SPECIAL ANZAC DAY ISSUE

"We shall Remember while the light is yet, And in the night time we will not forget."

LEST WE FORGET

As we remember, with deep gratitude those who suffered pain and gave their lives for us; let us resolve to do all in our power to preserve the freedom we hold today.
World War II Names Added To Guildford Memorial

A plaque bearing the names of the Fallen of World War II has been mounted on the Guildford War Memorial.

The local R.S.L. sub-branch's intention to complete the task earlier had been thwarted by the difficulty of tracing the names of all the war dead in Guildford.

During the past year, however, much effort was made to trace the names, and accord them a flow-of-honour on the memorial.

In this connection the sub-branch has acknowledged the ready co-operation of the Guildford Municipal Council and the Swan Road Board.

The municipality wrote numerous letters and succeeded in obtaining many names which had eluded sub-branch efforts to trace them. A local firm engaged a stonemason at a cost of $55 to inscribe the names on the plaque which has been in place for this year's Anzac Day commemoration.

The road board shared that cost proportionately. Reporting the matter to Leage headquarters, a letter stated that the sub-branch had undertaken the additional cost.

Welpool Picnic Well Attended

The Welpool R.S.L. annual picnic on March 10 was one of the most successful functions the sub-branch has conducted for some years.

No less than 20 vehicles turned up for the event. The convoy left Welpool at 10 a.m. and headed for Mullahol. After lunch, the group were held on the beach.

Essay Contest Entries Due In By May 3

Entries in the Anzac Day essay contest must be submitted to Anzac House by Friday, May 3.

The subject of the essay is "The Anzac Day Meanings To Me."

Sponsored by the League of ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen of Australia, the contest aims to encourage young Australians to research the significance of Anzac Day.

The prizes are: first, $10; second, $7; third, $5.

War Nurses Seek Help In Appeal

The War Nurses Memorial Hostel is in need of funds to continue its work. The Money appeals for $500 per week to cover the cost of the hostel.

In a recent circular letter, they appealed to members of the League to contribute to the appeal.

Ex-service Women Urged To Join Parade

The R.S.L. State President (Mr. Lomme) has appealed to all ex-service women's organisations to be represented in the Anzac Day parade this year.

In a recent circular letter to them he said: "It is now forty years since the first Anzac Day, 1919, and the Australian women's movement was established. Since then, the women of Australia have played a vital role in the nation's defence and in the promotion of peace. In recognition of their contribution, the Anzac Day parade should be a fitting tribute to the efforts of all women who have served in the armed forces."
Anzac Day Commemoration

The R.S.L. State Executive is inviting all ex-service men and women to take part in the Anzac Day commemorative services in Perth on Thursday, April 25.

The Perth commemoration is carried out annually by the executive at the special request of the Prime Minister.

Dawn Service

For the Dawn Service at the State War Memorial ex-servicemen will march off at 5.30 a.m. and assemble at 5.40 a.m. at the Queen Victoria Memorial. The buglers will sound “The Last Post” to the accompaniment of muffled drums. Then will follow the “Silence” to be terminated by gunfire.

The laying of wreaths by unit associations and other ex-service organisations will be followed by the sounding of “The Last Post” after the lowering of flags to half-mast.

Private wreaths will then be laid and the buglers will march off.

The general public will not be permitted on the memorial until all wreaths are laid.

Official wreaths may be deposited at the Lodge at the Perth Entertainment Park the previous day, but must be picked up and laid on the memorial on the appropriate time during the ceremony.

Vehicles will be prohibited from entering Fraser-avenue or approaching the memorial until after the ceremony.

Those attending the ceremony are asked to refrain from flashing torches and to observe strict silence.

Governor To Toast Anzacs

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Charles Gairdner) has accepted an invitation from the Sub-Lieutenant Governor in the Anzac House ballroom and propose the toast to the veterans of the Gallipoli landing.

Anouncing this recently the League State President Andrew Lowry said: “It is a privilege to be able to do this anywhere in Australia.”

Special guests for the occasion would be dignitaries who took part in the historic landing. There would be an admission charge for other visitors, and tickets would be issued through the sub-branches.

Mr. Lonnie said it was anticipated that over 500 people would be present.

The colours of the 11th Battalion, which had always marched on parade, were to be displayed.

The 11th Battalion was the first West Australian battalion to land at Gallipoli, he said.

The Wearing Of Uniforms

Former members of the Australian Army and Air Forces have been notified to this effect by League headquarters.

Local Observances Of Anzac Day In Line With League Spirit

A recent circular from Anzac House to all League sub-branches points out that local observances of Anzac Day should be carried out directly in keeping with the spirit of the League.

