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POPPY DAY APPEAL

The attention of readers is drawn to the State Secretary’s report on the 1949 Poppy Day Appeal which appears in this issue.

It is pleasing to note that 731 more poppies were sold than during the previous year’s appeal, but at 99,976 the sales were far below the peak of 120,905 made in 1945. Public apathy is notorious, we know that full well, but one wonders if a more concerted drive on the part of some sub-branches might not achieve better results. This seems possible when one reads, in the report, such words as: “Quite a number of sub-branches failed to submit orders.”

However, quite a number of sub-branches made a really fine showing. The sale of 6,092 poppies by Gloucester Park, of 4,980 by the Maimed and Limbless Association, and of 4,417 by North Perth are all worthy of the highest commendation, and the excellent work of a number of smaller sub-branches is also deserving of much praise—but we realise that quite a deal of the success of some of these sub-branches was due to the outstanding drive of individual members—a drive we would like to see copied in many quarters.

The matter of returns from many sub-branches is by no means a happy one. The final paragraph of the State Secretary’s report should be read and digested by every sub-branch secretary, for it reveals a state of affairs which is quite unnecessary and which should not exist.

Thanks are due to the many helpers who make the collection of funds on Poppy Day possible. There is little doubt that, in all appeals of this type, the more sellers there are around the more sales there are made. So we would add, to our words of thanks, an appeal for even more helpers this year.

When one notes that over £4,300 has been made available through the 1949 Poppy Day, one can see how essential it is that, year after year, this must be a great feature of the League’s activities.

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A meeting of the State Executive was held on February 8, highlights being:

**Repatriation**

Owing to the resignation from the State Executive of Dr. Cook, the Rev. J. Spratling was invited to replace him on this committee. It was reported that the Minister for Repatriation, in connection with a resolution of Federal congress, pointed out that arrangements had been made for the payment of increased sustenance rates to patients in Repatriation hospitals for periods of less than three months' duration.

In connection with the appeal for higher rates of pensions, the following telegram had been received from the Prime Minister: "Your telegram acknowledged stop feel that our proposals worked out by executive containing majority ex-servicemen have been misunderstood stop we are not proposing Cabinet ex-service committee as means of sidetracking problem but because we think the whole matter deserves special consideration Cabinet committee and your own people stop we feel it most undesirable to be offering specific rates of pension stop we have therefore indicated that such financial payments will be promptly reviewed in the light of all circumstances including the fall in the value of money stop I think you need not apprehend any want of sympathy or understanding in our approach."

It was resolved to write to the Federal executive urging that the election promise to ban communists be brought before the Prime Minister.

**Re-establishment**

It was reported that, as a result of the conference with representatives of the Bricklayers and Brickmakers' unions, it had been agreed that a class of 20 bricklayer trainees would be commenced as soon as possible.

**Immigration**

Arrangements have been made for country meetings, and sailings of migrants from the United Kingdom are reported as Dorsetshire, November 13, 15 persons; Empire Brent, November 29, 36 persons; Ranchi, December 3, 12 persons; Somersetshire, January 3, 55 persons; Malaya, January 31, 150 persons. It is estimated that 137 migrants are listed as "payment of passage contribution awaited"; 196 as "awaiting medical examinations"; and 350 as "awaiting interviews for selection."

**Universal Military Training**

The State President (Mr. W. J. Hunt) issued the following statement: "One of the foremost planks of League policy is the advocating of Universal Military Training. This policy has been reaffirmed at numerous State and Federal congresses. The League is therefore pledged to support an adequate defence force."

"The League is strongly of the opinion that an adequate defence force will only be achieved by the introduction of compulsory military training."

"Our geographical position makes it a matter of extreme urgency that we should be able to resist any attempt to challenge our right to live in our own way of life. To ensure this, it is necessary that we have a trained adequate nucleus force capable of quick expansion in an emergency to meet any menace to our security."

"As ex-servicemen, we feel that we have a right to express our views and, if possible, express our will to the Government, since on two occasions we have been faced with the necessity of defending our liberty. On each occasion we have, by the help of Providence, been able to meet the challenge. But surely we are tempting Providence if we rely on having a third chance, and it is folly for us to lull ourselves into a false sense of security by stating that 'We always win the last battle.'"

"Two important points emerge. The first is that we as a League of ex-servicemen must urge the Government of the day to adopt as an urgent necessity the reintroduction of universal military training. The second point is that we as a League owe it as a duty to urge upon our sub-branches to become active amongst the younger members of the community and encourage them to offer themselves for training under the existing voluntary system."

"The old adage still applies: 'To secure peace we must prepare for war.' The motto of the League is 'The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance.'"

**Faversham**

It was reported that there were 36 inmates at Faversham House. An agreement has been reached with the Under-Treasurer in regard to the transfer of interest from the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund and the War Veterans' Homes Fund, and from the residue of Poppy Day as provided for in the resolution carried by the last congress. The sum of £161/8/2 was received from the City of Petersfield branch. This was earned for this home, by a series of dances.

Reports submitted included: Repatriation (Mr. Stahl), Re-establishment (Mr. Stanbury), Housing (Mr. Davies), Immigration (Mr. Lonnie), Membership (Mr. Chaney), Staff (Mr. Stoddart), Mining (Colonel Mansbridge), Anzac House and Anzac Club (Mr. Ferguson), "Listening Post" (Mr. Sten), Faversham House (Mr. Stanbury), Trustees (Mr. Craig) and Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund (Colonel Mansbridge).

A further meeting was held on February 22, highlights being:

**Housing**

It was announced that the Housing Committee's instruction to its chairman was that he should oppose any move to restrict the free flow of suitable types of immigrants to this country, as it was felt that it was necessary that a percentage of immigrants coming here should represent various trades and professional callings.

(Continued on page 32)
From the Editor's Note Book

I have been asked to point out, by the chairman of the Membership Committee, that if you have not by this time paid your annual subscription to the League—actually you are no longer a member.

Procrastination is a very common fault today, as every busy man well knows. All of us have, at times, the best of intentions, but we just don’t get around to fulfilling them, which is a bad show.

An old proverb says: “One of these days is none of these days,” and it is very true. We say that we will pay our subscription tomorrow, and tomorrow there is still another tomorrow, and so it goes on.

But this sort of thing is not fair, neither to ourselves nor to our fellow members. For we are united in this body, the League, for our mutual benefit, for the benefit of all who have served their country.

Each day the League is called upon for advice and for assistance. Each day it is prepared to fight the battles of the returned man, whether he be League member or not. Each day the sub-branches of the League, in all parts of the Commonwealth, are doing their little bit, and sometimes rather a big bit) on behalf of members.

All of this work, as I have said time and time again, costs money. But the money which each member of the League has to pay for the benefit of membership—and the right to wear the badge—is so trifling that one wonders why every subscription is not paid up immediately it becomes due.

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I would ask you, if you are sufficiently interested and if you keep back copies of this journal, to turn to page 2 of our January issue and see just what a threepence can NOT do these days.

Unfortunately, few sub-branch secretaries are spared the task of reminding members that subscriptions are due. Few secretaries are spared the letter-writing and the “nudging” which goes too frequently with the seeking of that which is due.

Isn’t that a sad state of affairs?

If you who read these words are unfacilitated at the moment—if, in brief, you are wearing a badge to which you are not entitled; if you are reading a magazine for which you have not paid; if you are a League member only in your own mind—for Pete’s sake stir your stumps and do something about it.

Just after the cessation of hostilities of World War II the membership of the League soared to record figures. But since that time there has been a drop. But how many League badges have been returned?

I ask this because it seems apparent that some fellows are not above selling under false colours. They wear the League badge, telling each and every passer-by “I am a returned soldier. I can prove it. Look, I wear the League badge.” But they do not say, even to themselves: “I don’t pay my way.”

“Better late than never,” is a poor old saying, but maybe, for once, we should let it pass. IF YOU haven’t paid your subscription this year will you pay it NOW?

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If I decide to help a British migrant, there are naturally certain questions which occur to me, such as:

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Q.—How long is likely to elapse between my initial decision to accommodate a migrant and his arrival in Australia?
A.—The usual period is from four to six months.

Q.—Can definite arrangements be entered into regarding the rent or board to be paid for the accommodation I offer before the migrant's arrival in Australia?
A.—When you indicate that you are willing to accept a migrant, you should give details of the accommodation you can offer, and the rent or board required. This question would not arise in the case of personal friends or relatives, but in the case of a stranger it would. The migrant, too, must be considered, for without some specific agreement he could find himself on arrival with no alternative but to accept accommodation that might be beyond his means. But when the migrant is aware of what is required of him, mutual satisfaction is assured. Naturally, arrangement of this nature can only be of a general kind.

