**Commemoration of ANZAC Day**

All ex-servicemen and women are invited to take part in the Annual ANZAC Day Commemoration, which falls this year on Sunday, April 25, commencing with the Dawn Service in King’s Park.

**Dawn Service At Memorial**

As in previous years, ex-servicemen and women will assemble at 5.45 a.m. at the Queen Victoria Monument. They will march off at 6 a.m. and take up allotted position in column on the concourse facing the Memorial. The column will be headed by the official wreath-bearers, who will be placed in due sequence by the Parade Marshal.

After the official wreaths are laid, members of the general public will deposit their immediately following.

The general public will not be permitted to the Memorial until all wreaths are laid.

Official wreaths may be deposited at the Lodge at the Perth entrance to King’s Park during the previous day. It is essential, however, that they be picked up and laid on the Memorial at the appropriate time during the Dawn-Ceremony.

All vehicle traffic in Fraser Avenue and in the precincts of the Memorial is prohibited.

It is requested that those attending the Ceremony, refrain from lighting torches and observe strict silence.

**Parade And Esplanade Service**

All unit associations will be allotted their position in the column at the assembly points in St. George’s-terrace, from Cathedral-avenue eastwards.

The following are the timings which should be observed:

- **MARKERS** 1.45 p.m.
- **FALL-IN** 2.00 p.m.
- **MOVE-OFF** 2.15 p.m.
- **SERVICE COMMENCES** 3.00 p.m.

The column will be in charge of marshals, who will be distinguished by red armbands.

Unit markers must obtain their unit flag from Anzac House in time for the bugle call for markers.

The route of the parade will be St. George’s-terrace, William-street, Esplanade.

During the march past only unit commanders will remove head-dress. The remainder of the Unit will make their acknowledgment at the saluting base by turning head and eyes right on the appropriate command from the unit commander.

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**The LAST POST**

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Murray, A. E., 11th Bn., Bunbury.
Walsme, N. K., 9th Div. A.A.C., Waroona.

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*This was the solemn moment on Saturday, March 27, when Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, laid a wreath at the foot of the State War Memorial. At sunset the wreath was removed to Anzac House, where it will be preserved.*
FAVERSHAM WAR VETERANS' HOME

DEVELOPMENT OF THE WOMEN'S SECTION.

Further investigation of the development of Faversham has been taking place with particular reference to the housing of aged ex-service women and nurses.

Initially it has been found that without any alterations, a self-contained section could be made available which would accommodate five persons.

This section in itself is complete with bathroom and toilet facilities, consisting of two double rooms and a single room. Owing to the renovation and suitable furnishing of the rooms is now being obtained and when completed applications will be called to fill the vacancies.

As the number of ex-service women requiring accommodation is still unknown, it would be of great value to the controlling committee as to the likely demand could be obtained. Sub-branches can help in this respect by advising Anzac House of any aged ex-service woman or nurse who would be likely to seek accommodation at Faversham.

Should the initial demand be greater than expected, alternative sections will be made available to accommodate the maximum number possible commensurate with the total capacity of the home.

Little doubt can be left that the accommodation being provided for women is the best that the home can offer, and is equal to that being provided in similar homes.

DONATIONS.

E. Parsons, Tenterden; case of tomatoes; H. Lloyd, York, case of figs; R. A. Reynolds, T,epshur; reading matter; Miss Hardiman, York, case of apples; Caporn, Pantapin, 2 bags of oats; P. Monger, York, 1 dress sheep; W. Gunn, Swan, case of grapes; J. W. Firth, Balingup, tin of honey reading matter; R.S.L., Bridge-town, bag of apples; W. Smith's Auxiliary, Pinup, reading matter; M. Hilton, Mundaring; reading matter; J. Herbert, York, clothing; Mrs. Burrows, York, clothing and reading matter; E. Sykes, Kondinin, 1 bag of oats, bag of wheat, reading matter; J. Bredahl, York, case of grapes; J. Spark, York, case of grapes; Red Cross Society, monthly grant of tobacco.

APPEAL DONATIONS.

Previously acknowledged:

Coorow Waddi: £ 129.7.0
Anonymous: £ 1.0.0
K. Stabler (second donation): £ 10.0.0
K. Harte: £ 5.0.0
E. Bell: £ 10.0.0

Total: £ 139.8.0

A.R.M.S. GAMES

The first meeting of the year in connection with the A.R.M.S. Games, as requested by sub-branches, was held in March.

