WAR MEMORIAL APPEAL

In the November issue of "The Listening Post" an appeal was made for donations to assist in the completion of the work, associated with the extensions to the State War Memorial, now in progress.

This will commemorate those who gave their lives for Australia since 1919.

The photograph here shows a scale model of the changes which are in progress. The extension is situated in front of the present memorial, by which it is joined by a path of distance of approximately four chains, and is adjacent to the main drive through King's Park.

When the work is completed, and this must be completed before the arrival next year of Her Majesty the Queen, it will give added dignity to the memorial. It will be a fitting tribute, in its setting, to those who did not return—those who loved their country and the city which the memorial overlooks.

Contributions to the funds needed to complete the work in question have already been received from the following:

Women's Auxiliary £51/9/0; F. C. Cooper 10/0; W. H. Gazeley £1; G. Cooper 10/0; Jim Giblett £1; A. J. Day £1/1/0; G. Tuttifson £1/1/0; J. P. M. Don 10/0; S. Anderson 10/0; H. M. Pullen £3/3/0; D. G. Hooper £1; J. Burnham 10/0; D. N. Wilkinson 10/0; A. MacKay Dick £1/1/0; J. M. J. MacDonald 10/0; J. Goddlesfield 10/0; Archibald, 5/0; A. M. Nolan 10/0.

W. R. Gillespie £3; W. Richards 10/0; M. Warner 10/0; F. C. Chary 10/0; C. Milton 10/0; J. S. Everett 10/0; J. M. Bond £1/1/0; J. Cole 10/0; W. Newick 10/0; J. G. Marlow 10/0; C. Veitch £1/1/0; F. W. Young 10/0; A. Dugmore 10/0; W. Findlay £1/1/0; W. Bryden 10/0; J. C. Celley £1/1/0; D. Maclean 10/0.

P. Mael £2/2/0; R. A. Mills £1/1/0; J. F. Smith £1/1/0; H. J. Bragg £1/1/0; L. Silverton £1/1/0; R. G. Gray £1/1/0; C. J. Leiden 10/0; T. G. R. Morris £1/1/0; R. J. Rosen £1/1/0; C. J. P. F. Allen 10/0; G. H. Hill £1; C. H. Bogle £1/1/0; G. M. Hewett 10/0; J. C. Coale 10/0.

J. Pearce £1/1/0; E. R. Marshall 10/0; S. Paine £1; B. L. Anderson 10/0; P. Kokular 10/0; B. L. J. P. Treat £1; T. J. K. L. Gray £1/1/0; T. J. Cain £1/1/0; J. W. Armstrong £1; T. Osborne 10/0; D. R. Terry £1; T. Townshend £1/1/0; A. G. Burschaw 5/0; D. J. Varney 10/0.

R. Height £1/1/0; F. T. Woodrow £1/1/0; V. Boyle 10/0; W. Price 10/0; J. Langton 10/0; G. J. Williams 10/0; W. F. Horton 10/0; E. J. Dunsdon 10/0; R. T. MacKay 10/0/6; R. J. Layton 10/0; J. A. Brown £5/5/0; B. H. Johnston 10/0; H. Tillbury 10/0; A. R. Field 10/0; N. Humes 10/0; C. W. Buck £1/1/0; W. Howells £1/1/0; TOTAL TO DATE £130/10/0.

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

(Note: A donation to this good cause is an allowable deduction for tax purposes.)

Talent Quest Winners

Finalists in the R.S.L. Hour Search for Talent appeared before a capacity audience at Anzac House on the evening of 10/12/53.

The decision of the adjudicators was as follows: 1st prize £105, Peter Piccin £2nd prize £21, Ray Mann; 3rd prize £25/5/0, Vic Delano and His Rhythm Reeds; 4th prize £5, The Sounding Strike.

The prizes were presented to the successful artists by the State President of the League (Mr. F. F. Chany), who expressed thanks to broadcasting stations SKY-NA, the R.S.L. Trading Co., and all who assisted in making the series broadcasts a success that they were.

For the time being this session will be held in the hall.

The few year may bring forth something along similar lines as SKY, is at present devoting some thought to the matter. When something definite is known "The Listening Post" will give the matter further publicity.

RETURN OF BADGES

Now that the Bill dealing with the War memorials has become law, the membership sub-committee of the State Executive recommended that certain changes should become operative.

These were:

That sub-branches are requested to return to League Headquarters any surplus badges in their possession.

That in future the issue of badges be done from League Headquarters following a close examination of Captivity Returns to ascertain whether those now on display as new members are actually such, or rejoins who have been previously issued with a badge.

That financial crowns to be issued to sub-branches for distribution to members as they become financial.

These recommendations were accepted by the Executive and will now come into force.

Land In New Townships

The housing sub-committee of the State Executive reported on Wednesday, December 2, that advice has been received from the Lands Department to the effect that the League's application for land in the new townships of Medina and Callista is receiving consideration.

The proposed township of Medina comes under the control of the State Housing Commission. The Commission has approached to set aside an area for League purposes in this township.

XMAS PARTY FOR PENSIONERS

Readers of "The Listening Post" are specially invited to the Christmas party of the Women's Auxiliary, supported by the League, propose entertaining at high-teas at Anzac House on December 20, elderly ex-service men in the old age pension group, living alone in rooms in apartment houses or hostels.

