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Withi a few days of this issue of The Listening Post being in the hands of readers a number will be coming to Perth for the Annual Congress.

In the first place, all will be assured of a warm welcome—from League officials and staff and from metropolitan sub-branches. Which leads us to suggest that those who have a day or so to spare might well spend portion of that time in seeing, as it were, "how the other half lives." In short, by paying a visit to a metropolitan sub-branch (details of meeting times may be found in the February issue of this journal) or—perhaps an even better suggestion—by looking up some of the old-timers in Faversham; in Glendale or in Sunset; or by visiting a few of the unfortunate men who are in one or other of our hospitals.

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A meeting of the State Executive was held on Wednesday, May 31, at 5.30 p.m., the State President being in the chair.

There were 16 members present when the meeting opened and after the Silence had been observed the minutes of the previous meeting were passed. Apologies were received from Messrs. Sten, Spratling and Leslie.

Mr. Watt showed the Executive the Gurney Memorial Cup which is to be presented to the W.A. League of Wheelmen, to be annually competed for in memory of the late Stan Gurney; V.C., who was a keen racing cyclist.

Items from the previous meeting were then dealt with:

(a) It was reported that a recording of "In Memoriam" as sung by the choir of Perth Girls' School on Anzac Day would, in all probability, be made at an early date.

(b) In regard to the appointment of British Army instructors to the Australian Forces, the General Secretary of the League has informed the State Branch that, in response to a query from the State Secretary asking if enquirers could be told to ensure that the rights of Australians are present serving voluntarily in the Forces have not been overlooked, the Minister for the Army has been requested to furnish a statement on this matter.

Management

The Management report was presented by the State President, who pointed out that the recent presentation of the League Certificate of Merit and the Gold Badge of Merit to Sir Ernest Lee Steere, "for honorary, selfless service and assistance rendered to members of the League," was made "with very great pleasure."

In regard to the matter of a donation to the American Memorial appeal, both Mr. Stahl and Mr. Lonnie said that the State owed a great deal to the American servicemen. It was decided to donate the sum of twenty guineas to the appeal.

Charities for sub-branches were discussed and Mr. Chaneey stated that he wished to point out how much the Executive owed to the State Secretary in regard to the preparation of these.

Housing

Mr. Davies presented this report, which pointed out that the committee had communicated with the State Housing Commission in an endeavour to have the commission dispose of land acquired prior to 1939 to the War Service Homes Director at valuation—land purchased subsequent to that date to be disposed of to the War Service Homes Director at cost only. It was stated that the League felt that it is most undesirable that any attempt should be made to make a profit from ex-service personnel as a result of land transactions. It was stated that, as a result of representations made by the committee, two ex-service men had recently been housed.

Mr. Benson reported that the Town Clerk had been approached regarding endowment land and a good percentage of which should be reserved for ex-service men. The reception received was promising.

Mr. Davies added that he was most concerned that of late 100 families had been evicted from homes in this State. This led to considerable discussion by Messrs. Stoddart, Stahl, Craig, Bateson, Benson, Stanbury, Yates, Watt, Lonnie and O'Brien. Mr. Watt said that the lifting of permits was a shame, and he feared that ex-servicemen would suffer as a result. Mr. Davies said that it was certain that suppliers would control the distribution of materials and he felt that many self-help builders would find the procuring of supplies very difficult. Mr. Yates, however, felt that "the corner was being turned to some degree. War service homes" he added, "will have first call on materials." Mr. Stanbury pointed out that many builders would not build war service homes today because of the difficulty of securing payment.

Mr. Stoddart promised to investigate the matter. He said that the general public had a feeling that the Housing Commission was finding homes for all evicted persons, but he would like it known that the commission found the position getting somewhat beyond them.

Mr. Stahl moved that the matter of the lifting of controls be referred back to the committee for further consideration and report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watt and carried unanimously.

Re-Establishment

A complaint was reported regarding a member of the Wyndham sub-branch who had to visit Hollywood Hospital. The man's sub-branch paid £2210/- for transport expenses, but an application by the League to the Repatriation Department for a refund was refused. It was recommended that the sub-branch be reimbursed to the extent of half of the expenses from one of the League's relief funds.

Migration

This report was presented by Mr. Lonnie. The committee recommended that a request be made to the Minister for Housing, asking him to agree to the release of building materials to areas in which District Immigration Councils were working, so that prospective nominees might be able to arrange for adequate and suitable accommodation for immigrants in such instances where the release of a limited supply of building material would enable improvements or additions to be made to existing accommodation to render it suitable for the housing of nominated migrants.

Mr. Davies was of the opinion that, under the present housing position, migration should for a period be restricted to single men, or migrants should be enabled to bring building or building materials with them. Mr. Lonnie replied that in the matter of nominated migrants it was a feature of the scheme that such migrants must have accommodation available to them. He thought that Australia's material position would never be bettered unless sufficient labour was secured.

Mr. Watt was elected as the League's representative to the U.N.E.S.C.O. State Committee.
The State President reported on the Federal Executive meeting held in Melbourne on May 17.

Reports presented were: Management (Mr. Hunt), Housing (Mr. Davies), Pensions (Mr. Stahl), Re-establishment (Mr. Stanbury), The Listening Post (Mr. Keeley), Staff (Mr. Stoddart), Migration (Mr. Lonnie), Anzac House (Mr. Ferguson) and Commissioners (Colonel Mansbridge).

A further meeting was held on June 14, Mr. T. Sten being in the chair. Apologies were received from Messrs. Hunt, Yates and Leslie. When the meeting opened at 5.30 p.m. there were 19 members present.

Management

Mr. Sten reported that telegrams of congratulation had been sent to Field-Marshal Sir Thomas Blamey, Sir Ross McDonald, C.B.E., Dr. J. S. Battye, C.B.E., Sister Clifton, M.B.E., and Mr. Bateson, M.B.E., regarding Birthday Honours awarded them. Personal congratulations were extended to Mr. Bateson, who replied briefly but feelingly.

A letter of appreciation was received from Sir Ernest Lee Steere in regard to the recent presentation made to him.

The State Secretary read some recommendations regarding future visits to New Zealand for Anzac Day celebrations.

It was reported that the acting Federal President (Mr. Holland) had communicated with the Prime Minister regarding the delays in legislation for the increasing of pensions, and that the Prime Minister had replied to the effect that "until the report of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee had been fully dealt with by Cabinet, no decision could be made.

Mr. James said he considered that the sub-committee was "a camouflage. He thought the pension on which he had to exist— "miles below the basic wage"—was a disgrace. "We seem quite content to sit down and take these things from the politicians—yet the totally incapacitated man is expected to live on £7 6s. a week. It is high time the Federal Office told Parliament that we want this thing dealt with immediately. I have often thought of writing a letter and heading it, "Fight for your country and see what you get." [Mr. James lost his sight during war service.]

Mr. Watt suggested that an urgent message should be sent to all our State Members of Parliament, asking that a move be made on this matter immediately. Mr. Edmondson suggested that the message should insist that Schedule 2 and War Widows' Pensions should be given urgent consideration, as those listed under such headings have to live on their pensions only.

Mr. Craig opposed these suggestions on the grounds that there was nothing to show whether Cabinet had yet dealt with the matter. He thought that the Prime Minister should be approached regarding the urgency of the matter. Mr. Chaney pointed out that the Executive had pressed for the appointment of the committee it should not approach individual parliamentarians but should go direct to the Prime Minister.

Mr. Lonnie said: "I think the League has been off the beam on this matter for years." He thought that pressure should not be brought to bear to secure a certain figure, as the rate of pensions should always be related to the actual cost of living which has to be met by pensioners.

Mr. Stahl and Mr. Davies also spoke on this matter.

It was decided that the Federal Office and the Prime Minister be approached on the matter of the urgency of the sub-committee's findings, so that it might be possible to have the matter brought up before Parliament during the current session.

Gurney Cup

At 8 p.m. four members of the League of W.A. Wheelmen attended and Mr. Sten presented to them the Stan Gurney Memorial Cup, saying that all would agree that the cup was a very fine piece of work but, above all, it was a "memorial cup. He read the citation of Stan Gurney's heroism, for which he was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

Mr. Driscoll, receiving the cup, said that the race for which the trophy would be donated was a very tough race indeed—and it was chosen for that reason.

Land

Mr. Davies, in presenting this report, announced that advice had been received from the Federal Office that, except for rural trainees, the closing date for applications for re-establishment loans and allowances, Land Settlement Division, for those discharged prior to September 2, 1945, is September 2, 1950.

Housing

When the Housing Committee report was presented by Mr. Davies, Mr. Stahl spoke heatedly regarding 1,400 permits being issued recently without the League being made aware of the move. He feared that as builders would now obtain preference for materials, self-help buildings would be seriously affected. He was seriously concerned that the ex-serviceman was losing his preference. Mr. Watt said that many men with permits for War Service Homes could not get builders to carry out the work. He hoped that the Housing Committee would press that the War Service Homes permits should have preference in regard to supply of necessary materials.

Mr. Benson stressed that the Digger fought for freedom, "but under the present circumstances, if he has only a two-unit family, he has no hope of securing a permit." He thought that a move to get away from the shackles of control was good. "Let us remove the palised hand of control from building" he said. "Let us get back to freedom."

Mr. Lonnie thought that, although there were apparently two schools of thought in the matter, he feared there was no long-range plan in view. But Mr. Stahl contradicted this, saying that the committee itself had submitted a long-range plan to the Government. Mr. Stoddart pointed out that the Commonwealth Rental Scheme would be going on as usual "with ex-servicemen getting about 70 per cent. of these." The group system would also be carried on.

Mr. Davies said that the cost of a home had increased between £600 and £700 in the last 12 months. Mr. Stahl opposed the adoption of the committee's report.

Membership

Mr. Chaney reported that, based on last year's figures, unpaid subscriptions now numbered about 4,000.

