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Another Congress has come. Another Congress has gone. Once again the voices of the League's sub-branches, from the far north to the south, from the west coast to the east, have been heard. Once again resolutions have been carried which will shape the life of the League, at least during the ensuing year.

Again it has been decided that there will be practically no change in the method of celebrating Anzac Day. Again it has been decided that every effort will be made to assist the war pensioner to secure a pension more in keeping with the present-day costs of living. Again it has been decided that as much assistance as possible will be given to ex-service personnel in the securing of homes.

When we say "again it has been decided," it might be thought, by some readers, that the past has seen no real moves in these directions. But each month (almost each day) sees some move or other made in the country which was originated by the League. As the Premier said in his speech at the official opening of Congress "Because of the influence of the League with governments . . ."

Now we have a new League year before us, a year in which it is hoped, even more will be done by the League than was done during the past 12 months.

We have, in the Presidential Chair, a new face. The new President will not find his job an easy one; but we feel safe in saying that he will have the backing of a State Executive which is out for one thing and one thing only: the upholding of the rights of the ex-service man and woman.

Those rights, remember, cover a deal of ground. Pensions, housing, rehabilitation—scores of items come under the eye of the League officials each week, and every day sees the fight carried on.

But no matter who may be in the Presidential Chair; no matter whom you may elect to Vice-Presidencies; no matter whom you put on the State Executive—the real power of the League is in YOUR hands. You—the reader who lives in Albany; you, the reader who lives in Marble Bar; you, the reader who lives in Merredin; you, and you and you—no matter where you may live.

What you decide really governs the League. And because of that the League functions as a truly democratic body. So, whatever the League does during this year, remember this: it is not the State President who does this; it is not the State Executive which does that—it is all done on the word and on the vote of the general member—no matter where he may be.

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A meeting of the State Executive was held on June 28 at 5.30 p.m. The State President (W. J. Hunt) was in the chair, and when the meeting opened 16 members were present. Apologies were received from Messrs. Edmondson, Lonnie, Yates and Dr. Greenham.

Mr. Benson moved, "That the League mourns the loss of many valuable lives involved in the death of the crew and passengers of the Aamna, and extends the deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives." The motion was carried, all members standing in silence.

A letter of appreciation was received from Mrs. R. Dedman:

"It is my greatest pleasure to write ... to express my appreciation of the co-operation given to me in my appeal to the Repatriation Commission by the members of your organisation. Apart from the benefits obtained, it was a great consolation to me for the Commission to accept the death of my late husband as due to war causes. I am extremely gratified and wish to convey my appreciation to you. I trust God's will be done in the humane work undertaken by the League."

A letter was also received from the Rev. J. Spratling, tendering his resignation from the State Executive owing to pressure of work. This was received with regret.

Payments P'sO.W.

It was agreed that the State Executive arrange a meeting of organisations concerned with co-ordinating a case to be submitted to the League regarding payments to ex-prisoners of war. It was also moved that a committee be formed to secure evidence on the matter. This matter was discussed at length by members.

Mr. Hunt reported on his recent trip through the North-West, when a resume of the work of the League was given at Wyndham, Derby and Broome (details from the sub-branches concerned will be found elsewhere in this issue].

Land

Mr. Davies presented the Land Committee report which pointed out that the Housing Commission had been asked to have the erection of duplex houses and two-storied flats stepped up. It was stated that immediate permits are being granted for the conversion of large homes into flats, provided the expenditure does not exceed £1,250 on each additional unit provided.

Mr. Stoddart spoke on a case in which an ex-serviceman had been advised that lots owned by him were to be resumed by the State Housing Commission, and that the matter needed looking into, "and this is being done." He added: "In regard to war service homes contractors, I understand that progress payments are made at fortnightly intervals and the only delay is in regard to rise and fall in costs."

Mr. Stahl said that he still awaited some satisfaction in regard to the recent issue of 1,400 permits. Mr. Stoddart replied that these were made to people who had established their urgent need of a home. "Brick production is up," he concluded, "and one brickyard is hawking bricks for sale." Mr. Davies said that at the moment the building community does not know where it stands.

Membership

It was reported by Mr. Key that a League bridge returned to Anzac House has been "brought up to date" by colouring the crown with red sealing-wax.

Trustees Visit C.H.I.

Mr. Craig reported that the trustees, with Mr. Benson and the State Secretary, had visited the Claremont Hospital for the Insane. The trustees considered that some provision for the distribution of either cash or cigarettes for the ex-service inmates should be made. It was reported that the attendants seemed to have a friendly interest in the patients, calling them by their Christian names. Mr. Craig concluded: "It was sad and depressing to see so many young men in the institution."

A letter was received from the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch stating that a visit to C.H.I. showed that several aspects of the institution were unsatisfactory, and asking that the League Hospital Visiting Committee should visit it "and thereby gain a personal insight of conditions and take necessary action with the authorities concerned to expedite improvements which will be beneficial to all inmates." It was agreed that members of the sub-branch might accompany the trustees on their next visit.

Sports Council

Mr. Chaney sought State Executive approval for a river trip for all interested. This to be held on Tuesday, November 28. [See notice elsewhere in this issue.] A committee, consisting of Messrs. "Keeley, Jones (Melville) and Clark (Mt. Hawthorn), has been formed to deal with this matter.

A further meeting was held on July 12. Again Mr. Hunt was in the chair and 19 members were present when the meeting opened. An apology was received from Mr. Edmondson.

Mr. Sten brought forward the matter of the current trend of affairs, stating that he was of the opinion that congress might pass, at its opening session, a motion which he presented on the subject.

Mr. Chaney said that many hasty statements had been made regarding pensions, etc., for men now serving in Korea, but nothing definite could be discovered. "I would," he said, "like to see this matter debated by the Agenda Committee in regard to presentation at congress."

Mr. Stahl thought that a statement on this matter should come direct from the State President rather than from congress. Mr. Hunt thought, on the other hand, that a resolution from congress would be more definite.

Mr. Lonnie said that he hoped that any statement on the matter at congress would come from the State President.

Mr. Leslie then moved, "That the State President, on the opening day..."
of congress, submits a resolution commend- ing the Commonwealth Government for its prompt action in accepting its obligation under the charter of U.N.O., and it pledges the support of the League in W.A. in its efforts in this direction." Mr. Sten withdrew his motion in favour of the one presented by Mr. Leslie, and the latter was carried unanimously.

**Land**

Mr. Davies presented, in addition to the report of the Land Committee, a report on the deputation from the joint committee representing the League and the Farmers' Union, which met the Minister for Lands (Mr. L. Thorne) and discussed war service land settlement problems. It was noted that the Minister expressed a desire to give an assurance that he was very anxious to co-operate with the League in every aspect of war service land settlement.

**R.A.A.F. in Korea**

Mr. Chaney presented the following motion: "That a cable be sent to the C.O., 77 Squadron, R.A.A.F.; 'Please convey to the officers and men of 77 Squadron, R.A.A.F., the congratulations of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L. for the manner in which they are maintaining the traditions of the R.A.A.F. in their efforts under the flag of the U.N.O.'" This motion was carried unanimously.

**Pensions**

Mr. Stahl presented the Pensions Committee report, in which it was resolved to make an enquiry as to whether the Commonwealth Government would make pension increases retrospective as from July 1, in view of the delay which had taken place in granting the increases.

Mr. Benson reported that he had met the widow of an ex-service man who served with the 48th Bn. and who died in 1942. As her financial position was not bright, he asked her if she was receiving a war pension. "No," she replied. "I enquired at the time and ascertained that there was no chance of the Repatriation Department accepting the death as war caused, and in any case it would be too late now." Mr. Benson said that he had advised the woman to lodge an appeal, which she did forthwith. He was later pleased to learn that, on reference of the case to the head office of the Commission in Melbourne, the death of the soldier (eight years ago) had been accepted as war caused, and arrears of pension will be paid from September, 1949. Mr. Benson added that it may not be generally known that since 1942 the Repatriation Act has been amended, and that cases previously rejected (applying to soldiers' pensions also) may be accepted under the amendment of the Act. It is stressed that this information should be conveyed to all members of the League.