Those persons coming within this category should submit their names and circumstances to League Headquarters, as soon as possible, so that some indication may be known concerning possible attendances.

As there may be many eligible persons who do not receive this journal, those who do receive it are urgently asked to pass on this information.

NOTED

An observer writes:

"Very noticeable on Remembrance Day was the lack of interest shown by the majority of A.I.F. Unit Associations in the ceremony at King's Park. Apart from a few units, on whose behalf wreaths were laid, the remainder were not represented and it is up to these associations to do something about it."

THE PARTIES BEGIN

One of the most successful functions held by the Highgate sub-branch was the Christmas dance held at the Royal Perth Yacht Club's old premises on December 8. Attendance had to be limited to 200, but the fun was so certain to be turned on that a much larger number hoped to be present.

A well-attended luncheon on December 11 was held at the St. George Hotel, where a Fine Art evening was held, a great interest being shown in the art of the late Sir Thomas C. D. Malouel. A gift of a book was presented to the Committee by the Club.

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**December, 1955**

**Christmas Day**

**The Cock crow and the Night recedes**
And children wake and gather Round the fires; and daylight speeds
Their cries of joy; their toys acclatter,
Glad church bells in the morning clang;
A brass band on the corner plays.
The children where their stockings hang
Cause chaos like the row they raise.
Ahh! the smell of pudding cooks
Rich brown and delicious looking;
Roast chicken's full of savory sauces
The wine is red with jollity;
Beer swallows in a cruise of ice
And fresher our frivolity.
Eats you hearty—drink you merry
Join the party and the play;
Shout mistletoe! and holly berry!
For once more is Christmas day.

John McVitie
(N.S.W.)

### THANKS FROM A GRATEFUL MEMBER

The following letter has been received from Anzac House from a League member:

"I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the League Bowling Committee for the time they have put in, in obtaining accommodation for myself and family.

The flats here at old Melville camp are quite comfortable and we are well satisfied with what we have.

Once again on behalf of my wife and myself we wish to thank and wish the League all success in the future." (Name withheld.)

### PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD'S REPLY

A reply to a resolution carried at the September, 1953, meeting of the Executive Committee, has been received from the chairman of the Public Service Board.

The resolution read as follows: "That the 4th Division officers who have been employed in the Taxation Department, Melbourne, during and since the war years on temporary 3rd Division leave, be granted their permanent grades before any reappointment of returned employees on temporary leave; and that the 3rd Division clerks take place.

The reply, to the Federal office of the League, reads: "The Board endeavours to handle cases of the type referred to in the resolution. It can, however, hardly accept the statement that 4th Division officers acting in temporary positions are granted 100 per cent non-essentials. The resolution will be kept in mind by the Board when determining the rights of temporary employees or Fourth Division officers becoming disabled. The Board is not however prepared to make a hard and fast rule either way."

### Faversham War Veterans Home

**MINISTER FOR ARMY GRANTS EXTENSION OF LEASE**

The most important news of the War Veterans Home this month has of course been the granting of an extension of Lease of Faversham House to 99 years by the Minister for Army (Mr. J. Francis).

This lease, providing suitable accommodation, has been arranged by the Commonwealth can be arranged, will enable the League to push ahead with the policy laid down and which was printed for the benefit of members recently.

Progress reports of the scheme will be given frequently in order that members may have an up-to-date knowledge of the home, together with any work carried out.

### RESIDENTS

At the present time there are 38 Veterans at Faversham, these three are in the York Hospital, Mears, Smith, Sanderson and Stow. Best wishes for a speedy recovery is given with the hope that they will be returning to the home shortly.

Three of the residents are also on annual leave and these are Mears, Constantine, Dunford and Moulson.

### VISITORS

Cottesloe. On the 22nd November the Cottesloe Sub-branch and Women's Auxiliary visited the War Veterans Home at Faversham and entertained the Veterans at afternoon tea and a concert. The Hollywood Concert Party organised by Mrs. Thomas put on a very fine entertainment, the audience including Medes, Susan, Gourson, McNamara, O'Neil, Morrison, and Jones. Miss C. G. Whitehead and Miss I. Jones. The Northam Women's Auxiliary and several members of the Northam Sub-branch visited the Home on 28th November, bringing with them refreshments and afternoon tea for the Veterans. Later a concert staged by Mr. Bryant was greatly appreciated by the Veterans.

### DONATIONS OF KIND

The following donations of kind have been received recently at the Home, and that is due to the generous donors:

- Mr. J. J. McDonald, Benger, bag of potatoes; Mr. R. Capron, 12 pounds of potatoes.
- Mr. G. Hands, Wyalkatchem, reading matter; Cottesloe Women's Auxiliary, mixed case of apples and oranges, cigarettes for the residents; Northam Women's Auxiliary, library books and magazines for the residents; Northam R.S.L., £5 for Christmas Cheer, 20 pounds of tobacco.
- Mr. L. Brady, Perth, 9 bottles wine for Festive Season.

### APPEAL DONATIONS

This is the last month for the Appeal for the War Veterans Home and if your Sub-branch is one of those who have not yet donated, make a special effort and see that this is done before 31st December, and ensure that our Veterans Home is conducted in the manner desired.

