SUB-BRANCH SUPPORT URGED FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL

Letters urging support for the Medical School Appeal—which was officially opened on September 1—have been sent to all sub-branch presidents by the chairman of the R.S.L. Medical School Appeal Committee (Mr. P. Wilkins) and the R.S.L. State president (Mr. W. S. Lonnie).

Before the appeal was opened, Mr. Wilkins wrote as follows:

"It is already very well known that an appeal is to be made to the people of Western Australia for the purpose of raising the sum of £400,000 to erect, equip and endow a medical school in this State. The State Government is helping to the extent of £150,000.

"At its meeting on August 3, 1955, the Secretaries' Committee of the League accepted the offer of the Press sub-branch to undertake and wholly organise the League's effort among all sub-branches throughout the State to raise funds for the Medical School Appeal, and that sub-branch has now formed a committee and is planning the necessary work.

"It will, of course, be obvious to you that many people will have to do much voluntary work to raise the tremendous amount of money that is required, and the committee agrees that each league member should aim to raise at least £2.

"The committee, therefore, asks that your sub-branch make your own arrangements to raise as much as is possible in your town and district; there is no limit to what you can send.

"Many subscribers will desire to have their names associated with the appeal; therefore, it will be necessary for each sub-branch to forward a list of names and addresses of subscribers, and their individual amounts, when forwarding cheques to

"Receipts will be sent out by the appeal committee in the name of the individual subscriber, and at the close of the appeal, or from time to time during the currency of the appeal, acknowledgment will be made to the sub-branch of the amounts they have collected.

"The total amount received will then be regarded as the R.S.L. effort throughout Western Australia.

"There is little doubt that medical skill is of particular importance to returned men; therefore, the committee feels confident that you will all give the appeal the fullest support.

Donations are an allowable deduction for income tax purposes, and all donations must be sent to J. E. Watson, honorary treasurer, Medical School Appeal (R.S.L. Committee), King's Park, Perth, W.A.

President's Plea

Mr. Lonnie, in his letter, said:

"The object of the appeal is already well known to you and the R.S.L., as a responsible member of the community, readily accepts its share of the responsibility to ensure its success.

"It is hoped that the potential of the League will be vigorously applied towards assisting, so that, in common with other organisations, the appeal may be put beyond question and that the League, which has the general public's support, may be given in.

"Many sub-branches in the country areas have already performed outstanding service in establishing hospitals and equipping them, and due credit must be given for the major sub-branches which have made the past.

This current appeal, however, extends beyond the boundaries of any particular area and has a State-wide application.

"The State Executive of the League has made the appeal of the Press sub-branch to conduct the appeal as far as it concerns the R.S.L. and has been called upon therefore to ensure that each sub-branch throughout the State will play its part and cooperate to the fullest extent with the organisation of the Press sub-branch, so that the objective may be achieved.

"I strongly commend the appeal for your consideration and generous support.

Appeal Committee

The R.S.L. Medical School Appeal Fund committee comprises:

Mears, P. Wilkins (chairman), G. Fleming (secretary), J. E. Watson, J. R. Shiels, A. Terry, F. Scott, J. T. Rolfe and Tilly and Doctors Harris and Greenham, with power to co-opt.

Life-membership Was Headline News

The recent conferring of a League life-membership by the secretary of the Boulder sub-branch (Mr. Vic O'Grady) made headline news on the Goldfields.

Mr. O'Grady was practically speechless with emotion when Mr. Erm Bosinstow, a past-president of the sub-branch and an old personal friend, made the presentation, which took the form of a framed scroll signed by the Federal president and secretary and a badge carrying the words 'Life Member' in white letters on a gold background.

Mr. O'Grady took over as secretary of the sub-branch in January, 1924, when the membership was exactly 60 members and the finances somewhat over £200. In 12 months the membership had increased to over 150 and there was a credit balance of £116.00.

He was granted a salary of £5 5s 6d a week for six months, and this was increased to £6 4s 6d a week at the end of that period. It remained at that level for many years and was then raised to £7 5s for another 15 years.

After the club was opened, time on anything in 1951 and there was a lot more work to be done, his salary was increased to the rate of £8 a week.

Review Of Butterfat Subsidy-cut Sought

The R.S.L. State Executive has been requested to take immediate action to obtain a review by the Government of its decision to reduce butterfat subsidies.

At a meeting of sub-branches in the butterfat areas of the South-West at Capel on August 23, the following resolutions were passed:

(1) That this assembly of delegates of sub-branches of the State of the South-West requests that the Federal Executive of the State Executive take immediate action to bring the unnecessary pressure to bear in obtaining a review by the Government of its recent decision to reduce butterfat subsidies which is gagging a means in the interests of the public, which the State Government has the duty to promote, and which is necessary in the interests of the public.

(2) That this meeting requests our State Executive to approach the State Government with a view to their approaching Federal Government for a State subsidy to cover particularly the disability of the butterfat section of the dairy industry.

It was stated that the average butterfat yield in 1953 was 170lbs.

The scheme provided an average of £7 per week on a basis of a fully-employed family.

The loss of the subsidy would reduce this figure to £5 per week.

As a result, some two-thirds of the butterfat producers were facing virtual bankruptcy.

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The Old 10th To Meet

Arrangements are well in hand for the Annual reunion of the 10th Light Horse Association to take place during Show Week.

The venue for this function is the supper room at Anzac House, the time 6 p.m. and the date Tuesday, October 4.

The association president (Mr. F. McLeod) anticipates that this function will surpass all previously held.

There was a record attendance last year.
FAVERSHAM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

LEAGUE RESPONSIBILITIES

In this phase of League activity the responsibilities can be likened to the work of Legacy, Apex or other service clubs. In effect we are pledged to care for our aged ex-servicemen and women.

Taken seriously, this does not mean that when shelter and food is provided we should be satisfied. On the contrary, we should always be looking around for the opportunity to better conditions at the Home and provide more comfort and amenities for the veterans.

