An Appeal Which Can’t Be Ignored...

FALLEN OF 1939-45 TO BE COMMEMORATED

The R.S.L. State War Memorial Committee is desirous of completing the additions to the memorial in King’s Park to commemorate the fallen of the 1939-45 War.

Although a sum, then thought sufficient to cover this cost, was raised by public subscription some time ago, the rise-and-fall clause in the contract has, because of ever-increasing costs of material and labour, left a deficit of some £8,000.

To enable the work to go on, and the construction to be completed by the time of Her Majesty the Queen’s arrival, the members of the League are being asked for financial assistance.

“It is our present hope,” said the State president (Mr. F. Chaney) on Friday last, “that each member, upon receipt of this copy of ‘The Listening Post,’ will forward a donation of 10/- to Anzac House.

*Please don’t leave it to the few. Play your part so that the work as planned, can go ahead. This is a donation to the memory of the fallen. We need your help.*

A sub-committee of World War II men on the State Executive has been formed with the object of furthering this appeal, and has more or less taken on its shoulders the responsibility of bringing to the notice of ex-servicemen the need for the completion of the work on the memorial.

Men, who served in World War I were, of course, largely responsible for the erection of the War Memorial in its present form, and it is felt that comrades of World War II will be only too willing to accept their responsibility in seeing that the work is completed in accordance with plans previously agreed upon.

(A tear-out donation form appears on the back page of this issue, and it is especially asked that everyone who can afford to do so should use this form to remit 10/- to Anzac House.)

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DAILY FLYING OF THE AUSTRALIAN FLAG

The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Walter J. Cooper) stated recently that for some time it has been considered that the Australian National Flag should be flown daily by the Repatriation Department at various institutions in all States where ex-servicemen and women attend on Repatriation business or are treated medically.

“I am very pleased,” said Senator Cooper, “that arrangements have now been made for the Australian National Flag (blue house) to be flown daily at Repatriation Establishments and General Hospitals in all States of the Commonwealth.

Re-roofing Anzac House

Rapid progress is being made in constructing a new roof to Anzac House.

Its appearance has altered the skyline of the city and is viewed with much interest from vantage points in the suburbs.

Several weeks will elapse before the job is completed. What use will be made of the covered floor space which will result from the new roof is yet to be decided, and further publicity will be given this matter through the journal in due course.

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Legislation on Wearing of R.S.L. Badge

A Bill, introduced in the Legislative Assembly by Mr. G. Yates on October 13, which passed its second reading on Wednesday, October 28, aims at the unauthorised use or possession of the R.S.L. badge.

It is to be cited as the Returned Servicemen’s Badges Act, 1953, and after reciting that a “financial member” means a member of the League who has paid, and continues to pay annually, the subscription required by the League (with a three-month limit), provides that:
1. Any person who is not a financial member of the League shall not wear or have in his possession any returned serviceman’s badge.
2. A penalty for an offence shall be a fine not exceeding £10, and for a subsequent offence a fine not exceeding £25.
3. Proceedings for offences will be dealt with summarily.

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THE MATTER IS DROPPED

Considerable publicity in the Press followed remarks by Dr. Roy Greenham when reporting to the State Executive on visits paid to Bridgetown and Manjimup sub-branches.

Both sub-branches, which have long subscriptions to the daily newspapers, setting out the views of branch officials, and speaking in terms of forthright as those attributed to Dr. Greenham.

However, in a long statement by Dr. Greenham which was in the hands of the State president (Mr. Chaney) last week, it was emphasised that the published remarks by him were taken out of context and represented but a fraction of what he had said to the Executive on October 28.

Both sub-branches have, it is understood, decided to drop all reference to the matter.
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FAVERSHAM WAR VETERANS' HOME

Increasing and keen interest is being taken by the veterans, and at the recent York Agricultural Show, Faversham won 1st prize for a collection of vegetables, and 8 first and 5 second prizes in the flower section.

In this section they were first in having the most prizes awarded, winning the trophy (a cut glass vase).

Sub-branches and Auxiliaries are also showing a keen interest in the Veterans and it is pleasing to record the following visits:

NORTH-FREMANTLE SUB-BRANCH.
On 6th September the North Fremantle Sub-branch and Women's Auxiliary visited Faversham, bringing a concert party and entertaining the veterans at afternoon tea.

CITY OF PERTH SUB-BRANCH.
City of Perth Sub-branch and Auxiliary visited Faversham on 27th September, bringing a concert party and supplying the veterans with afternoon tea.

KENWICK AND CANNING SUB-BRANCHES.
These sub-branches visited on 18th October, having lunch on the lawns and entertaining the veterans to afternoon tea.

BEVERLEY WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.
The Beverley Women's Auxiliary also visited Faversham, bringing with them a concert party and entertaining the veterans to afternoon tea.

YORK ARTS CLUB.
On the 28th October, the York Arts Club visited Faversham, bringing an excellent concert party and entertaining the residents to a delightful supper.

