and also to new members joined since last-meeting. We have an added pleasure in advising that "Young Harry" has signed up other new members this week.

Our annual Christmas wind-up is on December 21st, when members and their wives and friends will meet to spend another real good time and open up the Christmas Festive Season. The winners "ladies-and-gents" of the monthly games night competition will be presented with their prizes; also the winner of the best essay received for the "Absenteesism" competition will be presented and the essay read out. So please keep sending in your essays. Particulars given in the last G.G.

Jim Cutmore, our representative on the Anzac Sports Council, is doing a good job there. Jim has clinched a date with the Morley Park team against Melville on December 19th at Anzac House. This is going to be well attended by our boys.

The river trip has not taken on too well here as it clashes with the sub-branch monthly social and games mixed night on Tuesday 28th.

"Poppy Day" and all that it means to the branch was another function carried out satisfactorily. Our women, although fewer in number, fulfilled their quota and the sub-branch does really appreciate their work, their energy and effort. There appeared to be more sellers in Perth this year. As a consequence we continued selling after 5 p.m.

F. J. PEARSON.

**PLEASE LIMIT SUB-BRANCH NOTES TO 200 WORDS.**

Busselton

After much waiting, etc., at the Parish Hall, the big moment had at last arrived. Mr. Stahl presented us with our Charter. It was with some pride our president replied to Mr. Stahl's remarks, and in passing mention we were one of the oldest sub-branches in the South West. The State Secretary, Mr. Chappell, briefly gave a résumé of the work of the League and of the necessity of everybody doing a little towards their sub-branch.

After the serious side of the evening was dealt with, the remainder of the evening was given to dancing. We were quite surprised at the agacity of our older members and their wives. All thanks are of course due to the ladies who worked so hard at the back preparing the supper. I wonder if we do ever think of the unselfish attitude of these ladies, who really are the people who make these evenings so successful. Thanks one and all, ladies, for your great help.

To all those members who may be visiting Busselton during the vacation we extend a hearty welcome to call around at the Hall any Tuesday or Thursday evening and meet some or the locals. We may be able to provide something for you.

With the close of 1950 drawing nigh this sub-branch would like to extend to all members near and far, the compliments of the season with the wish that 1951 will be more peaceful and as prosperous as before.

W. O'BRIEN.

**PLEASE WRITE ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER AND LEAVE GOOD MARGINS — WRITE MEMBERS' NAMES IN BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS— PENCIL COPY CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Calingiri

The annual ball was held in Calingiri hall on November 11th, and was highly successful from many points of view. Thanks again to the ladies for their generous assistance. President Jim McGill and his band planned the organisation like old campaigners. A special mention goes to "Darky" Anderson and Bert Moller for their work in preparing the hall. Sub-branch amelioration funds benefited considerably from the proceeds of the ball.

Saturday, November 4th, was to have been the night of our darts tournament with Bolgart Sub-Branch. However, the contest had to be unavoidably postponed. Still you'll keep, you loyal men. Keep your practice up.

Recently Mr. James McGill was appointed a justice of the Peace for the Avon mag. district. Congratulations, Jim.

It is with great regret that we have to record again the passing of a foundation member of the sub-branch, Wally Mclellan. He was in failing health for some time and passed on to higher service on November 13th, at Wongan Hills. Also with great regret we have to record the passing, on November 20th, of Mr. John Dobson, father of our member Mr. Thos. Dobson. Mr. John Dobson was a pioneer settler of this district, and for many years, under the pseudonym of "Baron", was the official press correspondent. He acted for the sub-branch as unofficial correspondent to the "Listening Post."

Members of the sub-branch extend their sincere condolences to the bereaved families.

Harvesting will commence soon, so remember the wheat donations to the Building Fund. Trucks will be arranged to call at the farms, so make the effort a good one.

**PLEASE LIMIT SUB-BRANCH NOTES TO 200 WORDS.**

Carlisle

By the time this goes into print our annual party will have been held. So more of that later.

