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The wide boys, the spivs and the blackmarketeers have a saying: "What's the percentage?" This means, "What's in it for me?" But we would give the same words an entirely different meaning when applying them to the League and its members.

What's the percentage of the ex-service personnel in your district who are members of your sub-branch?

Some sub-branches pride themselves on the fact that a very large proportion of the ex-servicemen in their district belong to the League. This is most commendable. But what is the percentage in YOUR sub-branch? Do you know? Have you tried to improve it? Will you be doing anything about it this year? Are you approaching the newcomers to your district?

Heavens! the questions we could ask you are legion, but the question now uppermost is this: Will you please take some notice of just what we are saying? That is not only a question, it is a request. For the League needs new members, and each present member can do his bit towards getting at least one more ex-serviceman interested.

What's the percentage of the time your sub-branch gives to constructive work—work of importance to ex-servicemen and the community in general?

Some sub-branches pride themselves on the fact that a very large percentage of their meeting time is given over to really constructive work, while much good is done by officers and members outside the actual meetings. Again, what is the percentage of YOUR sub-branch? Do you know? Have you tried to improve it? Will you be doing anything about it? You know that we could repeat these questions over and over again. And we still ask: Will you please take note and do something about it?

The League, it must be borne in mind, is known largely by the general public by what it does in its local districts. In short, each sub-branch has a vital part to play. If YOUR sub-branch does a good job, much credit is reflected on the League as a whole. If YOUR sub-branch fails to attend to matters of import, then in turn the League suffers.

What's the percentage of what YOU yourself are doing? Are YOU attending your sub-branch meetings with reasonable regularity? Are you pulling your weight in the various jobs your sub-branch undertakes? Are you a really ACTIVE member of the League?

One final question: Are you financial?

Make sure and certain that you wear the 1951 crown.
A meeting of the State Executive was held at Anzac House on February 7 at 5 p.m. Members present were Messrs. Sten, Hunt, Davies, Craig, Mansbridge, Leslie, Lonnie, Stahl, Edmondson, Bateson, Greenham, Stanbury, Keeley, Watt, Yates, James, Ferguson, Benson, Bradshaw, Walsmsley, Hullett and Miss Meares. Apologies were received from Messrs. Chaney, Stoddart and Herlihy. President T. Sten occupied the chair and warmly welcomed Messrs. E. Field (South Perth) and C. A. Gummery (Geraldton).

Highlights of the meeting included:

**Housing**

Mr. Davies presented the Housing Committee's report which contained the following recommendation: "The relationship between the League and the State Housing Commission which represents the Director of War Service Homes in this State has been most amicable, and the committee recommends that a letter of appreciation should be sent to the Director of War Service Homes for the services rendered in this State."

The following recommendation was also made: "The committee recommends that efforts should be made through the Federal office to have the Commonwealth-State Rental Homes Agreement amended so as to make a certain percentage of houses being built under this scheme available for allocation to war widows."

**Repatriation**

This report, presented by Mr. Stahl, pointed out that the committee had discussed at length the formula for periodic revision of war pensions and recommends that war pensions be reviewed every 12 months with a view to conforming with the value of the Australian pound. That pensions payable under the Second and Third Schedule of the A.R.A. be subject to basic wage adjustments at half-yearly periods and that the Federal basic rate as at last November (1950) be the base for present pension rates. That, in any case, and time, pensions shall be payable at rates not less than those at present applying.

It was reported that at sessions of the War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal (December 4 to 15), 87 appeals were heard. Of these, 56 were advocated by the League; 13 were allowed (11 advocated by the League) and six were deferred (four advocated by the League. The tribunal refused to hear 1914–18 cases which had previously disallowed and which had since been reviewed by the Commission in the light of the amended legislation of 1943, the tribunal claiming it had no jurisdiction in this regard. The committee proposes to approach the Federal Executive to request a definite ruling as to the right of appeal in such cases against rejection made after review by the Commission.

The committee recommends that the Repatriation Act should be amended to permit of step-children and adopted children being eligible for similar benefits to those of a child of a member, and that the time limit in such cases should be abolished.

A report on pensions work for the halfyear ended December 31, 1950, prepared by Mr. Heagney, was submitted. This read as follows:

"I desire to report that, since taking over pensions work in the middle of June last, I have dealt with a total of 473 individual cases, nearly an average of 80 per month. These are the actual recorded cases and the figure does not include numerous general enquiries from individuals and sub-branches and enquiries made which were fixed up on the spot and no further action required.

The amount of work involved in each case varies from one interview and perhaps one letter to possibly half a dozen inward and outward letters, numerous interviews and telephone calls to the Repatriation Department. In numerous cases, the files at the Repatriation Department had to be searched.

"During the period under review, I advocated before two sittings of the Entitlement Tribunal and four sittings of Assessment Tribunals, taking in all 140 cases, 81 being entitlement appeals and 59 assessment appeals.

"Without a close analysis of the files it is not possible to state how many appeals to the Repatriation Commission have been won through the League's efforts. In any case, the League is not always advised by the department and, unfortunately, far too many appellants failed to let us know when their appeals to the Commission have met with success."

**Recruiting**

Mr. Lonnie reported that appreciative references had been made regarding the success of the recruiting rally in Anzac House, which drew an attendance of 720 (the largest recruiting rally to date, it is thought).

Other reports were presented by Messrs. Stanbury (Re-establishment), Sten (Jubilee Celebrations), Ferguson (Anzac House and Anzac Club), and Keeley (Corps of Commissioners).

A further meeting was held on February 21, members present being Messrs. Hunt, Davies, Chaney, Craig, Mansbridge, Stahl, Lonnie, Leslie, Edmondson, Bateson, Greenham, Herlihy, Stanbury, Stoddart, Keeley, Yates, James, Ferguson, Benson, Bradshaw, Walsmsley, Hullett and Miss Meares. An apology was received from Mr. Sten.

Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. C. W. Mitchell, late wife of the manager of Anzac House.

The minutes of a meeting of certain city sub-branches, called by Highgate Sub-Branch, and held at Anzac House on February 20, were submitted. A resolution from the joint sub-branches which had been adopted was: "That the sub-branches here assembled, representing the city sub-branches without any exact defined areas, agree to form a Recruiting Committee, with a view to assisting recruiting, subject to the approval of the State Executive." The State Executive approved of this resolution subject to the addition of the words..."
"and under direction" after approval." Sub-branches concerned were Highgate, Gloucester Park, City of Perth, Press, Public Service and Ex-Servicewomen.

Housing
Mr. Davies, presenting this report, said that there had been no reversal of the League's policy concerning housing. He was replying to a question by Mr. Stahl concerning evidence given before the Federal Parliamentary Works Committee by the State President. Mr. Davies said that the League agreed with the necessity for Commonwealth building construction in Western Australia, particularly that relating to defence needs, but stipulated that the use of materials would not interfere with the local housing programme. "We urge the use of imported materials, imported labour and imported prefabricated homes to house the workers employed on construction," he said.

Bankruptcy Petition
League Move in Sydney Court
Mr. Justice Clynne, in the Sydney Bankruptcy Court recently ordered the sequestration of the estate of a man who claimed the petition had been lodged "for political reasons."
The man, Arthur Reginald Bergeest, of Moore Part Road, Paddington, was formerly a State councillor of the Returned Servicemen's League, on whose petition the order was made.
Bergeest was expelled from the R.S.L. last year, the State council alleging that he was a communist.
Mr. B. R. McFarland (for the R.S.L.) told Mr. Justice Clynne that Bergeest owed the League £528/14/6 —costs awarded against Bergeest in prolonged litigation in 1949 and 1950.
Bergeest, who conducted his own defence, asked that the petition should be dismissed or deferred until early next year while he obtained funds for his defence.
"The petition has been instituted for the purpose of oppressing and persecuting me for political reasons, and otherwise has been improperly instituted," he said.
Mr. Justice Clynne said it was clear that Bergeest owed the money to the R.S.L., which was entitled to take steps to recover the money.
There was no alternative to ordering sequestration of the estate.

AMMUNITION SOUVENIRS
Practice bombs, hand grenades, live shells, land mines, mortar bombs, hundreds of rounds of small arms ammunition and even a sixty-pound rocket-head are among the many hundreds of war souvenirs recovered by police and military authorities between September and December last year.
This is shown in returns from Army Commands throughout the Commonwealth. The returns indicate many were "live" and highly dangerous.

Army Headquarters emphasises the danger of retention of any form of ammunition or projectile. All persons who have such souvenirs in or about their property are asked to communicate with civil police or army authorities, who will make immediate arrangements for their disposal.

BRITAIN'S NEW NAVAL BUILDING PROGRAMME
Six new aircraft carriers are to be added to the British fleet. This has been announced in the House of Commons.
These new aircraft carriers will join the Fleet between now and 1954. Warships under construction have been increased by two anti-submarine frigates of new design and 41 mine-sweepers of new design have been ordered in addition to small craft.
The conversion of fleet destroyers into anti-submarine frigates is already under way, and six of these vessels will be in the dockyard by the end of this year. More are planned to follow next year. The programme of converting wartime submarines to higher speeds has also begun. The aircraft carrier Victorious is being modernised to operate future types of aircraft.
Refits for ships in the reserve undertaken during the past three years total 450, including 88 as part of the additional defence programme. Virtually all ships of operational reserve have now been refitted at least once since the end of the war.

