Governor General Talks To The R.S.L.

A good soldier will be a good citizen, for the good soldier expects to do more for his mates than for himself, and the qualities which make a good soldier in the field are those required to make a good citizen—and a great nation.

This was said by the Governor General, Field Marshal Sir William Slim, during the course of his speech to a large gathering at Anzac House on Monday, October 5.

Those present included the State Executive, many metropolitan and some country sub-branch presidents and secretaries, and among the distinguished guests were service leaders, Matron Ferguson, Mesdames Stockman and Ames, Messrs R. G. Gee and T. L. Axford (both V.C. winners), and Messrs R. W. Bosisto, G. K. Baron Hay, W. Nichols, A. Yeates, F. J. Graham, W. Lewis, W. Vinecombe, and C. Taylor.

Following a welcome by the State President (Mr. F. C. Chaney), supported by the senior vice-president (Mr. W. S. Lonnie), His Excellency was warmly greeted by the packed audience.

He said that he paid his audience a compliment by not having prepared a speech, but this was because he felt rather at home—as a returned soldier. To make a public speech he had found that only two things were necessary: to know what one was talking about, and to say nothing in which one did not believe.

Expressing his pleasure at the welcome extended to him, and the kind references to Lady Slim, he said that she had been very anxious to come to Western Australia. He felt that he was particularly connected with Australian servicemen. He had tried very hard, while in Burma, to get two divisions of Australians, but that didn't come off. Australia had her hands full elsewhere.

His first connection with Australian troops had been in Gallipoli and at Anzac, and "from that day to this I have always thought, Thank God they are on our side!"

Some of the Australians he had been with were the most magnificent body of men he had seen anywhere, and they were all volunteers.

These men had given birth to a nation, he said, for it was his firm belief that "your Nation was born on the beaches of Anzac."

Australia there formed a military tradition, for it was his opinion that the real tradition of Australia was a military one.

"Another reason why His Excellency welcomed the opportunity of speaking was that I owe you a compliment," in Burma, he said, "we had done our best but we were a bit depressed, and the first time we heard of anyone in history besting the Japs was when you chaps were beating them in New Guinea! Don't forget that," he continued. "It was the Australians who, for the first time in history, beat the Japs in the field."

"I used to go about saying, If a lot of scrubby Australians can do it, why can't we do it? Well, after one or two false starts we did it."

"Another thing, it was my job, in addition to the command of S.E. Asia, to get chaps out of prisoner-of-war camps and wherever I went I was told that Australian soldiers in the p.o.w. camps were a very fine example, because of the way they kept their tails up."

"One more reason why I am glad to be here is that from W.A. you sent a higher proportion of your men to fight than any other State in Australia:"

"I agree with your President that a good soldier doesn't stop serving after discharge. A good reliable soldier takes back to civvy life the qualities he had in war: duty, self-sacrifice and discipline. After all, discipline is that good old Christian virtue of loving your mate as well as yourself."

Sir William referred to an occasion when he was going round a big steel works and had met a former member of the 14th Army, Asked how he found things this man said, "All right—but in Civvy-street there are some things you miss." Asked what he referred to, he had instanced an occasion in Burma when, on patrol, six of them found themselves without a smoke—except one man who had three cigarettes. These he had meticulously cut in half, so that all six of them had a smoke. "You don't get that sort of thing in Civvy-street," the steel-workers' man had said.

"But," said the Governor General, "it is up to all of you to put it back in Civvy-street. It is surprising the number of people who look to you chaps for leadership, for ex-servicemen have got something that others haven't got, and it is something which can't be taken away. It is not stories of how you won the war, but leadership—that is what you can give."

"I say then—good luck to you, old soldiers.

His Excellency was then introduced to many of those present and talked informally for some considerable time.

*His Excellency is shown talking to Mr. T. L. Axford, V.C., at the reception at Anzac House when the Field Marshal met many R.S.L. members.*
THE VICTORIA CROSS

The Victoria Cross was instituted by Queen Victoria, by Royal Warrant, January 29, 1856, and the Rules and Regulations governing the award were laid down later in 1858. The technical particulars appear as follows:

A bronze Maltese Cross, 14 inches in diameter, with, in the centre, the Royal Crown (flourished), and below it a scroll inscribed "FOR VALEUR." The surface is chased and coated with a dark lacquer.

The decoration hangs from a laurel wreath by means of a loop, shaped like a V, the latter forming part of the clasps. The reverse has a raised edge and circle, within which appears the name of the possessor. Should a bar be awarded this is impressed with the rank, name, regiment and date.

The ribbon (red for the Army, blue for the Navy) is threaded through the slot clasp, and a brooch pin is attached to the upper edge of the ribbon.

The earliest Crosses were cast from a bronze cannon captured from the Russians in the Crimea by Field-Marshal James Arbuthnot of the Royal Artillery. The 1914-1918 and subsequent issues have been either glass or cast from the Chinese Messrs. Hancock and Co. of London, and have adorned the Cross from its inception. The first produced was presented to Mr. E. W. Forster, V.C., a witness for the first Volunteer Cross.

