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Recently the State Executive formed a Defence Services Committee, for it is felt that the matter of the defence of Australia is, today, a very vital concern. Now almost every sub-branch and almost every member can become active in this regard for, as all of us know full well, to be prepared is half the victory.

In this issue we publish details of work done by the Midland Junction sub-branch on behalf of a member in necessitous circumstances. We feel that almost every sub-branch and almost every member can do something of this kind from time to time.

We also publish details of a move originated by the City of Perth sub-branch in regard to the employment of coloured peoples. Again we feel that many sub-branches and members could interest themselves in similar schemes.

The strength of the League, so far as the outside public is concerned, rests to a very large degree upon its reputation for good work done. The more the public know of such good work, the more will their opinion of the League grow. But, first, before such opinions can be formed, the work must be done.

Everywhere one looks one sees excellent work being carried on by League officials and members; but there are still members whose interest in the League is purely one of owning and wearing its badge. Far too often does the bulk of the work fall to the willing horse, as it were, and more support from ex-servicemen who are more or less “nominal” members of the League would be welcomed in many quarters.

For the man who prides himself upon his war service can still offer service of which he may continue to be proud.

Sometimes the amount of work which is done for and on behalf of the League is not appreciated to the full. Recently we were talking to a member of the State Executive who has faithfully served for many long years, and working out the time which he had given gladly and freely (despite the fact that he, as many others are, is an extremely busy man) we found that he had put in almost two full years of his time, had this been based on a 40-hour week. Yet that gentleman has no complaint—indeed, he is proud of the assistance he has been able to give.

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A meeting of the State Executive was held on July 26, Mr. Sten being in the chair. Twenty members were present when the proceedings opened. An apology was received from Mr. Walmsley.

Mr. Watt congratulated the new State President upon his election. Mr. Davies supported his remarks and the remaining members of the State Executive showed their appreciation by a round of warm applause. Mr. Sten, in replying, thanked members for the spontaneous way in which the congratulations had been extended to him. "I have no doubt in my mind as to the support I shall receive," he said, "and I hope I shall reach as high a standard as did Mr. Hunt." He added that the State Executive was responsible for the whole conduct of the League. "The spotlight is always upon it, and we all must realise that fact."

A welcome was then accorded to the new Executive members, Messrs. Bradshaw and Hullett, and it was announced that the third new member, Mr. Walmsley, was in hospital.

"The matter of the function of the Management Committee then came in for keen discussion. Mr. Lonnie said that in his opinion the Management Committee's true function should be an emergency one, "mainly when the President needs advice and any matter has to be urgently decided." He doubted if it was necessary for this committee to meet fortnightly. Mr. Watt suggested that staff matters should be, not the concern of a separate committee, but the concern of the Management Committee. He moved that the Staff Committee be abolished and its duties taken over by the Management Committee. Mr. Stoddart seconded this motion. But Mr. Lonnie replied that he had in mind "the fact that the Management Committee is far too close to these matters. So many factors—wages, hours, conditions of work, etc.—are concerned that a separate committee is very necessary, although I feel that the Senior Vice-President should be included upon it." Colonel Mansbridge was of the opinion that the Management Committee should handle staff affairs, but Mr. Edmondson thought that a staff committee, "a small, hand-picked committee," would be very valuable. Mr. Davies stated that his opinion was that the staff committee was a specialized one for the necessary matter, and he hoped that such a committee would continue to function. Mr. Ferguson said that he hoped that the State President would attend all staff committee meetings.

Mr. Stahl thought the Management Committee unnecessary. "I think that most matters can be handled by the State President and the State Secretary," he said. Mr. Hunt defended the Management Committee, saying that its function was to present to the State Executive the fullest particulars of matters dealt with in order to save the valuable time of Executive members. He moved that the Management Committee continue to function and submit recommendations to the State Executive. Mr. Edmondson seconded the motion, stating that he knew of no action of the Committee which was in any way dictatorial.

As a result of these motions, it was decided that both the Management Committee and the Staff Committee will continue to function.


A welcome was extended to Mr. J. Brown, a visitor from Yandanoora. It was reported that Mr. Yates had been in hospital.

It was resolved that a committee be appointed to consider the League's participation in the forthcoming 50th Anniversary of Federation celebrations, and the State President, two vice-presidents and Messrs. Craig and Lonnie were selected.

A further meeting was held on August 9, with Mr. Sten in the chair. Nineteen members were present when the proceedings opened. Mr. Chaney congratulated Mr. Herlihy on becoming the grandfather of twin grand-daughters.

It was reported that Mr. Hunt was an inmate of Hollywood Hospital and that Mr. Davies was confined to his bed with pleurisy. Mr. Stahl pointed out that Mr. Davies had been a member of the State Executive for eight years and this was the first meeting he had missed.

Mr. Sten welcomed Mr. Walmsley on his first appearance on the State Executive. Mr. Walmsley replied briefly, congratulating Mr. Sten on his election to the State Presidency.

A fine mounted tiger-skin was on view. The animal was shot by Field-Marshall Lord Birdwood and the skin was presented to the League by Mr. and Mrs. Colin Craig.
Membership

Mr. Chaney reported that membership at July 31 was 18,790. It was pointed out that the practice common in some sub-branches of making members “financial” for 12 months from the date of paying subscriptions, often late in the financial year, must be discontinued, as financial membership in the League is for the League year only, ending on December 31 each year.

North-West

The report of the North-West Committee, presented by Mr. Edmondson, pointed out that a renewed request to the Prime Minister for release of the Dumas Report has again been met with refusal on the grounds that the report was a confidential document prepared for official information. The committee proposes to apply for release of portions of the report which are not confidential. A copy of a report prepared on the North-West by Mr. Lonnie was given to every member of the Executive, and Mr. Lonnie was thanked for his work in this matter. [The report appears elsewhere in this issue.] The committee recommended that the following resolution be submitted to the Federal Executive: “That the League’s policy be extended to include an additional plank—the adequate development and peopling of the North of Australia.”

Faversham

Mr. Chaney presented this report and stated that the number of inmates at Faversham House was now 33. It was reported that the Premier (Mr. McLarty), accompanied by Mr. J. Mann, M.L.A for Avon Valley, and Mr. Noonan, the mayor of York, recently paid a surprise visit to Faversham. The party was impressed by the conditions existing and the amenities available to the war veterans.

The State Secretary was congratulated on his work in the preparation of reports on the duties of League Trustees and on co-opted, advisory, elected, appointed and ex-officio members of sub-committees.

It was resolved that a letter of congratulation be sent to the Midland Junction sub-branch regarding their organisation of functions to provide relief for a member in necessitous circumstances. [Details of this matter will be found elsewhere in this issue.]

After considerable discussion, it was resolved that, in view of the disturbances taking place each Sunday at the Communist meetings on the Esplanade, and in view of the present war situation, the State President wait on the Lord Mayor to discuss with him the powers of the City Council in relation to the granting of permits for such meetings in public parks and reserves.

A further meeting was held on August 23, with Mr. Sten in the chair. Twenty-one members were present when proceedings opened and there were apologies from Messrs. Hunt, Chaney and Yates. Mr. Les Hamilton was a visitor who received a warm welcome, and our old friend “Tug” Wilson, from Fremantle, paid us another visit.

It was decided that a vacancy on the State War Memorial Committee should be filled by Mr. Hunt.

Housing

In a debate on the Housing Committee report, Messrs. Benson and Stahl were adamant that a protest should be lodged against builders of flats allocating them to any persons prepared to pay for them. They considered that young Diggers and their wives should have an opportunity of securing these. Mr. Davies said that in his opinion the allocating of such flats should be in the hands of the State Housing Commission. Mr. Stoddart, in agreement, said that a condition on the permit for the erection of flats was that the Commission has the right to insist that the builders award tenancies to persons on the Commission waiting list.

Re-establishment

Mr. Stanbury said that the Re-establishment Committee was pleased to report that, as a result of representations made to the War Office, advice had been received that an amount of £57/4/- will now be paid to an ex-imperial on whose behalf the case was handled.

Faversham

Miss Meares reported that the inmates of Faversham House now numbered 30. Donations received were: R.S.L. auxiliary, £5/5/-; Koorda sub-branch, £9/14/7.

Immigration

Mr. Lonnie announced that he was visiting Geraldton on August 27, and that a public meeting would be held at Lake Grace on September 2 to foster the formation of a council for the district.

The City of Perth sub-branch submitted a scheme for the employment of native ex-servicemen and their dependants. It is understood that about 300 served in the forces, and it is suggested that they might well be employed in the forestry industry. As the sub-branch points out: “There could be many small native settlements throughout our timber areas—each with its school, hall, church and properly built homes—where our coloured people could develop a proper community life. With forestry as regular work for their younger men, the older ones could do valuable work in vermin destruction with rabbits, foxes, dogs, etc. For all these people an open-air, natural life away from the city and big towns would thus be provided. In course of time, with proper training and supervision, these people would produce among themselves men and women capable of taking responsible positions.”

It was decided that this matter be referred to the Re-establishment Committee.

Defence

Brought about by the reading of a letter from the Bunbury sub-branch, some spirited talking upon defence was heard, Mr. Leslie’s contribution being particularly interesting. It was moved that a Defence Services Committee be appointed, and Messrs. Lonnie, Edmondson and Chaney become members of this.

The State Secretary reported that matters of League membership, civil servants’ superannuation and repatriation were being taken up by the Federal Office.

