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COLOMBO PLAN GETS R.S.L. ENDORSEMENT

The Colombo Plan of aid to the nations of South and South-East Asia was given full endorsement by the R.S.L. Federal Congress last October.

In its endorsement, Congress said that it considered the Colombo Plan to be necessary to establish and maintain understanding between the nations and peoples of South and South-Eastern Asia with those of the South-West Pacific.

That the Minister for External Affairs (Mr. Casey) was pleased by the R.S.L. endorsement of Australia’s participation in the Plan is evidenced by his remarks in a recent letter to the League.

"Thank You"

"Thank you very much for your letter of 23rd November, with your advice of the endorsement by your 39th Annual Congress of the Government’s participation in the Colombo Plan."

"Am Satisfied"

"I am very glad to have it and I would like your branches to know I am satisfied that the greater understanding between ourselves and our neighbours, which they so wholeheartedly support, is in fact, being achieved to a considerable degree under the share of our part in the Colombo Plan."

"Need Friends"

"It is apparent that we need friends and good neighbours in this part of the world, and must make our own contribution to bringing this about."
Faversham War Veterans’ Home

At this early period of any year, individuals are generally making “New Year Resolutions,” some of which are carried out and some which lapse, mainly because they are selfish resolutions in Diggers’ language, “the Jack system.”

Looking back over the activities of the year of 1954, it is apparent that some sub-branches of the League have realized the benefit of making resolutions to help one of the League’s services to our old comrades—Faversham War Veterans’ Home.

These sub-branches have helped in many ways—by visits, concerts, gifts of money and/or goods, and have derived the satisfaction of knowing that they have carried out one of the League’s main functions.

A SUGGESTION.

May it be suggested that the first item on your sub-branch’s general business at the first 1955 meeting be “that consideration be given immediately to what the sub-branch can do for the Faversham War Veterans’ Home, York.” If you are in doubt as to what is needed, contact Anzac House, where all information is obtainable.

THREE PASS ON.

Since our last issue, the following old Diggers have answered the “Last Post”: Mr. A. E. Davidson, Mr. V. E. R. Livingstone; and Mr. F. Motton.

Sympathy is extended to their relatives and to their comrades in Faversham.

RETURN VISITS.

Visits were recently paid to the Home by the State President, who was accompanied by the President of the Forest Association and some members of the Association Executive, the Chairman of the Faversham House Committee (Mr. Townshend), the York sub-branch women, auxiliary, and the secretary, Kellerberrin sub-branch who presented each of our guests with a Christmas gift pack.

SPECIAL DONATIONS.

Special Christmas donations were: York Women’s auxiliary (carpets for Billiard Room); W. G. Burgess, York, (leg of ham); Miss Forbes, York, (reading matter); W. McNaughton and Sons, York, (honey); A. A. Jessup, Wagin (books); Glen Forrest Bros. (fruits); J. V. Hands, Wyalong (periodicals); Boans Ltd., Perth; (4.15/15); Mr. Cassidy, York (ale); Red Cross, Perth (cakes, cigarettes, tobacco); J. J. and B. V. Reeves, York (cake); York Farmers Co-op. Ltd. (fruit and vegetables); Red Cross, York (larded salmon); G. F. Chipper and Son, York (pickled pork); B. E. Harris, York (fresh pork); Gnowan (tobacco).

Civil Defence School Is Supported

Active support for the establishment of a Civil Defence School for training of key personnel as a nucleus of a civil defence organisation, with a League representative on the central planning committee, was given by Federal Congress last year.

The Minister for the Interior (Mr. Kent Hughes) has expressed his pleasure in the following terms:

“Always Hoped”

“It was always hoped that the R.S.L. would actively support the establishment of a Civil Defence School and I’m glad to see the terms of the resolution. I will bear in mind the suggestion that a representative of the R.S.L. join any central planning committee.”

At this stage the school site has not been finally selected so it is impossible to take any definite action to establish the school. It is hoped to take some positive action early in the New Year.”
PEACE HAS PLACE IN DEFENCE PLANS—
(Continued from Page 1.)

The Year Ahead
This season of the year is a time not only of retrospect but also of looking forward and
Janes-like we look back on the work of the past
year and immediately look forward into the new
year in anticipation of the work which lies
ahead.
That the League has discharged its obligations
not only to its members but as a responsible body
within the community cannot be gainsaid.
It is encouraging to note that League mem-
bership shows an improvement of 400 on last
year's figures.
Another problem which was successfully tack-
dled during the year was the State War Memorial
Appeal, and in this regard, despite the difficulties,
the League has shown credit for having discharged
an obligation and a debt of honour which, had it
failed, would not have been to our credit, quite
apart from the fact that generally speaking the
public showed considerable apathy.
Among the sub-branches, there have been en-
couraging signs of renewed and continued activi-
ties. Some of these activities have been confined
to the sub-branch domestic well-being, particu-
larly in the building of halls and meeting places.
Sub-branches have in addition raised considerable
sums of money running into thousands of pounds
for other organisations whose work is closely al-
lied to that of the League, chief among which
may be mentioned the Legacy Club and the Red
Cross.
Amelioration and relief has also been an im-
portant part of the work among the sub-branches
and in this respect the Headquarters of the Lea-
gue has continued to offer assistance and
amelioration where it is most needed. For in-
stance, approximately £100 has been paid out each month
by Anzac House to the various institutions which
care for sick and aged ex-servicemen and women.
A-similar amount is paid out in regular monthly
amounts to deserving cases of distress, principally
among first World War I veterans and their depen-
dents. These monthly payments include Imperial
ex-servicemen and their dependents, not only of
World War I but also the Boer War. These as-
pects of the League's work are mentioned, as
they comprise the less spectacular side of the
League's activities, which are carried out, year in
year out, as a matter of routine, but which
may be regarded as among the more satisfying
part of the League's work.
And, as to the year which lies ahead. The
work must go on as heretofore but much more can
be done by all ex-servicemen taking part in the
League's work if only by maintaining financial
members hip. Many ex-servicemen do not bother
about their membership, and many of the
League's members and dependents are in need of
the League's help, and many of them assert that the League cannot do anything
for them. They overlook the fact that by their
membership they enable the League to help those
of their old comrades who do stand in need of the
League's assistance. A strong, effective R.S.L.
implies a strong and interested League mem-
bership. Every ex-serviceman should bear in mind
that, collectively through the League, this mem-
bership is vital to the preservation to ex-servic-
emen, at all times, the rights and privileges to
which he has been entitled by his service.