The Army came next when six soldiers were given the Cross for conspicuous bravery on the Storming of Almeida during the Crimean War. The Air Force received its first award when 2nd Lieut. W. R. Prout, a member of the Special Reserve R.A.F. on 26th April, 1915, dropped bombs on Courtrai.

The first bar to a V.C. was that awarded to Lieut. Martin Leake, for bravery displayed at Zonnebeke, Belgium, between October 29th and November 8th, 1914. His Cross was won at Villers-Fosse, South Africa on 8th February, 1915, whilst a member of the South African Constabulary.

The first V.C. awarded to a member of a militia unit (1st Bn. Recruiting Scottish Rifle Volunteers) was to Lieut. H. H. A. Stirling, for valour displayed at Aden in 1899. Captain Hors-Ritchie was better known as Governor of the Governor-General of Australia.

THE LISTENING POST

FAVERSHAM WAR VETERANS' HOME

The fete held at the War Veterans Home on Saturday, September 26, was undoubtedly a great success and to all those willing workers the appreciation of the committee is extended in raising the magnificent sum of £200/5/2.

This fete, organised by the staff and veterans at the Home, was made possible by the help of the residents of York, and it is hoped, become an annual feature which may be looked forward to with pleasure.

An enthusiastic note was also struck by the veterans who, after bearing the new role that Faversham would play, and the policy adopted, expressed their pleasure at the fact that the War Veterans Home would in the future remain at York, and not be transferred to the metropolitan area.

It was obvious that the present surroundings were ideally suited to their requirements and every effort was made to make the place as near as possible to the original surroundings.

Already a feeling of a wealth of care was felt in the Home being felt and every sub-branch and member is asked to join with us in making this success to the service of the community.

Donations of kind, and services: The Red Cross, 100/-, Teddington; Monthly Great Britain, 50/-, Bunting; Frankland, 3/-; Guildford, 5/-; Kemscoth, 3/-; Harvey, 10/-; Chalk, 10/-; Highgate, 15/-; Big Bell, 5/-; London, 5/-; Brook, 1/-; Sandstone, 3/-; Wyalk, 10/-.

APPEAL DONATIONS.

Donations to the Appeal are coming forward slowly, and although the result to date is most pleasing the total number of sub-branches who have contributed a small sum of little more than 25 per cent. This is good, but not good enough, and if you are not a subscriber you have not yet contributed, see about it at your next meeting. In last month's list of donations, Kellersharn Sub-Branch was shown as having donated £10/-, this is a printer's error and should have read £10.

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WAR SERVICE HOMES

The Estimates of Expenditure for the State have been received to date for the quarter ending June, £3,444,923. Provision has been made for a continuance of building individual and group homes, purchase of new and secondhand homes.

It will be necessary to adhere strictly to the priority lists which will be kept for each category of assistance. Special emergency cases, such as T.P.I. pensioners with families, and special hardship cases will be dealt with at once.

Applications for additional assistance can be approved only for essential purposes, i.e., extra accommodation for increased family. Loans to build garages are allowed provided the client is the owner of a motor vehicle, but a loan for the construction of a garage for a motor vehicle is not permitted.

The clients of the S.H. Division are requested to advise the State Housing Commission of any additional to their present status which we desire to have covered under their Insurance Certificates as well as to see that their homes are insured for a fair replacement value.

Ex-service men are again advised to inquire at the offices of the State Housing Commission for information relating to assistance before paying deposits to agencies not permitted.

Applicants for War Service Homes should also inquire concerning the advantage of joint ownership.

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The Executive Membership Committee reported to the State Executive at its last meeting, that at the end of August this year, out of 63 sub-branches classified as metropolitan, 36 had a membership figure in excess of that at a similar period last year; two squelched last year’s figures and 25 were down —some only slightly.

The Committee expressed a wish that Executive members representing sub-branches showing a deficiency should give some thought to this all important matter of membership.

Consideration is being given to some form of a publicity campaign in the new year, with the object of contacting those who were once members and those who have not as yet elected to become members, and inducing them all to link up with the organisation.

If any member as an individual, or a sub-branch, has any ideas on how best to boost membership, League Headquarters would be pleased to hear what those ideas are, please submit them for consideration.

**THE LAST POST**

**Composition of Party for New Guinea Visit Strongly Criticised**

Of a party of 44 which would visit New Guinea shortly to attend the war graves dedication ceremony only nine would be widows or parents of deceased servicemen.

This fact aroused strong criticism at the Executive meeting on September 30, when various members of the Executive wanted to know why either of the Ministers who were making the trip found it necessary to take with him his wife and secretary.

Would it not be possible, it was asked, for the wives and secretaries to stand by so that additional places could be found for close relatives of those who died in the service?

The size of the party, it was said, was governed by the lack of accommodation in New Guinea.