Q.—Will the Government be responsible for the payment of the accommodation until the migrant secures a job?
A.—It is not anticipated that more than a few days would elapse before the migrants would be placed in employment; but, if for some reason unforeseen at the moment the migrants were unable to obtain employment on arrival, it may be possible to arrange for the payment of social service benefits to cover the period of unemployment.

Q.—Could I state a preference for a migrant from a particular part of the U.K., or for one of a particular age, occupation or religion?
A.—Yes, and every effort will be made to ensure that the migrant selected to occupy your accommodation satisfies your preference.

Q.—Will the migrant receive free transportation from the point of disembarkation to my home?

MIGRANTS

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Will the Sikorsky Helicopter be the People’s Plane of Tomorrow?

By Clem Cleveson

I have just beaten at their own game the smartest birds in the business. I flew backwards—in the oddest, most fantastic aircraft in England. On a secret research station in Southern England I flew in the helicopter, the much-talked-of but secret-listed Sikorsky YR4 rotary-winger aircraft.

I’ve flown for two days and nights on end across the huge green Pacific; I had a flight with the great air pioneer, Kingsford-Smith, in the famous “Southern Cross”; I was 13 hours in the black belly of a Liberator bomb-bay; and I’ve seen some funny experimental planes; but Flight-Lieut. Fred “Jeep” Cable gave me the weirdest flight of my life. As soon as I got in, the helicopter went backwards! Tail first, up into the air! Then we stopped dead, hung motionless in the air. Suddenly we flew sideways! I don’t mean we turned. While I still looked ahead, the whole machine moved smoothly sideways. Then, before I knew it, we were flying forward.

We stopped, hovered 400 feet up, directly over a yellow cross marked on the airfield. Gently we dropped on to this cross. Didn’t glide, but dropped straight down, exactly like the lift in your office building. I barely felt the helicopter touch the yellow cross.

Then we floated straight up again, lift-like, 300 feet, and stopped in mid-air! Next, hanging directly above that yellow cross, Cable gave me a swing—forward and up, backward and up, leftward and up, rightward and up—a huge Blackpool swing. Then we stopped and looked thoughtfully around. Finally, after a smooth flight, like a common or garden aeroplane, around the landscape, we dropped in home again, and I got out to observe from the ground.

“Jeep” Cable was just rising again when he saw me take out a cigarette. Three yards off the ground he stopped, floated down a yard, leaned out, and flashed his lighter for me as I stood on the ground.

The helicopter looked a giant insect; gawky among the smooth, bird-like Spitfires. But it can do things Man wants, that planes will never do. The way it does them is this: It has a three-bladed “propeller” over its head (like an umbrella without any cloth). As the speed at which the 180 h.p. engine whirls these 19ft. blades rises, the helicopter rises. A certain speed will keep it hovering. As speed decreases the aircraft floats down.

As these blades whirl they create a disc pattern, saucer-shaped (like the umbrella blown inside out). The angle at which each blade lies can be altered in flight, so altering the position of the saucer. Roughly, as the saucer is tipped sideways or backward, the plane moves sideways, backwards. A small propeller on the side of the tail adjusts for torque and aids steering. It is responsible for the ungodly 35ft. fuselage of the helicopter. The torque-screw must be outside the “wash” of the Rotary blades.

The helicopter carries 24 gallons of petrol, enough for about two hours’ flying—it can use high-grade motor car fuel. It travels at under 100 miles an hour and has a 10,000ft. ceiling. It stops in its own length. The helicopter’s peculiar habits have yielded valuable, still secret, uses in war. It has rescued from paddyfields wounded men otherwise unreachable. It has landed in mud where tanks, dukus and punts failed. When I was in America recently the War Shipping Administration had plans for 40ft. square take-off decks on Liberty ships, so that helicopters can accompany the ship on the whole of a voyage as submarine spotters. (Later model helicopter R5 can carry 3,000 lb.—a lot of bomb.) And the helicopter needs no crane to lift it back on the ship, as the fixed-wing plane does. For air-sea rescue work it is ideal. It can stop to search any particular spot, and drop on to the water or let down a ladder.

It can land on snow or swamp, mountains or rivers; put a steeplejack on a chimney, eliminating the scaffolding; adjust telephone wires, saving men from climbing poles. It will rescue a man trapped in quicksands, on an iceberg, or mountain top. It will observe fish shoals movements. A real travelling crane, it will load and unload cargo from a ship moving down the coast, eliminating tidal delays and harbour movements. It can deliver and pick up from city and factory flat-top roofs.

But it must be handled by a skilled pilot. “Jeep” Cable, one of the first batch of 20 pilots to learn at Sikorsky’s Connecticut plant, says it takes veteran fixed-wing pilots six hours to solo, and they sweat blood altering their ideas. The housewife won’t drive the helicopter until its controls are simplified—but within ten years a million women will drive it. Providing, of course, jet propulsion hasn’t simplified the helicopter sooner. Which is more than probable.

P.S.—In a book on helicopters, Anything-a Horse Can Do, recently published in New York, the American expert, Colonel H. F. Gregory, is not quite so optimistic about the future of these machines. According to the New York Times Book Review he “sees the future helicopter more as analogous to the motor-boat or sailing yacht of today than as replacing the automobile. It cannot be landed in the backyard without blowing all the neighbour’s washing off the lines. A two-seater sports model cannot be built for much under 5,000 dollars, and a four-seater family-car model will cost nearer 10,000 dollars. And just because it can do ‘anything a horse can do’ it will still require great and special skill to fly, even with the kind of push-button automatic controls that may some day appear. A qualified pilot would go dizzy following the author’s detailed description of the numerous interdependent controls.

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POPPY DAY

Results of the 1949 Poppy Day Appeal were as follows:

Poppies purchased ... 106,500
Poppies sold .......... 99,796
Stickers sold .......... 1,846
Wreaths sold .......... 270

Nett Proceeds.—Sub-branch Amelioration Fund, £1,710/16/1; Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund, £1,746/2/4; R.S.L. Relief Fund, £427/3/8; Faversham House (War Veterans’ Home), £427/3/9.

Highest sellers were Gloucester Park, 6,092; Maimed and Limbless, 4,980; North Perth, 4,417.

Sales since 1943 have been, as follows: 1943, 108,652; 1944, 112,587; 1945, 120,905; 1946, 113,015; 1947, 102,605; 1948, 99,245; 1949, 99,976.

It will be noted that, despite criticism from sub-branches regarding the number of poppies purchased and made available, there is a balance on hand of unsold poppies totalling 6,524. It would seem, therefore, that the various suggestions made that more poppies should have been purchased were quite unjustified on the results shown (suggestions ranged from 20,000 to 100,000 additional poppies). Poppies are purchased at £8 per thousand and an additional 20,000 would have cost £160 and an additional 100,000 £800. Moreover, the renovation of poppies costs £3/10/- per thousand, which means that, when these are sold, they have actually cost us £11/10/- per thousand. It should also be noted that numerous sub-branches do not return their unsold poppies to this office, and that thousands that are returned are not in a fit condition to be renovated for resale. Last year 4,000 unsold poppies had to be discarded, which meant the loss of £32, plus an uncertain loss in regard to unsold poppies not returned. The Secretary of the Maimed and Limbless Association has reported that numerous old poppies, going back to 1936, are still being returned by sub-branches. It would seem that a closer supervision of this aspect of the appeal is necessary, but the job, to be carried out thoroughly, would throw an additional burden on the staff.

There seems no reasonable way of estimating current requirements of poppies other than the basis of the previous year’s sales. There will be continual discontent among sub-branches until sub-branch officials realise the necessity for careful ordering, rather than the exaggerated optimism which has prevailed in the past. Moreover, better organisation within the sub-branches themselves would ensure that more poppies are available for sale in the city streets on Poppy Day.

Owing to the fact that our purchases were limited this year (106,500 as against 145,000 in 1948), it has been possible this year to transfer to the Relief Fund and to Faversham House the sum of £427/3/8 each as against £27/3/11/8 each to the Relief Fund and Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund in the previous year. The fact that more than £300 additional was available for the final distribution this year would seem to justify the policy adopted.

Two meetings of representatives of the metropolitan sub-branches were held in connection with the Poppy Day appeal, one before the appeal and one on January 31 last. At the first meeting, 34 sub-branches and associations were represented. At the January meeting, 17 delegates represented 10 sub-branches and associations. As a result of these meetings the following recommendations were submitted in regard to future Poppy Day appeals:

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Fixing of the Date of Poppy Day. — Recommended that Poppy Day be fixed for the Friday preceding Remembrance Sunday.

Remembrance Sunday. — Recommended that an exact ruling be obtained as to the date on which Remembrance Sunday is commemorated.