To the appeal for chairs, there was some encouraging response. The Returned Ex-servicemen's and the Returned Sisters' sub-branches have re-furnished and re-decorated the two rooms set aside for female veterans.

The Public Service sub-branch spent a day stripping and repainting a room, and we are confidently assured of another sub-branch supplying a team of painters in the very near future.

What has your sub-branch done? Do the members of your sub-branch have any such scheme as outlined above in hand for the forthcoming League year?

If not, the Faversham House committee suggests that sub-branches adopt, or make themselves responsible for, one veteran, or one room, or one dormitory, according to the size and strength of the sub-branch.

To those sub-branches who feel they haven't the necessary funds, it is suggested they raise sufficient cash by a special effort of effort, small concerts, bazaars and sales. pv

It is a well-known fact that sub-branches who give their support will be the most popular with the veterans and the staff of Anzac House are looking forward to visiting your sub-branches this year.

All League members and sub-branches offering themselves the opportunity to benefit the veterans will receive due recognition and publicity in this journal, so see to it that your name or that of your sub-branch appears in the very near future!

The Returned Ex-servicemen's sub-branch plans to visit Faversham on September 11 to arrange new curtains, bed-sprays and cushion covers which the committee have made for the female section of the Home.

On Sunday, September 18 the Goldsborough and co-opted members will hold a meeting at the Home and hope to raise small amounts of money from offers of gifts from sub-branches.

During the past month the following donations have been received:

Wadlowie Club (Inc.): Tobacco. Red Cross: Tobacco. J. E. W. 6d.

Faversham House loss NEARLY WIPE OUT

Despite rising costs the accumulated losses on the running of Faversham House were reduced by £1,274/18/5 to only £41/1/4 during the year ended June 30, 1955.

This was revealed by the Faversham House sub-committee chairman (Mr. R. E. Townshend) in the League's 39th Annual Report.

The reduction, Mr. Townshend reported, was due to the generosity of sub-branches and friends of the League, and to the budget appeal.

The need for undue optimism, however, as after provision for renovations had been made the actual work deficit was over £4,000 and only the interest on the War Disabled Veterans' Home Fund, plus donations from all sources totalling over £4,000 had made the result possible.

The cost of renovations must increase as time went on owing to the age of the buildings, and it therefore behoved all sub-branches and League members to maintain—or even increase—their practical interest in the home.

Occupancy of the accommodation available at the home had fluctuated considerably during the 12 months under review, the main causes of wastage being the passing of a number of veterans and the transfer of incurably sick veterans requiring constant medical attention and nursing care.

At the meeting of the executive on August 11 Mr. Townshend was re-appointed chairman.

At the meeting of the sub-committee on August 17 the sub-committee recommended on August 21 that no alteration be made to the scale of fees (minimum £2/5/; maximum £4).

16th Battalion Association Notes

Only six members attended the August meeting of the 16th Battalion Association.

A larger attendance is being urged for the meeting on September 14 as some important business is to be discussed.

The annual general meeting of the association will be held at The Railway Hotel during the Perseverance Week on Thursday, October 8, at 7 p.m. It will be followed by the annual re-union and Ladies' Night.

The ladies' auxiliary is holding a social afternoon at the residence of Mrs. F. Maher, 399 William-street, on September 28 at 2 p.m. The president (Mrs. J. F. Maher) is requesting all members to attend.

The following deaths have been recorded since the last issue: The Listening Post.

BROWN, Edward F. (2444) on July 30.

HUGHES, Peter M. (6028) on August 3.

LESLIE, Richard W.L. (6055) on August 17.

ROBERTS, Thomas F. (6571) on August 17.

McGLINN, Thomas H. (3133) on August 21.
THE TASK AHEAD

WITH A SUCCESSFUL Congress behind it, another long and colourful chapter in the history of the League has been written.

OUR COURSE has been set for another year of strenuous activity, not only on domestic items, but also on defence and other matters of national significance.

THIS YEAR has opened well, and a number of our Sub-branches have set outstanding examples of energy and enthusiasm.

SPLENDID new halls have been built by the Northam and Bunbury sub-branches; the Claremont sub-branch is now the proud possessor of a club house of its own; Nedlands has pursued a successful policy of building improvements; and Mr. Lawley and South Perth are taking courageous steps to acquire new halls and “a home of their own.”

IN MORE distant fields the Lake Grace sub-branch has played a prominent part in the completion of an outstanding War Memorial Hall.

INDEED, throughout the State, sub-branches are doing a grand job of work for the League and for their own districts.

IN THIS REGARD, the Narrogin sub-branch has set an example in citizenship by organising a conducted tour of the city for the local school-children.

THE LEAGUE is definitely on the job and is more than justifying the esteem in which it is held by all sections of the community.

THIS, in itself, constitutes a challenge to members. It is not sufficient for members to dwell on their achievements of the past—it is still necessary to overcome immediate problems and to plan for the future.

THROUGHOUT the years the League has earned a reputation for a clear vision in State and national affairs. It is vital that the League should continue to be a force for good in the community.

ONE JOB to which members must apply themselves is the necessity to increase League membership. It is not a question of sacrificing quality for quantity, but it is true that outside League ranks there are many who could worthily take their place with those who proudly wear the badge.

SO LET League members resolve that they will apply themselves to the limit of their capacity in maintaining the high standards which they enjoy, to plan progressively for the future, and to make an increased membership a matter of individual and collective responsibility.

IN SO DOING, they will give themselves added strength for the tasks which still lie ahead.

Claremont R.S.L. Opens Its Own Club-rooms

On August 19, the Claremont sub-branch realised one of its most cherished ambitions by establishing itself in its own permanent club-rooms situated at 9 Bay-road, Claremont.

The president of the Sub-Branch (Mr. E. Walker) was in the chair and opened the evening with the Toast of the Auxiliary, after which the toast of “Fallen Comrades” was honoured.