Because, however, the proportion of widows and parents of servicemen was so small —and the official and service quota so low —the R.S.I. had declined an invitation to serve on a selection committee which would decide which widows, and which servicemen, if any, would be able to go.

It was resolved that a protest letter be forwarded to Federal Congress on the matter, in the hope that at least some adjustment to the representation could be made.

The Crown as an integral part of Our Constitution

(This is the second of a series of articles from an address given in Melbourne on July 22, 1953, by Mr. A. S. G. Gifford, in support of “The Call to the Nation.”)

The term “The Crown” is employed by the British peoples to signify the sovereign authority in the state. Supreme executive power is vested in the Crown, and all officers of the state, administrative, military, naval and judicial, are in the service of the Crown. The laws are made in concert with the Crown in Parliament, and the judges who interpret and apply the law represent the Crown which is the fountain of justice and honour. Thus it is that we refer to our Queen as a constitutional monarch because her acts and decisions are not despotic or arbitrary, but are made in relation to strict constitutional practice and in accordance with law and custom based on force of law.

The “reign (or rule) of law” is a fundamental British concept. It embodies the idea of certainty as opposed to arbitrariness. To quote Lord Macmillan, one of the leading British jurists of our times: “To know what we can lawfully do and what we cannot lawfully do: “to be subject only to laws constitutionally enacted and enforced; “to possess the assurance of security in the enjoyment of our lives and property—

these are the things which are denoted by the reign of law and he goes on to point out that it was only after centuries of contest that we achieved this priceless inheritance of the supremacy of law over all alike, from the sovereign to the humblest of her people.”

It is interesting to recall in passing the preamble generally used in our Acts of Parliament:

“Be it enacted by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty —by and with the advice and consent of The Legislative Council and The Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

Becausethere we have the sovereignty of the Crown in a democratically elected Parliament clearly set forth. “Our laws are enacted not by the Monarch alone but in association with representatives whom we the people elect and can change from time to time. There is here that sense of a willingness acceptance by a free people of an ordered constitutional process.

A further important feature is the constitutional right of every citizen to petition the Crown for redress of injuries, and in most cases the issue can be carried in to the Courts of Law for consideration and adjudication. This right is a veritable bulwark against tyranny in high places.

(To be continued.)
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HOUSING AND LEGAL MATTERS
Reporting to the Executive on September 30, the chairman of the Housing Committee (Mr. R. J. Stoddart) said that recently Messrs. Yates, Giblett and he accompanied by Mr. Nimmo, M.L.A., interviewed the Assistant under Treasurer (Mr. Byfield) with the object of obtaining some relief in regard to Probate Duty, particularly for widows of ex-servicemen.

Mr. Byfield was sympathetic to the views expressed by members of the Deputation, but advised that there was very little that could be done to ease the position concerning probate duties which has to be paid on Estates.

The rate in this State is the lowest in the Commonwealth, it was stated by Mr. Byfield, and a matter of concern to the Commonwealth Grants Commission who repeatedly draw the attention of Governments in the State to this fact.

LAND FOR LEAGUE PURPOSES IN NEW-TOWNSITES.

The Under Secretary for Lands had been requested to set aside for League purposes half an acre of land suitably situated in all new townsites planned and surveyed.

WAR SERVICE HOMES, SPECIAL ARCHITECT AND ADVANCE SCHEME.

The latest directive of the Director of War Service Homes is that all applicants wishing to erect homes under this method, said Mr. Neal. The Director has decided that in special advance cases there shall be a waiting period of six months before buildings are given, which will take a further two months. It is now estimated that the waiting time before occupation will be fifteen months. Prior to the Directors recent instruction, brick houses were being completed in 6-9 months, and wooden houses in 3-4 months in special advance cases.

The Housing Committee has been advised that the Director is satisfied, concerning this matter.

It is recommended that the Federal Office be requested to arrange for this State's delegates to Federal Congress to meet the Minister for Social Services while in Melbourne with the object of having the Director's Instructions countermanded in so far as they affect this State.

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RELATIVITY
It's funny how the older blokes
found themselves much
younger
when Australia went to war.
The toothless boys of thirty
And bold heads, thirty-five
All found a splendid youthful-
ess
And 27 to being alive.
While, at the other end of it,
Some kids of fifteen years,
Had lost their birth certificates.
And were eighteen—it appears.
I remember in our billets once
We stopped our army age
And hoary heads of fifty six.
Skipped many a yearly page.
They turned then to our young-
est lad.
A beardless boy named Snow.
And said "Now what's your age young chap?"
"We'd really like to know."
To which, with humour, Snow replied,
"It's hard to calculate—
To use my own arithmetic."
Or take your discount rate.
Me army age is eighteen years
But doing what you're doing
To tell the truth I'm not sure yet
And pa and ma's still wool-
ing.
Dedicated to those who still go
march in on—
"THE OLDS AND BOLDS."
PAUL BUDD EE.

(Top to bottom)
A GOOD many of animated discussion took place at the meeting of the State Executive on September 16 before the report on Faversham House policy (reprinted in full on another page of this issue) was adopted.