Donations
The following donations have recently been received and the appreciation of the Committee and veterans is extended to the undermentioned donors:

- Wondowie Sub-branch: 7 tons Firewood.
- City of Perth S/B. ANI.: Number of hot water bottles and reading matter.
- Kenwick S/B: Bag of Lemons and case of Oranges.
- Katanning Sub-branch: Reading matter and clothes.
- M. A. Austin, Katanning: Reading Matter.
- Gnowangerup Women's Aux.: Reading Matter.
- The Red Cross: Tobacco.
- Gidgegannup S/B: Reading Matter.
- Kenwick and Canning S/B: 3 cases oranges and 2 bags potatoes, 1 large box mixed groceries and parcel of sweets and cigarettes for each veteran. Cash £3 15/3.
- M. J. Mann, M.L.A., Beverley: 1 Dressed Pig.

State-War Memorial

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The master of narrative.

In tribute with deep respect and admiration to a very remarkable and versatile gentleman on the occasion of the award of the NOBEL PRIZE gained for Literature — SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL.

Margot P. Shaw.
New Zealand Visit, 1954

A recent meeting of Federal Executive accepted an invitation extended by the New Zealand Returned Services' Association to invite members to New Zealand to take part in the ANZAC Day ceremonies.

On arrival in New Zealand the party will be split into four, and each of the centres Auckland, Wellington, Dunedin and Christchurch will have their own programme. A block booking has been made for the "Wanganella" sailing from Sydney on the 15th of April, 1954, for Auckland and returning from Auckland on the 6th of May, 1954. Most of the cabin booked are singles and the return fare will be £7.50. In addition, many of the party will be making their own arrangements to visit Sydney and meet all internal travel and accommodation charges while in New Zealand.

It is proposed that the party should be prepared to undertake the programme of entertainment, travel and official engagements submitted by the New Zealand Returned Services' Association.

Allocation of members to branches has not yet been decided upon, but if any member in W.A. desires to make the trip and wishes his name to be considered he should communicate at once to the State Secretary at Anzac House.

It will be necessary for Federal Executive to communicate directly with each member of the party to arrange tickets, etc., and as the matter has to be finalised as soon as possible, all completed list of names has to be submitted to the office of the Federal Executive in Melbourne not later than December 31.

EGGS-A-COOK FUNCTION AT ANZAC HOUSE

Once again the "Eggs-a-cook" jiggers got together recently in the Anzac House under the chairmanship of their president (Mr. H. S. Broad). A League vice-president (Mr. Eric Davis) represented the R.S.L. and among the guests present were Mr. G. W. Gordon of the R.S.L. Executive.

The function was an outstanding success in the hands of the committee (Mr. W. A. Morris, Bill Newick of the 16th, Fergus MacLeod of the 10th, Mr. T. F. Logan and Mr. G. W. Gordon of the R.S.L. Executive).

After a speech by Mr. Gordon, the association agreed to a proposal that they formulate means to attend to the plaques of the limited members on the trees in the Recreation Grounds.

When the above quotes are obtained the committee will consider the publication of a prospectus for raising money to carry out the above proposals.

The suggestion favoured at present is for the issue of debentures to sub-branches, i.e. £100 debentures at £5 each or thereabouts. Remember the use of this area per caravan would be from £1 to £1.10/ per week but that amount could be fixed later.

"It is intended that this "work- ing-bee" be organised for a Sunday in November to clear the edge of the property and for an area of about 30 yards back (more if necessary) that it has been decided to cover the property. It is proposed also that a planting of shade be arranged for a later date.

"The scrub is comparatively small but must be cleared before leaving (Mr. R. E. Gosling whatever was cleared the property. It was hoped that the above work's done will not end with the job done."

The Finals in A.R.M.S. Games

A tense struggle took place on October 27 to decide second place in the East Zone of A.R.M.S. games. Gloucester Park meet South Belmont and City of Perth met Kensington.

When Gloucester Park won the City Team had to win 6:4 to clinch second place and place the Park team, as this they did on the final game.

November 3 saw the first final between Nedlands (West Zone) and City of Perth, with the former defeating the City team 3:2 after a series of very close games not indicated by the final result.

The most closely contested match of the season took place on November 10. It was the second final between Darling Range and Mt. Hawthorn. After 4 all the result depended on the throw-out for 10 in the finals and Mt. Hawthorn won and the final 6:4.

The Grand Final will now take place between Nedlands and Darling Range at 8 a.m. on November 17 in the Supper room of the City Council Chambers, when the State president (Mr. C. W. Jones) will present the A.R.M.S. shield and the Yellow Cap Cup.

The effort of Swanbourne (West Zone) was outstanding. For although they forfeited the rifle shooting in each match, they finished at the top with the leaders.

The ROCKINGHAM PROJECT

Reporting to the State Executive on October 28, the chairman of the Rockingham Project Committee said that a meeting held on October 22 decided to take place regarding the use of the land at Rockingham.

The opinion was that the first step was to convert it to a caravan park and then when money was available, into an area for seaside cottages as well.

It was decided to confer with the Rockingham sub-branch as soon as possible to ascertain their intentions with regard to their land, which is on the eastern boundary of our section.

Mr. Fitzharding agreed to obtain quotes for the following:

1. Fencing of area between roadway and beach with a double gate to the roadway, but excluding the beach.
2. Sinking of well and provision of pump.
3. Construction of abutment block, which should include 2 laundries, 3 w.c.'s and urinals for men's and women's toilets.
4. Electricity supply.

The UNIFYING QUALITIES OF THE CROWN

(Taken from a series of articles from an address given on Melbourne on July 22, 1953, by Mr. A. S. G. Gifford, in support of "The Call to the Nation."