The Canberra Bomber
The much discussed Canberra twin-jet bomber built by the English Electric Company to a specification laid down in 1943, is being built entirely in Australia for the R.A.A.F. by the Government Aircraft Factory.
The original specification required the construction of a twin-engined bomber with twice the speed of the existing "Lincoln" heavy bomber. That this was attained was clearly illustrated at the Farnborough display in 1949 when the aircraft made its first public appearance. Demonstrating tight turns at high speed, it was handled with the nimbleness and velocity of a high-speed-fighter. A conservative report at the time stated: "It seems unlikely that an aircraft of that weight and size had ever before performed such evolutions with success."
The appearance of the Canberra and the other jet speedsters at last year's Farnborough display gave rise to a great deal of speculation and further confirmed the growing belief that Britain had taken a commanding lead in jet propulsion.
Much of the British nation's achievement in this field can be attributed to the research and development organisation, of which the National Gas Turbine Establishment is one of the most important sections. This organisation has provided a constant stream of technical information which has ironed out many technicalities involved in producing new aircraft types, and has shortened the period normally taken to produce the finished product from the plan stage.
The production of the Canberra in less than four years is one illustration of the assistance British aircraft production is receiving from the research and development organisation.
The project to build this bomber in Australia will not only provide the R.A.A.F. with the first-class aircraft, but give a tremendous lift to the country's aircraft industry.
The Australian-built version will be powered with "Avon" jet engines locally under licence. Performances cannot be disclosed, although estimates during its first appearance place its speed around the 600 m.p.h. mark. Irrespective of its actual rated performance, the Canberra is widely regarded as the best aircraft of its type in the world.
The Army and the People

Broadcast by Lieut-General S. F. ROWELL, C.B., C.B.E., Chief of the
Australian General Staff, over National Stations in this
State on Wednesday, 7th February

I have titled this talk "The Army and the People" as I believe there
was never a time in Australian history when the general public should
have a greater awareness of the objects and needs of the Army than is
the case today. We live in a dreadful atmosphere, neither peace nor
war, and strangely reminiscent of those days late in 1938. Fortunately
the democracies have decided that it is better to "die standing than to
kneeling," and we mercifully are to be spared another Munich with all its
humiliation.

I doubt if the public as a whole realises the way our peacetime forces,
and I speak particularly for the Army, have grown since the days be-
fore World War II. Today, for the first time in peace, we are maintain-
ing considerable regular forces which will be needed indefinitely. But we
have no great tradition of regular peacetime service, as in the past we
have relied mainly on Citizen Forces and have had plenty of time to mobil-
ise our resources.

We still look today to the Citizen Forces as the basis of our expansion
for war; but the time factor no longer operates in our favour and we
must have a sizeable body of regular troops ready at once to take
the first shock of a major war or to be employed, as are our troops in
Korea today, on a United Nations task in the cold war.

One of our major problems is to establish this tradition and, through
it, to secure the goodwill of the people. For it is very certain that unless
we gain and maintain the interest and goodwill of the community from
which we are nourished in men, money and material, then as service
we cannot have high morale.

There are two partners in finding the solution to this problem of ident-
ifying the Army more closely with its public— you the people and we
the soldiers. We expect to be judged by you on our standards of efficiency
in training and administration, on our general conduct and on the ob-
server of our civil obligations.

If we satisfy these standards, we believe we are entitled to your inter-
est and your help. Far too often we receive only ill-informed and destruc-
tive criticism.

Above all, we want to be regarded as an essential part of the community
and not something apart from it. When a soldier enlists he does not
shed his civil privileges and obligations. On the contrary, he assumes
added obligations, and it is the proper fulfilment of these that furnishes
the acid-test of his worth. For example, any falling away of standards
dress and conduct when off duty brings a loss of your goodwill out of
all proportion to the incident.

It is unfortunate that the major centres of Army life are remote from
the great centres of population. It is there that the Army is seen at its
best, apart from the relatively few occasions on which we appear in
strength in the cities for tattoos, parades or reviews. But there are other
ways than ceremonial parades of coming closer to you. These lie in the
help the Army is able and willing to give to the community as a whole,
which is engaged in dealing with flood and bushfire and
in a national emergency such as we had on the coalfields in the winter
of 1949. We are always ready and willing to go on an errand of mercy.

It will not cost you very much effort to take an intelligent and
friendly interest in the Services, whether it is a big city parade or a
small affair staged by your local Citizen Force unit. In time of war, we
never lack public support. If you give us the same support in peace,
we will have gone a long way towards creating the feeling that the
Army is a good show. And this feeling is essential to attract the young
men we so urgently need today to meet our objectives for both the Regu-
lar and the Citizen Forces.

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"A" GRADE CRICKET NOTES

This report deals with fixtures played in the New Year. On January 7, Bellevue defeated Mt. Lawley by 57 runs on the first innings, 128 to 71. R. Vigar for the winners 43, and A. Smith 33 n.o. for Mt. Lawley. Bowling: O. Lamore 4 for 36 and R. Blitz 3 for 9.


The next set of fixtures were played on January 21.

City of Perth, who met the team from Mt. Hawthorn, were out for revenge, and they did this in no small manner, scoring 206 for 8 against 83. The ever-consistent Peter Rollo top-scored with 82, which included four sixes and nine fours. He was assisted by K. Hardie (47, and eight fours). These two put on 132 runs for the fifth wicket. L. Dewar sent down 12 overs for 56 runs and four wickets. The Mount’s batsmen failed badly against the left-handed bowler M. Hepworth, who took 5 for 17 runs.

The second game was between Mt. Lawley and West Leederville, victory going to Mt. Lawley by 24 runs on the first innings, 97 to 73. For the winners, T. Smith 31 and B. Harris 25, and for West Leederville, A. Burnett 25.

Bowling for the winners: A. Bediscombe 4 for 21, and J. Meyer 4 for 28.


The only other game which took place was between Mt. Hawthorn and West Leederville. Won by the Mounts by 39 runs on the first innings, 119 to 80. For Mt. Hawthorn: Joe Watling 46, Ray Croxton 41; and Leederville: Fred Davis 22 and J. Lord 17. Bowling: Ern Cooley 4 for 17 and Tim Gildea, of West Leederville, who secured 5 for 28, including the hat-trick. Well done, Tim. Reg Oxford’s fielding at square leg, where he took 3 catches. These were the outstanding events of this game.

"B" GRADE

(Notes in the "B" Grade date back to December 3, 1950.)

South Perth met and defeated City of Perth 153 to 98. E. Brown batted well for 43; also Tomich, for the City team, with 44. Bowling, South Perth: Williams 5 for 12.


The next round took place on December 17. Gloucester Park won easily from City of Perth, 7 for 99 to 53. Stone, of Gloucester Park, is proving very consistent, making 46 for the winners. Brankstone 4 for 21 and Hills 5 for 13 for City of Perth.

West Perth accounted for Bedford-Morley Parks by only 4 runs on the first innings (70 to 66). Stein scored 27 for the winners and Bremner bowled well to secure 6 for 36.

The third match was between South Perth and Scarborough, won by the team across the river 124 to 69. Hirst 52 and Williams 33 for Scarborough. Cann played a lone hand in making 45.

January 14, 1951, saw Gloucester Park and West Perth in a very close finish, Gloucester Park winning by only 1 run (56 to 55). Once again Stone was amongst the runs (29) and for West Perth, Bremner 23.

On January 21 all teams in this grade were playing. Another close match with South Perth and West Perth, won by South Perth by 3 runs.

Scores, 74 to 71. For the winners: Jennings 22; and Morris 20 for West Perth. Some good bowling by Hirst, of South Perth, who took 5 for 21, and Bremner, of West Perth, 5 for 21. The last-mentioned is having a good season and can always be sure of getting his share of wickets.

Another close game between Bedford-Morley Parks and South Perth. This was also on January 14, Bedford-Morley Parks winning by one run, 116 to 115. W. Mayne 55 and E. Williams, for South Perth, 68.


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New Home for Shenton Park

With the Official Opening of its Memorial Hall on January 19, the Shenton Park Sub-Branch realised an ambition it had cherished for seven years.

Among those in the large gathering were the State President (Mr T. Sten), the State Secretary (Mr J. Chappell) and several members of the State Executive; the State President of the Women's Auxiliaries (Mrs Stockmin), Cr. and Mrs. E. Congdon, representing the Mayor and Mayoress of Subiaco (Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Abrahams), Mr. D. Grayden, M.L.A., and the sub-branch's patron (Sir Norbert Keenan).

Officially turning the key in the lock of the front door of the hall, the State President said that this was a privilege not only because the hall was a memorial to the fallen, but because it also represented a great volume of work put into the project during the past 12 months. It was a marvellous job, and a credit to the president of the sub-branch (Mr. C. Kleeman) in particular. Mr. Sten hoped that the building would mean much, not only to the sub-branch and its women's auxiliary, but also to the people of the district as a whole.

In this connection, said the speaker, he was trying to preach a creed in the selfish and unsettled world of today. There were well over 200 sub-branches in the League, and if each of these undertook some valuable task, apart from their own functions, the League could give a valuable lead to the community.

Mr. Sten said that in refurbishing the hall the sub-branch had performed a valuable task, for before it took over the building the structure seemed to be falling to pieces.

Later Mr. Sten was presented with the key with which he performed the ceremony. This is of silver, and bears a replica of the R.S.L. badge.

Reviewing the efforts to obtain a hall at the social which followed, Mr. Kleeman said he had waited seven years for that night's event. It was seven years ago, when ex-Cr. Ogg was president of the sub-branch, and the speaker vice-president, that the latter had discussed the matter with him and it was decided to proceed with the scheme. Many difficulties had been encountered. Nearly three years passed before a site for the hall could be obtained. For nine months negotiations were carried out for a block of land, they then fell through, and efforts to obtain another area also failed. Various methods were adopted to raise funds, and in less than five years about £650 was secured.

Many people had helped the sub-branch in various ways, including the State Secretary, whose services both as a salaried officer and a member of the League were much appreciated. Mr. Chappell had given valuable help in drawing up financial agreements and in legal matters involved in the projects. Mr. Kleeman also thanked the Cottesloe and Subiaco Municipal Councils. The Subiaco Council presented the sub-branch with a table and chair from the mayoral parlour, some pictures and a cheque for £15.

Mr. Kleeman said that the women's auxiliary had performed sterling service. Recently it had given the sub-branch £22/10/-, and had also made a loan to it of £77/10/-, free of interest. It had also presented the sub-branch with a chromeplated urn. Mr. Kleeman thanked those stalwarts who had stuck to work on the building site and on the hall at every weekend since August, and also his wife for the cheerful manner in which she had, during that period, suffered her lot as an "R.S.L. widow."

It was announced by Mr. Kleeman that the sub-branch was still in need of funds, and an immediate appeal for donations produced £100 in about 15 minutes.

ANZAC DAY, 1951
Miss Mary Meares (Tel.: B 3860 or WM 2401) is again arranging the transport for sick and aged returned soldiers who are unable to attend the Anzac Day parade otherwise. It would be appreciated if those desirous of a seat in the cars would please ring the above telephone numbers so that the necessary arrangements can be made for cars to call.