The circular reads:

"Anzac Day this Year falls on Thursday, April 25. It is urged that all sub-branches of the League become officially identified with this solemn commemoration of the sacrifices made by our fallen comrades.

"Our League’s Rule Book sets out on page 5, the objects of the R.S.L. one of which reads, "To preserve the memory and records of those who suffered and died for the Nation—to erect monuments to their valor—to provide them with suitable burial places and establish in their honour an annual commemoration day."

"During the observances of the League in respect to Anzac Day are clearly defined. The Perth commemoration will be carried out by the State Executive at the special request of the Prime Minister, and the service is conducted by the Prime Minister."
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HIGH TEMPO STILL AT VIC. PARK

The tempo set by the first meeting of the Victoria Park R.S.I. sub-branch this year has not abated. The attendance at the March meeting was above normal, with a few more new members in the mix for Kleine, Dimond and Back.

A distinguished guest was Mr. Stalin, of the Denmark branch.

The sub-branch patron (Mr. Gus Stewart) managed to best the shift-work system for once and made a welcome reappearance, as did Mr. Berg, Haanen. Also present (after illness) were Messrs. Jack Egan and Arthur Winton.

The official visit to Hollywood was made on March 18.

A special flag flown from the sub-branch headquarters for a week before the meeting, bearing the legend "Victoria Park R.S.I. Meeting Friday 13th".

Mr. Trowbridge was reported on the sick list.

Arrangements for the Anzac Day service at the new R.S.I. Memorial Hall are well in hand (for details see "Anzac Day Arrangements of Sub-branches and Unit Associations").

Victoria Park sub-branch
Service at new memorial in Memorial Gardens, Albany Highway, at 3 p.m. May 5. Former members and widows will be present, also a boys' choir from the East Victoria Park State School.

Mr. Hawthorn sub-branch
Parade at 2.30 p.m. at top of Oxford-street; march to memorial at 3 p.m.; service will be held at 3 p.m.

Pingelly's Annual Reunion

The annual reunion of the Pingelly 1st. sub-branch was held on March 2, and a happy night was enjoyed by all.

The women's auxiliary supplied all previous efforts in the preparation of a very tempting supper.

Three members of the League, Mr. Mort, Miss Lowe, White and Henwood, attended, and there were three visitors from Brookton.

Special reference was made to the service made to the sub-branch by Mr. Jack Shaddick.

Outlining achievements for the past the president referred to the building extension project, the financial assistance to the Braille School for the Blind and to spastic children, Legacy and other organisations.

Mr. Walpole, Mr. Ford and Keith Hobbs were commended for their Poppy Day efforts.

Collections for the new Mr. Hills Memorial had reached £1,910, leaving only $10 to go.

This was stated when the hall was officially opened by the State President, Mrs. G. E. M. Trowbridge, and it was hoped that the surplus would celebrate the success of the project.

Mr. Lohwe spoke of the League and its place in the community.

At a dinner following the meeting, the sub-branch women accepted the invitation of the Old School and 3rd. sub-branch to a night of entertainment and dancing.
League Flashbacks

WHAT THIS JOURNAL WAS SAYING 35 YEARS AGO

The Diggers Didn’t Overdo It!

The impressions of Miss M. M. Johnston, a wartime official guide to Diggers on Paris leave, and now enjoying the hospitality of W. H. Hughes, in sight-seeing the Commonwealth.

"I have just completed a year's tour of Australia, and little anticipated that I would have so enjoyable, varied, educational and interesting a trip. My wanderings have taken me over all the States, and I have traveled 4,000 miles by train, motor and horseback. My object has been to get off the beaten track, not merely to view Australia through the railway carriage windows. About 160 families throughout the Commonwealth have given me hospitality, ranging from the humblest to the most splendid, and I am of firm conviction that the Australian country folk are far more happy and contented than the town dwellers. The latter are continually on the search for new sensations and excitement, and such an existence cannot be compared to the free, healthy life enjoyed by the country people.

"The spirit of healthy rivalry between the various communities is a splendid sign. Every State, city, country and district claims to have the finest crop, the best wool, sheep or cattle, or to be the neatest, cleanest or beautiful place in Australia. All these claims of the people have impressed me as indicating their love of Australia and their sturdy confidence in its future. Diggers certainly didn't overdo it when they sang praises of this same Dominion. I have found it to be a land of hope and glory, of possibilities and opportunities for all those willing to take the rough with the smooth. The slouch hats of the diggers were the best advertisement Australia ever had. It is a positive fact that prior to the Australian capture of Johannesburg, many folk regarded Australians as a coloured race speaking a foreign tongue. Several times while engaged on Australian work in Paris I have been approached by people of various nationalities from Americans up, and asked to which race these men in the diggers' hats belonged. "I am sorely disappointed not to have visited any of Australia's treacle mines or fruit factories, about which the boys often told me. Also I haven't yet seen any emu feathers growing on the kangaroos, although I have seen a time on horseback chased a 'roo through the bush."

