Prime Minister Addresses Federal Congress

The Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) in opening the 39th Annual Federal Congress of the R.S.L. at Canberra during October, highly praised the aims and work of the league.

Mr. Menzies said that the League was a body composed of hundreds of thousands of the best Australians, whose members had always put forward their views with vigour and, therefore, with great power.

The complete text of the Prime Minister's address follows:

"No man who has been in office in Canberra, and in particular as Prime Minister in Canberra, could fail to have had a great deal to do with the R.S.L. and A.I.L.A. Therefore I welcome the invitation to open your Congress today because I regard it as a very good opportunity to say how much indebted the Government are to the League and its members and their work.

WORK OF LEAGUE.

"I am not saying that in the vain hope that the League will always agree with any government's views, because on the day when the League comes completely into line I rather suspect that it will wind up. But I think it appropriate to say that the League has a very good opinion of the work of the League, and I think we can speak on this for my predecessor, in the way you have endeavoured, without being party political, to put your views on various governments.

"Man is a political animal, we are all political people, but it is certainly true that any public member concerning this country is in some respect a political man.

NON-POLITICAL BODY.

"There must have been a great temptation in the hearts and minds of those who established the League to say: Well, let us become a party-political body in the sense that we will use the League for that purpose. I am afraid that this has not been the case. As a League we are not a party-political body; we are a body representing hundreds of thousands of the best Australians, and we know perfectly well that among them there will be those who are "dyed-in-the-wool" types (like me) as well as those who

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Faversham War Veterans' Home

New Matron And Superintendent Assume Posts: Sub-branch Visits: Donations

When this appears in print, the Faversham House will have a new Matron and Superintendent, Mrs. Heller, a returned Sister of the 1939-45 War, and Mr. Heller, ex-army hospital administrative staff.

The League and the veterans are indeed fortunate to obtain the services of Mr. and Mrs. Heller, who took up their duties on Tuesday, December 7, following the resignation recently of Mr. and Mrs. Cha. Glasscock.

To Mr. and Mrs. Glasscock go thanks for their cooperation in continuing to act in charge until their successors arrived in York, also the League’s good wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Plans for the future of the home are progressing satisfactorily and the League may confidently look to a very progressive 1955.

Both members and wives of the Canning sub-branch visited the home on Sunday, October 17, when a musical programme and afternoon tea were provided for the veterans: also a case of tinned fruit and jam for future use of the home.

Sunday, November 7, saw representatives of the Collie sub-branch and their Women’s Auxiliary arrive at the home and entertain the veterans at afternoon tea.

On Sunday, November 14, The Bellevue sub-branch and women’s Auxiliary paid a visit to the old Diggers, about 60 making the trip. One of the younger veterans, only 90 years of age, claimed some connection with Bellevue as he is said to have worked in clay holes at Bellevue in 1820.

A week later, Sunday, November 21, the Home was visited by members of the Collie sub-branch and their women’s auxiliary. They brought with them an excellent concert party whose items were much appreciated as were the refreshments provided.

All members of the League, including the guests at Faversham, wish to voice their thanks to sub-branches for this continued interest, for visits, gifts of money or kind, and for carrying out one of the League’s most cherished tasks.

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The Alamein Memorial in the Western Desert was recently opened by Field Marshal Lord Montgomery. The view above is through the cloisters, showing the cemetery and the Cross of Sacrifice. The Stone of Remembrance is on the left.
Those Failing Memories

There does not seem to be much doubt that a large percentage of the general public, particularly those who were not directly concerned with the first and second World Wars, are rapidly losing their memories of the sacrifices made by those who served.

The League, an organization which is set up to give support and comfort to the sick, the disabled, and the orphaned of both World Wars, is finding it increasingly difficult to secure the spontaneous help which, it has been pointed out, was given so generously in the early years.

Legacy, which is so closely allied to the League in its work, is no exception to this general failing of public memory. Increased effort is required each year so that sufficient funds can be collected to adequately carry out the programme of benefits and services that is provided for the sons and daughters of fallen servicemen.

The League has recently experienced these failing memories in regard to the State War Memorial, a project which should have been of the utmost importance to the general public, and has had to fight to raise the funds to complete this work. Many instances can be quoted of which support the thought that something is needed to maintain the interest and sympathetic support of sections of our community.

People complain that, in time of war, governments can find huge sums of money for war purposes, but that, in times of peace, funds are not available for civil needs. The same argument is equally true in reverse. During crisis, the public responds magnificently to welfare and other work, completely forgetting that, following all and every national crisis, great need still exists and requires help from a sympathetic public.

The situation outlined here is one which must give concern to all people who are in any way connected with the alleviation of war-caused hardships or disabilities. Those who have suffered as the result of war will continue to suffer, and the general public must be kept fully aware of the responsibilities it has to those who served and the children of those who were killed.