Tribute to President

Responding to the toast, "The Western Australian Branch of the R.S.L.," submitted by Mr. Kleeman, Mr. Sten paid warm tribute to Mr. Kleeman's efforts for the hall project, and remarked that Mr. Kleeman was the greatest "urger" he had ever known. The building, in fact, could be called the Kleeman Hall. Referring to the work of the League, the speaker said it today possessed some of the best members in the younger guild, who were fitting themselves into its work. It was not so much the question of numbers which counted as the quality of the individual.

The State senior vice-president (Mr. E. Davis) also replied.

The toast, "The Shenton Park Sub-Branch," was submitted by Mr. Chappell, who said that latent in the League was a great deal of vitality, and what had been achieved by the Shenton Park Sub-Branch should be a stimulus to others. He felt that if it had not been for the efforts of Mr. Kleeman the hall would not have been erected when it was. It was one of the few of its kind erected since the last war. But the work did not end that night; it had only started. It meant that the sub-branch had merely acquired the means to march on to further achievements.

Mr. Kleeman, who responded, said he felt weary after the long efforts and could not carry on much longer. He urged members not to let complacency and self-satisfaction creep into the sub-branch.

Labour of Love

Submitting the toast, "The Women's Auxiliary," Mr. F. Strongman said that these bodies were the life-blood of the League. They found in their work a labour of love, and some members had probably been associated with auxiliaries for more than 30 years.

The president of the sub-branch's auxiliary (Mrs. M. Sherlock) and Mrs. Stockmin responded.

Replying to the toast of "The Visitors," C3. Congdon, on behalf of the Mayor of Subiaco, congratulated the
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The sub-branch was formed on February 20, 1948, and then consisted of 20 members. The financial members now number 60 and the average attendance at meetings is 25.

The sub-branch has been very busy this year, and we have undertaken new interests to assist our brave folk. To raise funds for the amelioration fund, a jumble sale was held on August 3, and it proved very satisfactory, the sum of £20/5/3 being raised. On Anzac Day a wreath was laid on the War Memorial by Misses Rutherford and Knight. After the parade, 230 invalid ex-service men were entertained at a luncheon in the Anzac House Ballroom, the luncheon being provided by the sub-branch.

Lemnos Hospital, West Suburban.—It was decided during the year that the inmates of this hospital be entertained in the evening once every three months. These dances have proved a great success and are very much enjoyed by the patients, the supper being provided by the sub-branch. A donation of £1 was sent to this institution towards their Christmas cheer.

Faversham House.—Miss Day represents the sub-branch on this committee and has presented very satisfactory reports. During the year, a donation of a mantel clock was made to this home for the use of the veterans.

The presentation of our charter on June 9 last was made by the then State President, Mr. W. Hunt, and the function was attended by other R.S.L. officials. It took the form of a picture evening, and after the presentation refreshments were served.

A raffle, by permission of the W.A. State Lotteries, was drawn on September 8. This was also for the amelioration funds, and the net result was £32/15/11.

Blinded Soldiers’ Sub-Branch.—Members decided to assist the Blinded Soldiers’ Sub-Branch by providing refreshments and acting as hostesses to them at their meetings every alternate month. This is very much appreciated by the Blinded Soldiers’ Association. The Christmas cake for their Christmas meeting was made and decorated by Miss Morrison, assisted by Miss Duff. The members will continue this service for the next 12 months. The Christmas decora-

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A donation of £1 was sent to the bush fire relief.

The sub-branch has been well represented at all League functions and presidents and secretaries’ meetings, which are very helpful to those attending.

Misses Birch and Gibson are two very enthusiastic members (unfortunately ill and unable to be with us when this report was presented). All members wish them both a speedy and complete recovery.

I feel that all members will agree that this has been a very satisfactory and busy year, and it is very gratifying to think that members are all so anxious to help other sub-branches and those in hospital, thereby gaining a great deal of happiness in the work of the sub-branch.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all members for their loyalty and cooperation to me during the year and for their enthusiasm in the work undertaken, especially to the secretary and treasurer, on whom most of the work falls.

Thanks are also due to members of the State Executive for making the ballroom at Anzac House available for the Anzac Day luncheon, and to the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Soldiers for the use of their club rooms for our meetings. Without this, it would be impossible for the sub-branch to carry out its duties, and we are deeply grateful to the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Soldiers’ Association for their generosity, but feel that a great deal more could be achieved by the sub-branch if we had a home of our own. The Red Cross Society helped us considerably with the Christmas decorations, and to them our thanks are also due.

It is hoped that the ensuing twelve months will prove successful, but members will have to realise that,

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PERSONALITIES

Dr. C. E. Cook, one-time member of the State Executive and now senior medical officer of the Commonwealth Health Department, recently paid a visit to the old Diggers in Glendalough. Visitors such as these set an example which might well be followed by more League members.

Secretary E. Ricketts, of the Waroona-Hamel Sub-Branch, is now secretary of the new local recruiting committee comprising representatives of the League, the local rifle club and the road board.

Alf Yeates, late of the State Executive, and Stan Watt, still a very active member, have been visiting sub-branches lately on behalf of the recruiting campaign, and, according to reports reaching us, they are doing a first-class job.

J. J. Johnston, of the Manjimup Sub-Branch, recently made a handsome donation towards a buffet supper which the sub-branch organised on behalf of some visitors from Malaya. We understand that the donation was an extremely refreshing one.

Jim Walmsley, of the State Executive (and president of the South Perth Sub-Branch) has, they tell us, gone into the egg-and-birdseed business. If you ask him, he’ll probably tell you more about it.

Charlie Mitchell, manager of Anzac House, has suffered a sad blow in the loss of his wife. The Listening Post joins with his many friends in extending sincere sympathy.

Poverty is no disgrace, but it is damned inconvenient.
The Somme Again

To the Editor.

Dear Sir: You published references to the Somme offensive as extracts of the American official version to the actions on September 23-24, 1918.

The true story (not official) is as follows, in brief: The Americans, having their first full-scale action, hopped over after a terrific barrage from our guns. Their advance and arrival at their objective was hours ahead of schedule. The 8th Aust. Brigade was to leap-frog through the Yanks and go many miles further on. When our chaps approached the original, now battered, German front line they found it fully manned again.

The enemy had gone underground during our bombardment and the Americans hadn’t ferreted them out in their advance. The battle developed then into a more or less hand-to-hand fight, eventually in our favour. Those two divisions of Americans just disappeared.

I was associated with an amusing sequel as N.C.O. in charge of a party of Engineers. On the night of 24th we were sleeping in a dug-out on the bank of the canal near the mouth of the tunnel. A commotion during the night called for investigation and I found an American driver with a limber full of rations sent up for 27th Division. When I informed him that the Germans were between him and his mob he asked what he should do with the rations. I said, “Dump them here,” which he did, and the 8th Field Coy. had enough meat, coffee, sugar, etc., to last for a long time.

Incidentally, the Bellicourt tunnel was not a nest of underground passages. At each end there was a fairly large underground room used to house the machinery that operated the canal flood gates.

The Germans used the tunnel as a hospital, with patients in barges against the towpath. One of those machinery rooms was the site of a boiling-down factory, as an adjunct to the hospital. The C.O. 8th Field Coy. and myself were the first British troops to enter that room when searching the tunnel for mines, etc.

The place as we saw it before being later souvenired by the troops gave irrefutable evidence of the boiling-down of German dead!

-E.V.N.

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Sports Shorts

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WEST PERTH v. BEVERLEY

This match took place on December 3 at Wellington Square. The Beverley team, who were only formed this season, came down to play West Perth. I only saw the early part of this match and must make special comment of the opening pair for the visitors, R. Willey and B. Monger. The running between wickets of these two was a lesson to many who take part in cricket fixtures each week. These batsmen were more than holding their own; a different story is told when Brenner, of West Perth, came on to bowl, and in five overs secured 5 wickets for 9 runs. Beverley were all out for 64, K. Willey best with the bat, 22.

In batting a second time, the visitors did not fare well at all, being all out for 45 (Shepherd and Minors, 3 wickets each).

West Perth had no trouble in securing an inning’s win, their total being 154, to which six players made double figures (Carwardine 16, Brenner 15, Pearce 14, Stark 14, R. Willey 13 and Morris 12). For Beverley: Falkingham 4 for 31 off 9 overs.

The City of Perth Sub-Branch made their room available to provide lunch for the visitors and players of both teams, and after the game they were once again entertained by the City of Perth Sub-Branch. The visitors left Perth at a late hour, but were full of thanks to the local members who helped to make the stay so enjoyable. This getting-together of country and city sub-branches must create a wonderful lot of good, and I feel sure both teams had a grand day’s outing.

R.S.L. CRICKET ASSOCIATION V. HOOTHAM VALLEY

On November 19 a team was selected to travel to Wandering to play the local team. Hotham Valley had first use of the wicket and put together 104. K. Frazer batted very freely to score 31. He was supported by B. Dowsett for 24. The bowling of the association team was really tip-top. The opening pair, Allan Dick and Les. Shand, had the batsmen on their toes at all times. Les: sent down 8 overs, 3 maidens, 3 wickets for 10 runs and Allen 8 overs 1 maiden, 22 runs for 2 wickets. E. Cooley 5 overs, 33 runs, 3 wickets; and slow-bowler R. Sands, who secured 2 wickets in his first over, from then on was out of touch.

The fielding of the association team was at its best and was one of the reasons why the locals would not try and knock our bowlers off a length.

The association team had no worries in passing the locals’ score. The game concluded when we made 150 for 4 wickets. Les. Shand was seen at his top in making 48 (7 fours). A. Burnett 30 (4 fours), L. Glenister 23 n.o.

The day spent at Wandering was one which will be remembered by all who made the trip.

The local team had arranged dinner at the hotel, and we sat down to a tip-top meal. During the afternoon the ladies, from many miles out of town, came together and provided us with afternoon tea.

This was highly commented on by the visitors, for I am sure these good ladies must have put most of the Sunday morning over the stove to place before us such a wonderful spread, and I am sure you would need to travel a lot to have anything better than we received that afternoon from the R.S.L. Cricket Association. We thank those ladies for their grand job.

A. B. CLARK,
Publicity Officer,

R.S.L. SPORTS COUNCIL

The usual monthly meeting of the R.S.L. Sports Council was held in the board room on Monday, February 26, some 16 sub-branches being represented. Mr. B. Keeley occupied the chair.

The main business of the evening was a report by the newly formed A.R.M.S. games controlling committee.