Lost Sight

"I'm Dug" I belonged to the apathetic throng of Diggers who just drifted out of the R.S.L. without being able to give any precise reason. About 18 months ago I had reason to visit the home of a Digger who lost his sight in the late war. I gathered that he was having a tough spin trying to get the necessary to feed and clothe his wife and family — and the worry was getting him down. He looked years younger when I called again the other day, and on talking matters over with him I ascertained that the change was due to the persistent and successful efforts of the R.S.L. in obtaining for him and all blind Diggers, an increase in pension, thus enabling him to live in comparative comfort. I paid my ten bob to the local branch secretary the next day. — April 1922.

Butler Resigns

No previous occupant of the position of R.S.L. State Secretary has put such energy and enthusiasm into the job as Jim Butler during his short period of office. Jim has a distinct personality and takes hard knocks in the same spirit as he gives them. His Digger habit of speech appeals to the boys, and it is to be regretted that is none-too-robust constitution has made his resignation inevitable. Jim, however, will continue to serve returned men in his capacity as manager of the R.S.L. co-operative store. — April 1922.

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League Defence Body Sets Priorities

The newly formed R.S.L. Federal Executive Defence Committee met for the first time on March 9 and 10 at Canberra under the chairmanship of the W.A. State President (Mr. Lonnie).

The committee comprises the New Guinea Branch President (Mr. R. Bunting), the Victorian State President (Mr. C. McKay), the Federal President — (Sir George Holland) and Air Vice-Marshal Bladen.

Its task was to consolidate motions from the various State branches and to allocate an order of priority where this was felt to be necessary.

The committee stressed the necessity for the unification of railway gauges throughout Australia and the construction of strategic highways, and considered matters associated with the armed services.

It decided to approach the Commonwealth Government for information on the nature of any defence reductions contemplated.

On his return to Perth, Mr. Lonnie told the State executive that the Federal President had notified the Minister for Defence of the formation of the committee.

This had stemmed from a resolution of the Kojonup sub-branch about two years ago.

Closure of Railway Criticised

At the March meeting of the Karrijarra R.S.L. sub-branch strong objection was expressed at the proposed closure of the Lake Grace—Hyden railway.

It was said that many R.S.L. members would be affected by the closure.

Main item on the agenda for the April meeting was consideration of the terms of a lease relating to an area of land at McCann's Rock.

If the lease is acceptable, the sub-branch proposes to create a memorial park and picnic ground on the site.

The sub-branch is appealing to all residents of the district to attend its Anzac Day service to pause and think of those who laid down their lives for their country.

Roll-Up Of 70 For Manning

At least 70 people attended the Manning R.S.L. birth day social on March 9.

Festivities carried on until after midnight and all present appeared to have enjoyed the occasion.

During the evening the retiring president (Mr. J. Davies) introduced Messrs. W. Walters, W. Ferrier and Dr. K. W. Harris, of the State Executive.

Mr. Davies was presented with a Certificate of appreciation for his sterling work as foundation-president of the sub-branch.

The following officers were installed: President, Mr. R. C. Smith; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. R. Davies and G. Collopy; secretary, Mr. R. J. Doherty; assistant-secretary, Mr. E. Draper; treasurer, Mr. E. Evans; sportsmaster, Mr. L. Francis; assistant-stockman, Mr. R. Tucker; committees, Messrs. G. Turner, R. McDonald, R. J. Cooper, and Dawson.

Fortunately some of the members of the sub-branch revealed unexpected talents, and — Syd Stonehouse (drums), Bob James (piano) and Jack Luft (trombone) — combined to an excellent orchestra to provide music for the dancing and harmony.
Legacy Seeks Closer Liaison On Amelioration Work

With the permission of the State Executive each R.S.L. sub-branch is being approached with a view to a closer liaison between the R.S.L. and Perth Legacy regarding valuable work of amelioration in respect of the dependants of a deceased ex-serviceman.

The aim is to ensure that Legacy obtains advice on all details of ex-servicemen who served overseas or had equipment and enable it to get in early touch with widows and families.

It is believed that there may be some families already eligible for Legacy benefits who may have been missed.

Legacy is to have the final decision as to eligibility of such claims.

Enclosed please find a few notes concerning Legacy and the eligibility of families for enrolment. Sub-branches are being requested to appoint a liaison officer with Legacy, and to notify it of the officer appointed.