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Meetings Of The State Executive

Two meetings of the State Executive of the R.S.L. have taken place since the December issue of the “Listening Post.”

The Executive meetings were held on December 8, with 20 members present, and December 22, with 25 members in attendance.

Included in the order of business were the following items:

Reports
Reports were submitted by the Sub-committees for Land, North-West Repatriation; “Listening Post; Housing; Membership; and State War Memorial.

B.E.S.L. Meeting
Advice was received from the Federal President (Sir George Holland) that he would be attending the B.E.S.L. Conference in England in March of this year.

Housing
The Housing sub-committee reported that it was anticipated War Service Homes would, in the future, cost approximately 7 per cent more than at present, due to marginal increases in tradesmen’s wages.

Appreciation
The State Executive agreed to forward a letter of appreciation to Mr. A. J. Reid on his retirement from the public service, thanking him for his services to the League, particularly as chairman of the Aged Sailors and Soldiers’ Fund.

Visits
A number of Executive members reported that they had made visits to various Sub-branches and unit associations, as well as various functions at which League representation had been sought.

Greetings
At the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting on December 22, the proceedings assumed a social nature. During this part of the proceedings, a letter was conveyed from the Executive to the staff, followed by greetings to the State President.

Annual Dinner Held By Mosman Park
The annual dinner of the Mosman Park sub-branch, which was held last month, was pronounced a complete success by those in attendance.

Chairman at the affair was the sub-branch president (Mr. Frank McCormick), and the toast to the R.S.L. was given by the past president (Mr. Paddy Conroy), and replied to by Mr. George Gordon, of the State Executive.

The toast to the ladies was given by Mr. F. King, of the Executive, and replied to by the auxiliary president (Mrs. Brittain).

For Ladies
The evening was held by the sub-branch for the women’s auxiliary and the war widows in the district. Much of the success of the event was attributed to the sub-branch secretary (Mr. Sibbald), and to the social secretary (Mr. C. Gould), as well as to the hard-working committee.

Praise
Both Mr. Gordon and Mr. King remarked that the gathering was the first time in their experience on the State Executive that they had been informed prior to the evening as to the duties which they were expected to carry out. This, they said, was a gesture which could well be emulated by other sub-branches.

Announced at the annual dinner was the fact that the Mosman Park sub-branch had made the highest contribution to the Fremantle section of Torchbearers to Legacy.
U.S. Marine Commander Visits In Australia

Old bonds of Australian-American friendship have been further strengthened through the goodwill visit to Australia late last year of General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps and his party of officers and N.C.O.’s.

Their bearing and turnout earned them the admiring glances of all those who saw them at the unveiling of the Balcombe Camp Memorial Gates, dedicated to the heroes of the First U.S. Marine Division who rested and re%fitted at Balcombe after their smashing defeat of the Japanese at Guadalcanal in 1942.

Their leader undoubtedly runs true to the pattern from which the ideal "leatherneck" is cut. General Shepherd is not so tall, but of the stockiness of a well-weathered oak. His flat back and deep chest are as much the signs of his soldierly experience as the massed rows of ribbons which cover a very considerable area of that chest.

Served In France

General Shepherd’s distinctions cover more than 20 lines of close typewriting. In them are condensed the history of 36 years of campaigning which began when he was twice wounded and three times decorated for gallantry in the savage fighting of the Belleau Wood offensive in France in June, 1918.

Knows Australia

The Marine commander grew to know Australia and its people when he came to the Pacific in 1942. He knows Australia well, too, and has freely expressed his deep affection for the country and its people, an affection which he shares with his fighting brothers of the First Marine Division.

As he told the Australian-American Association, the cordial hospitality, sincere friendship, and genuine understanding found by himself and his comrades here in Australia was something not to be forgotten in the lifetime of their generation.

Gratitude

At a press conference General Shepherd emphasised again the gratitude of the Marine Division for kindnesses extended to them.

These expressions of gratitude are recorded in bronze on the Memorial Gates at the Marine warfare camp at Balcombe for future generations to see.

The Marine Commandant stressed the importance of the tie between Australia and America—which had drawn the forces of both countries in battle against a common enemy once again in Korea.