Previously acknowledged

- Brookfield 10
- Bruce Rock 5
- Maylands 10
- Armadale 5
- Carey and Kenwick 3
- Highgate 1
- Geraldton 10
- Waroona Hamel 6
- W. H. Gazeley 1
- Wannan Hills 5
- Yampi 1

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### THE LAST POST

**EDWARDS, A. E., 3rd Tunnelers, Cottesloe.**

**GATLEY, L., 2/28th Bn., Northam.**

**KERLEY, C. E., 5th Emp, Croy, Victoria Park.**

**PASSARIS, C. E., 46th Bn., Merredin.**

### TOLL OF THE YEARS

The passing of the years is taking toll of members of the 16th Battalion Association.

It was announced at the annual meeting that 30 men who served in the "old sixteen" had died during the previous twelve months. Their names were read after which a brief silence was observed.

The president of the association (Mr. Jim Cutmore) laid a wreath at the State War Memorial Remembrance Day in memory of those fine men of the "old sixteen" who gave their all in the cause of humanity.

There are four vacancies on the committee and any member of the association willing to give a hand is requested to get in touch with Mr. Bill Newick (39 Hare St., Malaga).

The committee and members of the Women's Auxiliary will be paying their Christmas visit to "Sunset," on Sunday December 19, when a gift will be presented to the 12 men of the old Battalion, in the institution.

### PRESS REPORTS

Owing to late arrival of copy it is regretted that certain important reports do not appear in this issue.

As to the January issue, it will be main, be printed during the week following Christmas, it is ESSENTIAL that copy for that issue be received by Wednesday, December 30.
THE OLD AND THE NEW.

The Christmas and New Year Season is at once a time of retrospect and a time of looking forward. Our minds go back over the way we have come and we endeavour to measure the year's work, as to its general progress or retrogression. We then turn forward to the task of the new year, and mentally we endeavour to measure the tasks which lie ahead, and make our New Year resolutions.

The past year has certainly had its difficulties, and those difficulties have been common to all sub-branches. What difficulties have been experienced by sub-branches have also been experienced by head office, and where we have striven and overcome we are entitled to take due credit. If any of the tasks which have confronted us have been neglected either because of the difficulties inherent in them, or through circumstances beyond our control, let us resolve that in the new year we will face those difficulties with renewed faith and vigour and endeavour to overcome them.

'The Christmas season is the time of fellowship and goodwill, and it behoves us to ensure that we do not pay mere lip-service to such Spirit of Christmas which is now abroad, and which can have such a refreshing influence on the soul. Let us strive to keep uppermost, amidst the problems which confront us, the old spirit of comradeship and good will which was born under conditions of danger and difficulty. That same-spirit of comradeship which bound us together in years gone by, and which caused our League to be established. Let us ensure that the passage of the years will not obscure those ideals in which the League has been founded and based for nearly 40 years. Herein lies the League's task for the new year which must have a priority over every other endeavour, for only by its accomplishment can the vigour of the League be maintained.

There are many past achievements to the League's credit, there are many tasks which we have to face, and which will be accomplished only in the light and warmth which comes from mutual friendship, comradeship, understanding, tolerance, goodwill, forbearance and fellowship. This is the main task for every member of the League in the incoming year, it is the task of the leader in each department of the League's work. It is this type of leadership that will draw the members together, and which will secure for those leaders a following which will be worthwhile.

Leadership and fellowship are interdependent. The League draws its strength from all walks of life differing in opinions and outlook, bound together by the common bond of comradeship born in service, and the League over the years has proved that it is possible to create this unity in diversity.

The world's eyes of the public, private and official life of the community are ever on the League and its work. The League can give this leadership to the community at large by exemplifying and practising this unity in diversity. Let this be our number one New Year resolution for all League members; with this resolution in mind can we then say with conviction "A Happy Christmas and a Good New Year."

THE QUEEN AS A WIFE, A MOTHER AND A WOMAN.

(This is the fourth 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"

So we are naturally led to a consideration of the person of our Queen as a wife, a mother and a woman.

She is in herself an outstanding example of all that is best in our British Way of Life. Her high moral standards have been set forth in a series of dedications unknown in our long history as a people. She is above reproach in her purity, modesty and courtesy. Her love of home and her happy married life and family has set standards for all to see and emulate.

Her respect for the position of being a member of the royal family has been maintained as a means of service to God and her people by a continuing source of inspiration to each of us and a positive encouragement to fine living and high thinking.

There is then, very good ground on which to build our hopes for a second Elizabethan era which will eclipse the achievements of the spacious life of Elizabeth I. What was it that called forth in that sixteenth century so much of the best of this world in leaders in science, exploration, in literature and in music so that England was revered abroad and united at home? Surely it was the character of the Queen herself which inspired high loyalty and high thought. The quality of her womanhood appealed to the native instincts of the Englishman of his day, whatever his station in life and whatever his creed, and that in a time when religious intolerance was rife.

The story of how Protestants and Roman Catholics, courtiers and citizens, soldiers and sailors combined to defeat the Spanish Armada is a thrilling epic of loyalty and devotion to Queen and Country.

In our day, we have still more reason to respond to the appeal of a young Queen, who presents womanhood at its finest and best, in carrying the development of our Commonwealth and Empire to still higher levels, not only for our own advantage but for a worthwhile lead to the upbuilding and strengthening of a world comity of all nations.