Joe Stalin is reviewing his troops. Says one soldier: "How's everything?" Soldier replies: "I can't complain." Stalin interjects: "Bet your life you can't."
BRITISH JET PLANES

British aircraft are drawing more world-wide interest and speculation than ever before. There have been times in the past when aircraft, designed and produced in British factories, have attracted world acclamation for their ability to compete with and perform better than their opposite numbers produced by rival competitors in the aviation field.

Such aircraft as the Hawker Hurricane and the Supermarine Spitfire will long be remembered as sterling types, especially for their part in turning the “Battle for Britain” into a significant victory instead of a disastrous defeat.

But even these fine aircraft have been eclipsed in all-round performance by the jet-propelled aircraft both Civil and Service, being produced today in British factories.

Jet propulsion has fired the imagination of every air-minded person in the world, even those who previously displayed only a spark of interest in aviation development.

The story of the beginning of jet propulsion, and the production and trials of the first gas-turbine engine by Air Commodore Whittle, its inventor and an ex-apprentice trained member of the R.A.F., has already been told. It is the story of a young man who, with little or no encouragement, persisted in his theory of jet-propulsion, and after many years of hard work and bitter disappointment, not only proved the outstanding qualities of his invention, but saw it recognised as the greatest event in aviation since the first flight in 1903.

There are still many people in the world today who have not seen a jet plane in flight, but there are very few who have not read or heard about them, for as fast as they are, the human grapevine is still faster. By radio, newspaper, journal and word-of-mouth, the news of their tremendous speed has been transmitted to all corners of the globe.

Following closely behind the first announcements came the news of still faster jet planes; of still more powerful gas-turbine engines to drive them; of hints of more to follow; references to the breaking of the Sonic Barrier and planes faster than sound; until one wonders whether travel outside the outer bounds of the earth is still a myth, or a distinct possibility.

The Gloster Meteor and the Vampire were the first jets in the field, the twin-jet Meteor particularly, being the first Allied jet-fighter to go into action in the last war. There are many other types flying today; in fact, the greater part of present-day aviation research is devoted to the development of the jet engine and aircraft.

The vast amount of energy that has been expended in Great Britain on development and production of gas-turbine engines can be realised from the following statement by Mr. Constant, Director of the National Gas Turbine Establishment. “We have exported abroad more aeronautical gas-turbines than any other country. In fact,” he said, “our exports of gas-turbine engines for aircraft are greater than those of all the rest of the world put together.”

This statement was made just prior to October, 1949, and in the intervening period it is possible that a slight change in this position can have occurred. However, a more recent claim, originating again in Britain, concerning the development of the Rolls Royce “TAY” gas-turbine engine is a clear indication that Britain is certainly not content to rely on past achievements.

The “TAY” is a development of the Rolls Royce “Nene” and is claimed to be the world’s most powerful gas-turbine engine. It produces a thrust of 6,250 lbs., as against the 5,500 lbs. thrust of the “Nene.”

The Rolls Royce “Tay,” “Nene,” “Dart” and “Derwent,” the De Havilland “Goblin” and “Ghost,” Armstrong Siddley’s “Mamba” and “Python,” to mention a few of the current British gas-turbine engines, are all products of research and development. They are not so much experimental types as definite contributions to the ever-growing world demand for engines of this type.

With these power units and others of American design, British and American jet-propelled aircraft are fast approaching the speed of sound; in fact, it has been claimed that certain aircraft have travelled faster than sound. Prior to these events, a great amount of speculation regarding the breaching of the Sonic Barrier, which was regarded as an extreme hazard to aircraft travelling up to and beyond the speed of sound, drew a mysterious curtain across the path of jet development.

It can be safely assumed that these claims regarding flights beyond the speed of sound have a solid foundation of fact, as the tests were conducted under strict supervision and observation. Beyond a severe buffeting at the critical speed, little else occurred, and as a result of these tests the problems previously associated with the breaching of the Sonic Barrier became less prominent in the minds of those following jet development.

However, the problems have once again asserted themselves forcibly. On February 15, a D.H. 108, known as the “Whistling Boomerang,” disintegrated in mid-air whilst the pilot was endeavouring to fly faster than sound. Expert opinion points to the fact that the plane collapsed when it encountered unknown stresses which operate in excess of the speed of sound. And supporting this theory is the discovery of the plane’s cockpit and engine intact while pieces of the plane were scattered over 10 miles.

Why supersonic flying should be safe on one occasion and dangerous the next is the strange inexplicable factor which is causing a lot of headaches among designers and research men.

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THE FUTURE OF THE NORTH - WEST

(Continued from our last issue)

Residents in the North-West consider that, as their problems and difficulties are similar to those operating in the Northern Territory, and as the climatic discomforts are more or less equal, the conditions of taxation should be the same. In the Northern Territory the following concession is granted:

"Income derived directly and in the first place from primary production, mining or fisheries in the Northern Territory of Australia by a resident of that territory shall be exempt from income tax."

The evidence given to the committee of the effects of drought, extending over seven years, together with the lag in recovery during the first years of good seasons, indicates that the existing system, by which the taxable income is averaged over four years, does not meet the actual conditions encountered.

The Pastoralists' Association has asked that non-resident persons and limited liability companies, who would not be freed from income tax, be allowed as a deduction losses incurred in any of the 10 years next preceding the year of income. The committee considers that the request of the association is a reasonable one, and supports it.

As emphasised in the introduction to this report, if an earnest endeavour is to be made to induce additional population to live in the North-West and additional capital to be invested, some increased inducements must be offered to counterbalance the greater attraction of the southern portion of the continent.

Customs Tariff

Representation was made to the committee that imports into the North-West should be freed from customs tariffs. Owing to the increased and increasing industrialisation of Australia, the imports of foreign goods into the North-West, other than petrol, will be relatively small. The committee considers that relief can better be given to residents in other ways.

Debt Adjustments

Following on recommendations made by the Royal Commission, the Government, in 1941, appointed a Pastoral Relief Board and provided that lessees should have the right to apply for protection against creditors, arrange compositions, agreements, etc., issue stay creditors' rights in certain cases.

On the evidence submitted, the committee is of the opinion that the debt adjustment plan has proved successful.

Re-Stocking

Evidence indicated that, second only to debt adjustment, re-stocking was vital to the rehabilitation of the North-West. The committee has impressed with the fact that one of the serious disabilities suffered by a very small population in an enormous area is the isolation, and the financial expenditure involved in travelling to and from any centre of population, especially the cost involved in case of sickness.

If men are to be induced to take their wives and children into such localities, some special concessions must be granted to offset these disabilities. The committee considers that, if complete exemption from taxation is not to be granted to the resident concerned, he should at least receive a taxation rebate to the extent of all transport expenditure incurred because of illness.

The flying doctor service is proving of untold value to the North-West, particularly in diminishing the fear with which women—especially mothers with young children—face the prospect of illness or accident. As the effects of the war and the drought wear off, it is desirable that the medical services in the North-West be reinforced, and that dental services also be extended to that area.

The committee understands that investigations are being made by the Health Department into the advisability of establishing one or more regional hospitals, equipped with modern facilities and a full staff to deal with all varieties of cases. Whilst supporting this proposal, the committee feels that, having in mind the long distances involved, considerable thought is necessary before it is decided that any of the towns which, before the war, had a resident doctor, might then do without one.

Vermin

Dingoes, kangaroos and euros constitute the vermin problem in the North-West. The kangaroos and euros have increased to such a degree in many areas that they far exceed the number of sheep carried, and now constitute the gravest menace to the industry. Some stations have paid bonuses for the shooting of kangaroos but this has proved too expensive to maintain. Poisoning of waters can be applied on certain stations only, and the kangaroos will breed up again from adjoining stations.

The committee is convinced that kangaroos and euros have developed into a problem which cannot be solved by the ordinary means available to the pastoralists, and recommends that scientific investigation be made into a problem with a view both to the destruction of the vermin and the commercial utilisation of the skin.

RETURN TO "X" POST

2/7 Field Ambulance

C.O.: Colonel L. E. Le Souef

The 10th anniversary of the embarkation of the 2/7 Field Ambulance for the Middle East occurs in September.

To mark the occasion, the C.O. of the unit, Colonel L. E. Le Souef, who took the 2/7 overseas, is arranging a rendezvous at "X" Post on September 23 and 24.

The point of assembly will be at "X" Post, Northam, and those who were with the unit will understand just where that is.

It is hoped that as many members of the 2/7, and also the 7/13, will make it convenient to be present at this bivouac, so that due recognition can be given to a memorable occasion.

It is understood that other militia units will be in Northam Camp on the above dates.

The rally will be under bivouac conditions.

Swiss watchmakers have made a timepiece that weighs 7/10ths of an ounce. It's made of aluminium and is so light it floats on water.
GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY, IMPORTED WIRE AND NETTING.
---Resolution 185 at the 34th annual congress was: "That congress makes representations that ex-servicemen on the land, who are forced to buy imported wire and wire netting on account of not being able to obtain Australian wire and wire netting, be subsidised by the Government and the difference in price between the local product and the imported article be the amount of the subsidy granted." To this the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture (Mr. McEwan) replies: "I refer to your letter... to my predecessor... Full enquiry has been made into this matter in collaboration with the Commonwealth and State War Service Land Settlement authorities, and it is pointed out that the purchase of wire for developing War Service Land Settlement schemes is one for consideration by the various State Governments. It is understood that, owing to the inability to obtain adequate local supplies, some States have been arranging for fencing material to be imported from overseas. It is not known, however, what will be the liability of war service land settlers for imported fencing material supplied to them. I am informed, however, that the cost of the imported article is approximately twice that of locally produced wire, but that a certain measure of relief has been extended regarding the price of imported wire as the Commonwealth has approved of waiving import duty, when (a) the landed cost of imported wire is higher than the cost of Australian wire; and (b) the local supply is unable to meet the demand. Consideration has been given to your League's suggestion that the Government pay a subsidy to ex-servicemen in respect of the difference between the price of locally produced and imported wire, but in this connection there are special difficulties since, in addition to the various land settlement schemes for ex-servicemen, there are other private ex-servicemen settlers to whom, presumably, it is intended by your League that such subsidy should be applicable. It would appear that it would be quite impossible to administer a subsidy applicable only to ex-service settlers, since for any subsidy scheme to be applied there would need to be adequate safeguards to ensure that the subsidy is extended only to persons entitled to receive it. It is difficult to see how substantial leakages of subsidised material to other persons who are not ex-service settlers could be guarded against. In the circumstances, and having regard to the waiving of import duty referred to above, it is regretted that the Commonwealth Government is not at this stage able to agree to extending further financial assistance in connection with the importation of wire from overseas by way of subsidy as suggested by your League."