Legacy is also prepared to arrange for visits to sub-branches by its members on the scope of work it carries on.

The object of Legacy in this move is the mental, moral and physical welfare of children and widows of deceased service men.

Legacy serves in all major cities and country districts throughout Australia with 45 clubs and groups in contact with numbers only sufficient to cope with the work occurring at any particular period. Members are drawn from all professions, trades and walks of life and six are required as a basic principle to undertake various duties for up to four families, are expected to visit families regularly, and provide guidance, advice and as may be necessary. Members are also expected to undertake other duties as required.

The only qualification required for acceptance of a family by Legacy is that the deceased service man should have been an Allied service man who took part in defined operational areas. This includes the auxiliary services such as merchant seamen, Red Cross, and all that Legacy requires is reasonable proof of the service claimed.

At present about 40 per cent of Legacy cases have not been accepted for Re-patriation benefits, and this depends on the circumstances in which the widows left the service man can be, under present conditions, elements of tragedy. In such circumstances, the service man and aid is necessary to the widow and children until the children become self-supporting.

In this direction Legacy work is a direct relief to many families. A current worry is the shortage of Torchbearers for Legacy is an associated organisation which in 1984 undertook the responsibility of raising the funds required by Legacy. Torchbearers are a group of people who have faith in Legacy and who organise and undertake considerable activities with the intention of raising funds. Their objective is to raise $20,000 each year.

Legacy is appreciative that sub-branches invariably make an annual donation to Legacy. It seeks immediate notification of any family which might appear in need, or be entitled to Legacy assistance, and also support for the activities of Torchbearers in fund-raising.

League Gives Support To War-orphans Fund

Since April 1 last year 100 R.S.L. sub-branches have donated a total of £740 to Legacy's 1956-57 War Orphans appeal.

This has been reported by Torch Bearers for Legacy. The TorchBearers have in individually thanked each sub-branch and also expressed sincere gratitude to the League for the help and support received.

The League contribution has played a very considerable part in the keeping alive of the spirit which actuates Legacy and which enables funds to be raised for this worthwhile cause as is regarded as a matter for deep and serious consideration by all thoughtful men.

32nd Battalion (1st A.I.F.) Association

Members of the old 32nd will be pleased to hear that two of their old South Australian mates are coming over to march with them on Anzac Day. They are Jack Allan and Cyril Lavery. They will arrive by train on Monday April 22, and will be here until May 5, and a good programme has been mapped out for their entertain ment.

While here they would like to meet as many of the old Tovey's Chicks as possible, so roll up on Anzac Day and meet them. R. A. Geddes, President.
Auxiliary Raises Funds For War Veterans

The proceeds of a monster bridge and rummy evening conducted by the R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliary in the Anzac House ballroom on April 11 have been earmarked as a donation to the Faversham War Veterans’ Home.

The admission charge was 10/- a table and the auxiliary called on all its metropolitan sub-branches for support.

Here is the latest list of donations to the various funds administered by the auxiliary:

Northampton: £20 Xmas Cheer.
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Cootamundra: £25 Xmas Cheer.
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OFFICIAL VISITS

Official visits on behalf of the R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliary for the month of March were as follows:

March 7: State President and Secretary attended N.E. Fremantle general meeting.

March 14: State President guest of Carnamah—at auxiliary dinner and social evening.

March 17: State President, Secretary and Mrs. Cottrell travelled to Mandurah and attended ex-service men’s dinner; also travelled to Mandurah and attended ex-service men’s dinner.

March 21: State President, Secretary and Auxiliary attended social evening at Mrs. Stockland and attended ex-service men’s dinner in Carnamah.

March 24: Mrs. Stockland and Miss Hamley visited ex-service men’s dinner in Carnamah.

March 27: State President attended Riverton general meeting.

March 29: State President attended a meeting convened by the Armadale sub-branch, and officially opened the R.S.L. women’s auxiliary.

March 30: Mrs. Stockland and Miss Hamley attended Riverton presentation of swimming trophies.

Good Dispatch Of Business

Business at the monthly meetings of the Octavius Park sub-branch has been dispatched at an early hour lately, so that the sports roamer (Mr. Fred Lowick) has had plenty to do.

He is bent on producing a team to enter the games this year.

Two new men have been welcomed—Mr. Len Townsend, who was a reliable and loyal sub-branch member who made no mistakes, and Mr. Airth, who was a loyal sub-branch member who made no mistakes.

At present the being organised is the annual picture picture contest, and the children’s members plus those from the Deaf and Dumb School and the Salvation Army home.