This failing of the public memory is natural and not unexpected. It is, however, most unfortunate for those organizations whose claim upon public sympathy is war-related. The mental and physical results of the two World Wars are, or should be, scars upon the public conscience as long as the need for help exists. Incapacitated ex-servicemen will need sympathetic help for many years to come, as will the children of deceased servicemen. The League expects to function for many, many years, and Legacy expects to be operating for another 20 years at least, with a gradual growth of wards from the present 1,900 to over 2,000 by the end of World War II. Will the funds be available to maintain our sick and disabled?

While we all hope so, it behoves everybody who is interested to see that public opinion and sympathy are kept at a level high enough to enable the yearly expenditure to properly maintain the services essential to those who suffered by war.

Meetings Of State Executive

Delegates Report On Federal Congress; Various Matters Get Close Attention

Two meetings of the State Executive have taken place since the November issue of the "Listening Post" was distributed.

The meetings were held on November 10 and November 24, with 26 members in attendance at each meeting.

The State President (Mr. Blanch) presided at both occasions.

Items dealt with were:
- The State President and Dr. Roy Greenham submitted their report concerning the Federal Congress of the R.S.L. which they recently attended (See page 1 for details).
- Consideration was given to reports submitted by the following sub-committees:
  - State War Memorial; Membership; Housing; Land; Finance; Ex-servicemen Trustee; and Anzac House.
- It was reported that the League is still short of funds for repayment of the loan obtained to complete the State War Memorial, and a street appeal will be held to make up the shortage.
- Three hundred membership posters are being obtained from N.S.W.
- A sub-committee has been formed by a number of sub-branches adjacent to Pinjarra, with that centre as the meeting place.
- The Returned Sisters Sub-branch has signified its willingness to vacate the rooms they now occupy on the mezzanine floor of Anzac House when suitable accommodation is provided elsewhere in the building.

Ceremony At State War Memorial

On Remembrance Day, November 11, a change of wardens and sub-wardens took place at the State War Memorial.

Mr. Frank Boan handed over his position of warden to Mr. Ralph Diog.

Mr. Boan placed a wreath on the cenotaph which was later removed to a sub-branch.

On Remembrance Day they relinquished this position and handed over to Highgate sub-branch.

World Tour For Diggers

Publicity given the world tour for ex-servicemen on the front page of the November issue of this journal has brought forth a number of inquiries from interested parties.

The pamphlet containing details of the tour is available from the Australian Overseas Travel Service Pty. Ltd. and has been widely distributed throughout this State.

On the back page of this issue appears an advertisement for the tour. Interested readers are urged to make early application for bookings.

Mr. Frank Boan places wreath at the State War Memorial during ceremony held on Remembrance Day. Standing, left to right, in background are Messrs. D. Panton, N. Brice, K. Harris, J. Morrison, L. Carter, L. Parks and C. Davies.
Welcome Extended To G.O.C.

The new G.O.C. Western Command (Major-General L. G. H. Dyke) was tendered a welcome to this State by the State President of the League (Mr. F. Channey) and members of the State Executive on the evening of Wednesday, November 24.

In his welcoming remarks, Mr. Channey promised the General the cooperation of the Executive and League members generally in performing his duties in Western Australia, and assured him that in the past the relationship between various G.O.C.'s and League Headquarters had been very harmonious.

The General, in reply, expressed thanks for the welcome extended to him and said he had a very high regard for the League and its work.

He was thankful to know he was assured of League members' cooperation and anticipated a happy and fruitful sojourn here.

Shenton Park Officers Are Selected

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Shenton Park sub-branch took place on Wednesday, December 1.

Attendance was disappointing, considering the fact that all members were notified by post of the meeting.

Mr. Cliff Kieseman was again elected as president, and Mr. R. T. Still as secretary. All other offices and the committee were also re-elected.

Moora Sub-branch Holds Annual Meeting; Elects New Officers

The annual general meeting of the Moora sub-branch of the R.S.I.L. was held on November 12.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows:

President: Messrs. William Gardiner (president); Ray Reid (senior vice-president); Jim Gardiner (junior vice-president); M. Williams (secretary); and L. Kuhl (assistant secretary and treasurer).


Land committee: Messrs. C. W. Prior, G. L. Gardiner, and Ray Reid.


Publicity officer: Mr. Ray Reid.

Mr. Jim Gardiner, retiring from the position of secretary, stated that he would have liked to carry on, as the year's experience would have been valuable. However, he found that he could not do the job properly because he lived so far out of town.

The financial statement was presented by the retiring treasurer (Mr. G. Mason), and was passed subject to audit.