There was also a report submitted concerning the forthcoming debating competitions, and it was stated that a meeting of all interested would be called at an early date.

It was decided to invite all sporting activities connected with the R.S.L. to send delegates to the next meeting of the council.

It was also decided to arrange for a rifle shooting competition, to be held in the supper room at Anzac House immediately the A.R.M.S. series had been concluded.

The next meeting of the council will be held on Monday, April 2, 1951, at 8 p.m. sharp.

-B.K.

EX-SERVICE WOMEN’S SUB-BRANCH

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owing to the world conditions and general unrest, the sub-branch will probably be called upon to do a great deal to assist others, but I feel confident that all members are mindful of their duties and will do as they have done in the past—be ready to assist wherever and whenever possible.

Once again to all members I say, “Thank you for your co-operation and loyalty.”

(Miss) MARY MEARES.

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O’BRIENS

COURT HOTEL
Perth, W.A.
Mr. McKell, in his address, said that a study of the life, character and accomplishments of General Sir John Monash yielded a rich reward in inspiration, and in the appreciation of what selfless service to humanity really meant; it provided an example worthy of emulation. As a soldier, his name would live as long as the Anzac spirit survived.

After the war, Mr. McKell said, Sir John Monash could have commercialised his genius and prestige with great personal financial gain, but he chose instead to serve the country as chairman of the State Electricity Commission (Victoria), which office he held to the time of his death.

Tributes to General Monash were received from Lord Birdwood of Anzac; Mr. W. H. Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia during World War I; and Field Marshal Sir Thomas Blamey.

The statue was given by the public of Victoria and has resulted from the unremitting work, over a number of years, of the General Sir John Monash Victorian Memorial Committee, of which Field Marshal Sir Thomas Blamey was chairman. Major-General Steele was deputy chairman; also on the committee were Mr. R. A. Hunt, chairman of the S.E.C., and Dr. W. D. Chapman, S.E.C. commissioner.

The monument was modelled by Victorian sculptor W. Leslie Bowles, and cast in England. The plaster cast was completed before World War II, but casting had to be delayed until after the war.

The statue of General Monash stands upon an eminence looking down on St. Kilda Road, along which each Anzac Day march the dwindling veterans of the First A.I.F. which he commanded. And by night, unseen, it commands a view beyond the parklands towards a glow which is the pulsating heart of the city—a city of light and power, fulfilment in part of the vision he saw.

General Sir John Monash was born on June 27, 1865, in Dudley Street, West Melbourne, in one of a terrace of houses overlooking the Flagstaff Hill, so named because one of the earliest Government Houses stood on the hill and on its flagstaff a flag was flown whenever the English mail arrived in port. He was the son of Mr. Louis Monash who reached Australia as an immigrant in 1853 when 21 years old.

He received his first schooling at St. Stephen's School on Docker's Hill, Richmond. Others who subsequently became well known in public life were also at the school.

In the early part of 1874 his parents went to live in New South Wales in the then rather primitive township of Jerilderie and during his three years there he had, as a growing boy, a vividly interesting experience of country life, learning to ride and also acquiring much bushcraft.

The teacher at the local school took a personal interest in him and taught him many things outside the school curriculum, such as the higher mathematics and so on. So impressed was his teacher that he strongly urged the boy's parents to take him to Melbourne.

The family resumed residence in Melbourne towards the end of 1887 and the young student was sent to Scotch College. He remained until 1881, in which year he was Dux of the school, Dux in mathematics and Dux in modern languages, and gained matriculation for the University. He was appointed to the staff of the Arts course with the ultimate purpose of becoming a civil engineer.

The following year, when 16 years of age, he commenced his career at Melbourne University, entering for the Arts course with the ultimate purpose of becoming a civil engineer. The whole of the time he was at the university he was handicapped through lack of funds and he did much coaching of students for matriculation in order to pay his way. In those days, there were a number of others similarly situated who afterwards became distinguished in public life.

From his diary it would seem that his first year at university was an amazingly full one. He seems to have spent his time reading every conceivable book, ancient and modern, of any real worth that he could get his hands on. The reading was mostly done either at the Melbourne Public Library or the University Library. He had regular painting lessons, attended the Supreme Court to hear legal arguments and the House of Parliament to listen to debates, did carpentry as a hobby, wrote articles and letters to newspapers, belonged to debating societies, wrote essays on many and varied subjects, played the piano for long periods and interspersed all this with short bursts of attending lectures and preparing his work.

In 1884 he was compelled to suspend his university studies to earn his livelihood, and at the age of 19 he took an appointment on the construction works of the new Princes Bridge, which were then just starting.

In the following two years he advanced his position on the works, ultimately being given charge of the whole of the earthworks, both on the shore and in the river bed, and the whole of the masonry. In 1886 and 1887 the firm for whom he was working (David Munro and Co.) employed him on other important bridge works in Melbourne.
Great Australian

Monash, in the Melbourne Domain north of the Governor-General, His Excellency the Rt. Hon. The ceremony took place in brilliant sunshine and was close friends and associates of Sir Alfred Brooks; the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. the Hon. P. T. Byrnes, representing the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. the Hon. P. T. Byrnes, representing the Pre-Gilbert Dyett, representing the R.S.L.; Mrs. his husband, Colonel Gershon Bennett. Guards him on the Scotch College Cadet Corps, long. Major-General C. S. Steele introduced illness, of Field Marshal Sir Thomas Blamey.

During this period the Victorian Militia was formed, and John Monash joined the University Company. He rose steadily through the ranks and was appointed Colour-Sergeant in 1886. In the following year, when the University Company was disbanded, he immediately applied for and obtained a commission in the Garrison Artillery.

The following entry in his diary at this time is of significance: "The undercurrent of my thoughts has been running strongly on military matters. Yesterday things came to a finality. I have been attached to Major Goldstein’s battery with the prospect of appointment before Easter; a combination of military and engineering professions is a possibility that is before me."

Early in 1887 he received an appointment from another firm of contractors to take entire charge, at the age of 22, of the construction works of the Outer Circle Railway from Fairfield Park to Oakleigh. It was during this period that he was able to finish his university studies and to take out the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Civil Engineering. In 1891 he married Victoria Moss, the daughter of Moton Moss, a well-known early colonist.

Finding that acquaintance with legal principles was very valuable to an engineer, he decided to qualify for the law and he did so in 1892 and 1893, obtaining the degree of L.L.B and also that of Master of Civil Engineering.

About this time the historic land boom burst and the young engineer again found himself thrown upon meagre resources, but he received an appointment as Assistant Engineer and Chief Draftsman of the Melbourne Harbour Trust. During this period he further qualified as Municipal Surveyor, as Engineer for Water Supply and as Patent Attorney.

Owing to the aftermath of the boom he was compelled to relinquish his position with the Melbourne Harbour Trust in 1894. His answer to this situation was typical of the man—he entered private practice as a Consulting Engineer and Patent Attorney—a practice which continued for 20 years.

His professional standing rapidly improved, and he received many engagements in other States, some of these being in connection with the construction of the railway from Bundeburra to Gladstone in Queensland, the Mullewa to Cue railway in Western Australia, the Kelly Basin to Gormaston railway in Tasmania, and he designed the King River bridge on the railway from Burnie to Zeehan.

As an expert witness in the law courts he was much sought after, and he figured in a large number of celebrated cases, some of which went to the Privy Council in London and were decided largely on his evidence.

The public career of this brilliant engineer and soldier fell mainly into three phases. The first, his rise to prominence as an engineer prior to 1914; the second, and most spectacular, his promotion with the rank of Lieut.-General, to command the Australian Army Corps in World War I; and the third, the culmination of his career, his service to the people of Victoria as chairman of the State Electricity Commission from its earliest years until his death.

It was in 1896 that he took up reinforced concrete as an engineering specialty. In this year he built the bridge over the Yarra at Anderson Street, near the Botanical Gardens. This was the forerunner of a very large and extensive practice in bridge building and general engineering construction (mainly in reinforced concrete) which extended beyond Victoria into South Australia and Tasmania.

About the year 1900 he floated his affairs into a proprietary company with David Mitchell (the father of Melba) as his chairman of directors, and this was for him a period of great prosperity.

During the whole of the years from his university days until 1914, John Monash steadily applied himself to soldiering, rising from the rank of Major in the artillery to Lieut.-Colonel commanding the Victorian section of the Intelligence Corps and in 1912 to full Colonel commanding an Infantry Brigade.

In 1910 he had been on an extended world tour, accompanied by his wife and daughter, and after several months spent in Germany, he came away convinced that war with Great Britain could not be long deferred.

When the declaration of war came it found him with the rank of Colonel in a citizen force unit—the militia colonel, as he was once described by an admirer, who was destined to teach him the generals of the world how to wage war. He planned every movement of his forces with the same genius and detail of a great organizer. His mind was eminently one for methodical and cool deliberation, but his success did not depend on perfection of plans alone. There was a dynamic quality in him that made him seek decisions.

He became one of the greatest leaders in the war, but this distinction was not attained without unending hard work. On his enlistment for service in 1914 he was appointed Chief Censor in Australia. In December, 1914, as Colonel Monash,
he left Australia in command of the 4th Infantry Brigade. He landed on Gallipoli in command of this unit and his leadership there was stamped by the method and cool deliberation which were later to win him fame in France. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General and later supervised the evacuation of his brigade from the Peninsula. After a period in Egypt and on defence in the canal zone, his brigade moved to France in May, 1916.

In July, 1916, came promotion when he was summoned to England to organise and train the Third Australian Division and, before the end of the year, Major-General Monash was in command of this division in France, holding the Armentieres sector. The division took a leading part in the battle of Messines in 1917 and continued to occupy vital parts on the Allied front line.

His moral courage and readiness to accept responsibility were tested to the full when, resting in the south of France in March, 1918, he learned that the Germans had broken through on the front occupied by Gough's Fifth Army and were pouring through the gap towards Amiens. He was given the task of holding the Germans between the Ancre and the Somme. Working day and night, he gathered the battalions together by motor bus and by train, and deployed them across the path of the advancing enemy. Gradually the attacking waves spent themselves against the barrier and the situation was saved.

When a couple of months later General Sir William Birdwood was given command of one of the British Armies there was hardly any question as to whom should step into his shoes. Not only had General Monash proved his tactical ability, but he had won the confidence of the troops in the field.