We would appeal to all young Diggers living in Carlisle to join up next year and help us uphold that heritage of which we are so proud.

The Carlisle Sub-Branch, wishes the State President and Executive and you, Mr. Editor, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

BILL GEARY.

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CHADWICK, G., Fremantle City Sub-Branch.
CRAWLEY, J., Manjimup Sub-Branch; late 16th Bn.
DUNDAS, J. T., Maylands Sub-Branch; late 32nd Bn.
EDWARDS, T., Fremantle Sub-Branch; late 11th Bn.
LYNCH, J., Fremantle City Sub-Branch.
HENDY, E., Manjimup Sub-Branch; late 43rd Bn.
OSBORN, W., Carlisle Sub-Branch.
PEARCE, D. V., City of Perth Sub-Branch; late 23rd Bn.
PURREN, W., Calingiri Sub-Branch.
REID, A. H., Fremantle City Sub-Branch.
SANDILANDS, C. F. H., Como Sub-Branch; late R.A.A.F.
SOUNNESS, K. W., Mt. Barker Sub-Branch.
WILLIAMSON, A. W., Geraldton Sub-Branch.

MUNTADGIN-TOTADGIN REUNION

The annual reunion dinner of the Muntadgin-Totadgin Sub-Branch was held in the Muntadgin Hall on Saturday, November 18, and the attendance was exceptionally good. There was an abundance of good things to eat and the ladies of the auxiliary must be congratulated on the variety of esatables supplied and on the splendid manner in which the tables were arranged. There was also a goodly supply of the cup that cheers dispensed by an excellent team of stewards consisting of Alex Ferguson, Allan Kilmurray and Norm McKay. The harmony also was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Among the visitors present were Messrs. B. Keeley and H. Stanbury (State Executive), J. Heron (Fremantle), C. Albury, L. H. Bray, Padre B. R. Bazely, K. Austin, Clyde Campbell, James Bell, Tommy Spencer, secretary (Merredin), C. Cavagnagh, E. Eddy (Narembeen), G. Phillips (Bruce Rock).

During the evening the charter was presented to the sub-branch by Mr. B. Keeley and accepted by the president Mr. T. Hooper. It was also very pleasing to note that on the occasion of the presentation of the charter there were ten foundation members of the sub-branch present. They were Major Ross Kessing, Messrs. “Watty” Pratt, George Kerse, Alex Munroe, Charlie Auld, Les Dalton, Tommy Hooper, Tom Potter, John DeBryan and Alex Ferguson. A fitting reference was also made to the splendid work of the foundation president, the late Capt. J. J. Hooper, whose son now occupies the presidential chair.

The members of the women’s auxiliary who contributed so much towards the success of the evening were Mrs. K. Auld (president) Mrs. Kerse (secretary), Mesdames Symes and Hooper and Miss Betty Kerse.

The toast-master was sub-branch secretary Charlie Auld.

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The State Executive is anxious to accept invitations to country sub-branches, but transportation problems make it necessary that considerable notice of functions be given. At present invitations are very numerous and, although Executive members are pleased to receive such invitations, they are concerned about the possibility of acceptance. If alternative dates could be suggested it would often be helpful.
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Cottesloe

Cottesloe Sub-Branch was en.fete on Friday, October 20th, when a dinner was tendered to the Mayor (Mr. L. Godson) and Councillors and wives, in appreciation of their efforts in providing a War Memorial Town Hall and civic centre, in which new quarters for us are provided.

Two hundred guests, including the Premier (Mr. McLarty), the State President (Mr. Sten), the State Secretary (Mr. Chappell), Madam McLarty, Sten and Chappell, sat down in the War Memorial Town Hall to a memorial dinner, which was opened by two minutes' silence and the Loyal Toast.

Our president (Mr. H. Guthrie) proposed the toast of the Mayor and Councillors which was responded to by the Mayor. The State Government was proposed by Mr. Harvey and responded to by the Premier (Mr. McLarty). The toast of our R.S.L., proposed by Mr. A. White, brought Mr. T. Sten to his feet to respond.