Presented with certificates of service were Messrs. C. W. Prior, G. L. Gardiner, W. Boyes, G. M. Humphrey, and J. Andrew. This was the first time that such certificates had been presented at one time.

Mr. Phillips has done excellent work at the Memorial, and a letter expressing thanks is to be sent to him.

Mr. H. Morgan, a South African veteran and staunch supporter of the League, was made a life member.

Membership in the Moora sub-branch now stands at 96, but there is still room for improvement in attendance at the meetings. New faces at the annual meeting were those of Messrs. Jim Hopkins and N. Treman.

The sub-branch appreciates the letters from the water supply which informed that the latter would grant the branch 20,000 gallons of free water per annum.
Bellevue Sub-Branch Builds, Donates Road

Civic Improvement Is Turned Over To Midland Junction Municipal Council

In a ceremony held on Saturday, November 13, the Bellevue sub-branch of the R.S.L. handed over a new road and level-crossing free of charge to the Midland Municipal Council.

The road and crossing, which link up Miller-street and Pyton-place, are a great advantage to people who reside up Greenmount and beyond.

The project has been discussed for many years and other organisations have failed in their attempts to push it through.

The Bellevue sub-branch's active on the civic improvement began approximately two years ago when the secretary of the sub-branch club brouched the idea to Mr. W.S. Lott, Mayor, who was at that time an M.H.R.

Mr. Grayden threw his support behind the project and the sub-branch credits him with getting the whole thing started.

LAND PURCHASED

Land adjoining the club was purchased with the help of Mr. Williams, general manager for Jones, later Mr. Smith sold the sub-branch a block of land on the north side of the railway and work was begun.

LABOUR VOLUNTARY

Actual construction was done entirely by members of the sub-branch on a voluntary basis.

Material and financial assistance was given by Mr. Lance Jones, of Cooperative Bulk Handling Ltd., who supplied the filling for the crossing; and Mr. Don O'Connor, of Unit Panel Construction Company, who donated £100 towards expenses.

The club itself spent approximately £300 on the project.

GUESTS PRESENT

Special guests at the simple but impressive handing-over ceremony included the Mayor of Midland Junction (Mr. J. Cole), and Mr. Cole; State vice-president of the R.S.L. (Mr. S. Lott); the State secretary (Mr. J. Chappell); and Mr. J. Brady, M.L.A.

MR. RUSSELL

The president of the Bellevue R.S.L. Club (Mr. D. R. Russell) said he was sorry that Mr. Grayden was unable to attend the ceremony; without the help given by Mr. Grayden and other business men, plus the voluntary labour by the members, it would have been impossible to complete the project.

MR. TEMPLEMAN

The Bellevue sub-branch president (Mr. B. G. Templeman) said he wished to thank all those who had helped to get the project through.

He pointed out that in addition to the convenience it offered adults, it also constituted a safe path for children going to and coming from school.

MR. HAYES

To the secretary of the Club (Mr. S. Hayes) fell the privilege of handing over the road to the Mayor.

During his address, Mr. Hayes made reference to the foundation of the sub-branch in May, 1948, when there were only 13 members, and the meeting place was the Darling Range Hotel.

At the present, there are 170 members, and the meeting place and Club were freehold.

MR. COLE

In his response, Mr. Cole thanked the sub-branch for their wonderful effort, and said that it had had doubt of getting something which no other organisation had done—and handed over a ready-made road.

The Mayor said that it was usually the other way around.

He also mentioned that Bellevue had used unorthodox methods—this included constructing the road and crossing first, then applied for permission to do so.

MR. LONNIE

Mr. Lonnie spoke to the assembled group and congratulated the members for their accomplishment.

In his opinion, he said, the Bellevue sub-branch was one of the most active growing branches in W.A.

He also thanked Bellevue for their magnificent effort in raising £100 for the State War Memorial Fund Appeal.

MR. BRADY

Mr. Brady commended the efforts of the R.S.L., saying that the road was very necessary in a growing district.

He said it was a unique experience to get a ready-made road.
Personalties

Down for a brief stay in the city recently was HARRY NOBEL, honorary secretary of Coolgardie Sub-branch. Harry reports that the help now being given goldminers by the Commonwealth Government should give Coolgardie a bit of a boost.

BERT, STUCHBURY, honorary secretary, Collie Sub-branch, is building a home in Bunbury where he hopes residing in the near future. Collie's loss will be Bunbury's gain.

Harry Juniper, of Midland Junior Sub-branch, is again at the helm as honorary secretary after a spell from this position for about 12 months. Harry is keen as ever and was in attendance at a recent Presidents and Secretaries meeting at League Headquarters.

SID BUDD, WALLY SCOTT, and CHARLIE TAYLOR are deserving of many thanks for their job of work at League Headquarters in connection with the War Memorial Appeal. The folding and enveloping of some thousand letters is a small task.

