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Naturally, serving members of the Forces looked upon such an individual with contempt. The law, too, took a dim view of such an offence. No one could be found who had a good word for such an impostor.

But today we have around us many men who wear the League badge, minus its financial crown, who have not paid dues to the League for many a year. They are just as much impostors as those who, as civilians, donned Service uniforms.

A man who belongs to a trade union and does not pay his fees is prosecuted and hauled into court. A man who belongs to a business association and does not pay his fees is struck off the membership roll and can no longer claim that he is a member. But too many men who fail to pay their League subscriptions not only fail to return the League badge; they openly wear it, endeavouring to prove to the general public that they belong to the R.S.L.

Strangely enough, many financial members know men who do this sort of thing, and they continue to tolerate it.

At the moment the Federal office is looking into the position of badge-ownership. One thing seems clear: unless you are a financial member of the League you have no moral right to wear its badge.

A member who is proud of his ownership of the League badge—and surely every member has such pride—should be certain of one thing: That he has paid his just dues.

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FOR COUNTRY PARTY REPRESENTATION

Authorised by H. McLeod, St. George's Terrace, Perth.
A meeting of the State Executive was held in Anzac House on January 11, 1940, at 5.30 p.m., highlights being:

Re-Establishment

This report, presented by Mr. Leslie, dealt with a communication received from the secretary of the Bricklayers' Union, extending an invitation to members of the Re-establishment Committee to meet the union representatives and representatives of the Brickmakers' Union to discuss the production of red bricks and the matter of trainees in the bricklaying trade. The matter of the transfer of the Department of Post-War Reconstruction to other departments was also dealt with at some length, as it is felt that this is a matter of vital importance. Further details of the move are awaited.

Migration

Mr. Lonne reported on a meeting called to discuss the policy for the forthcoming year and its implementation. It was resolved that arrangements be made for the Migration Committee to conduct country meetings, and that a letter be sent to Australian House outlining intentions in regard to the above and requesting factual statements regarding the availability and suitability of single and married migrant farm workers and any information which would assist the campaign. It was further resolved that the State Executive be requested to authorise a meeting between representatives of the committee and the State Ministers for Migration and Housing in order to discuss various aspects of migration, particularly in regard to housing.

Housing

This report was presented by Mr. Davies, and it pointed out that the Housing Commission had made representations to the Melville Road Board regarding the banning of Denaro bricks for home building, and as a result such bricks can now be used in that area with reservations.

Repatriation

Mr. Stahl reported on the joint meeting of ex-servicemen's organisations at Anzac House on December 7, at which representatives of the Air Force Association, the W.A. Blinded Soldiers' Association, the T. & P.I. Association, the T.B. Soldiers' Association, the Mainled and Limbless Association, the Australian Legion of ex-service men and Women and the War Widows' Craft Guild were present. A further meeting of this joint committee is to be arranged in regard to the possibility of holding a public meeting to call attention to the injustice to war pensioners.

In regard to migration it was announced that at October 28 last the bulk of European migrants were employed as follows: Public utilities, 10,424; defence undertakings, 4,045; domestic service, 3,667; hospitals, 3,412; rural industries, 2,731; timber production, 2,685; clothing and textiles, 972; iron and steel, 687; food processing, 495; building construction, 459; mining and quarrying, 399; and clerical work, 130.

Ex-service Men and Women and the War Widows' Craft Guild were present. A further meeting of this joint committee is to be arranged in regard to the possibility of holding a public meeting to call attention to the injustice to war pensioners.

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being re-cut, and it is expected that the work, including the painting of existing names on the memorial, will be finished in February.

Other reports included Land (Mr. Davies), Anzac House and Anzac Club (Mr. Mitchell) and Membership (Mr. Chaney).

A further meeting was held on January 25, highlights being:

Land

Mr. Davies reported that in regard to the congress resolution that a League representative should be on the Land Settlement Board, the Land Committee had resolved that an approach be made to the Minister to have a board appointed—which would represent the interests of war service land settlers, separate and apart from the board as already constituted. This board should also hear appeals submitted by those already allocated farms under the scheme.

Housing

This report, presented by Mr. Davies, dealt with the standard of living accommodation of displaced persons [see our L.P. Newsreel page], and pointed out that the Housing Committee had written to Mr. Nelson Lehmann, the ex-Minister for Housing, thanking him for the many kindnesses he had shown to the League in connection with the housing of ex-service men and women. The matter of alleged wastage of timber in the Manjimup district was dealt with, and further investigations are to be made. It was reported that the State Housing Commission now says that it is "fairly easy" to obtain permits for expandable houses.

Faversham

Mr. Sten's report showed the following recent donations: Gabbin sub-branch, £22/2/-. Three Springs-Arrino sub-branch, £5/5/-; Miling sub-branch, £2/2/-. Watson's Supply Stores, £5/5/-; Leonora women's auxiliary, £5; Fergusons Pty. Ltd., 30 lb. sweet; Yarloop women's auxiliary, biscuits; R. MacLachlan, York, truck load of firewood; the Red Cross, canned fruit, underclothing, tobacco and a Christmas parcel for each man; the Women's Auxiliary Executive,
From the Editor's Note Book

The State Secretary (Mr. John Chappell) recently forwarded the following letter to the State Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary:

"On behalf of the Fav ersham House Committee, I desire to offer sincere thanks for your donation of singlets, dressing gowns and Christmas parcels for each war veteran at Fav ersham House, York. I can assure you that the veterans appreciate very much the kindly interest of the auxiliary, and the committee is indeed grateful."

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In addition, I call the following from the current report of the Bicton-Palmyra sub-branch:

"A trip to Fav ersham House was undertaken in December. . . . An inspection of the quarters was an inspiration. . . . Comfort seemed to be the keynote of the place, and the old soldiers in residence appeared quite contented with their lot in their declining years. All this, of course, entails the use of 'the root of all evil' . . . and all that can be done in that direction by this sub-branch will be done."

I draw the attention of readers to these two items because I feel sure that far too few members of the League—yes, and far too few sub-branches—ever take the time to consider the lot of the old chaps at Fav ersham.

Last year some space was given in this journal to a description of the home; but a far better way to know just what is being done is for League members to follow the example of the Bicton-Palmyra sub-branch and visit the home themselves. Then they would know only too well that funds are needed. They would realise, too, that clothing, fruit, reading matter—all the odds and ends that men need to make life worth while—are continually wanted, and they might do something about it.

Old age comes to all of us. Some of us no doubt will be lucky enough, in our declining years, to have a home of our own and to be surrounded by our loved ones. Others will have the misfortune to be without either property or wealth, and even without friends. To such men we should, at all times, give more than a passing thought.

It is extremely easy to give over the major portion of a sub-branch meeting to sporting and recreational activities. It is far too easy, at times, to cut business matters down to a minimum and to get on with the "enjoyable" portion of the evening. Might I suggest that at YOUR next meeting YOU have a few words to say on behalf of Fav ersham and its inmates.

I know how well-looked-after the old fellows at Fav ersham are. But I know also that there are lots of little things they miss—little things which the younger fellows could provide without digging down very deep. I know, too, how the old chaps appreciate a visit from their more active comrades.

That is why I take it upon myself to ask readers to give a little thought to these old-timers. For I believe that Fav ersham House is the ideal place for a lonely old veteran. And I believe that the League is to be highly complimented upon its provision of such a home. But I also believe that too much can be left to a committee, and "Let the committee do it" is not always the best thing we might say.

It has been truly said that deep in their hearts wise men know this truth: The only way to help yourself is to help others.

You might remember that.

According to scientist Dr. W. Reid Blair, who was for over thirty years director of one of the most famous zoos in the world—the New York Zoological Park—the 10 most intelligent animals, listed in order, are: Chimpanzee, orang-utan, elephant, gorilla, domestic dog, beaver, domestic horse, sea lion, bear and domestic cat.
SOVIET SPY RINGS

By C. R. Collins

Press reports of political purges, disguised as treason trials, in countries behind the Iron Curtain, are indirect evidence of the Soviet's policy of hostility to Britain and the United States, and of the methods used by Russian agents in gaining information which might further that policy. More direct evidence on both counts is presented in a recently published Handbook for Spies by Alexander Foote.
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act that way just for the hell of it. Colloidal particles acting as nuclei are
responsible for the liberation of carbon dioxide gas from the unstable
supersaturated solution of carbon dioxide existing when the container is
opened, says the U.S. Master Brew-
ers' Association.