With regard to financial returns, the Chief Secretary’s Department requires a statement within 14 days of the appeal. However, for reasons unknown, sub-branches will not submit returns in time. Returns for the 1948 Poppy Day appeal were still being requested from this office in June, 1949, seven months after the appeal took place. This year, at the cost of additional time and expense, more circulars were sent out, followed by telegrams, to sub-branch secretaries and then to presidents, requesting settlement. This was particularly necessary as the financial year now ends on December 31. In January, further telegrams were sent to quite a number of sub-branches so that on January 31 only two returns and four cheques were outstanding. All but two have now come to hand. This was achieved only by the additional telegrams and circulars referred to, a course which should be quite unnecessary.

J. CHAPPELL.
State Secretary.

After struggling valiantly to find headlines for at least a dozen different aspects of the international situation, the editor of the Corshill (Pa.) Progress finally gave up in despair. In one huge streamer across the front page he printed the words, “World in an Awful Mess.”

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"The time has come," the Walrus said, "To talk of many things:
Of shoes—and ships—and sealing wax—Of cabbages—and kings"

When people cry in Persia at funerals their tears are bottled! Indeed, the ceremony of seeing that tears are not wasted is entrusted to a specially appointed official, and forms a highly important part of the funeral ceremony. Before starting their tears the mourners are shown to special mourning seats according to their rank or relationship to the deceased. In a moment the master of ceremonies appears and solemnly presents each mourner with a tiny sponge. Then, and then only, do the mourners let the real cry begin. Tears, real or "crocodile," are solemnly dabbed with the sponge, and when this orgy of crying has exhausted itself, round comes the master of ceremonies again. Each tiny sponge, thoroughly dripping by this time if the mourner has really paid his or her respects, is collected on a "plate." The official then ceremoniously squeezes each fragment of sponge into a bottle until not a precious tear remains—and very carefully is the bottle and its unusual contents preserved. Should any member of the deceased's family later fall ill and all other remedies fail to cure him, then out comes the precious bottle of tears as the most effective of all medicines! If that doesn't cure him—well, then, the bottle is replenished!

A sign in the window of a small jewellery store reads: "Watches 21/-. Guaranteed while they last."

In the queerest telephone exchange in the world: The telephone books are painted by hand; the building in which the exchange is housed is shaped like a Chinese pagoda; each one of the 19 operators has to know the name of each of the 2,300 subscribers, for calling is done by name and not by number; re-writing the directory takes two weeks. The exchange is in San Francisco and is the only Chinese telephone in the world outside China. It serves the extensive Chinatown of San Francisco and is actually busier, in the number of calls to subscribers, than the other exchanges in the city. All the Chinese characters in the telephone book are hand-lettered by means of a brush known as "Put." The directory has 32 pages and after re-writing by hand the pages are made into photo-engraving and printed. Copies are issued to every one of the 2,300 subscribers on the exchange.

A catfish caught in a stream running under a gunpowder factory at Beckley, West Virginia, exploded when it was put in a frying-pan.

No person condemned to death has had a more remarkable reprieve than John Boatswain, a private soldier. He was sentenced to death in Sydney in April, 1801. On April 14, the day fixed for his execution, it poured with rain. A week later it was still raining. Once more Boatswain was given four more days to live. On April 25, the day finally fixed for Boatswain's execution, the rain was falling in torrents. The authorities then decided to reprieve the condemned man.

Chicago now has a club in which the members do everything backwards. It is called the "Reverse Club" and is made up of 93 members, all of whom are Czechoslovaks. The members all wear one article of their apparel back to front, they enter walking backwards, address one another by their names reversed, their meals begin with dessert and end with soup, and on the walls of their club the pictures are hung facing the wall.

A German who died in 1679 had the largest family on record. He left 1,091 direct descendants, composed of five children, 87 grandchildren, 446 great-grandchildren, and 553 great-great-grandchildren.

A New York detective agency that specialises in tracing missing persons has been employed by more than 70,000 wives to find their husbands, but by only 15 husbands to find their wives.

In Aleppo, Syria, sheep are the favourite household pets. Their owners dye them bright colours. One sheep may have green ears, an orange muzzle, a red tail, and a blue-striped body.

Finding that his Greek customers could never remember his name, Louis Harris, a Chicago butcher, obligingly had it changed to Elias Haralampopoulos.

The newest steel life-raft for torpedod sailors has, among a great many other pieces of equipment, a copy of the Bible in it. With the Bible is a list of suggestions about passages to read, evidently compiled by someone who has been shipwrecked himself. Among the reading suggestions are:

For boredom: Psalms ciii and civ.

When things seem-blackest: II Timothy iii.

To get along with fellow men: Romans xii.

When lonely: Psalm xlvii.

Facing a crisis: Psalm xlviii.

A pack of playing cards also is included in the equipment.
PROPAGANDA

A bitter comment on the total inadequacy of British and American efforts to counteract the Russian propaganda activities in Rumania before the iron curtain fell is made in Russia Astride the Balkans, a book by two American observers, E. S. Crayfield and Robert Bishop.

"During the summer of 1945," the authors write, "the Soviets and their Rumanian allies won all strategic positions of the propaganda front as the result of their energetic and gigantic efforts to control the press, radio and films. In contrast to this, the British sent in some illustrated booklets describing their war efforts, which were sold from the bargain counter of the Gallery Lafayette's book department, together with Jules Verne and French sex novels."

The Americans, they say, sent in a "lone press officer."

Another first-hand report of Russian efficiency in distributing books appeared in the Daily Express recently. The newspaper's Indian correspondent, Sydney Smith, writing from Calcutta, states that an official, but non-Indian, investigation of the sale of Moscow's literature in Calcutta alone has shown that retailers' takings average £750 a month.

He describes a visit to a bookshop, on the shelves of which were rows of new copies of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Molotov and Vishinsky, and Soviet magazines. Asked "Who buys all this, and why?" the bookseller replied: "Who? Of course, mostly students, to find the answers to the burning questions of the day."

According to the report, although West Bengal has banned the Communist Party, Russia is still finding record sales for its loads of cut-priced "answers" in bookshops of Calcutta, where 20 per cent. of the city's 76,000 university students are communists.

Most of these books, it is stated, are printed by the Foreign Language Publishing House in Moscow, whose all-India distribution is organised by the Tass Agency and by direct shipment to communist bookellers. Profits on sales go to the Communist Party funds.
A countryman who had just arrived home from his first visit to London was describing some of the things he had seen.

"It's a busy place, is London, and full of big buildings. One day I walked down the Strand and Fleet Street. Then I came to a narrow road up hill, and at top of hill was a great building with a dome and a gold cross on top. It looked champion with the sun slanting down on it. I don't know who the place belongs to—but the owner keeps pigeons."

A cavalry recruit was at his first riding practice.

"I don't like the look of this horse's head," he complained.

"Don't worry, you'll soon get over that," the instructor replied.

An inmate of an insane asylum was a record-breaking consumer of books. Every day he would visit the library and carry away an armload of books and pamphlets.

Finally one day, as a test, the librarian handed the patient a copy of the telephone directory. The man came back five hours later, thumped down the heavy volume and asked for another book.

"But surely you haven't read that one in this short time! What did you think of it?"

"Well," said the inmate judiciously, "I thought the plot was terrible. But, man alive! What a cast!"

The soldier was reading a letter from his wife, and didn't seem too pleased about it.

"What's the matter?" asked his chum. "Is there trouble at home?"

"Well, not exactly," replied the soldier, "but we've got a freak in the family. It says here: 'You won't know Willie when you come back: he's grown another foot.'"

In England, a small schoolboy was sent home because he badly needed a wash. His indignant mother sent him back to the schoolteacher with a note which read:

"Dear Mrs. the Nurse: You have sent Harry home because he smelt. He jus smelt as his father did. I have slept with him for 20 years and he soots me very well. So you must make him soot you. You must be some old made that don't know the smell of a man."

A plain, prim little lady, who stood beside a male customer at the shop counter, looked obviously ill at ease. When the sales girl asked her what she wanted, she stammered, "Please, miss, I'd like two packages of bathroom stationery."

Reporter: "Do you approve of Australian capitalism?"

Red: "I'd die first."

Reporter: "Don't you approve of anything else?"

Red: "I'd die first."

Reporter: "Why don't you go back to Russia then?"

Red: "I'd die first! . . . er . . . I mean . . . ."

"Why did you get a divorce?"

"My wife called me an idiot."

"That's not sufficient cause for a divorce."

"Well, you see, it was like this: I came home and found my wife in the arms of the chauffeur, and I said, 'What's the meaning of this?' and she said, 'Can't you see, you idiot?'"

Have you heard the story of a Mount Street dowager who rang up her bank and asked an official to arrange for the disposal of a £1,000 mortgage?

"Is the mortgage bond for redemption or conversion?" the man asked her.

There was such a long pause that he began to think the dowager had been cut off. Then she replied: "Please tell me—am I speaking to someone at the National Bank or the Methodist Church?"