BILL HUNT, erstwhile State President whose duties with the Licensing Court takes him over most of this State, appears to be thriving on a lot of car driving. Coming back from a tour recently he said he had met TOMMY SARRE, a past president of Collie Sub-branch.

Up from Tambellup recently and best on Chinatown shopping was REG REYNOLDS, a past Country Vice-President.

Congratulations to FRED LUCAS Sec. on his appointment to the position of treasurer of Gingin sub-branch. Fred has been a member of the League since 1920.

RAY LITTLE, honorary secretary of Gingin sub-branch, recently paid a visit to Anzac House to discuss League matters. Ray reports that on a recent visit to the Eastern States and League membership helped him considerably.

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believe in the more advanced thought of my opponents. Because of that, and because it welcomes people of all political opinions, the League has been able to put forward its views with vigour, and therefore with very great power, to my Government and to those of my predecessors.

PLEASANT ASSOCIATION.

"I have had a great deal to do with you, or you have had a great deal to do with me over a number of years, and I cannot imagine a more pleasant association. Looking back, I never remember a speaker of the R.S.S. and A.I.L.A. coming to my Government and advocating something that was plainly wrong. I have certainly never had the experience of being told by you, or being told by some bodies, and in the plainest possible terms—do this or there will be trouble; or to do that or we will line up political forces against you; and that is a very great compliment to the League.

"Therefore, we as a Government—and, as I say, I am not using this in a personal sense, because I am sure it is true that the governments on the other side of politics have also had a very happy experience of your work—take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation.

MOVE TO CANBERRA.

"I was particularly pleased to hear recently that you are going to establish your headquarters in Canberra. This will be of great value to you and to us. It will be an advantage to the League because your officers, instead of having to make special visits to Canberra on special occasions, will be able to have constant contact with us.

"Mr. Neagle [Federal Secretary of the R.S.S.] will be in the spot, as you might say, with members of the Cabinet, with members of the Parliament, and with members of the administration. This will produce constant contact and, I hope, constant benefit from the point of view of the League and, of course, from the point of view of the Government. It will be of enormous advantage to the League not only on repatriation problems, but also on very great matters of public policy.

NATIONAL PROBLEMS.

"Do not let us think that the only matter that concerns this great League is whether a particular rate of pension ought to apply or ought to be altered. We are all Australians, we love our country, and when there is constant contact between the Government and the League we will have the opportunity of discussing with your Federal President and members of your Federal Executive national problems, problems of defence, problems of defence training, and the safeguarding of the country, and getting the benefit of their views.

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

"I am looking forward with great pleasure to this Canberra establishment of yours at the seat of government, because it will enable us to meet constantly, and on most occasions quite informally, to exchange views. I have yet to meet one of your permanent executives with whom I would not be quite happy to discuss any matters of public interest at all. For three reasons, I believe that this Congress in Canberra and the forthcoming establishment of your headquarters in Canberra may well mark the foundations of a new era in our relations.

CIVILIANS AT HEART.

"It happens in some countries that the war veteran finds himself in constant conflict with the ordinary civilian. That has never been true in Australia. The plain fact is that the Australian soldier, sailor and airman are civilians at heart, and that on returning to civil life after war service they are not content to rest upon their oars but to find at once the vocation of their civilian duty. Indeed, we are all citizens here, with one set of problems, and we have enough common sense to do our best for the country.

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Senator Cooper said that the Repatriation Commission had investigated the possibility of issuing these lenses to eligible ex-servicemen and women who, after examination by an eye specialist, are considered by the Department to be suitable cases.

The Minister added that some ex-servicemen had already been provided with the new lenses.

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**Victoria Park Takes Part In Carnival**

The Victoria Park sub-branch took part in the annual Rotary Carnival at McAllist Park on November 19 and 20.

The efforts of about 10 members realised a handsome sum to assist with the project.

To all who assisted, the sub-branch president (Mr. G. Ford) extends his sincere thanks.

The November meeting, which was held on November 19, was affected by the carnival, yet the branch welcomed two new members at the meeting.

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Federal Congress Studies on Screening of Migrants

Federal Congress in October gave consideration to the question of having a much closer screening of migrants conducted prior to their entry into Australia.

The Commonwealth Department of Immigration made the following comments in this connection:

aware of necessity. "It should first be explained that the Department of Immigration is fully aware of the urgency for preventing undesirable migrants from coming to Australia."

"To this end it has in operation overseas screening arrangements under which prospective migrants are required to submit to careful examination before acceptance."

"If the examination shows that the applicant has committed any serious offence his application is invariably rejected."