Two soldiers at a fair found a shooting booth with five balls kept in the air by five jets of water. Drinks were free to the man who got them down with fewer shots. “The first soldier did it with five. The second fired once. The jets stopped and all five balls tumbled. ‘The drinks will have to wait,’ said the winner. ‘Let’s get out of here. I’ve shot the man who works the pump.”
North-West Report

Recently, Mr. W. S. Lonnie presented to the State Executive a brief report on the North-West which, we feel, will be of considerable interest to our readers. This, indeed, will replace the conclusion of the previous North-West report which we were publishing.

In submitting this report of my impressions of the North, following a recent visit, I desire to say at the outset that I do not wish, in any way, to take upon myself the role of an expert or a reformer. My only qualifications to discuss the North are: those of some years of interest and study of its difficulties, the opportunity to have observed a little, and a reasonably sound knowledge of Western Australia as a whole.

Following my recent visit, during which I had the opportunity to see and to discuss the problems of this area at first hand, I am of the opinion that the time is opportune when the League must, in the interests of national preservation, take a much more active interest in the development of this vast portion of Western Australia.

The creation of our North-West Committee has been a forward step in this direction. The committee has done a good deal during its first year of effort, and it is deserving of our commendation for what has been achieved. However, the problems concerning the North are so diverse and widespread in their incidence that the committee's deliberations are worthy of a high status within the League itself, and should command the keen interest of every executive member.

Closely allied with development of the North is the problem of defence. Current overseas happenings throw into striking relief the proximity of this portion of Western Australia to the potential “trouble spots” of our immediate north. The growth of a strong nationalistic sense in what were previously regarded as backward countries has already produced ominous claims to the territory of New Guinea.

North of the 28° parallel of latitude we hold in Western Australia 655,000 square miles of territory, and the total population of this area would not exceed between 6,000 and 7,000 people. No significant gains in population are apparent after 50 years of settlement. On the contrary, present figures show a slight decrease.

Is it reasonable, therefore, for us to assume that our right to hold this vast territory will not be challenged in the future?

Broadly speaking, authorities agree that the North-West of Western Australia falls geographically into the zones of upper and lower North-West. In the former, future development depends upon increasing the quality and quantity of cattle production, in association with possibly closer settlement following successful irrigation experiments in tropical agriculture. In the lower area, sheep and wool, with spasmodic mining activities, form the main avenues of production.

During recent years, the problems of the North have been examined by a number of expert governmental committees, the most up to date of which is the Dumas report of 1945. In summary form, the main recommendations of that committee are:

1. Taxation: That the taxation exemption now applicable to income derived from primary production in the Northern Territory should be applicable to the north of Western Australia (north of the 28° parallel).
2. Freight Concessions: (a) That the Commonwealth Government should subsidise, through the State Governments, 25 per cent. of shipping charges for materials, etc., loaded on ships in Western Australia and discharged in ports north of Geraldton.
3. Pearl Fishing: (a) That to ensure permanency to the industry, not more than 100 ships' licenses be issued to vessels capable of working shell banks.
4. That to expedite the rehabilitation of this industry financial assistance be given up to two ships per owner under certain conditions.
5. That enquiry be made into the availability of trained divers, and that, if necessary, funds be provided for the training of divers.

1. Jetty and Harbours: (a) That North-West jetties be reconditioned and when manpower and materials become available. Note: Portion of this work is now in hand.
2. That the entrance to Carnarvon be deepened.
3. That ports be provided with reasonable facilities for handling and storing goods.

1. Re-Stocking: That free-of-interest loans be granted by the Commonwealth Government to cover the purchase of sheep for re-stocking on North-West holdings.

2. Soil Erosion: That the State Government take immediate measures to combat and prevent the extension of existing soil erosion and to effect the recovery of land already eroded.

3. Improvement of Stock: That the State Government subsidise owners to the extent of 25 per cent. on the purchase price for all stud stock approved by the Agricultural Department. This concession to be reviewed in four years.

4. Shipping: (a) That the number of State-owned or chartered vessels...
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National Service

Further details of the Government’s proposals for the introduction of national service and the aims and objectives to which training of the Citizen Military Forces will be directed were recently announced by the Minister for the Army (Mr. Jos. Francis).

In time of peace, no democratic nation can maintain the necessary defence forces to resist the threat of armed aggression unless its military framework is capable of being geared for war at short notice.

The aim of national service, therefore, is the creation of a trained reserve of manpower which can be mobilised in the short space of time that may be available under the threat of modern warfare.

The ultimate aim of the National Service Scheme is therefore the preparation of the manhood of the nation for service with the armed forces. It is in the interests of every citizen that he should be prepared, in advance, for any possible future call to arms.

Membership of a democracy carries with it certain obligations, one of the greatest being adequate preparation for defence against aggression.

National service is the individual’s personal contribution to the nation’s preparedness.

The initial requirements under national service will be physical and mental fitness, and since attainment of these objectives is the aim of most youths of the 18-year group, it will be used as the principal medium to which subsequent military accomplishments will be added.

The next step will be the attainment of proficiency in the use of weapons and highly mechanised equipment used in modern warfare.

The Citizen Military Force consists of a wide variety of formations and units which will become fully effective when operating in their proper relationships.

Each of the many types of soldiers to be trained will possess certain common basic knowledge to which will be added additional skill necessary to provide the various components required for a well-balanced formation of all arms.

In this manner, if every youth acquires the basic knowledge required of a soldier, the Army will have established an efficient nucleus ready for rapid expansion in an emergency.

This will be the primary task of national service training to be accomplished in the 14-weeks’ full-time duty training for youths of the 18-year age group.

A SUB-BRANCH GETS TO WORK

The Midland Junction Sub-Branch has every reason to be proud of the first-class job of work it has been doing for one of its members who had, about three years ago, the misfortune to be involved in a motor accident which necessitated his entry into the Hollywood Repatriation Hospital, where he has been ever since.

Some 12 months ago a grant was made to the family of this Digger from the amelioration fund of the sub-branch. But that was not the end. Members kept in touch with the injured man and his family and soon saw that a much greater effort was required on behalf of the man’s wife and his two young daughters. So, by various means and by assistance from neighbouring sub-branches, funds were raised, and to date a sum of over £200 has been made available.

Sub-branch secretary, Harry Kynaston, has been a tower of strength on this job, but praise is also due to the other League members, of various sub-branches, who have been more than eager to pull their weight on behalf of a suffering comrade.

Critics of the League might well remember those very brief words spoken by Christ: “Go, and do thou likewise.”

Subsequent training and development of additional knowledge, skill and teamwork will be accomplished during annual training periods after allocation of trainees to their respective C.M.F. units.

It is planned that the C.M.F. will provide the leaders and specialists and the national servicemen group will provide a reservoir of basically trained soldiers for the units to which they will be allotted.

In the structure of the C.M.F., the national servicemen will be required to serve three years. In each year he will attend twelve days’ home training, made up of four days in half-day or night parades (mainly for administrative purposes), and eight days of week-end or two-day bivouacs, and 14 days’ continuous training with his unit. He will then be drafted to the reserve, on which he will remain for three years and be liable for recall in an emergency.

As far as practicable, the home-training bivouacs will be arranged for week-ends and in the new approach to training it is the planned objective to abolish other regular Saturday afternoon parades.

Training will be made more realistic and interesting during the proposed three-year period trainees will serve with C.M.F. units by utilising the most modern equipment and armaments available.

It should be emphasised that it is not the intention of the Government to build up a Citizen Military Force of 18-year-olds only, as has been suggested in certain quarters. The Government appeals to everyone who is able to seize the opportunity now offering to strengthen the C.M.F. and the permanent army by voluntary enlistment.

It is open to volunteers to enlist with the Australian Regular Army as a full-time career with an initial enlistment of six years and subsequent periods of re-engagement, or for service on a part-time basis, with the Citizen Military Force.

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State Secretary’s Diary

8th September, 1950.

The Listening Post Committee have expressed the desire to include as one of the features of the journal a page which will be known as the ‘State Secretary’s Diary.’ On this page it is hoped to convey interesting and informative information which, it is considered, members should have, and it is hoped that the new monthly feature will be acceptable to readers.

It is not intended to take up space unduly with one particular matter but rather to give a brief synopsis of current matters in connection with the work at Anzac House.

Poppy Day

Arrangements for Poppy Day have been started earlier this year in an endeavour to assist sub-branches to estimate their poppy requirements. It was for this reason that the opportunity was taken at the last presidents and secretaries’ meeting to draw for the stands. There were 32 sub-branches present. The T.B. Association, M. & L. Association and the F.S.U.W. were included in the draws. Thirty-three city stands were allotted.

The Returned Sisters sub-branch indicated that it did not require a stand, and City of Perth sub-branch was given the city block who, in turn, agreed to share it with the Returned Ex-Service women’s sub-branch.

War Gratuities

It is important that ex-servicemen holding War Gratuities Credit Notes should notify the War Gratuities Officer at Swan Barracks any change of address which has occurred since the credit was Issued. It is surprising the number of ex-servicemen who have failed to apply for their gratuities. Applications must be made on the prescribed form, which may be obtained, at Anzac House, any Post Office, or the War Gratuities Officer.

Recently an ex-member of the 1914-18 war applied, through Anzac House, for a grant of his gratuity in World War I, for which he had never applied.