The State president had made a hurried trip to the Eastern States and owing to his delayed return by air that evening, the ceremony of declaring the club-rooms open was postponed until his arrival about 9.30 p.m.

The toasts of the R.S.L. visitors, women’s auxiliary and artists were all suitably given and honoured and it was a compliment to the speakers that they were given an attentive hearing.

In reporting this memorable occasion, Mr. A. W. Crooks, the sub-branch secretary (Mr. L. Nichols) said he would be doing an injustice if he did not mention the great part played in the establishment of the club-rooms by the women’s auxiliary.

In the first instance a loyal band of workers, consisting mainly of wives of first A.I.F. veterans, by dint of running dances and any type of fair that would raise money had obtained the capital to purchase a block of land on Stirling-highway and had presented this to the sub-branch.

Later the sub-branch sold the block at a very enhanced price and was thus enabled to purchase another block of land in Bay-road with two houses on it, one of which had been converted into the present handsome club-rooms.

In addition the auxiliary had presented the sub-branch with an auto-arrange sub-branch secretory, an excellent piano, and were attending to the window-dressing of the new premises.

A formal “thank you” to the ladies was only touching on the edge of members’ feelings, he said. Mr. Nichols also paid a tribute to the work done by Mr. A. W. Crooks in the sub-branch in 1953 and 1934, and to the committee that had taken him during those years of negotiation and decision.

He said it was the hope of the president and committee that the establishment of the new home would result in many of the members attending regularly at meetings and social gatherings.

Young Diggers, Where Are You?

Mr. Jock Wright was a very disappointed chairman at the annual re-union of the Gloucester Park sub-branch—and he told the gathering that, and some more.

The secretary (Mr. Cliff Lambe) said that he also could do with a spell... Mr. W. Gordon, of the State executive, made an appeal to the younger members to come forward and take a fair share of the duties of the League.

He was supported by Mr. F. King, another State executive representative.


Although there were five past-presidents present no future ones were on hand. Another cause for disappointment was stated by the Minister for Housing (Mr. W. Graham) that the War Service Homes section had been informed by the Commonwealth authorities that because W.A. was so far ahead of other States in war-service homes building, it’s programme in W.A. was to be halved.

But good entertainers and plenty of good cheer dispelled the gloom, and all enjoyed an excellent repast made possible by the efforts of the ladies’ auxiliary under Mrs. Wright.

Their efforts were well appreciated by those present after Mr. Ferrier had ably moved the toast to the ladies.

All members of the sub-branch are being requested to attend the next monthly meeting at Wembley Hall.

In Canberra, subsequently, the Minister for Social Services (Mr. McMurdo) said in reply to a question by Mr. H. Hamilton (C.P., Canning) that 1,065 war-service homes had been built in W.A. this year—only 42 less than last year.

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• In this picture taken at the function the sub-branch president (Mr. E. Walker) is seen standing. On his right is Dr. R. I. Greenham, a vice-president of the League, and beside him another member of the State Executive, Mr. L. Lowe. On the extreme right of the back row is the Mayor of Claremont (Mr. A. W. Crooks).
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Perth 6 5 1 46 14 10 1.6
Swanbourne 5 4 1 36 14 8 1.6
Gosperge Park 4 3 2 23 14 6 1.2
Darling Range 5 3 2 22 14 6 1.2
Cottesloe 4 2 2 16 24 4 1
Claremont 6 6 4 26 6 Nil Nil

Notice: Quoits, Rule 6. This rule is to be strictly observed.
Sports directors' meeting, Tuesday, October 11, 7.30 p.m.

At Anzac House

Fixtures:
First semi-final: Wednesday, October 26, at Monash Club.
Final: Thursday, November 10, at Mt. Hawthorn.
Grand final: Thursday, November 17, at Anzac House.

H. W. Church
Licensee and Manager
Trees Keep Green The Memory...

In the May and Lovekin drives, King's Park, there are now 1,080 trees each commemorating an ex-serviceman who made the Supreme Sacrifice in either of the two World Wars.

And as custodians of the Honour Avenue, members of the Public Service sub-brANCH willingly devote their time to the preservation and care of the trees so that they might serve as a reminder to future generations of the sacrifice made in defence of our ideals.

A recent example of the work carried out was the replanting of the unfortifying trees which had been removed by the King's Park Board.

The board provided the trees and where possible relatives of the men commemorated were invited to plant them.

The Record

A recently compiled record of the particulars shows that of 690 infantrymen commemorated, 615 took part in the war and 75 in the second. Of the total 119 were in the 11th Battalion, 97 in the 16th Battalion, 132 in the 28th Battalion, 69 in the 44th Battalion and 40 in the 51st Battalion.

All together 41 infantry units are represented, 28 of which are from other States. There are 32 artillery units with 42 trees, and trench mortars have three.

Field engineers are remembered with 12 trees, tunnelling companies have seven, pioneer battalions four and signals four.

The 10th Light Horse Regiment has two, each for 1st Remounts and Camel Corps.

Of a total of 34 machine gunners, the 2/4 Battalion has 21 commemorated, while the various missions at sea are remembered with 12 trees.

H.M.A.S. Perth, Sydney and Yarra and other R.A.N. units bring the number of men to a total of ten.

There are 57 trees for the various coast artillery units while nine units of the British Army account for 19.

The R.A.F. remember 97 trees, and 14 miscellaneous units account for another 20 trees.

In recording the place where men died in battle in the 1914-18 War, France and Belgium are all-embracing, but many plaques mention such far-flung places as Falkland Islands, Walker's Ridge, Gaza, Magdala, Ploeg;ezers, Moquet Farm, Bapaume, Ypres, Arras Road, Ploegemond, Polygon Wood, Messines, Bullecourt, Hamel, Villers Bretonneux and others.