AID TO EX-SERVICE-MEN

The State Secretary (Mr. John Chappell) announces that the League is now making regular grants to about 300 ex-servicemen in Western Australia.

Grants of £1 to £4 per month are made to 240 men at Faversham House, York, at a weekly operating loss of more than £50.

Mr. Chappell states that these grants are made possible by the annual Poppy Day appeal.

RURAL RE-ESTABLISHMENT LOAN.—A recent congress resolution was: "That further endeavours be made to have the Commonwealth Rural Re-establishment Loan increased from £1,000 to £2,000, and that repayments commence 18 months after the loan is made available." The Minister for the Interior now states: "The principal feature of the scheme is the rendering of financial assistance, upon their discharge from the Services, to ex-servicemen who before their enlistment were farming on their own account and who are in need of assistance to re-establish themselves on their properties. This, however, does not prevent ex-servicemen applying for assistance to acquire agricultural properties if they were not the owners of properties at the time of enlistment, provided they had agricultural experience before joining the Forces. Even then, the requirement of pre-war agricultural experience may be waived in certain cases due to the youthfulness of applicants at the time of their enlistment, or if they are suffering from war-caused disabilities which prevent them from resuming their pre-war occupations."

"Many ex-servicemen did not possess properties at the time of their discharge and had to purchase them. It is realised that a loan of £1,000 is in itself inadequate to acquire a property, and for this reason the Commonwealth Government has permitted the lending authorities administering these loans... to accept second mortgages as security for advances, provided the combined encumbrances do not exceed 90 per cent of the approved value of the security. By this means borrowers may obtain additional accommodation on first mortgage from any financial organisation they wish."

"Ex-servicemen who seek their re-establishment under this scheme are expected to have some capital of their own and this, combined with the assistance rendered by the Commonwealth and that obtainable from private sources, has proved adequate in the past. Those ex-servicemen whose capital resources are limited... may be assisted under the W.S.L.S. It is considered that to increase the maximum amount... from £1,000 to £3,000 is unwarranted and would in effect be equivalent to creating another land settlement scheme."

"Throughout the Commonwealth, loans have been granted to over 12,000 ex-servicemen, most of whom are proving successful farmers and this, I feel, demonstrates that ex-servicemen are not suffering any hardship by the maximum amount available being limited to £1,000. Under these circumstances I regret I am unable to accede to your League’s request for an increase in the maximum amount of the loan. If, however, evidence can be produced by you of specific cases in which the existing loan maximum is restraining the re-establishment of ex-servicemen, I am prepared to reconsider my decision."
"Regarding the latter part of the resolution that repayments commence 18 months after the loan is made available . . . the lending authorities in determining the repayment term, of a loan take into account the type of farming in which the borrower proposes to engage. If a settler's income is likely to be received half-yearly or at more frequent intervals, the loan is usually repayable by half-yearly instalments, whereas if it is received annually the loan repayment instalments would be on an annual basis; payment of an instalment of principal would not be demanded until at least a full repayment period had expired and, in addition, there would usually be a broken period in respect of the first payment to make the initial instalment payable on a uniform date. For example, if a loan was made on September 30, 1949, repayable by annual instalments on December 31 in each year, the first combined instalment of principal and interest would not fall due until December 31, 1950 . . .

"Every consideration is given . . . to the borrower's ability to pay in determining the date for commencement of repayment of the loan. I can assure you that no ex-serviceman will be requested to commence liquidation of his debt before his property reaches an income-producing stage that will permit him to meet his obligations, provided he exercises normal ability and diligence in making his holding productive within a reasonable time. Under the circumstances I consider that it would be unreasonable and quite unnecessary to set an arbitrary period of 18 months from the time of making an advance until the first repayment instalment falls due.

"... If cases of hardship have arisen which may have prompted the inclusion of this request in the resolution, I would be pleased to have them investigated upon receipt of full particulars."

New Charters

The State Executive of the Returned Servicemen's League is issuing, for the first time, charters of membership to each of the 222 sub-branches of the League in this State. They have been designed by the State Secretary (Mr. J. Chappell).

They are each 20in. x 23in., with a large white border. The base of the charter is formed by three pictures depicting units of the Navy, Army and Air Force, under which are the initials of the services, "R.A.N., A.I.F., C.M.F., R.A.A.F., W.R.A.N.S., A.A.N.S., A.W.A.S., A.A.M.W.S. and W.A.A.A.F." On either side are pillars carrying the names of the major battles of World Wars I and II.

"These," says Mr. Chappell, "support and are protected by the roof, which bears the words: 'Loyalty to Australia and the Empire—comradeship and self-sacrifice. Least we forget. Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia.' The headpiece is the badge of the League."

First Presentation

The first badge was presented to the Canning sub-branch by the State President (Mr. W. J. Hunt). It is hoped that these charters will form some tangible evidence of the affiliation of the sub-branch with the League as a whole. It is also hoped that each sub-branch president, on taking office, will officially receive the charter from his predecessor for safe keeping.
Comrades.—In submitting my report for the year, I have many things in my mind.
Fifty years ago the majority of us were on the veldt, South Africa. What of those 50 years?
After signing the peace treaty, the States of South Africa formed and there was a rebellion of native tribes. This brought the first fusion of Briton and Boer.

World War I.—Then we had our late opponents standing with us in World War I, and the Union of South Africa has become a mighty State.

World War II.—When World War II came, once again the Boers stood with us.

Peace Treaty and Aftermath.—The Peace Treaty in South Africa was the last one made in the field, and has stood the test of nearly half a century.

One cannot help thinking that if the politicians only did their work half as well as the soldier, what a lot of worry and bloodshed would have been saved. Fifth columnists existed in our day, but they got very little encouragement. With the advent of Communism it is surprising the number of foolish people who have fallen for it.

Without legislation we, the ordinary people, are almost powerless to combat the Communist’s traitorous activities. It is pleasing to note that the Menzies Government is bringing down a Bill to suppress these genties, and it is to be hoped every other member of the British Commonwealth of Nations will do likewise.

Passing of Comrades.—During the year, 15 of our comrades passed on, amongst whom were two vice-presidents, Messrs. M. Dillon and A. E. Stephens, and Dr. Nelson. They are all greatly missed.

General President.—Capt. E. G. Pretty is away in England, and is having a fine time, vide his letters to various members.

Activities.—Tea and concert at Sunset, laying of wreath on Queen Victoria’s monument, annual memorial service and veterans’ night were all as usual.

Canon Collick.—During the year, our patron (Canon Collick) retired from his parish (St. John’s, Fremantle) and, in consequence, our church parade was earlier than usual. I know we all wish him good health in which to enjoy his retirement.

Attendance at Meetings.—Last year we had an average attendance at our monthly meetings of 213, and this year the average is 263.

Year’s Financial Members.—This year our financial membership is 109 as against 115 for last year.

Life Membership.—This year’s life membership will be conferred on Messrs. H. E. Hills, A. Yeates, J. Dean, J. A. Lord, H. T. Shaw and A. Green.

Honorary Membership.—Honorary membership this year is conferred on Mrs Bennet and Mr. J. Chappell.

Federal Council.—During the year, a Federal Council was formed, and our good friend, Major-General Brand, C.B., C.M.G., C.V.O., and D.S.O., was appointed president.

May 29, 1952.—In 1952 we will be celebrating 50 years of peace at our annual veterans’ night, and we are hoping of persuading the Federal Government to invite Field-Marshal Jan Smuts to visit us in the month of May in that year.

Faversham House.—Two of our veterans who were at Faversham House passed away last year. They were Arthur Cooper and J. Jenkins.

At our last annual meeting we voted 12½/- to this veterans’ home, and I trust this meeting will again support the home this year.

Finance.—Last year our annual report showed we were very badly off and had borrowed from other funds. This was refunded, thanks to a sweep we were able to run by permission, and are now in a much better position. After this year’s sweep we should be in a very satisfactory condition.

Thanks.—Our heartfelt thanks are offered to the Pipers’ Band for services on Anzac Day and Annual Memorial Service, and to the R.S.L. Band at the Memorial Service.

R.S.L.—May I say thank you also R.S.L. to Messrs. Hunt and Chappell. I tender special thanks for advice and assistance rendered me during the past two years, and I say to John Chappell, you have been just great.

Secretary.—As usual, our secretary has done a splendid job, and my very best thanks are extended to him. May he live long to carry on a good job.

Conclusion.—I offer you one and all my best wishes for a prosperous and happy year, and may good health attend you all.

FRED W. BATESON.

Not All Talk

West Leederville-Wembley-Florat Park sub-branch is organising a mutual help system which is believed to be unique in this State, reports secretary J. M. Lenton.

He says that all members of the sub-branch have agreed to help fellow members in an understandable way—free of charge. This mutual help will apply to all kinds of activities, from lawsuits to self-help building.

He says that criticism that the R.S.L. is “all talk and very little action” makes him extremely annoyed.

Though the principal aim of the scheme is to help fellow members, the sub-branch is prepared to help anyone—whether or not he has served in the armed forces.

Initial steps to put the scheme into action have already been taken. The sub-branch is making lists of members who are tradesmen, employers, and so on.

Free School

Arrangements have been made with a leading city firm for a free school for unskilled labourers.

There are vacancies for 50 men in the school and they will be trained as qualified fitters, turners, body builder and panel beaters.

“Eventually we hope to have vacancies for the training of all trades and professions and to act as our own employment agency,” says Mr. Lenton.