**Housing**

Mr. Davies presented this report which contained the following item: "In view of assurances given by responsible officers of the War Service Homes Commission, the committee deprecates the apparent whispering campaign that progress payments due by the Commission to building contractors are difficult to obtain. After enquiry this committee is of the opinion that no delay whatever is experienced when payments are due to contractors by the Commission, when work has been properly carried out." Mr. Watt, however, insisted that he knew many builders who were having difficulty in collecting their money from the Commission.

**Re-establishment**

Mr. Stanbury presented this report, which pointed out: "For some considerable time your committee has been making representations to the Railway Department on behalf of an ex-service man who was desirous of obtaining permanent appointment within the department, and who had been refused the request. Your committee is now pleased to be able to report that, as a result of representations made by the League, advice has been received that the ex-service man concerned will be appointed to the permanent staff, subject to departmental medical examination.

**Migration**

The Migration Committee report was presented by Mr. Lonnie. This dealt with the holding of a meeting at Collie. It was also reported that the Kalgoorlie sub-branch had undertaken to sponsor a further 269 single migrant miners for work on the goldfields.

Mr. Watt moved that appreciation of the excellent services of the State President (Mr. W. J. Hunt, M.B.E.) be recorded in the minutes. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sten and carried with acclamation.

Padre Riley attended towards the end of the meeting and received a very warm welcome.

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One of the most colourful periods in the evolution of flight is that provided by the airship. It was very prominent in the field of aviation from the 1850's to the 1930's, and there is still a section of people in the world today firmly convinced that the lighter-than-air machine can, with sufficient research and experiment, make its reappearance as a worthy addition to the present means of aerial transport.

These people, rightly or wrongly, have clung to the belief that the airship is the real answer to aerial transport, and still have great faith in its future, despite the fact that little or no concrete evidence has been put forward since 1936 to uphold their claim.

It is significant to recall that the U.S. Navy, late in 1948, ordered dirigibles for training and communications purposes. More recent is the announcement that Lord Ventry, an Englishman, who has not lost faith in the future possibilities of the airship, is constructing a smaller version of the 770 feet long giant cigars which came to a disastrous end in the late twenties and early thirties.

Lord Ventry's airship is to be powered with one 75 horsepower motor and its envelope will have a capacity of 35,000 cubic feet. It is designed to carry three people and the maker hopes to have it ready for the 1951 Festival of Britain.

The thought that these developments could open the way for the reappearance of the lighter-than-air machine as a lasting and useful component in the aviation field is material for pleasant and interesting discussion, especially among those deeply interested in aviation generally.

However, in view of the disastrous failures experienced in the past by all who worked in this field, and the rapid development of the heavier-than-air machine, namely, the aeroplane, coupled with the more recent developments in the jet field, it is safe to assume that the airship reached the peak of its development in the thirties, when most countries willingly abandoned all research and construction work on this type of flying machine.

Developed from the balloon, which was first discovered in France in 1783 by the Montgolfier brothers, the airship gained tremendous support from early enthusiasts. Many visualised it as the answer to free flight by man. It received more support than the heavier-than-air machine in the early 1800's, and its supporters' hopes were further elevated in 1852 by the first successful flight of Henri Giffard's steam-driven cigar-shaped balloon.

By the time the 1914-18 war had arrived, the heavier-than-air machine was a serious contender for the popular vote. However, the airship had also developed further and Count von Zeppelin had introduced a type known as the Semi-rigid Airship. These were constructed of girders covered with fabric, made buoyant by gas-filled bags secured inside the framework. It was this type which carried out bombing raids on London.

Even then the drawbacks of the airship were becoming apparent. As the lifting power was increased, so also was the size of the airship, and with this size-increase was experienced a greater difficulty in handling them. Their bulk and lack of manoeuvrability made them a prey for the rapidly developing heavier-than-air machine, and eventually they were withdrawn from the role of raider early in the war.

At the conclusion of World War I the rigid type had appeared and it seemed to have great commercial possibilities. Its lifting power was tremendous, and its range at that time far exceeded that of any other type of airborne machine.

But for the majority of the remaining airships which were built during the ensuing boom period of construction, tragedy loomed just around the corner.

Airships belonging to all four countries were involved in a series of crashes between 1928 and 1936, and with each loss the future of the airship became less and less secure, until their construction was finally abandoned by all concerned.

Today, the aeroplane has developed to such an extent in regard to speed, range, ease of handling and load-carrying capacity that there is little hope of the ponderously slow airship even being considered a worthy competitor.

There is an overwhelming mass of evidence to support the general belief that the heavier-than-air machine is the true climax to hundreds of years of human endeavour in the field of flight.

Despite these undisputed facts, the appearance of an airship in the 1951 Festival of Britain will undoubtedly attract much interest and discussion. Perhaps it will also serve to remind the many who view it that the first of this type of air-machine enabled man to achieve for the first time what he had been long and ardently seeking —controlled flight. Although we now believe it was not the best man was capable of, the airship and the men associated with its development and exploits wrote a stirring and unforgettable chapter in the History of Aviation.

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It is good for us all to realise that in the public life of our State this is one of the most honourable and one of the most highly valued of positions. One’s first reaction, therefore, is that of profound appreciation associated with a tinge of humility related to one’s feeling of deficiency to meet all the demands of this high office.

This is, perhaps, a lesson for all of us. To the enthusiast it has always been a matter of wonder that the full significance of League membership has not been fully realised. When it is, of course, there will be no further problems for membership groups, and the Australian aggregate will become enormous. Here, perhaps, is the most exclusive body in Australia as determined by qualification. In our country there are not a few men who have realised every ambition in life but are debarred from one final achievement — the wearing of our badge. This qualification—that of service, in the fighting forces, with all its attendant sacrifices—represents the highest standard of citizenship and the most honourable association that our society can offer. These represent high privileges offering to every member. For those who have the time and will to serve actively, there is the added privilege of giving aid to the widow, the blind, the maimed. The job for us all, then, both State President and all ranks, is by all our League activity and civic conduct to so lift League prestige that membership will ultimately realise those values which make entrance something of a treasure. You will have noticed our new slogan. Let us therefore all make the best of it.

IF YOU’VE WON IT, WEAR IT.

As to the immediate problems of the League, apart from membership, two perhaps loom largest for the new Executive. The State Branch has never for one instant relaxed its pressure for more reasonable pensions, consistent with the new spending value of the pound note. There seems no doubt that pension rates will improve. The complications of differential rates in such a comprehensive scheme may be the cause of the delay which has given rise to so much bitter disappointment among those who must bear the sacrifice. Members need have no fear. We will not cease to clamour for the speediest possible reaction.

With regard to Land Settlement, congress made it abundantly clear that it was vitally concerned with the achievement and promotion of land settlement, in the face of the most powerful pressure making for the speediest possible reaction.

Next week-end, and a fortnightly meeting. Much more important, however, is the obligation incurred by most to take up the guidance of an important sub-committee of attending late afternoon meetings on at least five sub-committees and of making a fairly regular round of week-end and evening visits to sub-branches. May we therefore, in conclusion, appeal for your fullest toleration and understanding in a difficult task.—T. STEN.

Bomana Cemetery

The following is a copy of a letter from Mr. G. Little, of 16 Salisbury Street, Subiaco, which may be of interest:

“I have had a letter from my son-in-law, Mr. F. G. Edwards, who is stationed at Port Moresby in the A.B.C. wireless station. He writes giving me a description of the services which were held at the Port on Anzac Day. First the Dawn Service which was held at Bomana Cemetery, 12 miles from Port Moresby, which 800 people attended. He says that to see the first rays of the sun coming over the Owen Stanley Range and the Kokoda Trail, shining on the 4,000-odd crosses and headstones, was really a wonderful sight.

“My son-in-law is president of the sub-branch there and also president of the R.S.L. Club. He wishes to know if any of your members or anyone you know has a relative or friend laid to rest in that ‘acre.’ He will attend personally to the grave if you can supply him with the name and number of the buried sailor or soldier.

“It appears that the R.S.L. make periodical visits to this cemetery to attend to individual graves when names are sent to them.