Have you ever considered how valuable a unifying factor is the Crown in our British Commonwealth? It brings together peoples of differing colours and creeds as subjects united in loyalty to a common authority and in affection to the person of the sovereign. So we have Australians, Canadians, Maoris, Malayans, Englishmen, New Guineans and so on—all soldiers of the one Queen, all comrades in arms for an agreed objective, namely, to preserve, inviolate the territories of their Queen. It is that Prime Ministers from every part of the British realm can come together to solve, by peaceful discussion around the conference table, both individual and common problems of the day.

Our Commonwealth and Empire is unique in world history within it there dwell together in unbroken peace and in mutual loyalty a strange diversity of people from the most primitive to the most advanced. They are not bound by formal ties of federation or strict treaty bonds, but are freely associated as members of a Commonwealth of Nations.

Our ties are rather in the realm of the spirit, in a common dedication to the achievement and preservation of freedom, justice and peace in mutual respect and cooperation one with the other. And it is just here that Her Majesty has given so fine a lead to all her subjects, and has become Her Queen of our hearts and minds as well as of our lands and territories.

The Governor-General's Speech

At the opening of the recently concluded Federal Congress of the R.S.L. in Melbourne, the position of the League in the community was stressed by His Excellency the Governor-General. The statements would bear repeating, for members of the League in Western Australia can well ask themselves to what extent they are playing a vital part in the affairs of this land of ours.

"HE EXCELLENCY said: "Some people seem to think that just because they are old soldiers an awful lot should be done for them. It should be the other way round. There is an awful lot the returned soldiers can do for others. He can bring comradeship and leadership to his fellow citizens.

"THE R.S.L. had a tremendous responsibility because of the great influence it exercised on public opinion. Its actions can have the most tremendous effect on this country, but that influence should be directed in the right channels.

"AUSTRALIA is on the threshold of great development. She is advancing to take her place as a great nation. Whether she becomes a great nation depends on the number and quality of her people. That is where the R.S.L. can play a big part. Returned servicemen should carry into civilian life the lessons in comradeship and leadership they learned in war and work for the unity of the Country."
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DRESS FOR THE ROYAL VISIT

"It is the Queen's wish that no one should be put to unnecessary expense in purchasing clothes for the Royal Visit," said the Minister-in-Charge (Mr. E. J. Harrison) recently.

"Her Majesty hopes that local customs in dress will be observed and that no-one will feel obliged to incur the special expense of buying formal clothes if they do not normally wear them.

"At all day functions, including garden parties and race meetings, it will be correct for anyone not possessing mourning dress to wear a soft hat and lounge suit.

"On such occasions His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and male members of the Royal Household will wear either morning dress (top hat and morning coat) or a soft hat and lounge suit according to the local custom.

"The basic principle at garden parties is that everyone should wear their best, whatever it may be. At Banquets, State and civic receptions, balls and other large evening functions, the Duke will wear evening dress (white tie) and on other evening occasions, dinner jacket with soft shirt and soft collar.

"Her Majesty has expressed the wish that no Australian will feel he should stay away from an evening function to which he has been invited because he doesn't possess formal evening dress.

"In the evening a dinner jacket can be worn by those who have not got full evening dress or a lounge suit by those who do not own a dinner jacket.

"Similarly with regard to ladies' wear, Her Majesty does not wish anyone to be put to unnecessary expense in buying special clothes or gloves.

"Long dresses need not be worn at garden parties or other day-time functions unless ladies are specifically asked to wear them.

Short afternoon dresses are correct.

"Hats and gloves should always be worn at day-time functions.

"Gloves need not be white and should not be taken off before the weather is predicted as being fine. It is requested that Her Majesty or The Duke of Edinburgh.

"If ladies possess long gloves, they should be worn at formal evening functions.

"Her Majesty will wear evening dress and a tiara when opening the Commonwealth Parliament or a State Parliament in the day-time.

"Women guests on such occasions would wear ordinary dress."
Services Canteens Trust Fund

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR TO 31/12/52.

More than £727,000 has been spent by the trustees in the five and a half years since the inception of the Services Canteens Trust Fund, in providing financial help for men and women who served in the Australian Forces in World War 2 and their dependants.

This was revealed in the fifth annual report of the trustees presented to the Federal Treasurer (Sir Arthur Fadden) recently.

The fund totals almost £51 million and is being used by the trustees to provide financial help to ex-servicemen and women of the 1939-45 war, and their dependants, in need, including assistance for affected children, and education awards to help eligible children to obtain the education for which they are fitted.

On general welfare the trust expended last year over £300,000 in a wide variety of cases of distress, including assistance to widows and families of deceased to contribute to all the non-costs of education, including books and fares, essential equipment and material used in the course, a uniform (where a special uniform is essential) and a living allowance. Education awards are provided in all types of education from primary school to university and post-graduate study.

The report of the record of constructive helpfulness to ex-servicemen and women and their dependants, and shows a commendable employment of the fund by the trustees and their regional committees.