The British Sunbathing Association
recently held its annual meeting in
London and 85 delegates, representing
25,000 members, attended. The sun
didn't. In fact, the raw October weather was the reason why the meeting
was held in a centrally heated room and why most delegates wore
overcoats, scarves and other heavy
clothing. The association's 34-year-
old general secretary was the only
one who played the game. She didn't
wear any clothes, and took a poor
view of those who did.

In Pasadena, U.S.A., the State Un-
employment Board of Review has
ruled that girls who resign because
"the employer makes improper ad-
vances" are entitled to unemployment
pay.

A leather shoe, believed to date
from the 12th century, has been
found in Cappagh Bog, Ballagh, Co.
Roscommon, and presented to the
National Museum, Dublin. A pair
of shoes believed to be about 300
years old, which were found in an-
other bog at Ballyleague, have also
been forwarded to the National
Museum.

Miss Mae West recently sued New
York's Hotel Chatham for $62,700,
charging that a badly placed bathroom
mat caused her to fall and break her
leg, thereby preventing her from
"pursuing her normal vocation as a
star and feature performer."

However good you are, over-
confidence doesn't pay. At dinner
in a restaurant an athlete was boasting
of his feats on the running track. A
stout man at the next table inter-
rupted him with the challenge: "I'll
race you. And you'll never pass me
if you give me a three-foot start and
let me choose the course."

The athlete laughed. "Bet you
50 to 1 I will," he said. "Where's
the course?"

"Up a ladder."

Ernest Raspberry, tired of jokes
about his name, has asked a Georgia
court for permission to change it to
Berry.

In a report by a Philadelphia clinic
on a three-year study of alcoholism,
it is stated that the chances of an
American becoming a drunkard are
doubled if he is married.

London will lose its title as the
world's most populous city when the
results of next year's American cen-
sus are published.

For some time New York has been
creeping up on the English capital,
and the latest estimate is that
8,145,000 people are now living in
New York City and more than
13,800,000 in Greater New York.
The most recent figure for Greater
London is 8,370,000.

New York's is a mixed population.
Even 20 years ago it had more Irish
citizens than Dublin, more Germans
than many large German cities, and
more Italians than most of the big
Italian centres. One person in every
four was a Jew.

Banks in Chicago and Denver have
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THE LEAGUE BADGE
A Broadcast Talk prepared by the State Secretary
(Mr. John Chappell)

The subject of tonight’s talk is on the badge worn by members of the Returned Servicemen’s League. It is not so much a talk on the badge, but rather about what the badge stands for and what it symbolises. It might, however, be interesting to examine the returned servicemen’s badge and endeavour to discover what message it might have in its design.

There is a multiplicity of badges worn by men and women connected with the services, but it is a fact that the familiar R.S.L. badge is known throughout the length and breadth of the Commonwealth, and has been a coveted emblem of service for over a quarter of a century. To return to the badge as a badge, we find that it is in the form of a shield. If we allow our imagination a little scope we might say that the shield is not just an accidental and pleasing design on which to superimpose the emblem. The shield was primarily a weapon of defence and was used in single combat to ward off the blows of an opponent. So, symbolically, the badge, the basic design of which is a shield, is a protection to the wearer.

In the centre of the badge we have the three familiar figures in order of seniority of service, showing the Navy man, the Digger and the Airman side by side. The figures symbolise, it would seem, unity of action. For example, they are all marching in step. It will be noted that they are not merely walking, but their postures indicate strength and vigour. The three arms of the Services in war co-operated to the fullest degree. The combined operations of the three Services was the key to the success of “D” Day for instance. These three figures symbolising unity convey a message that “as in war so in peace.” All ex-members of the Services are members of the one League, working together for the good of the whole, each for the other. If we allow our imagination to have further play, we will note that the figures are enclosed in a circle.

The circle typifies continuity, or something which has no end, and this might be taken to mean that the comradeship which had its origin in battle continues on in times of peace, and that the comradeship of these members of the Services is everlasting. On a closer examination still it will be noted that the circle is coloured blue. Blue has always been the emblem of friendship. The base colour of the scroll beneath the circle is in red. Red is the colour of the Army and the blue of the circle is the colour of the Navy. Originally it will be remembered that the badge did not have the third figure—the airman. The badge, to be complete should really show some colour in light blue, the distinguishing colour of the Air Force, representing, of course, the sky, just as the Navy blue represents the colour of the sea, and the red of the Army the colour of fire.

The principal tenet of the League is loyalty; not only loyalty amongst ourselves as members, but also loyalty to the League as a whole, the parent body, and the greatest of all—loyalty to the Empire. This loyalty is exemplified by the Royal crown which surrounds the badge. It implies, by its position, that in the League loyalty to the King and the Empire is paramount. It will be seen from this scrutiny of the familiar badge that it has quite a story to tell. Whether it was intended by the designers to have these meanings is quite another matter, but the message is there all the same, and it is suggested that those who wear the badge might examine it closer still and endeavour to interpret its story. The badge is the most familiar and widely worn badge of any organisation in the Commonwealth of Australia. It is prized as something to be proud of and at the present time over a quarter of a million good Australian ex-servicemen wear that badge with pride.

There are occasions when members, unmindful or forgetful of the ideals which surround the badge, to use their own terms, “throw it in,” as though it were something that had earned their contempt. Many do this in the spirit of retaliation for some grievance, real or imagined, which they have against the League. In doing so they exclude themselves from the honour of membership. Some throw in their badge, no doubt thinking that by so doing the League will suffer; but that never happens, because the League as a whole is greater than any one member as an individual. It is not necessary to buttress the badge by recounting the number of distinguished men who own the badge and are proud of that ownership. It is interesting, however, to relate that His Majesty the King is Chief Patron of the League, and the Royal Patron is His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester. The patrons are: Lord Gowrie, Field-Marshal Birdwood; recent additions to the list of honorary members include such distinguished Empire figures as Lord Mountbatten, and the latest recipient to receive life membership is the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill.

It might be well for members who contemplate throwing in their badge to ponder the distinguished company from which they are withdrawing, and in that distinguished company we include the most distinguished members, some of whom have already been mentioned down to the ordinary ex-serviceman who served his country in war overseas and was honourably discharged, and who thereby qualified to become a member of one of the greatest organisations in the world.

We have tried to interpret the message of the badge which symbolises the League and its aims and ideals. The League was formed by men who had served their country overseas in time of war after World War I. Men of the old armies welcomed their younger comrades of the three Services who so heroically maintained Australia’s proud traditions overseas.

(Continued on page 18)
51st Battalion Memorial Cross

Contributed by Reg. Wood

Erected to the memory of the Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men of the 51st Battalion, A.I.F., who fell in the counter-attack on Villers-Bretonneaux, April 24-25, 1918.

Such is the inscription which appears on a wooden cross once erected at Villers-Bretonneaux and now at St. Anne's Church, Ryde, New South Wales. The circumstances relating to the efforts made to have the cross transferred to St. George's Cathedral, Perth, have already been recorded in these pages, but the following additional details are of interest.

The 51st Battalion, in common with the other units of the A.I.F., suffered heavily during the period of its existence, and it is officially recorded that the battle casualties numbered 2,560, of which 867 were killed in action or subsequently died, 1,490 were wounded, 114 gassed and 89 taken prisoner. All of these casualties had relatives in Western Australia.

The battalion in March, 1918, was at its best as regards numbers and morale. Dr. Bean, in the Official History of the A.I.F. (vol. V. pp.573) records that he "passed at Noyelles our 52nd Battalion very strong and looking grand," and "the 13th Bde. including the 51st Battalion, contained a large proportion of young recruits recently received, but marching full of confidence, helmets cocked and cigarettes in mouths."

And then came Villers-Bretonneaux on the evening of April 24-25, 1918, when the eight battalions of the 13th and 14th Brigades suffered casualties to the tune of 1,329, of which 365 were of the 51st Battalion (which at that date, for the purposes of rations, consisted of 844 men of all ranks).