Sir Ralph Richardson coined a good phrase the other day in talking about the stage. He described actors as the jockeys of literature—"the dramatist writes the plays, we try to make them run."

On the same occasion he told a story about W. G. Grace. He was physician as well as cricketer, but most people, including his housekeeper, thought the game more important than the practice.

One day a man, looking rather knocked about, rang the surgery bell and asked: "Is the doctor in?" "Of course he's in," said the housekeeper. "Been in since yesterday making a century."

"You seem to keep this restaurant remarkably 'clean.'" "I'm glad you think so, sir." "Yes. Everything I eat tastes of soap."

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PERSONALITIES

☆ Joe Oversby, who has been hon. secretary of the Three Springs-Arino sub-branch for the past two years, has been transferred to Margaret River, where he will open and manage a branch for Goldsborough Mort & Co. His fellow members all wish him every success and happiness in his new sphere.
☆ Mr. P. G. Carter, of Anzac House, has resigned his post to take up a fence Representative at Wellington (New Zealand), was commanding officer of the R.A.A.F. station Pearce for a period during the last war.
☆ Rex Moore, president of the Subiaco sub-branch, seems to be a live wire who is determined to see his sub-branch "go places and do things."
☆ Mr. James Hammond has been elected president of the Osborne Park sub-branch in succession to Mr. Ted Feltham, who was unable to continue owing to pressure of business.
☆ John Henderson, sports director of the North Beach-sub-branch, is hopeful that his teams will be making a mark for themselves this year.
☆ Bert Woosnam, of the Maylands sub-branch, was recently given a farewell by his fellow members.
☆ George Duckett, of the Forrestfield sub-branch, recently sustained a nasty injury while working at home and, as a result, spent a couple of weeks in hospital. We are glad to hear that he is now on the mend.
☆ Arthur Florance has been appointed publicity officer of the Dwellington and districts sub-branch.
☆ Jim McGill, one of the foundation members of the Calingiri sub-branch, has been elected president.
☆ Mr. T. R. Fripp, president of the Geelong sub-branch and a member of business appointment at Boulder.
☆ Mr. Alan Douglas recently resigned from the State Executive. His place will be taken by Mr. S. O'Brien.
☆ Warrant-Officer Jim Gordon, V.C., was recently injured when an Austen machine gun was being demonstrated at the cadet camp at Swanbourne. We understand that the injury was not serious.
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Listening Post Newsreel

WAR SERVICE HOMES AND WAR WIDOWS.—Resolution 347 at the 34th Annual Federal Congress was: "That the Minister for Works and Housing be requested to advise the League of the whereabouts of the houses mentioned by him on page 734 of Hansard, volume 22." [The Hansard statement made by the previous Minister (Mr. Lemmon) read: "Indeed the building programme improved so rapidly that, six months ago, I was able to arrange for the immediate construction of homes for all war widow applicants. In making houses available to all war widow applicants without delay, the Government gave practical expression to its desire to give the utmost assistance to those who had lost their husbands during the war."]. A reply from the present Minister for Works and Housing (Mr. R. G. Casey) says: "Homes are being provided for widow applicants who are in a position, and desire to proceed, without requiring them to take their turn on the priority list. It was to these arrangements that my predecessor referred...and it would be unreasonable in the existing circumstances to take literally the statement that he was able to arrange for the immediate construction of homes for all war widow applicants. Any widow who desires to proceed with her application, and is in a position to do so, receives immediate attention. The location of the assistance is a matter for the widow."

SALES TAX, BLIND EX-SERVICE MEN.—A recent Federal congress resolution was: "That representations be made to the Commonwealth Government with a view to exemption 135 of the Sales Tax Act being applied to ex-service men who have lost an eye and also to those who, because of disability, are totally blind." This led to the receipt of the following letter from Mr. Menzies: "Item 135 in the First Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act was recently amended and as from September 8, 1949, it extends to blinded persons who come under the provisions of the Second Schedule to the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act, 1920-1949. The item as amended reads: '135: Motor vehicles (and parts therefor) for use in his personal transportation and not for sale by a person who has served as a member of the Armed Forces of His Majesty within the meaning of that expression in item 81a in this schedule, and who, as a result of that service: (a) has lost a leg or both arms or, for the purpose of the Fifth Schedule to the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act, 1920-1949, is deemed to have lost a leg or both arms; or (b) is in receipt of a special pension under the Second Schedule to the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act...in respect of blindness, total and permanent incapacity or tuberculosis."

The above provision covers both ex-service men and women who are receiving a special pension under the Second Schedule to the Act in respect of blindness."

HOUSING MATERIALS PRIORITY.—A Federal congress resolution: "That this congress requests the Commonwealth Government to immediately see that all ex-service men and their families are properly housed and given first priority over any displaced persons entering the Commonwealth, and further, that any materials used in the construction or repair of homes that are available be used for the entire benefit of the ex-serviceman" brought the following reply from the Minister for Works and Housing: "You will appreciate that my Government has not yet had an opportunity to fully investigate the wide and difficult problems of housing, but you are assured that every effort will be made to increase the number being provided at present. The limitations to an increased building programme are the shortage of certain materials and of man-power, and to overcome this it is essential that there should be a balanced programme of development and immigration which would make the adoption in full of your resolution most undesirable. However, the Government is fully sympathetic to the needs of returned servicemen, and in its investigations to determine means of meeting the housing position it will have this prominently in view."

WAR SERVICE HOMES LOANS.—A recent congress resolution was: "That the Commonwealth Government allow the maximum loan available under the War Service Homes Scheme to be increased to £3,000." This has brought from the Minister for Works and Housing the (Continued on page 27)

REMEMBER OUR ADVERTISERS WHEN PLACING ORDERS.

GOODNESS, MIDGE, WHEREVER DID YOU GET THAT SCAR?
I GOT IT WHEN I FELL FROM THE WINDOW ON THE ELEVENTH FLOOR.
THE ELEVENTH FLOOR! AND YOU WEREN'T KILLED?
NO, I WAS LUCKY, I FELL INWARDS
WHATEVER the position may be in regard to the stage reached for the re-establishment and particularly the training of ex-servicemen under the Post-war Reconstruction Training Scheme in the Eastern States, the circumstances applying to Western Australia are such that special consideration requires to be given to the decision to disperse the various sections of the Department of Postwar Reconstruction to be absorbed by other Commonwealth departments.

The Ministry of Postwar Reconstruction was set up as a department to specialise in handling the problems pertaining to the re-establishment of ex-members of the forces of the 1939-45 war, and the success of the operations of the department have been consequent upon the absence of the application of departmental formalities which are usually associated with old-established Government departments. Under the dispersal of the operations of the department proposed, the Postwar Reconstruction Training Scheme will come under the Department of Repatriation. The War Service Lands Settlement Scheme will come under the Department of the Interior and the Re-establishment and Rehabilitation Sections will be transferred to the Social Services Department.

As the Repatriation Department is and has been concerned only with ex-members of the forces, it might be considered that there can be little criticism at the training scheme being transferred to that department, because it will mean that those who are responsible for the operations of this department have the required training and outlook to deal with the specialised problems which will demand their attention.

The position so far as War Service Land Settlement and Re-establishment and Rehabilitation is, however, not so happy because of the fact that, in my opinion, the departments to which these sections are transferred are dealing with matters concerning the community generally, and there is therefore a possibility that the special requirements of ex-members of the forces may not receive that specialised and considerate attention which has applied hitherto.

I mentioned the special circumstances which apply to Western Australia—circumstances which have left Western Australia with a far from completed job in the re-establishment of ex-members of the forces.

Delayed Start

In 1946, Mr. Archer, Director of the Re-establishment Division, said frankly at a meeting in Perth that the Postwar Reconstruction Training Scheme had "got off to a somewhat delayed start." Dr. H. C. Coombs, the then Director of Postwar Reconstruction, in a meeting with the R.S.L. early in 1946, also openly confessed that Western Australia "had got away to a bad start in the training scheme." This, of course, is so, and an indication of the lag in existence at that time is evident from the fact that here, in April 1945, not an ex-serviceman was yet in training, whereas in other States training had commenced in October, 1944.

The consequence of this late start and the fact that the conditions of the training scheme applicable in Western Australia are vastly different from those which apply in the Eastern States, plus other factors, has resulted in the position that, whereas training in the skilled trades groups has been practically completed in the East, and they are now seeking trainees from W.A. for some of the building trades, we in Western Australia still have 1,203 ex-members of the forces who have been selected and are awaiting training. Other contributing factors to the slower progress of the scheme in Western Australia are due to the fact that the negotiations which took place between the trade unions and the Ministry of Postwar Reconstruction on the modification of the apprentice ship conditions under which ex-members of the forces are trained in Western Australia took some time to conclude. In addition to this there were delays due to the provision of training accommodation, a position which was brought about largely because industrial committees lacked sufficient information to give an indication of the numbers for whom training would be required.