A.R.M.S. GAMES

East Zone

Round 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th Total
Darling Range 8 8 6 8 10 6 10 56
City of Perth 8 6 6 9 8 4 6 47
Gloucester Park 4 4 4 2 8 10 2 34
South Perth 6 6 6 8 7 2 4 32
Kensington 4 4 4 2 2 6 2 22
Victoria Park 4 4 4 2 2 6 2 22
South Belmont 4 4 4 2 2 6 2 22
Mt. Lawley 4 4 4 2 1 2 2 18

West Zone

Round 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th Total
Nedlands 10 10 8 2 10 8 10 58
Mt. Hawthorn 10 10 8 2 10 8 10 58
Subiaco 8 6 6 9 8 4 6 30
West Leederville 4 10 4 7 8 2 1 30
Cottesloe 6 2 2 10 7 2 24
Claremont 6 2 2 10 7 2 24
Public Service 2 2 8 8 4 2 2 10

The Yellow Cab Cup presented for the best ag. team shoot during the competition resulted as follows: Mt. Hawthorn 144.8; Nedlands, 144; Perth, 145; Gloucester Park, 140.7; City of Perth, 138.1; Darling Range, 138.1.
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SELLERS, T., 11th Fd. Coy., Perth.

SMITH, H., 2/118 Mobile Bath, Perth.

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WOODS, H., 11th Bn., Maylands.

Development At Bullfinch

The guest speaker at the Public Service sub-branch next monthly luncheon, at Boans on November 12, will be Mr. L. F. Kelly, M.L.A.

His subject will be "Bullfinch," and in view of the fact that the developmental work achieved there in recent years has been exceptional, the talk should be very much worth hearing.

The monthly meeting of the sub-branch will be held on Tuesday, November 17.

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Subiaco Plans A Fine Hall

Improvements and extensions to be made to the R.S.L. Hall in Townshend-road belonging to Subiaco sub-branch will make it one of the best in the metropolitan area.

This was stated by Mr. P. G. Potter, a member of the house committee, at the well-attended annual meeting of the sub-branch recently. The original plans had to be considerably modified, owing to costs, he said. Even today members of the committee were still scratching their heads on the question of finance.

The building would be extended right back to the rear fence, the main hall would be enlarged, and other portions of the building improved. There would be a gallery on the ground floor. No tender for the work could be accepted until financial arrangements had been made, although these had been invited, and the committee was about to approach the bank.

League headquarters had no power to financially back the scheme.

A greatly increased membership would be a large factor in the success of the project, however, and members should “go through the highways and byways” urging men to join. They must make the sub-branch “thrusting during the next months.” Mr. Potter said he was sanguine about the sub-branch being able to get the finance it needed for the work, and that the next annual meeting would take place in new quarters.

Mr. Burgess said substantial revenue could be obtained from letting the premises for social occasions. There was a dearth of this kind of accommodation even in Perth, where dance halls were being diverted to other uses.

Certificate For Past-President

Early in October, a State Executive member (Mr. G. W. Gordon) presented a certificate of service to Mr. Frank Lake, the past-president of Balingup sub-branch, during whose term of office this solid sub-branch had completed and dedicated one of the most outstanding war memorials in this State. It was regretted that Mr. Lake was indisposed.

The sub-branch now has a capable president in Dr. G. Jarvis and it was pleasing to see Mr. A. L. W. Sharp, the chairman, see (14th Army) presented to his old Commander, Sir William Slim, at the Anzac House reception to the Governor-General.

To mention all members present would mean naming nearly the whole town, and it only must be mentioned that old veteran Mr. Jack Firth, Mr. Gerry White, and the Kirup guests Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davies.

State War Memorial

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St. Martin's Will Commemorate The Fallen

On Saturday, November 14, His Excellency Sir Charles Gairdner will lay the foundation stone of the memorial church of St. Martin-in-the-Field.

This is an Anglican Church which is being erected as a memorial to all those relatives of residents in the Kensington-Collier districts who gave their lives in both World Wars and Korea.

All those persons of the district, regardless of denomination, who can supply details to enable the names of the fallen to be placed on a board within the walls of the church, are being asked to forward such particulars to the honorary secretary (Miss U. Skeet, St. Martin-in-the-Field's Vestry, Kensington.)

Mosman Park Entertains The Ladies

A sub-branch with 170 financial members, which raised £2,000 in the year, and owns its own Hall, free of encumbrance, was surely worthy of more active support than some members were at present giving.

This comment was made by the honorary treasurer of the Mosman Park sub-branch (Mr. Harris) when moving a vote of thanks to the president (Mr. P. Conroy), Mr. Harris also staunchly supported the next annual meeting at which Mrs. Britten, president of the women's auxiliary, replied.

Mr. Conroy, in his third term as president, read an impressive list of charitable donations made by the sub-branch during the year.

The guests included were Mrs. and Miss Greta Lonnie, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. C. Klemm of the State Executive, and Mr. and Mrs. Britten. Especially pleasing was it to know that Mrs. Brown, the foundation president of the sub-branch in 1929, and prominent also was Mr. S. Sibbold (2/16th), the sub-branch's "money spinner."

Mosman Park is to be congratulated for their parents entertaining their woman's auxiliary and local war widows, a worthy object well capable of repeating by other sub-branches.
A VISIT TO FAVERSHAM

A very pleasant day was spent on Sunday, September 27, when the City of Perth sub-branch of the R.S.L. and members of the Ladies Auxiliary went on a bus trip to Faversham, York.