The State executive, management committee of "The Listening Post," and staff at Anzac House extend season greetings to all League members and their families, and trust the future holds nothing but good in store for all.

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HANDICAPPING FOR A.R.M.S. GAMES?
“I feel that to create even greater interest in the Men’s Shield Games a system of handicapping could be introduced, so that smaller sub-branches could have the opportunity of enjoying the games as we do . . .”

These words were spoken by Mr. Lyle Ellis, sportsmaster of Nedlands sub-branch, when that sub-branch had won the Shield for 1953, after defeating Darling Range in the Grand Final.

Darling Range won the quads and darts, while Nedlands won the Shield in the Individual shooting, and, in the deciding table-tennis matches, Nedlands won 3 matches to 1.

The State President (Mr. Fred Chaney) presented the Shield to Nedlands and the Yellow Cup, for the best aggregate rifle shoot, to Mt. Hawthorn.

Messrs. Jack Millen (Darling Range) and Jim Shearer (Mt. Hawthorn) were both loud in their praise of the conduct of the games by the controlling committee this year.

A State executive member (Mr. G. W. Gordon), who is chairman of the controlling committee, thanked the players and the Women’s Auxiliary for providing the supper. In particular he thanked the members of his committee for a successful year.

The committee consisted of that ever-present A.R.M.S. personality, Mr. Cliff Lambe (Gloucester Park), Mr. Ernie Tonkinson (West Leederville) and the secretary (Mr. Frank Fitzgerald of Headquarters). The officiating umpires for the evening were Messrs. Cliff Lambe, George Ford, Ernie Tonkinson, Jim Shearer and Les Lowe.

After the undoubtedly successful year of this game’s target, the committee is certain of even greater things next year, for not one complaint or criticism was received by the committee and only one sub-branch forfeited. The State Executive are thanked for increasing the entering allowance this year.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVITY
The Christmas Luncheon of the Public Service sub-branch, arranged for December 16 at 1 p.m. at Boas, looks like being a special occasion.

According to information now to hand several theme songs are being mentioned for the gathering, including what is referred to as “a delightfully fluid ballad entitled Swan’s Down the Hedges.” Increased cost of supplies has driven the ticket-cost to 7/6, but even so there is no indication of intention to the contrary. Six stewards are required for this occasion and the honorary secretary (Mr. Stan Harvey) would like volunteers to telephone him.

The date of the next monthly meeting is December 15 and the time 7.45 p.m.

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December, 1953
THE LEAGUE BADGE

The League can now claim its own property, the League badge.

All League members should be aware of the badges position, for once a member has become unfinancial, after three months he is deemed to be no longer a member of the organisation, and has no right under the League's constitution to retain possession of the League's badge.

In the past, when efforts have been made to recover the badge, a magistrate has ruled that a badge can be put on the badge and if the person pays that amount, then the badge is his. In reply to this the present legislation was initiated by the 1953 State Congress of the League.

The original motion was No. 133 in the name of the Swanbourne branch: "That the government be asked to pass an Act similar to the "Returned Servicemen's Badge Act", 1932 of South Australia, which provides that a person who is not a member of the League shall not wear or without lawful excuse, have in his possession (a) any R.S.L. Badge, or (b) any badge similar to an R.S.L. badge, or so nearly similar as to be likely to deceive."

This motion was carried by the membership committee of the State Executive, which recommended to the State Executive that action be taken. A Private-member's Bill was introduced into the Legislative Assembly by Mr. George Vass, the member for South Perth, and a member of the State Executive. After passing through the second reading, in the committee stage the Bill was amended to delete reference to any similar badge (it is to be remembered that the League Badge is copyright and any attempt to duplicate the penalty clause, leaving the fine. It then passed the third reading and was committed to the Legislative Council, in the charge of Mr. H. S. W. Parker, where it passed and becomes law.

Extracts from Hassard reports make it quite evident that all members were sympathetic to the Bill.

Mr. SEWELL (Geraldton): There is no reason why the League should not receive protection. The League and its members do a very good job in the community, and its members take an active interest in affairs of the districts in which they reside. The organisation is very active in supporting any moves for the benefit of the people.

Mr. COURT (Nedlands): I think that the League is responsible for preserving the League's reputation. It can do so by giving legal recognition to its emblem that is worn by members of the League.

Mr. OLDFIELD (Maylands): The time has long since passed when a measure of this nature should have been introduced, especially when the realities have revealed that the members of the organisation are regarding their rights as members, and the wearing of the badge.

Mr. ABBOTT (Mt. Lawley): But a great many men are not wearing the official badge (R.A.S.) as they prefer the badge of the League.

Mr. L. THORN (Toodyay): And I was chairman of the Club Committee at Anzac House. I know how the use of the badge was abused in relation to the club.

Mr. ANDREW (Victoria Park): We desire to prevent unauthorised use of the badge and to see that those who are entitled to that are not able to obtain the privilege of using the badge of the League. If members of the R.S.L. can prove that a man has deliberately worn the badge without being entitled to it, I think it is a disgrace to the person concerned. In such cases I would remove the man from the club, but would give him 10 months in gaol. That is what I believe you should do.