Because of the tie-up of the training scheme with apprenticeship conditions in Western Australia, the turnover of trainees consequent upon the longer term of training required is much slower. In most of the building trades, for instance, two years in the Eastern States is the period of training, whereas in Western Australia the period is four years generally, or twelve months shorter than the period laid down under apprenticeship regulations.

The problem in Western Australia has been further increased by the high enlistment rate to the proportion of population as compared to other States, consequently creating a higher proportionate demand for training. The total number of enlistments for Western Australia as at October 31, 1949, was 88,057.

Some Statistics

The following figures relating to the position of technical (vocational type) training as at December 31, 1949, are interesting:

- Applications received: 11,737
- Applications selected as eligible and suitable: 8,310
- Applications withdrawn before selection: 2,242
- Applications withdrawn or deferred after selection (before commencement of training): 2,365
- Commenced training: 4,483
STABILIZATION

vicemen's Organisations by Mr. 

The establishment of the Western Australian 

In training .......... 2,312
Completed training .......... 1,233
Awaiting training .......... 1,203

The fact that out of 11,737 applica-
tions received for training, the num-
bers withdrawn before selection and 
after selection together total 4,607 
cannot be other than a matter for 
some concern as this figure must be 
accepted as an indication, in my opinion, 
of the excessive proportion of 
applicants who literally “gave the 
scheme away” because of the long de-
lay before training would be available 
to them.

Because of the limited opportuni-
ties in Western Australia, intensive 
effort is required for placement. The 
co-operation, understanding and sympa-
thy of employers and those em-
ployees already engaged in skilled 
trades is required. These qualities 
have hitherto operated and they can 
only continue to operate if, in my 
opinion, they are sought and main-
tained by a department specialising in 
the handling of the problems attached 
to the training scheme.

Ex-service organisations will need 
to continue to play the part that they 
have done in furthering the training 
scheme by co-operation with the de-
partment in appealing to all sections of 
the community not to forget but to 
honour the obligations which they 
entered into at a time when they were 
prepared to make great sacrifices in 
order to maintain our security.

So far as the university or pro-essional type training is concerned, 
this presents no problem, and I can 
only reiterate the reports which I have 
given previously to the effect that 
the activities of the University authori-
ties reflects the greatest credit on them 
for the manner in which they have 
met the demands made on them. We 
have reached the stage now where it 
is just a question of those who sought 
training in the professions completing 
the training which they have already 
commenced.

War Service Land Settlement 
The decision to incorporate this 
activity in the Department of the In-terior cannot do other than cause great 
dissatisfaction. No one desires to 
doubt the competency in any respect 
of the officers of this department, and 
it is not my intention to do so, but I 
give it as my considered opinion that 
in the wide field of national develop-
ment which incorporates land settle-
ment the obligations owing to and 
the special considerations which are 
extended to ex-members of the forces 
in regard to land settlement are likely 
and of sight of. I believe 
that better arrangements could be 
made in regard to this activity in the 
is to be taken over by the Social Ser-

Because of circumstances, which 
there is no necessity for me to detail, 
those who suffer from a physical handicap, 
due to their war service, are 
entitled to and demand special atten-
tion. To see the requirements of 
this section of ex-members of the forces 
incorporated in the activities of a de-
partment which is concerned widely 
with social services to the whole of the 
community means, unquesionably, 
that the problems peculiar to ex-
members of the forces and the privi-
leges which should be theirs are likely 
to be overlooked.

Summarising the position, I con-
sider that, because of the particular 
and exceptional circumstances at-
taching to Western Australia, the 
disposal of the functions of the De-
partment of Postwar Reconstruction 
are not in the best interests of the ex-
members of the forces in this State. 
As we are, however, faced with an 
accomplished fact, I submit:

1. That although existing machin-
ery, i.e., the Central Committee, Re-
gional Committee and Industrial 
Committees will continue to function, 
in accordance with the provisions of 
the Re-establishment Act, the Re-
construction Training Scheme can con-
tinue successfully only if the admin-
istration remains a separate and dis-
tinct department, directly under the 
Ministry of Repatriation and unfer-
tered by the restrictive formalities 
usually attaching to old-established 
Government departments.

2. That the transfer of the War 
Service Land Settlement Scheme to 
the Department of the Interior is en-
tirely unsatisfactory and that it should 
be handled preferably by a depart-
ment associated with the interests and 
affairs of ex-members of the forces.

3. That the transfer of the re-
habilitation section of the Postwar 
Reconstruction Department to the De-
partment of Social Services will not 
be in the best interests of ex-members 
of the forces, especially those who 
because of physical handicaps, present 
employment problems, unless the func-
tions hitherto performed by the re-
habilitation section of the Postwar Re-
construction Department are con-
tinued distinct from those pertaining 
to ordinary civilian cases.

Necessity: The Mother of Invention.

Rehabilitation 
This avenue, so far as it is con-
cerned with the ex-members of the 
forces, presents some difficulty. There 
are literally hundreds of ex-members 
of the forces who, because of war-
causced physical disabilities, either in 
a major or minor degree, present, 
under normal conditions, an employ-
ment problem. Hitherto the success-
ful rehabilitation of these members 
has been a function of the Postwar 
Reconstruction Department. Under 
the dispersal arrangement, this section
DEATH OF FEDERAL PRESIDENT

It is with deep regret that we record the death on Friday, 24th February, of Sir Eric Millhouse, K.C., Federal President of the League.

His funeral on Monday, 27th February, which was attended by the W.A. State President (Mr. W. J. Hunt), was observed by services at all State branches, that in Perth being conducted by the Rev. J. Spratling.

Sir Eric, who was knighted in January, had been Federal President since 1946. He was admitted to the Calvary Hospital, Adelaide, on 16th December, and his death, at the age of 58 years, was due to cancer.

Born at Mount Gambier, he was educated at Port Pirie and later at Prince Alfred College, Adelaide. A barrister and solicitor, he was appointed a King’s Counsel in September, 1945. He was called to the Bar in 1915 and held the appointment of Crown Solicitor in South Australia from 1923 to 1928.

As Federal President of the League, Sir Eric succeeded Sir Gilbert Dyett. He had been closely associated with the League since its inception. In World War I he served with the Eighth Artillery Battery—a unit which contained many Westrockians. Last year he visited Western Australia and made a 1,200-mile tour, visiting numerous country sub-branches.

He will leave behind him many friends.

T.P.I. NOTES

On Friday, January 27, through the generosity of the West Australian branch of the Red Cross Society, buses and drivers were supplied and a most enjoyable day was spent by the members, their wives and families at Coogee. The party of about 100 left the Red Cross depot, William Street, at 9.45 a.m. and called at Fremantle to pick up members from that district.

As arranged by the Mayor (Mr. Gibson) and councillors, morning tea was provided. A wreath was laid on the local war memorial, and the party then proceeded to inspect the new Housing Commission’s houses at Melville. Thence to Coogee, where hot water, ice cream and sweets were provided.

After a most enjoyable time at Coogee, members returned to Perth via North Fremantle.

A great deal of credit is due to the local committee and all those good workers who made the outing possible.

President P. W. Quinn and past president W. Shearer left Perth on January 30 as delegates to a T.P.I. conference at Hobart.

The following members passed on during December: S/Sgt. A. K. Brown, Palmyra (15th Light Horse); Jim Baxter, Perth (16th Battalion); W.O.II. J. Cox, Victoria Park (Prisoners of War Control).

WAR MEMORIAL DESIGNS

Prize money totalling £450 has been allotted by the Australian Battlefields Memorials Committee for the best three designs for the proposed Australian War Memorial, to be erected outside Australia House, London.

The competition is open to British citizens living in or outside Australia, who are sculptors, artists, architects or designers.

First prize will be £250, second £150 and third £50.

Cost of the memorial — about £25,000—will be met by the Australian Government, which intends also to erect memorials at Canberra, Darwin and Port Moresby.

The form of the proposed London memorial is left to the discretion of competitors.

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The enclosed letter speaks for itself to all ex-soldiers. The writer is the chairman of the Men’s Reception Committee to Visitors at Sunset (Old Men’s Home). Various fine people visit Sunset regularly, but the point I want to stress is that the various W.A. fighting units of the 1914-18 war, etc., do not, as individual associations, make it a practice to go and say “Cheerio” to the old, infirm and crippled members of their once fine unit. We are all getting old and the men of Sunset batted on with us—in combat, in rain and mud, and in hunger and hardships.

Why neglect them? They are still our old comrades! Some of us are too well off and too self-centred to bother. We come up against the same apathy in our own unit, but a party of dinkum old pals never forget. It costs little in time and cash, and surely more soldiers’ associations can visit Sunset and yarn with mates of their old “mob.”