Although all competing teams, and other sub-branches, were notified (and on the notice to the secretaries was a special request for specific information to be informed) only nine sub-branches attended, and two apologies for non-attendance were received—out of a total of 43 sub-branches. The A.R.M.S. must er give much encouragement to the Controlling Committee, it was felt, particularly as some of the more vocal teams in the competition were the busiest.

The retiring chairman (Mr. G. W. Gordon, of the State Executive) remarked on the success of the season, and the achievement of the committee in having the rules redrafted and printed. The rule books were distributed at the meeting and further applications for copies must be made to the secretary (Mr. Frank Fitzgerald, Anzac House, Perth).

The new Committee is: Mr. L. Lowe (chairman), Messrs. C. J. Lamb (Gloucester Park), Jim Shearer (Mt. Hawthorn), and H. Morrison (Claremont).

It was recommended that where a sub-branch cannot, through a small membership, furnish a full team, two small sub-branches be permitted to form one team. This means that any of the smaller sub-branches, by amalgamating with another small branch, can take part in the A.R.M.S. Games. It is known that the size of the team has kept many sub-branches out of the Games previously, and these sub-branches may now be eager to participate, but notification of the sub-branch's intention is required by the secretary immediately, if the sub-branch desires to be a part in this season's games.

Notices calling for nominations to participate in this season's games have already gone out to sub-branches, and acceptance must be received by the secretary, in writing, by closing date.
The Spirit of Anzac Day

ATTENDANCE at the Dawn Ceremony and the Esplanade Service on Anzac Day is a gesture by ex-service men of individual and collective yearning to keep alive in the hearts of the community the memory of that outstanding act of co-operative sacrifice established on Gallipoli.

THOSE magic letters A.N.Z.A.C. were a routine accident. They were daubed on packing cases in those days forty years ago when history was being made. These same letters became a graphic and inspiring reality, and in the intervening years they have become engraved on the hearts of our people. They are a tonic for the restoration of the spiritual life and loyalty of thousands of citizens of New Zealand and Australia.

ANZAC is a symbol of the gallantry, devotion to duty and proud achievement of two World Wars.

TODAY, who would challenge the propriety of our Anzac Day observance? Who would scoff at what Oliver Goldsmith referred to as the “silent manliness of grief”? Who would quarrel with our determination to realign our life programme of dedication to the service of the ideals for which they died? Who would seek to make Anzac Day just another occasion for a thoughtless holiday, when the hearts of the bereaved are bared with reverent sorrow?

WHAT nobler testimony to the Spirit of Anzac and the sanity of our people than the commemorative pageant of the marching troops and ex-service men? Here in the endless column of veterans and members of the forces is typified the emotional characteristics of the people.

WHAT inspires the building of memorials and the parades and pageants? If the answer is “Remembrance” it is certainly a worthy but inadequate half. If the remembrance of heroism for our survival and happiness does not induce a resolution to be worthy of it, in both word and deed, it is something approaching mockery. The call of Anzac Day is a challenge for re-dedication.

IN THIS promising new Elizabethan Age we have to look beyond our isolated shores. We must think in terms of international security and prosperity. Our present way of life was purchased with the blood of tens of thousands of our fellows. Now is the time for high ideals. We have proved our skill in talking about the things worth dying for: let us now dedicate ourselves also to the things that are worth living for.

THE PRIVILEGES which we now enjoy predicate responsibilities. Anzac Day is the one day in the year when we may publicly pay tribute to the deeds of the past, and in humble acknowledgement of our debt to those who sacrificed their tomorrows that we might enjoy our todays.

The Royal Visit And The R.S.L.

(by the State President)

Now we are looking at the visit of Her Majesty and His Royal Highness in retrospect it is fitting that each and every member of the League should be fully aware of the reasons behind the success of the two functions which, following a request by the State Director of the Royal visit (Mr. R. H. Doig, C.V.O.), became the responsibility of the R.S.L.

First and foremost was the splendid spirit of co-operation that existed between all sections of the community, which resulted in assistance being given to us wherever we sought it. From Commonwealth and Departments, from the City Council and from private business came support and practical aid which was deeply appreciated.