“In the meantime, the sub-branch is willing to give advice and service on any of today’s common problems such as housing, pensions and so on, to ex-servicemen or to any deserving person in need of help.”

We know a lot of people who have no respect for age, unless it is bottled.
Memorial to Gallant Horses

While in Western Australia last week, Major-General W. M. Anderson, the Adjutant-General of the Australian Military Forces, mentioned that he had marched on Anzac Day in Sydney with his regiment, the 6th Light Horse, and that at the end of the service in the Domain all the Light Horse marched to the unveiling of a memorial to the horses of the Desert Mounted Corps. [This memorial is erected opposite the Mitchell Library in Macquarie Street, Sydney, and adjacent to the area in which the members of all the Light Horse regiments assembled for the Anzac Day march each year.]

The Desert Mounted Corps Memorial was unveiled by Lady Chauvel, who went over from Melbourne for the ceremony, and with her on the dias were Lieut.-Colonel Granville, who commanded the 1st Light Horse Regiment; Lieut.-Colonel Sir Donald Cameron, Commander of the 2nd Light Horse; Lieut.-Colonel Colin Fuller, 6th Light Horse; and Major-General John Richardson, who commanded the 7th Light Horse. Also on the dias was Dame Alice Chisolm, now aged 94, who conducted the AIF Club at Kantara during the whole of the time the Australian Light Horse were operating in Sinai and Palestine. The widow of the late Brigadier-General George McArthur Onslow was with Lady Chauvel, as well as the daughter of the late Sir Granville Ryrie, and the daughter of the late General Charles Cox.

General Anderson mentioned that amongst the Light Horse representatives at the unveiling ceremony he noticed 15 10th Light Horse members who had their banner with the badge, the black swan on a gold background—colours so well known at Gallipoli and throughout Sinai and Palestine.

The memorial is very simply constructed of dressed N.S.W. sandstone, with a bronze plaque, in the centre of which is a dismounted Light Horseman holding the lead horses. Above the plaque is an inscription:

"To the horses of the Desert Mounted Corps," and on either side of the Light Horsemen and the group of horses the following is inscribed:

"Erected by members of the Desert Mounted Corps and friends to the gallant horses who carried them over Sinai Desert and through Palestine, 1915-18. They suffered wounds, thirst and weariness almost beyond endurance, but never forget them."

General Anderson also mentioned that there were, at this year’s Anzac Day March in Sydney, approximately 150 from each of the 1st, 6th, 7th and 12th Light Horse Regiments, with lesser representation from the Light Horse regiments raised in other States. In all, 43,000 ex-service men and women marched in Sydney this year, and between 250,000 and 300,000 people lined the route.

His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, Lieut.-General Sir J. Northcott, led this year’s Anzac Day march in Sydney.

By members of the 10th Light Horse.

General Anderson will be remembered as Brigade Major, 3rd Light Horse Brigade when, in Palestine in 1917, he succeeded the late Major Clive Danger, 13th Hussars.

In March, 1942, General Anderson came to Western Australia as Chief of Staff, 3rd Australian Corps, and subsequently served in New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan.

Tobacco Farms Allotted

The Minister for Lands (Mr. Thorn) said recently that he had approved a recommendation by the allotment board to allot 16 tobacco farms under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme. The names of the successful applicants were as follows:

Ronald John Boulter, A210a; George Henry Hartnup, A210b; Leslie Ernest Thomas, A329; Edward Robert Whittington, A725; William McColl Morton, A718a; Grahame Brayshaw, A723; Reginald Pickburn Bartlett, A724; Frederick Scott, A730; John Francis Wiltshire-Butler, A732a; Ian Stuart Maclean, A732b; Ronald Arthur Thomas, A614; Victor John Banyard, A688; Harold Emery, A706; Alan Maxwell Jones, A799b; John Laurence Bingham Hunt, A802a; Nicholas Keating, A802b.

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

BOGG, G. A. R., Derby sub-branch; late 47 Base Park Co.
BLACKER, J., North-East Fremantle sub-branch.
BOULTBEE, H. T., York sub-branch.
DAY, W. T., City of Perth sub-branch; late 5th Btn.
HICKS, C. T., City of Perth sub-branch; late 51st Btn.
HODDER, E. M., Gloucester Park sub-branch; late 27th Btn.
JOHNSON, H., City of Perth sub-branch; late 28th Btn.
MILLS, W. E., Boulder sub-branch; late 5th Pioneers.
MONTE, V., Marvel Loch sub-branch; late 16th Btn.
O’MARA, W. C., City of Perth sub-branch; late 10th Light Horse.
PARRISH, F. C., Armadale sub-branch.
WHITE, J., Gloucester Park sub-branch; late 44th Btn.
WILLIAMS, P. C. L., Melville sub-branch, late R.A.A.F.

RILEY, Mrs. E.: We regret to record the death, at the age of 92 years, of Mrs. Elizabeth Riley, widow of the late Dr. C. O. L. Riley, Anglican Archbishop of Perth for many years and a stalwart of the League. Mrs. Riley had been in ill-health for some time.

† Mr. F. J. Pearson, publicity officer of the Bedford-Morley Parks sub-branch, is a gentleman who takes his work very seriously and is always anxious to see that the activities of his sub-branch are truly recognised. He suggests that the names of contributors of sub-branch notes be printed, "so that it will create interest and may induce contributors to continue writing." The hint has been taken.

† Keith Whitfield, of the Kensington sub-branch, is, we regret to learn, at present hors de combat, suffering from a broken leg. Tough luck, Keith.
PERSONALITIES

Miss Mary Mears, president of the Returned Ex-Service Women's sub-branch, has recently been on the sick list. She is, however, now once again active on the State Executive.

Brigadier-General E. F. Martin, of the Press sub-branch, who is Sergeant-at-Arms in the State Parliament, is at present an inmate of the Repatriation General Hospital, Hollywood. The Listening Post joins with his many friends in wishing him a speedy recovery to health.

Mr. P. Rodriguez, the City Coroner, was recently elected president of the Highgate sub-branch.

Gordon Hack, of the Highgate sub-branch, who became ill before leaving for England recently, was later operated upon with success in a London hospital.

Mr. G. S. Pringle has been appointed publicity officer of the Morningside Park sub-branch.

Bill Geary, of the Carlisle sub-branch, is again in Hollywood Hos-

pital for what he describes as "a spell for a month or six weeks." Bill is another old-timer who takes such a "spell" in his stride.

Hugh Leslie, of the State Executive, recently asked the Minister for the Army, in the House of Representatives, if he would give "an assurance that the rights of Australians who have enlisted voluntarily in our forces would not be overlooked, and that the opportunities for promotion and advancement generally in the service will not be limited by the inclusion of British Army personnel." Mr. Leslie is seldom in the background when it comes to the serviceman's or ex-serviceman's rights.

Jim Hulcup, a stalwart of the Manjimup sub-branch, was recently married to Mrs. N. R. Newton, an ardent worker for the local women's auxiliary for a number of years. The sub-branch entertained them at a social function prior to their marriage and made them a presentation to mark the occasion.

Jim Walmsley is again on deck after having been on the sick list for a while. Jim, of course, is president of the South Perth sub-branch.

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What Makes a Good Adventure

Lieut.-Colonel Vladimir Peniakoff, whose band of wartime adventurers operated in North Africa and were known as “Popski’s Private Army,” recently gave a B.B.C. talk on what makes a good adventure. “Popski’s” army numbered little more than a hundred men, but its fantastic exploits became legend. Its leader, born in Belgium of Russian parents, was manager of a sugar refinery in Cairo when war broke out. He spoke fluent English, French, Italian and Arabic, and when he joined the British Service was employed in the Libyan desert with the daring raiding and reconnaissance units which gradually developed into the Long-range Desert Group. Adventure had been his hobby for twenty years and in his talk he recalled the days when he first fell in love with the Egyptian desert and set about training for long-distance desert journeys by driving alone in a Ford van. His real main motive was to fit himself for real exploration by recognising and mastering in advance the most difficult problems.

In 1935 he took a practice trip from Asyut in Upper Egypt, making for the edge of the Sand Sea, a return journey of some five hundred miles. The first day’s going was very rough. On the second day he found better surfaces, but the third day brought soft sand again. By the evening he was one hundred miles from the Sand Sea. Next morning the engine would not start: the platinum points were burnt out and he had no spares. He decided to abandon the trip and walk home and welcomed the opportunity to test his emergency preparations. He assembled steel tubing and two motorcycle wheels and made a push cart to carry his supplies. He loaded it with provisions and supplies, shouldered his harness and pushed his pram back to Asyut, reaching the Nile in eight easy stages. “The modest expedition,” he said, “was undertaken for the sake of accomplishing something pleasurable, difficult and dangerous—-for which neither a pattern of behaviour nor a complete knowledge of physical means were available. The urge to attempt such things constitutes the essential spirit of adventure.” Adventure, he thought, should be undertaken for fun; it may be extravagant in conception, but should be level-headed in execution; romance boiled down to a plain routine.

He then cited a bad adventure that had failed. In 1942 a major was sent to an oasis in Africa and transported to a point four hundred miles behind enemy lines, where he was to sabotage communications. He carried sixty pounds of weapons, explosives and gadgets, besides much surplus impedimenta. He spoke no Arabic and distrusted all Arabs, neglected precautions, scorned advice and walked straight into a prisoner’s cage. He had the right spirit, but in every other respect failed ludicrously to fulfil any of the conditions necessary for a good adventurer.

Sir Francis Drake, the famous Elizabethan, was, in his opinion, a man who possessed all the right qualities. This farm labourer’s son was apprenticed to a small trading barque at 14 and spent most of his life at sea. After a West Indian voyage in 1567 he conceived an ambitious plan and prepared himself strenuously to carry it out. For two years he reconnoitred the land, studied the Spaniards’ ways and trained his band of volunteers before undertaking a highly successful expedition. Drake’s enterprises hardly ever failed. They owed much to his daring and high spirits but most of all to sound planning, judicious handling of men, a clear appreciation of risks and a willingness to withdraw when encountering odds greater than foreseen. “More than of any other in our past history,” said Popski, “he has taught me to conduct a successful adventure.”