Badges and Crowns

Next year’s financial clips are now on hand. They are made of a harder metal and have three tabs, one of which bends back from the top of the crown. Many clips were lost last year, not only because of the softness of the metal, but also because of the fact that the clips were affixed without the aid of pliers. It is necessary to press the clips hard round the

R.S.L. RIVER TRIP

Organised by the Sports Council

The committee of the R.S.L. Sports Council desires to draw the attention of League members to the fact that it will hold an R.S.L. River Trip on Tuesday, 28th November, 1950, and the committee appeals to members to get right behind the function and give it their 100 per cent. support. The idea of this get-together evening is to bring members of the League and their families in contact with other members and so stimulate a further interest in our great organisation.

If this function is successful, and we see no reason why it should not be, the committee plans to organise other bigger and brighter shows during the summer months. To make these things possible League members must support to the full each function arranged for their entertainment.

The s.s. Emerald will leave Barrack Street Jetty at 8 p.m. sharp and cruise to Point Walter and Rocky Bay, returning to Perth at 10.30 p.m.

Harmony will be in the capable hands of Jim Betty and his merry lads and there will be dancing for those who can still manage the light fantastic, and music for those who are a bit stiff in the joints. Supper will be provided.

The price of tickets will be:

Adults, 3/–; Children under 15, 1/–

Tickets will shortly be available from sub-branch secretaries.

The issue of a second badge only on the conclusive evidence of the original having been lost. By the way, sub-branch secretaries, the fee is 2/- for a badge re-issue, and that 2/- should be sent to Headquarters.

Faversham

At the present time there are 30 old chap at Faversham. It should be noted that Faversham is a war veterans’ home and is not now used for the purposes of convalescence. This was tried when the home was first opened, but apparently there was no demand for a convalescent home. A plaque has been affixed to Faversham House and will be unveiled on Saturday, October 7, 1950, by the State President in acknowledgment of the generous support given by Sir Ernest Lee Steere to the home.

Charterns

Most of the charters have now been engrossed and framed. Many sub-branches did not reply to the circular asking for the date of the formation of the sub-branches. No doubt many of the old records have been lost, but there is sufficient information at Anzac House to obtain the required dates, but sub-branch confirmation was desirable.

Sub-branches have shown a great desire to possess their charters, and in most special functions have been arranged. In every instance the charters have been presented either by the State President or by members of the State Executive. They appear to have created a great impression amongst sub-branches, who deeply appreciate being in possession of a tangible link with Headquater.

Following the presentation to the Press sub-branch, The West Australian, in the early morning edition of September 7, gave an illustration of

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the Press sub-branch charter. It is hoped that each sub-branch president, at the conclusion of his year of office, will formally hand the charter over to his successor, so that sub-branches may never lose sight of the full significance of the charter.

It is interesting to note that the far northern sub-branches have been well served up to date, owing to members of the State Executive being in that area on other business. The sub-branches concerned are Bprome, Derby, Wyndham, Roebourne and Marble Bar.

Subscriptions

Sub-branch secretaries should make a final drive immediately in order to collect subscriptions for the year ending December 31, 1950, before it is too late. Although, no doubt members are legally responsible for arrears of subscriptions, the arrears are usually waived, which is, of course, a direct loss to both sub-branch and Headquarters. The only solution is the collection of subscriptions during the currency of the year. It is hoped that immediately the new year commences advance arrangements will be put in hand throughout the sub-branches to collect the subscriptions. Although the three-months' grace up to March 31 is allowed, this does not necessarily mean that the subscriptions are not due until April 1. Do not wait until the three-months' grace has expired before starting on your collections.

Whilst on this matter of payment of subscriptions, the 1949 State Congress ruled that the sub-branch year should close on a uniform date, namely, December 31. A number of sub-branches are still issuing receipts for the year ended June 30. This lack of uniformity in closing date of the financial year leads to confusion. Members who have paid up to June 30 only should pay the half-year’s subscription to bring them up to the end of December, or 18 months’ subscription, which will bring them up to the end of the year following. It is important that all sub-branches be in line in this matter.

Receipts

Would sub-branch secretaries please assist Headquarters by filing receipts completely. It is important for the purposes of check that the information required on the receipts should be supplied to Headquarters. The badge number, regimental number, unit, and particularly the address of the member is important. Unless the addresses are supplied on receipts, the card system at Anzac House cannot be kept up to date, and the result is that The Listening Post is not delivered.

Honour Rolls

Many honour boards throughout the country show the names of the 1914-18 war only. Many districts have not yet decided what form rolls should take to cover the 1939-45 war. It will be found that the longer the matter is delayed, after the lapse of time, it becomes increasingly difficult to collect funds for the purpose. Very often this is a matter as to whose task—the local R.S.L. or the road board. Whoever pays, the sub-branch should give a lead in organising. It is part of the function of the Executive, as set out in the Constitution, namely, to perpetuate the memory of those who sacrificed their lives in war. Information is available at Anzac House as to the supply of a standard type of polished jarrah board, suitably inscribed.

There is also the question of war graves in local cemeteries. There is some misconception amongst sub-branches. Where an ex-member died from an accepted war disability, his grave is the responsibility of the Imperial War Graves Commission, who erect the standard type of granite headstone. If, however, an ex-member who might also be a war pensioner, dies from other than war-caused disabilities, he does not come under the War Graves Commission. In order to identify the graves of these ex-members who do not come under the commission, suitable plaques are available at a cost of approximately 3/5-7/5, which may be affixed to the headstone of a deceased ex-member. These plaques will shortly be available at Anzac House.

If there are any neglected graves in any of the local cemeteries, very often it is due to the fact that the relatives have left the district. Many sub-branches assume the task of caring for the graves and seeing that they are kept tidy. This is a good work—the example of the Meredith sub-branch is outstanding in this regard. Each Poppy Day, for instance, the graves are visited and the red poppy is affixed to the top of the headstone.

Visits to Sub-Branches

Some sub-branches complain that they do not receive visits from members of the State Executive. It has often been found that the sub-branches do not invite members to their annual functions. The State Executive, over the last two or three years, has a good record of attendances, in the country areas particularly. It is very rare indeed that an invitation from a sub-branch does not bring results. Some sub-branches leave it too late for a visit to be arranged. It should be borne in mind that each visit is authorised by the State Executive. This is necessary so that arrangements can be made to transport, and there is also the question of insurance of members whilst travelling on official visits.

Donations as Income Tax Rebates

Advice has been received that donations to memorial building fund appeals are allowable rebates for income tax purposes.

The basis of this decision is that all the amenities which it is proposed to provide in R.S.L. buildings will be available without any discrimination or qualification whatsoever to all ex-service women and widows and dependants of those who served. The Taxation Department have, therefore, decided that such donations are gifts to "a public fund established for providing money for the construction and maintenance of a public memorial relating to the war," of 1939-45.

In order that sub-branches may be able to secure such rebates for the donors to any such similar appeal, it will be necessary for them to—
(a) Establish a trust separate and distinct from the R.S.L. or any other ex-service organisation.
(b) The amenities proposed to be provided in the memorial hall, etc., must be available to all ex-service personnel, and widows and dependants of those who served without any discrimination.
(c) Approval of the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation in each State for tax allowances must be secured.

It will be appreciated, of course, that the members of the trust can also be members of the R.S.L. It will also be necessary to have prepared a proper trust deed setting up the trust. This is a matter for a solicitor to prepare.

JOHN CHAPPLE,
State Secretary.
The U.S.A. and the Returned Man

Under legislation popularly known as the G.I. Bill of Rights, the 15,268,000 men and women who served in the American armed forces during World War II are eligible for many benefits. These benefits range from loans at low-interest rates for building homes and starting new businesses to free hospitalisation and a free college education.

The agency charged with handling these benefits and with providing the services available to all American veterans of all wars is the Veterans Administration (V.A.), one of the largest agencies of the Federal Government. It has its headquarters at Washington, D.C., and regional offices in all 48 States. Its work is as varied as the needs of the millions of veterans it serves.

Most veterans of World War II were young men in their twenties who interrupted their education or job training to enter service. Many had not yet begun higher education. All are entitled to free education or job training for a period determined by the amount of time they served in the armed forces. Thousands have attended universities, colleges and professional schools. Others have taken individual courses in trade schools. Still others have apprenticed themselves to learn skills and farm work.

The V.A. pays up to 500 dollars a year, for tuition fees, books, and supplies for veterans enrolled in schools or colleges. In addition, the V.A. pays the veterans a living allowance, which varies with their marital status. Single veterans get 75 dollars a month; married veterans with one dependent get 105 dollars a month, whilst those with more than one dependent receive 120 dollars a month. Those veterans who train on the job or on a farm receive less money from the V.A., since they also receive an apprentice salary from the firm or person that is training them.

By November, 1949, more than 6,400,000 veterans had taken the education or training to which they were entitled.

Many veterans, upon their discharge from service, needed money to support themselves until they could find a job best suited to their talents and abilities. Known as readjustment allowances, payments of 20 dollars a week were made to any qualified veteran for a period of one year.

Excellent Medical and Hospital Care
Veterans who were injured in the war receive excellent medical and hospital care from the Veterans Administration.

The V.A. operates a network of 301 hospitals, so that veterans in any State can receive hospital treatment at their own homes. In addition to its own hospital system, the V.A. contracts for beds for veterans in private hospitals, and in Federal hospitals, such as those operated by the Army, Navy and Air Force. Clinics are maintained in V.A. regional offices, which are located in most cities. These clinics give medical examinations and provide treatment for veterans who are ill.

A hospital construction programme now under way will provide 67 new V.A. hospitals with a total of 38,600 beds. By November, 1949, five new hospitals had been completed; others are under construction or in the planning stage.