No wonder, therefore, that the survivors saw fit to erect a wooden cross near where the majority made the supreme sacrifice. The cross was made by Pte. Bade Julian (now of Hollywood), was painted by Pte. W. A. Rich (of Neldales. and now deceased) and was transported to the scene by the battalion transport under Sgt. Joe Tunnecliffe, M.M. (now of Yanchep). Among those present was the Bishop of Gippsland who, as Padre Donald Blackwood, served as chaplain with the 13th Brigade. The Bishop then wrote: "We took the cross up just at dusk, with the shells still roaring overhead, with a fine guard from the 51st, and there we placed it as near as we could where so many fell. It was hard to get through that service, and there was not a dry eye as we completed it. I was struck at the time with the splendid workmanship and care which had been put into the cross, the unit put up something as worthy as possible to commemorate their comrades."

Of the five crosses erected by the battalions and brigade headquarters, that of the 51st was the only survivor and. owing to its great sentimental value, the Australian War Memorial arranged for its return to Australia. The cross was then offered to, and accepted, by the daughter militia battalion and actually handed over to the 30th/51st C.M.F. unit at a ceremonial parade at Liverpool Camp on Sunday, September 24, 1933. In the following year the cross was placed in St. Anne's Church, Ryde, the unveiling and dedication service being held on Sunday, November 11. Some time later the 51st Battalion, C.M.F., was transferred to Queensland.

It was not until the beginning of the recent war that the committee of the 51st Battalion A.I.F. Association in W.A. heard that the cross was in Australia, but, following agreement with the 3/13th Brigade A.I.F. Association in Sydney (a few ex-members of the 51st are numbered within its ranks), no definite approach was made for the transfer, chiefly to avoid distress to the then rector who had taken a great pride and interest in the cross. However, with the retirement of the rector the matter was revived and Mr. Tom Edmonston (late Lieutenant, 51st Battalion) whilst in Sydney on May 27, 1948, discussed the proposal at a special meeting of the church committee. That committee and the church warden subsequently, by resolution, "acknowledge the moral obligation to transfer the cross to Perth and recommended to a special vestry meeting accordingly." Such a meeting was held ten months later and Mr. Reg. Powell (late Captain, 51st Battalion, and a resident of Sydney) represented the several hundred ex-members of the battalion in W.A., with full authority, financial and otherwise, to negotiate and arrange for such replacement or replica as the church authorities desired.

Here it can be mentioned that the cross is mounted on a polished cedar background, and at the bottom of the cross is a brass tablet containing an inscription to the effect that the mounting is a memorial to an esteemed member of the parish—the late John Steer.

The meeting rejected, by 26 votes to 10, the proposal to transfer, the reasons in effect being:

That the cross, with its appropriate background, has, during the 15 years, become part of the fabric of the church and that its attachment and sacred regard by the parishioners is great.

That a generation at Ryde has arisen which has never known the church without the cross.

That the number of years the cross has remained at Ryde was due to the personal interest of the previous rector and parishioners.

That in a number of years all survivors of the engagement at Villers-Bretonneaux residing in W.A. will have passed on, and the significance
of the cross to the remaining personnel of the 51st Battalion Association will have ceased to exist.

That the cedar background given by relatives of the late John Steer was provided expressly for mounting the cross.

That the matter of a replacement or replica is complicated, and strengthens the case for preserving the status quo.

The committee in W.A. were naturally disappointed at the decision of the meeting and disagree with the reasons, especially when it is remembered that Villers-Bretonneaux was the last major engagement of the battalion which consisted of, in the main, young personnel; that it was only out of regard for the rector that the request for the transfer had not been made earlier; and finally, that a memorial erected on the field of battle should not be incorporated in a memorial to a single parishioner. In addition, there are, besides the comrades of the battalion, the widows and mothers and other relatives of those who paid the supreme sacrifice, all of whom have a definite and sacred right to be closely associated with the cross, and that by the vestry not agreeing to the transfer to St. George's Cathedral, Perth, all those relatives and comrades are deprived of their sacred right of being able, as and when the occasion arises, of paying homage at the foot of the cross which was erected in the ground in which their loved ones were laid to rest.

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A parson had occasion to reprove a small boy for swearing.

"If you feel you must say something, just say 'Bother!'" he said. "You father doesn't swear, does he?"

"Oh, no, sir."

"Well, then, if he were working in the garden and suddenly stepped backwards on to a rake which flew up and hit him from behind, what would he say?"

"He'd say: 'You're back early, dear!'"

Chorus girl to boy friend: "So long, I'll sue you later."

A small-part actor used to haunt his agent's office, saying: "Anythin' doin' for me today, Ted?" and Ted would answer: "Sorry, Charlie, nothin' doin'."

As the weeks went by words became superfluous. Charlie would look in, lift his eyebrows enquiringly, and Ted would shake his head.

This went on for years. Then one day Charlie broke the silence. He strode in, saying: "Oh, by the way, Ted, don't book me for any job during the next fortnight. I've decided to take a holiday."

Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, U.S.N., tells about the Catholic chaplain at an advanced marine base who was put in charge of Protestant services. He had only one handicap: the hymnals were strange to him.

One Sunday morning he was stuck. He stood in front of his congregation, couldn't remember how the opening hymn began. The marines noticed his embarrassment, kept politely quiet until one Texas voice rang out:

"That's all right, preacher. We'll take care of the singing—you just give us hell."

Jack London was late in delivering a story which he promised. The editor, after repeated efforts to get the story, at last called London's hotel and sent up the following note:

"Dear Jack: If I don't receive the story within twenty-four hours, I'll come up to your room and kick you downstairs, and I always keep my promises."

London replied: "Dear Dick—if I did all my work with my feet, I'd keep my promises, too."

Four-year-old answered the telephone, said father was out. Then, brightly efficient: "Would you like to leave a message?"

"Yes. Tell him Mr. Brown called."

"Mr. Brown? How do you spell it?"

"B-r-o-w-n."

Pause for reflection. Then a plaintive voice: "How do you make a 'B'?"

"Were you ever pinched for going too fast?"

"No; but I've been slapped."

Abe was taking advantage of slack period and was on the point of departure for a holiday on the Continent, whilst his friend Ike had come to see him off at the station.

As the train steamed out, Ike called out: "Vell, cherio, old man, and remember the old proverb, 'Ven in Rome, do the Romans.'"

An opportunity is like a girl—if you don't embrace it, somebody else will.

It was Boxing Day, and the usual aftermath of the period of peace and goodwill was evident in court.

"You are accused of stealing a turkey," said the magistrate. "Anything to say?"

"I just took it for a lark, sir," replied the accused.

"No resemblance whatever. Ten days."

A cynic is a man who, when he smells flowers, looks around for a coffin.

One of his abo. boys had only been married two weeks when "Digger" had to take Jackie down to the ten-mile camp to keep the pump going, supplying water to the cattle and horses during the dry spell. Two weeks went by, and Jackie's thoughts were more at the head station than at the ten-mile. That evening rain started, and "Digger" observed to Jackie: "If it keeps on raining we will go back tomorrow." "Boss," replied Jackie, "I hope it rains that plurry much the horses and cattle got to swim up to the trough to get a drink."

The more expensive the car the better the pick-up.
PERSONALITIES

☆ Sir Eric Milhouse, Federal President of the League, has been warmly congratulated, on all sides, in regard to the knighthood bestowed upon him. Unfortunately, however, he is at present suffering from duodenal ulcers and has been ordered to refrain from all activities for at least two months.

☆ Mr. G. W. Holland, senior Federal Vice-President, has been asked by Sir Eric Milhouse to take over the duties normally performed by the Federal President during the period of Sir Eric's illness.

☆ Rear-Admiral J. A. Collins, the First Naval Member, is at present in the Mercy Hospital, Melbourne, but his condition is not regarded as serious.

☆ Sir Thomas Blamey, who was recently appointed a commissioner of the Victorian Savings Bank, has been elected chairman by his fellow commissioners.

☆ Mr. and Mrs. Snudden, late of the Weeloon Hotel, Wiluna, have been appointed Club Manager and Manageress, respectively, of the R.S.L. Club in Port Moresby.

☆ Mr. Lionel Hayes, of the Dumbleyung sub-branch, was recently tendered a farewell by fellow members and members of the women's auxiliary on the occasion of his leaving the district. A presentation was made to Mr. Hayes in appreciation of his past services as hon. secretary.