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ANZAC CLUB NOTES

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Doug Dargie

From the number of active League members who are not aware that the Ladies' Lunches on the roof garden where open each Saturday evening it is evident that those who have not received sufficient publicity. The attendances to date have been quite satisfactory, with everyone enjoying themselves thoroughly. However, the area available for parties is quite extensive and there is room for twice the number. So if you have a birthday shortly in your group of friends do not spoil your lounge room at home; bring the party along to the roof garden where, for no cover-charge, you can dance to the perfect rhythm of Bill Carlton and Charles Williamson’s orchestra, with liquid refreshments up to 11 p.m. Each party must be accompanied by an active member of the League. If you have any friends who are eligible to join the R.S.L.—but just have not bothered in the past—bring them along tomorrow night and show them what is available for a financial member of our organisation.

The club committee is ever mindful of improvements to the roof garden dance floor, but believes that until final plans have been made for the whole re-building programme it would be foolish to spend any money at this stage. However, final plans are nearer than many people think.

During February Mrs. Ted Patterson and friends celebrated her husband’s birthday day with a party on the roof. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Conway, Mr. and Mrs. Kershaw, Mr. and Mrs. Coltart, Mr. and Mrs. Shah, Mr. and Mrs. Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Kerrigan.

Club committee-man Neil Cott also celebrated something-or-other with a party of 16.

Darts: March saw the formation of a very much rejuvenated Anzac Darts Club. You can expect these boys to really go places, so watch their progress with interest through the columns.

Harry Slater is anxious to have three full teams as early as possible, and any potential members should contact the secretary (Mr. J. A. Butterfield, B.A-483), or place their name on the list at Anzac Club. The subscription fee for players is £2/6/d and for social members £7/6/d.

Do you club down with a Social member if you do not pride yourself in having a good enough shot? New equipment has been installed so that facilities are now first-class. There will be play each Tuesday evening until Easter, and from then on every Thursday evening. The first competitive round was held on Tuesday, April 16; the second, was scheduled for Tuesday, April 23.

Bridge and Bowls: Old Diggers who are at a loss to know what to do with themselves some days should come up to the club and enjoy a four of bridge or a game of bowls.

Billiards and Snooker: Players were to meet on April 11 to appoint a selection committee and Captain for 1957.

Country Members: Country members can save the cost of running expenses to Perth by purchasing their liquid refreshments at Anzac House. Case lots are available at 29/- per dozen, so contact the club without fail next time you are in Perth.

Visitors: Among visitors at Anzac House over the past few weeks were Messrs. Bert Sykes of Koninlin, W. H. Edward of Coorow, W. R. Newton of Bruce Rock, and J. and D. Davies and D. Soulie of Meekin.

Interstate visitors included E. H. Rudland of South Australia, J. L. Warden of Port Pirie, James Reed of Kurri Kurri (N.S.W.), B. Reynor of Victoria, P. D. Beard of Melbourne, J. J. Smith of Caulfield, A. J. McGann of Victoria and Pat Byrne of Crystal Brook (South Australia).

Happy to have seen you home boy, you had a good time telling others; if not, tell the club committee.

We were particularly pleased to welcome on Saturday, March 31, visiting naval men from the H.M.A.S. Melbourne and H.M.A.S. Warramunga.

The club stewart, Merv Murphy, resigned during March to open a handy-foods business on his own account.

Cricket—Final Win For Mt. Hawthorn Team

After several years as runner-up the Mt. Hawthorn R.S.L. sub-branch cricket team has reversed its fortunes by winning this year’s final at Henderson Park on March 24.

Under the able leadership of Ern Cooley, it won six of the nine matches played this season.

In the final South Perth battled bravely and were all out for 111.

In Mt. Hawthorn’s innings Ernie Cooley hit a century, Mr.“Koko” Morris ran with four wickets in hand and an hour to go. An invaluable innings came from Harold Jenkins and a stand by Ray Stockman and John Welling of 43 runs on the board.

The ladies also made a big contribution to the success of the day, not only dispensing a beautifully prepared lunch for the players but also preparing a beautiful spread for the celebration that night.

Members are now turning their thoughts to emulating their prowess across the ground in the new one-day games, at the annual general on March 7, Mr. Fred Williams was elected president. A meeting of the sub-branch and Mr. Ern Cooley secretary.

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10th Light Horse Association Notes

Members are reminded that our usual Anzac Eve ‘get-together’ will be held this year at Whitley Hall, Hay-street East (near the Royal Mint). Roll up here at 8 p.m. and meet your cobbers. Please do not confuse this with Anzac Day itself.