Mr. W. J. Hunt formally sub-
mitted the report for adoption
by the executive, following
which Mr. E. O. Davies asked
what had transpired with regard
in obtaining a long lease of
Faversham House from the
Federal Government.

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The High Commissioner for India (General K. M. Cariappa) was accorded a reception by the State Executive on Thursday, October 1, at Anzabe House.

General Cariappa was welcomed by the State President (Mr. F. C. Chaney) who referred to the guest's distinguished career in the Indian Army, and to the high regard in which he was held by his fellow officers and men.

Replying, General Cariappa said he brought to the R.S.L. greetings from all types of servicemen in India—Gurkhas, Sikhs, Rajputs and the like—all of whom remembered with respect the fighting qualities of Australians alongside whom they had served.

Their experience as allies in war encouraged them to hope that in peace, also, they could work together for a common end.

Referring to Press reports on remarks he had made with regard to migration, General Cariappa said he was convinced that it would be a very good thing if Indians could come to Australia to live, to work, on farms with Australians, cooperating in the production of food for the hungry world. Working together in fields and on farms, even better understanding and friendship would result.

If every member of the wonderful team which was the Commonwealth could work together in peacetime as they did in war, then that in itself would play a very important part in maintaining peace.

Good relations were a matter of twoway traffic, which depended on trade exchange, visits of artists, dancers and musicians, and while he was in Australia he would work for a closer understanding between India and Australia.

General Cariappa dealt with India's reaction to the Kashmir dispute. He had been chief of staff of the Indian forces and had subsequently been appointed G.O.C. Indian Western Command.

He insisted that at no time had India made any preparations whatsoever as to her armed forces entering Kashmir. When trouble occurred it was suddenly, and at the request of the Maharajah of Kashmir (a Hindu) and of the Prime Minister of Kashmir (a Muslim) assistance had been sent to that State because of the influx of marauding tribesmen numbering some 12,000.

Subsequently he himself had identified some of these tribesmen as regular members of the Pakistan army, and later, on a visit to Army Headquarters in Pakistan he had drawn attention to this fact. It had been denied.

However, while this dispute existed it did not by any means result in bad relations between Pakistan and India.

An amusing proof of this, which astonished Australian journalists, was that on his arrival in Australia as High Commissioner for India he had gone straight to the residence of his friend, the High Commissioner for Pakistan, to stay there as a guest!

To talk of anything like "war" between India and Pakistan was very much like talking of conflict between two States in Australia.

General Cariappa again emphasised the common desire in India and Australia for peace and friendship and said he hoped to return to Perth on another visit in April, 1954.
Westrians in Korea

The 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment is called "Vic-
toria's Own," but its members include many West Australians,
not least of whom is a compact young group of eight led by Cap-
tain David Butler, in the battal-
ion's signal platoon.

Captain Butler, of Leederville,
Perth, went to Dunstoen from
Westley College, and graduated
as an officer in the Army in
1948.

The following year he went to
Japan, and in September, 1950
he went to Korea with the 3rd
Battalion, Royal Australian Re-

giment as a platoon com-
mander.

After a spell of active service in
the line he became ADC to
Lieutenant-General Sir Horace
Robertson. Five months later
he was appointed personal as-
sistant to Major-General A. J.
H. Cassetts, who was then com-
mmanding the 1st Commonwealth
Division in Korea.

When General Cassetts handed
over command to General Butler,
he returned to Australia to join 2nd
Battalion, Royal Australian Re-

giment and has served with them
ever since.

Captain Butler is one of the few
Australians to have won an
American award for gallantry.
He was awarded the Silver Star
while on his first tour of duty in
Korea.

His present second-in-com-
mand, Lt. K. J. Taylor, is an old
Christian Brothers boy who at-
tended St. George's, West Perth,
before going to Dunstoen. In
days he lived in the Mirrabooka
Road, Dalkeith, and was the
open swimming champion of his
school.

He has just one regret about the
"cease fire," because of it he had
only three days in action again-

against the communists.

Sergeant Allan Wells, of
Donnybrook, in the South West
part of the 2nd Battalion, has
been in the Army 10 years. Before that he worked as an
assistant accountant in the Grain-

Department of a country store.

A.R.M.S. GAMES

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the season has been most enjoyable, and trusts that other sub-
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PERSONALITIES

Mr. McFadyen, Superintendent of Shipping and Transport was on September 24 entertained by the State President (Mr. F. Chaney) at Anzac House.

Ted Townsend will miss one or two meetings of the State executive he has gone over to Adelaide with his good lady for a brief holiday. It is hoped the weather will be kind to them while they are away.

Les Bartley, a member of the State executive, who was stricken with illness, and spent a period in hospital, has returned home and is making progress towards good health again. Les will be a delegate to Federal Congress in place of Bill Hunt who cannot go.

Jim Craig is back on deck again, signing cheques as one of the trustees, after a holiday spent at Mandurah where he caught all the big uns!