In November, 1949, there were 97,336 patients in all V.A. hospitals, while the Government was paying for services to 11,692 veterans in hospitals not operated by the V.A.

Special Homes
For veterans of all wars who have a chronic health condition that prevents them earning a living and who require only minor medical attention, the V.A. maintains 15 special homes. As of November 1, 1949, nearly 17,000 veterans were in these homes.

Insurances
At the beginning of each World War, the Government made insurance available to men and women entering the armed services. This insurance protection did not end with the war, but has been maintained also in peace time. Within the last nine years, the V.A. has issued more than 20,000,000 National Service Life Insurance policies having a face value of nearly 156,000,000,000 dollars. In 1949 it was determined that sufficient funds had accumulated from the investments made with the insurance premiums so that about 16,000,000 present and former policy holders will share in a special dividend payment totalling 2,800,000,000 dollars. The average dividend cheque will amount to 175 dollars. Some veterans will receive but a few cents; others more than 500 dollars.

Disability Compensation
Veterans disabled by injury or diseases as a result of wartime service receive a disability compensation from the V.A. This compensation ranges from monthly payments of 15 dollars to 150 dollars, depending on the degree of disability. In addition, a veteran may receive a monetary award for such extreme disabilities as amputations or blindness. This award may bring his total monthly payment to a maximum of 360 dollars if he is seriously disabled.

Veterans of either World War I or II who become totally disabled for reasons not traceable to war service may, under certain conditions, be entitled to a pension.

Free Cars for Amputees
In addition to the benefits already described, the Veterans Administration also provides a guardianship service for incompetant veterans, special homes for seriously disabled veterans, free automobiles for those who have had amputations, and free-burial services in a national cemetery.

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Sir Gilbert Dyett, past Federal President of the League, will be its representative on the National Recruiting Secretariat.

☆ Mr. W. J. Hunt has been nominated for the position of Federal President of the League, subject to his approval. League members throughout this State will, we feel sure, strongly support Mr. Hunt, for his work here has been outstanding. A good mixer, a man with a forceful yet genial personality and, more-over, a man with a keen and lasting interest in ex-service matters, Mr. Hunt should be just the man for the job.

[As we go to press we learn that Mr. Hunt has declined the nomination.]

☆ Mr. A. S.-Blackburn, South Australian President of the League, has resigned from that post as from August 31. Mr. T. S. Eastick will be acting-president for the remainder of the term. Mr. Eastick is the first World War II serviceman to become president.

☆ Steve Pamflett, a stalwart of the Albany sub-branch, who leaves shortly for the Eastern States, was recently presented with a token of esteem from fellow members. For years he has acted as marshal at the Anzac Day parades, from which function he will be missed.

☆ Fred Chaney, vice-president of the Western Australian branch of the League, recently attended the quarterly meeting of the Federal Executive in Melbourne.

☆ Stan Watt, publisher of this journal, member of the Press sub-branch, and a tireless worker on behalf of the League, has been a mighty busy man of late reorganising the whole of his printing plant. Stan is a bit of a boy scout at heart, doing many a kindly and generous deed in an unobtrusive manner.

☆ Gordon Hack, of the Highgate Hill sub-branch, who suffered a breakdown prior to leaving for England a few months ago, is now, we are pleased to hear, well on the way to recovery.

☆ Mr. W. D. O'Brien has been elected publicity officer for the Busselton sub-branch. He asks us for the drill of submitting sub-branch notes. For his and for other publicity officers' information we are publishing, this month, on the Sub-Branch Activities pages, a few hints which, we hope, ALL correspondents will take to heart.

☆ Tom Bolton, of the Press sub-branch, forwards us a cutting stating that a League badge was recently offered for sale in a Sydney second-hand shop, the price being 4/-.

Action was quickly taken to recover this badge, but it has come to a pretty pass when badges can be obtained in such a manner.

☆ Tom Brown, of the Albany sub-branch, recently set a nice lead in his district by donating the sum of £10 to the War Memorial Hall Fund.

The Kensington sub-branch is again conducting a gardening competition, and full details can be obtained from the hon. secretary of the sub-branch, 87 Collins Street, South Perth.

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Exhibition Billiards

Thursday, June 23, was a big evening at the Club.

The attendance was one of the largest we've seen, and no wonder, for Bob Marshall, our Australia and British Empire amateur billiard champion, was on hand.

He showed how billiards and snooker should be played, and after this he displayed some of his trick shots which amazed many of the spectators. Bob certainly can put these on, and it is delightful to see the easy way in which they are played.

Bob concluded with the Boosey Ball (loaded ball tricks). These cause a lot of fun.

It seems certain that Bob will carry off the championship once again, and we extend to him the best of luck.

Night Cricket

First of all, to those who are not acquainted with this new form of cricket, I will endeavour to give some details of the game.

It was originated during the depression days of 1932 by a Mr. Alf Stone, of Cowandilla, South Australia. During this period many of the youths in his district were jobless, and by his action he brought together many of these lads during the evenings. He decided to form them into teams and so commence a new type of cricket, which soon created much interest, not only in his own district, that it was not long before the new sport made rapid strides towards success.

Today it is not just a backyard sport but a large and well-organised association with a membership of over 5,000 sportsmen, consisting of 63 teams of which the S.A. R.S.L. have 29.

Competition night cricket was first played in 1933 and by 1939 12 associations had been formed.

The space required, either indoors or out, is 60ft. x 50ft. A 5ft. white line is marked around wall or court. The concrete pitch measures 18ft. long.

Teams consist of 18 a side, every player takes his turn as batsman and bowler.

Two umpires are required; one stands behind the bowler and the other takes up a position between the wicket-keeper and point.

In bowling, under-arm only is permitted and a soft ball is used. The bowler delivers the ball from a concrete slab with one foot on and one off.

An over consists of 12 balls, and 18 players make the fielding team.

The method of being out is: (1) the ball striking above the 5ft. white line on the full; (2) bowled; (3) lb.w.; (4) caught; (5) stumped.

There is no running between wickets.

An innings consists of 36 overs (two rounds); if all batsmen are not out by this time then the innings must close.

In batting, you can only score from a four or a two.

To claim a four, it is necessary first for the ball to strike the floor or ground inside the court area, then from the bounce to hit above the 5ft. white line. A hit below the line scores two.

Full-size wickets are used.

I believe this could be given very deep thought by many of our members that the R.S.L. might lead in forming night cricket in W.A.

Any sub-branch interested in this article is requested to get in touch with the R.S.L. Sports Council at Anzac House.

A. B. (Nobby) CLARK
Publicity Officer
R.S.L. Sports Council

EX-SERVICEMEN FROM INDIA

British persons, now resident in Australia, who have retired and are suffering from war disabilities as a result of service in the Indian armed forces, are now eligible for official medical treatment in Australia under similar conditions to those applying in the case of British ex-servicemen.

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Land Committee

There have been 16 meetings of the committee held since last congress, and it is with pleasure that I am able to report that there has been an excellent attendance.

Effect was given to last congress resolution concerning the appointment to the committee of three ex-farmers residing in the metropolitan area. Messrs. R. W. Cashmore, P. Lyon and H. Wilkins fill these positions and their practical assistance added to that of the elected members, Messrs. Chambers (wool), Stanley (dairy) and Oherheu (wheat and sheep), has been invaluable to the members of the Executive, Messrs. Stahl, Stanbury, Leslie, M.H.R., and myself.

The committee, as constituted, is fully cognisant of all the technical and practical points of farming in Western Australia, all being farmers or ex-farmers.

Congress last year carried a motion that the Commonwealth institute an inquiry into war service land settlement in this State. The 34th Annual Federal Congress also carried a motion in support. Federal Office then referred the matter to the Minister for the Interior for his consideration. The Minister’s reply was conveyed to the Federal Office, and copy submitted to this State, advising that he is satisfied that the scheme is proceeding in the best interests of ex-servicemen. This has been taken by the League in this State as a refusal on the part of the Minister to give effect to the State and Federal congress resolutions.

The committee appreciated the urgency of obtaining the fullest possible information to refute the claim made by the Minister.

The Farmers’ Union was concerned about the reports being received from its country branches, and it very generously offered to assist the R.S.L. in matters pertaining to the interests of ex-servicemen on the land. The union’s co-operation was agreed to by the State Executive. A small committee from the Farmers’ Union was appointed by that body to work with this committee.

A delegation from the joint committees carried out an inspection of a number of properties in both the wheat and sheep and dairying districts, and subsequently met in conference. Delegates, as a result of this inspection, were firmly of the opinion that an enquiry should be held. In the first instance, it was agreed that the Minister for Lands be approached. This was later altered to an approach to the Premier.

The State Executive ultimately agreed that the joint committee meet the Minister for Lands and discuss with him the following 19 points:

1. No return has been issued to the League as to the returns from W.S.L.S. properties from crops, stock and-leasing of same as asked for at our last R.S.L. Land Conference.

2. Department not carrying out promised improvements within time agreed upon. Insufficient supervision of this work, particularly as to non-clearing of summer land.

3. Failure to see property was sufficiently developed before placing settler on farm.

4. The handing over of properties to R. & I. Bank prematurely.

5. Failure to stock W.S.L.S. properties to their carrying capacity.

6. Re-housing promises, verbal and written, made, but no tangible progress. Position very unsatisfactory on certain properties.