Jack Phillips, the chairman, now almost blind, speaks as finely as he writes, and with his energetic secretary, “Bruiser” O’Meara (ex 10th Light Horse), and in poor health, is always ready to welcome you in the spacious R.S.L. ward and round up your old pals. The South African veterans don’t forget and they are not a one-unit association. Why don’t all units rally round? A well-dressed aborigine once said, as he watched a venerated party of his tribe go by: “There, but for the grace of God, go I.”

H. J. DAY.
(Sixteenth)
R.S.L. Ward,
Sunset, N. Elands,
December 19, 1949.

Hon. Secretary,
16th Bn. and 4th Bde. Assn.
Dear Mr. Newick,

Yesterday was, I think, one of the nicest, chummiest parties we have had here. The old boys were delighted and I am afraid those of other units envious. In spite of the fact that I have sent lists to their secretaries and advised them of deaths, I have had no tangible response.

Such success is largely a matter of leadership, the ability to centre many traits upon one purpose. And the tremendous support of the ladies

CALINGIRI MEMORIAL

A letter from Mr. H. W. Howard, which accompanied the photograph reproduced above, said: “In the January Listening Post there is an account of the unveiling of the Broomehill Memorial, and it is stated that it was thought that ‘Broomehill was the first makes a happy issue.

And so with grateful thoughts we wish you all once again the best that the Great Q.M. can issue. And I hope you have that warm, contented feeling of a job well done.

. Cheerio, and happy days.

J. M. PHILLIPS.

KOJONUP FAREWELL

On Tuesday evening, February 7, a farewell was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. H. Robinson, who are leaving the district to live in retirement after residing here for a period of over 40 years, during which time they made a host of friends and both did valuable work for the town and district.

Some 150 friends gathered at the Memorial Hall to say farewell to these two energetic townspeople, but through ill-health Mrs. Robinson was unable to attend the function.

During the evening, the president of the Kojonup sub-branch (Mr. Geo. Bignell) paid tribute to “Robby” and his wife, his remarks being supported by Mr. P. P. Thorn (country vice-president of the League) and Mr. F. Newton (chairman of the local branch of the Red Cross). At the conclusion of these speeches Mr. Bignell presented a case of pipes to Mr. Robinson and a writing compendium for him to hand to Mrs. Robinson, in appreciation for all the great work they had done for this sub-branch during many years.

It is of interest that Mr. Robinson attended the inaugural meeting of this sub-branch during August, 1919, and has been an active member ever since, being at various times president, secretary and treasurer.

The serving of supper to “Robby” and his fellow Diggers of the 1914-18 show and the singing of “Auld Lang Syne” brought the evening to a close.

Kojonup sub-branch wish Mr. and Mrs. Robinson the very best in their retirement from active life.

Paterson dreaded the tongue-lashing from his wife that invariably accompanied his return home in the early morning hours: “So, after a night of tippling he returned home, went to the kitchen, tied a rope about his waist, and pots and pans to the rope in such a manner that they dragged behind him as he walked. Then he removed his shoes and stole softly upstairs.

“She’ll never hear me in this infernal din,” he whispered to himself as he crept towards the bedroom.
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Life Certificate Presented

At the Wembley Hall, Perth, on February 2, 140 members of the Gloucester Park sub-branch attended the monthly meeting. Mr. Harold Wright presided. The State President (Mr. W. J. Hunt) and members of the State Executive in Messrs. E. O. Davies, T. Sten, F. Stahl, B. Keeley and C. Mitchell attended together with the State Secretary (Mr. J. Chappell) and members of the Anzac House staff. Other visitors included stalwarts from South Perth, North Perth, the City of Perth, Maylands and other sub-branches.

Business was disposed of and a letter from the Returned Nurses sub-branch expressing their deep regret at inability to attend was read [they had an important meeting of their own]. Patron J. P. Stratton also sent his regrets, as he was in the country. He wished the sub-branch well and enclosed a cheque (for which the sub-branch extends its thanks).

The State President then performed a very pleasant duty in presenting Mr. Cliff Lambe, the sub-branch secretary, with a Life Membership Certificate. Mr. Hunt said: "To receive such a certificate is indeed a great honour, the highest the League can bestow. Cliff is one of the most outstanding and deserving cases in the League. Cliff is a man among men. He has a great personality and a mind of his own. He knows what he wants and generally succeeds in getting it. He has great organising ability and is a leader who has guided and united the members of this sub-branch. He joined in 1931, was secretary from 1938 to 1940 and president in 1944-45. During his term of office he has helped to build the distress fund from nothing to about £300. Due to his guidance and energy the sub-branch today is in a good financial position. The building fund stands at £2,000 and we look forward to the day when the sub-branch will have its own hall."

Cliff was given a great reception when he rose to reply. He thanked everyone for their loyal support throughout the years and said he was proud to be associated with Gloucester Park. "It will be a pleasure to help the sub-branch to further successes," he added, "for the main object of this sub-branch is to help the unfortunate who are sick or in hospital and unable to help themselves."

He sat down to loud and continued applause.

[Mr. Lambe joined Gloucester Park in 1931, was secretary from 1938 to 1940 but retired owing to ill-health. After three years he returned and was president in 1944-45. Afterwards he again became secretary. He holds two other certificates (one as secretary and one as president) and has been a great leader in the A.R.M.S. games. The sub-branch president says: "I could not wish for, nor get, a better man."

Mr. Tom Sten then presented Mr. Frew with the shooting trophy. Mr. Frew's average throughout the A.R.M.S. games was 97.5, a grand performance.

An amusing item was the presentation to Mr. Norm Bush of the Ear and Lug-Bashers' Certificate! Norm took it very well. The orchestra was standing ready to play "Don't be Cross," but this was unnecessary.

The surprise of the evening was when Mrs. Wright, president of the women's auxiliary, handed the president a cheque for £20 towards sub-branch funds. To be able to accomplish such a feat is indeed a remarkable achievement, considering that our women's auxiliary was only founded three years ago. These ladies, who give so much of their time, are today the greatest asset the sub-branch has, and they are greatly appreciated. They prove what a benefit to the League such an organization can be.

Mr. Eric Davies expressed his appreciation at being able to be present and stressed the importance of cooperation and unity throughout the League which, today, is a great institution imbued with the spirit of self-sacrifice.

Before the meeting closed, Mr. Arthur Hallett thanked the women's auxiliary on behalf of all present for the wonderful supper they had prepared—and a wonderful supper it was!

Long and heated arguments between traffic constables and offending motorists decided Bukarest authorities to instal deaf-and-dumb traffic constables before the war. The policeman silently took down the number of any offending car and no amount of abuse could disconcert him.
LEAGUE CRICKET ASSOCIATION

NOTES

Since World War II the younger members of the League have carried on the traditions of R.S.L. cricket founded by numerous keen enthusiasts among the old Diggers.

The co-ordinating body of cricket in the League today is the R.S.L. Cricket Association. Its president (Mr. Allan Dick) and secretary (Mr. Neil Cott) both have the sport deep at heart and have striven hard to develop it, both for the sake of the game itself and for its value in bringing young men into active association with the sub-branches.

It has been largely due to their efforts that the association is in a sound financial position today.

At the beginning of this season the association, in an effort to assist teams who were not very strong financially, purchased three sets of matting, and these have been hired to sub-branch teams at a very small fee.

Eleven teams entered the association competition this year, one less than last season, but it is hoped next year will see more sub-branches taking part in this grand sport.

To make the competition more keen and to give weak teams a chance to improve their position, teams are graded into two sections: "A" and "B" grades. The two "A" grade teams scoring the lowest number of points will revert to "B" grade next season, whilst the two "B" grade teams with the highest number of points will be promoted to "A" grade.

The two leading teams in each grade will play in the finals, and the winners of each grade will meet in the grand final.

Matches are played on Sundays and are of half-day duration only, giving two hours to each team. Should the first team be still at the wickets at the end of two hours it must declare in order to give the other team two hours; but if a team is all out in less than two hours, its opponents may utilise the extra time, unless they try for an outright win to gain an extra point.

The team gaining the most runs in the first innings is deemed to have won, even though the opposing team’s wickets had not all fallen at the expiration of time. This arrange-
of the' of

The Last Post

I think of death as some delightful
journey, that I shall take when all my
tasks are done.

BAxTER, J., Mt. Hawthorn sub-
branch (late 16th Bn.).

BROWN, A. K., Claremont sub-
branch.

DEACoN, R. L. C., Como sub-
branch (late 8th T.M.).

DEMarchI, E. W., Nedlands sub-
branch.

EMERY, — Carlisle sub-branch.

FENNELL, C. M., City of Perth
sub-branch (late R.A.A.F.).

JONES, A. D., Greenbushes sub-
branch (late 11th Bn.).