Mr. NORTON (Gascoyne): The League has every right to demand the return of his badge if the member is not financial.

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (Mr. Tonkin): I am in complete sympathy with the desire of the R.S.L. to prevent unauthorised persons from having or wearing R.S.L. Badges.

THE PREMIER (Mr. Hawke): The R.S.L. only wants to protect the badge. At that time the Bill was passed as amended and sent to the Council.

These brief quotations show that the sympathy of all members in the House was with the League, and only two regrettable passages were left out.

Mr. JAMESON (Canning): I think the Bill is of a rather selfish nature. (Editorial Note: It is regrettable that a responsible Minister of the Crown should voice such a lack of knowledge of the workings of the largest welfare organisation in this State.)

Mr. Lawley-Ingleswood sub-branch is notifying its members that the January general meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12, instead of January 5, because of the New Year holidays.

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Northam Members Visit Faversham

On Saturday, November 26, a party from Northam, consisting of 18 members of the Ladies Auxiliary and six members of the Northam sub-branch, paid a visit to Faversham House, York. All the requirements for an excellent afternoon tea were taken by the ladies and, after this had been enjoyed by all, a concert was staged in the main recreation room, under the able direction of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brawley, assisted by Mr. Lindsay Males, president of the Legion of Ex-Servicemen Northam, who gave several items, the violin, and Mrs. Tanner, who gave vocal items.

While the concert was in progress the manager (Mr. Glasscock), in charge of Mrs. Glasscock, Ernie Murrell, Malcolm McPhee and Reg Gollop, all members of the Northam sub-branch, executed, on a tour of the premises, All the visitors were impressed by what they saw and expressed pleasure in the knowledge that men who had served their country well in time of war could spend their declining years in such surroundings.

At the conclusion of the concert Mr. Reg Gollop, as vice-president, made a brief speech and handed over the Glasscock a cheque for £5 for representing the sub-branch contribution to Christmas Cheer for the residents.

Four large boxes of books, collected by the Northam Ladies Auxiliary, were also taken over to be added to the library.

Altogether a very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all, and it is hoped that further visits will be paid in the not too distant future.

On Sunday, November 27, Northam Sub-Branch entertained a cricket team from Swanley R.S.L. The cricket, although not perhaps of Test Match standard, was thoroughly enjoyed by both teams, and it was agreed that the home team were unlucky to lose by three runs.

Work on the new Memorial Hall at Northam is now well in hand. Provided that no unforeseen difficulties arise to retard progress, the building should be completed and ready for use by next September. The completion of a project of this size entails much hard work on the part of the members of the sub-branch, but this is undertaken willingly and cheerfully, because all feel that the finished job will more than compensate them.

DECEMBER 18

IS THE DAY!

The annual "smoko" of the Victoria Park sub-branch is December 18, and with this information comes a message to the members: If any have books in good condition which are no longer required—let the sub-branch executive have them for the boys in Korea and Malaya.

Poppy Day sales by the sub-branch were fairly successful, the pleasing feature being the very big percentage sold by it. It is felt, however, that even this can be bettered, and a determined drive in this direction will be made next year.

Moora Elects Its Officers

When the Moora sub-branch met on November 13 for its annual meeting, the election of officers for the ensuing year was the main business of the evening.

Mr. Warren Gardner was re-elected president. He is the second member of the branch who served in World War II to become president.

Other officers elected were Senior vice-president, Mr. J. S. Symonds; junior vice-president, Mr. Ray Reid; secretary, Mr. Jim Gardner; assistant secretary, Mr. Les Kuhl; treasurer, Mr. Garth Mason; executive committee, Messrs. K. Topham, R. Taylor, E. Wallace, W. Rule, H. M. Westoff, and W. Prior; aneloration committee, Messrs. L. Kuhl, W. Rule, W. Kestel; warrant committee, Messrs. R. Ashby, G. Phillips, and K. Topham; land committee, Messrs. G. L. Gardiner, C. W. Prior, and Ray Reid.

After a lot of discussion it was decided to reform the social committee, and the following members were elected: Messrs. G. Mason, Ron Taylor, Ken Topham, and Ray Reid. Publicity officer Mr. Ray Reid.

Yampi Sub-branch Makes Progress

The Yampi sub-branch, which was re-formed only a short while ago, is making excellent progress in view of the limited membership potential available to it. During November, League headquarters were advised that five new members had linked with the sub-branch, bringing the membership figure to 26.

Headquarters hopes to soon receive a report that 100 per cent of those eligible for League membership in this locality are now members.

Confirmation of Sub-Branch Officials

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PERSONALITIES...

Recently on a visit to this State was Sid King of Warracknabeal sub-branch, Victoria. Sid is the League's nominee on the Soldier Settlement Commission of Victoria and was having a peep at W.S.L.S. in W.A. He paid a call on League H.Q. while here.

After a month's absence from this State attending Federal Congress and having a spot of leave John Chappell, the State secretary, has resumed duty at the State Association's headquarters, looking after his family in various parts of the State.

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who with the club manager, Charlie Mitchell, tried his skill at snooker with the State president, Fred Cheney, and Executive member George Gordon.

Jim Giblett, of Anzac House staff, is at present taking his annual holidays and is visiting members of his family in various parts of the State.

