Honours In Essay Contest
Go To Geraldton Girl

The best of over 800 essays in the League's Anzac Essay Competition this year was that submitted by Marylee Broadtrent (16) of Geraldton.

The competition was conducted in three sections: Primary, Sub-Junior and Sub-Leave.

Marylee Broadtrent was placed first in the Sub-Leaving section, with Elizabeth Stokes (15) and Maud Reen Lissnerman (16) — both of Perth — in the second and third placings respectively. Places in the other two sections were:

- Sub-Junior: J. van Boom (1), K. Anneau, 1; M. G. Gunn (14), Eastern Goldenfields; 2; Barbara Bowman (12), Perth, 3.
- Primary: Helen Smith (11), Perth; 1; Diane Pross (11), Perth, 2; Paula A. Edwards (12), Shackleton, 3.

The subject of the essay was: "What Anzac Day means to me."

Sponsored by the League as a means of drawing attention to the significance of the day, the competition was conducted in schools throughout the State. Each entry was required to be the unaided effort of the child or student submitting it.

The judges were Messrs. T. Edmondson (a former Director of Education), W. R. Anderson, C. R. Dobbins and C. W. Tyler. All have been inspected by the Education Department.

Mr. Edmondson has held office as State President of the League.

W.A. Innovations
Under Notice

The Festival of Remembrance and the Children's Anzac Eve Service at the State War Memorial, which were conducted in the W.A. branch of the League during the past year have raised interest in other States. The Tasmanian and South Australian branches have asked for details of the arrangements for the two functions.

New American Missile Loaders
Booked For Britain's Defences

An undisclosed number of guided-missile loaders, like that shown here, are being built in the United States for delivery to the British Government. They pick up, transport and erect the sleek "Corporal" radar-guided missiles, then ease them on to a launcher for firing.

—United Press telephoto.

LEAGUE RECEPTION TO PARAPLEGICS

At its last meeting the R.S.L. State Executive decided to hold a reception at Anzac House to the paraplegic basketball team which is leaving Western Australia by Qantas plane on July 17 to compete in the Paralympics (Olympics for paraplegics) in London later in the month.

Paraplegics are people paralysed from the waist down, and the basketball players among them of necessity play the game in wheelchairs — and very efficiently at that.

Nine players have been named for the team — F. Bonta, J. Walsh, R. E. Cockerill, A. Worthington, W. Mather-Brown, J. Bickie, J. Atkins, C. Campbell and S. O'Connell.

The team manager is Mr. J. Johnston, a physiotherapist at the Shenton Park anexe.

To finance the tour the sponsors have set themselves a goal of £5,000, and the number to participate will depend on the response to the appeal. Funds have been raised by members of the Jockeys' Association and the Breeders' Owners and Trainers' Association.

At the meeting Mr. H. A. Leslie, M.H.R., said he believed that ex-servicemen should be associated with the paraplegic organisation here, as was the case in England.

At Stoic, Mandeville (Eng.), he said, out of 1,000 men who went through over 2,000 were now in full-time employment.

The games were to be regarded more as a means of rehabilitating the men than as mere sport.

All but one member of the team (a New South Welshman) were West Australians. That was because until the present W.A. was the only State where there was a complete paraplegic unit operating.

Mr. Leslie said it was hoped to send a team from Australia to compete in the Paralympics annually in future.

[The Perth paraplegic unit was started in June, 1954, and it has given a fresh start in life to over 100 cripples.]


**Faversham Notes**

The total number of guests at present at the Faversham War Veterans' Home is 35, of whom four have been in hospital.

They are Messrs. C. F. Davis (R.G.H., Hollywood), J. W. Muntson (York District Hospital), A. Taylor (York District), and G. McDonald (R.F.H. Annexes, Shenton Park).

The following visits were made to the home during June:

- **Sunday, 2nd:** Members of the Moora sub-branch visited the home, bringing with them very acceptable donations from that centre.
- **Wednesday, 2nd:** Members of York sub-branch's auxiliary visited and entertained the guests to afternoon tea.

**Donations**

Donations received during the month are as follows:

- No. 1 District Committee: £9.9/9.
- Moora sub-branch, tobacco and cigarettes, £10.9/9.
- Mr. L. H. Kuhl, Moora, books.
- Mr. R. Taylor, Moora, books.
- Moora Hotel, lager.
- Commercial Hotel, Moora, lager.
- Melrose Store, Moora, lager.
- Wundowie R.S.L, sub-branch, about nine tons of wood.
- Mr. R. Morgan, Moora, £1/5.
- Bridgetown R.S.L, apples.
- Bridgetown Rotarians, apples.
- C. Roberts, York, books.
- Nth. Dandalup R.S.L, books.