On September 23 Mr. A. S. H. Giffard, president of the Federal Standing Committee of the "Call to the Nation," was tendered a reception by the State executive at Anzac House, where he gave a most interesting address.

Fred Lewis, of Mullewa, State vice-president of the League, recently called at Anzac House to pay his respects. Fred reports that he hopes to be living a life of retirement soon in the metropolitan area. Mullewa's loss will be our gain.

Frank Dunn, at one time sergeant-major "B" Squadron, 10th L.H., is now residing in the metropolis and paid a visit to League H.Q. to renew his membership and discuss old times with Jim Giblett, one of his former troopers.

The "Harp" Bell

The "Harp" bell, which is in the R.S.L. Club, Anzac House, was captured by the 15th Scottish Division in front of Amiens in April, 1917.

It was given to the R.S.L. by Mr. Ross Steele, who served with the division as a gunnery officer. He now lives in retirement at Eman Point, Albany.

Sergeant Roskel, whose name is also mentioned on the plaque with the bell, is not a member of the R.S.L. and is believed to be still in England.
Victoria Park’s Loss

With extreme regret the Victoria Park sub-branch records the death of Harry Taylor, one of its oldest and grandest members.

The sub-branch president (Mr. G. Ford) writes: “Here was the ideal League member, a man whose life was a record of service to his fellow men. No task was too large or too small for him to tackle, and every job we started with the will to win— which ensured success. He was a fighter, for his own and mates’ rights, the like of which we can ill-afford to lose.”

Mr. Harry Taylor.

Ex-Korean boys are realising the value of the membership of the R.S.L. and several have recently joined this sub-branch.

A.R.M.S. games have provided some very enjoyable battles, the president reports, and the R.S.L. Hour sponsored by the sub-branch was both successful and enjoyable.

Members are reminded that the third Friday in each month is in evening to reserve for the monthly meeting.

A MIRROR-BADGE TO BE EXECUTED

The general meeting of the Welshpool sub-branch, held recently, drew an excellent attendance of members.

An attractive mirror in the shape of the league badge was displayed to the meeting, and a member (Stuart Cameron) agreed to carry out the necessary painting of the figures of the sailor, soldier, and airman in the centre plus wording, etc., so that the mirror will be an exact replica of the well-known league badge.

The appearance of the clubroom walls will be greatly enhanced when this is completed.

Branch finances have shown a slight increase as was revealed when the treasurer (Mr. Dick) presented his report.

However, the position cannot be regarded as entirely satisfactory as funds in hand would hardly cope with any emergency should one arise.

16th Battalion Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of the 16th Battalion Association will be held at the Railway Institute, Wellington-street at 7.30 on Friday, October 30 when the annual report and balance sheet will be presented, and the officers elected to conduct the affairs of the association for the coming twelve months.

This will be followed at 8 p.m. by a social evening to which all members of the association, with their wives, or lady friend are cordially invited to attend.

Several well-known artists will be in attendance and a pleasant evening is promised.

FINE GESTURE FOR FAVERSHAM

At the last monthly meeting of the Public Service sub-branch it was decided that the whole of the income received from funds in the amenity account be a minimum annual donation to Favesham House.

It was felt that known annual donations to this fine cause would save a more useful purpose than spasmodic contributions.

The monthly meeting of the sub-branch will be held at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, in the board room at Anzac House.

On Wednesday, October 21, the monthly luncheon will take place at Boans at 1 p.m. On this occasion the guest speaker will be the State President (Mr. F. C. Cheaney). To quote the sub-branch circular, “he has recently returned from a nice bit of hob-nobbing with the upper Coronal Flight” and his address will have a very special interest for all.

All players in Honour Avenue have now been numerically listed by the sub-branch Unit lists have been typed and considered today. This leaves the players to having these printed and bound.

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BROOKTON PRESSES ON!

The Brookton Sub-Branch has let a contract for £138 for improvements and renovations to the local war memorial.

As new concrete fence is to be built around the memorial, the paths relaid and the lawns replanted, and when completed the result will be something which members can take pride in.

The branch is to run a ball in November and strenuous efforts are being made to ensure that all attend, apart from other attractions, a most colourful ball will greet the dancers.

The sub-branch is endeavouring to bring the R.S.L. and its work under notice in the town, and thus enable residents to realise that the R.S.L. is not just a name but an active body.
Mr. W. A. Newton, 452 Cleveland St., Moore Park, N.S.W., writes:—

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FAVERSHAM WAR VETERANS’ HOME

OFFICIAL POLICY ADOPTED
BY STATE EXECUTIVE

(If the following is the complete official policy adopted by the State Executive, with regard to Faversham War Veterans’ Home, as meeting on September 16.

A report of the discussion on the matters at the meeting appears on another page.)

It is now necessary in view of the decision of State Congress, 1953, to implement the acceptance of the existing Faversham House, York, as the League’s objective in the providing of a War Veterans’ Home.