Don’t forget Dawn Service at 5.40 a.m. on April 25, or the main parade at 9.30 o’clock in the Terrance. Make these parades worthwhile, as you did last year.

Word has been received that our Anzac Memorial in Port Said was thrown from its base, and headstones in Port Said and Suez cemeteries destroyed to the extent of 2,000 by Nasser’s citizens.

Repairs to our own gun trophy in King’s Park, which was also the scene of some of our own anti-Naval-shin, were carried out by one of the crew of a Nazeri unknown citizen at his own expense in his own time and with his own power spray. He made a superb job of the job. His feelings are quite understandable.

Please return all medals to the Royal Australian Returned and Services League, 80 Hall Street, Perth.

16th Battalion Association Notes

The president (Mr. W. Waterman) presided over a good attendance and a fine atmosphere at the monthly meeting of the 16th Battalion Association.

Arrangements for the Anzac Day parade were made in the lines of previous years.

After the march members and officers meet at Railway Institute.

A letter was received from Laurie (‘Pat’) McCarthy notifying the committee of the death of Capt. Ahearn, MC, DSO, at Morwell, Victoria.

An original battalion man, Capt. Ahearn, rose from the ranks and was very popular with all ranks.

The president earnestly requests all members to take part in a ceremony in King’s Park, on April 25, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Gallipoli.

Members of the 2nd 16th and Cameron Highlanders will attend in force, and an address will be given by the president of the 16th Battalion Association.

Mr. Reg Albery will lay the association’s wreath at the Anzac Day memorial on April 25, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Gallipoli.

Mr. J. H. Watson, of Kalgoorlie, sent a large framed photograph of Major Percy Black to the association. It will be decided at future committee meeting where the picture will go.

A pleasant little party farewell was held on April 25, in the Park teetarooms on March 6. The death of J. P. Shadforth, of Pingelly, on February 2, was reported.
MANY “MEATY” MATTERS DISCUSSED AT PINJARRA CONFERENCE

Many “meaty” matters came up for discussion at the R.S.L. regional conference at Pinjarra on March 2.

The sub-branches represented at the conference were Murray, Busselton, Waroona-Hamel, Mundijong, Armadale, Coolup, Boddington, Balingup, North Dandalup, Keysbrook, Mandurah, and Yarloop.

The State Executive was represented by the State President (Mr. Lonnie), Mr. E. O. Davies (a vice-president), Miss M. Meares and Messrs. S. A. McNamara, D. Gordon, J. Mendrik, E. A. Dodd, and E. McLeod. Mr. Lonnie presided.

Land Policy

Called on to address the meeting on land matters, Mr. Davies (the chairman of the Land Committee) outlined the broad aspect of Policy as concerning with war-service land settlement.

Mr. Davies said the committee was at times prepared to help the settlers with their problems.

Compare the 500 men settled after World War I, he said, 900 had all returned within two years and another 700 applications remained to be dealt with.

Any complaints or requests for assistance should be directed to the sub-branch concerned, he said.

That was a matter of League policy. As well, the reserve should be improved into local and suit it in a proper form before submission to League headquarters.

The prior check by the sub-branch was important.

Referring to the Royal Commission on land settlement, Mr. Davies said the League was recognised as a spokesman for ex-servicemen.

A resume of the plans for Anzac Day in the Anzac House was given by Mr. George Gordon.

Trust Funds

Mr. McNamara spoke of the trust funds available to assist ex-servicemen.

The Aged Sailors and Soldiers Fund, the Canteen Trust Fund and the R.S.L. Relief Fund.

He explained that the Aged Sailors and Soldiers Fund was available only for the relief of persons of 60 years and over.

The Canteen fund provided educational and welfare funds.

The League was a body of about 1,500 members and it was a matter of raising 200,000 a year.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Curtin, was over 500 a year.

Anzac Day and each year about 1,500 and the deficit last year was about 700.

Moreover, the source that would have made good that deficit had now been removed.

Mr. Lonnie also explained a proposal for expanding Anzac House on the present site.

Queen’s Nursing Sister Served In Perth

Col. E. J. Bowe, Matron-in-Chief of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps, who was recently appointed Honorary Nursing Sister to the Queen, served as sister-tutor at the Royal Perth Hospital for two and a half years before her call-up for military service in World War II.

Born at Maldon, Victoria, Matron Bowe has had a distinciting military and civil nursing career. In the Australian Army Nursing Service, she served in England in the middle East, Moro, Borneo, and Sea Transport and on the mainland of Australia.

Her successful appointments were Sister Sister of the 2,100-bed Australian General Hospital, Staff of the 2nd Australian General Hospital, Deputy Matron-in-Chief at Melbourne, Senior Nursing Matron at Advanced Land Base Hospital, and then for four years on the 2,000-bed Military Base Hospital at Heidelberg, Victoria.