Dinner over, all guests were invited to the official opening of our new quarters by the Premier (Mr. R. McLarty) whom we were very proud to have perform the ceremony. Mr. T. Sten then presented the R.S.L.'s Charter, which was received by Mr. H. Guthrie.

The formal part of the evening now over, dancing, items, sing-song and refreshments were the order of the night, which seemed to end all too soon, but will live for many a day in the memories of all who attended the opening of the War Memorial Town Hall and R.S.L. quarters, second to none in Australia.

In conclusion we wish to thank all those who worked to make the dinner and evening such a great success.

[See picture on page 20.—Ed.]

Darling Range

Each of our meetings was well attended, but we would like to see still more members present. It shouldn't be too much of an effort to come along on the third Tuesday of each month, so what about it?

A common cry of absent members, and also of eligible non-members, is that the R.S.L. doesn't do anything. You will see how entirely untrue and unjust that remark is if you come along, and remember that the time and the place to raise any contentious subject, or to express your views on those raised by others, is at the monthly meeting, and you can rest assured that you will have a very good time after the conclusion of the night's business.

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Dwellingup and Districts

Sub-Branch activities are going along in quite a satisfactory manner.

Practically all preliminary arrangements are now completed regarding our new Club Rooms, so much so that at a recent meeting it was decided to forgo the annual reunion and in place of this event, to hold the official opening of the new club rooms with—hope—party from Headquarters, Perth, and may be the Charter Presentation.

If, of course, the "Brass Hats" happen to read these humble notes and see in them a hint of things to come, well that is O.K. with us.

Secretary, Charlie Joyson, our popular member, is still going strong in his job, although at times his health is not all that it should be.

I notice that President Frank Willis, besides being an energetic member of our sub-branch, is not bad with Dulux on the car. Nice work, Frank.

Glad to report that Alf Hills is out of hospital again, so the best of luck Alf, old chap—soldiers never die—and you are not fading away much.

The Armistice Ball held on Saturday, November 11, was a success from all view points and reflects great credit on all who worked so hard, of course, special mention of our Ladies' Auxiliary. They are a grand crowd of girls.

ARTHUR FLORANCE.

 Forrestfield

Ladies' night in the new hall proved to be a most enjoyable function, the attendance was excellent and the highlight of the evening was the presentation and dedication of a replica of the State War Memorial, which will be used for ritual work.

This splendid gift was the work of Mr. T. Duckrell.

President W. F. O'Mara directed the ceremonial work, which was very effective; "Trumpet, 'Walton Last Post and Reveille."

Seated director, Geo. Gibbs was kept busy arranging teams to play cards and bowls, the ladies entered
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into the games and proved very skillful. Dancing proved very enjoyable to the splendid music of Mrs. Osborn (piano) and the Walton Bros. (piano accordions), and members of the sub-branch handed round refreshments and made a popular hit by doing the washing up. This was much appreciated by the ladies, who had kindly provided dainty cakes and sandwiches.

Good to see Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Spalding at the function, but our treasurer (Tom Waring) did not appreciate the tie trick of the amateur magician, but the cleverest of them make mistakes sometimes.

BOB HEWSON.

Fremantle City

Our October meeting was short and snappy, as we had a date with North East Fremantle Sub-Branch for a sports evening.

Nominations were called for President, Vice Presidents (4), and Treasurer. President A. H. Bracks, who was in the chair, reported that he and the Secretary attended, in the Mayor’s Parlour, the reception to the visiting United States Ambassador. Les Bartley reported on the recruiting meeting in Perth which he attended as our delegate. Before the meeting closed the President thanked all those responsible for the very successful Charter night, also those who operated our Kiosk at the Royal Show.

After the meeting closed the sports teams of the two Fremantle sub-branches, roared into action, Padre Spratling leading our opponents. It was a good night with a keg and supper to assist the teams’ prowess. Fremantle City ran out victors by three events to one: North East winning the darts and City, bowls, quoits and bridge.