For the 1914-18 War, the Middle East, Crete, Java, Singapore, Tobruk, New Guinea, Sunda Straits, El Alamein, all the seas and oceans, and the skies over almost all of the world were the battle areas. Things in the 1914-18 War about 80 per cent of the trees are listed as killed in action, with 20 per cent dead of wounds, while in the last war which shows about 25 per cent as missing, or having died while prisoners, the remainder having been killed in action or died of wounds.

While 957 trees were planted by relatives, employees also remembered with 40 trees, and friends planted 40 trees. One unit honours it mates with 45 trees, Boy Scouts have three and Perth Girls' School did not forget one soldier.

The most commemorated serviceman of either war was 17 years of age and was killed in action at Pozieres on September 15, 1916, while the eldest was 54 years, and he was killed in action at Gallipoli on April 27, 1915.

The earliest date in the record on which anyone was killed in action in World War I was April 27, 1915, being at the landing at Anzac, while in the Second World War it was November 9, 1918, two days before the cessation of hostilities.

In the last war a plaque dated April 27, 1915, indicates a soldier killed in action in the Middle East, while October 13, 1945, for one killed at Tarakan is the latest to be recorded. One naval man killed in Korea on December 7, 1951, is also recorded.

By far the largest age group of the 20 to 30 years. One unit association has spent several hundred pounds in a swimming pool and constructing a lawn area where 45 trees are grouped honouring their war dead.

Later 100 sugar gums at the eastern end of Lovekin-drive were set aside to the memory of men who fell in the 1914-18 war thus completing the third phase of the Honour Avenue.

In 1922 the West Perth sub-branch, which later became the Public Service sub-branch of the League, accepted a share in the responsibility for the preservation of the avenue, and has continued to assist the King's Park Board in the maintenance of the plaques and trees.

Guns Ever Green

Because the oak and plane trees in May-drive did not thrive they were replaced in 1941-42 with Eucalyptus botrophaedias which have done well.

Most have grown vigorously and now form a fine avenue. All of the trees were raised in the King's Park nursery from the seed of a large tree growing where the original dedication ceremony took place.

After the 1939-45 war the board agreed to make available the remaining 300 sugar gums lining Lovekin-drive.

On December 5, 1948, in a central position in Lovekin-drive, before a large gathering, the Anglican Archbishop of Perth, Rev. R. W. H. Molins, dedicated the avenue to the memory of the fallen of the 1939-45 war.

Prior to the dedication all plaques were placed in the ground at the base of the trees.

It was decided to affix the plaques to the trunks of the trees, and this work has been carried out.

Over The Years

The original ceremony of dedication of trees was held at the highest point of May-drive, August 3, 1919.

Trees raised from acorns of the Windsor Great Park were planted in May-drive from the Lord Forrest Memorial to Saw Avenue, and includes the S wig Entrance.

At the foot of each tree a tablet was placed giving details of the deceased serviceman.

Subsequently the Avenue was extended from the Saw Avenue junction towards Crawley by the planting of ornamental plane trees in the May-drive Honour Avenue comprising 680 trees.

The Last Post

BAKER, P. J., 2/9 A.D.C., Bassendean.
CRICEVICH, L., 1st Bn., Boulder.
CROOK, T., 12th Bn., Perth.
EAVES, S., 10th L.H., Highgate.
FAIRCLOUGH, J. W., 11th Bn., Boulder.
FLEET, J. H., R. E., France.
GIDLEY, E., 16th Bn., Moora, Perth.
HANCOCK, W. G., 10th L.H., Midland Junction.
LOCHTING, R. M., Subiaco.
MATHIESON, J. H., 10th Bn., Boulder.
MCCANN, T., R.A.A.F., Perth.
MCGILLIN, T. A., Melville.
REDMAN, E., R.A.A., Albany.
SIMPSON, F. W., 2/5th Bn., Boulder.
SMITH, W. H., 3rd Perp, Perth.
STURROCK, A. G. H., 16th Bn., Mt. Hawthorn.
TADT, F. T., 16th Bn., Subiaco.
THORLEY, F. G., 2nd Bn., Perth.
Settlers Air Their Grievances
And Get Replies

At a meeting in the Rocky Gully R.S.L. quarters on August 18 soldier settlers took the opportunity of a visit by Secretary-chairman of the War Service Land Settlement Board (Mr. A. R. Barrett) and Mr. L. Hamilton, M.H.R., to air some grievances.

They claimed that the scale of proposed rentals was too high for economic operation, and urged that war-service properties should be valued as soon as possible or as soon as they had reached full productive capacity.

In reply Mr. Hamilton said that originally it was not proposed that war-service farms should be freehold.

The position was reviewed early in 1950 and consideration given to freeholding properties with the proviso that settlers must lease their properties for ten years before working the right to freehold.

The proviso was necessary to prevent speculation in farms and to protect ex-service men with limited capital. Therefore, there was no immediate necessity for valuations; nor would they be possible until the final figures came to light.

He advised settlers not to rush into the question of freeholding their properties.

The method of fixing rentals varied from State to State, and in Western Australia they were decided on an assessment basis. After comparing the land-settlement policies of all States Mr. Hamilton said that the authorities took the view that settlers who grizzled and did nothing to help themselves would meet with short shrift. But those who tried to succeed, whatever their handicaps, would not be left to go unsupported, he said.

Mr. Barrett asked that the new valuations might be available in four or five years. No farm would be valued as less than £40. He estimated that the rental would be about £540, he said.

He said that he did not have with him the figures on which the rental assessment was based but assured a questioner that settlers would be able to make a reasonable living.

To a settler who claimed that through no fault of his own the debit shown on his stock account far exceeded the value of stock on his property, Mr. Barrett said he was of the opinion that in genuine cases—where the settler was solvent—it should be judged on his merits—but the settler should be assisted by the scheme itself. But that was no power by which this could be done at present.

In Peace and War!

Committee To Decide Ballot Issue

A request from the City of Perth sub-branch for the complete results of the ballot for trustees at the recent State Congress has been referred to the constitution sub-committee by the State Executive.