"There is, accordingly, no question of principle involved. But it is a matter of whether the existing arrangements are as efficient as can reasonably be devised."

"One point is that however thoroughgoing prospective migrants are vetted from the point of view of health."

"If a person is permitted to come to this country, there is no possible means tested by whether or not a person with a previous clean record will commit a crime after his arrival in Australia."

publicity misleading. "It will also be realised that some Australian newspapers continue to give undue publicity to convictions of migrants and do so to create the impression that there is a higher incidence of crime amongst the migrant population than in the native-born population."

"It is in the public interest that the impression statistics should be completely incorrect."

screening successful. "As an illustration of this point and, at the same time, as proof of the high degree of success achieved by present screening procedure, crime statistics for Victoria may be quoted."

"In 1953 the number of convictions in Victoria for serious offences per 10,000 aliens over the age of 16 years was 32.4."

"The Victorian population was 5,152,000 in 1953, of which 3,652,000 were available. The rate was 56.2 convictions per 10,000 persons of the age of 16 years."

"Thus, the convictions of migrants, in relation to their numbers, were 43.5 per cent below those of the general population."

"Had there been equal numbers of male and female aliens, the rate for aliens would have been only 28.1 per 10,000—less than half the figure for Australians."

"A still more favourable result would be obtained if aliens were compared with the general population of the same age group; the overall Australian figures are lowered by the inclusion of elderly people who are relatively law-abiding, but among the aliens there are very few elderly people, the great bulk of them being people of active ages."

committee findings. "The foregoing amply justifies the findings of the independent Committee comprising Mr. J. E. Dovey, Q.C. (now Mr. Justice Dovey) as Chairman, and Mr. J. J. Dugher (Federal Secretary of the Australian Workers' Union), Mr. J. Neagle (Federal Secretary, R.S.A.L., and A.I.L.A.) and Mrs. E. G. Nossal (National Council of Women of Australia), which was established to investigate the social behaviour of migrants, that—

"the relatively low incidence of crime amongst migrants and the high standard of their behaviour in all aspects of the daily life reflects considerable credit upon those responsible for their selection, those who have assisted their assimilation, and upon the migrants themselves."

McIntosh Memorial Scholarship

In 1925 a scholarship was founded by public subscription to perpetuate the memory of Lieutenant McIntosh—one of the first Australians to fly to England and to Australia—who was killed in a flying accident at Pithara. The scholarship is tenable at the University of W.A.

Its amount is the annual income from the capital fund of approximately £980, and the period of tenure is that for a degree course followed by the holder.

An appointment of a scholar will be made from those entering the University in 1955. Applications are invited from the sons of members of the service and should be sent to Mr. S. B. Heath, Honorary Secretary, Returned Sailors' Children's Scholarship Trust, Repatriation Department, Perth, not later than December 15.

Applicants should give full particulars of the father, and a brief note of the applicant's scholastic career. In making an appointment, preference will be given to children of deceased or incapacitated ex-servicemen.
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Remembrance Day, 1954

Police Constable stands to attention after stop-

ping traffic at the Town Hall corner in Perth. Crowd
assembled bare heads and observe two minutes of
silence while Mr. George Gilmore, president of Safety
Bay sub-branch sounds the "Last Post" and
"Reveille."

Repatriation

Excerpts from an
address by the
Minister for Re-
patiation (Mr.
Cooper) at the
recent R.S.L. Federal
Congress.

PENSION RATES.

"In regard to the budget this
year it is true that there was
not a rise in all pensions; it is
also true that the special rate
of pension was not increased.
"In 1951 we raised the rate
from £7 to £8.15/ because of
the very steep rise in the cost
of living, but it is out of bal-
cance with the other pension
rates.

"We would gladly go back
again to give the general
more in keeping with the spe-
cial rate, which is 'double or a
little more than double the 100
per cent rate. In 1949 it was
less than double. That was the
reason that this year's rate
was increased to bring the whole
of the Repatriation pension
allowances into a balanced
side which did not exist be-
fore."

SPECIAL RATES.

"The special rate in 1949 was
£5. 6. 0. On cost of living,
figures the rate, to give an
amount equivalent to that of
1949, would need to be
£8. 15. 6.

The present rate is £9. 5. 0; on
cost of living figures, 9/6 more
than by comparison with the
rate in 1949. 1914-1918 dig-
gers between the 60 and 70
year mark were given some-
something more than their repat-
ria tion allowances—the ceiling
rate was lifted by 15/ a week
and they were allowed a total
income, including pension of
£7. 0. 0 a week."

MARRIED COUPLES.