KINSELLA, C. M., Kensington sub-
branch.

MacARThUR, J., Fremantle City
sub-branch.

McEWEN, C. H., Nedlands sub-
branch.

WALLER, F. J., Wyalkatchem sub-
branch.

WOoDALL, S., Mosman Park sub-
branch.

WOoDGATE, W., G., Fremantle
City sub-branch (late 3rd Tunne-
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WILLIAMS, F. G., Mt. Hawthorn
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Letter from Dr. Cook

The following are extracts from a
letter received by the State Secretary
from Dr. C. Cook, late of the State
Executive:

Dear Sir, I have to belatedly ac-
knowledge your letter of November
18, 1949, conveying your message of
appreciation from the State Executive.
Delay in my reply has been occasioned
by the expectation that I would be in
Perth over the festive season, when I
could have acknowledged it in person.

Please accept my deep appreciation
of the Executive’s generous estimate
of my humble contribution to its valu-
able work and my assurance of good-
will and co-operation whenever the
latter may be practicable.

I shall be glad to remain upon and
be associated with the North-West
Committee as a co-opted member and
am flattered by your request that I
should do so. In order to facilitate
liaison I shall make a point of infor-
mating you in good time whenever
I expect to be visiting Perth. On such
occasions my pleasure at resuming my
association with your work will be
equalled by that of reunion with old
friends.

It was with deep regret that I
learned of the death of Mr. Cosgrove.
The League has suffered a grievous
social and administrative loss with his
death. May I, as an admiring and
grateful associate, express to you my
deepest sympathy and sense of loss
in the passing of one who unflaggingly
and tirelessly devoted his failing hours
of physical strength to the service of
his comrades without counting the
cost. His truly was the spirit of An-
zac.—Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) C. COOK.

STATE ELECTIONS —— On 25th March

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(Continued from page 15) following reply: “From the study I have been able to make of the costs of building and the increases in the maximum amount of loan provided in the War Service Homes Act from time to time, it seems that the increase to £2,000, which became effective as from July 1, 1949, was on a sound basis and took into consideration anticipated further increases in the cost of building. I feel that it also had full regard to the economic consequence to the majority of applicants in the extent of the liabilities which they could assume. It is not proposed, therefore, to take any action to further-increase the maximum assistance at present.”

WAR SERVICE HOMES INSURANCE.—Federal congress resolution No. 101 was: “That this congress requests the Commonwealth Government to introduce a provision to enable ex-servicemen generally to insure their dwellings under the present War Service Homes Insurance Scheme instead of confining such insurance to purchasers of war service homes.” To this the Minister for Works and Housing replies: “It is considered that the extension proposed is on quite a different basis to the extension which enabled an applicant who discharged his liability under the War Service Homes Act to continue the insurance in respect of his property. The proposal to permit insurance under the Act on properties which were not provided under the Act would be a definite departure from the original intention of the Act in that it would enter into the general field of insurance, and I could not recommend its adoption.”

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STATE ELECTIONS

It was our intention to give, in this issue, some thumbnail sketches of ex-servicemen who are contesting seats in the State Elections, but as the State Electoral Office has been unable to give us particulars of those who are returned men we feel that it would be unfair if we singled out only a few for mention and failed to give attention to others. Therefore we leave our readers with this one thought: A number of contestants have served their country. Several are League members. Some have a record of valuable service to this League. Before casting your vote, think well on this.

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This fund is anticipated to approximate £5 million, £2½ million of which (at least) is to be applied in providing educational assistance to children of ex-servicemen, the balance to be used for welfare purposes.

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Every case is investigated so that the committee may be fully conversant with all the facts when considering the applications. This is essential to ensure that the welfare fund is used to the best advantage of ex-servicemen. A life span of about 30 years is planned for the fund, so that the younger ex-servicemen (75 per cent. of the enlistees) now in the prime of life will have the opportunity to claim on the fund in their advancing years, when it may be essential that with increased family responsibilities and declining health many will need the help the fund can provide.

The experience after the 1914-18 war was that a similar fund was disbursed in two or three years, and when the depression of the 1930’s occurred no fund remained from which ex-servicemen could be assisted.

All enquiries should be made to the Secretary, Services Canteens Trust Fund, Swan Barracks, Francis Street, Perth.

We know that a fool and his money are soon parted, but what it would be interesting to learn is how they got together in the first place.

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When the first general assembly of its members met on Tuesday, the 17th February, it reminded me of old times when, as youngsters, we looked back to such occasions with great interest, often only to be somewhat disappointed by the long Christmas vacation. There was a fairly lengthy agenda, which the president made known together with a request for a 10-minute silence. A very summary and impressive speech was delivered by the chairman, who presented evidence of all to co-operate by the individual constructive expression of opinions, when in this way, the company gained knowledge of the views of all the members, and effectually and union and social functions. The committee reported the various social funds to be in a healthy condition. A very popular innovation this year was the formation of an auxiliary district, and many of the local postmasters were very interested and entertained about the annual balance facing the League.

BOYANUP

On Saturday, February 16, the sub-branch celebrated its annual reunion, when a barbeque, under the able chairmanship of the President (H. C. Morrissey), was held at the Fisheries Memorial Park. The president welcomed all present, and referred to the fact that the sub-branch has 25 years service. The president of the sub-branch (R. Binnington) thanked Boyanup for the hospitality extended to him and his party during their stay in Boyanup. The Women’s Auxiliary has been in recess and we hope to see them in action again. The main feature of the afternoon was a most interesting address by Mr. J. E. E. Eustace, the local representative of the State Government, on the history of the Union. The meeting was concluded with a most enjoyable address by the sub-branch entertainment committee.

DOWLING AND DISTRICTS

The annual general meeting was held on Tuesday, January 26, at the Dowlings Hotel, Shepparton, when the following members were elected as office-bearers: President, Mr. P. F. Wallis; vice-president, Mr. J. E. E. Eustace; secretary, Mr. J. Moore; treasurer, Mr. C. Joyman; assistant treasurer, Mr. J. Moore; auditor, Mr. A. Cook; and registrar, Mr. A. Cook.

All Hills, has now left hospital and we all wish All the best future in his business enterprise. Our editor for the evening was Mr. G. James, from Pinjarra, whom we were very pleased to see the next meeting, second Thursday next month.

FORRESTFIELD

A good crowd of members attended to start the new year off on the right foot. Several new members joined our ranks and were given a most cordial welcome. The next meeting will be held at the Club, with members at our quarters. The friendly gathering was enjoyed by all present.

KATANNING

The sub-branch held its monthly general meeting on January 19, in the League rooms, near the barrel that cheers. The meeting was well attended and the business conducted smoothly. The next meeting will be held on the last Thursday of the month.
dent, Les Shand, appealed to all members to support our new president to the best of their abilities. It was not an "easy" job to head the vast and varied activities of the Club, but he knew it could be done. The members respond to the call.

To say that it was a splendid evening would be the understatement of the year. The Club was practically packed. Everyone, it seemed, was present. It was a wonderful and enjoyable evening. The speeches and addresses were excellent, and everyone present was filled with a sense of pride and satisfaction. The Club is to be congratulated on the way in which it has been managed this year. The members have worked hard and the results have been excellent. The Club is on the move and is destined for great things in the future.

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THE LISTENING POST, MARCH, 1950

WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

STATE EXECUTIVE

The first meeting of the Executive for 1950 was held on February 6. Mrs. Henderson (Vice-President) presided in the absence of the President who was spending a holiday in the Eastern States. The second meeting was held on February 20, when members welcomed the President and Mrs. Sherlock (assistant secretary) from their holidays.

Hospital Visiting

R.P.M. Visitors reported that they had made 276 bedside visits during the month.

Hospital: Visits made by auxiliaries as per rota and special visits made to patients from the country sub-branches as requested.

Home of Peace: Mrs. Cotterill visited the Home of Peace, where there are 34 patients (residents and non-residents) who look forward to these visits eagerly.

Sunset: Mrs. Young visited Sunset and found the cupboard needed replenishing, and this was done.

Official Visits

Owing to the majority of auxiliaries being in residence, as well as Executive, activities have been very quiet and only a few official visits were made.


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“Save the Children” Fund, £2.00.

SPECIAL MENTION

Mandurah Auxiliary has bought a block of land, at the cost of £350, for the sub-branch for a canteen as a hive for the Auxiliary.

Coorow: A fetes organised on December 10 resulted in £101/1/2 being raised for luncheon for members of the Auxiliary and Diggers from Claremont on Sunday, 26th (lunch and afternoon tea).

North Beach has a new president (Mrs. Troughton). We extend our best wishes for a successful tenure of office.

Hollywood

A letter has been received from Matron Fergusson thanking the auxiliaries for lovely Christmas parcels given to men at Christmas and also auxiliaries who have donated “operative socks” for the theatre.