A drunk staggered into an automat, put some coins into a slot and watched in astonishment as out came a piece of cherry pie. He put in more coins and out came another slice. He continued to feed in more coins until he had almost a dozen pieces of pie. One of the attendants finally asked him, “Don’t you think you had better stop now?”

“What?” cried the drunk. “Quit now, when I’m still winning?”

League Stalwarts Honoured

Two League stalwarts were honoured recently.

Miss JESSIE CLIFTON, a member of an old Western Australian pioneering family, who served with the A.I.F. from 1915 to 1918 and who, during World War II, was Matron of Faversham Hospital, York, was awarded the M.B.E.

Miss Clifton first served as a sister on a hospital ship and later became matron on a transport carrying Australian troops overseas and returning to this country with wounded. For a period she was matron of the Barracks Hospital, Fremantle. She has always taken a lead in furthering the cause of nurses in this State and has been a keen League worker.

Readers will, we are sure, join with us in extending hearty congratulations to Sister Clifton.

Mr. FRED BATESON, a member of the State Executive and a League member since 1918, who served in the Boer War and in World War I, and who for many years past has been active in hospital visiting on behalf of the League, was also the recipient of the M.B.E.

After returning from the South African War Mr. Bateson travelled through the Kimberleys with Canning on the pioneering of the Canning stock route, a job which took him two years. On two occasions Mr. Bateson was president of the Midland Junction sub-branch.

Again our readers will, we know, join in congratulating this League stalwart.

Cars for Maimed Soldiers

The Government will provide cars for ex-servicemen who had lost both legs or who were paralysed in the legs, the Minister for Repatriation (Senator Cooper) said recently. Cars for the 93 men affected would cost about £40,000, but it had not yet been decided whether men would be given ownership or whether this would remain with the Government.

Senator Cooper said that the cars would be specially fitted so that they could be driven by incapacitated men,
An English War Memorial

Bournemouth’s memorial to the local people who gave their lives in World War II would have pleased the men and women it commemorates.

When the first half of it is completed it will consist of 24 houses and a central hall, for the use of disabled ex-service men and women, and their dependants.

The dwellings will consist of two three-bedroom semi-bungalows, 18 three-bedroom houses, and a three-storey centre block, with four maisonettes on the first and second floors, consisting of one three-bedroom maisonette and three two-bedroom maisonettes. On the ground floor of the centre block there is a large recreation hall, with kitchen and service facilities for the communal use of the tenants.

The doors on the ground floor of the semi-bungalow are constructed of sufficient width to permit the access of a wheeled chair for the convenience of a totally disabled tenant, and it should be noted that, in this connection, the steps outside the front and back doors have been eliminated.

Also, for the convenience of the totally disabled tenants, the bathrooms in these semi-bungalows are sited on the ground floor. It is intended that the ground in front of the scheme shall be laid out with grass and flower beds, forming one large garden without fences. Individual gardens are provided for the tenant’s own use at the rear of each dwelling.

The Housewife’s Dream

All dwellings are built of cavity brickwork on concrete foundations. The floors are of precast concrete blocks, and the roofs of the normal timber construction covered with pantiles. The ground and first floors are finished with wood blocks, with the exception of the kitchens and utility rooms, which are tiled. Space heating is by means of an open coal fire in the living-room and one bedroom, and either by an electric fire, or plug for electric fire, in the other rooms.

The water is heated by means of an immersion heater in the semi-bungalows, and in the houses by means of a back boiler in the living-room fire, in addition to an immersion heater. A dresser and low cupboard are provided in the kitchen, and in the houses each bedroom will have a large clothes cupboard. The semi-bungalows have ample storage space in each of the two bedrooms on the first floor.

Each dwelling has an outside store and W.C., and each of the semi-bungalows is provided with a workshop which can be approached by a person in a wheeled chair without having to negotiate steps. Electric plugs are provided throughout the semi-bungalows and the houses. Plugs are fixed adjacent to the bed for a wireless for the tenant, and a built-in aerial is provided in the roof.

The contract price for the 24 dwellings, including recreation room but excluding the land, is £43,465. The cost of one semi-bungalow excluding the land is approximately £1,600.

This splendid enterprise first took shape about four years ago. An appeal for funds was launched by the then Mayor in 1945 at which time, it was estimated that the sum of £50,000 would be required. A gift of five acres of land was received and the scheme met with general approval. Donations of all amounts and from all sources came rapidly, and by the end of the year half the target had been subscribed.

In October, 1946, the foundation stone was laid by Lord Mountbatten of Burma—now Grand President of the British Empire Service League—and soon after building operations were well in hand. The first house (a bungalow) has been furnished for exhibition purposes by a local firm. Seven of the houses are now completed and it is anticipated that the first half of the scheme will be finished and occupied very shortly.

Unfortunately, the rise in building costs has made necessary considerable revision in the early estimates. A sum of £60,000 has already been received and with this it is possible to rely upon the town’s memorial being an estate of at least 30 to 40 houses, which will form not only a very beautiful development but a fitting tribute to the men and women of Bournemouth who served with His Majesty’s Forces or in the Merchant Navy.

The hon. architect is Mr. John Burton, A.R.I.B.A.

Educational Grants for Children

Educational assistance for the children of returned service men and women is provided for in an excellent new scheme which has been approved by the Christchurch [New Zealand] R.S.A. The scheme was first mooted by Mr. B. J. R. Wilson, at the Christchurch branch’s annual meeting, it being decided on his motion that the branch put aside annually a beneficent fund for the education of the children of returned servicemen.

Mr. Wilson said that the children of returned men in the city were fortunate in that education of all types was readily available. Returned men who had taken up positions in the country were not so fortunate. Frequently children at the crucial stage of their lives did not have the school nearby to continue the particular type of education they desired.

Since Mr. Wilson raised the matter at the annual meeting, the proposal has been gone into fully, with the result that a full scheme has been
drawn up and approved by the Christchurch R.S.A. executive. The basis of the educational assistance to be provided will be grants to the extent of £25 a child out of an estimated annual expenditure of £200, but the Educational Committee, which will administer the scheme, will have the authority to expend up to £500 a year if the need is there.

A small committee brought down a report for the executive, and outlined the scope for assistance as being on two levels—on completion of a primary school course, and specific vocational training subsequent to secondary training.

Two types of assistance are indicated—general and specific.

Under the general heading the criteria for the selection of bursaries include provisions that the child shall have satisfactorily completed a primary school course and has shown aptitude and a desire to continue educational training in a direction for which he is fitted; or that the child shall have received training at a primary school and is handicapped educationally or socially to a degree that only special training such as he cannot readily get will fit him for useful citizenship.

The child shall pursue a course for which he has shown ability and aptitude, and which he cannot readily obtain as a day pupil while living at home. While in no case constituting an economic bar, preference shall be given to children whose parents are unable to provide the full course desired or to whom it would constitute a hardship, or where the child would be handicapped by the parents’ attitude or reluctance to educate the child. It was pointed out that a war pensioner with little financial reserve could not give a child specialist training as a boarder.

The fund will be directed to create opportunity rather than to reward ability irrespective of need.

The child’s eligibility for assistance will be for one year at a time, and any renewal will be made only on the direct recommendation and good report of the principal of the secondary school.

The second and specific type of assistance will be more in the nature of a contingency fund to provide for cases where family circumstances, sickness, bereavement, or incapacity might prejudice the career of a child who has shown promise and is working to an approved course.

A recommendation is that where vocational training is desired with financial assistance beyond secondary training it should be made on the principles of maintaining or creating opportunity for a specific course which would not otherwise be available to the child.

The committee is empowered to seek subsidisation of such bursaries as may be granted.

One of its important functions will be to advise and seek guidance for returned service men and women who have difficulties and seek guidance in the education of their children. This is not intended in any way to usurp the functions of others. From Review.

Successful Group Housing Schemes

The Fathers’ Association sub-branch at Woodville, South Australia, has pioneered an idea which should prove of the utmost interest to ex-service men engaged in home-building.

Using a group housing scheme they estimate savings of up to £200 a home.

Interest-Free Loan Stimulus

With the assistance of a private interest-free loan of £1,000 a large block of land was bought and subdivided into seven allotments, four of which were approximately 55 x 200 ft. three others 60 x 180 ft. The sub-branch officers arranged for the contractor, the architect and the surveyor, and conducted negotiations with the War Service Homes Commission concerning finance.

The land was obtained cheaply because of the bulk purchase, and the contract was let at a favourable price because the contractor was able to use “flow” production methods, concentrating his men and materials at the one location.

Savings up to £200 per Home

The savings effected by this method mean that the purchaser has to borrow less money, and it is estimated that the ex-serviceman buying the house will save approximately £200 through participation in the group scheme compared with an individual applicant for a similar type of home. Considerable variety of design is provided.

Officials of the Fathers’ Association are enthusiastic about the possibilities of the scheme and feel there are many ways in which further service can be rendered to ex-service men through the exercise of co-operation, the guidance of experience and the will to serve.

Victorian Scheme

In Victoria, the Peter Lalor Home-Building Scheme was sponsored by a group of ex-service men. It had its conception owing to the problem that was, and still is, confronting many ex-service men in their accommodation efforts.

Formed early in 1947 at a meeting attended by more than 200 discharged men, it set out not only to build homes for former servicemen, but had as its objective the creation of a community centre, with full cultural facilities, medical and social amenities, and in general a new self-contained suburb.

Land was procured 12 miles north of Melbourne and five months from the initial meeting the survey and subdivision had been completed. By September of 1947 machinery for (Continued on page 29)
MEMORIAL TO BRITISH COMMONWEALTH AIRMEN

The design of a fine memorial to be built in Britain as a tribute to British Commonwealth airmen has just been issued. It has been planned by Mr. Edward Maufe, an architect for the Imperial War Graves Commission, who are sponsoring the memorial. It will commemorate all those flyers from the various Commonwealth countries who have no known grave.