After lunching on the spacious lawns the veterans of the home were entertained at a concert by "Loeddarville Leo," Mrs. J. Brown, Miss G. Goodes, Miss Leonie Catt, Mr. H. Smith and Mr. Walker. Mr. J. Cruikshanks acted as a capable accompanist and also gave piano accordion solos which were greatly enjoyed.

Some male members adjourned to "practice" cricket with members of the Beverley team, returning later with huge bunches of lilies for their wives as peace offerings.

A beautiful afternoon tea was served and thanks are due to Mrs. Rose for her excellent catering.

The president of the sub-branch (Mr. W. H. Bailey) spoke on behalf of the visitors and Mr. Walker responded on behalf of the matron and the veterans. The president of the ladies auxiliary, Mrs. Bonford, made a presentation of hot water bottles to the home.

After community singing outside, a tour of inspection, and a "tarpaulin muster" to provide extra tobacco for the veterans, the visitors departed with a feeling of a day well spent.

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MEMBERS URGED TO ATTEND MEETINGS

The Victoria Park sub-branch recently received a letter from one of its members, who, after service in World War II, saw fit to volunteer for service in Korea. This man (Sig. C. Hughes) was worried about losing his membership but executive members decided that the least they could do was to make this man financial until his return.

The point to remember, writes the president (Mr. G. Ford) is that if this member, in far away Korea, could spend time thinking of the R.S.L., surely members on the doorstep of their own branch, could attend the monthly meeting.

The sub-branch committee is doing a good job, with several successes in pension cases lately. Mainly through the efforts of the hard working secretary, quite a lot of children are receiving the benefits of Legacy.

Members can give that committee some encouragement to continue by attendance at monthly meetings, concludes Mr. Ford. These now finish at 9.15 p.m.

The sports director extends his thanks to the A.R.M.S. team for their loyalty in the season just ended—and good wishes for next year.
At Service of Commemoration

New Memorial Hall at Northam

Work has started on the building of an R.S.L. Memorial Hall at Northam. Located in commanding position adjoining the R. and I. Bank on Fitzgerald-street, the Hall, when completed, will not only be an asset to the R.S.L. but also a great addition to the amenities of the town.

In August last the Mayor of Northam (Mr. R. B. James) who is also honorary treasurer of the Northam sub-branch, cut the first sod to mark the commencement of the digging of the foundation.

Following this working parties of volunteers, with the aid of a few paid helpers, worked practically every weekend until the foundations were dug, the concrete poured, bricks cutted and everything ready for the bricklayers to start their operations, Bricklaying started during the last week in October.

The initial structure will comprise a well-proportioned main hall, suitable for meetings, dances, concerts and similar functions, with two cloakrooms, and a Memorial Vestibule which will house wall-plaques bearing the names of all local men who gave their lives in the two Great Wars. The building has been planned to allow of the addition of committee rooms, games room, kitchen, etc. at a later date when funds become available.

The erection of the hall is the result of untiring effort on the part of a few members of the sub-branch, who have worked over a period of several years to make it possible. Assistance from the body of members has been forthcoming whenever requested but the project has been kept alive at times under somewhat discouraging conditions, by the efforts of the few.

Northam is recognised as a town which is growing rapidly in both size and importance, but to matters what height it may eventually attain, its people will always be able to regard with pride the R.S.L. Memorial Hall, and will pay tribute to those members whose wisdom and foresight gave them courage to stand firm in their demands for a memorial which would not only honour those who made the supreme sacrifice, but also provide amenities for future generations.

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Also shown (lower picture) is the inferno created during an napalm bombing demonstration, through which tanks and other armoured vehicles were driven. This latter demonstration took place at Sennelager in Germany, when Vampire jet aircraft filled the role of attacking forces.

British tank units and the 2nd Allied Tactical Air Force were utilised to demonstrate the progress which had been made in both of these arms of the Services.

Landlady (frigidly): What is it this time, Mr. Brown? You've always got something fresh to complain about.

Boarder: Not this time. It's my beer.
THE SIXTEENTH CELEBRATES CORONATION YEAR

The members of the 16th Battalion Association and their wives and friends gathered at the Railway Institute on Friday, October 23, the occasion being a social evening arranged by the committee to celebrate Coronation year. There were 170 present and the evening was voted an outstanding success.

The Association President (Mr. Jim Cutmore) presided and the official guests were Messrs. Syd Macnamara (R.S.L.), R.A. McDonald (S.A.V.), J. Campbell (2/16th Bn.), J. Hepplingstone (10 A.L.F.), Jack Mason (12 Bn.), M.J. Foster (28 Bn.), Jack Mock (32 Bn.), H.S. Browne (44 Bn.), and H. Johnston (Fremantle Sub Section Ex Naval Men's Assoc.). The toast "R.S.L." and "kindred associations" was proposed by Mr. Len Brickhill and supported by Mr. Charlie Taylor while Mr. Syd Macnamara and Mr. Bob McDonald responded. The "16th Battalion" was very aptly proposed by Mr. Condor and Charlie Hepplingstone and responded to by the president.

Among those who came far to attend the social were Messrs. Merry Cartledge from Esperance and Bill Cornelius from Sandstone. Also present were:

Mr. Jack Axford, V.C., M.M. (Staff Officer, Liberal Party); Messrs. Evan Davies, M.L.C., Tom Tandy of the Perth City Council, Harry Andrews, Charlie Cross and Ted Harrison (from "Sunset").