From among our own members, from unit associations, came the bands of helpers who saw the detailed operation plan, which had been prepared, was carried to fruition with results of which the League is proud.

The success of the Wreath Laying Ceremony and the Re-Dedication of the Cenotaph was due to one simple fact. This was the spirit of co-operation that enveloped the force and the intense desire of all to assist on this historic occasion gave the organising committee a feeling of pride, that the spirit that built the League between wars is still with us.

Upon the State Secretary fell the tasks of organizing, the burden which he was proud to bear, and the many months of worry, strain and work saw the repayment in the success of the League’s greatest undertaking. Everyone who took part in the League, or on behalf of the State Executive I express our deep appreciation.

Finally, although I have refrained from mentioning individuals, since the accidental omission of any name would be unjust, I must pay a tribute to the Royal Visit committee who have spent many hours on thenumbers of problems that arose. To these people whose names appear anywhere I say thank you for a task well and faithfully performed.

The Royal Visit Committee
Chairman: Mr. F. C. Chaney.
Committee: Messrs. W. J. Benison, E. O. Davies, T. Sien, W. Hunt, Miss Mary Neares and Mr. G. W. Gordon.


ANZAC DAY, 1954

Anzac Day this year falls on Sunday, April 25.
It is urged that ALL SUB-BRANCHES of the League become officially identified with this solemn commemoration of the sacrifices made by our fallen comrades.

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CONGRATULATIONS.
The State Executive of the R.S.L on behalf of all members offers sincere congratulations to two of its members who have been so proudly honored by the Queen. They are His Excellency the Governor (Sir Charles Gairdner) on whom was conferred a C.V.O., and Major W. S. Lonnie (a member of the Executive) who was made a Member of the Victorian Order (5th class) for his work as assistant-director of the Royal Tour in W.A.
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NEW TREASURER

FOR WELSHPOOL

At the March meeting of the Welshpool sub-branch the retiring treasurer (Mr. R. Roberts) advised that both general and amelioration fund accounts showed good balances after the payment of outstanding accounts.

Owing to inability to attend functions he submitted his resignation with real regret.

In his place Mr. Alex Cooper was appointed to the position, and Mr. Mick Tilby was appointed assistant treasurer.

A Memorial Shield now hangs in the clubroom. It has been presented to the sub-branch by Mr. J. Ritchie, and the workmanship was very much admired.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Jennings, Ritchie and Smith has been appointed to ensure that an interesting programme will be carried out on sports night.

CARLISLE MEMBERS GET TOGETHER

The Carlisle sub-branch meeting on March 4 found the president (Mr. W. Gilsenan) ably supported by the new secretary (Mr. R. Perry).

At the close of supper a variety of tales kept members amused. Darts and bowls followed, and "two wars" were refought by the older members.

A good attendance was noted and it is hoped that this will continue.

Masquerader?

Are you one of those wearing last year's clip? If so—make sure you forward your subscription to your local secretary, or direct to Anne House. Remember to help the League to help you!
PERSONALITIES...

An interesting visitor to League Headquarters recently was Harold Seager, a member of the Mount Pleasant sub-branch, South Australia, who reported that his sub-branch receives a lot of support from members who plant wheat crops and market this product on a share basis to the financial advantage of the sub-branch.

Tom Parker, secretary of the North Dandalup sub-branch, who was up in the city on a flying visit and visited Anzac House to report that Mr. J. G. Money had donated a seven-roomed house to his sub-branch. "Hats off" to Mr. Money!!

Norm Mostel and Fred Pancoast, vice-president and president respectively of the Wyalatcachem sub-branch, found time to break away from weddings to call at Headquarters to pay their regards before returning home.

Harry Rigby, secretary of the Yealering sub-branch, was another recent visitor to Anzac House seeking information for his sub-branch concerning Royal tour, pensions, etc.

After a trip to the Eastern States, Eric Whitworth, president of the Collie sub-branch, has returned feeling the benefits of his holiday. He called at Anzac House for a supply of Visit was Sergeant Cummings, a past president of his sub-branch which is getting consideration to erecting a home of its own in the not distant future.