☆ Mrs. Margaret Mays, of New South Wales, who had her home decorated with letters from the Prince of Wales, Marshal Poch, Lord Jellicoe, General Sir William Birdwood, Earl Haig and other prominent men, who was one of Australia's leading social workers during World War I, died recently at the age of 84 years.

☆ Captain H. V. Rivers, who served in the R.A.N. in World War I, and who piloted H.M.S. Renown when she carried the present King and Queen (then Duke and Duchess of York) to Australia, died recently at the age of 71 years.

☆ "Tug" Wilson, secretary of the Fremantle City sub-branch, informs us that the following Returned from Active Service badges have been found and given in to the sub-branch:

Nos. 29714, 192015, 283286.

THE FALL-IN HAS SOUNDED

☆ Mr. A. Lofthouse, of the Fremantle City sub-branch, recently had the pleasure of attending the annual dinner of the Wyndham sub-branch. His report of the function will be found under our Sub-Branch Activities heading.

☆ Mr. E. J. Olney, who recently tendered his resignation as hon. secretary of the Kensington sub-branch owing to pressure of work, had appreciation of the good job he had done recorded in the minute-book.
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VALUE OF S.S. PROPERTIES.—A resolution at the September Federal Land Settlement Conference was: "That the Commonwealth Government be asked to divulge the system on which it proposes to value soldier settlement properties." A reply has now been received from the Minister for Post-War Reconstruction: "... the War Service Land Settlement Agreements ... provide that holdings shall be valued by officers appointed by the Commonwealth and State in consultation for that purpose. In making these valuations these officers are required to have regard to the need for the proceeds of the holding (based on conservative estimates over a long-term period of prices and yields for products) being sufficient to provide a reasonable living for the settler after meeting such financial commitments (excluding principal repayments under any agreement between the State and the settler for the purchase of land) as would be incurred by a settler possessing no capital. The Commonwealth view is that the budget is the only means by which it can be determined that this requirement will be met for each holding. Agreement has been reached with Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania, that the budget surplus capitalised at 2½ per cent. will represent the valuation of each holding provided this amount does not exceed the total cost of acquiring, developing and improving the property or the relative proportion thereof in the case of subdivided estates."

HOUSING DISPLACED PERSONS.—A resolution passed at the August meeting of the Federal Executive: "That the standard of housing of displaced persons brought out at Commonwealth Government expense be no greater than the standard of living at State Government housing settlements for ex-servicemen" has brought the following reply from the Minister for Immigration: "I have to advise that Cabinet has given approval for a programme of hostel accommodation which covers, briefly, three different types of hostels, viz., reception and training centres, dependants' holding centres and workers' hostels for former displaced persons. The first two types are under the control of the Department of Immigration and the workers' hostels are the responsibility of the Department of Labour and National Service. Centres established by the Department of Immigration are in unused Service camps where ... the accommodation they offer is of no value for housing of workers or Australian families. This accommodation is of a most austere standard compatible with the requirements of health and the maintenance of our standard of living. The temporary structures are often unlined and the dividing partitions covered only on one side. In most instances only the cheapest materials have been used in a minimum of alterations. Workers' hostels, where they have been established in former Service camps, wool stores or similar existing buildings, are of a similar standard. However, where new buildings have been necessary, these are being constructed according to the requirements of local government laws on building standards. Even these requirements are of an austere nature compared with normal Australian housing standards. In these circumstances, I think you will agree that it is unlikely that the standard of accommodation provided for former displaced persons will exceed the standard of housing referred to by you."

TAX ON HOME-BUILDING MATERIALS.—Resolution 115 at the 34th Annual Federal Congress was: "That sales tax and import duties be removed from materials used for home-building purposes." This has brought the following reply from the Deputy Commissioner for Taxation: "I desire to advise that most building materials are already exempt from sales tax, e.g., bricks, timber, cement, roofing materials, paint, glass, etc. To provide for exemption in respect of the relatively few goods which are taxable, it would be necessary for the Government to amend the law. In this regard the resolution of your congress has been noted for consideration when the Government next reviews the sales tax. Regarding import duties, this is a Customs matter, and I have referred your representations to the Comptroller-General of Trade and Customs for his consideration and direct reply to you."

Grievances aren't like sheets—they should be slept on before being aired.

"Time tells on a man—especially a good time.

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SAY, YOU LOOK AS THOUGH YOU THROUGHLY ENJOYED YOURSELF AT THE PARTY. WHAT HAPPENED?

DO YOU REMEMBER THE PRETTY LITTLE BLONDE WIDOW I WAS INTERESTED IN?

RATHER, BUT—

WELL, SHE WASN'T A WIDOW.
It is a pleasant duty to be able to relate some of the experiences gained as a delegate to the Tenth British Empire Service League Conference held in Ottawa on the 10th to the 17th of September last. Naturally the experience contained some very remarkable highlights, both from the importance of the conference, as well as from the wonderful opportunity of meeting some rather remarkable people, people who, like ourselves, have a very high conception of the value of associations of ex-servicemen in times other than those of war.

The very high tone of the debates on various subjects indicated this fact very clearly, and because of my personal reactions I feel, more than ever, that there is a distinct value in us maintaining among all ex-servicemen a bond of friendship and association which can be used to very good advantage in these times of peace. But let me first recount to you some of the countries through which we travelled.

Our journeyings totalled a distance of almost 30,000 miles. Some by air, some by train and car and some by sea. The delegation, of course, consisted of our Federal President (Sir Eric Millhouse, K.C.), Mr. J. C. Neagle (General Secretary of the League in Australia) and myself. We assembled in Sydney, where we caught the plane for San Francisco. On route we called in at Fiji and Canton and spent a day at Honolulu. Despite the long distances across the ocean the trip was remarkably comfortable. The service provided by the B.C.P.A. deserves the highest praise. We slept on the plane whilst in flight. On two nights and slept very comfortably.

Our stay at both Fiji and Canton was of very short duration, merely for refuelling, but at Honolulu we were given an opportunity to have a look round and get our first taste of a dollar country.

One is at once impressed by the enormous number of motor cars, a very wonderful climate and the rather extraordinary friendliness of the people.

Our experience with the dollar was very amusing, and we had to learn at some cost the value of a dine and a quarter—and exactly what a dollar meant.

We took off from Honolulu which is, as you know, quite close to Pearl Harbour (which we flew over in our approach to Honolulu) late one evening on the commencement of our journey over the ocean to San Francisco—a distance of 2,500 miles.

From the aerodrome we went by bus to the St. Francis Hotel, in the centre of the city. Here we were to stay for some three or four days. During this period we met Mr. Gene Balma, at one time an American who had served in South Australia. His one desire was to return to us some of the hospitality which he received while serving in this country, and he certainly excelled himself. He was a delightful host and consequently we saw a great deal of the city, including the famous "Top of the Mark," or the Mark Hopkins' building of 19 stories. We were taken for a ride on the cable trams which the San Francisco people are determined to retain for sentimental reasons. We saw the wonderful Union Square Garage (underground), which has a capacity for 1,700 cars and is reputed to have an intake daily of some three thousand vehicles. We were impressed here with the friendliness of the Americans, with their interest in Australia and its welfare, and with their knowledge of conditions in this country, no doubt gained by the fact that so many of them served here during World War II. We were also impressed by their claims to own the biggest, the longest or the tallest something-or-other in the world. They claimed the longest bridge, they claimed the longest span for their Golden Gate bridge, they claimed the largest locomotives, etc., etc., and, of course, with a good deal of truth. But we obtained a lot of amusement from the persistent claims for these various distinctions.

We left San Francisco reluctantly and travelled by air to Vancouver, crossing over Mount Rainier some 14,400 feet high; over Portland in Oregon and Seattle, with its devious waterways studied with rafts of timber, some being towed to various destinations and others stored in small inlets or bays.

At Vancouver we were met by Group-Captain Alf Watts, Dominion First President of the Canadian Legion, himself a delegate to the conference. He was very hospitable and showed us a good deal of Vancouver during our short stay. It is a beautiful city, situated in very remarkable and pretty country, and again our experiences were very pleasing.

We left Vancouver at night by Canadian Pacific Railway for Lake Louise in the Rockies, where we stayed one day, sufficient to permit us to see this very beautiful spot with its very wonderful lake of most beautiful colouring. At Lake Louise is a very magnificent hotel, controlled by the Canadian Pacific Hotels, which is linked with the Canadian Pacific Railways, and here we spent a very pleasant day. Here also we met two Australian girls serving on the staff of the hotel, who were on a "working tour" of the world. One of them was from Adelaide and knew of Sir Eric Millhouse in his home town.