**Chairman Injured**

It is regretted that the chairman of the Faversham Home sub-branch (Mr. S. Townshend) has not been able to prepare these notes due to the fact that he is confined to Hollywood Hospital as a result of a heavy fall which resulted in injuries to several ribs.

No doubt all League members will wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will be able to spend some time at the State Congress. The notes published here have been supplied by the superintendent of the Home, Mr. W. Lake, Balingup.

**Rail Traffic Figures**

(To The Editor)

Sir,—As a member of the R.S.L. I was astonished to read in your May issue a remark attributed to Mr. F. G. Hunter, M.R.C., in the report on rail closure protests, where he stated an examination of the statistics showed that traffic on the railways had dwindled over the years.

This is not so. The report of the Commissioner for the year ended June 30, 1956, shows the following:

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This shows an increase between 1953 and 1956 of 1,260,426 tons or about 39 per cent.

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This shows an increase of nearly 50 per cent.

On page 7 of their report, the Commissioners say in respect of the year ended June 30, 1956:

"Operating results reached new levels—the tonnage of goods and livestock increased by 9 per cent."

There has been an increase of 1:1 per cent.

"Haulage of wheat was better than expected and for the last two months it reached a scale not before experienced in the history of the railways."

I shall be obliged if you will publish this letter.

Yours, etc.,

C. G. Latham, M.L.C.
ANZAC ESSAY CONTEST

EARLY this year a sub-committee of the State Executive commenced to organize an essay competition for the young generation under the heading: "What Anzac Day Means To Me." Of course the object behind this effort was to interest the young folk in Anzac Day and to increase the information on this subject.

THE executive and all League members can be more than satisfied with the result, for over 800 essays were submitted and they came from all parts of the State. It was evident also that the sub-branches had been active, for many of the essays came under cover from the sub-branch secretary or president.

The judging of the essays was done by a team of four men who, until recently, were inspectors of schools for the Education Department.

There could be no doubt that the story of the landing at Gallipoli had been carefully studied by the majority of these children and quite a number of them confined their essay to that aspect, which was not quite what was required. Very few were able to expand the idea that Anzac Day commemorated not only the landing of the Anzacs, but also the wonderful traditions established by our men and women in other spheres — the second world war, in Korea and Malaya, and on the oceans.

The general standard of the essays was really good, and the final selection to choose the three best in each section was not an easy task. It is interesting to note that the best essay — in the Sub-Junior section was written by a New Australian, a Dutch boy who has been here four years.

This experiment by the League to encourage the young people to be interested and informed regarding Anzac Day has been a definite success and it may be wise to make it an annual activity.

Beach Hut Plan Given Board's Approval

The League's plan for the erection of beach cottages at Rockingham has been approved by the local road board.

This was reported at the last meeting of the State Executive by the chairman of the beach committee (Mr. H. Stanbury). Mr. Stanbury said the League was now in a position to proceed with the project at once if it so desired, and suggested that a start be made with the proposed erection block and two or three cottages. The estimated cost of each cottage was said to be about $495 for a single-unit structure and more for extra sleeping accommodation. Mr. Stanbury said the cottages, which were being developed by the Common Wealth Employees' Social Club, would be built in accordance with the plans of Mr. Stanbury. He said the question of the project was to be discussed at Congress.

Australia's Defence Policy

Broadly the defence policy of any country — and particularly of Australia — should be to prevent war breaking out and to cultivate the strongest possible friendships in case it does.

The Minister for External Affairs (Mr. R. G. Casey) said this in the Defence debate in the House of Representatives on May 12.

The Government had been endeavouring to implement that policy over the last six years, Mr. Casey said. It felt that its first responsibility was to strengthen Australia — by increasing population, by developing natural resources and all the rest.

Apart from strengthening Australia to the reasonable limits of its capability, the Government had attempted to link itself with strong political powers, and the ANZUS pact and the South-East Asia Treaty Organisation, which bound Australia to the strongest friends available.

The reorganisation of Australian defence, entailing an increase of the regular and non-regular defence forces, an increase in the number of national-service training and a corresponding increase of the reserves, was a step in that direction.