Common Bonds

"The peoples of our two English-speaking countries have many bonds in common. We

like-wise face grave problems to preserve our way of life in the threat of Communist aggression," he declared.

He expressed firm confidence that Australia and the United States would face this challenge as both had faced others in the past, and that with other free nations of the Pacific they could successfully preserve the dearly cherished ideals of freedom.

Army Minister

In a special message, Australia’s Army Minister (Mr. Jos. Francis) said the visit of General Shepherd and his party was one of those gestures which Australians understood deeply and appreciated more than mere words. The visit had sustained the brotherly relationship which existed between the two countries. It was a relationship sustained by the common sympathies, by common interests, and by the common images of language and custom.

Unity

Mr. Francis declared that he was proud to tell Americans of Australia’s very sincere appreciation for the visit by the U.S. Marine party. It made firm the sense of unity and comradeship between the two lands.

“His spirit was bred in war, has thrived in peace, and will endure for ever in the hearts of our two nations," said the Minister.

Air Cadets In Malaya

Four West Australians are among the 20 members of the R.A.A.F. Air Training Corps who are now touring Malaya, according to an announcement by the Minister for Air (Mr. Townley).


Representing all States, the cadets departed for Singapore in a service aircraft on January 7. They are scheduled to return to Australia on January 24.

Malayan Cadets

During the same period, 19 Malayan cadets, aged between 14 and 18 years, will be visiting Australia, where they will be the guests of A.T.C. officers and parents of A.T.C. cadets in the various capital cities.

The Australian cadets will be billeted at R.A.A.F. units in Singapore and the Malayan States.

Friendships

Mr. Townley has praised the exchange of visits as an excellent avenue for fostering friendships between the two peoples.

He said that the experience to be gained by the young men, both in service life and general education, would be invaluable.

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Personalities

DAVE BENSON, erstwhile State secretary of the League, was seen in the city recently looking all the better for his trip to England and the Continent. His many friends are pleased that this is so.

NORM ELLIOTT, who served for a time on the State Executive, was one of those seen in attendance at the League's Christmas party. Norm is at present in charge of the State School, Scarborough.

BILL NICHOLLS, one-time farmer of West Arthur, but now Commonwealth Deputy Director of War Service Land Settlement, visited Anzac House recently. Bill appears to be thriving on the problems associated with the scheme.

PHIL MASEL, after spending some time overseas, has returned to W.A. He was seen renewing acquaintances at the League's Christmas party last month.

JIM ANDERSON, a former State President of the League, and at present president of the Nedlands sub-branch, represented his S/B at the function which was tendered League friends and supporters prior to Christmas.

PERCY TANNER, secretary of Rocky Gully sub-branch, up in Perth on annual holidays, called at Anzac House to discuss the official opening of Rocky Gully's new hall. This S/B, which was formed less than three years ago, is to be congratulated on completing a home of its own in such a short time.

PHIL MCKENNA, president, and IVAN TERRY, secretary of Wittenoom Gorge S/B, down on annual holidays, found time to call at Anzac House to pay their regards and report "all's well" in the land of blue asbestos.

DON AHERLEY, the League's accountant, is at present taking an accumulation of annual leave which he is spending with his family in the Albany district. All will wish him "good fishing" while away.

Women members of the staff at League Headquarters have been or are now enjoying annual holidays. Mrs. A. WILLIAMS has now resumed duty, as has Miss F. FOTHERINGHAM, while Miss A. Gray is due to return in a week's time.

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League Greets Northern Ireland Prime Minister

Within a few hours after his arrival in Australia, the Prime Minister of the Northern Ireland (Lord Brookeborough) was entertained at a reception held by the State Executive of the R.S.L. at Anzac House on December 15.

State President

The State President of the League (Mr. Chauncy) extended a welcome to the Prime Minister on behalf of the ex-service men and women of Western Australia.

That the function took place on the day of Lord Brookeborough's arrival afforded him an opportunity to meet many people he would otherwise have failed to meet, and to exchange views with members of the League.

Served in Army

Lord Brookeborough served in the Army during the 1914-18 War, and attained the rank of captain.

He was awarded the Military Cross, the Croix de Guerre with Palm, and was mentioned in dispatches.

Appointments To Federal Offices

A suggestion that the members of the Repatriation Commission, Repatriation Boards, Entitlement and Assessment Tribunals are composed entirely of ex-officers of the Services was made by way of a question in the House of Represenatives recently, by a N.S.W. member, directing the attention of the Minister to the fact that the bodies, according to State Executive member, Mr. Hugh Leslie, M.E.R., the Minister was asked if he would give consideration to appointment to such bodies, ex-officers of the Services who held non-commissioned ranks providing they were possessed of the necessary qualifications.

In denying the implied suggestion in the question, the Minister for Repatriation pointed out that probably other than ex-officers of the Forces have been appointed to the bodies mentioned, and that it was worthy that the service ranks of persons at present holding appointments to these bodies range from the General to the Private in the Army and to Able Seaman in the Navy.

The idea that non-commissioned rank were accepted for the positions referred to was a fallacy prevailing, the Minister said, Mr. Leslie, and it was therefore as well that this erroneous idea should be dispelled.

Returned Sisters Gather

The annual general meeting of the Returned Sisters sub-branch of the R.S.L. was held during early December.

There were 24 members present and Miss D. Burgess presided.

After welcoming back Miss Shields, who has been absent for quite some time, members took up the business portion of the meeting.