In May, 1918, he was promoted to the rank of Lieut.-General and given command of all five divisions of the Australian Army Corps. To it were added at various times a British division, two Canadian, and two American divisions, General Monash thus becoming the first British General to have had United States troops under his command. In the closing days of September his command numbered 208,000.

The successful action at Hamel marked the turning of the tide. General Monash's orders and battle plans for this action were so brilliant and so superbly carried out that they were republished by General Headquarters as a model for the whole British Army.

"A perfect modern battle plan," General Monash once said, "is like nothing so much as the score for an orchestral composition, where the various arms and units are the instruments, and the tasks that they perform are their respective musical phrases. Every individual unit must make its entry precisely at the proper moment and play its part in the general harmony."

The Australian offensive of August 8, "Ludendorff's Black Day," was the beginning of the end. From then on the Australian Army Corps was continuously active, delivering a succession of shattering blows that did not cease till the Hindenburg Line had been stormed and the German forces were in full retreat.

At Bertangles, near Amiens, on August 12, 1918, four days after the offensive began, General Monash received the accolade of knighthood from His Majesty King George V, the first British sovereign to confer a knighthood on the field of battle since King George II created knights at the Battle of Dettingen in 1741. This might have given him the right to claim the long dormant status of "Knight Bannerman."

General Sir John Monash's summing up of war and the future is worthy of note. At the end of the Great War he wrote: "From the far off days of 1914, when the first call came, until the last shot was fired, every day was filled with loathing, horror and distress. I deplored all the time the loss of precious life, and the waste of human effort. Nothing could have been more repugnant to me than the realisation of the dreadful inefficiency of, and the insipid energy of, war. Yet it had to be, and the thought always uppermost was the earnest prayer that Australia might for ever be spared such a horror on her own soil. There is, in my belief, only way way to realise such a prayer. The nation that wishes to defend its land and its honour must spare no effort, refuse no sacrifice to make itself so formidable that no enemy will dare to assail it."

On the signing of the Armistice, General Sir John Monash undertook the enormous task of demobilising the A.I.F. During 1919 he took part in many activities in London, including the three great marches through the City—the Anzac Day March, the Dominions March and the Peace March. He had several audiences with His Majesty King George V and also lunched with him informally. He returned to Australia, reaching Melbourne on Boxing Day, 1919.

In 1920 Sir John Monash returned to his private business affairs. During this period he was asked by the Commonwealth Government to act on a committee of senior officers to lay down a policy for the future Commonwealth defence, and also became a member of the Commonwealth Council of Defence.

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In October, 1920, he was invited by the State Government of Victoria to become General Manager of the State Electricity Scheme—which under the original Electricity Commissioners was then in the formative stages—with a view to a further appointment as chairman of the Commission as soon as legislation could be prepared. He assumed office as chairman of the State Electricity Commission early in 1921.

In its earlier years the Commission met with severe criticism from the Press and from numbers of public men who expected results before development was reasonably possible. Sir John Monash obtained permission to address Parliament. For the first time Parliament heard a consecutive and correct story of what the Electricity Commission was planning and the reasons for that plan. The men who heard him that day came under the sway of a master mind, a man who was complete master of his subject and whose only thought was service, and they never again doubted him or his plans, for one of his greatest gifts was that of exposition.

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In the last year of his life came the final honour to Sir John Monash when he was appointed to represent the Commonwealth of Australia at the opening of New Delhi, India, where he unveiled the Australian Commonwealth Column.
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Sir John Monash was frequently called upon in the years after the war to act in public matters of importance. On the occasion of the police strike in 1925, there fell on him the task of organising and administering a force of Special Constabulary. Later a Royal Commission into the whole circumstances of the strike was held and he was made chairman.

On several occasions he acted for the Commonwealth Government, as, for instance, in the dispute between the Navy Board and the Shipping Board as to the building of Australia's two cruisers.

He initiated and developed the Anzac Day ceremonies in Melbourne and took a prominent part in connection with the erection of Victoria's national war memorial, the Shrine of Remembrance, being one of the assessors who selected the accepted design.

He was also much in request as a public speaker. His book, "The Australian Victories in France in 1918," was submitted by him to the University of Melbourne in 1920 as a thesis upon the subject of engineering applied to warfare, and on it he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Engineering, being the first to receive that degree at any Australian university.

The Black Watch Band lays a wreath at the State War Memorial.

The diversity of Sir John Monash's interests was astounding. He had graduated in arts, law and engineering and had a considerable knowledge of medicine. Books of travel, biographies, poems, plays and fiction all came alike to him and were eagerly devoured. He was a good German linguist and had a working knowledge of French. He was an enthusiastic gardener. He took up astronomy and spent many hours with his telescope erected on a platform in his garden. In his later years he did little painting but continued to sketch until the end of his life.

He was interested, peculiarly enough, in all forms of legendarium and conjuring, and many a child remembers happy hours spent watching his performances, though they were never of a very high order. In his earlier years he climbed many a peak on our mountain ranges, but in later years he was content to walk with the Wallaby Club through the bush admiring the Australian landscape which he loved.

But his greatest solace was music, he was an accomplished pianist and on one occasion, in his youth, performed at a concert in the Melbourne Town Hall. He loved classical and operatic music, and attended every concert and opera performed in Melbourne for many years. From music he seemed to emerge like a giant refreshed to deal with the workaday world.

An outstanding trait was the method he employed so that all references should be ready to his hand. His whole immense library was cross-indexed. He kept a record properly filed and indexed of every letter he ever wrote, or received in his life from the age of seven.

One who knew him intimately has said: "The characteristics which I will always recall were his love of children, his simplicity and his gentleness—for he was the gentlest soul I have ever known. This man was very human and, therefore, not without fault; but these qualities of which I speak, a humanity which could find expression in an overwhelming gentleness, placed him amongst those who light a beacon fire for us poor mortals to look up to."

On the death of Sir John Monash on October 8, 1931, after a short illness, the whole nation mourned. He was accorded a State funeral and the body lay in state in Queen's Hall at Parliament House. The entire route of the funeral-procession from there to Brighton Cemetery was lined by citizens paying their last respects.

The nation had lost a great man. Great even in small things, and pre-eminent in great things. Sir John Monash left behind him a record alike distinguished as a leader in peace and war.

The following is a list of his distinctions:

- General, Australian Military Forces
- Chairman, State Electricity Commission of Victoria
- Knight Grand Cross (Military Division) of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George
- Knight Commander (Military Division) of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath
- 1914-15 Star
- British General Service Medal
- Allied Victory Medal
- Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration
- Mentioned in Despatches eight times
- Grand Officier de la Legion d'Honneur, French Republic
SUB-BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Bossendean

Our monthly meeting was held in the R.S.L. Hall on February 15, with a very fair muster including young and old members. It was very nice to see the old horse, Jack Ford, take one of the empty seats on offer.

The sub-branch is sorry to hear of one of the old members, Bob Webb (Webbie), being sick, but trust he will be up and out again soon.

Our membership is coming along nicely, but we still want more to come up. So come along, you chaps, and keep the old comradeship going. The R.S.L. is for you.

G. ATKINS.

Bedford-Morley Parks

It has already become a subject of notice that no reports appeared in the last issue of The Listening Post. Yes, too true. The sub-branch did have a break during January, and hence no report. Yet, however, there was quite a lot of preparation work undertaken for our annual general meeting which caused the sub-branch to spring back into life on Tuesday, February 13, when Riley's Hall was the venue for new and old faces to meet and carry out the serious task of re-electing and placing the sub-branch safely into the hands of men who will still 'carry on doggedly in the same determined effort that has been responsible for a most successful conclusion of 1950.

After the final act by the outgoing executive to present the audited financial statements, accounts and reports (which were received and accepted with acclamation), our retiring president gave a draft summary of all undertakings which certainly would give credit to any organisation, and added up into two wonderful words, "Greater Prestige."

After two years' hard work well done, Fred Pearson relinquished the presidency of the sub-branch on February 13, when the annual general meeting took place. In his annual address, he appealed to members with a desire that the younger men should come forward and accept responsibility.

We are happy to report that practically all the new incoming office-bearers are young men. The new president is George Wall, and George has been a very staunch member since the inception, has worked on the management committee with keen enthusiasm and should go far in maintaining the high prestige of the sub-branch. Fred is standing by him with all the old long experience and support.

There is every confidence of the continuance of success in the New Year.

The results of the nominations were as follows:

President, Geo. Wall; immediate past president, Fred Pearson; vice-president, Arthur Haynes; treasurer, Harry Levers; hon. secretary, Steve Gleeson; auditor, Max Brinkworth; management, Messrs. A. Neuse, H. Jackson, T. Wales, D. Slinger, A. Schenberg, V. O. Day and B. Redwood; publicity officer, F. J. Pearson; social and sports director, A. Haynes; Anzac House Sports Council, J. O'More; social committee, to be elected next meeting.

Will members please note general meeting night as before: each second Tuesday. Visitors very welcome also.

F. J. PEARSON.

Bridgetown

The meeting held on January 2 was, as is usual with the January meeting, rather poorly attended. However, the members who were present took advantage of the amenities that were provided for their entertainment at the end of the meeting. This was in accordance with the wishes of the new president, Mr. Rowan Robinson.

As the permit for the extension had come to hand, the secretary was instructed to find ways and means of erecting same. He reported at a later date that he had arranged that Mr. K. Mackinnon would supply the materials and supervise the work, which otherwise would be done by the voluntary labour of the members.

At the same meeting a message of congratulation and good wishes was sent to Matron Jean Wheatley (one of our honorary members) on her receiving the O.B.E.

At a committee meeting held on January 23, Mr. K. Mackinnon was appointed official courier to ride from Bridgetown to Greenbushes on Sunday, February 18, carrying the Jubilee message from the sub-branch to the Prime Minister.

Messrs. Ray Stevens and Bill Braithwaite were farewelled at the February meeting, and both were presented with a small token of appreciation for valuable services rendered to the sub-branch. In addition, Mr. Braithwaite (who is going back to army life) was presented with a neat package of red tape, for use on his staff course.

It is pleasing to note that subscriptions are coming in well, and that we are well ahead of the number in at this time last year.

E. S. SMITHARD.

Carlisle

February meeting was well attended and saw another new member enrolled. The new committee, comprising a good number of young Diggers, is very enthusiastic and has put some really good suggestions forward to improve the social side of the sub-branch.