Very many thanks to the five members of the police force who were at the State War Memorial on Saturday, March 27, and helped considerably by putting out chairs for the war-blinded, and recovered them from members of the public who had taken them outside the enclosure. A fine job, much appreciated by the State Executive.

The many friends of Len Martin, a past secretary of Collie sub-branch, will regret to learn that he has been an inmate of the Royal Perth Hospital where he underwent a minor operation. All will wish him a speedy return to good health.

Thanks to Mr. A. Mason, president of the Royal Commando sub-branch, for forwarding his clipping from a Queensland paper, in which the Duke of Edinburgh makes reference to a councilor who was wearing an unusual hat.

An officer with one of the most arduous duties during the Royal Visit was Sergeant Cummings, of the Police Department. He was in charge of the erection and dismantling of the street barricades. He is a stalwart of the North Perth sub-branch of the League.

At a recent visit to Merredin sub-branch a State Executive member was asked by some of the local members to be remembered to their City friends, Bruce McIntyre wished to be remembered to Barney Quinn, and Clyde Campbell and Billy Rose to Stan Watts (their friendship going back to Boulder days).

Don Fyfe, president of the Boyup Brook sub-branch was another sub-branch official to call at Headquarters to pay his regards. Don has hopes of seeing new a Dinnup in the near future and reports all's well with his own.

Ray South, secretary of the Durenka sub-branch, on a hurried visit to the city, found time to call at Anzac House seeking information which will be assist-
Swan River Journey

- Travelling by Royal Barge from Fremantle to Barrack-street Jetty, Her Majesty and the Duke showed obvious interest in the beauties of the Swan River.
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Victoria Park has plenty
of room!

Good attendances at recent meetings of the Victoria Park sub-branch have encouraged the officers of that sub-branch but, good though they be, a spokesman suggested that this need not keep anyone away—“there is plenty of seating accommodation,” he said.

At the last meeting Mr. J. Woods gave an account of work on Wittenoom Gorge and asbestos. Mr. W. Jones also gave a talk on conditions in Indonesia, mentioning that the Australian serviceman is still remembered with high esteem, especially in Java.

A member visiting Hollywood is asked to pay a call on Mr. Cyril Tree, at present in the hospital with a fractured knee. Sixty or so members and their wives were at the Ladies Night held at Anzac House, and, because it was so successful, hope for another occasion of this kind.

The next meeting of the sub-branch is on Friday, April 16, and a particularly good crowd is anticipated.

The Flame Eternal

Her Majesty the Queen lighted the Eternal Flame at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, on February 28, 1954, after she had delivered the new forecourt.

“To the glory of God and in grateful memory of the men and women of this State, who served in World War II.”

Memories “crowd thro’ the stillness” of a vast expectant throng.

At the glorious Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, deep and long, When the tiny flickering flame was lighted by the hand Of a gracious sovereign lady, Elizabeth, Queen of this land.

This edifice dedicated, In beauty is holy ground. Blessing the noble sacrifice Of names that will ‘er read long To the glory of the nation, From Gallipoli’s far campaign, Thro’ the trail of Kokoda, Tobruk, and Korean terrain.

Pray peace on earth be enlightened By scientific plan, That battles cease their tumult. All nations now will ban

Thoughts of warlike favours. Destruction, waste, disdain. Build for Love, Posterity. We are the Eternal Flame.

Margot P. Shaw.

The requisites of a natural resource is an idea. There are no known limits, there for in the multiplication of natural resources of the earth and exhaustion of them is impossible. —James C. Malin.

NEW OFFICERS AT MT. HELENA

The February meeting of the Mt. Helena sub-branch was particularly enjoyable, and officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Those in office are: President, Mr. M. B. Cock; vice-president, Mr. J. Ferguson; secretary, Mr. J. Ellis; treasurer, Mr. J. Styles; social committee, Messrs. J. Lee and J. Thompson, in conjunction with the president and secretary.

The monthly meeting night is the second Wednesday of the month, and for a time a monthly dance will be raised to raise funds for a building project.

Attendance at a Glen Forrest gathering on February 18 included representatives from five sub-branches in the hills. Mr. Ted Townsen of the State Executive was present and offered a trophy for a hill competition. Details of which are to be finalised. The first meeting on the sub-branch will be held at Gidgegannup at the meeting of that sub-branch in April. Other sub-branches interested are Mundaring, Glen Forrest and Darlington.