It was reported that a total of 880 Poppies were sold during November, and £7/13/7 added to the amelioration fund.

Annual Reports

The president read her annual report, which was followed by the annual report of the secretary and the audited balance sheet from the treasurer.

Mrs. Luncley gave a report of the bridge committee finance and said that a total of 25 Christmas parcels had been sent to aged Sisters in England.

Shenton Park President's Report

The president of the Shenton Park sub-branch (Mr. Cliff Kleanman) recently submitted his annual report.

High-lights from the report included:

- Membership in the Shenton Park sub-branch now stands at 130, an increase over last year of 76 per cent, and the fourth consecutive year to show an increase.
- The memorial hall was opened three years ago with a debt of £1,150. This debt has been reduced to £2,50, and the sub-branch believes that a concerted effort by members will see the hall free of debt at the end of 1955.
- In addition to the reduction of the debt, a sum of £500 has been built up in assets such as furniture, etc. New seating costing £80 were purchased during the past year.
- The annual raffle of a portable was a financial success. The winner was number 598, held by Mr. A. M. Waddell, 90, Boons Ltd.
- The annual fete showed a profit of £34, which was less than had been expected due to other functions in the district.
- Shenton Park has faithfully carried out its hospital and amelioration efforts. Gifts of cigarettes, literature, and fruit have been made to the Home of Peace, Lennos, and Hollywood.
- Donations to Faversham House have been £6/10/-, plus literature and £3 was contributed to the State War Memorial.
- The sub-branch extends its thanks to the women's auxiliary for their help during the year, including Poppy Day and the fete and raffle.

During the ensuing year were: President, Miss D. M. Burgess; secretary, Mrs. E. L. Hawkins; treasurer, Miss E. R. Davies; members, Mrs. Harrison. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Colonel J. E. Mitchell for so kindly auditing the sub-branch's books once again.

Members were sorry to hear that Mrs. Douglas, Miss J. Bell, Mrs. Hay, and Miss McDonald were on the sick list.

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Frank H. Rudolph

- Vice-Admiral Sir John Collins, R.A.N., famed wartime commander of H.M.A.S. Sydney, visited Western Australia recently and met old shipmates and friends. Sir John, who retires from active duty next month, has been serving as First Member of the Naval Board for some time.

AIR FORCE EFFICIENCY TROPHY

No. 38 Transport Squadron, R.A.A.F., which was responsible for the air transport of Her Majesty the Queen in the recent Australian Tour of Australia, has been awarded the Gloucester Cup for the most proficient unit. In the R.A.A.F., the Minister for Air (Mr. Towsley) has announced.

Long History

This squadron has a long history of outstanding work in air transport. When His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester presented the cup in 1947 for annual competition in the R.A.A.F., No. 38 Squadron was the first unit to win the award.

Since that time, this squadron has continued to demonstrate its efficiency as a R.A.A.F. component.

Splendid Work

The second award of the cup to this squadron is recognition of the splendid work of the squadron's officers and men in fulfilment of the unit's transport role in the R.A.A.F. this year.

Royal Tour

In addition to a considerable effort in support of R.A.A.F. mobility exercises, this squadron contributed to the Queen's Flight during the Royal Tour. The Tour imposed heavy demands on all sections of the squadron in addition to normal duties, and it reflects great credit on all concerned that these commitments had been met with such smooth efficiency.

Repatriation Specialist To Visit U.S.

The Minister for Repatriation (Senator W. J. Cooper), has announced that arrangements have been made for Dr. Alan H. Penington, M.D., F.C.C.P., Consultant (Chest Diseases), at the Repatriation Commission Headquarters, to attend a conference on chemotherapy of tuberculosis to be held by the Veterans' Administration at Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A., during February, 1955.

Three Months

Dr. Penington will be spending three months in America, during which time the Director, Tuberculosis Division, Veterans' Administration, has arranged for him to visit certain centres where specialised work is being carried out, particularly the centre at Baltimore, Maryland, where a group study on the assessment of pulmonary function is being organised.

Will Lecture

Dr. Penington has also been invited to lecture on chest diseases at certain centres in America during the course of his visit.

The Minister considers that the information on new advances in treatment of chest diseases which will be derived from this overseas visit, will prove of great value to the many patients, and the ex-sergeants for whose care the Repatriation Department is responsible.

It will also foster the close relations which exist between the Repatriation Department in Australia and the Veterans' Administration in America.

Dr. Penington will depart from Melbourne by air for Los Angeles this month, and will return to Australia during the latter part of April, 1955.
Legacy House Will Mean A New Order

The purchase, by Perth Legacy of a sizeable property in Murray-street, to be used as a Legacy headquarters in Western Australia, marks the dawning of a new order.

Not only is it a milestone in Legacy affairs of this State, but it translates into reality what has been the dream of many legatees for years.

It will mean heavier commitments and responsibilities for the Legacy Movement. The members are unanimous that the blessings in store will be more than adequate compensation for the increase in work involved.

In the past few years it has become increasingly apparent that the work of Legacy has suffered from dispersal, and from having to apportion its energies in various directions, while the movement was welcome, it could never create its own surrounding and atmosphere.

The new headquarters will provide a force to control and manage the work of Legacy and to ensure the continuance of Legacy work on solid foundations.

Expansion

In the past few years Legacy activities have increased tremendously.