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CHRISTMAS PARCELS FOR KOREA

The Federal Office of the League has now been advised by the Australian Army Canteens Service that after numerous opinions had been obtained from officers and other ranks serving in Korea, the following contents have been decided upon for the Christmas parcels:

1 bottle Australian beer, 1 tube shaving cream, 1 tin sardines, 1 tin spaghetti, 1 cake toilet soap, 2 packets biscuits, 1 cake chocolate, 2 hankies, 2 torch cells, 4 Gillette blades, 50 cigarettes.

In addition through a gift made by Life Savers (Australia) Ltd. two packets of Life Savers will be included in each parcel.

The parcels are being packed now by the N.A.A.F.I organisation in Japan and will reach the R.A.F. and R.A.A.F. personnel in Korea at Christmas.

The number of parcels to be distributed in Korea at Christmas is 2,372 and 254 parcels are- being packed in Singapore for R.A.A.F. and R.A.A.F. personnel in Malaysia.

When the Christmas distribution has been made the grand total of parcels distributed in Korea, Japan and Malaysia by the Fund will be 32,196 and a total of £31,181 will have been spent.

Outstanding Ball At Brookton

Members of the Brookton sub-branch are still being congratulated on the success of their ball on November 11.

Voted by many as the best ball held for many years, and by some as "the best ever," it resulted in a profit of over £100, for almost £130 was taken at the door.

A Northam orchestra did extremely well in making the dancing especially memorable, while the decorations were a delight.

As ever, the Brookton Ladies Auxiliary produced a splendid show; in fact, they excelled themselves, if that were possible.

All members agree that the energetic social secretary (Mr. George Rencoule) "made the show," and to him are due the thanks of everyone.

By such means the Brookton sub-branch is keeping the R.S.L. before the notice of residents of the locality and the surrounding district, and, of course, the continued name of the R.S.L. is thereby enhanced.

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STATE EXECUTIVE ACTIVITIES.
On Sunday, November 8, members of the State Executive entertained the old Diggers from Sunset, Lennox and Home of Remembrance for a Remembrance Day tea and concert in Anzac House. We say a big "Thank you" to the Royal British Auxiliary, who supplied the money to put on the tea.

The State president (Mrs. S. Pole) and the State secretary (Miss. J. Ames) were the guests of Quairading sub-branch of the City of Subiaco Auxiliary birth- day party on Tuesday, November 17, and presented Certificates of Service to Mesdames Thomas and McMahon.

The State president, State secretary, Mrs. Randall and Mrs. Orrell, attended Pinelly birth- day party on Wednesday, November 18.

The State president and State secretary visited Faversham War Veterans' Home on Friday, December 4, and distributed Christmas parcels to the old veterans.

The manager of Faversham would be grateful for donations of stone fruit suitable for bottling and making jam.

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BALINGUP, Xmas Cheer £1/1/1, Legacy £1/1/1.
LAKE GRACE, Xmas Cheer £2/2/2, Hospital Visiting £1/1/1.
WAROONA-HAMEL, £5/5/5.
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MUNDARING, £1/1/1.
KENWICK, Xmas Cheer £2/2/2.
BEDFORD-MORLEY PARK, £3/3/½.

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Taxes could be a lot worse. Suppose we had to pay on what we think we are worth!

Figures published recently suggest that there are far too many vic-i-le drivers.

Yes, and the driver who insists having-one for the road often has a speed cop as a chaser.

Recent wool sales still suggest that the barometer is keeping steady.

Today's income is something you can't live without or without.

Tidbit: It is said that thanks to Sydney Council graft allegations publicity—many young girls have just heard about the freedom of the Press and have stopped going out with young newspapermen.
**Rockingham Project**

*By One of the Bees.*

The League has been given leasehold of a one-third of an acre of land, ideally situated at Rockingham for the purpose of welfare work. The Rockingham Project Committee, under its chairman (Mr. H. Stanbury) organised a State Executive "working bee" for Sunday, November 22, to clear an area on the ocean side of the site. Armed with mattocks, axes and shovels, members cleared over two acres of low, dense scrub.

Another party sank the well and reached water, while a further squad erected fence posts which were brought to Perth by Mr. Bob Cashmore a country vice-president. (Many more fence posts are needed and any member of the public would bring several to Anzac House will be helping a worthy cause.)

The proposed children’s park will be of benefit to all League members, particularly country members on holiday. The project is now started, and the plans for the area have been drawn up, so are your subscriptions and working bees, the project can be finished with only reasonable capital expenditure.

At the State Executive meeting on Wednesday, December 2, Mr. Stanbury mentioned that he had been in touch with the secretary of the Rockingham Road Board. A letter would be sent to the board, and if he understood that would receive very favourable consideration. Good progress could be anticipated, he said, if a grader is put on the job.

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(The speech made by his Excellency the Governor-General (Sir William Keys) at the opening of Federal Congress was repeated in the R.S.L. Broadcast on November 25, but because of its length "The Listening Post" is pleased to be able to reprint this.)

"Thank you very much indeed for the welcome you have given me here, and especially for the more than flattering way you have referred to my services.

"I have been spending the last few months in getting around Australia as well as I can, and who has not been as well as I can, and trying to learn something about this great country, and its people, and I don't think I have done too badly. I have been in every State now except Tasmania, which I am visiting shortly, and wherever I have gone—nothing in New Guinea, Mr. President, I have made a point of meeting, and I am afraid more often addressing the members of the R.S.I.