There is also a keen interest being taken in local affairs and any ex-service man or woman who has a genuine complaint will receive a sympathetic hearing and assistance. So come along and see us any time you have a problem.

The sub-branch held its first social function for the year on Friday, February 16. It took the form of a river trip and the members and their friends vied it a first-class night. Bill Morton did a good job selling tickets and later dispensing cheer. Social secretary Vic. Huckstepp had arrangements well in hand and no hitch occurred. Bill Gilsenan presided at the keg; Harry Prestefott, Barney Walsh and Ted Exelby saw to it that the glasses were kept filled.

Les. and Mrs. Gilsenan, Snr., were missed. Hope Mrs. G. is O.K. again by the time this appears in print. Len Turner, our popular secretary, again entertained us with his delightful voice. Our thanks also to Harold Walton for coming along with his piano accordion to entertain us. Although figures are not available, a small profit should eventuate. It sure
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was a grand night. Saw Harold Cooper (of the 51st, 1914-18) there with an escort of charming lasses, his “neces,” at least that’s what Harold tells us. (By the way, Harold, who
decorated your face?)

It is the intention of this sub-
branch to hold a series of social even-
tings during the winter months, and an announcement will be made in
these columns later, so watch out for
it chaps, or you’ll miss something
worthwhile.

BILGEAR.

Darling Range

On Tuesday, February 6, over 100
members, wives and visitors were in
attendance when Mr. Fred Bateson,
M.B.E., presented the charter to our
sub-branch.

The State Executive was very well
represented by Messrs. J. Chappell,
P. Bateson, F. Stahl and W. S. Lon-
nie, which shows that we are not too
small or too distant a sub-branch to
interest our central body.

Our worthy secretary, George Ire-
dland, presented a brief summary of
the inception and growth of the
sub-branch. Tribute was paid to the
World War I veterans who formed
the sub-branch, and thanks were
to the women’s auxiliary who
have so ably assisted us through
the years. Mrs. M. Lowden, who very
generously presented the Memorial
Home to the sub-branch in 1939; the
late Mr. P. A. Connolly, who dona-
ted a building block in Canning
Road and £500 towards the building
fund; and the presentation of the
Memorial Gates by Mr. A. T. Brine
were especially mentioned.

President Reg Hayward and our
ex-secretary, Roy Thomson, were
each presented with a Certificate of
Service.

Ricketing Brook president, Mr.
Davies, Mrs. Davies, women’s auxil-
ary president, Mrs. W. Scott, Mr. Len
Hamilton, M.H.R., Mr. Ray
Owen, M.L.A., and a host of others
were present, and a most enjoyable
and convivial time was had by all,
thanks especially to the women’s aux-
iliary, who once again excelled at
providing refreshments additional to
those dispensed by the boys in the
little cubby-hole.

Our membership is approaching
the 150 mark and we would like to
see this figure far exceeded, so a little
mustering of eligibles would not go
astray. So what about it, fellas?

Glen Forrest

Office-bearers for this sub-branch
for 1951 are: President E. C.
Matthews; senior vice-president, A.
P. Johnson; junior vice-president, J.
Starr; secretary, D. R. Lawrence;
assistant secretary, C. Clatworthy;
treasurer, O. Shrimpton; publicity of-
ner, M. S. Barr.

I can’t give you many more details
of sub-branch activities, etc., as we
have only started this year.

We were in association with Dar-
lington previously, but split up, and
now have a show each.

D. R. LAWRENCE.

Gosnells

Annual meeting January 12, 1951.
Members present, 38; financial
members, 52; new members, 3.

The committee were very gratified
with the attendance at the annual
general meeting. The president, J.
W. Byas, conducted it with his usual
efficiency, and upon his call for the
election of office the voting was as
follows: President, J. W. Byas; secre-
tary, M. F. Eckersley; treasurer, T.
R. Buck.

The above officers were re-elected
unopposed.

The voting for committee mem-
bers resulted in the following being
elected. They are to act with office-
bearers, who are ex-officio: G. B. San-
som, D. A. I. Passmore, W. Byas,
Snr., A. C. Bellingham, T. S. Grif-
fiths, J. N. E. Ramsbottom, F.
Symonds, L. V. Renouf.

The remaining office-holders are as
follows: Senior vice-president, R.
Clark; junior vice-president, R. B.
Ellison; auditor, G. J. Muggeridge;
publicity officer, L. A. Muggeridge.

The annual reunion promises to be
a bumpy affair. An excellent din-
er is being organised by the Gos-
nells Women’s Auxiliary and the ser-
vice of some professional artists have
been obtained.

From the sub-branch point of view
the most important feature of the
evening will be the presentation of
the League’s charter by Mr. G. H.
Yates, M.L.A. This will be a red-
letter day in our local activities.

L. A. MUGGERIDGE.

Kensington

The sub-branch annual picnic was
held at Bull Creek on Sunday, Feb-
ruary 18, and proved a great success.
In addition to a good day’s outing,
the sub-branch put on a splendid
sports programme, both for adults
and children.

Members of the sub-branch cricket
team journeyed to Claremont on
Sunday, February 25, when they
tried conclusions with the local sub-
branch. After a very keen game,
which had a very humorous side, the
home team emerged victors by a very
narrow margin.

Sub-branch meetings continue to
be very well attended, and as the
time for the commencement of the
A.R.M.S. games approaches members
are getting in plenty of practice. Jim
Ridley, the sports director, is very
confident that the sub-branch will
finish near the top.

Jim Smith has been made patron
of the sub-branch, an honour that
he had richly earned. He is a tower
of strength to the sub-branch.

Next meeting will be held on
March 20.

Mandurah

The sub-branch held a meeting on
February 5, and the following is the
list of officers elected for the forth-
coming year: President, Brian Man-
waring (re-elected); secretary, Frank
Digney (re-elected); treasurer, Tony
Manwaring (re-elected); pensions
officer, A. Hart; vice-presidents, F.
Emmett and F. Archer; auditors, J.
Donald and C. Tuckey; publicity offi-
er, Harry Baird.

There was a good attendance at
the meeting which was held in the
Capitol Theatre. Several items were
dealt with, the main one being the
war memorial.

A new site has been given by the
Mandurah Road Board, and no time
was lost in pegging the same out. The
site is right on the foreshore and
ought to be a vast improvement for
our service on Anzac Day when we
hope, to be far enough advanced to
hold our service before going to the
Capitol Theatre, for the address, etc.
We are receiving a lot of support
from our women’s auxiliary, who
have a very strong following in Man-
durah. They entertained about 120
old Diggers on January 28. It was
a treat to see the ‘old boys enjoying
themselves in dancing, plenty of eats
and plenty of ice cream and cool
drinks. It was a day to be remem-
bered to notice the happy faces on
all as they said “Good-by.” We are
hoping soon to have our own R.S.L.
hall, as we have purchased a block.
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Just at present there are lots and lots of people at Mandurah enjoying the good fishing and weather while on holidays. Amongst the visitors are quite a lot of Diggers from World Wars I and II who are only willing to have a real good chat about years ago and bring back old memories.

Wishing The Listening Post the best from all our members of the sub-branch.

H. BAIRD.

Manjimup

Of three nominees for the position, Mr. H. R. Johnson succeeds Mr. L. Thompson (who did not seek re-election) as president of the Manjimup Sub-Branch.

After many years at the head of the sub-branch, Mr. Thompson declined to seek office at the annual general meeting last week, and he handed over the sub-branch charter to the new president, a well-known bank manager of Manjimup, who has had considerable experience in League affairs in South Australia before coming to this State.

Other office-bearers appointed were Messrs. H. J. Rogers, W. Horton, L. Sims and R. Monkhouse, vice-presidents; Mr. A. McDonald, hon. secretary; Rev. A. H. Tassell, hon. treasurer; Messrs. J. J. Johnston, L. Law and G. Major, committee; Mr. S. Nicholas, hon. auditor.

The new president paid tribute to the efforts of Mr. Thompson and the other outgoing officers in the year just ended, particular mention being made of the work done by Mr. Major (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. J. Johnston (joint hon. secretary) and Mr. H. J. Rogers (hon. auditor).

The year ended with a substantial membership, the majority of whom had been active in the interests of the sub-branch. The annual children's picnic, Easter sports (reflecting most creditably on Messrs. Rogers and Glows and those associated with it), Diggers' Day Golf outing and the reunion were the highlights touched on in the annual report. A heartening feature of the present year was that so far 98 members were financial.

Special Committees

Land Committee: Chairmen appointed were Mr. L. Sims and social committee Mr. L. Law. Four members were appointed to the housing committee, three of whom will attend meetings at which State Housing Commission tenancy allocations are decided. Those appointed were Messrs. L. Godley, A. McDonald, W. Horton and J. Blackwell.

The meeting concluded with a short address by the new president, in which he touched on the necessity for immediate action by members in their gratuity claims.

At the close of the meeting, members (who had as their guests Messrs. Schofield and Leitch, recently arrived from Malaya; and members of the Tobacco Training Centre) participated in a buffet supper. The generous contribution of Mr. J. J. Johnston in this sphere (a 10-gallon keg) went a long way toward making the night the complete success it was.

R. MONKHOUSE.

Maylands

Sunday, January 20, all members who were fortunate enough to be present at Mosmans greatly enjoyed our picnic. Plenty of good cheer and fun for everybody, young and old.

The “picci de resistance” was the triumph of Bill Redhead in the “Old Buffers” Newmarket, after 12 months’ assiduous training, but his rumoured that Joe is sick and tired of hoarding trophies. Everybody finished up tired but happy.

On Thursday, February 1, officers for the coming year were elected. Tom Ilman continues as president. Jim Lindsay is now secretary, due to the fact that Alf considers that he is entitled to a spell. We are sorry to lose him, but we are also very lucky to secure Jim. I do not know of any other notable change. We all thank the officers for past services and wish any newcomers all success and luck.

Re the “Picnic Straight Six.” Joe was suspected of being doped. He was duly swabbed, but so far we have been unable to get an analyst to do the job. Arthur Hullett joined our staff of vice-president, the other two being Sep. Horton (senior) and the ladies’ joy, Vic Mathews.