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PERSONALITIES

Congratulations to Bill Newick (Mt. Lawley sub-branch) on being elected the second Life Member of the 16th Battalion Association. This honour has been conferred in recognition of his services as honorary secretary and treasurer. At the annual general meeting he was re-elected for the ninth successive year. The other life member is Bill James.

Jim Cutmore (Morley-Bedford Park) has been re-elected president of the 16th Battalion Association. He will also attend the association publicity.

Bill Cornelius of the old 16th came down from Sandstone for the Royal Show but stayed down for the social evening arranged by the 16th Battalion Association. Bill and Ted Weeks from Mandurah made good use of Anzac Club during their visit to the city.

At the time of writing Charlie Roney, Jack Lociston and Frank Hawkins of the "old 16th" are in Hollywood Repost Hospital and will be glad to see old comrades.

Congratulations to Miss Mary Meares on her appointment to the Executive Committee handling matters on behalf of the League relative to the Royal visit next year.

Herb McClements, honorary secretary of the Northam sub-branch, who recently received treatment in the Royal Perth Hospital, has now returned home again and is displaying his usual interest in League affairs.

Les Bartley, due to illness, was unable to represent this State at Federal Congress recently. This was a bitter disappointment. After a spell in hospital Les is now back at work, and bill members will be pleased to hear that such is the case.

Reg Goff, a vice-president of the Northam sub-branch, recently paid a visit to Anzac House. Reg is helping Mac with sub-branch problems as assistant secretary just now.

Regret to Keith Carnduffy on being selected as captain of the State Sheffield Shield cricket team. We wish him good form and success. Keith is a member of the Darling Range sub-branch.

Seen in Anzac Club recently were three South Australian visitors. Bruce Oliver, hon. sec. of St. Peters and Boro Baynes of Bardinena, were comrades of the original 10th Battalion, which later became the 55th Battalion, where they met Cleve Snoswell, also of St. Peters sub-branch. The three diggers were on a holiday trip to the West and were thoroughly enjoying themselves. From Perth they were going to take in the Midwest.

At a meeting of the Sub-branch in Mt. Lawley, Miss L. M. Atkins was appointed secretary of the Northam sub-branch of the Women's Auxiliary of the Royal North Shore Hospital. Miss Atkins had the previous year been secretary of the sub-branch at Booragoon. The executive committee of the State Auxiliary is: President, Mrs. E. T. C. Alexander; vice-presidents, Mrs. W. A. Brown and Mrs. B. Sheehy; secretary, Miss L. M. Atkins; treasurer, Mrs. H. D. Gittins; assistant treasurer, Miss D. M. Gray; assistant secretary, Miss G. S. Collett; assistant treasurer, Miss G. M. Newick.

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Congratulations, Kojonup!

In 1926 the Kojonup sub-branch presented cash and cinema equipment to the value of £740 to the old Memorial Hall which is now used by the Road Board. On Saturday, October 3, the sub-branch continued the good work by opening the splendid Kojonup sub-branch hall.

Approximately two hundred people were present at the official opening and among the guests present were the State President of the League (Mr. F. J. W. Hay) and members of the State Executive. The honour being the architect for the building. The member for the district (Mr. A. F. Watts) and Mrs. Watts and the chairman of the Kojonup Road Board (Mr. G. Jones) also attended.

The president of the Kojonup sub-branch (Mr. C. D. Leitch) asked the State president to perform the ceremony and thanked all those who helped in the completion of the building. In particular, he thanked Mr. P. P. Thorn who, he said, had first suggested the idea for a new building in 1949 and who had arranged for the finance. The Women's Auxiliary was warmly thanked for their efforts in raising money to purchase crockery and cutlery and some of the furniture for the hall. The secretary of the road board (Mr. L. V. McBride) who is treasurer of the sub-branch, was thanked for his outstanding efforts for the hall.

Mr. P. P. Thorn then gave an informative and interesting speech on the financial aspect of the hall. On deciding to go ahead with construction, the finance available was £450 and the estimated cost £2,000, but the figures have now exceeded by £3,070 making a total of £7,070. The amount was made up as follows: £3,300, labour £3,150, furnishings £200 and incidentals £390. Donations in cash from ex-service personnel, adults and children amounted to £1,412, while revenue from balls, boots, art unions and plays totalled £500; other monies raised amounted to £432.

Fifty guarantors had signed certificates for £505 totalling £1,170. While the bank mortgage was £1,170 but this mortgage was expected to be paid off within two to three years and the balance in ten years. Mr. Thorn concluded by appealing to the members who would use the hall to assist in paying off the debt. He also suggested that the other members of the committee make arrangements in their wills for the RSL Sub-Branch Buildings Fund to be a beneficiary.

Mr. Chaney addressed the meeting stressing the fact that the strength of the League did not lie in the Executive, but in the length and breadth of the land which included centres like Kojonup. The League depended on the strength of members who fought during the war and its ideals were based on citizenship. He congratulated members for building a hall which would serve as an example to other sub-branches and it stood as a tribute to those men by whom it was first envisaged. It was through men like those that the strength of the League was built up and the League itself was the strongest single organisation in the country.