NOMINATION Sought

The Officers’ Association of our district held their annual meeting on February 18 and the officers were elected for the ensuing year.

To the R.S.L., Anzac House, Perth.

Dear Sirs,

Your address was given to me by the Officers’ Association of Brighton and Hove. I am the daughter of an Army captain who died during the last war, 1939-45. I am nearly twenty years of age and am a secretary-shorthand typist with a London firm of architects. I was an only child and live with my sister who is 46 years old. Since my father died we have not been able to afford to go abroad. I would like to go to Scotland and live there until I was 14 years old.

We have heard that the housing position is acute in all parts of Australia. We do not know anyone in Perth and have no one to nominate us. That is one of the main factors that is holding up consideration of the Migration Scheme. The Officers’ Association of our district told us that you might be getting a letter from them in due course about us. They said you might be able to help us in some way, owing to my father’s long service record. I sincerely hope you can, and must apologise for writing to you like this.

Yours Faithfully

(Miss) M. J. YOUNG.

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War Relics And Souvenirs

The State Secretary, R.S.S. and A.I.L.A., Perth, W.A.

Dear Sir,

If you should have a State R.S.L. magazine I wonder if you may crave a small space to seek the above items for a private museum I have, please.

I have been collecting war relics, etc., for a number of years and today have one of the best collections of W.W. I and II relics in Australia—apart, anyway. However, I am anxious to contact ex-service people who are similarly interested or others who have souvenirs they wish to sell or exchange, as a medium for further increasing my collection.

It appears that very few—if any—ex-service men or others are interested in this hobby and it is therefore increasingly difficult to find anyone who has items of this description at all today. It would therefore be greatly appreciated, sir, if you could help me in this way, and in any other manner.

I am interested in any type of relics or souvenirs from a button to a machine-gun. Speaking of the latter, I really would like to include a M.G. If you should know of an old one about anywhere.

I am a member of the New Zealand Sub-branch of the R.S.S. and A.I.L.A. in Adelaide and served in the Pacific during 1940–45.

Your faithfully,
ALBERT F. LAWSON
C/o I.C.I. Atkali (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.
 Osborne, South Australia, 4th March, 1954.

War Service Homes

POLICY PURCHASE OF EXISTING PROPERTIES—OLD AND NEW.

The following is a circular sent out to sub-branches by the State Housing Commission:

"With reference to the above, it is desired to advise that the Director has notified the Commission that there is a temporary suspension of the waiting period in respect of applications for purchase of old and new existing dwellings. It is desired to emphasise that the suspension of the waiting period is temporary only and is anticipated will expire on the 30th June, 1954. In effect that means that any eligible person under the War Service Homes Act could have his application approved, provided settlement of the transaction be finalised before the 30th June, 1954.

"Any member of your branch or association who may desire to take the opportunity to purchase an existing dwelling should, therefore, get in touch with the State Housing Commission immediately.

"It should be noted that there are three important factors in applications of this nature, and they are as follows:

1. The sale price must not exceed £3,500. This price is exclusive of any furniture or floor coverings.

2. The maximum loan that may be advanced for proposals of this nature is only £2,000.

3. Approval is subject to a satisfactory inspection and valuation report.

Intending applicants should be advised that they should not enter into any commitments for the purchase of a house until approval has been granted by the Commission."
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Royal Review A Great Success

The Royal Review of ex-service men and women saw a great and successful work carried out by volunteer workers from many ex-service organisations.

Although there will be no barricades to handle on Anzac Day it is hoped that the same excellent cooperation between the organisation will make the parade from Anzac House, St. George's terrace, on Sunday, April 25th, equally successful.

The hundred voluntary workers were faced with a heavy and difficult task of dismantling the barricades in William and Barrack streets, handling them to the Esplanade, and re-erecting them after the Civic Reception, at the same time keeping the crowds behind the barriers.

This was accomplished with a will, and each and every one responded wholeheartedly, doing the job in record time, and the Parade was thus able to take place as planned.

The working party was in charge of Mr. G. W. Gordon, a State executive, assisted by Mr. J. Fitzhardinge also of the State executive.