We resumed our journey across Canada to Ottawa, over the famous prairie country through Calgary, Winnipeg, Moosejaw and along the very picturesque shores of Lake Superior, arriving at the Chateau Laurier Hotel on the Saturday afternoon.

Here began a heavy list of engagements in connection with the conference. On the Saturday evening at a
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cocktail party we met the Press representatives. On the Sunday morning we attended Divine Service, of which there were several according to denominations of the various delegates. On the Sunday evening, in the Capitol Theatre, Ottawa, a building similar in size to our own Capitol Theatre, the opening ceremony took place.

Viscount Alexander of Tunis, the Governor-General of Canada, performed the opening ceremony. The occasion was remarkable for its organisation, the presence of the brightly uniformed Canadian Mountie Band, the parading of the Colours and the introduction of us to the crowded theatre individually, as well as for the stirring address of the Governor-General.

Ottawa is a very stately city, the capital of Canada, with very many notable buildings. Chipmunk can be frequently seen in the palms in the gardens and also squirrels, which are unusual sights to an Australian. We met Mr. Frank Ford, the Australian High Commissioner in Canada, who entertained us in his home prior to our leaving that city. To Mr. Tom Dunbabin and his wife and daughter we were truly indebted for a tour just prior to the commencement of the conference.

I think you have already read the report of the conference, but it was a very amazing experience to meet people from all parts of the British Commonwealth who had travelled such huge distances in order to deliberate upon questions of the welfare of ex-servicemen.

We approached the conference with some degree of uncertainty as to what was to be its true value, and I can do no better than quote the remarks of Sir Howard Kippenberger, president of the New Zealand R.S.A., who said: "When I left to attend the B.E.S.L. conference in Canada I was not altogether sure that the visit would be of any great value, but I came away sure that for some years yet that conference, because of the chance to exchange information, will be invaluable; indeed, it may prove so for many years."

Many notable speeches were made to the conference, which were very interesting. I propose to give a short statement of two of them. One by the National Commander of the American Legion, Lieut.-Colonel George N. Craig, who spoke with great eloquence and with earnestness. He said: "England bled herself while protecting American interests from the onslaught of vandal nations in 1939, and the American Legion feels it is the responsibility of the United States to give all assistance to rebuild Britain. On two former occasions the United States had been caught unprepared, and we should not let it happen again." His further statement was again significant: "The Atlantic Pact should be implemented at once by providing arms to the nations in need of them. We have said how unprepared we have been twice, and it has been a costly mistake, both in lives and money. Three million members of the American Legion don't want to see that happen again." Truly courageous words, and spoken with a good deal of feeling.

The second reference I want to make is to the remarks made by Mr. Milton Clegg, V.C., Minister for Veterans' Affairs in the Canadian Parliament. He ended his very fine speech with these very timely words to all of us: "To you, if the delegates from the hardened quarter-century-old organisations will close their ears, I will make these humble suggestions:

(1) Demand much unselfish action from your members and seek to serve your whole communities.

(2) Make sure the things you stand for are worthy of the high tradition of your service and of the British Empire Service League.

(3) Make sure the things you demand are fair and equitable and commend themselves to all your sound-thinking citizens.

(4) In your relations with your Governments let patient cooperation be the keynote.

"Thus you will achieve more than by hystings and by damnation. To you and all your organisations under the B.E.S.L. I wish success and great achievements in service."

He was warmly applauded for his interest generally in the conference and for a very remarkable utterance during the course of the proceedings.

Another outstanding event was the reception to the delegates in the House of Commons where, while seated in the glory of that huge Chamber, we were welcomed by the Speaker while the House was in session. His words were recorded in Hansard and this rather unusual event will go down in the history of the Canadian Parliament as an indication of the regard and esteem which the Canadian Government holds for the welfare of ex-servicemen generally.

The entertainment by the authorities, Vice-Regal and Government, and by the Canadian Legion was almost overwhelming. We were taken to Toronto for an inspection of the "Sunnybrook" Repatriation Hospital, to the Niagara Falls, where we were entertained by the Commission, and to Montreal, while some of the delegates visited Quebec. The programme throughout the whole week was carefully worked out and the business interspersed with a series of luncheons and dinners which, although extremely pleasant, demanded from us a good deal of forbearance and endurance to enable us to see them through.

So we came away with a feeling of very deep gratitude to the members.

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of the Canadian Legion in particular, from their Dominion President downwards, for the warmth of their welcome, their kindness and for their many assurances of goodwill and good luck to us in our various spheres.

A particularly warm welcome was extended by everybody to the coloured delegates from various parts of the British Empire. They played a large part in the progress of the conference and were always most earnest to invoke the sympathies and, where necessary, the aid, of the conference on behalf of those whom they represented.

Now, I feel that any further comments on the tour should be the subject of a later article, so I will reserve the story of the European portion, with its very interesting features, to some later issue, by courtesy of the Editor, to whom I am indebted for the space he has already allotted me.

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underclothing, dressing gowns and Christmas parcels.

Inmates now number 33.

Pensions Meeting
Mr. Stahl reported upon the joint meeting of ex-service organisations held on January 18, when a resolution was carried: "Recommending to the All-Party Ex-Service Committee appointed by the Prime Minister to investigate the position of ex-service men under the Repatriation Act that the Government be asked to agree to a general increase in war pensions from 55/- per week to 70/- per week with proportionate increases in all schedules and allowances according to the degree of incapacity, and that all pensions be based on the 100 per cent. pensions of 70/- per week." In view of the development which had taken place following the change of Government it was resolved to defer the mass meeting pending results.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the Repatriation Committee meeting with the Bricklayers’ Union was to take place on January 26.

Mr. Leslie reported on the position of post-war rehabilitation of ex-service men and women, and a report in due tail will be given in these pages shortly.

Other reports included The Listening Post (Mr. Sten), Immigration (Mr. Lonnie’s report was read by the State Secretary) and Trustees (Mr. Craig).

Mr. Mitchell was elected as delegate to the Adelaide Federal executive meeting, with Mr. Craig as emergency delegate. Mr. Benson was appointed League representative on the Lemnos Visitors’ Board.

SOVIET SPY RINGS
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without even the pay due to them. It was this moggardliness (often avoidable through war conditions) which led to the exposure of the Canadian spy ring. A woman agent in Switzerland sent a message “in clear” to an opposite number in Canada, asking for money. That message was intercepted and caused the Canadian authorities to start an investigation, some time before the defection of Gouzenko.

Foote’s first six weeks in Moscow convinced him “that Nazi Germany was a paradise of freedom as compared with Soviet Russia.” He had done his best to help the Russians win their war, but he determined not to help them win their peace.

He points out that every Communist is not a paid and trained member of the Russian secret service. The danger of the avowed Communist is not in his espionage, but in his divided loyalty. “He is perfectly prepared to be recruited as an agent, or to pass on any information, which he thinks the party should know. And in every communist organisation there is at least one official acting as a liaison officer with the Soviet spy network. The Canadian spy network was unveiled because it was hastily organised. The time factor will enable the spinning of stronger and more efficient networks in all democratic countries, whenever and wherever governments relax that vigilance, which is the sole guarantee of safety.

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The ideals of the League are identical to men of both wars. These ideals sought to perpetuate the close and kindly ties of friendship created by mutual service in war. Its aim is to maintain a proper standard of dignity and honour amongst returned sailors, soldiers and airmen.

Its task is to provide for the sick, the wounded and the needy and their dependants. To preserve the memory and records of those who suffered and died for their country. To guard the good name and to preserve the interests and the standing of all returned servicemen, and above all to inculte loyalty to Australia and the Empire. These are some of the objects of the R.S.L.

The League has not only a great task to perform on behalf of its members as a whole and as individuals, but also to maintain support and uphold the integrity and honour of the Empire, and to form a bulwark against those insidious forces which would seek to disrupt and disintegrate. Its aim is not to glorify war, but on the other hand to urge for adequate defence on the principal that war can best be prevented by being prepared for it.

Such are the aims and objects of the R.S.L. Its tasks are directed along the lines of service. Service to the weak as well as to the strong, so that the liberties for which men have fought and died may be preserved for generations to come.