Three of our old members, Joseph Lynch, George Chadwick and A. H. Reid, have laid down their earthly tools for higher things. They were well known identities in past years and we wish them rest eternal.

At our November meeting Tom Hobbs (Vice President), was welcomed back after a critical illness.
Karlgarin-Hyden

November 4th saw the twenty-first Annual R.S.L. Children's Picnic conducted by the sub-branch. Some idea of the success of this annual event can be gained from the following:

Approximately 130 children are catered for in the shape of sports, everything they can possibly eat and drink, a fireworks display and a free night at the movies.

Members of the sub-branch donate all the funds for this event which this year amounted to over £40, roughly £1 per member.

Advantage is always taken on this day to sell poppies, and again this year the sub-branch exceeded its sales for the previous year.

Over the past five years the sub-branch has donated to charities all kinds an average of £2 per member per year in addition to the children's picnic, and assistance given to local functions.

A move is afoot to have the picnic ground at Hyden Rock vested in the sub-branch as a Memorial Park.

The local Women's Auxiliary has been very active during the year and has raised funds for Legacy, United Nations Children's Appeal, the local hospital and local charities. A drive is being organized for funds for the local St. John Ambulance Association.

J. H. TRESHALL.

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Manjimup

The Manjimup Sub-Branch has admitted three new members, ex members of Yugoslav infantry regiments who were taken prisoners by the Germans and interned. None can yet master the English language and when they are invited to the annual reunion on December 2 one of their countrymen will accompany them as an interpreter. The three new members are employed in the milling industry at Nyamup, 16 miles from Manjimup.

Maylands

I must start this report with an account of our Football Club's doings on a visit to Collie. I received it too late for last month's "Post". Here goes. On Friday, October 6th, 30 players and supporters toured to Collie as guests of the local sub-branch and enjoyed a lash-up-full-of-interest three days. A dance on the Saturday night was organized by the Cardiff Sub-Branch, and then our boys were asked to bat them at football on the Sunday—which they could not do. But everybody agreed that it was the best trip ever.

November 9th kicked off to a small attendance which was increased later. During the evening we had a very interesting report about the doings of the Sports Council from George Morrison and the welcome finest was played off. I believe "Cookie" found it. If he didn't, he should have done! Reason, he knocked me out in the first round.

On November 12th our cricket team had to lower their colours to Perth, but unfortunately our stars were A.W.L. Ah, well, they're not dead yet. Chezio.

J. H. FLSHER.

Murray

Our annual general meeting was held on November 24th and in spite of the election of officers, annual financial report, and general business we had many hours to call our own. The election of officers was as follows: President, Mr. Fred Burt; Vice Presidents, Messrs. H. H. Winchcombe, W. Marsh; Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. Graymark; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. E. McLarty; Committee, Messrs. W. Newbery, R. R. Brown, G. W. Marsh, E. McCormick, J. Nie, A. Cook.

President Fred Burt, re-elected for the ensuing year, hopes that our Memorial Hall, if not completed by our next annual meeting, will be well
on the way to erection. His report covered all phases of our activities for the past twelve months, but space will only permit mention of a few. Particular stress must be placed on our gymkhana, our sponsoring of the Murray Districts interschool sports at which there were over 1300 children; ladies’ night, and our re-union. Special mention and thanks were made to the ladies’ auxiliary, who have been a tower of strength.

Our Hon. Treasurer, Rod McLarty, disclosed that our finance was in a much sounder position than the previous year, and has intimated that he will himself donate £100 to the Memorial Building Fund.

The major business of the meeting was taken up by discussion on our proposed Memorial Hall. The block purchased a few months ago has been cleared. Suggestions have been made that a Memorial Library be included in the hall. However, what we do know is that our building will be an acquisition to the district and a fitting memorial to our departed comrades in arms.