A motion to this effect was moved by the immediate past-president (Mr. F. C. Chaney) at the executive meeting held on August 17.

In a letter to the State secretary (Mr. J. Chappell) the sub-branch quoted the following resolution passed by the 36th annual State Congress in 1952:

That the resolution made in the state conference on August 17 was out of order

The motion was carried and the result was sent to the State conference.

Mr. Chaney said he was sure that the resolution was referred to the constitution sub-committee by the State Executive.

Supporting the motion, Mr. H. Leslie, M.H.R., said that results of voting in a private or voluntary organisation such as the Returned Servicemen's League were usually made public.

Sub-branches To Have Option On Hostel Fittings

Sub-branches will be given first chance to purchase fittings and other articles from the R.S.L. hostel when it closes in five months' time.

A recommendation to this effect was made to the State Executive by the immediate past-president (Mr. F. C. Chaney).

The recommendation followed the report of the hostel committee chairman (Mr. G. Yates) favouring the approval of Mr. S. A. Shellabear as valuer and auctioneer to dispose of the assets of the hostel.

Mr. Yates' submitted a financial statement for the period January 1 to July 31 which showed a loss of £28/14/6 for the hostel and a profit of £5/14/10 for the shop.

An improvement in the hostel position could be expected with increasing demands for accommodation within the next few months, Mr. Yates said.
KOREAN OCCASION

Lieut.-General Bierwirth, Commander-in-Chief, British Commonwealth Forces, Korea, and formerly G.O.C. Western Command, in conversation with the Australian representative in Korea (Mr. M. Loveday) at a cocktail party held at Inchon in honour of the Queen's birthday. The party was attended by most of the senior officers of the First Commonwealth Division and the Inchon garrison.
—Britcom P.R. photo.

Affairs At Bassendean

R.S.L. social evenings at Bassendean have been conducted alternately by the local sub-branch and women's auxiliary. Reporting this the sub-branch secretary (Mr. D. W. Robinson) said that with the aid of the Cheesio Club from Baywater the social held on August 11 was the most successful for a good many years.

During the month some members made a surprise visit to Hollywood in addition to the usual visit made by the sub-branch's Hospital Visitor (Mr. T. Okely), he said.

For years Mr. Okely had been visiting hospitals, as well as seeing members in their homes. Where possible he advised on repatriation matters. This work enabled the sub-branch to keep informed on the welfare of its members.

Sub-branch meetings have been reorganised and the additional time gained was utilised by the sports organiser (Mr. E. Jackson).

A competition covering darts, bowls and table tennis had been organised, and trophies for these games would be presented in December.

Another competition being launched was for draughts. On August 29, the building committee held a feature evening which was very successful both financially and socially. The women's auxiliary provided an excellent supper. Auctioneering, interspersed with items and dancing, provided plenty of laughs and fun for all.

The secretary said he would be pleased to supply information to any other sub-branch which might be interested in putting on a similar type of event.

The next feature evening is a "Barnyard Dance" to be held on Friday, September 23.

Sub-Branches Receive More Visits

State Executive members visited 241 sub-branches during the 12 months ended on June 30-25 more than during the previous 12-month period. The State secretary said this in his report to Congress.

The distance covered on the visits had been estimated at 15,000 miles, he said.

There were now 217 sub-branches throughout the State.
Women's Auxiliaries

Over £2,000 Donated By Auxiliary

Last year the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary donated £2,051/12/2 to various appeals. This is shown in the annual report of the State secretary of the auxiliary (Mrs. J. F. Ames) who listed the amounts as follows:

W.A. Aged Sailors and Soldiers' relief fund, £39/18/6; Air Forces Association, £26/13/3; Coronation Gift Fund, £27; Favours C.W. Veterans Home, £284/4/10; Floor Relief Fund, £10/10/6; Korean Comfortes Fund, £4/4/4; Legacy Club Inc., £285/4/4; Maimed and Blind Men's Association, £93/4/4; Partially Blind Men's Association, £136/6/6; Red Cross Society, £141; Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Fund, £2/16/6; State War Memorial, £648/6/6; Federated T.B. Association, £77/6/4; Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldiers' Association, £136/6/6; War Blinded Association, £166/15/6.

Activity At Narembeen

The Narembeen auxiliary reports a busy year. Its first sale of work for the year - in the end of April - was very successful. A dance in May was quite well supported by local residents. July 2 was a busy day for members, who helped to cater for the sub-branch re-union dinner. On August 11 members prepared and served approximately 130 dinners for players and visitors at the sub-branch annual Golf Day, and also served morning and afternoon tea.

The next function was a sale of work on Sept. 2.

Sub-branch Welcomes New Members

Messrs. Bert Jolliffe, Ray Shaw and Andy Ogg were welcomed as new members at the August meeting of the Victoria Park sub-branch. Despite inclement weather about 40 members attended the meeting, which was presided over by the new president (Mr. R. Warnett).

The sub-branch reports a busy day held at the home of Mr. A. Murray while he was a patient in Hollywood Hospital. An outstanding success was the next general meeting of the sub-branch, which will be held on Friday, September 16.

Ball Highlighted Busy Time At Waroona

The Waroona auxiliary has reported a busy time over the last few months. It cooperated in the R.S.L. Anzac ball, which was an outstanding success, and catered for the supper. The same month it catered for a wedding, and in July it conducted a boil-in-the-bag dinner, with 30 guests and 10 trimmings. Described locally as the outstanding event of the year, the Debutantes Ball was also run by the auxiliary with the assistance of League members. The financial aspect of the occasion was reported to be as satisfactory as the social. The ball was described with streamers and floral decorations, and the floor was packed with dancers. The debutantes were received by Sir Ross and Lady McLarty.

Accumulation Of Staff Leave Stopped

Members of the staff of the Returned Servicemen's League must in future take their annual leave within 12 months of it becoming due. A motion to this effect was passed by the State Executive meeting on August 31.