Under this proposal the Government was engaging in a certain degree of standardisation of Australian military and air equipment with that of the United States of America.

Mr. Casey said that the reason why Australia should be concerned about defence was that the world was divided into two blocs — the democracies and the Communist bloc. The latter was dedicated to the communing of the whole world. That aim had been repeated regularly by them over the last generation.

The Government believed it had to be prepared to meet the challenge in the interest of the Communists.

The second consideration was the complete redistribution of power in the world, Mr. Casey said. In that sphere — something like 60 per cent of the earth's surface — Australia and New Zealand were the only countries with a political and military organisation so altered as had Australia as a result of the last war.

Mr. Casey said that many of our friends were insufficiently appreciated by Australians.

The policy of defence was to strengthen Australia by a high degree of self-sufficiency, and it was desirable to have an important power to defend Australia against an expected potential enemy. But it was not intended to go to war within Australia.

Queensland Views on Defence

At its annual State Executive meeting at Brisbane the Queensland branch of the League made several deputations in relation to the defence of Australia.

The branch reaffirmed its belief in the defence of Australia in the face of the threat of War.

It expressed its support for the Government's opposition to the Indonesian Claims over Dutch West Indies.

It was agreed that there should be no limitation of bombs by any power, and that adequate safeguards should be made with the proposed abolition block and two or three cottages. The estimated cost of each cottage was said to be about $495 for a single-unit structure and more for extra sleeping accommodation. Mr. Stanbury said, was being developed by the Common Wealth Employees' Social Club. The question of the project was to be discussed at Congress.

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Boddington Gets a New Hall and Memorial

Saturday, June 15, was a day of double significance for Boddington, as it saw the opening of the new district hall and the unveiling of the local war memorial.

At the hall opening the R.S.L. State President (Mr. Lonnie) spoke of the importance of maintaining the spirit of co-operation existing between the local sub-branch and the Boddington, and called upon the sub-branch president to open the hall as most of the work had been done by R.S.L. members.

The memorial was unveiled by Mr. Lonnie, who first inspected the local war memorial.

The Fine ground services are planned for the memory of local women's auxiliary who has undertaken to keep the garden planted with flowers and shrubs.

References were made to the great assistance given by Mr. Stevens in the erection of the memorial.

Change of Name

Permission has been granted by the State Executive for the land sub-branch to adopt the name Graylands-Margaret River. It was incorrectly stated in the last issue of this journal that the sub-branch was formerly known by that name.
Borden Sets Example Of Fast Work

Something like a record for the State must have been set at Borden where, within 18 months of the formation of the R.S.L. sub-branch, the opening of the new sub-branch hall was conducted recently.

This young sub-branch, formed on October 7, 1955, has achieved the ambition of many older sub-branches in very quick time.

The well-equipped and attractive hall was officially opened in the presence of the State President (Mr. Lonnie), Mr. E. O. Davies (State Vice-President) and executive members Henwood and Dodd, and a large crowd of district people together with visitors from Tambellup, Broomehill and Katanning saw the new hall dedicated as a memorial to the fallen.

At the end of the dedication ceremony, two wreaths were placed at the foot of the half-masted flag, the first in memory of the fallen of the two world wars, and the second for the boys who fell in Malaya.

Cropping Venture

After two minutes' silence, Mr. E. Norrish, president of the sub-branch, gave a short address in which he said that the £200 hall had been financed largely as a result of cropping ventures and donations of cash and kind, for which he tendered the sub-branch's sincere thanks.

The chairman of the Gnowangerup Road Board (Mr. G. Wellard) complimented the sub-branch on the hall and on its initiative and the loyalty of its members and supporters.

Mr. Lonnie said the spirit of comradeship fostered among those who had served in two world wars was waxing rather than waning with the years. Cutward evidence twelve years after the close of the last war were to be seen in the new halls and memorials that were still going up.

It was very desirable that this comradeship and desire to serve one another be shown because Australians in the future would have to justify their rights to a rich and beautiful country.

"Make no mistake," Mr. Lonnie said, "Australia is the freest country in the world today. We cannot however just sit on it; we must prove our right to it.

The flag brought to the mustard at the conclusion of the Borden War Memorial opening ceremony.

In peace as we did in war.

To do less would be to fail those who have fallen, and invite envy to people to take it from us.

Australia would have to expand and consolidate at a pace hitherto unhought of.