Service is the keynote of the life of the League, and its motto is: “The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance,” which sums up the policies of defence which the League has always advocated.

This has a general application, not only to the Empire, but also to our country, our league, and each of us as an individual.

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The ashes of the late Colonel Eliezer Lazar Margolin, of Perth, were recently buried at Rehovot cemetery in Israel.

Colonel Margolin, who commanded the Jewish battalion in World War I and who was on the State Executive for many years, died in Perth on June 2, 1945.

His last wish was that his remains be buried near those of his family in Israel and his medals and sword be presented to a Jewish military museum there.

His widow left Fremantle with the ashes on December 19 on the liner Cyrenaica.

Born in Russia, Colonel Margolin migrated to W.A. via Palestine. At the outbreak of World War I he was serving in the militia.

He later went overseas with the 16th Battalion A.I.F. and saw action at Gallipoli and in France.

He was wounded and discharged, but was then enlisted in the British Army as commander of the Jewish battalion. For a time he was military governor of Jerusalem.

"IT'S A MAD WORLD . . ."

The following is an extract from a recent issue of the London Daily Mirror:

"The British Legion, as a charitable organisation, should be scrapped, because Government pension schemes are doing all that is necessary," writes Lieut.-Commander H. Pursey, Labour M.P. for East Hull, in Fleet, journal of the Navy. He urged a national enquiry into the Legion's activities.

"Hundreds of thousands of women have their dead brought vividly to memory again for no reason except that the Legion is cashing in on their misery," he told the Daily Mirror. "I think the question should be asked whether or not the Legion has become redundant and should be wound up.

The Legion's campaign for a select committee on pensions he described as "a political racket."

Sir Ian Fraser, M.P., Legion National President, said: "The Legion is necessary to see that any Government does its duty by ex-service men and women, particularly the disabled."

In the British Legion Journal, figures are given showing that in 1947 the Legion disbursed £879,895 in "giving a helping hand to ex-service families in distress by way of small sums of money, by contributions to the larder, and the rent."

It hardly looks as if the British Government's pension schemes are doing "all that is necessary," nor does it appear that Lieut.-Commander H. Pursey is particularly sympathetic towards his fellow ex-servicemen.

Passed on at the Repatriation Hospital, Brisbane, on January 2 was W. K. Congreve, of the 10th Light Horse. He was one of five brothers who saw service in the Boer war, 1914/18, and was related to Walter Congreve who won the V.C. in South Africa and his son William who was awarded the same honour in France. Congreve was an old banker and served with the West Australian Bank at Coolgardie in the 'nineties and later in various parts of the State.

THE ELEVENTH

A movement among State branches of the Returned Servicemen's League to restore the Armistice Day observance to the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, as formerly, is likely to receive support in New Zealand. The January issue of the Revue, the official journal of the New Zealand Returned Services Association, reported that this would be discussed at the association's next conference.

The significance of the ending of the world wars, it said, was being lost by the observance of Remembrance Day on a Sunday. Both the R.S.L. and the R.S.A. desire restoration of the two-minutes silence at 11 a.m. on November 11. The R.S.L. suggests that Remembrance Sunday be retained as a day of thanksgiving.

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SERVICE PENSION ENQUIRY

Federal Cabinet on January 9 appointed a sub-committee to review immediately pensions and allowances to ex-servicemen and their dependents. The Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) announced that the sub-committee would also review war widows’ pensions. The sub-committee would consult ex-servicemen’s organisations, he said.

When it had finished its investigations the sub-committee would advise Cabinet what legislation the Govern-

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Bruce Rock Reunion

The reunion dinner held in the road board hall recently was a great success. All the boys (there were over 80 of them from Bruce Rock and neighbouring sub-branches) were in happy mood, and it speaks well for training and discipline that the C.O. (sub-branch president E. W. Hoskins) was able to hold the attack right to zero hour.

The toast of The State Executive was proposed by Harold Wilkins and the response was made by Mr. W. L. Stanbury, who told how the work of the League is carried on by a series of committees, and added that he was very proud to be the chairman of the one dealing with rehabilitation. He stressed the need for more and continued assistance for Paversham House, the League’s home for aged servicemen.

One theme ran through almost all the speeches: the need for better attendance and more lively interest by individual members.

At the request of the chairman, Mr. Stanbury presented to Mr. Wilkins a life membership certificate. “It is a high honour,” he said, “to be presented with one of these, for such a certificate represents recognition of prolonged good service to the League. I am sure no one has battled more strongly than Harold Wilkins, who joined when the League was first formed back in 1919.” [Mr. Wilkins was a foundation member of this sub-branch, and although now living at Victoria Park still regards Bruce Rock as “his” sub-branch. He was president for 12 years, during which time he did an excellent job.]

The toast of Neighbouring Sub-Branches was proposed by Mr. C. C. Perkins, M.L.A., Bruce Rock patron. Here again the need for individual interest in League affairs by members was stressed.

Nigel Beaton, vice-president Shackleton-Kwoylor, agreed with other speakers that it was an up-hill job to keep things going. Jack Muntz, president Ardath, added his voice to the appeal for unity and interest among members. He thanked Mr. Wilkins for the work he had done at congress and paid tribute to Harry McGuigan, who is shortly leaving the district.

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BEDFORD-MORLEY PARKS

The Christmas vacation and social get-togethers of the holiday season will be by no means all limited to, and many happy memories of the annual sub-branch Christmas Party and the Eastern Sub-branch Christmas Party at Wangan Hills will be the highlight of the year, including the party at Wangan Hills where, still lingering in our minds as we all get back to "normal" life and activities, the charm and frivolity of the year of social and industrial activity. All sub-branches will have to keep on the lookout for events throughout the year to prepare for the annual "generals" and their election of officers and their inevitable reports and balance sheets. Sub-branches will be, by now, already thinking out what they can do in the coming year. This earlier-than-usual election takes place.

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With all that can be done in that direction by the sub-branch, even more so with the branch's help for the community, the branch is active and is a wonderful bulwark to rely upon. We are looking forward to another successful year, and the sub-branch is active and is a wonderful bulwark to rely upon.

The Listening Post, February 1949

Panthers

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organise debates, etc., for those whose interests lie in that direction. Sport and social games will be organised for those included towards the ends of the year, and entertainment of the womenfolk of members of the sub-branch will not be overlooked and there will be a variety of programmes, arranged for them. We also intend to continue our suggestion to present our sub-branch on the State Executive, to be present at a meeting in February. Our secretary, Miss S. J. Collins, Mr. Keeley, will also be present. We aim also to take up the offer of the Community Centre Association doing its part in a returned servicemen's organisation, to assist in all matters connected with the community as a whole, and we will do our part as a component part of the association to further the interests of South Perth generally. Subscriptions are now due for 1950, and we appeal to all eligible ex-servicemen not yet in the fold to join up without delay. There is so much, we can all do to help those not so fortunately placed as we are. There are the widows of our mates who did not return, and there are also their children to provide for. We appeal to all to help them and to see they do not want. Don't ever let it slip that you let them down. We know a little of the handicaps that don't talk much about how we intend to do or how we propose to assist, and to answer your questions as to just do it, and we get results. Already we have had a number of busy busy helping those who are in need. We are told by the Secretary: "Deeds not Words." January meetings were particularly enjoyable, reports were in, the picnic held at Point Walter on Sunday, January 22 was an outstanding success. The average attendance at committee meetings was due entirely to the appreciation of the sub-branch for the splendid work of its members, both in and out of their branches. Mr. Ross West was appointed to fill the vacant position and he should acquire himself in the fold and become an integral member who resides in the district, but belong to other sub-branches, and he did his utmost to give such satisfaction, and how we do things. We also invite those who have not yet joined the League, be it known in all branches, to think seriously of what member Unity is strength and there is strength in numbers. The last meeting was held on the 31st of February in the C.C.A. Hall, Collins Street, South Perth.