The memorial will stand on a magnificent site overlooking the River Thames at Runnymede. This spot is forever associated with the signing of Magna Carta more than seven centuries ago. It is most fitting that a tribute to those who gave their lives for freedom should stand where an historic agreement on political freedom which has influenced governments and constitutions throughout the world, received Royal assent.

The design consists of a central shrine surrounded by cloisters. Within the shrine will rest a stone of remembrance raised on steps beneath three tall lancet windows and framed in a semi-circular recess. The entrance to the shrine will be through a great arch surmounted by three sculptured figures symbolising Victory standing between Courage and Justice.

Twenty Thousand Names to be Recorded

The cloisters will contain 52 small chapels in the form of open books carved in stone. Each cloister will have two windows and the light from them will be cast on to the stone pages bearing names of those to whom the memorial is dedicated. Twenty thousand airmen will be commemorated and the architectural form of many small chapels, linked together, has been chosen as a fitting way to remember those who were banded together in small units for the defence of freedom.

Each chapel’s coffered ceiling will have emblazoned upon it badges of squadrons with which the airmen it commemorates served during the war. Over their doors will be carved in stone, arms of the various countries making up the British Commonwealth of Nations.

The entire design is dominated by a square tower crowned by the golden eagle of the Royal Air Force. This, in turn, is surmounted by a star that will be illuminated after dark. Peaceful dignity and a grave beauty are the keynotes of the well-ordered and harmonious shapes that combine to form this magnificent new memorial.

SUB-BRANCH DIRECTORY

The following alterations have come to hand since we last went to press: BALINGUP: President now T. W. Lake; secretary, N. A. Scott.

BOYUP BROOK: President now L. J. Morgan; secretary, R. H. MacLeod.

COMO: Secretary now J. Bréarley, 63 Eric Street, Como.

DARLING RANGE: Secretary now J. Ireland, 6 Short Street, Kalamunda.

HIGHGATE: President now P. Rodriguez.

MARVEL LOCH: President now J. Taylor.

MEEKATHARRA: President now A. J. Collins; secretary, C. Hubbard; meets 2nd Thursday in month.

MELVILLE: Secretary now R. Jones, 24 Kintail Road, Applecross.

MT. MAGNET: President now A. O. C. Dawson; secretary, B. Halley.

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HOWLERS

The dome of St. Paul’s is supported by eight piers, all of which are unfortunately cracked.

Tolstoi invented X-ray as accident, and Geometry teaches us to bisect angels.

British Jet Planes

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ment organisation in Britain is steadily moving.

Many of these problems are known, but the research work is still secret. To the men concerned, it is only a matter of time before the answers will be known. Whatever these may be, one fact stands out very clearly: Britain has obtained a commanding lead in the production of gas-turbine engines and jet-propelled aircraft, the product of research and development as well as the designer.

The Hurricane, Spitfire, Mosquito, Lancaster and other famous World War II types are rapidly fading into the background. World-famous during the period in which they served, they are being superseded by the whistling speedsters of the jet age.

Such types as the Canberra twin-jet bomber, the Supermarine 510 and the “Avon Meteor,” performances of which are still secret, the Hawker P1052 and the De Havilland “Venom,” are aircraft which rate high in the opinion of all who were fortunate to see them at the Parnborough Air Display.

With aircraft of this calibre making their appearance at regular intervals, it is only natural that the interest of the aviation world is focused on Britain besides providing proof that British aircraft have a slight edge on other competitors in this field.

WAR LEADER DIES

Field Marshal Lord Wavell

Field Marshal Lord Wavell, one of Britain’s great soldiers in two world wars, died on May 24 in his 67th year. He underwent a severe abdominal operation on May 5 and his condition then deteriorated.

A noted strategist and scholar, he occupied the highest posts in the Allied war effort in World War II. He was Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, between 1939-41, Commander-in-Chief, India, between 1941-43, and Supreme Commander of the South-West Pacific from January to March, 1942. His promotion to Field Marshal was made in January, 1943, and in the same year he was appointed Viceroy and Governor-General of India. On July 1, 1943, he was raised to the peerage as Viscount Wavell of Cyrenaica and Winchester.
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At our last meeting . . . the following motion was passed regarding The Listening Post: That The Listening Post, as at present being published, fails to come up to standard, and in the opinion of our members can no longer be considered to function as the official organ of the League. It is hereby moved that a motion of no confidence in the Editor and the committee be passed, with a recommendation that this paper be vastly improved or abolished.—C. J. Lambe, hon. secretary Gloucester Park sub-branch.

"Congratulations on a good issue."
—John Campbell, managing editor Back, Adelaide.

"It's quite a magazine these days . . . I've put the scissors into it to add to my stock of reserve articles, jokes, etc., but I won't use any until I hear from you that you're happy about it."
—B. Coulten Smith, editor On Service, Hobart.

"I trust that your worthy efforts on behalf of the paper will meet with many favourable remarks."—P. Buddee, Subiaco.

"I would like to congratulate you on your leading article. I am sending it to England where it will be published as representing the feelings of the great majority of Australians."—V. B. Mursell, Bassendean.

"On behalf of my sub-branch I wish to thank The Listening Post executive for the noticeable improvement in the journal."—J. M. Lenton, West Leederville • Wembley • Floreat Park sub-branch.

"At our last monthly meeting I was instructed to write to you expressing the members' appreciation of the improvement in your paper and of the whole set-up generally. We feel that it is now a paper that does fitting justice to the League."—F. A. Mauge, Balingup sub-branch.

"I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my personal appreciation of the New Look Listening Post. It is a much more acceptable publication now with a wider range of literary contents. The change of cover monthly also adds greatly to its interest and attraction."
—A. G. Burtons, North-East Fremantle sub-branch.

"On behalf of the members of my sub-branch I wish to congratulate you on the set-up and news items of The Listening Post. It is much appreciated by all members, and the monthly issues are eagerly awaited."—R. Petchell, hon. secretary Ballidary and Districts sub-branch.

"Keep up the good work."—Bob Hewson, publicity officer Forrestfield sub-branch. "A very successful year to your excellent Listening Post."—J. Jones, hon. secretary Forrestfield sub-branch.

"No doubt about it, there are more bricks than bouquets thrown about in this world—in fact, I threw a brick or two at you a while ago. Now it is with much pleasure that I throw a bouquet at you—and no thorns or suchlike in it, either."—A. R. Field, hon. secretary, Glen Forrest-Darlington sub-branch.

It is of more than passing interest to note that items from The Listening Post are being reprinted, not only in the Eastern States R.S.L. journals but in more than one English publication.

Mr. T. Sten, vice-president of the W.A. Branch, speaking at last congress: "One of the pleasing features of the agenda this year is the marked absence of criticism of The Listening Post. We believe that it is a good journal, worth both the cost and the effort to make it interesting by both the Editor and the committee."

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**Sub-Branch Activities**

It is the aim of *The Listening Post* to make its columns of wide interest to members in all parts of the State, and the Editor welcomes reports from all sub-branches. But in order to make as broad a coverage as possible, secretaries and publicity officers are asked to confine their reports to a maximum of 200 words. All names of persons and places should be typed or written in CAPITAL LETTERS and copy should be in the Editor's hands by the 25th of the month prior to publication.

**Bedford-Morley Parks**

Going through the monthly sub-branch notes appearing in *The Listening Post* is a fascinating hobby of mine. It keeps a closer touch on many and varied activities and it lets one keep alive with all the personalities mentioned among the notes, and because of this I feel sure there are returned men who are unable to attend sub-branch-meetings yet have an interest in sub-branch affairs and also have a kick out of these notes, and for the benefit of any of our Bedford-Morley Parks absentees I would like you all to know that the sub-branch now half-way through the year, is more than holding its own, having already successfully carried out several big features.

Our anniversary ball held last Saturday (in spite of the early deluge) was a success, too. Our last sub-branch meeting held on the 13th was well attended, there being many items of interest discussed in a good standard of debate. During the sub-branch selection of delegates for the coming congress, our president equipped himself admirably with his chairmanship.

The sub-branch is happy to conform to the policy of encouraging the young men to accept this responsibility, and so Mr. Philpott, one of our young interested enthusiasts will represent us, together with our old congress stalwart Fred Pearson.

The report given by the vice-president (Max Brinkworth) regarding the youth club's progress was most encouraging, and it is anticipated that with Mr. Diver again gymnasm instructor for the girls the sub-branch will be having a mammoth job with about 100 young members in action at Riley’s Hall on Monday nights. Ted Haynes also has done well as sports director.

**Busselton**

The usual monthly meeting of the Busselton sub-branch was held on Tuesday 13th. A bright, cheery fire was merrily blazing and gave just that homely feeling, and there were no regrets at leaving that good fire back home for the evening.

Congratulations to the energetic ball committee and its band of willing workers, which all went to make the ball the financial success it was.

Our hospital committee is in need of books, periodicals, etc. Come on, members, turn out all cupboards, trunks, etc., and dig up all unwanted books. They will bring pleasure to those less fortunate than ourselves in hospital. Make this your good deed for the day. Just drop them into the club rooms as you pass.

It was pleasing to see a slight increase at the meeting, but we are still not satisfied. We want ALL members to roll up. After all, how can the sub-branch help you if you do not help the sub-branch.

The gauntlet was rashly thrown down by the local Militia unit, which was very quickly accepted. It was noticeable how a few of our “dark horses” were feverishly practising trick shots, checking cues, and finding the lay of the billiard table. A few muttered “We’ll show ‘em’s” with clenched teeth were audible. Any game and every game will be the order of the night. Mr. McKenzie: We feel sorry for the thrashing about to be administered to you and yours. Come on, members, our honour is at stake. Your sub-branch needs you.

Remember the date of our next meeting: the second Tuesday of each month. A final reminder: Have you paid your subs? You haven’t? Well, that could serve as an excuse to visit the next meeting and meet all your old mates and yarn things over. See you then.