"For married couples, where
both receive a pension, the rate
is £9.12.6, and they may have
an additional income of £4.7.6.
making a total of £14.0.0. For
married couples, where one
received a pension, the rate was
raised from £7.10.0 to £8.5.0.
"On looking through the
figures in regard to those who
are applying for pension for
accepted war disabilities, we
have not yet reached our peak.
At 31st August, 1954 there
were 555,489 drawing pensions
and allowances. This total ex-
cludes service pensions.

"Those with accepted disabili-
ties, and their dependants, in-
cluding service pensioners will,
receive £42,130,000 in 1954-
55. The cost has risen as have
the numbers that are being ac-
cepted as suffering from war
disabilities."

LIMB APPARATUS.

"A few words in regard to the
suction limb apparatus which
will benefit thousands of limb-
less men when we get this new
idea under control.

"We have been able to get
it at near to perfection as pos-
sible and it has been on issue
for the last eight months
throughout the various limb fac-
tories in Australia. It is a re-
markable success and we have
throughout the Common-
wealth."

REJECTED APPEALS.

"In regard to the request from
the League that, when appeals
have been rejected, an appli-
cation form should be sent to
the appellant so that he would
know of his rights of appeal-
ing to a tribunal. In many
cases he has only to sign the
form."

"This practice has proved very
successful and has increased
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REPARATION

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the number of appeals very considerably." I think that we are giving a better service to the applicants. We avail ourselves of the service and in advising them of their right to apply to a tribunal.

We are working very closely to keep the hearing and the time of the hearing.

"In the last four years four tribunals have been set up. If you consider that, then you have more will be set up. I will watch this position very closely.

DENTAL SCHEME.

"In regard to another League request for the opening of the lower dental scheme, I am happy to advise that it was brought into some operation 12 months ago.

Instead of first having to go to the local medical officer, a decision can be given by dental officers themselves. This procedure has been accepted by my Department and only those with more severe cases of dental trouble might have to go first to the medical officer.

EDUCATIONAL SCHEME.

"A few words in regard to the Soldiers' Children Educational Scheme might be of interest to delegates. From the time of its inception to the present, 45,000 children have passed through this scheme. Expenditure for the year 1951-1954 was £348,071, and covered primary, secondary and university education and post-graduate instruction. In 1954 the report showed a very high percentage of success.

"Some have spoken of Victoria having more Rhodes Scholars than any other State. I looked up this morning to see just how many of the Rhodes Scholars who have been through the Children's Soldiers' Educational Scheme have come from Victoria. Unfortunately, I did not find one from Victoria.

"There were 3 from Western Australia, 1 from South Australia, and 1 from New South Wales and 1 from Tasmania. The results have shown that they have been most successful and a great credit to the Scheme.

RECONSTRUCTION.

"Finally I would just like to mention a few words concerning the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme which comprises full-time and part-time University training and vocational training.

"The scheme, which has cost about £84,900 per annum, has almost come to an end. There are 652 still left in training and the bulk of them will finish training this year.

"The scheme for the Roman and Malayans is functioning very well, and 445 men are at present in training.

"Added to this scheme we have the disabled members and widows of soldiers who are not able to get a job on their own application are being trained as well, and there are many others being trained at the present time."
**Women’s Auxiliaries**

**REMEMBRANCE TEA.**
On Sunday, November 7, the R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliary-entertained old Diggers from Sunset, Home of Peace and Lemo- noo, to the Remembrance Day Tea in Anzac House. The men were taken for a drive, then entertained at high tea and a delightful Children’s Concert.
We are very grateful to Mrs. Nock and her pupils for providing a very nice concert, and to Red Cross and Mr. H. Crofts for transport.

**OFFICIAL VISITS.**
Monday, November 8: State President (Mrs. S. Stockmima) and State Secretary (Mrs. J. Ames) were guests of Recruiting Committee at a picture show in Swan Barracks.

Thursday, November 11: State President and State Secretary attended Remembrance Day Service at the State War Memorial; Mrs. Stockkin placed a wreath on behalf of all auxiliaries.

Saturday, November 13: State President, State Secretary and members of State Executive attended Shenton Park birthday play.

Tuesday, November 16: State President and assistant secretary (Mrs. E. Cottrill) attended picture show at War Widow Guild.

Thursday, November 18: State President and State Secretary were guests of Torchbearers for Legacy at their general meeting.

Friday, November 19: Mrs. Stockkin and Mrs. Ames attended Pinnelly birthday party.

Monday, November 22: State President, State Secretary and Executive members attended Subiaco birthday party.

Tuesday, November 23: Mrs. Stockkin and Mrs. Ames were guests of T. and P.I. Women’s Auxiliary to afternoon tea.

Sunday, November 28: State President and Mrs. McKinlay attended North Perth luncheon for ex-servicemen from Claremont Mental Hospital.