Well, now, for the annual smoko, fair attendance, and we had the honour of the presence of two of the weaker sex in the persons of Miss Mary Meares, representing the State Executive, and Mrs. Adamson, president of our women’s auxiliary. Guests were “Morrie” the unperturbable, Messrs. Farnham, Roy Gooch and, of course, Stan Street, all good friends and workers for the sub-branch. The usual toasts were honoured and responded to, the two ladies responses to the State Executive and auxiliary respectively being very meritorious, especially Miss Meares. It was very stateswoman-like and full of logic, which claimed the attention and interest of all. Bless the ladies! I don’t know what we would do without them, neither does Vic. Very pleasing features of the evening were the presentation to “Cookie” of an honorarium for his great services to the sub-branch and the League; also the presentation of a Certificate of Merit to our “Old Grey Mare,” to wit, Bob Gooch. As usual, the boys were very inquisitive about the ladies and, of course, the aforementioned “Grey Mare” was not what she used to be. Harmony was put on by so-many, and so well, that I cannot single any one out, and I have not the space. “Old King Cole” has a lot to answer for, though. Thanks, everybody, for a very great night. Checito.

J. H. FLISHER.

Melville

With annual meeting worries over we got back to normal for our February “do.” Co-operation being our password, we’re working with the Education Department in their request for the use of our hall in their classroom emergency.

I think our “help your fellows” policy pays big dividends in community admiration and help. Four “busy bees” in the last three months have been much appreciated by those to whom help was given, and this has caused much favourable comment. We’re in the market for more work if there are any needy cases.

We welcomed two new members this month, but there’s still room for many more. Ring MJ 1006 any evening and we’ll give you all the good gen.

ALAN M. STEPHENS.

Scarborough

The first meeting of the year took place on February 12, with the new president, Mr. Jack Harnett, in the
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chair. A welcome was extended to several new members: Messrs. Jackson, Cashan, Gladstone, Hodge, Coster and Sharpe.

Now that we have our block of land, interest this year will centre around the erection of a hall. At the March meeting our president will present a scheme for financing the building.

The cricket team had another win on February 11 in the match against West Perth. Scores were 49 to 43. J. Rogers topped the batting with 25, while Bert Ounn took 3 wickets for 9 and Alan Hepworth 3 for 14.

The ladies have sprung into activity again and already are discussing arrangements for this year’s bazaar.

A. W. BROWN.

South Perth


Anzac Day this year will be commemorated by the district’s three sub-branches as in previous years with a service at the local memorial at 7.30 a.m. On the evening of Sunday, April 22, a church parade will be held at the Roman Catholic Church in Forrest Street. Further details will be published in the April issue.

However, it is hoped that the people of South Perth will take this opportunity of paying their respects to the fallen of both world wars by being present at these ceremonies. As the years pass there are many young people coming on who do not realise the significance of this day, and that it is set aside so that tribute may be paid to those who gave their lives for Australia, and for us who remain.

The sub-branch cricket team staged an enjoyable and successful barbecue in January. Thanks in particular are due to two members who made generous donations to the event, namely, Messrs. Fred Smith and S. A. E. Abbott. The cricket team gives every indication of being near the top at the end of the competition.

Practice for the approaching A.R.M.S. games has commenced, and it would appear that this year the team from South Perth will be the best yet to take the field.

Next meetings: Thursday, March 8 and 22.

Is that a 1931 crown on your badge?

S. WILBUR.

Subiaco

Our memorial hall, a grand old dame as ever was, is beginning to lose the flush of youth with which we have invested her stately form. The hon. treasurer led a committee of inspection on a fault-finding tour and declared in impassioned but strictly parliamentary language against certain unsightly stains on the drape hall wall, the same not having been passed by the general or any other meeting. The building committee, in the person of the indefatigable Geo. Wilson, has arranged for the necessary concreting of the outside wall, and it is hoped that our future expenditure of many quids on interior decoration will not be rendered null and void as in the past, whenever the neighbours decide to water the azanias.

January’s general meeting was, as always nowadays, not well attended, but business was dealt with expeditiously. Mr. J. Newman, by some mischance, managed to get half of a resolution through the meeting, the president in his own inimitable style tied up the meeting with technique and had his resolution passed in awed, if not stunned, silence, and Mr. Geo. Gordon also had a resolution adopted, nobody being game to oppose George in his more vehement moods. Later in the evening the mob, as always nowadays (see ante), crowded in for sports.

Our weekly sports meetings are very well attended nowadays, and these Wednesday evenings are very bright affairs. In fact, we get a much better attendance at sports and social affairs than at meetings, our younger members not being debateminded.

Victoria Park

At present our chief concern is the current recruiting campaign. Despite differences of opinion, the occasion is one of grave concern to all and we will not solve the problem by an apathetic approach. Messrs. Alf Yeates and stag Watt attended our February meeting and ably placed the position before a good attendance of members. Many were obviously impressed by the sincerity and earnestness of the speakers. It is suggested that a citizens’ rally be arranged in the local drill hall, where an attractive programme, including films of an instructive nature, could be presented with a view to rousing our suburb to a sense of its responsibilities. The picnic and Easter gift will be things of the past before this issue goes to press. Present indications are that both will turn out successful and possibly surpass previous efforts.

The hall is now showing the result of recent efforts to effect much-needed improvement and modernisation, the provision of storage space in the kitchen was really appreciated by the women’s auxiliary who have shown their appreciation in a very handsome manner. Attendances have shown a decided improvement of late. Meetings are now concluded early—9.15 p.m. is the president’s zero hour—then on with the fun. Subs. are opening in steadily. It would be a great relief to see all 1951 dues cleared up by the end of March at latest. There should be no necessity for reminders and hints over a period of months—waistings of time and needless expense. Please take this to heart, reader, if it applies.

H. J. TIMMS.

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Walpole

Membership for 1950 totalled 32, an increase of six from preceding year. Despite the heavy blows dealt by the bush fires of March last, our financial position has greatly improved. We are hoping very shortly to erect a meeting-place on our own town lot. The boys will appreciate this.

On January 20 State Executive members F. Stahl, D.C.M., and F. G. Bradshaw, M.M., were present at the Walpole Hall for the purpose of presenting the sub-branch charter. Owing to the holiday season, accommodation was scarce, but the guests were made welcome at the home of Secretary Clarke. The function was a great success. P. Cochine, one of our staunchest members, received the charter from Mr. Bradshaw, and Paddy, who has a son, John, fighting in Korea, said: "This is the proudest day of my life." In moving a vote of thanks to the visitors, Phil Dawson said how pleased we were to have them with us and expressed the hope that we may receive more such visits. We arrived home about 3 a.m., very tired but extremely happy. Mr. Editor: Perhaps Frank will tell you the sequel to his trip if you ask him nicely.

E. J. CLARKE

Waroona-Hamel

The sub-branch met in the Memorial Hall on Friday, February 2. In the absence of the president, the chair was occupied by the senior vice-president, Mr. A. Birtle.

Receiving most attention in the course of the business of the evening was the sub-branch reunion which is scheduled for February 24. The secretary, Mr. E. Rickert, advised that the State President, Mr. T. Sten, will attend to present the charter to the sub-branch. Mr. Stanbury, of the State Executive, will accompany Mr. Sten.

This year the reunion will be combined with a ladies' night, members of the women's auxiliary being guests of the sub-branch. Also invited are the sub-branch foundation members and their wives, together with the State President and Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary. Although it is not usual to have ladies present at the annual reunion, the exception has been made this year to enable the women's auxiliary to take part in the presentation of the charter.

Members present at the February meeting on Friday night decided that in future years the identity of an ex-service men's reunion should not be lost. To reward the ladies for their never-ending assistance to the sub-branch, a separate ladies' night will be conducted.

Owing to the hall having been booked on the same day for a similar purpose by a local business concern, the meeting decided that the R.S.L. jumble sale which was to have been held on February 10 should be abandoned until further notice.

Full details regarding latest recruiting movements were provided by the secretary, Mr. Rickert, who is also secretary of the new recruiting committee which is comprised of representatives from the road board rifle club and the R.S.L.

With the outstandingly successful debutantes ball of 1949 behind them, the sub-branch and women's auxiliary are now organising a Jubilee Year Debutantes' Ball. There is every hope that this event will be equally successful. All arrangements are in the hands of the social committee. A reminder was issued that subs. are now due.

L. J. PURCELL

Yokine-Joondana

We're in the news again, and this time we're going to stay there. Members are very enthusiastic about the coming year, which promises to be very successful. Under the capable leadership of Jack Towie (president) and Frank Amos (secretary) a good committee is anxious to make things hum. The building committee has already started on the hall improvements, the social committee is a hive of activity (see end of these notes) and members attend on third Wednesday every month to make sure that refreshments provided are not wasted. Sometimes we have a dry annual meeting (once in 1,000 years), and as our last one was dry, members need not worry for 999 years. Read This — It's Important.

Our concert will be held in Progress Hall, Wanneroo Road, Wanneroo, on Thursday, March 15. Admission: 2/- adults, 1/- children. Proceeds to help our building fund. Two rehearsals have been held and sketches, prepared and acted by our own members will go over "big." There is also excellent variety, top-grade instrumentalists and vocalists, magician, comedian, dancer, monologues, and the show will be non-stop from start to finish.

Remember: Concert, March 15. Next meeting: March 21.

E. W. NEWTON.

The Last Post

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

ALLEN, F. C., City of Perth Sub-Branch; late R.A.N.
BALLARD, J., Subiaco Sub-Branch; late R.N.
BANTOCK, F. G., Victoria Park Sub-Branch, late 51st Bn.
DAGLEISH, D., Pithara Sub-Branch; late 13th Field Coy.
ENTWISTLE, D., Mt. Hawthorn Sub-Branch; late 32nd Bn.
GLEDHILL, A. G., Kensington Sub-Branch; late 11th Bn.
HANRAHAN, T. F., North Perth Sub-Branch.
HUGGAN, T., Subiaco Sub-Branch; late 11th Bn.
JOSE, J. J., Railway Workshops Sub-Branch; late 11th Bn.
LOMAS, G., Subiaco Sub-Branch.
McGRATH, W. A., City of Perth Sub-Branch.
MORPHEW, H., City of Perth Sub-Branch; late 2/11th Bn.
MOWDAY, C., City of Perth Sub-Branch.
OTTE, J. A., Pithara Sub-Branch.
PURNELL, W. A., Calingiri Sub-Branch; late 2nd Lifeguards.
STEVENSON, F. C., City of Perth Sub-Branch; late 10th Light Horse.