When she was placed on the Reserve of Officers in 1943, she was with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, she went to England for postgraduate training and later that year she became Chief Nurse for the International Refugee Organisation in London.

On return to Australia in 1950, Matron Bowe was appointed Matron of the Australian Hospital, Heidelberg, Victoria. The following year, she joined the Australian Army Nursing Corps as Deputy Matron-in-Chief, Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps, and in 1952 was promoted to Matron-in-Chief in the rank of honorary Colonel.

Matron Bowe became an officer of the Order of the British Empire in 1945, received the U.S. Bronze Star medal the same year, became a member of the R.R.C. in January 1953, and holds the Florence Nightingale Medal, Collie.

The R.S.L. Relief Fund was for urgent and immediate assistance.

Mr. McNamara said that all applications for relief must be made through the appropriate sub-branch, which should check statements submitted.

Elaborating on this point the State President said that where possible local amelioration funds should be used before application was made to headquarters.

He stressed also, that gifted children of ex-servicemen could get assistance from the Canteen fund for extended education.

Paversham

An account of the 38 veterans in residence at Paversham Station was given by Miss Meares, who urged delegates to persuade their members to visit the home as opportunity offered.

Memorial services were dealt with by Mr. Dodd.

What It Costs

Mr. Lonnie said the League had not been a wealthy organisation. It was various organisations of the land and there were no un-touchable for general accounts.

The League, he said, was losing 6d. a head on its club, and yet the club members only paid £2 a year.

Anzac Day and Congress each cost about £50 and the deficit last year was about £700.

Moreover, the source that would have made good that deficit had now been removed.

Mr. Lonnie also explained a proposal for expanding Anzac House on the present site.

Reunion at Boyanup Once More

The Boyanup R.S.L. sub-branch held its first reunion dinner since 1953 on March 16 in the Boyanup Hotel.

The hall was strikingly decorated for the occasion and the tables were laden with food.


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Sub-branch Enrolment Contest Is Keen

South Perth R.S.I. sub-branch members are vying keenly with each other for the honour of winning the president's trophy for enrolling most new members this financial year.

For the purpose of the competition recruits who have not been financial members since 1955 will be regarded as new members.

The sub-branch will be conducting itsray service as usual at the South Perth War Memorial at the corner of Arndell-street and Labouchere-road at 7.30 a.m.

Boy Scouts will again observe an all-night vigil at the memorial and may be inspected by any member of the sub-branch during their night of duty.

At a recent sub-branch function the president (Mr. C. Sangster) was presented with a cheque for £30 for the building fund by the women's auxiliary president (Mrs. Cullen).

The sub-branch hopes to make a start with its new building this year and has a carnival in mind for boosting the funds.

At the first round of the Sydney Lambert Cup games in the Swan-street Hall on 14 South Perth members were hosts to the other three competing sub-branches. A very friendly spirit prevailed and the evening resulted in a win for Manners from Cooloong and Kensington. The only event contested by the host was the rifle shooting, which they won.

The inter-sub-branch competitions were a great success and the sub-branch sportsmaster (Mr. Len James) has been incorporated on the manner in which they were conducted.

The President's Trophy (for the highest aggregate of points in the combined series) was won by Mr. W. Joll. Other winners were: Quota, Mr. Ben F Road, rifle shooting, Mr. R. W. Lewin, darts, Mr. F. Haynes, table tennis, Mr. Dave Purse; bowls, Mr. Bernie Horpwood.

The South Perth R.S.I. cricket team has reached the finals this year again. The sub-branch regrets the passing of an old member - the late Mr. Linfoot of Salisbury-street, South Perth.

The executive is pleased that four-fifths of last year's members have renewed their subscriptions and is hoping that a little tactful pressure will be brought to bear on those who have failed to do so.

If there are any unexpected cases of Diggers having grudges of one kind or another the secretary (Mr. W. B. Ferrier, of 14 Hope avenue, Manning) would be pleased to hear of them.

Messrs. J. Mason, P. Stone and Major McKinlay have been named as the sub-branch representatives for the League State Dinner at Anzac House on Anzac Eve (April 24).

Sub-Branch Appointments

Confirmed in office by the R.S.I. State Executive recently were the following sub-branch officials:

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Nedlands v Claremont.
W. Leederville v Victoria Park.
Nedlands v Subiaco.

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Victoria Park v Nedlands.
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4th Round (to be completed by July 2).
Clayton Park v Southbridge.
Mt. Hawthorn v W. Leederville.
Darling Range v Cottesloe.
Swarang v Clay Park.