“I hope you will make this known to your members, giving them this address, and I am sure it will be a little consolation to know that someone is paying attention to such last resting-places.

“F. G. Edwards, c/o. Australian Broadcasting Commission, Station 9PA and ULT, Port Moresby, Papua.”

“A photograph of the cemetery appears on page 20.”

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Ex-Service Employment

The following brief report on the placement of ex-servicemen (in certain age and disability groups) in suitable employment was recently forwarded to the Federal office by the State Secretary.

The conditions in this State, so far as employment is concerned, are above average, and there appears to be a considerable amount of employment available.

Despite these favourable conditions, however, there are always difficulties in placing the over-40 and 50-age groups. There are many ex-servicemen who are drawing disability pensions, on which they could not exist, and because they are suffering from other disabilities, non-accepted, their field of employment is narrowed down very considerably. Many of them can only engage in light work and it is often found that the "light work," which also means a low pay, involves work beyond their physical capacity to carry out.

There are many employers of labour who would seek to benefit themselves at the expense of even a disabled ex-serviceman. Many of the employment avenues, not regarded as skilled, are protected by awards or industrial agreements, in the same way as the skilled trades. "Underrated" workers, where there is an award or an agreement, are not allowed to any extent, and the result is that the enforced rates of wages preclude the partially disabled man from availing himself of the lighter work at the lesser rate.

There is a limit to the employment of lifemen, commissionaires, messengers, etc., and these are usually made available to ex-servicemen who have suffered the loss of a limb. There is the class of ex-serviceman who is apparently fit and well but who is suffering from severe unseen disabilities which renders him unfit for normal work, but full credit is often denied him for the fact that he has a disability which precludes him from engaging in even the lightest duties.

Unfortunately, we have some cases of employers who decline to engage ex-servicemen with disabilities, with the result that the unfortunate employee, many on a small pension, shifts about from job to job with little chance of permanency.

There are ex-servicemen with the stomach troubles who require special diets. There are others with back troubles, which narrows down their field of employment and keeps them out of all work involving stooping. There are the arthritis men who have only a limited use of their limbs. Then there is the rather large proportion of men who are broadly regarded as "neurotics."

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Most of the men enumerated above have a very limited choice of employment, and unless they firstly get a job and, secondly, have a sympathetic and understanding employer, many of them become merely "driftwood" on the employment market and eked out a bare existence on their meager war pensions, if they have any, Social Services, or odd jobs of short duration.

Unfortunately, many of the men mentioned should not be included in that section of the community who, many of them from choice, are often unemployed.

Woman jurors to her eleven colleagues: "If you men weren't so stubborn we could all go home."

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EDUCATION AWARDS

The trustees of the Services Can-
teen's Trust Fund invite applications in respect of children of ex-service men and women of the 1939-45 war for education awards for the year 1951.

Awards will be from £5 to £200, depending on the nature of the course and the extent to which financial assistance is necessary to enable the child to pursue the course of education proposed. Education awards will be for any course of education approved by the trustees, which will assist in establishing the child in a trade or profession, and are intended to cover, or assist towards the cost of, books required, fares to and from school, materials and equipment essential to the course and fees (but fees will not be paid for tuition at private schools where free tuition at Government schools is available).

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The State President Visits the North-West

Reports from two North-West Sub-Branches

Saturday, June 17, was a notable day for the Wyndham sub-branch, when we had a short visit from the State President, who presented us with a beautifully framed and lithographed Charter.

Incidentally, it stated that the sub-branch was founded in April, 1922.

We had difficulty in getting together a few of our members, a lot of whom were working, and others too far away to get in at such short notice.

Mr. Hunt was, however, welcomed by the president, the vice-president, the secretary, the treasurer, the trustees and a small number of members.

It was remarked that the occasion was unique in the history of the sub-branch as it was the first time that it had been visited by a State President.

In an informal talk, Mr. Hunt stated that the Charter represented a page in the history of the sub-branch and was well worth preserving and hanging in a prominent place in the hall.

His talk was principally about country sub-branches, the good work a lot of them were doing, and the good work the League was doing for the betterment of the ex-service men in general, and the high standing and influence it held in the community today.

His remarks were followed by the usual convivial session, which was necessarily short as he had to leave early for another part of the district.

A. LOFTHOUSE,

On Monday, June 19, the Derby sub-branch had the honour to entertain Mr. W. J. Hunt, the State President, at the Club Hotel to a social evening.

All the town members attended, together with members of the road board, as well as two of our outback members who happened to hit town that afternoon.

The president (Mr. D. Marshall) opened the evening with the loyal toast. He then introduced the State President to the members and guests and gave a short resume of the sub-branch progress since May, 1949, when we started with 13 members, and now have 33 financial members, 1 life member and 1 associate member, 50 per cent of this membership being in the outback. When the sub-branch was re-started we were handed a bank balance of £49/7/7 and we now have £21/0/7, with a credit in the building fund of £171/12/4, and we have purchased our building block for the R.S.L. memorial hall.

Mr. W. J. Hunt was then called on to address the meeting, and he gave an interesting address on the inner workings of the League, its past achievements, future aims, and dealt at length with the proposals for increased settlement in the Kimberleys in the Fitzroy River area. He then went on to give us a brief outline of the co-operation between the British Empire Service League and the R.S.L. in the Kimberleys in the Fitzroy River area. He then went on to give us a brief outline of the co-operation between the British Empire Service League and the R.S.L. in the Kimberleys in the Fitzroy River area.

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The ladies' committee entered, at the conclusion of the speeches, with the supper, served buffet style, and the guests and members then moved around the room freely having a good chat-chat with each other. It was intended to have a sing-song but, unfortunately, the pianist was unable to attend at the last minute. However, the evening was most enjoyable in spite of this deficiency.

R. T. McLEOD GLOAG,

Wyndham Holds Annual Dinner

The annual dinner and social of the Wyndham sub-branch was held at the Six-Mile Hotel on June 23, and was voted a great success. From a social point of view, it was certainly one of the best events ever held by the sub-branch in the whole of the

28 years since it was formed, and so that success was largely due to the co-operation of the proprietors of the hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Bruton, who so kindly let us have the run of the place and provided the table appointments and drinks, and who were most co-operative and friendly.

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

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

Read these Amazing Facts from Mr. Anderson's testimonial.
Mr. Tom Sten, the new State President, is to be heartily congratulated upon his election to that post. Mr. Sten, who is the Principal of the Teachers' Training College and the chairman of the associated youth committee of the National Fitness Council, served in the 44th Bn. in World War I. He has been a vice-president of the League for the past two years and is an able speaker. He will uphold the dignity of his new position and we are sure, be an outstanding representative of the League and of all ex-servicemen wherever he goes. We join with our readers in wishing Mr. Sten everything he would wish himself in the coming League year.

Mr. F. Chaney, who now becomes a vice-president of the League, is also in line for congratulations. He is a forceful speaker who, when he gets on his feet, usually has something to say which is worth while hearing. His work on the Membership Committee has been particularly good.

Mr. Eric Davies again appears as a League vice-president. He, too, has the good wishes of members, particularly those connected with the land. He has done a deal of good work on the Land Committee during the past years.

New State Executive members, Messrs. F. G. Bradshaw, J. B. Walsley and A. Hullett, also come in for congratulations. So does Miss Mary Meares, for whom voting this year was particularly heavy.

A reader sends us a cutting regarding Australian Sister Kenny, who was recently honoured by being given permission to enter or leave the United States, whenever she so wishes, without a passport, an immigration visa or any of the other documents usually required by foreigners. Here is a fine tribute to a great woman who has done much for suffering humanity.

Mr. Fred Stahl is another stalwart of the League who is in line for congratulations, for it seems that Fred and his wife recently celebrated their silver wedding.

Mr. J. P. Stratton, president of the West Australian Trotting Association and of the W.A. Sportsmen's Organising Council for Patriotic Funds, was recently honoured by the League by being awarded the Certificate of Merit.

Air Commodore R. J. Brownell is to succeed Mr. H. B. Jackson as Warden of the State War Memorial.
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"In addition to the above, members of the Volunteer Defence Corps will also be entitled to participate in the award of the Australia Service Medal, 1939-45, which has recently been instituted by the Government in recognition of services performed by members of the armed forces and others during World War II.