The hall is made of local freestone, granite and combines modernity with the picturesque. The main floor measures 42 feet by 38 feet and has a recess for the orchestra and the acoustics are very good for public speaking. The kitchen and choral room are well appointed and open on to the hall by Particularly wide sashes which provided efficient lighting when the Auxiliary supplied afternoon tea and an excellent buffet evening meal. The hall frontage to the Albany-highway makes very efficient use of wide window space and glass panelled doors opening on to cement verandahs large enough to form a dance floor which should be very popular on hot evenings. The landscaping, gardens and children's play grounds when completed, will provide a perfect setting for a splendid hall.

After an excellent meal provided by the Auxiliary, a Social evening was held, and after the Loyal Toast, Mr. Leitch proposed a toast to the State Executive, to which Mr. Chaney responded.

Supporting Mr. Chaney, Mr. Holder expressed thanks for the toast and said that he had been very impressed with the Hall and the short time in which it had been built. The Hall also signified a milestone in the progress of the League and he would hold it up as an example to other branches.

Mr. L. V. McBride then proposed a toast to the visitors and said that the Hall was a result of hard-operative effort, but it had been realised that too many people in the district had been doing too little for too long.

Mr. Keith Watts of Esk Defoe River sub-branch ably supported Mr. E. Anderson of Donnybrook sub-branch responded for the visitors.

Mr. A. W. Potts proposed the toast to the Women's Auxiliary who had done such a good job in their two years existence.

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**Official Visits**

On Thursday, October 22 the State president (Mrs. S. V. Stockin) and the State secretary (Mr. P. Oakes) were the guests of North Perth Auxiliary at their Birthday Party. Mrs. Stockin presented a certificate of service to Mrs. Beresford on Sunday, October 25; Mrs. Randall (representing the State president) and the State secretary attended Nedlands high-tea for the old ladies from Sunset, Leeming and Home of Peace on Wednesday, October 28. The State president and State secretary and members of State executive attended West Leederville-Wembley birthday party. Mrs. Stockin presented a certificate of service to Mrs. Smith Saturday, October 31: State president, State secretary and Mrs. Burgess were the guests of North Perth at their eighth birthday party.

**Hospital Visiting**

During the month approximately 230 old soldiers have been visited in the Royal Perth Hospital and in Victoria Hospital, sweets and cakes distributed. Lemnos, Sunset, Home of Peace, Claremont Hospital, Heathcote, Edward Millet, Hollywood and the Infectious Disease Hospital have been visited by executive members and amenities distributed to ex-service patients.

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**Victoria Park Auxiliary Entertains**

On Sunday, October 11, the Victoria Park Auxiliary entertained a party of diggers, including men from Sunset, Sunset, Sunset. The guests arrived at the Hall at 5 p.m. where a high-tea had been prepared by members and enjoyed by all present.

The entertainment which followed was given by the following artists: Mr. Gravatt and Mrs. Young (songs), Vera and Joy. Butt (dances), Juvenile Dancers, Frances, Dorothy and Beryl. Barbara and Jacelyn Goddard (piano), and the Scottish Dancers. All were warmly applauded.

Mrs. King and her orchestra provided music for dancing etc., and the sub-branch supplied cigarettes.

The president of the Auxiliary (Mrs. Kerridge) thanked all present, including the Red Cross drivers, the artists, and the orchestra, all of whom gave their services free of charge. The sub-president (Mr. Ford) seconded her remarks.

Members are now preparing for their stall at the Rotary Fair to be held at McCallum Park on November 20 and 21.

**16th Auxiliary Notes**

Mrs. E. Kettler, president of the 16th Battalion Auxiliary is in Hollywood Repatriation Hospital and will be pleased to see any of her friends.

The 16th Battalion Auxiliary is holding a sale of gifts in aid of their funds at McNeill's Hall, Pier Street, on November 27. There will be toys, Christmas novelties, fancy work, children's toys and bargains galore.

Any ladies desirous of joining the 16th Battalion Auxiliary are requested to attend the meetings which are held at the Railway Institute, Wellington Street, on the first Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m.
**AT NARRABEEN**

This is the concluding portion of the story of Mr. and Mrs. N. McKay who were the guests of the R.S.L. and Legacy of N.S.W. at the beautiful War Veterans' Home at Narrabeen, N.S.W.

Next is the bowling green and in the course of erection a handsome theatre, which, I believe, is going to be one of the best equipped south of the Sydney Bridge. I hear that the comfort of this theatre is raising the eyebrows of the critics! Also in the course of erection is a sitting Porch, which is going to be indispensable. The expense of these undertakings is everywhere in the vicinity of £50,000, and I heard that there are many future ideas planned for this wonderful War Veterans' Home.

On Sundays the Home is open to visitors who come and inspect the surroundings and bowling bowls being played. Afternoon tea is supplied at all the charges of two shillings! All inmates contribute to the Home, according to his or her status, in the form of a donation. The Home is a real change for the aged and sick service man or woman, and it is a haven of peaceful happiness.

To continue with our experience, when we arrived at the Home we were welcomed by the expatriate and energetic Secretary, Mr. Ware. My husband and I were given afternoon tea in his office while he enlightened us on the routine etc. Then he kindly escorted us to our cottage.