**Carlisle**

Another good meeting was held on June 1, and once again we had the pleasure of enrolling two new members. Young Diggers who are already taking interest in the doings of the League are always welcome at Carlisle, and we are always ready to welcome also the old Diggers.

Les Gilsenan is back on deck again after a spell of sickness. He is a stalwart of this sub-branch and is missed when absent. Tom Stansfield was there after an absence of several months, due to family illness. We hope everything will soon be tops again, “Tony,” and you will be back on the “jig” again.

The Higgins brothers look like potential darlings. “Chum” comes out from Perth to meetings. Good work, “Tiger.”

—BILL GEARY.

**Dwellingup and Districts**

At the monthly meeting held at the Dwellingup Hotel, the president (Mr. Frank Willis) was in the chair, and secretary Charlie Joynson was again on the job.

After the usual business was completed a rather warm discussion ensued regarding communistic activities, and the general consensus of opinion was that no effort should be spared to stamp out this menace.

Social activities of the sub-branch have shown renewed activity, as during the month two social committee meetings have been held. This augurs well for the future.

A dance will be held in the Holyoake Hall on the 17th, by which it is hoped to augment the sub-branch funds.

Mr. Alf Hills has been elected as our delegate to the State Congress. Hospital visitor Bill Davis was happy to report that for once there were no ex-servicemen in the local hospital.

The prospects of forming a branch of the women's auxiliary in this district are considered to be very bright.

**Kensington**

June meetings were particularly well attended and it is very pleasing to note the great progress being made by the sub-branch. The membership position is very satisfactory and each meeting sees new faces among the old.
Manjimup

The president of the Manjimup sub-branch (Mr. L. Thompson) has expressed deep appreciation of the generous donation of $10 given by the Gloucester Park sub-branch for relief to settlers who are members of the sub-branch. This arose from a visit of Mr. G. P. Owen (distress officer of Gloucester Park) during the bushfire crisis, and at the last meeting the Manjimup sub-branch added $26 to the donation and fodder will be purchased and distributed among needy settlers.

A recommendation that the insurance on the R.S.L. Hall be increased was adopted by the meeting, and a building committee, comprising Messrs. Berry-Major, Gabbedy, Johnston, G. A. Williams and Dr. M. F. Williams, was appointed. An application for the permit to erect an addition to the hall to serve a much-needed office and professional accommodation is now under consideration by the State Housing Commission.

—R. MONKHOUSE.

Maylands

On May 22 the women’s auxiliary again showed us mere men how it is done by winning their games contest again. They absolutely refuse to exercise their prerogative on these occasions, having only a single purpose. On this night the men visited North Perth and played the game as usual.

May 24 saw a fair muster in the “Dugout.” Motions for congress were dealt with and delegates appointed. Very pleased to see George Stevenson back, and doing a bit of digging on this night, and, steward “Harold” did a bit, too.

May 5 we had the pleasure of en-
After this a further short service was held at the War Memorial, where wreaths were laid by public bodies and private individuals. There was a fair attendance of ex-service men and the general public.

Two days after Anzac Day the sub-branch suffered a severe loss in the death of Dr. Myles, for many years a president and always a strong supporter of the sub-branch. The funeral was largely attended, the sub-branch providing six members as carriers for the coffin and a gathering at the graveside.

The War Memorial grounds have been greatly improved by a cement wall facing the road with memorial gates. Gardens have been planned and it is hoped that they will soon be planted with shrubs and flowers. Much of the work has been done by "busy bees."

The monthly meetings, which were held on the second Saturday evening in each month, have been better attended, but there is still room for improvement. A lot of time has been taken up with land settlement and kindred matters.

The sub-branch hopes in the near future to have a building of its own, and is now concentrating on this issue.

The secretary (Mr. Pat McCann) has been elected as delegate to congress.

— G. L. GARDINER.

Mosman Park

Tuesday, June 6, saw the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. There was a poor attendance. Make the election night a big show. Sports, refreshments and trophies as usual.

There are still a few unfinancial members to make the grade. Come and get your 1950 badge, meet several new members and your old mates.

Moral support is badly needed for the tickets, especially as it is your show. Don't let it be a flop. Rally round, chaps, and put it back on its feet.

Best of luck and a quick return to work is the wish of members to Ted Griffiths. A poor start, but we bet he will put in a good finish. Old soldiers never die, Ted.

Hope our old battle-axe, Mac, at Carnarvon reads this. It's the first attempt, Mac. Keep it to yourself, but I'm just trying. Watch it grow. The sub-branch sends you its best wishes and hopes to see you again when you are down.

— G. A. PRINGLE.

Norwegian

We said good-bye to two of our old members recently—Bill Edwards and Boer-War veteran George Hills—who departed for Marble Bar and Adelaide respectively.

Then we welcomed 10 British migrants whom the sub-branch had nominated. They appear to have settled down here very well and are employed in the mines. They enjoyed our monthly darts evening extra well. These are real convivial evenings, enjoyed by all, especially by the ladies, who take a delight in defeating the menfolk in the darts tournament. Incidentally, the members of our auxiliary are doing a first-class job and are making an all-out drive to assist in improving and having additions made to the hall, under the leadership of Mrs. Trew, who was recently re-elected as president.

It was with regret that we received the news that our worthy president, Tom Trew, would be unable to represent the sub-branch at the State Congress, due to unforeseen circumstances.
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It is very pleasing to note that the sub-branch has completed another successful year, consolidating the position gained last year and achieving further progress in certain aspects such as finance. Poppy Day sales and attendances at meetings. The sub-branch has also been of assistance in a number of cases requiring Repatriation benefits and grants from the Canteen Trust Fund.

The president (Mr. Jim Walmsey) and the committee are to be congratulated upon their very fine efforts. An equally good committee, judging by the nominations, should be available for the ensuing twelve months.

The women's auxiliary is to be congratulated upon the thoroughly enjoyable evening it provided for the 80-old old Diggers from Lennox and Sun set at the tea and concert on the 28th May. Thanks are also due to the Red Cross for providing the buses that brought the men to Swan Street Hall.

It is learned with regret that Mr. Bill Hunt is not standing for State President this year. His loyalty to the League and his devotion to the interests of ex-service men and women for the past three years merits the highest commendation. The sub-branch wishes him all success and happiness for the future. Jim Walmsey has been nominated by the sub-branch for the State Executive. Good luck, Jim.

The following members are at present in Hollywood: Messrs. A. G. S. McKenzie, G. Stinson, A. G. Glidson and G. H. Myberg. We all hope that they will soon be about again, as Messrs. Harry Day and Fredie Burns, who are convalescing in their homes. Jim Walmsey is again in circulation, too.

There are a dozen-old members of the sub-branch who are not yet financial. Don't you feel lonely, chaps? Otherwise the financial membership is very gratifying. The next meetings at Swan Street Hall are Thursday, July 27, and August 10 and 24.

Victoria Park

The attendances at recent meetings have been depleted owing to wintry weather. Our engagement at Swanbourne in the "Shield" would have resulted in a victory had our regulars been there to help us out, still we had a good evening and everyone enjoyed themselves. Bert Riley kindly transported a car load back to Victoria Park and dropped each player at his own home. A very nice gesture, Bert.

The games this season have not been as one-sided as formerly, but at this stage it is hard to pick the winner. However, it is to be hoped a new sub-branch will have its name on the shield this year.

Waroona-Hamel

A letter received from Western Command has caused much dismay amongst local R.S.L. members. For many months the Waroona-Hamel sub-branch has vigorously pressed for the formation of a local unit of the C.M.F. When making a recent visit to Waroona, the G.O.C. Western Command (Major-General White law) expressed the opinion that there would be little difficulty in forming a unit in the district. Now, however, advice has been received that the shortage of instructors and suitable accommodation makes the formation impossible for the time being. In view of the extensive and expensive advertising campaign being conducted by the Army to raise recruits for the C.M.F., the sub-branch members were unanimous in the opinion that local claims should be given further consideration. The local Federal member (Mr. L. Hamilton, M.H.R.) is to be contacted with a view to having the position investigated.

Recently several members have expressed concern at foreign migrants continually using their native tongue in public. Although it is realized that many new Australians, mainly those from northern Europe, do make...
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serious efforts to learn and use the English language, others from southern Europe have little or no knowledge of it. Intimation has been received that items referring to the use of foreign languages in Australia will be on the agenda at State Congress. The sub-branch delegate will be instructed to support such items that aim to have the speaking of English in public places made compulsory.

A variety of opinions were expressed when the matter of securing a block of land for an R.S.L. building in Waroona came before the June meeting. The president (Mr. N. R. Walmley) reported that an option had been secured on a half-acre in central position. The possible cost of the land and ways and means of finance were fully discussed. Members present felt that the matter should receive the attention of the largest possible number of sub-branch members, so a decision was deferred until the July meeting. In the interim, efforts will be made to collect all necessary facts and figures for presentation to those who attend.

—L. J. PURCELL.

Leederville-Wembley-Floreat Park

Winter now being with us again, we have conveniently forgotten the cricket, packed up and despatched the trophy and entered into the throes of the battle of the A.R.M.S. Before drawing the veil over the cricket, I would mention that trophies were presented to some of our stalwarts in Bolger, Glimster, Belford, Lord and Thompson. We wish them all success for next season.

Our A.R.M.S. teams started off well, with a win against Mt. Lawley, but Darling Range proved too strong for us. (It must have been the journey.) It is rumoured that the bridge team is going to have a session-shuffling and dealing, for the cards couldn't normally have been as bad as that.

The Anzac Day service at Leederville was a real success, largely owing to the good work of the Salvation Army and the Boy Scouts, plus the cooperation of the ministers of the district. Our thanks are due to them all.

With much pleasure we record that Certificates of Service have been presented to (our Ernie) E. Tonkinson and B. G. Pyke for sterling services to the sub-branch.

We have to announce that our detective thriller serial, "The Mystery of the Missing Kegs," has, after 18 months, at last drawn to a conclusion. Our secretary (Herlock Sholmes) with a masterly piece of deduction, solving same.