"In order to qualify for the award of this medal, members are required to have rendered 18 months' full-time duty or three years' part-time duties and to have received an honourable discharge."

The question of the War Medal, 1939-45, is still under consideration, as the interpretation, put on the 28 days' full-time duty does not at present make any allowance for bivouacs, week-end camps and other long week-end duties performed by members of the V.D.C., but is confined to schools and courses of instruction.

Any ex-member of the V.D.C. who can comply with the conditions as quoted above should apply to the Army Medal Section, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, giving full particulars of service, regimental number, etc.

The following letter was recently received by the State Secretary (Mr John Chappell):

As you are aware, I was requested by the late Colonel Robinson, Corps Commander of the V.D.C., to take up the question of a decoration for members of the V.D.C. for services rendered during the late war.

This task was immediately undertaken and I was in communication with certain Federal politicians at the time of the death of Colonel Robinson.

My efforts have been continued during the many years since the V.D.C. was disbanded, and I have received the greatest support from Mr L. W. Hamilton, M.H.R.

No definite answer could be obtained from the late Federal Government, and it was not until the present Government came into office that the position became more hopeful.

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As we have pointed out in past years, lack of space prevents our dealing with congress in anything like a comprehensive manner, and we would seriously suggest to those who feel that they would like a really full report that they should attend the next meeting of their sub-branch where, in all probability, their accredited delegate will cover every phase in full.

In this issue there appears (by instructions of your Listening Post Committee) an up-to-date directory of sub-branches. In addition, your sub-branch notes, in their new set-up, now take up considerably more space than before. So again we point out that the coverage of congress has, of necessity, to be limited.

The Land Conference was opened on Monday, July 17, at 10 a.m. by the State President (Mr. W. J. Hunt, M.B.E.). A roll call, showed that no less than 59 sub-branches were represented. The annual report of the Land Committee was presented by Mr. E. O. Davies.

The Minister for Lands (Mr. L. Thorn) addressed the conference on War Service Land Settlement.

This conference was spread over two days, during which many matters of absorbing interest to delegates were discussed at length.

Congress was officially opened at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, by His Excellency the Governor (Sir James Mitchell, G.C.M.G.), who spoke feelingly of the part the League had played in the development, not only of this State, but of the whole of Australia. He expressed gratitude at the League's determination to be of service at such a time as now faced us.

The Premier (Mr. McLarty) also had a deal to say in praise of the League and its achievements, and words which had great significance were: "Because of the influence of the League with governments, the League has a great responsibility, and delegates should give careful consideration to the congress agenda."

The State President extended a welcome to the official visitors and said: "We meet at a time when the world faces a grave and critical challenge, and we are reminded of events leading up to 1914 and 1939—events which ultimately brought such tragic consequences... The Australian people, through their Parliament, have rightly made our position clear, and have also assumed the responsibility of contributing towards the United Nations Organisation objective. We must awaken to the task and declare fearlessly, without equivocation, our attitude and where we stand."

... It is but natural that we, as an organisation, should feel some responsibility in respect of the welfare of the exservicemen who have not only suffered in the cause of this country, but who have also been deprived, at an important period, of making progress and of establishing themselves in their youth according to their ambition and their ability. We reserve the right to criticise constructively upon these important matters.

"Our voice can be made the more effective by the interest and support of exswevicemen who are eligible to serve with us in this organisation." "There is, from day to day, a wealth of detailed work being done by the League which it is impossible to record, yet it persistently goes on."

The only thanks or recognition we receive is from the grateful people themselves, and from them, on our files, is voluminous evidence that our efforts on their behalf are appreciated. In that fact lies our encouragement for the future. "This will be my final task as State President. I shall miss very much the associations made in that capacity. Nevertheless, there is plenty of useful work to do in other spheres within the League, and to those I wish to direct my energies in the future."

THE LEAGUE NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

What are YOU Doing About It?

Another Congress has come and gone. We intend to present to readers through THE LISTENING POST THE HIGHLIGHTS OF CONGRESS.

The annual trophies were presented, Kenwick carrying off the Newdegate Cup; Harvey winning the Colonel Collett Cup; Bellevue gaining the Mary Cornell Trophy; and Press once again taking possession of the Western Australian Debating Shield.

FIRST DAY

Prior to the opening of congress on Wednesday, July 19, a large number of delegates visited the State War Memorial, where Mr. Hunt presided at the annual ceremony of laying a wreath.

Congress assembled at 10.20 a.m., and after welcoming delegates Mr. Hunt thanked the Red Cross Society for its active co-operation during the year. The State Secretary (Mr. John Chappell) stated that four of the delegates present were unfinancial, but he added that it was possible that through an oversight on the part of the delegates' sub-branches it might mean that they had paid their subscriptions but the due notification had not come to hand.

As usual, the delegates represented a good cross-section of the State's community. Four women members were present; Miss Mary Mares, M.B.E., Mrs. Dowson (both of the Returned Ex-Servicemen's sub-branch), Mrs. Ferguson and Miss Pollard (both of the Returned Sisters sub-branch). Each delegate was presented with a small souvenir in the shape of a League badge (complete with 1970 crown).

From the chair the State President moved: "The League in Western Australia learns with satisfaction of the decision of the Commonwealth Government to provide for the security of Australia by the introduction of a national training scheme which is in accord with the policy of the League, and urges its speedy implementation." Major-General White-law addressed delegates on this matter and the motion was carried unanimously.

A further motion from the chair: "This congress of exservicemen in
Western Australia wholeheartedly supports the Commonwealth Government for its prompt action in accepting obligations under the United Nations Charter in connection with the conflict in Korea, and in order to assist in maintaining world peace in accord with the objects of the Charter, and the R.S.L. Congress here resolves accordingly, was carried unanimously.

As third motion from the chair was also carried: “That the Government put into full effect adequate measures to terminate the attempts of subversive elements in this country to frustrate the endeavours of the Government and the people towards securing and maintaining world peace.”

The Land Conference report was then submitted, but in regard to the matter of a Royal Commission on the War Service Land Settlement Scheme it was decided, after a debate which was extremely spirited, that a committee of five should meet the Minister for Lands in order that complaints in the 19 points of the Land Committee’s report might be investigated.

Mr. T. Sten was elected State President, and the official announcement was to the effect that this was “with an overwhelming majority.” Mr. Hunt congratulated his successor heartily, being supported by the other two nominees, Mr. E. O. Davies and Mr. T. S. Edmondson.

SECOND DAY

Congress again assembled at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, July 20, and Standing Orders were suspended to enable Congress to discuss the action of the State Executive in publishing the full-page advertisement on the League badge in The West Australian. The Executive was commended for this able piece of publicity.

Congress then stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Simpson, of Yarram, a telegram notifying the League of his death having been received by Mr. Stahl.

In regard to Poppy Day, a motion amended to read, “That the allocation of Poppy stands be made three months prior to Poppy Day, and that sub-branch requisitions be made when they know the value of their stand,” was carried.

Mesers. E. O. Davies and F. Chaney were elected vice-presidents. Mr. Hunt expressed his good wishes to both these gentlemen and they briefly replied. “For once,” said Mr. Chaney, “I am at a loss for words.” Delegates seemed particularly pleased to have a representative of the younger men in such a position.

Mesers. J. Craig, W. O. Mansbridge and F. J. Stahl were elected as Trustees.

The election of members of the State Executive resulted as follows: Mesers. W. S. Lonnie, H. A. Leslie, T. S. Edmondson, Miss Mary Meares, Mr. J. Craig, W. O. Mansbridge, F. J. Stahl, E. O. Davies and T. S. Edmondson.

THE LEAGUE NEEDS MORE FINANCIAL MEMBERS

What Have YOU Done About It?


As emergency members the following were listed: Mesers. R. D. Wood, A. Rowe, L. J. Parks, W. R. Brown, S. P. McNamara and H. Hobbs.

Confirmation of nominations for Country Vice-Presidents were moved, seconded and carried: Mesers. Lyon (State), Wright (Northern), Reeves (Southern) and Adolphus (Central).