This has meant more meetings, more discussions and more collective thought and action in providing better services for wards, helping the children of service men and ex-servicemen who have been deprived of their fathers.

Some legatees who baulked at the thought of a large undertaking have now realised that the work of Legacy can never reach its real heights without a real home.

The property bought for this purpose lends itself to development, and it falls to the Board of Management of Legacy to prepare the plans that will ensure the continuance of Legacy work on solid foundations.

What Is Wanted

What can be done will be limited by the funds available, and it may not be possible to do all that is needed at the outset. But legatees who have given some thought to the project, consider that something on the following lines would at least fulfil the more pressing needs.

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Mundaring Election Deferred

Due to the small attendance at the December meeting of the Mundaring and Districts sub-branch, it was decided to defer the election of officers until the annual meeting of the sub-branch will be held in the Mundaring hall, on Saturday, February 26, at 8.00 p.m.

A good attendance is being requested and anticipated.

The Writer

This is the digest of a paper read by Legacy E. Russell at the second annual conference of Legacy clubs and contact groups in Western Australia at Cottesloe this year.

It gives some conception of what Legatees think is needed by headquarters which Legacy will soon establish on premises purchased in Murray-street:

- A recreation hall large enough to permit dancing, physical training, organised games, meetings, plays, concerts.
- A board room, where refreshments, ablutions and lavatories should be adjacent.
- A dental surgery and waiting room for the dental clinics.
- An office for the secretary and his staff. The office should be accessible to the public.

Board Room

A board room for use by the Board of Management for its meetings and for use by other large groups at other times, is considered necessary.

So that two or three of Legacy's smaller committees can meet simultaneously, or smaller committee rooms would be an advantage.

Other needed facilities include a kitchen where hot and cold drinks can be prepared for wards, and light lunches for Legacy committees, a library for wards, small rooms suitable for hobbies groups.

In all this is what some Legatees consider necessary to provide the basic needs of a centralised home, but as funds are the limiting factor, all these requirements may not be possible at once.

Even if they are not, the great achievement will be in having a headquarters in one unit, where Legacy's ideals of service to its wards has a much greater opportunity for consumption.

Mundaring Election Deferred

This meeting will be held on Monday, January 24, 1955, starting promptly at 8.00 p.m. All members are being urged to attend and cast their votes for the office bearers to be selected.

Installation of new officers was deferred due to the small attendance.

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OFFICIAL VISITS.

Tuesday, December 7: State
President (Mrs. S. V. Stock-
min) and the State Secretary
(Mrs. J. F. Ames) attended
Shenton Park annual meeting
at 2 p.m. and Swanbourne an-
nual meeting at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8: State
President, State Secret-
ary, and Mesdames Cottrill,
Longbottom, and Rowe visited
Glenelg, and distributed
Xmas Cheer parcels to the ex-
service inmates.

Mrs. G. Randall (represent-
ing the State President), at-
tended Como annual meeting
Thursday, December 9: State
President and State Secretary
were guests of T.P.I. at their
annual luncheon. Attended
Returned Sisters sub-branch,
annual Xmas party at 3 p.m.

Saturday, December 11: Mrs.
Stonem and Mrs. Randall at-
tended Cottesloe Diagonal, T.

Monday, December 13 (11
a.m.): State President, State
Secretary, and Mesdames
Brown and Crofts visited Ed-
ward Milieu Home and Health-
cote and distributed Xmas
Cheer parcels to the ex-service
men patients. (2 p.m.): The
State President, State Secre-
tary, and Mesdames Young,
Ellis and Miss Hermonie
visited Sunset and Lemnos, and
distributed Xmas Cheer parcels.
(8 p.m.): State President, State
Secretary, and Mrs. Cot-
trill attended Osborne Park an-
nual meeting.

Tuesday, December 14: Mrs.
W. Brown (representing the
State President), and Mrs.
Ames attended City of Perth
annual meeting.

Wednesday, December 15:
State President and State Sec-
retary were guests of the
League at their annual Xmas
party.

Thursday, December 16: State
President, Mesdames:
Adams, B. Brown, Croft,
and Miss Hammersley visited
Chamreton Mental Hospital and
distributed Xmas Cheer parcel-
to the patients.

Thursday, December 23: State
President, State Secretary,
and Mesdames: B. Brown,
Lynch, Rowe and Miss Ham-
nersley visited Hollywood
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Cheer parcels to the patients.

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Cheer.

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Xmas Cheer.

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Cheer, State Executive
Gift Fund: £12/10/ Hospital
Visiting. £1/1/ each Faw-
west, Aged Sailors and
Soldiers Fund, W.A. War
Blinded, T.P.I., Fed. T.B.
Assoc., Partially Blinded.

NORSEMAN: £12/12/
Xmas Cheer.

WICKEPIN: £7/1/ W.A.
War Blinded; £6/6/ Hospital
Visiting, £2/2/ each Faw-
west, Aged Sailors and
Soldiers Fund.

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Cheer; £7 Partly Blinded;
£7 W.A. War Blinded; £2/
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Legacy; £1 Hospital Visiting.

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Commissioner Of Police Warns On Chance Games

No games of the "Lucky Envelope" or "Pick-a-box" type will be permitted in this State to those of the "Lucky Envelope" - or "Pick-a-box" type will be permitted in this State, in the advice recently received from the Commissioner of Police (Mr. T. Andersen).

Particular organisations will not be granted special exemptions, the Commissioner said.