Members of the Executive hosted a luncheon for 24 Mandurah and North-East Fremantle migrants and accompanied them on a sightseeing bus tour in the afternoon.

Annual Exhibition: September 8. Make it a great success by sending in lots of entries.

Buses conveying the Auxiliary members to Mandurah auxiliary in giving Diggers from these homes a real day out, and which could not be made possible without transport. Speakers from all homes expressed their gratitude to the Auxiliary for its generosity in helping Mandurah to make this day a very enjoyable one. Mrs. Kellogg, when speaking at Mandurah, said that it gave her a great pleasure to be able to help the Auxiliary, and thanked Mandurah for the wonderful job that they had done in catering and entertaining the patients and making it such a happy day.

NORTH-EAST FREMANTLE

On Sunday, January 29, the annual outing for men from Lemnos, Sunset, Edward Miller and Home of Peace took place. The function was eagerly looked forward to by the Diggers as being “a red letter day” in their lives, and that it is appreciated is shown by the number of men who avail themselves of the trip. These buses are needed to transport guests and the buses are provided by the North-East Fremantle auxiliary, as its share in co-operation, which is a shining example of co-operation between sister auxiliaries. The driver, which is such an enjoyable feature of the day, is broken at White Lakes, where the men are regaled with ice cream and coffee drinks, and then at the end of the trip the visitors find themselves in a large hall, where small decorated tables are located, with a very nice lunch, topped off with fruit salad and ice cream, and everyone does full justice to such a tasty meal. The afternoon is given over to a non-stop programme of musical items and dancing, all of which guests are greatly pleased with. The Diggers then follows q, very nice high tea to which again full justice is done. Representatives from all homes spoke in glowing terms of the marvellous day that had been given to them. Mrs. Marshall, president, and Mrs. Harrington, secretary, and the members of the Auxiliary are to be congratulated on the excellence of the arrangements made for the entertainment of their guests, which must have entailed a great deal of labour; but they are well repaid in knowing how much pleasure they had given to their guests.

F U S W

The first monthly social of the year was held on February 10, at the R.S.L. Hall, Sunset Street. Members were welcomed by Mrs. Ames (president), Mrs. Norris (hon. secretary), who are going to England, tendered her resignation and it was received with deep regret. Mrs. Norris has carried out her job in a very thorough manner; we are all sorry to lose her services. Hospital visiting during the month has been very quiet and only a few auxiliaries visited the wards.

Victoria Park

The branch held its first meeting this year on February 10, at the R.S.L. Hall, Sunset Street. Members were welcomed by Mrs. Ames (president), Mrs. Norris (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Marshall, president, who is going to England, tendered her resignation and it was received with deep regret. Mrs. Norris has carried out her job in a very thorough manner; we are all sorry to lose her services. Hospital visiting during the month has been very quiet and only a few auxiliaries visited the wards.

Canning Electors...

Alf G. Reynolds, M.L.A., enlisted from school in 1914 and had over four years’ active service overseas. Two of his sons saw active service in World War II.

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On March 25, 1950 - VOTE

REYNOLDS - [1]

Authorised by R. A. Hartley, Trades Hall, Perth.

On Tuesday, July 11, 1950, a special meeting was held on the afternoon of the special meeting at Anzac House on Monday, March 14, at 8 p.m.
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AUSTRALIAN CORPS OF SIGNALS ASSOCIATION OF W.A.—Meetings as notified: President: A. Tuberth, 157 Townshend Road, Subi- aco; Secretary: Miss J. Davenport, 221 Stirling Highway, Claremont.

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FRANK LEEDMAN'S FUND—President: W. C. M. Leedman, M.C.; Chairman: A. J. Kennedy, 138 Sixth Avenue, Inglewood (Phone E 1569).

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10th BATTERY ASSOCIATION—Annual reunion, Friday of Show Week; President: General J. M. Hobs; Secretary: W. G. Munro, 153 High Street, North Perth.

10th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION—Annex House, Perth; when called; President: Harry Welshman, 6 Ainslie Rd., North Fremantle; Secretary: E. Andrews, 111 Rupert Street, Subiaco.

11th and 2/11th A.I.F. BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION—President: C. W. Mainwaring, 611 Stirling Street, Nedlands; Secretary: L. Thomas, 83 Stirling H'way, Nedlands (W 2837); annual reunion, Tuesday of Show Week; annual general meeting, third week December; financial year ends September 30; subscription £2 6s. p.a.

13th & 2/13th BATTALIONS ASSOCIATION—Annex House, Nedlands; when called; President: J. Mason, 89 Second Avenue, Mt. Lawley.

16th BATTLE & 4th BRIGADE ASSOCIATION—Committee meetings and other meetings as arranged; President: W. B. Skinner, 85 Mount Street, Perth; Secretary: W. Newick, 39 Hutt Street, Mt. Lawley, (Phone L 2393).

29th BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Committee as arranged; 2nd Mon- day; President: E. Moss, 72 Second Ave., Mt. Lawley; Secretary: J. M. Foster, 152 Coode Street, Como.

32nd & 2/32nd BATTALIONS' ASSOCIATION—Annex House, nearest Saturday to July 19; President: A. R. Trimble, A.M.P. Chambers, Perth (Phone F 8916); Secretary: J. L. Rutherford, Victoria House, St. George's Terrace, E. A. (Phone B 2646).

44th BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Annual reunion, Monday of Show Week; President: W. B. Skinner, 45 Mount Street, Perth; Secretary: H. S. Browne, 123 Second Avenue, Mt. Lawley.

48th BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Annex House; President: J. P. Mc- konzie, 16 Glyde Street, East Fremantle; Secretary: R. J. Gold- pink, 82 Great Eastern H'way, West Midland (U 726).

61st BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Reunion Friday in Show Week each year; President: W. J. Bennet, 153 High Street, North Perth; Secretary: W. T. Halsey, 194 Stirling Street, East Fremantle; Treasurer: R. E. Goodrich, 148 Mt. Lawley.

2/4TH MACHINERY-GUN BATTALION EX-MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION—Mr. Ambrose's office, Third Floor, C.M.L. Building; Committee meets 1st Monday in each month at 7.30 p.m.; President: W. A. Westall, 24 Pound Rd., Subiaco; Secretary: W. J. Davie, 29 Kent Street, Victoria Park.


Per three months; (c) increased from 30 to 60 per cent.; (d) increased from 50 to 100 per cent. for three months, then to T. & T.I. for three months, then to 100 per cent. until February, 1973; (e) increased from 60 to 80 per cent.; (f) increased from 80 per cent. to 90 per cent; (g) increased from 50 per cent. to 80 per cent; (h) T. & T.I. reinstated; (i) increased from 15 to 40 per cent.; (j) increased from 80 to 100 per cent; (k) increased from 50 to 80 per cent; (l) remains at 50 per cent.; (m) increased from 60 to 70 per cent.; (n) increased from 20 to 40 per cent.; (o) increased from 30 to 40 per cent. This report was received with acclamation and the work of the State Secretary was highly commended.

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Faversham

A donation of £100 has been received from the Lottery Commission, it was announced, for the purchase of a washing machine for Faversham House.

Mr. S. O'Brien, the new member on the State Executive, received a hearty welcome.

Committee appointments included Messrs. Keeley and O'Brien to The Listening Post; Mr. Stanbury to Land and Mr. Edmondson to North-West.

Reports tabled included Management (Mr. Hunt), Housing (Mr. Davies), Repatriation (Mr. Stahl), Rehabilitation (Mr. Stanbury), Immigration (Mr. Lonnie), Staff (Mr. Stoddart), The Listening Post (Mr. Sten), the State War Memorial (Mr. Hunt) and Trustees (Mr. Craig). A balance sheet of the R.S.L. Hostel was presented by Mr. Watt.

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repatriation

It was reported that at the recent Assessment Appeal Tribunals 16 of the 28 cases heard were advocated by the State Secretary (Mr. J. Chappell). Of these, 15 were allowed as follows: (a) an increase of from 80 per cent. to T. & P.I.; (b) an increase of from 20 per cent. to T. & T.I. for three months; (c) increased from 30 to 40 per cent.; (d) increased from 80 to 100 per cent. for three months, then to T. & T.I. for three months, then to 100 per cent. until February, 1973; (e) increased from 60 to 80 per cent.; (f) increased from 80 per cent. to 90 per cent; (g) increased from 50 per cent. to 80 per cent; (h) T. & T.I. reinstated; (i) increased from 15 to 40 per cent.; (j) increased from 80 to 100 per cent; (k) increased from 50 to 80 per cent; (l) remains at 50 per cent.; (m) increased from 60 to 70 per cent.; (n) increased from 20 to 40 per cent.; (o) increased from 30 to 40 per cent. This report was received with acclamation and the work of the State Secretary was highly commended.

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