It was decided that the method of observance of Anzac Day be continued as usual. As in the past, it was pointed out that some Eastern States’ bodies raised considerable sums from organised sport on Anzac Day. A resolution, “Congress considers that it is desirable to shorten the State Anzac Day service in Perth by curtailing times allotted for the march and service, and it believes that this could be done without detracting from the significance of the occasion,” was carried.

THIRD DAY

Congress resumed at 9 a.m.

In regard to the examination by Repatriation Department officials of the manner of living and the morals of war widows when determining their pensions, it was moved that Congress disapproves of the idea of interfering with war widows on these lines any more than similar interference would be tolerated with male war pensioners.” This was carried.

It was moved, “That the incoming State Executive investigate the necessity of establishing a convalescent home for repatriation patients, and if the need is confirmed to make the required approach to the Federal Government for its establishment.” This was carried.

A motion, “That congress expresses concern at the neglect of ex-service men’s graves in some country cemeteries and requests the War Graves Commission to pay attention to this question,” was carried.

In regard to The Listening Post, a motion to discontinue this after the expiration of the existing contract was lost, as was one to appoint a sub-committee of five to investigate the journal’s affairs. Other motions regarding the matter of advertising on the front cover of the journal were withdrawn.

Mr. Hunt welcomed Mr. Sten to the position of State President and presented him with the League Charter. Mr. Hunt then vacated the chair. Mr. Sten said that he was fortunate in having the support of a good executive, and he pledged himself to uphold the fine traditions of the League.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Hunt for his good work over the past year.

Again we would impress upon all readers who are interested in the decisions of Congress (as all good members should be): Attend your sub-branch meetings and hear the full and detailed report which your delegate should have for you.
SUB-BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Armadale

Our June meeting opened with 20 members present. An observance of two minutes' silence was called for two of our members who recently passed on; viz., Bert Powell and Charlie Parrish. Both men had been members for a considerable number of years. Time marches on!

It is nice to read "The Listening Post" and learn what other sub-branches are doing. Collie Sub-Branch seems to be still going strong. I was a member of that sub-branch for 12 years, from 1920 to 1932, when the live-wire Harry May was secretary.

I wish to thank the Mr. Hawthorn Sub-Branch for sending the "Very Light," an interesting little magazine. Your sub-branch seems to be doing very active work.

Our sub-branch has formed an entertainment committee. A social and dance held recently was a success, and we expect quite a few more this year. Work is in hand to support a popular baby contest. Quite a few new members joined us lately. We would like to see more of the young men come along so that we can get together and arrange some sports sometimes.

Our dart board seems to be very popular and we also have refreshments.

Our meeting night is the second Wednesday in the month, at 8 o'clock, in the R.S.L. Clubrooms.

W. A. GREEN.

Balingup

The meeting held in the clubrooms on Tuesday, July 11, was very well attended and the president (Frank Lake) welcomed a new member to our ranks, Mr. Merv. Waters, son of a World War I veteran who is still a supporter of our affairs. It was also in evidence that some members who had not put in an appearance for some months rolled up. By listening to the remarks of them and observing the enthusiasm they showed it is obvious we are going to have some enjoyable evenings in the future.

The last few meetings have been held in our recently purchased clubrooms and the main topic of conversation has been centre around furnishings and renovations. The building, although of very good structure, is not lined and we hope, before another winter arrives to have this completed. We are fortunate in having two trained carpenters and a host of willing helpers to provide the labour. We have ordered one dozen cane armchairs, the first step of refinishing.

The recent formation of a women's auxiliary is going to be a very great benefit to the sub-branch, both financially and socially. A fortnight after its formation, we were very grateful to receive two dozen cups and saucers, plus sundry utensils. Our sub-branch is holding a variety concert on September 15, to raise funds for our clubrooms. The producer is Charlie Russell, a stalwart of the 46th Battalion, whose antics alone would rock an audience. He has a good following of local talent, all willing to do their bit to make this night a huge success. An energetic committee has been formed of "fathers and sons," to help carry out the organising, etc.

N. A. SCOTT.
Hon. Secretary.

Bicton-Palmyra

On June 24, the sub-branch held its reunion at Queen's Hall, Bicton. This occasion marked the termination of its first year and the commencement of the second year since its formation.

The reunion, which was in the form of a dinner, was somewhat unique inasmuch as it was made a combined affair with the women's auxiliary. It was attended by the State Secretary (Mr. Chappell), accompanied by Mr. Stahl, and later by Mr. Stangbury, for the men, and Mrs. Stockman for the ladies. Various members from other sub-branches were present by invitation. In all, about 150 sat down. The usual toasts were proposed and accepted by response in the good, old-fashioned way, and the president welcomed all present.

Mr. Chappell spoke on the great expansion, and progress which had been made by the sub-branch during its first year in operation, and hoped that the good work would continue.

The sub-branch secretary, during his resume of the year's work, stated that the membership had increased to 63 since its formation 12 months previously. The treasurer read a favourable financial report.

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The lady speakers were Mrs. Stockmin (for State Executive) and Madame Lutey, Love and the treasurer for the women's auxiliary of the sub-branch.

The dinner, which was preceded by the singing of the National Anthem, was concluded with the two minutes' silence and "Lest We Forget." A social and dance followed, to which all members' friends were invited.

The popularity of this was evident, as the hall was packed to its capacity.

Some very good items were rendered between the dances, the programme being in the capable hands of Ern. Grey, and thanks are due to all the artists who assisted. During the evening, the charter was presented by the State Secretary to our able president (Ern. Aberle), for and on behalf of the sub-branch. A surprise was also in store for Ern., in the shape of a presentation of a certificate of service from the State Executive, which he thoroughly deserved. Keep up the good work, Ern., and one day we may let you sing for us again.

Bunville

A ladies' night was held recently in Bunville Hall and there was a good attendance of both sexes. Ron Trefone ran the dart tournament very ably, which was won by Mrs. Ray Schulze.

The secretary and his wife were presented with a very nice cutlery set and, being newly married, we hope they can cut the steaks that Mrs. Newly-married may cook on her first attempts. Raggety Payne-once again shone. This time it was a chocolate sponge, and we would advise him to try his luck as chef in the Savoy.

However, the next ladies' night promises to be a digestive one for the ladies, as the men have a cake competition on, and the poor ladies are the judges.

Busseolton

Proof of the growing interest in the sub-branch activities was shown by the increased attendance at our last monthly meeting. Keep up the good work, members, and for the next meeting make sure you bring along another member. In this way, we will soon have all members attending. Big things are in store for members socially, and it is the aim of your committee to provide bigger and better evenings. Why not drop in at the
hall one Tuesday evening and find out for yourself what is going on. You will be agreeably surprised.

Our meeting on the field of battle with the local Militia unit proved we can still hold our own with the young 'uns. We disheartened Mr. McKenzie by scooping the pool. Until the next time, George, our very best thanks to you and yours for an enjoyable evening. We really are looking forward to the return match.

Mr. J. H. Atkinson, our Congress delegate, is expected to give his report at the next general meeting. This should prove interesting to all members.

W. O'BRIEN.

Collie

The recent decision to renovate the existing hall building and add thereto a septic block and stone or brick frontage has received a deal of comment. There are still a few who say that we should not spend money on the old building, but concentrate on a new one, but more support is received from the section who are in favour of the renovations, and it is logical that we will have a suitable home of our own by the latter means, whereas by waiting for a new building—there is no sign of this being possible for several years.

The committee of welcome to new Australians has been busy investigating the camping and general conditions of these people, also how to encourage them to avail themselves of the opportunity provided to learn English.

The recent formation of a unit of the Militia in Collie is also of interest, and whilst the sub-branch takes no active part, it will help to foster the move as a matter of policy. Immigration is another of the sub-branch's keen interests and the visit of the State Migration Committee is awaited with interest.

Our women's auxiliary is, as always, ever ready to support our activities. They recently held their annual meeting, appointing officers for the next 12 months. Much credit is due to the retiring officers for the success of the past year, but it is to the whole of the auxiliary members that the sub-branch owes so much. It is hoped that before long much more comfortable accommodation will be offered them for their gatherings.