The one chosen for us was set in a garden of golden marigolds, hibiscus and blue love-in-the-mist, circled by clumps of gum and the bird life that abounds in this delightful setting all day long is amazing; the calls of the different types of birds are very lovely. I have a sunbrella perch outside the door on the boughs of the trees or on the clothes hanger.

These cottages are of cream brick with tiled roof, sun-vena, doors, windows, back and front, with pretty ornamental fences and gay sun-chairs arranged on the patio. On entering the front door, we were surprised at the attractive furnishing and carpets.

Each cottage consists of lounge, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom, with small laundry attached, the whole house being fitted out with cream velour blinds.

The lounge was very inviting, with its pretty deep couches, low tables and electric heater in the fireplace and a cat curled up on one of the chairs. The cushions and French window dressings complete a dream home.

The bedroom was sweet and attractive, pretty floral carpet, beautiful dressing-table, sunken wardrobes, and信息系统 beds all in a pale green and pink colour scheme. The blankets were of the best "buckramian quality" and were still in the chenille covers, and mattresses and bed linens were all of the best and finest quality. There were also three changes of bed and table linen and plus clothes, etc., were supplied.

The kitchen was the daintiest thing, all in cream tiles, with a stainless steel sink, the latest equipped gas stove and refrigerator, built-in cupboards and hot water system, with pretty curtain drapes and rubberoid lino in the colour scheme.

The modern bathroom, with tiled floor and shower recess, had hot and cold water. The whole thing was simply a dream - that was the expression I used to my husband.

Before we could "come down to earth," a knock came on the door, and in came a group of every conceivable age. One could imagine, from afternoon tea biscuits and all the canned fish and bottled condiments, to the everyday salt, sugar, and jam. A few minutes later we were all invited in with the meat (lamb chops, sausages, brains and the weekend joint).

Then came the fruit producer (apples, bacon, cheese and eggs, fresh fish) and we were informed that the table was to be prepared daily. Then followed the vegetables, root and salad and fresh fruit of various varieties. We were then asked if we would be called for and returned every Thursday.

The ex-soldier and his wife were treated as a king and queen - that is the policy - that everything is to be for their personal comfort and convenience.

The next day we had invitations to come here and to go there: pictures, concerts, bowls, and tops in the special coach that is kept for the purpose. There is something all the time to keep the men contented, and lovely gardens in which to stroll around at will. Every week there are bowling matches and all members (both men and women) are taught to play.

This famous War Veteran's Home is the most wonderful place, created for the disabled soldier, with its natural surroundings and modern buildings. In conclusion, I would like to tell you of the director, Mr. Stephen Wells, who is a man of real personal charm. He and Mrs. Wells associate with all the activity of the Home, which helps to maintain the happiness and personal touch that endears them to everyone who come into contact with them.

These two charming people are devoted heart and soul alike, which surely is their just reward.

Finally, I would like to say that in Sydney everyone was extremely kind and wonderfully considerate to us, and especially the American veterans who is held in the greatest esteem.

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The Unveiling Ceremonies in New Guinea

This is a report, just received, from Mrs. N. M. O'Neill who was one of the party which recently visited New Guinea.

On arrival at Rabaul we were again warmly received and taken to our hotel, and after lunch some of us officially visited the Cemetery. A Cocktail Party was held that evening in honour of His Excellency the Governor General.

Friday morning the Cross of Sacrifice was unveiled, the outstanding feature in my memory being the presence of thousands of natives at the service. Lines of natives were laid on the left side of the cemetery from Rabaul, were hundreds of many natives, whose gesture of sympathy was to hang wreaths of flowers from arches over the roadway.

This cemetery, to my mind, was the most tragic, emphasised by the fact that so many tombstones were dedicated to "Unknown Soldiers." This town and harbour still show evidence of Japanese occupation, with pill-boxes in the streets, sunken hulks in the harbour, and as we drove through the hills we saw many of the ruins which the Japs dug through the country.

We had luncheon at the Club in the presence of the Governor-General and officials, and that evening we attended a Ball of the R.S.L. sub-branch.

On Saturday morning we visited a native market, where there was a wonderful display of fruits and vegetables—we also visited China-town and the bazaar. As we left Rabaul, on Saturday afternoon, we flew over the ill-smoking volcano, and so back to Lae, where we were entertained in the afternoon by the Women's Auxiliary of R.S.L.

I feel I must mention my deep appreciation to Brigadier Brown, and all members of the War Graves Commission who were exceedingly kind and most helpful. Brigadier Brown has a colour movie of the Banana Service, and will be glad to show this film anywhere, upon request. Mr. Harold Whitter, President of the R.S.L. in the Territory, also accompanied us on this tour, and was extremely considerate.

Early Sunday morning we left for Sydney, and were once again very well looked after by Qantas Airways Staff.

In closing I wish to sincerely thank all those responsible, especially the Commonwealth Government for making this visit possible, and it was a privilege and an honour for us to represent the other relatives, who I hope will one day also be able to visit this hallowed grounds.

Mrs. K. Levy, who is secretary of the Women's Auxiliary of the R.S.L. at Port Moresby would be pleased to visit any of the "boys' graves" at "Bomania" for relatives and place flowers on their graves for special days such as birthdays and anniversaries. Her address is Mrs. K. Levy, 6/10 Dept. of Treasury, Konedobu, Port Moresby, New Guinea.

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