Don't forget this date: July 10, against Subiaco. Roll up.

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State Executive

Two meetings of the executive have been held during June, and both were well attended.

Hospital Visiting

Royal Perth Hospital: 333 bedside visits have been made this month by executive hospital visitors and comforts taken to ex-service men and women patients each week.

Hollywood Hospital

Auxiliaries have paid bi-weekly visits to this hospital as per roster, and taken gifts of cigarettes, fruit, cakes, etc., for patients.

Claremont Mental Hospital

This hospital has been visited this month by Mesdames Henderson, Burgess, Dix and Michele.

Lemnos

A letter of thanks was received from the matron for gifts of extra eats sent to her for the patients. A gift of clothing was also sent by members of Katanning auxiliary.

Official Visits

May 17: The State President and State Secretary attended the Debs Ball arranged by the Fremantle auxiliary.

May 22: Mrs. Stockmink visited Bridgetown and saw the president and secretary of the auxiliary.

May 23: The State President attended a meeting of the Busselton auxiliary.

May 24: Mrs. Stockmink attended a night meeting of the Bunbury auxiliary, after which the auxiliary entertained the sub-branch.

May 26: The President and Secretary attended a sports meeting at Anzac House.

May 27: Mrs. Stockmink attended the R.S.L. hall at Wyalkatche.

May 29: The State President attended a civic reception tendered to General and Mrs. Osborne, of the Salvation Army.

May 30: Mrs. Stockmink presided at the annual meeting of the Shenton Park auxiliary.

June 1: The State President and Secretary were guests of the T.U.S.W. at their annual meeting.

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June 2: Both attended the Women's Service Guild's at home.

June 4: The State President was the guest of Shenton Park auxiliary when they entertained patients from Lennies, Sunset and the Home of Peace to high tea.

May 16: The State Secretary and Mrs. Randall attended a party arranged by the Bassendean auxiliary.

May 22: Mrs. Brown met a visitor from Tasmania.

May 25: Mrs. Randall (deputising for Mrs. Stockmink), Mrs. Henderson and members of the executive, enjoyed a most delightful birthday party of the Bayswater Unity Cheerio Club.

Mrs. Henderson attended the annual meeting of the Bellevue auxiliary.

May 27: Mrs. Brown attended Spearwood's birthday party and presented a Certificate of Service to Mrs. Blackwood.

In Passing

We extend a hearty welcome to two new auxiliaries—Balingup and Williams. We trust they will have a very successful career.

Exhibition.—We hope everyone is working hard for this. Don't forget the date: September 8.

Concerte.—This annual event draws near and the dates are July 11, 12 and 13. We look forward to greeting friends, old and new.

Donation List

Belmont auxiliary, £2 2/-; War Blinded Association, Dargin auxiliary, £1 12/-; War Blinded Association, £10 Partially Blinded Association, £10 Maimed and Limbless Association, £20 Sunset, £10 Faversham, £11 Nurses' Hostel, £5 Soldiers' Scholarship Fund, £7 Legacy Club, £4 E. Millet. Total £89. Mt. Barker auxiliary, £5 6/-; Faversham; Muki Budin auxiliary, £4 12/6 Room Fund; Wyalkatche auxiliary, £5 Sunset; Carnamah auxiliary, £10 6/- Room Fund; Narrogin auxiliary, £5 5/-; Hospital Visiting; Pinellgy auxiliary, £5; War Blinded Association; Bridgetown auxiliary, £2 5/-; Hospital Visiting; Brunswick Junction auxiliary, £1 1/-; Room Fund.

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McKinlay Shield Games

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Nedlands and Mt. Hawthorn tied for second place. A play-off took place at Subiaco R.S.L.M Hall on Monday, June 5.

Semi-finalists are now Maylands, Mt. Hawthorn, Nedlands and Subiaco.


E. M. BURGESS,
Hon. Secretary.

Carlisle

There was a fair attendance at the annual meeting held on June 13. Delegates for conference were appointed and arrangements for the monthly visit to Heathcote were made, also teas for Edward Millet Home on the 2nd and 4th Sunday.

Members are holding social card afternoons or evenings in their homes, each with the other to within the highest amount raised.

Before the election of officers, took place, members stood by hand raised and repeated, after the president, the Oath of Allegiance and pledged themselves to help the R.S.I. in their fight against communism.

The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer (Mrs. Suckling) and showed over £40 in the bank. The elections resulted as follows:

President: Mrs. Suckling.
Vice- Presidents: Mesdames Gilsenan and Hutchinson.

Trustees: Mesdames Boland, Beck and Kern.

Secretary: Mrs. Crofts.

Treasurer: Mrs. Harrower.

Committee: Mesdames Keilor, Harvey, Woodland and Monkhouse.

Bereavement Officer: Mrs. Gilsenan.

Publicity Officer: Mrs. Crofts.

Advertising Officer: Mrs. Suckling.

Sick Visitors: Mesdames Boland.
Woodland, Sweetman and Lange.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick did not seek re-election, and Mrs. Gilsean moved a vote of thanks to her. This was supported by Mrs. Suckling and Mrs. Crofts, who remarked that the auxiliary had passed through a year of the doldrums but was definitely now on the up-grade, which was due to the faithful few pulling their weight.

We would appreciate many new members and also would like to welcome back old members once again. There is plenty of work for everyone.

**South Perth**

Swan Street Hall was gaily decorated with flags and bunting on the occasion of the high tea prepared for the old Diggers of Sunset and Lemnos. The men, who were transported in Red Cross buses, greatly enjoyed the good things provided, and their appreciation was voiced by Mr. Cornish in a most moving little speech. Musical items and dancing filled in the rest of the evening, and we waved them good-bye about 7 o'clock.

We are conducting a cake stall at the exhibition in the Town Hall on September 8.

At the annual general meeting held on June 9 two new members, Mesdames Bailey and Elder, were welcomed to the auxiliary. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- President: Mrs. Orgill.
- Vice-Presidents: Mesdames Beere and L. Wilson.
- Secretary: Mrs. Murphy.
- Treasurer: Mrs. Linfoot.
- Assistant Secretary and Publicity Officer: Mrs. Crew.
- Trustees: Mesdames Holt, Bonney and Miller.
- Amelioration Officer: Mrs. Beere.

**Victoria Park**

At the annual meeting held on June 9, the following were elected to office:

- President: Mrs. Ames.
- Vice-Presidents: Mesdames Tolmie and Mead.
- Trustees: Mesdames Clues, Fisher and Windsor.
- Treasurer and Publicity Officer: Mrs. Coleman.
- Social Convenors: Mesdames Mead and McKay.
- Social Committee: Mesdames McIntosh, Samwell, Kerridge and Pullford.
Madesmes Samwell and Haigh kindly acted as scrutineers.

Hospital Visiting — Madesmes Ames and Coleman reported 39 patients at the Edward Millen Home, when sweets and cakes were taken along on behalf of the auxiliary. On June 15 Madesmes Fisher, Taylor, Clues and Coleman went along with Mrs. Ames to Hollywood Hospital with cakes and reading matter for wards 8, 9 and 10.

Madesmes Ames and Prue were nominated as delegates for conference, with Madesmes Coleman, Taylor, Tolmie and Fisher as proxies.

Memories are reminded that subscriptions are now due, and that all new members will be welcomed.

F.U.S.W.

The annual general meeting was held at Anzac House Ballroom and a large attendance was presided over by Mrs. H. Dean (president). Among guests were General and Mrs. Whiteley, Mr. W. Hunt (State President R.S.L.), Mr. J. Chappell (State Secretary R.S.L.), Mrs. Stockman (President) and Mrs. Brown (Secretary Women’s Auxiliary R.S.L.), Mrs. Symington (Victoria League), Mr. S. McKenzie (Red Cross), Hon. Minister, Mrs. Cardell Oliver, Mr. Fowler (War Widows), Mr. B. Quinn, Mr. W. Henrick (T.P.I. Soldiers), Mrs. Mansfield (Soldiers’ Welcome Committee), Mr. T. Devit (Soldiers’ Scholarship, representing the Repatriation Department), Sister McDonald, President, and Sister Clifton (Returned Nurses), Mr. S. Carmody (National Council), Mrs. Green and M. Hood (Women’s Auxiliary).

Mrs. H. Dean was returned unopposed, as were all executive officers and committee.

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Mrs. Angwin did not stand for the election; having only just come out of Hollywood after serious illness.

The musical programme was arranged by Mrs. R. Bowles, artists being Madesmes Blanches, Robertson, E. Clear, W. Sanders and I. McCann and the Hidden Singers.

Mrs. T. C. Wilson (vice-president) thanked the artists.

Mrs. Phillip Hope arranged a delightful afternoon tea which was served by the refreshments committee on tastefully decorated tables.

The monthly bridge party is held every first Tuesday at Gledden Building.

B. M. RIGG.

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9th BATTERY ASSOCIATION — Annual reunion, Friday of Show Week; President: A. J. Snow, 40 Mount Street, Perth; Secretary: H. C. Jones, 123 Second Avenue, Mt. Lawley.

Paddy Blight, 35 Stirling H.Way, N.L.S. (W.M. 2397), annual reunion Sunday, Show Week; President: M. J. Foster, 132 Coode Street, Como; Secretary: J. W. Boudette, 63 Stirling H.Way, Subiaco.

11th BATTALION ASSOCIATION of W.A. — Meals at Railway Institute, Wellington Street, Perth; when called; President: W. M. Brown, 22 Second Avenue, Maryville.

11th BATTALION 4th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION — Constitutional Committee as notified President: L. Brickhill, 8 Irwin Street, East Fremantle; Secretary: F. Newick, 39 Huff Street, M. Lawley; President: F. Newick, 39 Huff Street, M. Lawley.

22nd and 32nd BATTALIONS’ ASSOCIATION of W.A. — As advertised; annual reunion, Monday of Show Week; President: W. B. Gann, 45 Mount Street, Perth; Secretary: H. C. Jones, 123 Second Avenue, Mt. Lawley.

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