Dwellingup and Districts

The monthly meeting was held at the Dwellingup Hotel on Thursday, July 13. The president (Mr. F. Willis) was in the chair. Secretary Charlie Joyson was also on parade, and there was a very satisfactory attendance of members.

Arrangements for the formation of a ladies' auxiliary at this centre are well in hand, and present indications point to the distinct possibility of a sub-branch being successfully formed, here, in the near future.

Glad to know ex-president Arthur Ashcroft is discharged from hospital. "How did the needles go, Arthur?"

The greater part of the meeting was devoted to the agenda paper for Congress. Our delegate is Alf Hills.

ARTHUR FLORANCE.

Forrestfield

Monthly meetings are well attended and good work is being done under the able guidance of our popular president (W. F. O'Mara) and our very capable secretary (J. Jones).

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The new hall is nearing completion—members were thanked by the president for their good work in putting the floor down. A donation of £5 was passed to assist the appeal for finance. Bus Service: Need for attachments for prams and pushers, likewise larger vehicles, as overcrowding is very noticeable.

George Spalding has gone to live at South Perth. We regret to lose such a splendid worker from our sub-branch. Jack Williams, our rosarian, has been missing from our meetings. Members value his advice on their rose problems. Mr. Tom Parker can tell us all about poultry and Guernsey cattle, of which he is an expert judge.

Thanks and appreciation to the Editor of "The Listening Post" for sub-branch reports in the popular monthly journal. A visitor from the Goldfields reckons there is gold in them hills, but don't let "Scottie" know, he might start another Wedderburn rush.

BOB HEWSON.

Manjimup

"The war finished in 1945, and here we are, 'as a board, lacking the tenacity of purpose to see the job of a suitable honour roll through. The cost involved is £70, little enough from a district which owes so much to those who went away from it," said vice-chairman of the Manjimup Road Board (Mr. F. E. Wiseman).

A suitable honour roll costing this amount was recommended by the Hall Committee and the brass nameplates will be taken from the temporary one in the hall entrance and with those to be added will make the number 500-odd in all.

The board decided that the completed honour roll would be appropriately placed on the northern wall, just inside the main entrance.

This move by the board is greatly appreciated by members throughout the Warren District. Fred Wiseman, who was a P.Q.W., spoke with sincerity, and he received good support from the board chairman (Mr. Lou Thompson), who is also president of the sub-branch. With a good sprinkling of ex-servicemen on the board, the friendliest relations exist between the sub-branch and the local authority.

Despite the number of renewed subscriptions for 1950, there are still some badges being worn in the district without the 1950 crown, and the Manjimup executive is doing what it can to correct this state of affairs. A building committee has been appointed to endeavour to build a suite of offices and professional accommodation on the land in front of the R.S.L. Hall, and so meet the pressing demand for such in Manjimup. The application now before the State Housing Commission, it is hoped, will be successful.

R. MONKHOUSE.

Margaret River

At our annual reunion in April, the following officers were elected:

President, W. C. Smith (re-elected); secretary, C. F. G. McKenzie; treasurer, E. Tidy (re-elected).

At the conclusion of business, the large roll-up of old, new and visiting members cracked a keg in traditional style. We fought many battles verbally and resolved to work hard in an endeavour to further our cause in the future.

In May, we moved back to the Road Board Hall Supper Room as our meeting-place, and you will find us all there on the second Tuesday in each month, enjoying to the full that intangible something which is to be found in the company of ex-servicemen.

In June, we went all social, pushed the tables back, got our indoor bowls out of moth balls, invited our tireless helpful women's auxiliary along and enjoyed a grand night being taught by the ladies how to tell yarns and play bowls.

It was at this meeting that we resolved to make an immediate start on constructing our proposed memorial gardens and flag station. The ladies promised to extract £50 out of the sack for the project, as long as we did the work. We also submitted our indents to the road board for provision of a fire-place in the meeting-place. Prospects of obtaining same are now bright, so don't let the cold worry you for the winter months, but be on parade always at 8 p.m.

Maylands

On Monday, June 19, we had the pleasure of entertaining Darling Range Sub-Branch in the A.R.M.S. games. Needless to say, we all had a very enjoyable evening, including a portion of the R.A.N. who happened to be "Permissionaires."

Some people informed "Harold," the steward, that 183 were as above W.A. "Harold's" retort was: "Where is the other one?" I wonder! They certainly ran true to form, and were "ubique."

The ladies' auxiliary put on a great supper. Mrs. Rigby went on the range and showed us how to do it. One shot: one bull! Mrs. Mathews, the wife of our popular vice-president, Vic, is now the auxiliary secretary. Great social workers, these two.

Thursday, 22nd, was sub-branch night. We had a good muster, in spite of the bountiful rain. A discussion on land settlement was very interesting. Jim Lindsay is very enthusiastic on this matter, and imparts some very useful information. We finished up with our usual conviviality.

Thursday, July 6, saw a fair attendance in the "Dug-out." Principal business was a discussion on various motions on the Congress agenda, "Rolly" Eastwood being the star speaker. Other speakers also contributed quite a lot of "food" for thought.

We are all out to better the League in our own little way and by thinking over the other chap's views between meetings we are bound to achieve something.

And now for the piece de resistance of the month, held on Friday, July 14. This was primarily a social to the ladies for winning the McKinlay Shield. Chairs, etc., were double-banked, and the "world and his wife" were there. Two highlights of the evening were the presentation of our charter by Dave Benson to our old stalwart, Joe Kemp, who is more than the "guardian" to us; and the Certificate of Merit to our immediate past president, Les Shand. Both these functions received the applause they merited, plus a few words from John Chappell (State Secretary). A few of the Old Guard also received a few words of commendation. Roy Gooch was a live-wire M.C. So were the
"mere male" helpers, plus the man over the trough, Stan Street.

Thanks to all for a good show! Cheerio!

**Mosman Park**

On Thursday, June 13, we visited Pearce Sergeant's Mess, with 24 members. A really enjoyable night was had all round. Indeed, our members agreed it was the best time they ever had. Darts and "Billiards" were played and, of course, Pearce won comfortably. An excellent supper, set up as only a sergeants' mess can do, was a real credit to the Messing Sergeant. We have all agreed the idea to give a return night to our Pearce friends. Hope it is not too long off, as we like your style. Quite a few of us met old mates, in Tom Glenby, etc.

General elections came off on Tuesday, June 27. The attendance was not so hot. Can excite those who were sick-listed and a few on night-shift. Hope next meeting will improve in numbers. In the battle for chairmanship, honours went to Pat Conroy, from Jack "Bragg. " Otherwise" Jim Muir again has the honour of being secretary, and members can help him make it bigger and brighter this year.

Most of the hard-working members were returned, which speaks for itself. Not forgetting, of course, Dick Newton (no show without Punch, so I've heard). Stick to it, Richard, they all know you're a good social secretary.

All members hope to see our old friend Ted Griffiths back in circulation by the time this is being read. Ted's had a tough time, but we know he can take it. The sub-branch rallied to assist in a busy fee to help complete Mrs. Hart's house, made necessary owing to the sad loss of her husband. Nice work, chaps!

Don't forget your meeting dates. All are needed and there are always games and a small trophy. By the way, are you financial? If not, see Jimmy Muir and he will fix it up in his usual efficient style.

**Osborne Park**

A meeting was held on May 17, with Mr. J. Hammond in the chair. Despite the inclement weather, there was a very good attendance. A recommendation from the general committee that a hall be erected as a memorial to all who entered the services from this district during World War II was decided upon—the hall to be used as a kindergarten and infants' clinic. It was resolved to inaugurate a meeting of all local societies to obtain their opinions on this subject.

Mr. J. Purcell, our new social member, and one new member were welcomed at this meeting, at the close of which games and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

A well-attended meeting was held on June 7, with Mr. J. Hammond in the chair. A report was received on the ladies' night of the Big Four held in our hall on May 24. A sumptuous supper was provided by the visiting ladies. The members of Yokine proved victorious in a games tournament; all who attended thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

A report was also given on the night of May 29, when the local St. John's Ambulance Brigade invited us to a social evening at which successful St. John's members were presented with trophies. Unfortunately, the invitation was received rather late and many of our members were unaware of this event. However, those who were present enjoyed themselves immensely.