5th Round (to be completed by July 16).
Clayton Park v W. Leederville.
Mt. Hawthorn v Northbridge.

6th Round (to be completed by August 6).
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7th Round (to be completed by August 20).
Mt. Hawthorn v Cottesloe.
Cottesloe v Nedlands.

8th Round (to be completed by September 3).
Nedlands v Mt. Hawthorn.
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When unveiling the Ku-kerin War Memorial on Saturday, April 8, the R.S.L. State President (Mr. Lon- nle) was fulfilling an under-taking he gave to members of the sub-branch last year.

The undertaking was to be present at the opening of the memorial on Saturday, it was completed before Anzac Day this year. The President was unveiled at sundown and about 200 people attended the func-tion.

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Shaddick, J. F., 16th Bn., Pinjelly.
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Vale, Robert Christie!

Members of the 51st Battalion A.I.F. will regret to learn of the passing of Robert Christie, who commanded the battalion from 1917 to 1920 and who was one of the originals of the unit.

Members of the 51st Battalion A.I.F. (1914-1918) will for some time be conscious of a silent presence in their midst, and of a strong bond of association between themselves and the 51st Battalion. The late Robert Christie, who was one of the pioneers of the 51st Battalion, has passed to the eternal rest, and is remembered with affection and respect by all who knew him.

Back in Australia he was one of the first to join the R.A.A.F. at Kalgoorlie, but was later transferred to the 51st Battalion and served in an administrative capacity, retiring about 10 years ago with the rank of Air-Commodore.

He was a member of the Wide Bay and Burnett district R.S.L. and was district president for many years. In recognition of his services to the League he was recently made a life member of the Queensland branch.

The cross commemorates the famous counter-attack in France on Anzac Day, 1915, when Bob led the battalion.

Name change: The R.S.L. State Executive has adopted a name change recommendation by its membership committee that the name of the South Perth sub-branch should be changed to Rivervale sub-branch.
A Cricket Test At Bellevue

By a margin of 11 runs victory went to the members of the Bedford-Morley Park R.S.L. Servicemen's Club in their challenge match with the representatives of the Army. Betting first the members compiled 170 runs, G. Martin scoring with 55 runs which included five fours, while six came from H. Seaton. Of the 159 runs made by the committee Collin Mead knocked 71 including nine fours (top score for the day) before being run out. J. Rolfe's score of 31 was described as "not bad for a man getting on in years." After the match club members were served with refreshments at the home ground by Mr. and Mrs. T. Curney.

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Sub-Branch Founder Passes

Mr. P. J. (Jim) Arkell, 16th Bn. founder of the Milling-Bind-Blind R.S.L., sub-branch, passed away on February 5.

Mr. Arkell had been a financial member since the inception of the League in 1945 and he founded the sub-branch and became its first president, holding that office until the end of 1953.

He was also well known as an ex-country vice-president and was one of the founders of the No. 19 District Committee.

The success of the annual reunions could be largely attributed to his efforts and zeal.

Mr. Arkell was congratulated on his success by the League for many years. In 1953, Mr. Arkell gave up his active part in League affairs but remained as a staunch member as ever. He will be missed by members of his sub-branch.

Collie President Sees Progress In Struggle

Although some difficulties have been experienced in reviving interest in the Collie R.S.L. sub-branch during the past two years some progress has been made and the sub-branch is now on a better footing.

This was said at the annual meeting of the Collie sub-branch recently by the president, Mr. W. Hipkins.

"It has been a long grind, but we are getting somewhere," Mr. Hipkins said. He predicted success for the sub-branch.

The celebration was not so well attended as usual but was voted a great success.

Several members of the Collie sub-branch were present.

The State Executive was represented by Mr. W. Walters, who conveyed greetings from the State President.

Mr. Walters referred to the R.S.L. as the "most exclusive club." But every returned man was entitled to membership and to the comradeship conferred, he said.

Ex-service Women's Meeting

Twenty-eight members were present at the annual general meeting of the Returned Servicewomen's sub-branch in the Returned Soldiers' Bungalow recently.

Miss Perry outlined the activities of the sub-branch during the past year.

A very successful fete was held and with other activities over $300 was raised.

Members had taken part in the Anzac Day march and sold wreaths at various services at the War Memorial. Miss Perry was re-elected president, and Mrs. Lloyd vice-president. Miss T. Korby was elected as the secretary and Mrs. C. Smith as the treasurer.

Praise For Country Sub-Branch

The enthusiastic and progressivest character of the Women's Hills R.S.L. sub-branch augurs well for the future of the League in that district.

The State President (Mr. Lonnie) told its members this visit a great event.