Divided into six sections the volunteers had as section leaders Messrs. J. Burgess and P. G. Potter (president and secretary of the City of Subiaco sub-branch), J. White (president of the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch), J. Rolfe (of Baldivis sub-branch), and H. Kennerson and W. Tailor (of the S.R.D. Association).

The sub-branches which supplied volunteers were: Como, City of Perth, City of Subiaco, Darlington, Nedlands, Kensington, North Perth, Mt. Lawley, Shenton Park, Maylands, Scarborough, Mt. Hawthorn, Bellevue, Bassendean, South Perth and Victoria Park.

The ex-service organisations which volunteered helpers were: 48th Battalion, Imperial Expeditionary Force, Australian Legion, 25th Brigade, S.R.D., Old Contemporaries, Australian Air Force Association, 2/2 Battalion, 2/3 Field Regiment, 2/11th Battalion, 2/16th Battalion, 2/3rd Battalion, 12/52nd Battalion, 28th Battalion, Ex-Naval Men and the Australian Armoured Corps.

The State President and the Royal Visit Committee of the R.S.L. and the officers in charge wish to thank one and all of the volunteers for their co-operation and a job well done.

Would any helpers with a white arm band please return this to Anzac House as these are the property of the Police Department.

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Women's Auxiliaries

A Special Gift Of Chairs

A very special gift to the R.S.L. of two modern chairs upholstered in floral tapestry was made by Mrs. Stockin on behalf of the State Executive of the Women's Auxiliary, on Wednesday, March 24.

In a brief but charming speech, Mrs. Stockin said that the chairs were intended for use on the dias by Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh when they reviewed ex-service men and women on Saturday, March 27.

Following that it was the wish of the Auxiliary that the chairs be placed in the State president's room at Anzac House and serve as a lasting reminder of the visit by Her Majesty.

In addition, Mrs. Stockin said that the ladies felt that the room badly needed brightening up! Recepting the chairs on behalf of the R.S.L. State president (Mr. F. Chaney) commented on the thought which had provoked a fine gift. He said he always seemed to be thanking the Auxiliary for something.

(The chairs in question were used as intended and were later taken to Anzac House and placed in a position where the ladies had suggested.)

EXECUTIVE ACTIVITIES.

During January recess all hospital visiting was carried out as usual, by State Executive members - Royal Perth Hospital, Hollywood, Lennons, Home of Peace, Sunset, Heathcote, Edward Mullan Mental Hospital being visited.

During the last few weeks we have been pleased to welcome the following officers of country auxiliaries to Anzac House: Mrs. Davis (Darwin), Mrs. Jackson (Kalgoorlie), Mrs. Podmore (Kellerberrin), Mrs. Davis (Carnarvon).

We welcomed the newly-formed Boddington, Applecross Districts, and Nannup Auxiliaries to our ranks, and wish them a very successful career.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Thursday, March 18:
State President (Mrs. S. V. Stockin) and State Secretary (Mrs. J. F. Ames) were present at the formation of Applecross Auxiliary.

Saturday, March 27:
State President attended Civic Reception to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh.

State President, State Secretary and executive members attended Ex-servicemen's Royal Review.

Sunday, March 28:
M. Stockin, Ames, Lynch, Burgess visited Claremont Mental Hospital and distributed amenities to the patients.

Monday, March 29:
State President, State Secretary, M. Randall and Bownes were present at the Reception at the University to Her Majesty the Queen.

Thursday, April 1:
State President, State Secretary, M. Randall, Burgers, Crofts and Cullen attended Hollywood Hospital during the visit of Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Annual Conference this year will be held on July 13, 14 and 15.

MCKINLEY SHIELD SPORTS

Auxiliaries interested in McKinley Shield Sports please note that the next meeting will be held in Anzac House on Friday, April 30, at 11 a.m. It is necessary for all sports directors to attend.

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CONGRATULATIONS.

On behalf of members of State Executive and all auxiliaries I offer our congratulations to our State President (Mrs. S. Stockin) on being elected to the Queen Elizabeth Gift Fund Trust:

E. Ames, Hon. State Secretary.

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REPATRIATION

The fourth of a series of articles on the history of the Department

Events over the period 1918 to 1939 (Continued).