7. Administration in places too rigid. Settlers being used for development work unable to maintain properties.

8. Complaints of incorrect brochures re properties.

9. Certain properties said to be badly developed and pasture not established as laid down.

10. Complaints re quality of stock supplied to settlers. Loss reported to settlers who have to sell same and reported refusal by department to purchase already proven herds.

11. Delay in allocation of farms, allowing same to deteriorate.

12. Reported lack of co-operation by administration at Pemberton district. Reported attempts to be made to discipline settlers.

13. Insufficient superphosphate being supplied.

14. Freeholding properties instead of only leasehold.

15. Administration criticised for non-stocking of properties. One instance quoted of approximate loss of £15,000 on one property of 7,000 acres bought three years ago.

16. Supply and purchase of second-hand standard machinery, although now not available.

17. Valuations of properties not available to settlers.

18. Settlers have been required to accept stock regardless of the circumstances and against their own judgment.

19. The non-purchase of improved farms when they were available.

It is interesting to note that the delegates who visited the wheat and sheep areas are of the opinion that the properties purchased by the War Service Land Settlement authorities and the allottees on them are both above the average.

Close contact has been maintained with officials of W.S.L.S. by the committee’s secretary, Mr. J. Giblett, and myself in dealing with many points raised by sub-branches and individual
Farms purchased.

1. By the League was given in the annual report which were presented at the Annual State Conference in booklet form. It is intended that members will see this booklet, how the League is progressing in its work and the reports of three branches and Membership. The reports will be published in the next issue.

2. ex-servicemen, and I desire to record my appreciation of the courtesy shown to us at all times by the Minister controlling the scheme and his officers.

Representations have been made to the Minister to appoint an appeal board, as provided for in the W.S.L.S. Agreement Act, Clause 18. The committee recommended that two R.S.L. representatives be appointed to the board; one for the wheat and sheep areas, and one for the dairying areas.

The Minister has agreed to do this, and two, separate panels of names have been submitted to the Minister, at his request, from which he may select the two representatives. The Commonweal th Government's approval in this connection must also be obtained.

The formation of the board concerned is awaited with interest, as it will give those coming under the W.S.L.S. scheme an opportunity of submitting to, and appearing before, the board in person concerning matters upon which they require assistance, and also to have their complaints attended to.

The Minister has agreed that the League's advocate be permitted to assist an ex-serviceman in presenting his case before the board. I desire to make an appeal to ex-servicemen not to use this appeal board to deal with more or less trivial matters. No doubt the board's functions will be clearly defined when it is set up.

The Chairman of the Land Settlement Board, at the request of this committee, has agreed that field supervisors shall confer with sub-branches and endeavour to adjust on the spot matters that may be concerning those farming properties under the W.S.L.S. scheme. Sub-branches are asked to encourage this procedure as much as possible.

The League has, and still is, watching the interests of those who suffered the ravages of the disastrous bush fires last summert. The following statistical information is of interest:

Farms purchased at end of July, 1949, 405; farms purchased at end of May, 1950, 499. Farms purchased since July, 1949, 94.

Farms allotted since 1949: Wheat and sheep, 74; dairy, 44; poultry, 2. Total, 120.

There are 1,102 applicants awaiting farms. This is an increase on last year's figure (1,069) of 33.

Re-establishment Committee

Your Re-establishment Committee submits the following report for the year 1949-50:

Fifteen meetings have been held during the period and the interests of ex-servicemen have been watched closely, and although we have not been one hundred per cent. successful some good results have been obtained.

In the matter of C.R.T.S. training, our efforts to have bricklayers' classes re-started resulted in success after long negotiation with the union, and I wish to place on record the appreciation of this committee of the whole-hearted co-operation of the Secretary and Executive of the union in this matter, and feel that if their example in meeting others at a round-table talk were followed by more organisations, a better spirit and quicker and more satisfactory results would be obtained.

Extending Preference and Re-establishment Rights

During the year we have made repeated representations to the Federal Office to press for the amendment of the Acts dealing with these matters, but with little success, and we would impress on all ex-service personnel the necessity of quick action in the matter of re-establishment rights should they be eligible and require it.

Assistance to Anglo-Indians

This is a new phase of work that has developed with the influx of new arrivals from India, and we have the Government's assurance that all consideration will be given to any requests on their behalf by the High Commissioner's office in New Delhi.
North-West Report

(Continued from page 5)

(14) Oil and Petrol Supplies: That these should be made available at all
North-West ports at prices equal to those ruling in Geraldton.

Note: It is understood that this is now in operation.

(15) Stock Routes: (a) That modern drilling plans be obtained by the
Government and that proper cattle-watering points be provided at
no more than 8-mile centres on the
main stock routes.

(b) That sufficient personnel be
employed to maintain stock routes
and water supply in good condition.

(16) Roads and Transport: That,
some towns and by the Main
Roads Department, an amount of
approximately £100,000 per annum
should be expended annually on road
construction and maintenance.

(17) Water Supply: (a) That a
satisfactory service be provided for
each North-West town, and that a
special attention be given to Port Hedland.

Note: In regard to Port Hedland,
it is anticipated that the water supply
now in course of construction will be
completed some time in 1951.

(b) That assistance be given to
settlers in providing stock water
supplies comparable to that given by
the Commonwealth Government to
settlers in the Northern Territory.

(18) Irrigation: That the
Commonwealth and State authorities
combine to investigate the proposal for
the construction of a dam on the
Ord River, and the establishment of an
irrigation district east of Wyndham.

(19) Research Station: That a
permanent research station be maintained
in the irrigation district by the State
and Commonwealth Governments.

Note: This is now in operation—
see later remarks.

(20) Railways: That investigations
be made in the practicability of
constructing a railway from Wyndham
to the centre of the irrigation district.

(21) Mining: (a) That special en-
couragement and assistance be given by the Government to mining in the
North-West.

(b) That funds be provided to
enable the Mines Department, through
the Government Geologist, to carry
out any necessary geological surveys
in the North-West.

(c) That the Commonwealth Gov-
ernment give priority to aerial sur-
veys of areas in the North which
give promise of mineral development.

Since that report was made public,
and according to a recent article by
the Director of Regional Develop-
ment, it has now been decided that
a major bridge should be constructed
over the Ord River at a cost of some
£270,000. Surveys of this area are
being carried out at the present time.
It has been further stated that the
Commonwealth Government has
agreed to finance the construction of
507 miles of road serving Wyndham.
This will result in the bringing into
being of three main stock routes: (a)
from Wyndham to Nicholson Station,
282 miles; (b) feeder road from the
junction of Argyle Down Station to
Victoria River depot, via Newry and
Averghie, 90 miles; and (c) feeder
road from the junction of Mistake
Creek to Wave Hill via Swan Yard
and Black Gin Creek, 135 miles. The
estimated cost of this road work is
approximately £1,200,000, of which
over half will be spent in Western
Australia.

In addition, it is proposed that
various new watering points and
other improvements be provided at a
total estimated to cost £62,000, of
which the Commonwealth has agreed
to provide 50 per cent, up to a
maximum of £31,000. Consideration has
also been given to the possibility of
damming the Ord River for irri-
gation purposes. This will eventually
have an important bearing on this re-
region of the North. Some 100 miles
south of Wyndham a gorge has been
located which, it has been established,
is an excellent site for a dam. North
of the dam site, within easy reticula-
tion distance, is a large area of some
200,000 acres which is regarded as
commendable for irrigation purposes.

As mentioned earlier, the recom-
endation regarding the setting up
of a research station in the Kim-
berleys has been adopted, and the
combination of State and Com-
monwealth Government resources at Kim-
berley Research Station on the Ord
River is now an accomplished fact.

Preliminary surveys conducted in
1944 indicated that in this area some
160,000 acres of plain might be suit-
able for irrigation. Of this area,
44,000 acres comprised heavy tex-
tured soil, and 12,000 acres light tex-
tured soil, somewhat comparable to
Ord sandy loam. General reconnaiss-
ance of other areas estimates that
125,000 acres may be commendable.

The Kimberley Research Station
Supervisory Committee has recently

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North-West Report

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released a report covering its first three years of activity. The results to date of experiments carried out there appear to have tremendous possibilities for the future development of the Ord River area. Highlights of the report are that extensive experiments are being conducted in the growing of rice, cotton, grain sorghums, peanuts, cow-peas, maize and pastures.

From my own observation, it was a remarkable sight to see a herd of range cattle contentedly grazing inside fenced paddocks carrying heavy growths of pasture and fodder grass. At the moment, experiments are being conducted with the weighing of cattle prior to and following prescribed periods on this pasture.

This outline of what is taking place in the North at the present time, it is hoped, may be of interest to members of the Executive, since possibly the direction in which our North-West Committee could best play its part in the development of the North, would be by its solid support of the plans which have been agreed upon by the Commonwealth and State Governments. If the League, through our State and Federal branches, can play any part in bringing pressure to bear upon the Commonwealth Government, either in relation to financial assistance for developmental projects, or to the provision of skilled technicians, or on matters such as freight concessions and taxation as recommended, it would, no doubt, be carrying out a most important work towards the greater development of Western Australia. Surely this empty North must constitute a challenge to the League's vision of the Australia of the future?

In the present age of major developmental projects within the British Commonwealth of Nations, has not the North a claim to be included in the plans of State, Commonwealth and British Governments on lines similar to the ground-nuts scheme in Kenya, where over £20,000,000 of British capital has been invested? Research carried out today indicates that closer settlement could be the answer to our vital need of population in this highly strategic area.

The League throughout its history has been noted for its sane and balanced outlook on national affairs.