"Now wherever I have gone they have shown me the greatest kindness, and whole-hearted hospitality. You have even gone so far in Canberra as to make me one of yourselves and accept me as you are. The thing about which I have noticed, and that is, although I have seen many similar ex-servicemen's organisations in various parts of the British Empire and indeed in other countries, I do not think that anywhere I have been has the organisation been so vigorous or played so large a part in the ordinary affairs of the nation as it does in Australia, and for all those reasons I am particularly glad you have asked me here so that I can meet the higher executive of this organisation.

"I would like, in person, to thank you for the hospitality and kindness you have received from branches in every State I have visited. It has been very warming to me as an old soldier myself and as a returned serviceman to meet that kindness from people who I will always regard as my colleagues and comrades.

"Now you have in Australia, as the R.S.I., a tremendous responsibility, because, as I said, you do exercise a tremendous influence in your opinions, governments and other bodies.

"Power, of course, brings responsibilities, and your responsibilities as head of this vast organisation are great; great not only to the ex-servicemen whose interests you look after, but to the whole body of your fellow countrymen and women whom you influence. The R.S.I. can have a tremendous effect on this country where you are powerful and respected, and it is excellent that you can do so. It is excellent that your influence should be directed in the right channels.

"I am a very new boy. I have a new shirt, but just the same, I cannot talk to you as an old member of this organisation who has given my service and been brought up with it, but as an ex-serviceman who, if you will allow me for a moment or two, I will talk to you quite frankly as one of yourselves— an old soldier, and none too proud of the experience and the decoration. Your energy is not being told, but it is true—Australia is on the threshold of great developments and she is still advancing to take her place as a nation among the great nations in the world—whether she really takes that place and holds it as she should doesn't depend on her national resources—you have got those—they are there; all you have to do is to develop them. What it depends on is not only the number, but the quality of her people—the sort of people. That is where the R.S.I. can play such an immense part in the development of this great country.

"The ex-serviceman has something to give to this country as he has in Britain and in every country, and your organisation is devoted first, and rightly, to looking after his interests. I have no fear at all about the way his interests will be looked after, but you have wider, much wider, things for the people of Australia. Now it is not a question entirely of getting things for the ex-serviceman—the ex-serviceman is well treated in Australia, very largely due to the exertions of this body, but that, in my mind, is almost secondary to the

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VALENCIA WINES

Happy Times
**Governor-General's Speech**

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effect that you can have on the general public and private life in Australia.

"We don't want to go in too much for demanding things for chaps like us at times, just because we are ex-soldiers. After all you and I fought in a war, probably a couple of wars—anyhow, had a few holes shot in us and endured danger, hardship and separation. We only did our duty, and we don't want to get into the habit, just because we did our duty, of demanding too much in the way of special concessions. After all, if we do that, we lower our conception of duty very much.

"There are a few in every country—old soldiers who are very much inclined to cadge favours by showing their medals. Don't let's have any of that. The people we are, the old soldiers who wear their medals proudly and unless they are old or disabled, I think they can stand on their own feet. There is sometimes a slight tendency—I don't say very much in this country, but in all countries in my experience, I think that because they are old soldiers an awful lot has to be done for them. The idea is really the other way. Because they are old soldiers they ought to do a lot for other people because there is no one else there to do it for them. In your Constitution, which is an excellent one, one of the things it lays down that you are out to preserve and continue the comradship that exists between fighting men in war. That is excellent, and I think that the things that ex-servicemen give to their fellow citizens are comradship and leadership, and the comradship is in a sense a wider thing than limited merely by a few who served together. That is admirable and excellent, and nothing should be done to alter that. But comradship, in the sense we require it for the development of Australia, is a much wider thing.

"You know when we served in the services we could not have a victory for the Air Force, defeat for the Navy, we all in together. We all either win together or we all lose together, and believe me a country is like that.

"We can't have a good Australia for one lot of people and a bad Australia for others. It has to be good or has to be bad for the whole lot of us and that, I think, is one of the lessons which ex-servicemen can carry into private and public life, and carry it mindfully by his example to those who follow him in the work and divisions which exist, but work entirely for the unity of Australia—no, for what is good for all Australians—not just for what is good for one particular set.

"The other thing is leadership. This country is going to need leadership very, very much. You have got the most magnificent material for leadership in this country, I have just been talking to General West, who has just come back from Korea where he was commanding the Commonwealth Divisions, and he says that quality of your junior leadership is absolutely unsurpassed. We reckon we're not too bad ourselves, but we have got from Australia the quality of the young officers that you send is absolutely unsurpassed in the world. The quality never varies. That is a tribute to your Staff—the men who have responsible for their training, but it is also a measure of the capacity of this nation for leadership.

"All ex-servicemen have got in them the capacity for leadership. It is in the right direction, and what this country wants is leadership of a very high standard of integrity in both public and private life.

"I don't think you need worry yourselves too much about your material prosperity, but there is, I think, always a great country, and also in an old one, too, a danger that you may lower the standard of public life and private life.