The advice was received in a letter dated December 27, 1954, and addressed to the State Secretary of the R.S.I. from the Commissioner of Police.

The text of the Commissioner's letter is as follows:

Dear Sir,

In connection with application for approval for the conduct of games at carnivals or agricultural shows, I have to advise that in future no games of the Lucky Envelope or Pick-a-box type will be permitted. Any question of special exemption for any particular organisation cannot be considered. This advice is being circulated to organisations which may be concerned to obviate any inconvenience which might arise through preparations being made to conduct games of this type.

Would you please so advise your branches.

Yours faithfully,

T. Andersen
Commissioner of Police

Moora Elects Auxiliary Officers

The annual general meeting of the Moora sub-branch auxiliary was held during November.

There was a good attendance of members, all of whom were made welcome by the president.

Main order of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. Results of the vote were as follows:

President, Mrs. R. Mullett.
Vice-presidents, Mrs. R. Taylor and Mrs. K. Topham.
Treasurer, Mrs. W. Gardiner.
Secretary, Mrs. B. Smith.

Silence Observed

Two minutes of silence were observed at the meeting in honour of Remembrance Day.

During the evening, the president gave a very comprehensive report of the past year's activities of the sub-branch auxiliary.

Mrs. J. Symonds moved a vote of appreciation and thanks to the retiring office-bearers, which was unanimously carried.

The year's activities of the Moora auxiliary (Mrs. H.) amounted to a conclusion on December 10 with a Christmas tree for members and their families.

The event was a great success and was enjoyed by a large crowd of both children and adults.

Pingelly Auxiliary Birthday

The women's auxiliary of the Pingelly sub-branch held a most pleasant party on the occasion of their 18th birthday late in November.

The president (Mrs. Rawle) welcomed the visitors and introduced Mr. Ted Frusher, who was master of ceremonies. A program of songs and dancing.

Entertainment

Dancing the evening an amusing monologue was read by Mrs. W. Bailey, and two solos were beautifully rendered by Miss Sheb, accompanied by Mrs. D. Sheb. After a surprise supper, Mrs. Rawle presented the State President of the Women's Auxiliary (Mrs. Stockton) with a cheque in the sum of £68/8. In reply, Mrs. Stockton gave the thank you speech.

Building Fund

Mrs. Stockton was then called upon to perform the pleasant (Continued in next column.)
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North Dandalup-
Keysbrook Open
Freehold Hall

The donor of the new club rooms of the North Dandalup-
Keysbrook sub-branch, Mr. Jack Money, officially opened
the new hall on Saturday, December 11.

Attending the fair was a
crowd estimated at 150
consisting of members, visiting
returned men, and local sup-
porters.

The building was donated to
the sub-branch by Mr. Money
last March, but it was neces-
sary to move it from its former
location to the present site.

In addition to the gift of the
building, Mr. Money promised
the sub-branch £100 in cash
if the new hall was in place
and opened by December 16.

By dint of much hard work,
the workers were able to
do the opening, and Mr.
Money gladly added the £100
to the sub-branch funds.

Light Plant
Mr. E. C. Atkins, of Atkins
Bros., donated a complete light-
ing plant for the new hall.

At the time of the opening,
the sub-branch held the hall
and more than three acres of
land in freehold, and the pro-
PERTY AND CONTENTS were
insured for £1,500.

In October, 1952, the assets
of the group had totalled six
shillings!

Moving Force
Members at North Dandalup-
Keysbrook are loud in their
praise of Mr. Harold Currall,
a 10th Light Horse veteran
who has been the moving force
behind the establishment of the
new hall.

Mr. Currall not only began
the building fund with a £10
gift, but was present at every
busy bee and gave untiringly
of his time and efforts to see
the job through to a success-
ful completion.

Correction To
"Last Post"
In the December issue of
the "Last Post" the name of Mr. J. WEA-
ATHERBURN, 11th Bat-
talion, Bassendean, appeared among those list-
ed in the "Last Post."

The inclusion of Mr.
Weatherburn's name in the
"Last Post" column was in error, as he is alive and
well.

The editor offers apology
for this error.

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R.A.A.F. Graduates Pilot Officers

Eighteen air cadets including four West Australians, graduated from the Royal Australian Air Force College at Point Cook on December 8, 1954.

The graduates from Western Australia were N. F. Ashworth, of Floreat Park; F. J. Downing, of Collie; R. G. Green, of Mount Lawley; and P. G. Larard, of Claremont.

The Minister for Air (Mr. Norman Francis Ashworth, of Ferndale-street, Floreat Park) presented the graduates with their diplomas.

Founded In 1947

Since the foundation of the R.A.A.F. College in August, 1947, 63 cadets have graduated.

The present graduating class entered the College in 1951 and has completed a four-year course of study. These graduates have been pilot officers in the Permanent Air Force.

The R.A.A.F. College was founded to provide Australia with a first-class academy of military aviation training with the best overseas.

Specialisation

Of the 18 cadets who graduated in December, 14 have trained as pilots and become general duties officers, 3 equipment specialists, while one is specialised in administration.

Of the total of 63 graduates since 1953, 41 have been pilots, 12 navigators, 6 equipment, 3 technical, and 1 administration.

A number of pilot graduates from previous courses have flown with R.A.A.F. Squadrons in Korea and Malaysia and in Europe. Many are serving on duty in the Royal Air Force.