A. J. HILL.

**Scarborough**

The annual picnic on October 29th proved to be a most enjoyable event. Energetic workers in Messrs. Stan Blanchard and Ron Flood kept the non-stop programme running to plan. Mr. Roy Milne was champion athlete with the veteran Mr. Wilkinson of Yokine, runner-up. Other winners were:

- Ladies’ sprint, Mrs. Tangney (Osborne Park); Stepping the Chain, Mrs. Northey; Driving the Nail, Mrs. Snaden; Blowing the Ball, Mrs. Tangney.
- Threading the Needle and Family Race were both won by Alan Passmore and Co. Amid a turmoil of dust and shouting Scarborough defeated the visitors in the Tug-of-war.
- In their second match our newly formed cricket club brought home the bacon by defeating West Perth. Scores, 163 to 137. G. Halnan 32, V. Quayle 29, while bowling figures were A. Cann 4-21, A. Shields 4-21.
- November 19th brought another victory in the match with Gloucester Park, the scores being 175 to 7 for 114. A. Cann retired at 104, H. Mills 28, G. Halnan 16. ‘H. Mills took 3 wickets for 30 and A. Shields 2 for 28.
- Last month the ladies and men’s sports nights were combined. There was a good attendance, over fifty joining in a programme of darts, quoits, table tennis and talking. Watch the monthly notice for the next sports evening.

The Big Four annual dinner was held on November 22. Members from Osborne Park, Yokine, North Beach and Scarborough gathered at the Osborne Park R.S.L. Hall. The successful function was in the capable hands of Mr. Dullard, who presented the Richards Shield to Mr. Sheahan, the Osborne Park sports captain.

Our secretary, Mr. Stan Blanchard, has arrangements well under way for the Christmas Tree at the Clinic Hall on Saturday, December 23. This is not confined to children of sub-branch members. Every child is welcome. Tell your friends to contact Mr. Blanchard before the date.

A. W. BROWN.
Subiaco

Year by year each sub-branch committee surmounts a series of set obstacles—Poppy Day, Anzac Day, the annual reunion, renewal of subscriptions and some other smaller items. Anzac Day was an excellent turn out in conjunction with our friends of Shenton Park Sub-Branch. Poppy Day has been a record for the sub-branch; our sales being just 6/11 short of £130, and we look forward with confidence to the future. Possibly our Poppy Day sales are not so good in comparison with some other sub-branches, but we do stick to our own district and city stand.

By the time this report is immortalised in print, the annual reunion will be a matter of history, but the renewal of subscriptions “lies before us, like a land of dreams” or a tank-trap or something. Brother, the Hon. Secretary’s address is 172 Hayesbury Road, Subiaco.

The president (Mr. Rex Moore) desires to thank all members for their support and co-operation throughout the year, with particular appreciation of the good work of our women’s auxiliary; and to them and to all members of the League he extends the Compliments of the Season.

J. NEWMAN.

Osborne Park

There was rather a poor attendance at the meeting held on November 15 with Mr. J. Hammond in the chair. The sports night was postponed until November 15. The sick visitor, reported Syd Forsyth at home on the sick list and Alf Mitchell in Hollywood. At the close of the meeting members enjoyed games and refreshments.

There was a good roll-up on November 15, with Mr. J. Hammond in the chair. A Mr. J. Greenshields reported on having visited Dave Millar on sick list, in the Royal Perth Hospital. Dave is suffering with a broken thigh owing to an accident whilst at work. Jack also visited Bob Corlett at his home, who, has a broken leg sustained while at work. Jack also paid Syd Forsyth a visit at his home and found Syd also on the mend. The President thanked Jack for his kindness and the president and members expressed their regrets and best wishes for a speedy recovery, as all three members have done so much for this sub-branch in the past. Alf Mitchell was reported to be still in Hollywood.

A report on Poppy Day showed that 1,235 poppies were sold, creating a record for the sub-branch, Bob Baker having sold £36 worth. Well done, Bob. A motion of appreciation was moved and the president thanked all the sellers.