Mr. Bob Baker reported on having visited Mr. Harold Nugent (a past president of this sub-branch), who sent his best wishes to the members.

H. S. FLOAT

**The Ex-Servicewomen**

On June 9 the sub-branch was presented with a framed copy of the Charter by Mr. Hunt. Pictures were shown from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m., and then Mr. Hunt made an excellent speech, explaining the meaning of the charter, presenting it to Miss Mcarees, who replied in a few well-chosen words. Supper was then served in the T. & P. I. Rooms, there being about 50 members and guests present.

On June 21, 20 members of the sub-branch spent an evening at Lemnos, where they entertained the patients by holding a social evening with dancing and community singing. Even the patients who did not dance seemed to enjoy the affair. The matron made us most welcome and we are looking forward to our next evening. Supper was brought by the members. This method of entertaining the patients at Lemnos appears to be much more successful than the Sunday afternoon visiting which we have been doing up till now.

**South Perth**

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. J. Walmsey; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. P. Smith and E. B. Arney; secretary, Mr. S. Wilbur; treasurer, Mr. C. E. Buchan; auditor, Mr. Lord; trustees, Messrs. G. Crew and G. Symington; committee, Messrs. F. Hayes, A. Bailey, E. Francis, K. Hirst, W. Packer, D. Dyson, G. Letch and L. Wilson. Congratulations: Our thanks are due to the old committee for the splendid work they did throughout the year. Mr. Jim Walmsey is to be congratulated upon his fine efforts through the years. In recognition of his services to the sub-branch and the League, the members, at the annual general meeting, unanimously resolved to present him with a life membership. Good work, Jim.

The following new members were welcomed at the last meeting: Messrs. E. Lense, F. Cunningham and J. Armstrong. It is learned, with regret, that Messrs. A. Brown and E. Catley are in hospital.

August 24, a Thursday, is the occasion of the next ladies' night. A good programme is promised and it is hoped that members and their families will be there in force. A plate from the ladies would be acceptable. The annual smoker will be held at Swan Street Hall on Saturday night, September 9. Arrangements are already in hand to make this a night equal to, if not better than, previous such events. Ladies, excuse your man for this night, for it is only once a year.

On August 10 we meet South Belmont in the A.R.M.S. Games at Swan Street Hall. This is the last game of the season. Next meetings: August 24 and September 14 and 28. Make this a bumper year for your sub-branch by attending meetings and helping things to move along. The sub-branch is for all of you, not just a few.

S. WILSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Subiaco

Another quiet month, with our delegates to congress safely picked out, and a proxy for each delegate. Messrs. Lonnie, MacNamara and Gordon are our men, all experienced performers and certain to raise the tone of congress and the reputation of the sub-branch. Messrs. Moore, Burgess and Potter, also an excellent trio, are the proxies.

Subiaco won its first two A.R.M.S. games, one by 4 events to 1 and the other on the last hand at bridge. A stunning event as we are the champion bridge losers in the League. The third game v. Darling Range, went against us 2-3. We played in this contest, losing the bridge. The games this year have so far been particularly enjoyable, our team speaking highly of the excellent hospitality and organisation when we visited Ms. Lawley. However, we seem to miss the intense excitement and keenness shown some years ago, but perhaps that will come when Subiaco pulls up its socks and goes after the Shield as it meant it.

J. McNAMARA

Victoria Park

At our annual meeting held on July 21 we were pleased to welcome Mr. Hunt, the State Secretary and Messrs. Fred Chaney and Fred Bateson. Members appreciated the visit by four of the State Executive.

New officers for 1950-1951 are: President, H. R. Crofts (treasurer Tom Greenwell and secretary, H. Timms; re-elected); vice-presidents, George Ford and George Burton; minute secretary, A. Jones; additional committee members, Frank Hubbard and Frank Long; auditor, Mr. G. Yates; and patron, Mr. Ernest Hearn. A statement of accounts for the half-year was read, showing a sound position. The additions to hall are nearing completion, obviously a great improvement on past conditions. Several old-timers reappeared and expressed their renewed interest. All were suitably welcomed.

Our past president, Roy Soan, dealt with our activities for the last year. He was unable to again stand owing to pressure of business. It is the general desire for younger men to come forward and take over control from the old hands, who have held the fort for so long.

The fight with the council over the local war memorial still goes on; no sign of hauling down our flag; a public petition is now being prepared in an endeavour to force matters.

After the lengthy business was concluded, Mr. Hunt, with well-chosen phrases, handed over our sub-branch charter to our president for safe custody during his term. Rather a late adjournment was made to drink each other's health, etc. Our programme of games is now nearing a close. Interest is still keen, the competition is obviously enjoyed by both players and onlookers.

H. J. TIMMS

16th Battalion

A committee meeting was held on June 12. The annual reunion will be held on October 6, and the annual meeting on September 22. Will advise re these more fully in September issue. Dan Aarons has given all his photos; records, etc., to the association. Charlie Ahearne writes from Melbourne that so far he has not contacted General Brockman's son re the battalion's trophies, but is attending to it. Charlie has been to Adelaide and reports that the Sixteenth there are going strong and coming over to Perth again for Anzac Day, 1952.

In hospital: Alan Burgess, Chris. Erikson, - Evans, P. Higgins. A proposal was passed to print our own 16th journal for distribution, probably quarterly. A committee, comprising the president, secretary, Wally Lilliman, Frank De Warbois, "Bunny" Young and Harvey Day are going into matters.

The ladies' auxiliary visited our 15 old mates in Sunset on May 28 and gave them a feast and presented each with a navy and white scarf. We all had a pleasant afternoon. They also had a jumble sale on June 24 and had a successful day.

HARRY DAY.

V.D.C. MEDALS

(Continued from page 15)

I am now pleased to say that a decision has been arrived at, as the under-noted extract, from a letter dated February 9, 1950, signed by Mr. J. Francis, M.H.R., the Minister for the Army, indicates:

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The auxiliary held their annual meeting and election of officers on Tuesday, May 30, in St. Philip’s Hall. There was a good attendance of old and new members.

The president, Miss Hamersley, presented the annual report, which was very encouraging and showed that all auxiliary activities were in good working order. She reported on the work of conferences, during which time she was on the State Executive, also in Sunset and Hollywood, both of which had been visited regularly with the distribution of comforts. Mrs. Newson gave a supplementary report on these visits. The report on bridge and summer evenings, held fortnightly, showed that members had increased steadily during the year.

A pleasing feature of the report was the increasing sales of poppies to the extent of over a thousand in excess of the previous year.

Mrs. Grayston, sportsmiss, gave a brief report of the fixtures which had been carried out regularly, and with much enjoyment. Mrs. Grayston agreed to carry on the work.

During the year a very successful Paddy’s Market and, later, a jumble sale to raise funds for comforts of the Diggers were held.

Two enjoyable picnics, attended by both the R.S.L. and the auxiliary, were held during the year. Late in the year the old Diggers from Sunset were the guests of the auxiliary at a party. The Red Cross Transport, as usual, placed themselves at the disposal of the Diggers, which was much appreciated.

Mrs. Thomas and her concert party contributed greatly to the entertainment of the guests and others. The Diggers joined in the singing of the familiar old songs with great gusto.

Several of the boys contributed solo items, singing, dancing and recitation. Miss Townrow, who had recently returned from England, gave great pleasure with her singing of several songs. At a meeting of the auxiliary she also gave a very interesting informative account of her trip.

The result of the election of officers was as follows: President, Mrs. E. Townrow; senior vice-president, Miss L. Hamersley; junior vice-president, Mrs. E. Newson; hon. secretary, Mrs. A. E. Ireland; hon. treasurer, Mrs. C. Hollingworth; hon. publicity officer, Mrs. N. Aston.

Darling Range

At the annual meeting on June 14 Mrs. Scott was re-elected president, Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Cornish vice-presidents, Mrs. Drew (Canning Road) secretary, with Mrs. McCombe assistant secretary and Mrs. Riordan treasurer.