Queen's Medal

The Queen's Medal, awarded to the dux of the College, was won by Air Cadet Under Officer T. J. Branch.

The four West Australians who recently graduated as R.A.A.F. officers. They are, left to right, Pilot Officers P. G. Larard, Claremont; R. G. Green, Mt Lawley; N. F. Ashworth, Floreat Park; and F. J. L. Downing, Collie.

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- OFF TO THE EASTERN STATES! D. Keey, of Katanning, and B. Jones, of Claremont, were part of a group of 100 sailors who left Perth by train early this month for Melbourne, where they will report to the Flinders Naval Depot for a year's training.

South Perth Sub-branch Selects New Officers

Mr. J. B. Walsmsley has been elected to the office of president of the South Perth sub-branch to replace Mr. J. A. Ashton, whose resignation from that post was accepted with regret.

Mr. Walsmsley is not new to his position, having served in the same capacity for a number of years previously.

Elected to the management committee of the sub-branch were Messrs. George Gray and Dan Robinson.

A long-time member of South Perth sub-branch, Mr. Fred McDonnell, was elected to the post of treasurer. Mr. McDonnell has recently returned from a long stay in the Carnarvon district.

Barbecue

A barbecue was held recently at the home of Mr. Walsmsley, and was voted a success by all those present.

Included among the guests were Messrs. Barney Keeley and Les Lowe, of the State Executive, and Mrs. C. Mitchell, of Anzac House, and Mrs. Mitchell.

Also present were Sisters from Hollywood and Fremantle hospitals.

Carnival

The South Perth Community Centre Carnival was held early in December, and the sub-branch played a significant role in raising a good sum of money, which will go to assist in the building of the local Community Hospital.

Miss Alvie Ferrier, the sub-branch's entry in the 'Popular Girl' competition held in connection with the Carnival, was placed fourth. She is very lucky in expressing her thanks to all who worked on her behalf.

Christmas Party

The Christmas party held by the sub-branch last month was a big success and the items provided for entertainment were appreciated by both young and old.

Guests at the party were the Legacy children from Craig House, who were transported by car, and from the party by sub-branch members.

A.R.M.S. Games

The A.R.M.S. games which were recently concluded were played in a very friendly and sportsmanlike manner.

The visits to and from other sub-branches are always looked forward to, and the camaraderie shown in the games is well worth while.

The South Perth sub-branch did not finish very close to the winners, but members say that they are content to have been defeated by better teams.

The Yellow Cab Cup was a very keenly contested competition and there was only a de- cental point separating the first three competitors.
Party Held For League Friends

ANNE HOUSE was the scene of much activity on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 13, when friends and supporters of the League were entertained at an afternoon tea by the State Executive.

The function commenced at 3.30 p.m. and did not terminate until 5 p.m.

Informality
Informality was the keynote of the proceedings. No speeches were delivered. Guests and Executive Members showed their appreciation of the prevailing relaxed atmosphere by the presentation of a bouquet of flowers by the head of good fellowship.

Guests
Among the large assembly, the following were seen: Sir Ross McLaury; Sir Joseph Terdell; Major J. G. Murray; Lord Hoare; Lord Mayor, Mr. E. Hoare; Minister for Lands, Mr. Herker; Minister for Housing, Mr. B. Smith; Under-Secretary, Mr. J. M. Black; and Miss. T. Butler and F. Graham, State Housing Commission; Mr. A. H. Chisholm, President South African Veterans; Mr. Dave Bacon, past State Secretary; Mr. W. H. Pyle, Surveyor-General; and Mr. G. K. Bacon, Chairman, Land Settlement Board.

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Sixteenth Battalion Officers

Elected to carry on the affairs of the 16th Battalion Association during the ensuing year are the following:

Patron—Mrs. H. M. Cartwright, President—Mr. J. Cutmore. 
Past-president—Mr. L. Brickhill. 


Meetings
Meetings of the 16th Battalion Association are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Railway Institute in Perth. Anyone interested in the affairs of the Association is invited to attend.

At the annual reunion it was announced that 34 members of the "Old Sixteenth" had passed on during the previous 12 months.

Parcels Given

As usual, during the Christmas season, members of the 16th Battalion committee and the ladies auxiliary visited Sunset Hospital and distributed parcels to all those who served in the Battalion and who are now spending the eve of their lives in that institution.

Messrs. Bill Newick and Clarice S. S. Laidler, the two clerks at Glendalough and Lenton, donated towards the expenditure of the parcels which were received from Messrs. B. Casey and Tom Tandy.

Queen Honours League Members

In the Queen’s New Year Honours List the following League members have been honoured:

Commander (E.) John Charles Banfield, O.B.E., D.S.O., R.D., R.A.N. (S.A.), of Australian sub-branch, and Mr. Ernest Charles De Burgh, of Press sub-branch, have received the O.B.E.

Warren Officer Charles Francis Edith Dulldel Plate, R.A.E., of Mt. Lewley-Inglewood sub-branch, and Mr. Frank Banks, honorary secretary of Laverton sub-branch (a position which he has held for many years) have received the M.B.E.

The League offers its congratulations to these members.

Relief was wonderful

JAMES H. SHARROCK, 254 Barranjoey Bay Road, Carlingbah, writes: "Up till last few months I frequently got one cold after another which used to put me to bed for days. A friend advised me to try Bex Powders which I did and the relief was wonderful. Whenever I feel a shiver or a shiver coming in I immediately take one Bex Powder and I can assure you I am as right as ever next morning. I advise Bex to all I come in contact with."