The secretary reported on attending the local St. John’s Ambulance Brigade annual dinner, which he thoroughly enjoyed, the function being a huge success. At the conclusion of business, members enjoyed refreshments and played off the various games in the competition.

Members of the Big Four assembled at our hall on the night of November 22 on the occasion of the annual presentation of trophies. Mr. Bert Dollard is congratulated on the way in which he chaired the meeting. He proposed the King as the first toast of the evening, followed by Fallen Comrades. Mr. J. Rickard then proposed the health of the Big Four. He said that the second successful year of the Big Four competition was now concluded and that this had come to stay and would grow each year. He stated that this Big Four move had been the means of cementing many new friendships and had greatly strengthened the comradeship of the four sub-branches. Mr. Blanchard suitably responded. A letter was then read by the chairman from the originator of the Big Four competition (Mr. Tredrea), who is now at Carnarvon. He stated that he greatly regretted being unable to attend the function. Jim Hammond proposed the toast of the Ladies’ Committee and called the attention of the members to the heavily laden tables of luscious eats so tastefully prepared by them. Mr. Kevin Tennyson reported, and also thanked the donors of the celery, onions and lettuce.

Mr. Joe Newton, of Yokine, did a great job in leading community singing. Ern Maltmore sang “My Old Gang,” also “Lucky Old Sun,” and several other numbers, while Messrs. Green and Wilson and the piano and accordion also did sterling work. Songs were sung by Messrs. Jim Hammond, Bob Baker, J. Tomsett and H. Float, while Pat Casey obliged with the snake-dance. During the evening Bert Dollard presented Doug Sheean, our sports officer, with the Albert Richards’ Shield won by Osborne Park on attaining the highest points for the various games. Doug suitably responded. Individual trophies were then presented to the following members: Darts, Fred White, Osborne Park; table tennis, Marvyn Hall, Scarborough, ex Yokine; quoits, Geo. Wood, Yokine; most improved player, Les Morgan, Yokine; the biggest mug, Frank Wilkinson, Yokine.

It was announced that an anonymous donor would give a trophy for the biggest no-hoper next year.

Mr. J. Evard proposed a toast to Mr. Albert Richards, who sent a message of regret at being unable to attend and present the shield. He sent good wishes to Osborne Park.

This evening proved a great success, there being plenty of refreshments and entertainment and a spirit of good cheer and comradeship was apparent right to the close of the smoke.

H. S. FLOAT.

South Perth

The presentation of the League charter dinner was a happy affair, with over 100 present. Mr. Garnet Philp, the second president in 1928, opened the proceedings with a brief account of the foundation of the sub-branch. Mr. Jim Adam, his secretary at the time, followed, with Messrs. Mundy, another early secretary, picking up interesting items that they missed. Mrs. Philp, first president of the women’s auxiliary, gave an idea of what the ladies have meant to the work of the sub-branch. Mrs. Orgill ably supported her remarks. Mr. E. O. Davies (Acting State President); in a brief impressive speech, then presented the charter to Mr. J. B. Walkley, sub-branch president, who received it on behalf of the members with the dignity and the decorum essential to the occasion.

Following this, Mrs. Bailey rendered several songs. Mr. Fred Chanty (State Vice-President) expressed the high regard of the League for Mr. Walkley and presented him with a Life Membership Certificate. Other presentations were a Certificate of Service to the treasurer (Mr. Charlie Buchan) in appreciation of his services over the years. This was made by Mr. Freddy Stahl, of the State Executive.
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Mr. Barney Keeley, of the State Executive, presented the secretary with a Spode dinner service on behalf of the members. Mr. George Gilmore rounded off the evening with his famous calls.

Among those present were Mr. Bill Hunt (Past State President), Miss Mary Meares, M.B.E., of the State Executive, Mr. S. Lambert (chairman of the South Perth Road Board) and Mrs. Lambert and Mr. and Mrs. Roy King. The wives of the members voted it a good night, and it is possible that many of them will join the women's auxiliary as an outcome.