MANIMUP

Two veterans of World War I who have in the past rendered signal service to the Manimup sub-branch have been elected to fill the offices of president and treasurer, when the vacant position due to the fact that Messrs. Andrew McDonald and J. P. Berry did not seek re-election at the last annual meeting. They were Messrs. W. J. Fairweather, who was elected president, and T. J. Doolan, who was elected treasurer, and the Manimup Road Board, and Mr. Geo. Major. They were also elected member for a full three years during a progressive period of the history of the sub-branch—1941-46. Other elected members were Mrs. J. T. McIntyre, Mrs. E. M. Mandeville, Mrs. J. F. Pirie, Mrs. J. T. McEachen, Mrs. E. M. McCann, and Mrs. E. J. Moore. Joint honorary secretaries were Misses L. J. Doolan, Miss S. J. Williams, and Miss M. J. Williams. Joint honorary treasurers, Messrs. L. J. Doolan, L. G. Greaves, L. Law, J. G. Gubbey, W. H. investigators, Messrs. L. J. Doolan, and J. T. Doolan, and committee, Messrs. L. J. Doolan (for select own committee), social committee, L. G. Greaves (to become manager), and the Manimup sub-branch. Messrs. McDonald, Godfrey and Balderin. In his report, the chairman stated that the hall was at 32% from an increase of 9% on last year, but he felt confident that there were many more members who could be brought into the sub-branch if a concert was carried out. If all go well, that concert if the hall, which in 1948 had been reduced to a 36% loss last year and that the committee was still considering the erection of a suite of offices in front of the existing building, which, if carried out, would make a considerable outlay.
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STATE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Christmas and New Year Greetings

At this festive season I extend to all members of the women's auxiliaries my sincerest good wishes for a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May good health be granted to all, so that we may continue to give service and good cheer to our ex-servicemen in hospitals and institutions, and to their dependants. I also wish to extend my thanks to all auxiliaries who assisted our Christmas cheer fund. This fund has received marvellous donations, enabling us to pack some 800 parcels valued at £10 each. Every ex-serviceman in hospital and institution has been personally handed either one of these parcels or an envelope containing a 10/- note. In every case sincere appreciation has been expressed by the recipient.

As your new State President, may I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation to all members of the executive and the representatives of all auxiliaries and hospitals, for their co-operation and hospitality extended to me in this office; also for the many copies of wishes and greetings sent me for the festive season.

ANNE E. STOCKMANN,
State President.

This letter was delivered too late for inclusion in the January issue—Editor.

COOROW-WADDI FOREST

The Coorow-Waddi Forrest women's auxiliary held a very successful sale of work on Saturday, November 19. The sale was held in the Home of Peace, and was conducted by Mr. Howard, the opened sale with some very well-chosen words. The stalls and games were a great success, and a total sum made that evening was £101/2.

NAREMBEEN

A very successful ball was held in the Narembeen Hall on Thursday, December 12, in the R.S.I. Room. The event was a huge success, the more so as the proceeds from the Ball-Fund-Ball was contributed by themselves, and so were able to do full justice to the cause. Mr. and Mrs. Howard were most welcomed upon arrival by Mrs. Bryant and Misses Austin. Our appetites were whetted by the cocktails and the refreshments, and so we were quite ready to respond to the call to dinner. Three members sat down. The toast of 'The King', was proposed by Mr. Bryant, who welcomed the ladies and wished them every happiness in the future season. Mrs. Chidlow proposed the toast of the 'President and Secretary'; this was seconded by Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, and Mrs. Johnston responded. Mrs. Bryant thanked Misses Austin and Mrs. Johnston for the lovely supper, the chair where they sat, and the buffet in the dining room. She wished to mention particularly Mrs. Hawker, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Bryant, who served tea, and the bakers who supplied the cake. They were all good workers, so she would just say, 'You are very welcome here.' Also, the State President and Mrs. Chidlow provided the music for the evening. The list of important events during the year occurred at supper time when Mrs. Bryant presented the R.S.I. with £100 for their building funds. In making the presentation, Mrs. Bryant said that the money had been raised by a band of willing helpers headed by Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, who served teas and refreshments at the stoke sales during the year. She congratulated the workers and also the R.S.I. on their efforts to raise funds for the building they all wished to see erected. At the particular reference to the work of the social committee, Mrs. Johnston had accepted the cheque, but Mrs. Bannister stated that the sub-branch was particularly proud of its auxiliaries and officers, who had contributed so much. She also pointed out that the social committee, urged by Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, had raised £250 during the year from donations, and it was not left under any circumstances, and where they once thought it would have been only in thousands, before they had managed to think in ten thousands. He concluded by thanking everyone present for the fine attendance, and stated that they had already handed in £140 during the year. Mrs. Asher also thanked the auxiliary for its support, and the loyal support it had always given. She added that sales in all weather was no easy job, but the ladies worked nobly. The sub-branch
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was entering a new era, in which a young team had taken over the reins, and the trusty auxiliary would extend to the new team that loyal support they had always accorded him.

WYALKACHEM

As our December meeting night took the form of a social, our last business meeting for the year was held on November 28, when a good roll-up was had. The main business was Christmas cheer for the soldiers in hospital. After the meeting the auxiliary and the sub-branch members departed for the evening hour. We do this after every meeting, the ladies taking over the supper, so I'm sure of the going to a great extent and the success. By special invitation the man of the sub-branch gave the ladies an evening on December 15. This took the form of a cabaret dinner. The hall was nicely decorated by the men and the tables set round. The evening passed very happily with dancing and dinner. There were the usual toasts, but speeches that night were short and snappy. The women give their thanks to the men for a very happy evening. There were quite a few of the younger Holds came to the assembly there, and we hope they will join up with us in the coming year. They will receive a warm welcome. We wish all auxiliaries a very happy New Year.

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SUB-BRANCH ACTIVITIES

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WYNDHAM

By special invitation I had the pleasure of attending the annual dinner at the Wyndham sub-branch of the R.S.L. This interesting event took place at the Six-Mile Hotel and was a really good meal was provided by the galvanic hall and ladies. All was joined at about 8 p.m., some 40 members and the guest sat down to various substantial homely of roast turkey and variety of other meats, salads, pastries and fancy foods too numerous for a mere man to describe. The stews were served and the beer contained and kept the glasses well filled with good cold beer and soda drinks as required. The club chairmanship of the president of the sub-branch, Ted Gilchrist, assisted by the general young secretary, Bill Andrews, the usual toasts, inauspicious from such a gathering, were all given and responded to. Some good stories were told and duly applauded. It was a really good show. At the conclusion of the dinner the guests joined the ladies, who had accompanied their husbands, and the others, but had discreetly bivouacked in the background until the ceremonials part of the proceedings was over. There was dancing in the modern manner—dancing hall built on to the hotel, and the rest of the evening was spent in conversation and enjoyment, geniality and good fellowship being the keynote of the evening. The invited guests included: Mrs. Works (Works Manager), Dr. Edwards, Messrs. Davidson (Chairman Road Board), Rex Ward (Works Engineer), John (Chief Meat Inspector).

A. LOPHOUSE, Fremantle Sub-Branch, (Acting for Wyndham Sub-Branch).

16th BATTALION

The 16th Battalion, A.I.F., held its meeting on the 11th. I think January meetings are ill-advised in mild; it is toourious indoors and members go out to seek refreshments, but the A.I.F. men tough guys and seem to have a few of them on our committee. Our present worries are to get the King’s Colours for the Anzac Day march and to hire a large hall for a cup of tea after the march donated by the ladies’ auxiliary and wives. We still need a hall. The auxiliary is organizing to give a party late in March, so will any country visitors report to the president should introduce the next session of Parliament to put its recommendations into effect. When Parliament met the Government would ask it to appoint a Parliamentary Committee to examine Commonwealth repatriation legislation as a whole.

Mr. Menzies said that the Cabinet sub-committee would be: Senators Cooper (Repatriation) and Spooner (Social Services), Messrs. Harrison (Defence), White (Air and Civil Aviation), Anthony (Postmaster-General) and Francis (Army and Navy).

SERVICE PENSION ENQUIRY

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1st (pensional) Thursday.

BICHTON—President: E. Aberle, 28 Hamilton Street, East Fremantle; Secretary: T. G. Hadden, 11 Birdwood Circus, Bicton.

BIRKIN—President: T. Godtress, Beal Bell; Secretary: M. B. Stone, Bed Bell, LGBT.

BINDOON—President: J. S. Cartmell, Bindoon; Secretary: A. R. Hill, Bindoon.

BODDINGTON—President: T. E. Boddington, Boddington; Secretary: T. M. Price, Forestry House, Boddington; last Sunday each month; Forestry House, 30 a.