The immediate past-president (Mr. F. C. Cheney) said that the question of staff leave was most untidy. He suggested that a roster be drawn up before the next State Congress asking staff members to say when they wanted their leave. This would give them the advantage of securing holidays when they wanted them and would also stop leave becoming accumulated, Mr. Cheney said.
Annual Meeting Of Safety Bay R.S.L.

Safety Bay R.S.L. held its annual meeting at the Progress Hall with an excellent roll-up of members. Items of general interest were a reply from the road board that it would explore the possibility of beautifying the beach front at Safety Bay, and that it would ask the engineer for a report on the possibilities of building bus shelters at the junctions of McLarty-road, Shoalwater-road and Liverpool street with Safety Bay-road.

The president (Mr. G. Gilmore) in his annual report said:

"I think the main achievement of the year has been the securing of a block of land as a potential home. Secondly our social activities have been a great success, in particular the informal parties given to the ladies.

He pointed out that despite many donations from the branch, and other outgoings, the financial position was very pleasing.

The building fund of the Narembeen sub-branch should benefit considerably as a result of the Diggers' Cup Day held at the Narembeen links in mid-August. This is reported by the sub-branch secretary (Mr. H. Smith).

The competition results were:

Diggers' Cup: winner, E. Bow; runner-up, J. Cornwall.
Best gross digger's: winner, W. Butler; runner-up, R. Ketteringham.
Best gross open: winner, B. Cusack; runner-up, R. Ketteringham.
Best nine holes: winner, P. Bray; runner-up, J. Lethlean.
Limit-marker: D. Smith.
Four-ball bogey: winners, A. Romion and R. Cheetham; runners-up, C. Commons and R. McMeeking.

WANTED

Should this meet the eye of ex-Corporal Godfrey who was in charge of the Lazarette at Altldamm P.O.W. camp in Germany, or anyone knowing his whereabouts, he will be to please contact Mr. A. R. Dutneall, 455 Cambridge-street, Floreat Park.
Why A Congress Motion Was Withdrawn

At the August meeting of the Dumbleyung sub-branch members were told why a motion they had submitted to Congress had been withdrawn.

The motion dealt with the special Land conference and was designed to prevent the decisions of the land section being re-visited, and only too frequently lost, when brought to the general Congress. In his report on Congress Mr. Jack Robson pointed out that since the land section of Congress was held on the opening day it attracted only those delegates with a deep interest in and understanding of the subject. On that account, he felt, the reasons for the motion had been removed.

A cartoon by Rigby on the Anzac Day deliberations was given a place of honour in the sub-branch records.

In subsequent discussion members suggested that only by referendum could the desires of rank and file members of the R.S.L. be obtained.

Some members expressed regret that Congress had seen fit to carry in its entirety the motion dealing with taxation in the North-West. They felt that this measure might serve to increase the number of St. George's-terrace controlled properties.

Members were congratulated by the women's auxiliary on a

fine job of work done in the completion of the fence round the R.S.L. Hall.

As a result of the Congress report it was decided to become a frequent contributor to The Listening Post in order to aid the Editor in making it living record of the work of the sub-branches.

Mr. W. J. Hunt Drops Trusteeship

Mr. W. J. Hunt, a former State president and a member of the State Executive for many years, has resigned from the Canteen Trust Fund.

The State president (Mr. W. J. Hunt) announced this at the executive meeting held on August 31, and said that the resignation would have to be forwarded to the Federal Executive.

He had, however, taken upon himself to write to Mr. Hunt and offer him and his family best wishes for the future.

E II R Film As Luncheon Feature

Featured for the first of the revised series of monthly luncheons being conducted by the Public Service sub-branch of the R.S.L. was the official photographic record of the visit to Western Australia of the Queen—a colour film known as the 'Threatening Sky'.

Arrangements for screening the film were made with Mr. Cyril Peet, a member of the Public Service sub-branch, who collaborated with the Visual Education branch of the Education Department in the production of the record.

The decision to revive the luncheons was made after a canvass of members by the sub-branch secretary (Mr. R. C. Smith).

At the State Congress further honours came the way of the sub-branch with the appointment of Mr. Ted Townsend—State Executive member—as a trustee of the League, and with the election of the sub-branch president (Mr. K. Harris) to the State Executive at his first attempt.

The next general meeting of the sub-branch will be held at the Board Room, Anzac House, on Tuesday, September 16, at 7.45 p.m.

The Future Of Anzac House Being Probed

A special committee of business men is to advise the R.S.L. State Executive on the future of Anzac House and the vacant land adjoining it.

The State secretary (Mr. John Chappell) said this in his report to Congress.

The question, he reported, was whether the present building would meet the present and future requirements of the League.

The executive had given careful attention to the problems concerned and realised the importance of refraining from a hasty decision on such important matters.

The maintenance of the present structure had not been overlooked.

£3,576 In Year From Anzac House

During the 12 months ended June 30, 1955, revenue from Anzac House—including that from the conducting of dances—amounted to £3,576 and this sum was credited to the building fund for that period.

This was stated by the chairman of the Anzac House sub-committee (Mr. L. J. Bartley) in the 39th Annual Report of the R.S.L.

Maintenance of the building had been continued, Mr. Bartley reported.

The 39th Annual Report was read and adopted by the meeting.

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CLUB BUSINESS BETTER

The Anzac Club had an increase in sales amounting to £1,686 in the last financial year, and a gross profit increase of £615.1.0.

This was stated in the League’s Annual Report by the club committee chairman (Mr. B. Keeley).

The club had been completely renovated at a cost of £1,292, and compared it favorably with any other club in the city, Mr. Keeley said. Other improvements were extensive and would be made in due course.

The two-hourly Sunday sessions were very popular. At 5.30 p.m. on Sundays and 2 p.m. on week days members gathered around the club memorial to pay tribute to fallen comrades.

The two billiard tables had been completely recovered and were now in first-class order.