To Messrs. K. R. Waters and L. Gatley, who are in Hollywood, a speedy recovery is wished.


To all members and the people generally of South Perth, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our thanks also to all those who have helped the sub-branch during the year.

Victoria Park

Attendance at November monthly meeting was a vast improvement on recent months. It was pleasing to see oldtimers in Eric Lloyd, Wally Lagne and others. Charlie McIntosh has lately called for invalid members in his car, brought them to the meeting and then driven them home. This friendly gesture is greatly appreciated, particularly by the unfortunate themselves.

At last the hall job is a fait accompli. Come and see it for yourselves. We still have our internal improvements, such as power-points, etc., placed more conveniently for the games to complete before we are satisfied.

Our local community carnival was again well patronised. Our women's auxiliary kept in time with us this year with a fancy goods stall next to our own. Patronage was good, although results did not quite measure up to last year. Perhaps we made the game too easy. We were again dependent on Mac, who rushed round the last day to supply us with much-needed equipment. We shall remember next time to have all arrangements made in good time.

Our membership figures are still rising. This increase is particularly gratifying. Obviously our lads are putting in good work for the sub-branch. Please keep this up. We confidently look forward to vastly improved attendances next year.

This issue will arrive just in time to give you a reminder of our December social, but just in time to wish you all the happiest of Christmas and a new high in Prosperous New Years for 1951. This greeting comes to you from your president, committee and executive officers.

J. H. TIMMS

A WORD OF PRAISE

State Secretary,
R.S.L., Perth.

Dear Sir: Having attended the State congress on behalf of Canning, I did not notice any reference to the R.S.L. Hostel which is conducted administratively by some members of the State Executive.

Opportunity, of course is not provided for such matters unless there is a specific item on the agenda.

Having used the hostel in varying degrees of permanency and for weekend bookings over the past eight months, I feel sure that I as one who is interestedly bound up with the R.S.L. in sub-branch matters should air my views. Briefly, then, my views can be nothing else but appreciation.

Often, unfortunately, we of the R.S.L. are liable to forget because we take it too much for granted—of committees administering sections of the R.S.L. such, for instance, as its hostel. This work is done mainly at members' own time and cost.

The cleanliness, conditions, efficiency and consideration shown to guests are worthy of best praise.

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Trusting that this appreciation will be conveyed to the chairman, his committee and hostel staff. In these times of difficult accommodation their efforts are all the more praiseworthy.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN J. CONNOLLY

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REDCASTLE STOUT

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A Phenomenal performance between Mr. Isa and Darwin, via Tennant's Creek, a distance of 1,180 miles, which was covered in 16 hours' travelling time, an average of nearly 74 m.p.h.

Between Darwin and Perth, the worst roads were encountered, yet I had little difficulty in keeping the car moving over heavy bog and loose sand.
WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

State President's Report on the N.S.W. Conference

I arrived in Sydney on August 14, 1950. On Tuesday, August 15, by invitation from R.S.I.L., I attended the R.S.I.L. congress held in North Sydney. At this conference there was a presentation of a Certificate of Merit to an auxiliary member of a country sub-branch who had given 20 years of outstanding service.

In the evening I was the guest of the Auxiliary at their smoke social. This was a very fine leaving event. Also on League invitation I attended the deb's ball with the official party. There were 2,000 people present, and the flower and fruit decorations formed a form for the Governor's party to be seen to be even imagined.

On Wednesday, August 16, the auxiliary conference was opened by Miss Elizabeth Northcote. Each delegate entering the hall signed the register and received ballot papers. These had to be completed and placed in the ballot box prior to luncheon adjournment. Nominations had been taken, previously and circularised to auxiliaries. Auxiliaries are allowed only one delegate, no matter how many members they have. Affiliation fees are £1/1/- for every 25 members.