**ANNUAL “AT HOME.”**
On Wednesday, November 24, the State President and members of State Executive entertained representatives of women’s organisations and auxiliary members at the annual “At Home.” We were very pleased to welcome Lady Gairdner and our Lady Mayes (Mrs. M. Murnane), a distinguished country representative in Mrs. Marches (Country vice-president, Brookton). Mrs. Clarke (Northcliffe) and Mrs. Watson (Pinnelly).

Lady Gairdner presented a certificate of service to Mrs. O. Logan, a past secretary of Leona-Gailwa.

**DONATIONS.**
MT. BARKER: £25 Xmas Cheer.
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MECKERING: £5 each Xmas Cheer, Hospital Visiting; £1 each T. and P.I. Maimed and Limblness.
UNITY CHEERIO CLUB: £20 Xmas Cheer.
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QUARREY: £10 Xmas Cheer.
HUNTINGER: £10 Xmas Cheer.
COORAMBA: £10 T. and P.I.
HUNTINGER: £2/2/0 each W.A. War Blinded, Maimed and Limblness.
GALDING: £5/5/0 Xmas Cheer.
BENDIGO: £5/5/0 Hospital Visiting.
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GIBSON: £2/2/0 Hospital Visiting; £2 W.A. War Blinded.
MUMMERY: £2/2/0 Hospital Visiting; £2 W.A. War Blinded.

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THE LAST POST

Aberton, J., R.A.M.C. Perth.
Allwood, E., 11th Bn. Mt. Lawley.
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Bradley, W., 11th Bn. Darling Range.
Chadwick, J. E., 2/11th Bn. Guildford.
Collins, C. W., 16th Bn. Boulder.
Crompton, W. M., 16th Bn. Nedlands.
Devitt, W., 46th Bn. Boulder.
Dewar, S., 4th Bn. South Perth.
Fletcher, R. F., 16th Bn. Fremantle.
Hart, T., 11th Bn. Albany.
McCausland, D., 3rd Tunn. Central.
Nancarrow, A., 7th Bn. South Perth.
Nolan, A. A., R.I.M.C. Central.
Puzey, W. L. J., 8th Bn. R.H. Gloucester Park.
Rogers, F. V. J., 43rd Bn. Boulder.
Smith, V. E., 11th Bn. Nedlands.
Spencer, W. W., 3rd M.G.C. Boulder.
Byrrell, H. A., 1st M.G.C. Fremantle.
Weir, M., 4th M.T. Mt. Lawley.

Women's Auxiliaries

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MERREDIN: £10 T. and P.I. 110 W.A. War Blinded.

EX-CORPS: £10 W.A. War Blinded.

COOLGARDIE: £5 Xmas Cheer.

The State President and members of State Executive wish all auxiliary members a Merry Christmas and health and happiness in the New Year.

Narembeen Auxiliary Meets

A regular monthly meeting of the Narembeen women's auxiliary was held on November 5, with 10 members in attendance.

A welcome was extended to Misses Parkin and Trumall, who were present as visitors.

Regret was expressed by those present at the illness of a hard-working member of the auxiliary, Mrs. J. Hunter.

On November 12, Meddine Mead, R. Hunter, and E. Smith assisted the sub-branch with the sale of apples.

November 13 was a busy day for the many members attending the unveiling of the Honour Board in the local hall. The ceremony was performed by the R.S.L. State President (Mr. Cheaney).

During the evening the annual Armistice dance was held. It was catered for by auxiliary members and proved to be quite a success from the financial standpoint.
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ADDRESS WANTED.
The address of ROBERT Ewart, who served in the Engineers during the 1914-18 War, is required by his sister.

He came from Ireland originally and was at one time a resident of Brisbane.

He or anyone knowing his whereabouts should please contact League Headquarters.

Land Settlement Clarification
The Commonwealth Director of War Service Land Settlement (Mr. Colquhoun) paid a visit to this State last month.

During his visit he was met by League representatives who discussed with him a number of matters relating to the scheme.

Two of the most important subjects were those concerning an Appeal Board and the position of applicants, who have not been in touch with or answered correspondence forwarded by the State authorities for some years.

When advised that it was understood that the State Classification and Allotment Board were striking such names off the list of applicants, Mr. Colquhoun gave his assurance that no names of classified ex-servicemen would be taken off the list unless at the ex-servicemen’s own request.

Subsequently the matter was referred to the Chairman, Land Settlement Board in this State, who has advised the League that applicants who have been out of touch with the Department are not automatically excluded from further consideration.

Concerning the establishment of an Appeal Board, Mr. Colquhoun stated that he wanted it made quite clear that such a Board would not deal with valuations or finance.

It would deal with complaints regarding any breach, by the State or Commonwealth, of the agreement.