BOULDER—President: D. Dobbs, 7a King Street, Boulder; Secretary: V. O'Grady, 53 King Street, Boulder; 4th Thursday each month; Soldiers: Rest, Lane Street, Boulder.

BOYANUP—President: E. Doce, Boyanup; Secretary: C. Reilly, Boyanup; 1st Saturday in each month.

BOYUP BROOK—President: B. Blechenmore; Secretary: C. Blechenmore, "Cambell限定," Pooling, 2nd Wednesday each month.

BROOKETOWN—President: F. H. Long, Brooketown; Secretary: E. J. month; R.S.L. Hall; 8 p.m.

BROOK—President: K. F. Coote; Secretary: K. R. Appleby, 1st Friday in each month; Club Hotel; 5 p.m.

BROOM—President: W. H. Griffin, Broom; Secretary: P. A. Haynes, Broom; 2nd Thursday in each month; R.S.L. Club, Broom.

BROOMFIELD—President: K. Brew; Secretary: J. Hopkins, 3rd Wednesday; Broomfield Hall; 8 p.m.

BRUCE RICH—President: E. W. Hockin, Bruce Rock; Secretary: C. A. Leong; 2nd Wednesday; 8 p.m.

BRUNSWICK JUNCTION—President: C. Chapple; Secretary: S. A. Mitchell; 2nd Friday in each month.

BULLFINCH—President: Colin Scott, Bullfinch; Secretary: R. Pot, Bullfinch.

BULLGROVE—President: G. Pickett, Bullgrove; Secretary: W. Stubble, Bullgrove; 1st Saturday in each month; Bullgrove Hall; 7 p.m.

BUNBY—President: H. H. Birch, Bell 62, P.O., Bunby; Secretary: H. Read, 2nd Wednesday; R.S.L. Hall; 8 p.m.

BUNTE—President: R. Snook, Buntine; Secretary: M. Flynn, Buntine; 2nd Thursday in each month.

SUB-BRANCH DIRECTORY

This Directory is as up-to-date as current information allows, but where data is incomplete sub-branch secretaries are asked to provide some for inclusion at their earliest possible convenience. The attention of sub-branch officials is directed to W.A.

Branch Rule 13 (1) regarding election of officers and confirmation of their appointment by the State Executive.

AGNEW—Secretary: J. Lather, Agnew.

ALBANY—President: E. Fry, C/O National Bank, Stirling Terrace, Albany; Secretary: A. Wright, 57 Mullellon Road, Albany; 1st Friday each month; R.S.L. Sub-Branch 7:30 p.m.

AIRD—President: J. B. Munro, Aird; Secretary: G. A. Pollard, Aird; 1st Wednesday each month; Aird Hall; 8 p.m.

ARMADA—President: R. Blackburn, Armada; Secretary: W. A. Griffith, Seventh Road, Armada; 2nd Thursday each month; R.S.L. Club Room, Armada; 8 p.m.

AUGUSTA—President: W. Ellis, Augusta; Secretary: F. H. Brown, Augusta; 1st Wednesday in each month; "Four-Out" near Bakers Hill; 8 p.m.

BAKER'S HILL-CLAGLINE—President: H. A. Orton, Baker's Hill; Secretary: T. A. Letch, Baker's Hill; 2nd Thursday each month; alternatively Baker's Hill Golf Club; 8 p.m.

BILINGUP—President: P. C. W. Bower, Bilingup; Secretary: T. A. Mauger, Box 42, P.O. Bilingup; 2nd Tuesday each month; Road Board Hall; 8 p.m.

BIL花朵—President: H. Flavel, Bawley; Secretary: B. Pitchell, Bawley.

BASSENDAN—President: T. Summerton; Secretary: D. Bridgen; every 2nd (pensional) Thursday.

BAYSWEAT—President: W. E. Marley, 26 Garrett Road, Bayswater; Secretary: R. W. Cooke, Bayswater; 2nd Thursday each month; Drill Hall, Murray Street; 8 p.m.

BEDFORD MORLEY PARKS—President: J. P. Pearson, 101 Crawford Road, Moors; Secretary: H. Hever, 90 Sallbury Street, Moors; 2nd and 4th Tuesday; Joy's Hall, Inglewood; 8 p.m.

BELLEVUE—President: A. H. Higgins, James Street, Bellevue; Secretary: A. Haynes, 19 Alice Street, Bellevue; 2nd Thursday each month; Bellevue Golf Club; 8 p.m.

BELMONT—President: M. L. Bower, 63 Fitzroy Road, Belmont, Secretary: T. J. Brown, Keymony Street, Belmont; 3rd Monday in each month; Belmont Hall; 8 p.m.

BENCUBB—President: L. C. Bencubbin; Secretary: F. G. Monger, Bencubbin; 2nd Wednesday in each month; 8 p.m.

BEVERLEY—President: A. Moxon, Lakin Street, Beverley; Secretary: B. O. Willey, Hunt Road, Beverley; 2nd Saturday in each month.

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Artillery Association—President: Arthur Hewett, Railway Parade, Cottesloe; joint secretaries: S. A. McNamara and A. J. Snow, 74 Hay Street, Subiaco; meeting when called.

Australian Corps of Signals Association of W.A.—Meetings on Saturday, President: A. G. J. Poole, 490 Mount Street, Fremantle; Secretary: E. W. Wallace, 244 Sheep Street, Fremantle.

Associated Federated T.B. Survivors and Airmen’s Association (W.A. Branch)—2nd Floor, Wellington Building, 158 William Street, Perth; President: H. G. Smith, 325 Hay Street, Subiaco; Secretary: T. M. Keen, 35 Fifth Avenue, North Perth (Phone 6 508).

Blinded Soldiers’ Association of Australia (W.A. Branch)—Room 53, Fifth Floor, Gleddon Building, Perth; 1st Thursday of each month; President: W. J. Maloney, 111 Swan Street, Subiaco; Secretary: I. MacArthur, 51 Hays Street, Nedlands; Honorary Treasurer: L. G. Winter, 156 William Street, Perth (B 5058).

R.A.F. Association (W.A. Division)—U.S.I. Rooms, Swan Baracks, Fremantle; every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m.; President: V. L. Stephenson, Taxation Department, Perth; Secretary: W. Robertson, Commonwealth Oil Refineries, St. George’s Terraces, Perth.

R.A.E.M.E. Association (W.A. Division)—H.O. Western Command, 91A North Terrace, Perth; 1st Thursday of each month; President: W. C. Clancy, (Phone B 3143, Ext. 234); Secretary: H. Summer (Phone U 251, Ext. 156).

Cutters’ and End Makers’ Association—Monash Club, cn. Hoy and King Streets; 3rd Monday in each month, at 5 p.m.; President: W. G. Kennedy (Phone W 6467); Secretary: G. Gunn, 146 H. St, Perth.

The Imperial Ex-Servicemen Association (Freemantle Sub-Branch)—Cor Barrens Room, High Street, Fremantle; every Saturday at 8 p.m.; general meetings; 3rd Thursday every month; committee meets 2nd Thursday of month; Secretary: E. H. Johnson, 79 Webber Street, Fremantle.

The Imperial Ex-Servicemen Association (W.A.)—A.O.E. (Forestier’s) Hall, 118 Forrest Street, Subiaco; 3rd Thursday of each month; President: L. S. Mitchell, 40 King William Street, Bayswater; Secretary: J. G. Fleming, 2 Martin Ave., Nedlands.

The Western Australian Blinded Soldiers’ Association—Anzac Branch, Room 63, 64th Floor, Gleddon Building, Perth; 1st Wednesday of each month; President: W. J. McDonald, 1000 Stirling Street, Subiaco; Secretary: V. W. Blyth, 50 Sydney Street, Subiaco.

The Western Australian Permanent Disabled Soldiers’ Association—Room 63, 65th Floor, Gleddon Building, Perth; 1st Thursday of the month at 2 p.m.; President: W. E. Chatterley, 916 Endeavour Close, South Perth; Secretary: C. G. Walker, 241 Woolston Street, Mt. Lawley.

18th BATTERY ASSOCIATION—Annual reunion, Friday of Show Week; President: G. A. Russell, 120 Nelson Street, Subiaco; Secretary: H. R. Campbel, 215 Stirling Street, Subiaco;

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