"Now I think the R.S.L. has a tremendous part to play in the effect it has on public opinion, in seeing that public life is kept clean, quite apart from politics. It has nothing to do with politics. It doesn't matter whether a man is red or pink or blue or yellow in politics he has to fight to be honest, and there your R.S.L. can play an immense part.

"As you so rightly said, Mr. President, you are a complete and probably the most powerful cross section of Australian public opinion. In those things, comradship, unity of all Australia and leadership—a leadership in the integrity of public life and of private life, I think the R.S.L. has a tremendous part to play."

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The sub-branch will be running its usual Christmas Eve dance, and New Year's Eve dance, on which very enjoyable occasions a good crowd is present. Instead of a Christmas Tree Party this year, a combined river-cruise and picnic is being arranged at a nominal charge. This will be on Sunday, January 3, the boat leaving Bunbury at 8.30 a.m. sharp. (Tickets can be obtained from the secretary, King St.)
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Congress Delegates' Report

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It was agreed that the Federal Government should co-operate to the fullest extent with State Governments to ensure the settlement of all classified returned servicemen who still desire to take advantage of the Scheme, and that all plans be completed within the next five years.

New South Wales were successful in their request that a special loan be floated to facilitate soldier settlement in all States, and that a definite allocation of monies be made to the State Governments for this special purpose.

The annual request for the reduction of interest to 2 per cent was also carried.

BY-LAWS.

There were fairly substantial alterations and/or additions made to the Federal Rules, which would be too numerous to give in this report. The members of Executive will have the opportunity of studying these alterations when the amendments, in printed form, are received from Federal Office.

The main item under this heading was the amendment to Rule 10, which now provides for a deputy president to be elected at the same time as the Federal President is elected. The deputy president to be one of the vice-presidents, being the president for the time being of the State Branches. The deputy president shall preside at meetings of Congress and Federal Executive in the absence of the Federal president.

To meet the proviso of rule 12, which refers to the constitution of the Federal executive by presidents of State branches, the South Australian branch to include all suburbs in the Northern Territory.

Delegates’ expenses, including transportation, was fixed at 50/- per day per delegate, and whether a State branch had representation in full or part or not at all, such expenses be pooled and divided into as many portions as there are delegates entitled to be returned by State branches to Congress.

The effect now is that the executive power of the League is vested in the Federal executive, comprising the Federal president, the deputy president—being president of a State branch, and councillors—being presidents of State branches.

Most of these constitutional changes were submitted by South Australia.

The Federal executive to meet at least twice a year, four members forming a quorum.

New South Wales successfully moved in connection with levying of members by State branches. State branches are now empowered to make a financial levy on each member with the exception of life members, for the purpose of carrying out any particular object of the League. The maximum to be 2/- per annum. The State executive has the power to fix the time and conditions of such levy.

GENERAL

Congress occupied the full time from the Tuesday until Friday, including two night sittings, one of which was after midnight, and the Federal executive was obliged to meet on the Saturday morning.

The Victorian branch, through its president, (Mr. Norman Wilson) and State secretary and assistant (Messrs. Joyce and Newman) deserve every commendation for the careful planning, not only of the Congress arrangements, but also the excellent entertainment and hospitality which was provided for the benefit of the delegates and their wives. Appropriate expressions of appreciation by delegates before leaving Melbourne and formal letters of thanks and congratulations have been forwarded from Anzac House.

The endeavour to raise the subscription section from 15/- to 2/- was lost on the casting vote of the chairman who felt obliged to maintain the status quo on an equal vote. The voting was as follows—in favour of increase New South Wales 2, South Australia 2, Western Australia 2, Papua—New Guinea 1. Total 7. Against—Victoria 1, Queensland 2, Tasmania 2, A.C.T. T. 1. Total 7.

One cannot help commenting on the unsatisfactory voting which permits a branch with a total of only 700 members deciding an important matter of this nature, involving a loss of revenue to the League of many thousands of pounds per annum, on an equal vote.

This was a vital and important decision which re-acts heavily against such branches as Western Australia which includes so many costly benefits in the annual subscription which other States charge, for against each member.

For instance, to obtain similar benefits as W.A. Branch gives to its members, New South Wales charges £3/3/- per annum. Branches of New South Wales have already exercised their right to levy their members to the extent of £6.

It is gratifying to know that the award of the Certificate of Merit and Gold Badge was approved by Congress for presentation to Mr. Frank Whitford of Whitfords Broadcasting Stations in recognition of his services to this branch over many years.

OBITUARY!

He brushed his teeth twice a day—with a naturally adhesive tooth paste; the doctor examined him twice a year; he wore rubbers when it rained; he spent a dollar a day on fresh vegetables; he had his tonsils and appendix removed; he golfed only 18 holes a day at a time; he never smoked, drank, or lost his temper; he always did his duty and slept eight hours every night.

The funeral will be held next Wednesday.

He is survived by 18 specialists, four health institutes, six gymnasia, and numerous manufacturers of health foods and antisepsics.

He forgot to "stop, look, and listen" at a grade crossing. (With acknowledgement to "Muffi".)
War Memorial Donation

To the State Secretary, R.S.I.L.,
Anzac House, St. George's Terrace, Perth.

Name __________________________
Address __________________________
Sub-branch __________________________

I enclose remittance of $______ being a contribution for the completion of the work on the State War Memorial, especially in reference to comrades who fell in the Second World War.

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