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CHANGE OF MEETINGS

The monthly general meetings of the sub-branch will be held in ST. PATRICK’S HALL, Beaumont-st., Mt. Lawley, at 8 p.m. on the FIRST WEDNESDAY each month. Next meeting, WEDNESDAY, October 5. Supper and refreshments.

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Pension Appeals

The No. 2 Assessment Appeal Tribunal sat in Perth from July 19 to August 4.
Ninety-six appeals were completed, of which 49 (51 per cent) were allowed, and 47 disallowed.
Twenty-two appeals were advocated by the League, of which 16 (72 per cent) were allowed.
The No. 1 Entitlement Appeal Tribunal sat in Perth from August 9 to 19.
Eight-five cases were heard, of which 14 were allowed, 56 disallowed and 15 deferred.
The percentage of completed cases being 20.
Fifty-two cases were advocated by the League, of which ten were allowed, 32 disallowed and 10 deferred, the percentage of completed cases being 23.8.
The League's advocate reports that, of the 52 cases presented by the League, 34 were for non-League members (11 widows' appeals included).

Memorial Will Be Dedicated In November

To mark the completion of the new section, the State War Memorial will be dedicated on Remembrance Sunday, November 13.
The R.S.L. State secretary (Mr. John Chappell) said this in his report to the 39th State Congress recently.

It was gratifying, he reported, that after strenuous efforts the funds required for completion of the work had been collected.

Mr. Chappell recalled that in order to complete the Memorial in time for the visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh the League had incurred an expense of £10,000 which had subsequently to be raised by means of an appeal to the public.
The League, he said, could take credit for what, in the light of circumstances, must be regarded as a major achievement in completing and financing the Memorial despite the apathy of some of the public.

RADIO TIME FOR R.S.L.
The management of radio station 6KG, Kalgoorlie, had agreed to give the league a ten-minute session over that station.
This was reported to the State Executive by the chairman of the publicity committee (Mr. G. Yetes), who said that three new recording tapes would have to be purchased to allow the committee to accept the offer. This would involve an outlay of £3/10/.
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Long Wait For Housing Assistance

The housing committee chairman (Mr. R. J. Stoddart) reported to the State Executive at its mid-August meeting that applicants for war-service homes in this State now had to wait about ten months for their applications for assistance to be granted.

Cases had come before the committee's notice where eligible ex-servicemen were being charged 7½ to 10 per cent interest on temporary finance for this period of time.

A request for information from the Federal Office had shown that the position in the other States was: Victoria, 12 to 15 months waiting time and up to 12 per cent interest; Queensland, 10 to 13 months, 8 per cent and over; Tasmania, 10 months and 8 per cent and over; New South Wales, 8 months and 10 per cent; South Australia, 8 months and 7½ per cent.

**Home Building**

Ex-servicemen who have to resort to borrowing for the building or purchase of a home are being urged by the R.S.L. State Executive to consult with officials of the State Housing Commission or with the League's Housing Officer, before entering into any form of contract.

In the recently ended training course for cadets conducted at the Northcote camp a certificate for the outstanding trainee was won by Under-Officer M. Williamson, of Midland High School.

Here Under-Officer William-son (left) is seen proudly showing the certificate to cadets R. Schokman, of Perth Modern School and G. MacNish, of Collie High School.

At the passing-out parade the G.O.C. Western Command (Major-Gen. L. G. H. Dyke) inspected 170 cadets from 21 schools.

General Dyke told the cadets that as potential under-officers and N.C.O.'s they would soon be in a position of authority over other boys.

Eighteen State school and three private school units were represented at the camp.

During December about 120 senior cadets from public, schools and colleges will undergo similar training at Rottnest Island.

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Subscription Split-up Reviewed By Congress

The allocation of members' subscriptions will in future be in the ratio of three-fifths to the State Executive and two-fifths to the sub-branches.

This was decided by the State Congress on a motion submitted by the Bunbury sub-branch. When the subscription was increased, the allocation, on principle, should have been made in the same ratio as the old allocation, a Bunbury delegate said.

If the suggested division were equitable in the first place there was no reason why it still should not be, he said.

The chairman of the finance committee (Mr. W. S. Lonnie) said that Western Australia and South Australia were the only States in which the League subscription included the cost of the League newspaper.

This made the effective subscription to League headquarters 9/- and post 13/- per annum, he said.

After the motion had been debated on the voices it was carried by a division of the Congress.

Badge Issue

A motion that sub-branch secretaries be issued with a stock of R.S.L. badges for use to new members was defeated at State Congress after much discussion.

Mr. G. H. Yates (Victoria Park) said that some 20,000 surplus badges were in the hands of ex-members of the State branch of the R.S.L. Congress last year had secured the introduction of a Badge Bill in Parliament where it passed both Houses and became law, he said.

With the introduction of this legislation by the State Executive had decided to tighten the issue of badges.

Since then several hundred ex-members had rejoined the League.

New Club Cash Register Wanted

The chairman of the Anzac House and Club committee (Mr. B. Keeley) reported to the State Executive that his committee had recommended the purchase of a new cash register for the club at a cost of £625.

The purchase of such a register was very urgent matter, he said.

The present register was badly in need of an overhaul, and this would cost £100. The League had been offered £100 as the trade-in value of the register.

Mr. Keeley said it was the committee's intention to use the hostel cash register as soon as it became available.

A new register would greatly improve the service in the club and would also help to stop small losses that were occurring because of the condition of the existing register.

£1,900 Paid In Relief Last Year

During the past financial year 103 applications were approved by the trustees of the League's amelioration and emergency funds, and a total of £1,192 15/6 was paid in relief.

Details of the distribution were: Hospitals and institutions, £1,139 3/6; amelioration relief, £319 16/5; emergency relief, £53 5/6; Christmas cheer, £237 12/9; hospital visiting comforts, £102 5/6.

This was stated in the 39th Annual Report of the R.S.L. by the then acting-chairman of trustees (Dr. R. I. Greenham).