As stated, war pensions were administered by the Treasury. As most of the allowances under the Repatriation Regulations were inclusive of pension, there had to be close co-ordination with the pensions administration, but in point of time, it was always difficult to have sufficiently early advice whether an applicant would be a pensioner. The Repatriation Act was in receipt of pension, and, if so, the rate thereof, and also advice of any subsequent variation of the rate.

The division of activities also meant that two sets of documents had to be supplied by the Service Departments. Moreover, it was felt by Senator Millen, the Commission and the general body of discharged members that all aspects of pensions—examination, assessment, payment—were closely allied to the medical and economic features.

For these reasons it was decided to amalgamate the two administrations, and to re-enact the Repatriation Act with the pension provisions incorporated therein.

But before this was effected, a revision was made of the rates of pension, and substantial re-shaping of the pensions of incapacitated members was decided upon.

The new Act was passed in May, 1920, and proclaimed to operate from 1st July, 1920.

It abolished the honorary Commission and honorary State Boards, and substituted a paid Commission of three members, and paid Boards of seven members. General control of policy was still reserved to the Ministry; the authority for the Commission to determine claims, however, was vested with the administrative function in addition to the advisory function formerly a part of the honorary Commission.

The Boards were given power to determine claims for pensions and assessment of rates of pension, and to determine, as formerly, applications for certain types of general benefits, leaving the remainder for determination by Deputy Commissioners in charge of State Branches (the title, Deputy Commissioner, was discontinued).

The Commission could direct that any particular case or cases of claims be referred to it for determination, and was to determine appeals against determinations of a Board or Deputy Commissioner.

In 1921, the control of military hospitals and artificial limb factories was transferred from the Defence Department to the Commission, and then on was built up the facilities and organisation for all the forms of medical treatment which exist today.

The year 1921 saw also the institution of the Soldiers' Children Education Scheme. The relative regulations gave authority for the Commission to establish a scheme for the education and training of children of deceased, or totally and permanently incapacitated members, and for the appointment of honorary Soldiers' Children Education Boards in the States.

The Act was amended (by Act No. 34 of 1921), extending the grounds of liability to pay pension to include incapacity or death from a pre-enlistment disability where the member had served at least six months in camp in Australia or had embarked for active service overseas, and the assessment of his service contributed to any material degree to the member's incapacity or death.

Further amendments to the Act were made in October, 1922, by Act No. 23 of 1922. Provision was made for the division of the grounds of liability to pay pension to include incapacity or death from a pre-enlistment disability where the member had served at least six months in camp in Australia or had embarked for active service overseas, and the assessment of his service contributed to any material degree to the member's incapacity or death.

Arrangements on an agency basis were made during 1921 with the Governments of Great Britain, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, and also the United States of America, whereby medical treatment and certain other benefits would be available to members of the Australian Forces resident in those countries, and to members of the Forces of those countries resident in Australia.

A scheme was instituted under regulation (July, 1924) by which medical benefits would be available for widows and children of deceased members, and certain classes of widowed mothers of deceased unmarried members. It was given practical effect in co-operation with the British Medical Association and through the agency of the various Friendly Societies of Australia.

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Quite a number of country members of "the old Sixteenth," took part in the parade and march past of ex-servicemen on March 27. They included Messrs. R. P. Brown (Wongan Hills), G. C. Curlewis (Northam), Jim Mewer and Osmond (Mt. Magnet), A. Heasman (Kooringal Rock), A. Rawle and H. G. Moore (Fingal), A. R. Kitschke (Noggerup), J. A. Fullif (Mullilyup), A. E. Anderson (Geraldton), E. Holroyd (Yabba), A. C. Jones (Brook), S. A. Jones (Banksiadale), A. H. Fregard (Gnowangerup) and T. Paine (Bridgetown).

By a unanimous vote of members present at the Royal Parade, it was decided to hold the annual re-union at the Railway Institute, Perth, on Thursday, October 7 (Show Week). The re-union will take the form of a- ladies night, with a program such as great success last year.

As a result of the appeal for funds which appeared in the "Post" last month, and donations have been received W. T. Trebilco (55456).

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Above is shown a section of the great band of ex-service men who paraded on Saturday, March 27, and marched past Her Majesty, the Queen.

Many units and associations were represented and (right) each section of the gathering showed that greying heads had not forgotten how to march.

The ex-servicewomen also made a grand picture as, dressed similarly, they gave the "eyes right" to Her Majesty.