To do this a definite policy of development combined with a vigorous campaign to increase the self-support of the Home must be laid down, and agreed to by the State Executive if our ideals are to be achieved.

The policy in general principle shall be progressive and so planned that each phase of the development shall dovetail and form a natural sequence.

It would be pertinent at this stage then to first of all consider the present project and its progress since it was first opened in 1946 as a co-operative and Holiday Home for ex-service-women. During the period from 1946 to 1948, Faversham as a Co-operative Home was a failure and during that year arrangements were made to cater for I war veterans at the Home. This was done with a twofold aspect, one being to help maintain the Home, and the other at the instance of the then Veterinary Committee was to provide some accommodation for ex-War Veterans, as building restrictions made it impossible to contemplate the possibility of a Home in the metropolitan area, as was then envisaged.

The State Congress of 1948, wholeheartedly approved the experiment and unanimously decided on the new role of Faversham as a War Veterans’ Home. It went even further as to place an obligation on itself to pay a levy on a per capita basis. Unfortunately, this levy became abortive, and to relieve the burden the then Department of Veterans’ Affairs, with a most generous spirit, co-operated, and the Home was awarded the 33rd Annual Congress:

(a) Whole of the Interest from the War Veterans’ Home.
(b) Portion of Poppy Day Receipts.
(c) Interest from Lee Stere Type.

From the initial experiment of accommodating veterans at Faversham, has risen the present day funds, to date the present fund aggregate of 38,000. Undoubtedly the present project has fulfilled an excellent purpose in enabling the League to provide accommodation to veterans without incurring a high capital outlay, and since the inception of the Home 90 veterans have been accommodated for varying periods.

Spiralling costs of building had forced us to eliminate the idea of a Home in the metropolitan area, and has led to the motion of accepting Faversham as our War Veterans’ Home, and future plans for the provision of a Home for Veterans of the Second World War cannot therefore be considered urgent.

State Congress Motions

Item 42a submitted by the Returned Sister Sub-Branch, and carried by Congress, reads:

"That steps be taken to provide a Home for Aged War Nurses and ex-service-women, as no provision has yet been made to meet this need and that the matter be considered urgent."

It must be appreciated that ideal conditions can be made at the present Faversham Home that will enable the League to give full effect to the Congress motion referred to.

To locate this Home (for which it is not anticipated there will be a very heavy demand) in any position away from Faversham, would undoubtedly mean considerable capital expenditure and duplication of administration and many more costs. It is therefore not intended to suggest to the State Executive any project involving such a course.

Item 120. Submitted by the State Executive and adopted by Congress reads:

"That this Congress accept the Faversham House project as the League’s War Veterans’ Home objective."

Criticism that Faversham is situated too far from the metropolitan area can not be regarded as a factor that will hinder the Home as ineffectively in housing our War Veterans, as rail connection and faster and easier road travel minimises any problematical disadvantage that may be advanced.

Faversham House at present is held on a twenty-five year lease dated as from 22nd August 1946, and in the new scheme that the League forwards is the success of our application to the Minister for Army for the leasing of the Home, for a term of say 99 years, or its possession by deed of gift.

Either method would give us security of tenure; however, it would probably be to our advantage to have ownership of the Home, as this would relieve us of the obligation of rigidly adhering to a maintenance programme provided under the lease.

Preliminary negotiations to secure the Home have already commenced and until this is achieved no other action can be contemplated. When the Home is eventually owned, the property, as it is proposed that action be taken as follows.

General

1. Furnish to the State Executive an estimate of the cost of reconditioning all existing buildings with a view to increasing their capacity.

2. Adopt a policy of providing for a maximum of 50 persons, i.e. 40 males and 10 females. This is an increase of 12 above the present capacity and can be considered a worthwhile effort on the part of the League in the carrying out of the objects of the Fund.

3. Call for applications from ex-service-women and ex-War Veterans to apply for accommodation at Faversham and set aside sufficient accommodation to meet the demand, complete with all necessary services.

4. The Home stands on 11 acres of highly productive first class land suitable for most forms of agricultural or market garden development. An investigation of the cost of developing the surrounding land will be made with a view to its adaptation to its maximum self-supporting capacity by the production of eggs, butter, milk, vegetables, fruit, etc.

5. Consider the advantages of providing suitable remuneration for employment either full or part time to able bodied inmates of the Home in development of activities as set out in para 4.

6. Instil into the residents the need for all to work to a common objective and that cooperation with all is essential. After all the Home is there for their benefit and each is responsible as a factor that will tend to make the Home as ineffective in housing our War Veterans as rail connection and faster and easier road travel minimises any problamatical disadvantage that may be advanced.

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A LETTER

HOME

A digger wrote a letter home from Korea this week. It explained what the soldier up there thinks and feels about the Commonwealth, as typified by the Commonwealth Division.

"Today I sent my wife a little present from Korea. I gave her an expensive cigarette lighter. It cost me five cent's and I hope she enjoys it."

"The lighter is a reminder of the things I can't have but want so badly. I wish I could have one just like it at home."