The League has now received advice that the Minister for Lands (Mr. Hore) wishes to proceed with the appointment of the Appeal Authority and he has invited the League to submit names of three members, from which a selection of the League’s representative on this Authority will be made.

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White Ant Infestation Of Homes

War Service Homes are inquired for the first two years from date of occupation against white ant damage.

Occupants are advised that should their properties be attacked during this period, they should not attempt to treat themselves.

Action should be taken immediately to communicate with the State Housing Commission, advising the position, so that expert attention can be rendered without delay and the ants treated at the source, which is the only effective method of dealing with them.

It is advisable not to disturb them in their channels, for if disturbed they are likely to reappear and create further damage.

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NEW SUNDAY HOURS AT ANZAC CLUB

A change in the Sunday trading hours at Anzac Club was recently made.

The new hours are from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m., and from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

LAND SETTLEMENT

The W.A. request for a Royal Commission on excessive prices of imported farm machinery was ruled out of order.

W.A. DELEGATES REPORT

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spending in first portion of the year, we were advised that this is definitely not so; and further, that the Director is coming to West Australia in the very near future. He is most desirous of meeting with League representatives to discuss the whole position in W.A.

"The Director stated that the time lag between application and allocation was ever increasing and that this was a matter of much concern. Where the League was left with vacancies of less than 12 months time, it was staking all on the possibility of an interim allocation."

"The purchase loan is being raised at the same level, £70, as the building loan in the present budget.

INTEREST RATES.

"It was agreed to again request the Government to reduce interest rates on War Service Homes to 2 per cent, but there appears to be little chance of achieving this.

"The Government is being asked to ensure that where a War Service Home is not applied for by a person eligible under the Act, preference be given to an Australian or British ex-service man not otherwise eligible under the Act."

"The Director pointed out that it was the practice to sell for the best bid on the open market.

"Request is being made to the Government to provide a special fund to enable War Service Homes Division to purchase State housing commission homes, that the terms and conditions be the same as for War Service Homes, and that this be administered by War Service Homes Division.

DEFENCE.

"It was emphasised to the Government that compulsory defence training periods and standards should be maintained at the highest possible level.

"The Government is to be requested that a naval base be established at Cockburn Sound, and that a suitable aerial force be established at Pearce, bomber and reconnaissance force having been withdrawn.

MIGRATION.

"Copies of 'very clear, concise, comments on agenda items concerning migration were supplied to all delegates.

"The only W.A. item in this section was withdrawn after receiving the relevant information.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

"The W.A. request for a Royal Commission on excessive prices of imported farm machinery was ruled out of order.

"This was the only "Land" item submitted by W.A. A representative from the Commonwealth Department was leaving for W.A. before conclusion of Congress.

SOCIAL SERVICES.

"Congress did not approve the W.A. request for free dental and optical treatment for service pensioners.

"Congress felt that the request to cover dependents of all service men, T.P. persons who would not succeed, and that it would be better to continue the firmest pressure on the Government for the full implementation of the League pension scheme.

CANTEENS TRUST FUND.

"This State's request that the Trustees of the Services Canteens Trust Fund make provision for an additional fund for War World II personnel was agreed to.

CONSTITUTION.

"It was agreed that the annual subscription to the League be £1, effective from January 1, 1955.

GENERAL ITEMS.

"This State's submissions concerning rehabilitation of natives and grants for additional school buildings were ruled out of order as being matters of State concern.

Asian Problem: "A sub-committee is to be appointed by the Federal Executive to examine the Asian problem in relation to Australia, and a policy announcement of the League's views on the matter Australia should adopt to Asian and S.E. Asian countries is to be made after consideration by Federal Executive.

Sales Tax: "The Government is to be requested to remove sales tax from items of surgical equipment worn or used by physically handicapped ex-service personnel.

Civil Defence: "The League is to give active support to the establishment of a civil defence training school for key personnel as a nucleus for civil defence organisation, and requests the Government to have a League representative on any central planning committee."
R.S.L. And Auxiliaries Swell Legacy Funds

R.S.L. sub-branches and women's auxiliaries subscribed £1,290/4/- to the funds of Legacy during the period between April 1 and November 30 of this year according to the Torch Bearers For Legacy in W.A.

This strong support by the R.S.L. is important to the Legacy movement and helps enormously in enabling the many services provided by Legacy to be maintained.

Last year the Returned Servicemen's League and the Women's Auxiliary of the League collectively provided almost one-fifth of Legacy's total intake of money.

The need for such help still continues, and is likely to continue for a good many years to come.

Actually, the responsibility of seeing that the sons and daughters of deceased servicemen are properly taken care of is a major one, and the help which is so generously afforded by R.S.L. groups is, and always will be, a very cogent factor in Legacy's budget.

The individual donations which made up the above amount, are as follows:

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