Possibly the need for such an outlook has never been greater than at the present time. Insofar as we desire to see the north of Australia developed, we are already assured of the support of all other State branches of the League. Should we not now take this a stage further by including the adequate development and peopling of the North an an integral part of the League's fighting policy?

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Long-Service Leave in Government Departments

The matter of long-service leave for broken times due to war service in some Government departments is receiving the consideration of the committee and is being constantly referred to the Government, but as it involves a big expenditure it may take some time to finalise.

Furniture Loan

During the year representations were made for a furniture loan of £50, as was granted at the end of the 1914-18 war, but was refused on the unfortunate experiences resulting from that experiment.

Your committee feels that bigger phases of re-establishment are gradually drawing to a close, and evidence of this is apparent in the handing over of the C.R.T.S. to the Repatriation Department, but we also feel that there will still be need for a watchful eye to forward the interests of our members.

I also wish to thank my co-members of this committee for their whole-hearted support during the year, and the secretary, Mr. J. Giblett, for the thorough way in which he has handled all the problems which come before us, and when I mention that he has had 291 interviews in three months on matters relating to the welfare of returned men and their dependents, you will have some idea of the work entailed.

W. H. STANBURY,
Chairman.

Membership Committee

The committee has concentrated its efforts on maintaining the membership at last year's figures. This has been achieved and the membership shows a slight improvement on last year.

Sub-branch secretaries have cooperated with the committee in the matter of overdue subscriptions. The early despatch of account forms to unfinancual members early in January produced good results. A second reminder was sent out by Head Office towards the end of February.

Although members are given three months' grace before they are regarded as unfinancial, it has been proved that to delay sending accounts out until the expiration of that time delays the collection of overdue subscriptions too far into the year, and the year is half gone before many members awaken to the realisation that their subscription was due on March 31. There are two aspects of membership which have engaged the careful attention of the committee, namely, the collection of overdue subscriptions and, secondly, the introduction of new members, of whom all too many have never been members of the League. This latter aspect is being made the subject of a determined membership drive and every opportunity is being taken to induce ex-service men to become members of the League.

Many applications have been received from T. & P.I. members seeking to become honorary members of the League. The committee considers that honorary membership is more in the nature of a privilege, as the constitution provides that T. & P.I. members may become honorary members. Any such members who desire to avail themselves of this privilege are required to apply in writing.

The following new sub-branches have been formed during the year: Arthur River, Gidgegannup, Wundowie and Cadoux. Endeavours are being made to revive the Graylands sub-branch. Unfortunately, Bayswater has gone into recess, and attempts to revive it have apparently failed, temporarily at least.

Approval has been obtained from the State Executive to issue to each sub-branch a charter showing the name and date of formation of the sub-branch. The charter has been prepared and is in course of issue to each sub-branch. They have been exceptionally well received and it is hoped that soon each sub-branch will be in possession of a charter suitably framed.

The committee is also considering the issue of a handbook of instruction, not only to sub-branch officials, but to members of the League generally, as it is felt that there is a considerable lack of knowledge of the League and its works amongst its members. The standard set of books of account for use of sub-branches is also in course of preparation and will be available early in the new year.

Presidents and secretaries' meetings have been held regularly each quarter and have been well attended. A feature of these meetings has been the alteration of the order whereby the audience has done the talking. Many useful suggestions have been made at these meetings and worthwhile discussions have taken place.

This is another means whereby the sub-branches, at least in the metropolitan area, can be brought into closer touch with Headquarters and a better understanding of the problems concerning both sides can be arrived at.

In order that the League may become known to ex-service migrants, Head Office receives lists of all migrants from the department. A letter is sent to the secretary of the sub-branch in the district to which the migrant goes advising him that the migrant is arriving in his area and asking him to make contact. Meanwhile from Head Office a letter is sent to the ex-service migrant enclosing a brochure extending a welcome from the R.S.L. The brochure sets out details of the League and also gives some useful information of a general nature. Many appreciative letters have been received from migrants who have subsequently become members.

I desire to thank the other members of the committee—Messrs. Lonnie and Keeley—for their co-operation during the year. Thanks are also due to the State Secretary and his staff, upon whom it should be realised the bulk of the work associated with membership falls.

F. CHANEY,
Chairman.

V.D.C. MEDALS

We regret that, in the recent feature on the granting of medals to the V.D.C., we omitted to mention that the letter which we quoted was written by Mr. A. H. Priestley.

Mr. Priestley has, over the years, battled strongly on behalf of recognition of the V.D.C., and many of the old-timers will, even though they may not meet him in person, extend thanks to him for the fight he has put up to see that their efforts do not go unhonoured and unsung.

U.S. experts say that working on a farm is the most dangerous job. The safest job, believe it or not, is working with explosives.
I think of death as some delightful journey
That I shall take when all my tasks are done.

BAILEY, G., York sub-branch; late Pay Corps.
BAIRNSON, R., Southern Cross sub-branch; late 2nd Pioneers.
BECKER, O., Boulder sub-branch.
BLUNDERFIELD, S. F., City of Perth sub-branch.
BROWN, G. F., North-East Fremantle sub-branch; late 1st Siege Bey.
BUNNELL, M. B., Maylands sub-branch; late 11th Bn.
CROOK, J., Kojonup sub-branch; late King's Own Yorkshire Light Inf.
CRORKAN, T. F., Waroona-Hamel sub-branch; late 28th Bn.
DAY, H. E., South Perth sub-branch.
FIELD-MARTELL, H. H., Beverley sub-branch; late R.A.N.
GARROWAY, B., City of Perth sub-branch; late 1st Canadian Div.
GOODWIN, J. E., Southern Cross sub-branch.
HALLIDAY, R. A., Gascoyne sub-branch; late R.A.A.F.
HAMILTON, S. A., Boulder sub-branch; late 51st Bn.
HODGE, H., Boulder sub-branch; late 11th Bn.
JENSEN, C. H., Mt. Lawley sub-branch; late 5th M.G. Co.
LEFROY, de C. G., Narrogin sub-branch.
McMULLEN, A. H., Beverley sub-branch.
McQUEEN, W. A., City of Perth sub-branch; late 28th Bn.
MITCHELL, W. S., North-East Fremantle sub-branch; late 11th Bn.
MORICE, J., Victoria Park sub-branch.
RICKARD, F. G., Gloucester Park sub-branch.
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SHARP, R. H., North-East Fremantle sub-branch.
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Sub-Branch Activities

Albany

The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. L. Booth; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. F. Swan and A. J. Morgan; secretary, Mr. C. Chopping; treasurer, Mr. R. Ridgway; auditor, Mr. J. L. Mews; publicity officer, Mr. R. K. Selby; management committee, Messrs. P. Johnson, M. Norman, H. Hocking, W. Meek, H. Pearson, E. Webb and M. Armstrong; social committee, Messrs. H. Hockey, G. A. Bartinski, J. Hutchinson, E. Webb, H. Colvin and H. Pearson.

Major J. Murray, who has been appointed O.C. of the Albany unit of the 11/44th Battalion for which recruiting is at present in progress, gave a fine address at our annual meeting and was assured of every support from the “old boys”. The main object is to get young men between the ages of 18 and 35 interested in this unit. Remember, compulsory training is looming large on the horizon and those that get in now will be in on the ground floor. You can see Captain Parker at the Albany R.S.L. Institute.

Replacing Mr. Steve Pamflett, who has been the Albany R.S.L. visitor for years and is now leaving for the Eastern States, is Mr. G. A. Bartinski, who will carry on the good work.

Monthly meeting, first Friday rendezvous.—All members and prospective members of the Albany sub-branch are reminded that the monthly general meetings are held on the first Friday in each month. The rendezvous is the R.S.L. Institute and zero hour is 1930 hours. Be there!

Carlisle

The August meeting was again well attended considering wintry conditions.

Jim Rowell was back in the chair again after a spell in Hollywood. Hope they have made a job of it, “Snow.”

Pleased to report that Railways Commission has started building the station platform after repeated requests from this sub-branch in conjunction with Hall Committee to keep at them and eventually wear them down.

Still getting a good roll up of young Diggers. There are a lot more in the district and we would like to see more. What about some more of you young chaps coming along on the first Thursday of the month and helping your mates? Remember, you are the R.S.L. and it is only by your attendance at meetings that we can carry on and help those less fortunate than ourselves. If you have any problems, bring them along.

Haven’t seen Ted Palmer at meetings lately. What’s the matter, Ted? If you can’t make it, drop us a line.

W. E. (Bill) GEARY.

Dwellingsup and Districts

The monthly meeting was held in the Dwellingsup Hotel, on August 10

Owing to President Frank Willis being indisposed, Vice-President Arthur Ashcroft was in the chair with Secretary Charlie Joyson again on parade.

Since our last monthly meeting we held a concert in the Holyoake Hall which, by the way, increased our funds in a very satisfactory way.

Our sincere thanks are extended to the ladies and gents comprising the Mandurah Minstrel Troupe, who came up from Mandurah and put on such a very fine show; and we must also record our sincere thanks to our women’s auxiliary (of whom we are very proud) for preparing and serving such a lovely supper (after the concert) for the members of the visiting troupe, and I might mention for the committee also.

All eyes and energy are now concentrated on September 2, when the sub-branch is staging a “Snow Ball.” Those members who are on the inside running are speaking rather mysteriously of an avalanche of “snow” during the ball, and the secrets of the said “snow” are locked in the subtle brain of Arthur Ashcroft, so everything points to a really grand evening.