Relief had been granted to servicemen and women of World Wars I and II, he said.

A reduction in the demand during the war for emergency relief had been more or less counter-balanced by additional disbursements to ex-service personnel in hospitals and institutions.

Many applications were received during the year from servicemen, and the applicants concerned had found great difficulty in obtaining assistance from their sub-branches when the need was urgent, Dr. Greenham said.

More Wanted In Adelaide Pilgrimage

The 32nd Battalion (1st A.I.F.) W.A. Association has decided to send a contingent to the 40th reunion of the battalion in Adelaide on Anzac Day (April 24) 1956.

The assistant-secretary of the association (Mr. C. E. Shaw) has notified League Headquarters to this effect.

Mr. Shaw said that the party would consist of the members and their wives (optional) and be away from Perth for a fortnight, setting out on Saturday, April 21.

The overall cost was expected to be between £70 and £73 per head.

The association had previously been advised by its sister-body in Adelaide of a warm welcome. In 1936 the association had sent a contingent of 21 members to the 21st reunion of the battalion in Adelaide.

Those wishing to join the party are being requested to inform either the president (Mr. R. A. Geddes), or the assistant-secretary at the Commonwealth Bank, Mr. Lawley, or members of the committee.
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Able Hands

When, at the annual general meeting of the Northam sub-branch on August 3, Mr. R. B. James retired from the position of treasurer, he brought to a close a period of service in that office which had extended over nine years.

When it was possible to start building—in mid-1953— "Digger" had entered upon his second term of office as Mayor of Northam. He was a proud and happy man when, in the capacity of treasurer of the sub-branch and Mayor of the town, he was the first to mark the official commencement of building operations.

Able Hands

During the ensuing two years the problems that arise in connection with the financing of the project were many and complex, but in his able hands they were all dealt with satisfactorily.

On October 29 last year the completed building, valued at £20,000, was officially opened by the Governor (Lieut.-General Sir Charles Gardiner), who congratulated all concerned upon the results of their work.

The hall was completed, but has still to be paid for. Because what had been a long felt want in the community the hall, during the past and a half months that it has been open, has been in regular demand for dances, meetings of clubs, exhibitions, recitals, lectures, bazaars and all kinds of public functions, which have produced a steady revenue.

Satisfied that the heart of the battle is now over and that routine attention to its administration will carry it triumphantly to the day when the last shilling will be paid off, "Digger" said he felt that the time had come when he should retire from office and hand over to a younger-man.

His decision was accepted with sincere regret by all members of the sub-branch. Their reluctance to part with the services of such a valuable officer was tempered by his acceptance of appointment as a trustee of the sub-branch, and his expressed willingness to assist in an advisory capacity whenever called upon.

As Mr. James said in his parting address, many had contributed, each according to his ability and powers, to the successful realisation of a dream.

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This banking system, with all the financial complications involved, is controlled in this theatre by the Comptroller of Korean Accounts and Chief Paymaster, Lieut-Col. C. S. Crane, of Concord, New South Wales, and his staff. It is based on the issue of B.A.F.S.V.—referred to by the soldier as "Baffs"—standing for British Army Forces Special Voucher. The vouchers have the appearance of bank notes in the denominations of £1, 10/6, 5/6, 1/6d. and 3d.

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Roughly speaking, any soldier can purchase goods to the value of his pay and cannot receive a non-legitimate "business" profit from transactions paid in the local currency. The control of issue of these vouchers, which although they have all the earmarks of currency are in fact merely club or mess chits on a grand scale, is in the hands of the Comptroller.

The scale of issue depends on the demand, which is mainly governed by the fluctuating strength of the force. When a small number of the theatre the demand by area paymasters is accordingly lighter and a proportion is withdrawn.

The value of the vouchers is sterling, the total issue being backed by War Office. The fact that the British Army in India, New Zealand and the United Kingdom, each country and department are at par and are all paid in B.A.F.S.V. would appear to pose a complicated problem in reconciliation of values.

Fortunately for the busy staff of the Chief Paymaster, this matter is handled by local pay offices when making up the individual soldier's paybook. The man's rate of exchange is translated into sterling both amounts are entered into the book and he receives the sterling equivalent in B.A.F.S.V.

For very small changes the messes and canteens use the Australian penny for convenience. While in circulation the penny assumes the value of a penny farthing, but as all this small change circulates back to its point of issue nobody loses or gains and calculations involving the "buckshive" farthing are not necessary.

Vouchers Burnt

As the notes continually circulate within the army community the rate of physical deterioration is rather high, and refilled or defaced notes are destroyed monthly.

In the Korea theatre the Army Treasury burns the vouchers to the value of £20,000 a month. The process of destruction is a lengthy business and necessarily subject to great deal of supervision.

The damaged notes are first counterstamped, burnt to within an inch of their original size, and then are packed in bundles and tabulated. At the end of each month, in the presence of the Assistant Adjutant-General, the bundles are again checked against the schedules, opened up, dipped in kerosene, and dropped into an incinerator.

The bundles had been left for five days, but the last note had been burnt and all sign a certificate to the effect that the force witnessed the destruction.

Were it not for this private banking system set up by the army, countless difficulties would arise, apart from the inevitable black-marketing.

The payment of large numbers of soldiers from four different Commonwealth Countries in the same or the foreign land in which they happen to be stationed, would introduce a further complication into the already knotty problem of international rates of exchange.

It would also put a snag in the way of the soldiers' privilege of purchasing, tax-free products brought from his own country. And so, with the introduction of "Baffs," the Armies are called to bear yet another unconvoluted problem—British Commonwealth Public Relations press release.

Counting this pile of one pound notes of British Army Forces Special Vouchers (Baffs) in the strongroom of the Chief Paymaster, Kure, Japan, are members of the checking staff, Sgt. Terry Southwell, of Goulburn, New South Wales, and Capt. George Lawson, of Newtown, Hobart, Tasmania. — Britcom P.R. Photo.