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Two meetings of the State Executive have been held since our Christmas recess, Mrs. Stockman (State President) presiding at both meetings. Although no meetings were held during the month of January, all hospital visiting was done as usual. Quite a number of hospital patients showed their appreciation of Christmas cheer and hospital visiting by writing to the State Secretary and thanking our hospital visitors.

Hospital Visiting

R.P.H.: Mrs. Young reported that during recess 452 bedside visits were made, and during the last fortnight another 136 patients have been visited.

Hollywood: Mrs. Randall reported that this hospital has been visited by auxiliaries and State Executive members as rostered.

Home of Peace: Mrs. Cotterill visits this home regularly and at present there are 24 ex-service patients there.

Edward Millen: Mrs. Coleman is the visitor for this hospital, and reported that there were 36 patients at present.

Official Visits

January 9: State President attended meeting of Lemnos board of visitors.

January 19: State President was the guest of Shenton Park Sub-Branch at the opening of the R.S.L. hall.

January 23: State Secretary visited Hollywood and attended City of Perth annual meeting.

January 27: State Secretary attended North-East Fremantle outing to Mandurah for old Diggers.

February 5: State President and State Secretary attended recruiting rally at Anzac House.

February 13: State President attended City of Perth auxiliary meeting.

February 15: State Secretary attended Midland Junction annual meeting.

February 18: State President and State Secretary guests of Mt. Hawthon auxiliary at their tea for old Diggers.

Donations

Greenbushes: £1/1/- N.S.W. conference expenses.

C.C.wangertup: £5 soldiers' outing; £2 each Faversham, War Blinded, Veterans' Home Fund, Partially Blinded, Maimed and Limbless, Lemnos, Claremont; £1 Soldiers' Scholarship Trust; £5 Korean comforts.

Manjimup: £2/2/- N.S.W. conference expenses.

Fremantle: £3/5/- Christmas cheer; £1/1/- N.S.W. conference expenses.

Rockingham: £2 Christmas cheer.

Coorow: £1/1/- N.S.W. conference expenses.

North Beach: £3/5/- each Soldiers' Scholarship Trust, hospital visiting, Faversham.

Darling Range: £1/1/- N.S.W. conference expenses.

Nannup: £5 Christmas cheer.

Wagin: £5 Christmas cheer.

Busselton: £1/1/- Christmas cheer.

Waroona: £1/1/- each Soldiers' Scholarship Trust, T.B. (Federal), War Blinded, Legacy, T.P.I., War Memorial Fund, Aged Sailors and Soldiers, War Veterans' Home, Faversham comforts, Partially Blinded, Maimed and Limbless.

Shackleton: £5/5/- Christmas cheer.

Brunswick Junction: £2/15/- each War Blinded, Maimed and Limbless; £2/10/- each Partially Blinded, Faversham, Aged Sailors and Soldiers; £2/2/- Soldiers' Scholarship Trust.

Glen Forrest: £2/2/- each hospital visiting, T.B. Association, War Blinded, Legacy, T.P.I., War Memorial Fund, Aged Sailors and Soldiers, War Veterans comforts, Partially Blinded, Maimed and Limbless.

Mt. Barker: £1/1/- N.S.W. conference expenses.

Mt. Helena: £1/1/- N.S.W. conference expenses.

Yarloop, £2/2/- each Legacy, Sunset; £2 each War Nurses, hospital visiting Edward Millen; £1 Lemnos.

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Pimpernol: £1/1/- N.S.W. conference expenses.

ETHEL AMES.

Carlisle

The annual meeting of the above sub-branch was held on February 12. There was a very good attendance which, we hope, will be maintained during the year. All old members paid their 1951 subs. and received their crowns, and we also had a new member join. The Oath of Allegiance was read and all present signed the attendance book in which this is pasted. The following members were elected to office: President, Mrs. Suckling; vice-presidents, Mesdames Boland, Lange and Kerr; secretary, Mrs. Crofts; treasurer, Mrs. Harrower; committee, Mesdames Monkhouse, Harvey, Keeble and Woodland; immediate past president, Mrs. Fitzpatrick.

Arrangements were made for our usual visit to Heathcote and also the Edward Millen teas. We are hoping to hold our nineteenth birthday party on April 18. All metropolitan auxiliaries will receive their invitation in the near future.

LILIAN G. CRÖFTS.

Mosman Park

The Mosman Park Auxiliary held their annual Christmas party with the boys at Lemnos, with a good attendance on both sides. Dancing, community singing and items from friends and artists made a very enjoyable evening pass away too quickly.

A welcome back from a trip to England was given to one of our members, Mrs. McFarlane, known to many as "Auntie Nellie."

Cigarettes, lollies and cool drinks and a Christmas card were handed round to the boys; also paper hats gave the spirit of Christmas time. A nice Christmas cake was cut by the president and supper was welcomed by all with a cup of nice tea.

To all members and friends who helped to make the evening such a success, I thank you one and all.

To the boys at Lemnos and staff may I take this opportunity of wishing you all a bright New Year. A special cheerio to Mrs. C. Johnson," of Darlington (see Connie Habibin's show) from all at Mosman Park.

J. M. BURGE.
Victoria Park

Victoria Park held their annual meeting and election of officers on February 9, and the following were elected to office: President, Mrs. Ames; vice-president, Mesdames Clues, Jnr., and Tolmie; trustees, Mesdames Clues, Snr., Fisher and Windsor; hon. secretary, Mrs. Jennings; treasurer, Mrs. Coleman; social convener, Mesdames McKay and Mead; hon. auditor, Mr. Harry Taylor; sports secretary, Mrs. Jennings.

Mrs. Haigh acted as returning officer, with Mesdames Samwell and McKay as scrutineers.

Mrs. Ames, in her report, thanked members of the auxiliary for their support during her term of office, and Mrs. Jennings reported the work done by the auxiliary from June, 1930, to the end of January, 1931, which included, among other events, two street stalls, a bazaar and a soldiers’ tea held at the R.S.L. Hall, Salford Street. We celebrated our 22nd birthday on September 13, when we all had a very enjoyable evening with our sub-branch and representatives from the State Executive and sister auxiliaries.

Meetings are held the second and fourth Friday evenings each month, and we welcome old and new members to join us.

L. A. COLEMAN.

F.U.S.W.

The monthly social was held at Anzac House. Mrs. T. C. Wilson presided over a large gathering of members in the absence of Mrs. Harold Dean, who is holidaying in Sydney at the Coogee Hotel with her daughter.

Sgt. E. Scott, of the Women Police, was the guest speaker. Her interesting talk on duties required of her was very instructing to us.

Mrs. R. H. Morné thanked Sgt. Scott.

The musical programme was arranged by Mrs. R. Blows. Mesdames E. Burt, A. Witten, E. Hetherington, N. Brown, H. Bennett and Ada Coutelas Bandy were the artists.

The monthly bridge will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at Gledden Building at 8 p.m. Rummy players will also be catered for.

The canteen at the King Edward Maternity Hospital is doing excellent work. Any member wishing to assist please get in touch with Mrs. Silningslow.

B. M. RIGG.

New Home for Shenton Park

(Continued from page 9)

sub-branch on its achievement, and assured it that the council would assist it in every way possible, in regard to the hall. The council desired to see ex-servicemen settled down, and contented. The sub-branch was fortunate that recently the council chambers had been refurbished, making the present gifts possible.

The president of the Subiaco Sub-Branch (Mr. Rex Moore) said that Shenton Park had given its sub-branch something to think about, as well as others. Although Shenton Park was but a small body, it had a great reputation.

Representatives of several other sub-branches, and the town clerk of Cottesloe (Mr. Alex Smith) also spoke.

Impressive Ritual

The customary simple ritual observed at the opening of all R.S.L. functions took a form which deeply enhanced its impressiveness. It was followed by the sounding of “The Last Post” and the singing of “In Memoriam,” amplified by a choir from the Perth Girls’ School, while the gathering stood facing the sub-branch’s illuminated replica of a war memorial.

List of Donors

The sub-branch gratefully acknowledges the following contributions, amounting to £126:—

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Donors of furniture, pictures, etc., are also thanked, including the women’s auxiliary for a four-gallon urn, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones for a photograph of His Majesty the King.

Any further donations should be forwarded to Mr. C. Kleeman, 41 Smyth Road, Shenton Park.

MONASH...

A Great Australian

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Grand Officier de l’Ordre de la Couronne, Belgium.

French Croix de Guerre, with two palms.

Belgian Croix de Guerre.

American Distinguished Service Medal.

Director-General of Repatriation and Demobilisation, 1919.

Bachelor of Arts, University of Melbourne.

Doctor of Laws, University of Melbourne.

Doctor of Engineering, University of Melbourne.

Fellow of the Institute of Patent Attorneys, Australia.

Doctor of Civil Law, University of Oxford.

Doctor of Laws, University of Cambridge.

Member of the Melbourne University Council.

Member Victorian Selection Committee Rhodes Scholarship.

Vice-Chancellor of the Melbourne University.

Honorary Colonel, Melbourne University Rifles.

Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, London.

Member of the Institute of Engineers, Australia.

President, Victorian Institute of Engineers.

President of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science.

Vice-President of the Australian National Research Council.

Recipient of the 1929 award of the Peter Nicol Russell Memorial Medal of the Institute of Engineers, Australia.

Recipient of the 1930 Award of the Kermot Memorial Medal.

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A meeting of sub-branches interested in the A.R.M.S. games was held in the board room at Anzac House on Monday, February 19, 1951, when there were ten sub-branches represented.

There was no report from the outgoing committee, and there were no minutes of the previous meeting.

The elections of officers for the ingoing committee resulted as follows:

Chairman, Mr. A. Bailey; secretary, Mr. Q. Sexton; treasurer, Messrs. L. Elliott, G. R. Ford, S. Burdis, T. F. Manuel, J. Ridley, with power to co-opt.

It was decided that nominations for the 1951 series would close with the secretary on March 31. No nominations would be received after that date.

It was also agreed that sub-branch secretaries be asked to supply names and addresses of directors and, if possible, their telephone numbers. After quite a long discussion it was agreed that, in the A.R.M.S. games, competing sub-branches would be required to use the English boards and 8 ft. distance as laid down under the new rules of the W.A. Association.

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