On June 24 we held our annual appeal for the War Blinded, which means we have a cheque for £230 to forward to that worthy cause.

Nambebeen

At the annual meeting held on June 2, the election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. O. Smith; vice-presidents, Mesdames L. Hayter and B. Hunter; treasurer, Mrs. Baglish; secretary, Mrs. Copeman; trustees, Mesdames Mortimer, Dilborith and J. Hunter; auditor, Mr. H. Baglish.

Financially, the past year has been very successful. We regret that we have lost four valuable helpers during the year, these members having left the district to reside elsewhere. We wish them happiness among their new surroundings.

VERA I. MORTIMER.

Subiaco

At the 28th annual meeting of the sub-branch women’s auxiliary, Mrs. J. Burgess was re-elected president (unopposed). There was a good attendance, and among those welcomed were the State President (Mrs. V. S. Stockmen) and the Hon. State Secretary, Mrs. W. Brown.

Mrs. Stockmen congratulated the auxiliary on its excellent record of service, including the work of its members throughout the year in visiting, entertaining and distributing comforts among ex-service personnel in the various homes and hospitals. Her remarks were supported by Mrs. Brown.

The election of officers resulted: President, Mrs. J. Burgess; vice-presidents, Mesdames Cribb and Hughes; hon. secretary, Mrs. E. Cottrill; assistant secretary, Mrs. A. Cochrane; hon. treasurer, Mrs. E. Condon; trustees, Mesdames Sefton, Browne and Richardson. E. COTTRILL.

Victoria Park

There was an average attendance at the meetings held on June 23 and July 14, presided over by Mrs. Ames. Mesdames Ames and Tolmie were the visitors for Edward Millen Home on July 5, and Mesdames Clues and Cassells for July 17, when cakes and sweets were taken.

Invitations were received to attend birthday parties from various auxiliaries, including Melville, Cottesloe, Glen Forrest and the Victoria Park branch of the Air Force Association.

There was a good roll up of Victoria Park members at the conference social, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Mrs. Innes was presented with the quios trophy on behalf of the team for Victoria Park. Mesdames Taylor and Coleman were the delegates.

As we are entertaining the members of Lemnos, Sunset and Edward Millen in September, it was decided to hold a series of American gift stalls at our meetings to help defray the expenses. Members are reminded to bring a gift and to buy one.

We regret to advise that Mesdames Orrocks and Boland are in hospital and would-welcome a visit from any who have the time to spare; and Mr. Powell, in Ward 13, Hollywood. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Members are reminded that entries for the coming Arts and Crafts Exhibition are solicited, also that we are holding the Apron Stall on that occasion.

Mrs. Ames was re-elected to the State Executive and has been appointed assistant secretary and publicity officer.

L. A. COLEMAN.

Wyalkatchem

Our last meeting was the annual one, when both the president and secretary were re-elected: Mrs. Wilson.

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(president) and Mrs. Witney (secretary). Mrs. Witham was appointed delegate to conference.

In May, the annual ball was held, when we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Stockman. This was her first visit to Wyalkatchem, and we hope to see her up this way again.

We are having a Paddy’s Market in August. We do wish that more members would attend the monthly meetings, especially the younger ones. We have quite a big membership, but not many attend.

F.U.S.W.

The monthly meeting was held at Anzac House. Mrs. H. Dean presided.

Miss Rose Rappenport was the guest speaker. Her interesting talk on how the blind amuse themselves and keep interested and up to date with world affairs was amazing and greatly appreciated by members, as were the words of Mrs. T. C. Wilson (vice-president) when she proposed a vote of thanks.

The King Edward Maternity Hospital Canteen is now open each evening from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday afternoons for convenience of the patients and visitors. Any volunteer wishing to help, please get in touch with Mrs. Silverlock.

The monthly card evenings are being held on the first Tuesday (for the furnishing of the Returned Nurses’ Hostel) at Gledden Buildings in the T.P.I. Soldiers’ rooms.

FAMILY EXAMPLE

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AGNEW—Secretary: I. Latter, Agnew.

ALBANY—President: E. Pow, c/o National Bank, Stirling Terrace, Albany; Secretary: A. Wright, 57 Midland Road, Albany; 1st Friday each month, R.S.L. Inns, 7.30 p.m.

ARMADALE—President: J. B. Munt, Armadale; Secretary: G. A. Pollie, Ascot; 1st Wednesday each month; Armadale Hall; 7.30 p.m.

ARMADALE—President: R. Blackburn, Armadale; Secretary: W. A. Gowan, Seventh Road, Armadale; 2nd Wednesday each month.

R.S.L. Club Room, Armadale; 8 p.m.

AUDIN—President: W. Ellis, Augusta; Secretary: F. H. Brown, Augusta Hotel; 1st Wednesday in each month; “Duo-Out,” near Augusta Hotel; 8 p.m.

BAILEY—President: A. Bailey, Baker’s Hill; Secretary: T. A. E. Leich, Baker’s Hill; 2nd Thursday each month; alternatively Baker’s Hill and Collie Milne.

BALLARAT—President: T. W. Little, Bollard; Secretary: N. A. Scott; 2nd Tuesday each month; Road Board Hall, 8 p.m.

BALLIDU—President: H. Iggboy, Ballidu; Secretary: R. Pitchell, Ballidu.

BASENESS—President: T. Summeton; Secretary: D. Bridson; every 2nd (pensional) Thursday.

BAYWATER—President: W. E. Morley, 28 Garrett Road, Baywater; Secretary: R. W. Cooke, 35 Beach Road, Baywater; every 2nd Monday; Baywater Drill Hall, Murray Street; 8 p.m.

BEDFORD-MORLEY PARKS—President: T. J. Pearson, 101 Crawford Road, Maylands; Secretary: H. Levers, 50 Salisbury Street, Inglewood; 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Riley’s Hall, Inglewood; 8 p.m.

BELLEVUE—President: A. W. Higgin, James Street, Bellevue; Secretary: L. J. Wares, 2 Elgar Street, Bellevue.

BELMONT—President: M. F. Lamb, 65 Fitzroy Road, Belmont; Secretary: H. Worburton, Boulder Avenue, Belmont; 3rd Monday in each month.

BENCMAN—President: A. Moxon, 65 Murray Street, Boulder; Secretary: C. L. Abbott, 4th Thursday each month.

BEVERLEY—President: A. Hepton, 25 Wart Street, Beverley; Secretary: S. O. Welke, Hunt Road, Beverley; 2nd Saturday.

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BOOTHING—President: G. Dech, Boddington; Secretary: T. E. O’Hare, Ramdog, via Boddington; last Sunday each month.

BOURBON—President: L. Breckeir, 188 Palace Street, Boulder; Secretary: V. O’Grady, 35 King Street, Boulder; 4th Thursday each month;

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W. E. H. Wilson, 118 Denham Street, North Perth.

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Mallard, 152 Coode Street, Perth. President: J. F. 
Bond, 152 Coode Street, Perth; Secretary: J. H. 
Foster, 152 Coode Street, Perth.

PARTIALLY BLINDED SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA— 
Room 102, Fifth Floor, Wellington Buildings, Perth, 3rd 
Monday each month; President: W. A. Bradfield, 257 
Labouchere Road, Como; Secretary: J. Singleton, 
257 Labouchere Road, Como.

MOUNT SOUTH AFRICA AND IMPERIAL VETERANS’ ASSOCIA-
TION—Mon- 
day, 1st Monday of each month; President: J. F. 
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THE IMPERIAL EX-SERVICE ASSOCIATION (Fraternity Sub-Branch)— 
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THE WEST AUSTRALIAN BLINDED SOLDIERS’ ASSOCIATION— 
Room 53, Fifth Floor, Gleed- 
den Buildings, Perth; 1st Pension Day of 
the month at 2 p.m.; President: R. W. Quinn, 36 
Cammeray Highway, Victoria Park; Secretary: W. F. 
Kendrick, 97 Waterloo Street, Balcatta Heights (Telephone BA 6547).

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THE WIRELESS ASSOCIATION—Meeting held last Saturday of each 
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