Alf Hills gave a very comprehensive report on the proceedings and personalities of congress.

Bill Davis was happy to again report no ex-servicemen in the local hospital.

ARTHUR FLORANCE.

Forrestfield

The annual meeting of the sub-branch was held at Forrestfield Engineering Works on Tuesday, July 18. Election of officers resulted as follows: President, W. F. O’Mara (re-elected); hon. secretary, J. Jones (re-elected); vice-presidents, G. Lewis and A. Tunercliff; treasurer, T. Waring; committee, S. Carey, A. Lovett, A. Hillman, D. Morrison, H. Lovett; auditors, G. Morrison and Blakely.

The report and balance sheet were read and adopted.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Geo. Morrison for services rendered.

The next meeting is to be held in the new hall, and the presentation of a replica of the State War Memorial to the sub-branch by the donor will be a special function.

BOB HEWSON

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On account of our sports evening with Melville, our last general meeting started at 7.30 p.m., with President A. H. Brack in the chair.

Mrs. Kirby, the new president of the women's auxiliary, was introduced to the sub-branch. Mrs. Kirby is no stranger, having previously held the position for 21 consecutive years before suffering a serious illness.

Congress delegates reported on a very successful congress and were congratulated by the members. Special mention was made of the secretary (Tug Wilson) for his general assistance to his co-delegates. A report was tendered by B. Burrows and the secretary on the progress of the arrangements for charter night on September 14. Everything augurs well for an outstanding evening and answers to our invitations are numerous.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m. With great ceremony the key was then blessed, the supper set out and the different items read into action. There were many doughty exchanges before they ended, with honours even, Melville being victorious in darts and bowls; Fremantle City, bridge and quoits. The piano was got under weigh and the boys settled down to the old refrains so dear to returned men, and a very pleasant evening ended at 11 p.m., when the retire was sounded.

H. G. WILSON.

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Kensington

The sub-branch continues to play a very useful part in R.S.L. activities and interest is still being maintained. Membership figures continue to rise and future meetings should prove very successful.

At the last general meeting a very detailed report on the recent congress was submitted by Mr. "Ned" Kelly, our sub-branch delegate. The ladies' night held recently was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Although the sub-branch has lost only two games in the A.R.M.S. competitions, other sub-branches have better averages, and Kensington will not now compete in the finals. However, for a young sub-branch to hold the position with so many members may well be proud of their great performance.

On Tuesday, August 8, we met the strong Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch in the inter-sub-branch competitions conducted by the Amenities Committee at Anzac Club. The evening proved a very enjoyable and interesting one, and we were successful in lowering Mt. Hawthorn's colours. We are looking forward to our next engagement at the Club.

Next meeting: September 19.

Maylands

Thursday night, July 20, saw a smaller attendance of members in our little dug-out, but it was a very interesting evening. Due to Tom's inability to attend, Vic Matthews wielded the baton and handled a critical discussion very capably. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Stan Street for his selfless work at the social we tendered to the ladies. Refreshments were again plentiful, and the usual small lodges terminated a very enjoyable evening.

August 3, I am pleased to record, drew a much larger attendance, and we had the pleasure of listening to Arthur Hallett give us a resume of congress. Tom got a mention and a pat on the back. We had the usual imperturbable Morrie with us on this night. We had to let him in; reason: he supplied the "cheer." He was also very genial. Later in the evening Morrie presented the sub-branch cup to the most enthusiastic cricketer, to wit, Arthur Baldock. In Baldy's absence, Harold Keylock received it and presumably the pair christened it next day. Harold knows a lot about filling cups. A cup presented by Ray Kelly to the best fieldsman was won by Jim Marris. This was handed to him by Sep. Horton as Ray was chasing wogs somewhere around Naval Base. Of course, Jim was asked the usual rude question. Unfortunately, Les Shand, the skipper, was unable to be present, either.

The sympathies of all members are extended to George Stevenson on the loss of his good wife.

On Monday, August 7, we entertained Leederville in the A.R.M.S. games. A good night found honours about even. Then on Wednesday, August 9, the ladies held their 28th birthday party. Although I was unable to be present, I am given to understand that it was like all our functions, tres bien; even though the elements were unkind, the attendance was splendid.

August 17 witnessed Tom Inman, our president, back on the woolsock controlling a good muster of Merinos and a few Border Leicesters. Some very interesting and constructive motions were passed, which must benefit the sub-branch, particularly a games competition among all members.

Now you "stay-at-homes," what about it? Come along and enjoy yourselves. I would also like to record that our footballers seem to be doing alright with their social matches. A very nice and pleasing gesture was the presentation of a ball to the Barton inmates.

J. H. FLISHER.

* PLEASE WRITE ALL MEMBERS' NAMES IN BLOCK (CAPITAL) LETTERS.

Midland Junction

A committee, comprised of delegates from Midland, Guildford, West Swan and Upper Swan sub-branches, combined in an appeal to raise funds for a soldier of World War II in Wilfred De Burgh, who met with an accident three years ago and has been an inmate of hospital ever since.

A lottery was conducted and most metropolitan sub-branches were invited to dispose of one or two books of 20 tickets. This most of them did, only one sub-branch failing. One offered some criticism and another large sub-branch only disposed of a few tickets (both of these sub-branches were located in suburbs considered better class, and they may not be able to appreciate the fact that even in these comparative prosperous times a comrade can still be in need of assistance). However, this was more than offset by the response from other sub-branches, some of whom not only returned money for tickets but sent along a donation as well. Mt. Hawthorn being particularly generous in this regard.

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from South Midlands Football Association proved very exciting, South Midlands winning by one point—proved very popular. Eight buses were required and many cars made the trip, carrying about 500 people in all. There were in all about 1,000 on the ground and this trip played a big part in the appeal, so our sincere thanks go to the Midland Amateur Football Club and South Midlands Football Association.

The appeal was brought to a close with a dance on August 4, which also proved a success, £16 being taken and no expenses incurred (the musicians having freely given of their services). The lottery was drawn at this function. 1st prize, £91, L. Gibbons, Guildford; 2nd prize, £23, Mrs. Owens, Midland Junction; 3rd prize, £138, C. Goldspink, Victoria Park.

The committee wishes to thank all those who gave donations or assisted in any way to bring this appeal to a successful conclusion. The sum of £214.0/2 has been handed to the Debeh family.

Work of this nature is one of the main objectives of the League and should become more widely known, and it may tend to increase membership.

H. W. J. KYNASTON.

Mount Hawthorn

On Thursday, July 30, the sub-branch received its charter from the newly elected State President, Mr. T. Sten. The attendance was particularly good and included representatives from many country and metropolitan sub-branches.

On the same evening Mr. Sten presented Life Membership Certificates to the following: Bill Rowles, Charlie Heason, Ted Damon, Jock Young and Bill Devine. He also presented a Certificate of Service to George Black.

A comprehensive report on the recent State congress was given by Mr. J. Ritchie, one of our delegates. Mr. B. Keeley was successful in again securing election to the State Executive.

We have not yet been defeated in the A.R.M.S. games, and our last two engagements will be against North Perth and Mr. Lawley, in that order. Our contribution to the Debeh appeal was £7/10/.

On Tuesday, August 8, we met Kensington in the inter-sub-branch competition being conducted by the Amenities Committee at Anzac Club. We went down to this very active other side of the river sub-branch. The evening was a very pleasant and enjoyable one.

On Sunday, July 30, we took a first-class concert party to Glendalough and put on a two-hour non-stop programme of really good items. Artists included Messrs. Jim Baty, Arthur O'Keefe, Bert League (instrumentalists), Joyce Ericson and Ma Vis Bradshaw (dancers), James McKay (Highland piper), Valmai Reed (piano accordion), Mesdames Keeley and Hewitt and Mr. Ernie Mockridge (vocalists) and Mrs. Chinney (accompanist). The concert was greatly enjoyed by all present.

The sub-branch will visit the C.H.I. on Sunday October 1 and November 19. Euchre tournaments are held every Tuesday evening and the ladies hold bridge parties every Friday. The next ladies' night will be held on September 21.

The following are on the sick list: F. Attwood (Royal Perth), H. J. Dorrington, J. E. Fraser, S. Bain, C. C. Millhouse, J. Gallagher, R. Lee, P. Mayes (Hollywood).


Osborne Park

On July 19 Mr. J. Hammond presided over a well-attended meeting. The financial report was read by the secretary and accepted, pending the audit for the half-year. Mr. Dave Millar, our sick visitor, reported that Alf Mitchell and Bob Kuhlman (our treasurer, who was both in Hollywood, and said that he would pay them a visit. The chairman announced that Mr. Harold Nugent, a past president of this sub-branch, has become an honorary member of the sub-branch in appreciation of the good work he had carried out in the past. This was received with acclamation.

A report was given by the chairman on the recent smoke social, and the stewards were thanked for their good work.

The chairman announced that tentative dates had been suggested for the following events: Big-Four Dinner, Wednesday, November 22; sub-branch ladies' night, Friday, December 15; children's Christmas Tree, December 22.

Mr. Robert Sherman, a new member, was welcomed by the chairman. At the close of business members enjoyed games and refreshments.