The president gave her address, the secretary her report, and the treasurer presented her balance sheet, but as only three meetings of this State council are held in a year, and as auxiliaries do not send monies through the council, and there seems to be no administration offered by the council, there was little or nothing to report. All expenses of councillors were paid out of State council’s funds, and as the State president lives 400 miles from Sydney, as do several other councillors, the expenditure is very considerable. A stenographer is employed to take notes and minutes at a cost of £15 for three days of conference. Auxiliaries do not appear to be expected, neither do they send in reports or balance sheets to the State council.

Auxiliaries are making very substantial donations to the New War Neurosis Clinic which is to cost £10,000, and are making themselves responsible for the maintenance of this home which is to cost approximately £7,000 per year. I feel that in the matter of affiliation we must be most cautious, as we would never be content to comply with their rules and would find they would not want to accept ours, and as with the years of experience behind us we really have so much we could teach them.

Presidents and secretaries of auxiliaries kept me very busy telling of our ways, and after I had addressed the conference inquiries were very numerous.

I was asked to join the official wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph and had the honour of laying a wreath on behalf of all W.A. auxiliary members.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all for giving me the opportunity of gaining so much first-hand information about our sister State branch. It was a wonderful experience and education.

No woman who was sent on a visit such as this could have been extended more courtesy than was shown to me. I was entertained by various auxiliaries and had many invitations I could not even hope to accept. I visited Furlong House, Naremburn War Veterans’ Home, Concord Military Hospital, Mt. Keira Rest Home, Wollongong Auxiliary, Maroubra Auxiliary, and Associated Newspapers Auxiliary, and all in seven days! State Executive.

Two meetings of the State Executive have been held since the last issue of The Listening Post, both presided over by Mrs. Stockman (State President). We are very busy at present, packing and delivering Christmas cheer parcels to all ex-servicemen in hospitals and homes.

Donations

Shackleton: £1 delegates’ expenses N.S.W. conference.
Mt. Helena: £2/2/- War Nurses’ Hostel.
Bunbury: £5/5/- Christmas cheer.
Nedlands: £1/1/- delegates’ expenses N.S.W. conference, £1/1/- Soldiers’ Scholarship Trust, £5/5/- Christmas cheer.
West Leederville: £2/2/- Soldiers’ Scholarship Trust, £5/5/- Christmas cheer.
Kenwick: £10/10/- Christmas cheer. Claremont: 10/- delegates’ expenses N.S.W. conference, £3 hospital visiting, £3 Christmas cheer.
Midland Junction: £10/10/- Christmas cheer, £5/5/- War Blinded, £5/5/- T.P.I., £5/5/- Soldiers’ Scholarship Trust, £5/5/- Legacy, £5/5/- T.B. Association.
Como: £1/1/- Soldiers’ Scholarship Trust, £1/1/- Legacy, £1/1/- Christmas cheer, 10/6 War Veterans.
Toodyay: £1 president’s expenses, £1 secretary’s honor, 10/- delegates’ expenses N.S.W. conference.
Glen Forrest: £2/2/- Soldiers’ Scholarship Trust, £5 Christmas cheer.
Lake Grace: £1 delegates’ expenses N.S.W. conference.
Victoria Park: £3/3/- Christmas cheer.
Subiaco: £2/2/- Christmas cheer, £1/1/- delegates’ expenses N.S.W. conference.
Southern Cross: £1/1/- Christmas cheer, £1/1/- Faversham, £1/1/- Soldiers’ Scholarship Trust, £1/1/- Aged Sailors and Soldiers.
Collie: £2/2/- Legacy, £5/5/- Christmas cheer.
Muntadgin: £2/2/- Christmas cheer.
Leonora-Gwalia: £5 hospital visiting.
War Blinded, £5 T.P.I., £5 War Veterans, £5 Faversham, £5 Maimed and Limbless.
Norseman: £2/2/- delegates’ expenses N.S.W. Conference.
North Perth: £2/2/- Christmas cheer.
Shenton Park: £1/1/- Christmas cheer, 10/6 delegates’ expenses N.S.W. conference.
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