"I try to make the best of things as they are. I want to go home and be a better man than I was when I left."

"I hope you will write me soon and let me know how everything is at home."

"I must go now. I have a lot of work to do before the next mail arrives."

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The Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) has released the following information regarding the wearing of orders, decorations and medals.

Wearing of Orders, Decorations and Medals are worn with evening dress, by those not in possession of full evening dress. Neck badges will not be worn with dinner jackets, but these insignia may be worn in miniature with decorations and medals on the left side of the coat. Stars of orders will not be worn with dinner jackets. This approval is still in force.

The control of the sale of miniatures is governed by section 83 of the Defence Act, which provides that a person shall not, without lawful authority—(a) use, wear or have in his possession, or (b) make, supply or offer to supply any uniform or emblem of any other country or miniatures of any such uniform or emblem. Section 83 of the Defence Act provides that authorities for the above may be issued by the service boards, and notification calling for applications for appointment as such authorities was issued in the Commonwealth Gazette, No. 92, dated the 13th December, 1951.

NEW NAVAL CHIEF

Rear Admiral R. R. Dowling (above) has been appointed Flag Officer commanding the Australian Fleet.

He succeeds Rear Admiral J. W. M. Eaton who has been on loan from the Royal Navy since October, 1951.

Rear Admiral Dowling will return to Sydney on December 16 to take over duties.
The Need For Public Libraries

The Library Board of Western Australia, recently set up by the State Government, has requested that "The Listening Post" should provide some information on this subject, since the provision of an efficient public library service throughout the State is a matter of importance, and one which will affect the happiness and well-being of all who live in Western Australia.

Public libraries are today recognised in most developed countries not merely as desirable amenities, but as social necessities. Our civilization is based on the printed word; without it there can be neither personal fulfilment, industrial efficiency, nor national development. The purpose of the public library service is to provide and maintain a sufficient range of books and other printed sources. More specifically, a public library service is needed for the following three purposes:

- To make available to all citizens, young and old, books, periodicals, and other graphic records which foster a full, useful, and good life and which tend to the personal development of the individual or the social development of the community.
- To provide information on any subject which may reasonably be expected to be of value to the public, including the industrial and commercial world.
- To encourage and promote the use of books and information.

The essence and kernel of any library is its books, including within the term books: periodicals, maps, pamphlets, prints, trade catalogues, manuscripts, archives, music, micro-films and all other forms of records with a modern library handle. The book stock of the library should be chosen so as to represent all the main currents of social and leisure, of the people it serves in so far as their needs are not met in the education, the individual and the commercial world.

Novels should form a considerable proportion of the stock, but only novels of some value. A novel is a recognised form of literature; indeed, the novel and the play are perhaps the most significant forms of contemporary literature. A novel which will broaden the experience or develop the mind of the reader should be included in the stock; but there are some which do neither, and they should be excluded. There are plenty of good novels of all types, including thrillers, and it is better to re-publish copies of those than to buy indiscriminately in order to make up numbers.

Technical books relative to the industries of the district are essential and must be both authoritative and up-to-date. Books on history and current affairs enable the citizen to form sound opinions and wisely to exercise his democratic rights. Practice books on gardening, crafts, bee-keeping and home decoration, hobbies, sports and the like will give pleasure and assistance to many. The needs of the professional man, the business executive or the trade unionist will require such subjects as accounting, personnel management, and social administration to be represented. The list could be extended almost indefinitely to cover psychology, the fine arts, literature, biography, travel, and so on. Much of the book stock will inevitably be contemporary, but it will not be complete without those standard works of the great writers and thinkers upon which our civilization was founded and developed.

Books for children are very important. The child of today, if he finds the library a place of delight, will become the adult reader of tomorrow. It is particularly desirable that books for children should be in good editions, well-printed and attractively produced, so that the child may learn to value books for their own sake, and not merely as sources of information.

Such a book stock cannot be built up, nor used and exploited fully, without an adequate staff of professionally qualified librarians. This staff is required to select the books, to catalogue and arrange them for use, to assist readers in their choice, and to draw the attention of readers to books which may particularly interest them. There is, of course, in all libraries, much work of a routine character for which qualified staff are not required, and in libraries serving very small places, it may be impracticable fully to occupy the whole time of a qualified librarian, in which case some form of co-operative use of his services by more than one library is clearly suggested.

The third element which goes to the making of a library is the building. This may be large or small, complex, for a great or metropolitan library, or just one room in a small country town. However large or small, it should be bright, attractive, and scrupulously maintained. It may be desirable that a library should possess grace and dignity; it is essential that it should offer a friendly and cordial welcome, so that even the most diffident person may not feel at ease, nor let least bookish be repelled.
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The Federal Treasurer says that Commonwealth revenue is buoyant, but most of us taxpayers can’t keep our heads above water.

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Efforts of uranium seekers at Coronation Hill have been crowned with success.