There was a good attendance of members at the meeting held on August 2, with Mr. J. Hammond in the chair. Mr. Dave Millar reported that, with Bob Corlett, he had audited the books and found them correct, and he complimented the secretary on the manner in which they were kept. It was suggested that a levy be struck on the four sub-branches to cover the cost of the forthcoming Big Four Dinner. The president reminded the members that the social evenings be held the Friday following the meeting by the ladies' committee in aid of the Christmas Tree, and requested them to bring along their wives, etc., for an enjoyable evening. Our sick visitor reported on having visited Alf Mitchell and Bob Kuhlman in Hollywood and Ned Snashall at his home. The president reported on the evening spent with the local St. John's Ambulance Brigade on July 11. The usual games and refreshments were enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

There was a good roll-up of members at the meeting held on August 16, with Mr. J. Hammond in the chair. This sub-branch has been allotted September 10 and November 10 for visiting Hollywood Hospital. The following members were elected to comprise the Building Committee: Messrs. Sneddon, Hepton, Nugent and Greenshields. It was resolved at this meeting that a new memorial hall be erected. Several members voiced their opinions on this subject, which were very interesting. It was decided that this sub-branch purchase a trophy, to be presented on the night of the Big-Four Dinner, and that the ladies' committee be requested to assist in preparing the dinner.

Our sick visitor reported that Alf Mitchell was now out of hospital but Bob Kuhlman was still in Hollywood. Doug. Sheahan, our sports officer, re-
ported on the sports night held on August 11 at Yokine. At the close of the meeting games and refreshments were enjoyed by the members.

H. S. FLOAT.

Scarborough

As our sub-branch is one of the recent additions to the League, little has been heard of us yet, but now we are well established, with new members appearing every month. The enthusiasm shown by the members at the meeting in the Clinic Hall, Lord Street, every month augurs well for the future of the sub-branch. With an extensive home-building programme in progress in the district, many ex-servicemen have taken up residence here. Prospective members and visitors will be supplied with all information from our secretary, Mr. Stan Blanchard, of 178 Aberdeen Street, Scarborough, or a phone call to BL 1199 will find our president, Mr. Tom Carlin. The sports night held on the second Monday, the general meeting on the fourth Monday of the month, and everyone is welcome.

Always a popular night is the second Monday, when darts, quoits and table tennis are played under the capable direction of Mr. Ron Flood. Every month, too, there is the Big Four competition when Scarborough, North Beach, Osborne Park and Mt. Yokine meet to wield the dart and quoit in a skirmish for a shield. At times we proved a real menace to our opponents; at others, a severe headache to Mr. Flood.

A willing band of lady helpers has given considerable support to the sub-branch in recent months, their functions giving added fillip to our activities and drawing an appreciative smile from the treasurer.

We are always pleased to receive visits from country members down for the holiday season. Read the notice outside the newagent's shop or if you have the paper delivered and visit the local tavern instead, look for the notice on the top shelf.

A. W. BROWN.

Shenton Park

Members of the sub-branch will be pleased to know that we have been successful in tendering for the Cottesloe Council Hall, which will be removed to the sub-branch block in Onslow Road in the near future. Members are asked to give every assistance (both financial and physical) possible at the block when assistance is necessary.

The attendance at the sub-branch general meeting on Wednesday, August 2, was disappointing, seeing that all members were notified by mail, and there was a considerable amount of business in reference to the building and the charter to be discussed. Members were pleased by the visit of the State Secretary (Mr. Chappell), who enlightened us on quite a few subjects.

A games night was enjoyed by members at Anzac House on July 25, when we played Bicton-Palmyra. Quite a good attendance was recorded, although we would like to see more at our next evening on Tuesday, September 26, when we play West Leederville-Wembley.

South Perth

It is meet that we offer Jim Walmsley our hearty congratulations upon his election to the State Executive. It is pleasing to know that his enthusiasm and keen interest in the affairs of the League will have a greater scope than heretofore. All the best, Jim. As some recognition of his past services, Mr. Walmsley has been awarded a Life Membership. Congratulations and good luck. Unfortunately, however, this good news is offset to some extent by the fact that he has spent a period in Hollywood and that his wife was also taken to hospital. It is sincerely hoped that before this is read both of them are quite well and about again. The best wishes of all the members, Mrs. Walmsley. It is also hoped that the following members will be with us again soon, after a spell in hospital: Messrs. R. S. King, F. Temperley, A. F. Lawford and J. S. Smith.

The annual smoke social this year is to be held at Swan Street Hall on Saturday evening, September 16. A good show is promised and it is hoped that there will be a bumper attendance. As there appears to have been some doubt about the date, please note that it is the 16th. Admission is 4/.

Your new committee is a very keen and enthusiastic bunch of fellows who are planning a number of shows for your benefit. On the fourth Thurs-

day of October (the 26th) they are already planning a dinner at Swan Street Hall for members and their wives. The dinner, which will be catered, will be the occasion for the presentation of the charter to the sub-branch, a life membership to Mr. Walmsley and a Certificate of Service to the treasurer, Mr. C. E. Buchan. Ladies: See that that man of yours makes a note of the date. In December, there will be the children's party and the annual Christmas party. This programme alone proves that your committee is composed of workers, but they may need a hand on odd occasions. Please do not dampen their enthusiasm by refusing.

Mr. W. P. Thomas, the senior vice-president, very ably presided over the July meeting when Mr. Walmsley was in hospital. Good work, Bill.

The following new members to the sub-branch are accorded a sincere welcome, and it is hoped to see much of them in the future: Messrs. J. F. Eddy, A. Mortimer, P. H. Rowles, R. E. Stirling, R. W. G. Schoon and J. Gregory.

The next meeting is on September 28, but do not forget the smoke on the 16th.

S. WILBIR.

Subiaco

The month has been a quiet one, our chief activities being the A.R.M.S. competition, wherein we have had two initial victories and taken the knock on four occasions. The dear old bridge team seems fated to get poor cards on all occasions. At least that is our excuse, as at least two of our losses were due to 0 points in the bridge.

Shooting, a game in which we used to hold our own, has also been marred by erratic performances, but we have had most enjoyable contacts and, as our president (Mr. Rex Moore) so ably observed, the spirit (diluted with a little water) is everything.

Our representatives at State congress, Messrs. Lonnie, Macnamara and Gordon, with proxies Messrs. Moore, Burgess and Potter, did a splendid job during congress, and our thanks are due to them for their good work in this connection.

Mr. Alec Oag, sportsmaster, is a tower of strength on sports and practice night.
Women's Auxiliaries

State Executive

Two meetings of the newly elected State Executive have been held at Anzac House. At our first meeting Mrs. Stockman (State President) welcomed the new members. Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Prue did not seek re-election this year. We regret the resignation of these two officers, who have given many years of valuable service to the State Executive, and we join with our State President in wishing them everything of the best for the future.

Hospital Visiting

R.P.H.: Mrs. Young reported that 346 bedside visits were made during the month.

Home of Peace: Mrs. Cotterill reported 13 female and 3 male patients visited in this home.

Hollywood: Mrs. Randall reported that auxiliaries accompanied by a member of the State Executive, visit this hospital twice weekly. Mrs. Randall visits country inmates once a week.

St. John of God: Mrs. Brown has visited Mrs. Buchanan, of Yarloop, and Mrs. Walmsley during the month.

Edward Millen: Mrs. Coleman is at present visiting 39 patients at Edward Millen Hospital.

Lemnos: Mrs. Sherlock visited Lemnos, accompanied by a number of country delegates.

Sunset: Mrs. Young conducted country delegates on a tour of this home and they distributed 20 dozen cakes, a donation from Yarloop auxiliary.

C.H.I.: The usual monthly visit was made by the State President and State Secretary.

Executive Official Visits

July 4: State President and State Secretary were present at Nedlands' birthday party.

July 11, 12, 13: State President and State Secretary attended annual conference of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary.

July 14: State President and State Secretary visited Hollywood Hospital.

Attended Maylands R.S.L. sub-branch party in the evening.

July 18: State President at official opening of R.S.L. congress.

July 20: State President presented her report to R.S.L. congress.

July 23: State President and State Secretary visited C.H.I.; attended soldiers' tea at North Perth.

July 28: State President attended Harvey R.S.L. ball.

July 28: State Secretary attended Northam birthday party.

July 30: State President and State Secretary were present at Como soldiers' tea.

August 1: State President at civic reception to Malayan girl guides.

Donations

Koorda, £2/2/-, War Nurses' Hostel; Northam, £1/1/-, War Nurses' Hostel; Bellevue, 10/6, War Nurses' Hostel; Dumbleyung, £1/1/-, War Nurses' Hostel; Murray Districts, £3/3/-, War Nurses' Hostel; Swan View, £1/1/-, Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Fund, £2/2/-, Legacy, £2/2/-, Soldiers' Children's Scholarship, £1/1/-, War Nurses' Hostel, £1/1/-, War Veterans' Home, £2/2/-, Faversham, £1/1/-, War Blinded, £1/1/-, Maimed and Limbless; Wyalkatchem, £1/1/-, War Nurses' Hostel, £1/1/-, Faversham bowling pitch; Darling Range, £2/2/-, War Nurses' Hostel, £2/2/-, Soldiers' Scholarship; Yarloop, 10/- bowling green, Faversham; Mt. Hawthorn, £1/1/-, Faversham bowling green; Waroona, £3/3/-, War Nurses' Hostel; Mt. Hawthorn, £3/5/-, War Nurses' Hostel; Albany, £5/5/-, War Veterans' Home.

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TOODAY: Meetings now held on first Thursday in the month.

WOOROOLE: President now H. A. M. Appleton, secretary: J. Duffy.

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SIMPSON, W., Manjimup sub-branch; late 28th Bn.
SIZER, J. T., Northam sub-branch.
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