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Furlough Benefits Explained By Army

In November of last year, the League sought information from the Department of the Army concerning recent changes in Furlough Benefits for the Defence Forces.

For the benefit of League members, the pertinent part of the information supplied by the Department of the Army is reprinted herewith:

Extension Of Eligibility.
(1) Eligibility for furlough benefits during retirement, on personnel in the following categories who have the required admissible service:
   (a) Members of the Woman's Services (excluding personnel specially enlisted for service in KOREA) who are serving, or have served, under defined three year engagements;
   (b) Soldiers of the Regular Army Special Reserve not being in a pre-war status and holding commission in the R.A.R. who are ready eligible for furlough, and members of the Inter Army discharged on or after 15 May 52.

Conditions under which Furlough etc., granted:
(2) For categories of personnel referred to in (a), (b) and (c), above, the conditions under which furlough or not may be granted are the same as those which apply to personnel already eligible, viz.:
   (a) For furlough during service or pay in lieu on voluntary discharge at own request or on expiration of engagement—
      (i) Personnel discharged before 1 July 52—minimum of 3 years admissible service;
      (ii) Personnel discharged between 1 July 52—minimum of 5 years admissible service;
      (iii) Personnel in lieu of furlough on account of age—minimum of 8 years' admissible service;
      (iv) For pay in lieu of furlough; and on retirement in KOREA, not due to misconduct; minimum of 4 years admissible service provided also that the member would have completed 8 years admissible service prior to reaching the normal age for retirement had he or she served until the date of expiration of the engagement, etc., current at the date of death or retirement through invalidity.

Darling Range Holds Its Annual Dinner

A highly successful annual dinner was held recently by the Darling Range sub-branch in the Agricultural Hall.

The decision to use the hall was made because of the "full house" conditions which prevailed at the annual dinner held in 1953.

A fishing venture by the sub-branch president (Mr. J. F. Milne) resulted in a pleasant fish supper for those in attendance.

State Executive members present were Mr. P. D. O. Latte, Miss Mais, Mr. H. M. Stanbury, and Mr. G. Gordon. Mr. Lonnie and Mr. Gordon were accompanied by their wives.

During the evening, funds were raised for Legacy. The work of the sub-branch auxiliary was praised, and the auxiliary president (Mrs. Scott) replied with a pledge of continuing support during 1955.

Repatriation Department
Has New Medical Chief

The Public Service Board has confirmed the appointment of Dr. W. E. E. Langford to the position of Principal Medical Officer of the Repatriation Department.

Dr. Langford has been acting in this position since the retirement of Dr. A. H. Melville in July of last year.

A Queenslander, Dr. Langford was born in Brisbane, and educated at the Brisbane Grammar School. Following studies at the Queensland and Sydney Universities, he graduated in Medicine in 1924.

Joining the Repatriation Department as a resident medical officer at the Rosemont Repatriation General Hospital, Brisbane, in 1924, Dr. Langford was a Medical Officer on the staff of the Queensland Branch.

War Service
At the commencement of hostilities of the 1939-1945 War, Dr. Langford was a Medical Officer in the A.I.F., and served more than five years with the A.I.M.C. in the Middle East, New Guinea, and with the Prisoner of War Recovery Group at Singapore.

Dr. Langford commenced service in command of a mobile ambulance convey and later command of a civilian clearing station and general hospital.

On discharge from the A.I.F. in December 1945, Dr. Langford rejoined the staff of the Queensland Branch. In 1946 he was appointed Senior Medical Officer, and in 1950, Deputy Principal Medical Officer and a member of the Headquarter of the Repatriation Commission.

Wide Experience
During the last four years, Dr. Langford has frequently visited all States of the Commonwealth, and has gained a wide experience in the management of medical institutions and in the medical problems of the Repatriation Department which employs over 300 medical officers in full-time service.

A Debt Is Paid

The State President of the R.S.L. (Mr. Chaneys) recently handed to the Premier (Mr. Hawke) a cheque for £5,495/2/8, representing the balance of the debt incurred by the League in completing the State War Memorial in time for the Royal Visit.

The cost of completion was £10,000, and was financed through the State Government. The cheque Mr. Chaneys and the Premier are looking at is the picture completely discharges the indebtedness. The State Secretary (Mr. Chappell) and Vice-President (Mr. Donnie) accompanied Mr. Chaneys on his pleasant duty.

W.A. MAN WINS TRUST FUND SCHOLARSHIP

The Post-graduate Scholarship for overseas study granted by the Services Canteens Trust Fund each year was recently awarded to Mr. Brian Bolto of Western Australia.

The scholarship is for a period of up to three years, and is valued at £300 per annum.

It is the most valuable university scholarship in Australia. The scholarship is for research or study at any approved university or institution overseas with a view to obtaining a degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Western Australia.

Mr. Bolto is 22 years of age and is at present studying for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Western Australia.

Distinctions
He has had a brilliant academic career, having attained distinctions in every subject except one in every year of his course, a unique performance.

During his course at the W.A. University he was awarded the Wilsome Prize in chemistry and a Hackett Scholarship. In 1953 he was awarded first class honours in organic chemistry.

Mr. Bolto's object is to undertake a post doctorate research overseas.

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