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To reach the War Veterans Home, we had to cross to the suburb of Manly, and go on to Curl Curl through Dee Why to Narrabeen. At a point in Narrabeen is a sign post giving the direction to the War Veterans’ Home. On turning to the left and following the road up a steep incline, we arrived at the Collaroy Plateau, and along this Plateau many attractive views are passed and glorious scenery viewed. The beaches and sea, lying stretched below, is truly a sight to see.

Arriving at the entrance to the War Veterans’ Home, we saw several War Memorial gates over which the Union Jack flies.

On entering the road into the grounds we passed the splendid building erected for ex services men and women and came to the front structure for ex-nursing Sisters. These modern buildings are the same in appearance of comfort and restfulness, and are most tastefully and attractively furnished, no expense having been spared for comfort and convenience. Lovely carpets and luxurious furnishings give the inmates the restful and peaceful holiday which they dream of.

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IN DeFENCE

Moving the suspension of standing orders at the meeting of the State Executive on September 30, to raise a matter of importance, Mr. R. Stoddart voiced strong objection to the cuts in national service training announced by the Minister of Defence (Sir Philip McBride).

In this attitude he was supported by the Executive, and it was unanimously resolved that a protest be forwarded to the appropriate authorities, and for submission to Federal Congress.

Mr. Stoddart first read to the meeting the contents of an item which had appeared in "The West Australian" of that morning, which began: "Night parades—the bane of national service trainees—are to be abolished."

This went on to say that Army trainees would still do their 98 days' continuous training but that their part-time training would be cut from three to two years. In each of those two years they would have a fortnight's camp and two or three weekend bivouacs, making a total of 21 days' training annually instead of 28 days annually.

There probably would be a night inspection every six months.

Night parades, which hitherto have averaged about one a fortnight, have been abolished because of their limited value and because of the shortage of instructors.

Mr. Stoddart said that he felt the reduction in training for National Servicemen was a matter of regret. He asked the Minister of Defence to reconsider the matter, to which Mr. Riley went on, would dismay the few C.M.F. volunteers in the units, and make the task of the Instructors and officers an impossible one.

Several speakers were forceful in their support, and it was said that the cuts in training arrangements was due to an economy move. In any such decision, it was supposed the military authorities concerned would have been consulted, and the Cabinet would be responsible for the decision.

NEPTUNES TO GO

Arising from this discussion, a similar protest is to be made at the meeting of No. 11 Maritime Reconnaissance Squadron of Neptune bombers attached to Peacock (W.N.S.) in the new year.

There is an instance reference was made to the reported explanation that the transfer was due to the impossibility of maintaining the squadron at a high standard of efficiency because the Neptunes, having been in progress, and, with the Neptunes the squadron was cut.

The Neptunes would not be regularly in service, it was said, because No. 11 Squadron was the only one in Australia equipped with the aircraft.

A suggestion that, instead of sending the Neptunes east, it might be possible to transfer the two naval units to W.A. for combined air-sea training was said to be impracticable owing to the lack of necessary ships.

From the chair the President (Mr. F. C. Chaney) said that once again it was a case of W.A.'s needs being disregarded in favour of Eastern States needs.

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One thing is certain while Australian troops of the Commonwealth Expeditionary Forces are waiting the outcome of the peace negotiations. They will not go "stale" for lack of sporting facilities.

About £2,000 worth of sporting material arrived this week at Headquarters, 38 Broadway, and includes tennis rackets, curling stones, water polo sets, hockey sticks and lawn bowls.

Brigade Sports Officer J. D. Kelly, of Mosman, Sydney, was responsible for the speediness of the handover, as he was, at the same time, controlling Australian military units in the Philippines, and playing club cricket in Sydney, he has been busy organizing sporting activities since the truce was signed.

Capt. Keith, O'Neill of Toowong, Queensland, and Mr. J. D. Kelly, whose brother was an International Rugby player, and Lt. Peter McKenzie of Brighton, Melbourne, and 2 Battalion took over the supplies for their respective units.

Each battalion received two cricket kits, ten bats, with adequate supplies of balls, stumps and wickets, tennis tables, table tennis, table games, and basketball and baseball equipment.

Efforts will be made to establish life saving teams within the units. Not only will they be able to demonstrate to soldiers from other countries the methods that have made the safety of Australian beaches world famous, but they will perform a useful function for their countries.

The use of the Imjin River, currents of which are fast and treacherous, and every swimming party is accompanied by an officer and life saving picket of four capable swimmers.

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Naval Base Sought

This, in turn, led to the President moving the chair that approaches should be made, once more, with regard to the establishment of a naval base in Western Australia.

It would be recalled, he said, that earlier requests in this direction had been met by a statement that a naval base at Cockburn Sound would be impracticable because of the presence of the Swan River and the Koonya banks.

Now, however, he said, channels had been dredged in connection with the oil refinery at Kwinana and a further approach should be made.

He therefore moved, and it was unanimously resolved: "That Federal Government of the Commonwealth and Federal Government of Western Australia should be asked to take into account the availability of the naval unit at Cockburn Sound considered again."

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