Mr. Lonnie then called on the president (Mr. Norrish) and the secretary (Mr. Freezer) to unlock the door and let the visitors inspect the building.

The building, which has a brick front and open porch, is situated in the main street and cost £200 plus a great deal of voluntary work to complete. The timber and painted asbestos walls include a spacious main hall and well-equipped kitchen. The interior walls are painted in two tones of pastel shades.

Adjoining the building, the sub-branch has erected a room in which the local doctor will use as his surgery when he visits Borden.

A children's playground at the rear of the hall is also to be equipped, and plans are in hand to add a billiard room for the use of all members.

Gnowangerup Dinner Sees Over 100 At Table

Well over 100 men were seated at the Gnowangerup sub-branch's annual reunion dinner recently.

The women's auxiliary received great praise for its part in a very fine spread.

As Mr. Sam Stewart, in toasting the auxiliary, put it, they deserved all the praise possible not only for their efforts that night but also for the past 30 years.

The State Executive was represented by the State President (Mr. Lonnie), Mr. E. D. Davies, Mr. Harwood and Mr. Dodd. These gentlemen left the impression that the R.S.L. movement was still a very active and growing force in the nation with a vital role to play.

In a fast changing world scene, Mr. Lonnie said, the R.S.L. must use its influence to ensure the adequate defence of Australia. He quoted the break of gauges on the east-west railway. We were living on borrowed time while such bad strategy obtained. The R.S.L. was also not happy about the present national training set-up.

Visiting sub-branches represented at the dinner included Katanning, Tambellup, Nyabing, Borden, Ongerup and Broomehill.
• Best essay in the senior section of the 1957 ANZAC Essay contest.

WHAT ANZAC DAY MEANS TO ME

By MARYLEE BROADBENT

As the sun rose slowly over the purple hills in the distance and the sky became suffused with a red-dish glow, the dim shape of the monument began to take on a definite outline. Thousands of eyes turned with mine upon this one object, the symbol of a great sacrifice, and many were glazed with tears as they remembered the first time I had ever attended the annual service at Kings Park, Perth, and the experience remains foremost in my mind when I pause to remember the Anzacs.

As the true, clear notes of the bugle rang out solemnly in the still air, in the Last Post and then in the two minutes solemn silence which followed, my mind wandered back to a misty morning on April 25, 1915, when a small force of Australian, New Zealand and British forces, unprepared for a vigorously up a shingled beach under punishment by machine-gun fire of the enemy. Though desperate courage they succeeded in gaining a position at the tip of the Gallipoli Peninsula. Although the Anzacs, after enduring several months of unbelievable privation and hardship, were forced to withdraw, they had found a nation upon which hope, courage, endurance and ability to purchase freedom for their country. It was love, love of freedom, love of country, and love of home and family which prompted them to bury down their lives. Every Anzac Day we are reminded of their love and devotion,

Vandalism

At its Worst

"One of the worst acts of vandalism I can imagine, and completely foreign to the slightest sense of ethics or responsibility."

This is the view of the R.S.L. State President (Mr. Lonnie) described desecration of the War Memorial first reported early on Monday June 17. Red paint had been used to smear swastikas and crudely lettered slogans on the memorial. One slogan ran: "We want work."

Pointing out that the memorial honours Australians dead of two world wars and was to be regarded as absolutely sacred, Mr. Lonnie said he would have to be caught in the shoes of any request from the public to be the act by an ex-service man.

Members of the Highgate sub-branch, which has the war memorial service, declared that the war memorial this year was to work to remove the paint but were not entirely successful. Traces of colour remained visible on the parts of the stone-work. Inquiries were opened by the Perth C.I.B.

Where Is He?

Mr. Charles Symon, of 5 Rosehill Avenue, formerly of the Gordon High School, now in the Australian National Defence Force and purchased a War Service trophy and purchased a War Service trophy, has been engaged in the Intelligence Office of an Australian battalion captured in Greece, and who was a prisoner of war in Germany with him.

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ANZAC CLUB NOTES

Donations received by the club for a motorised wheelchair to be presented to a legless Digger amount to £900.

A further £50 is required and sub-branches are urged to support this appeal by sending a contribution right away to the club manager.

In addition to many generous donations made by members and visitors to the club by way of the collection bottle on the bar counter, cheques have been received from the following:

- The R.A. Women’s Auxiliary VIC: 1st sub-branch (5/5); 2nd sub-branch (6/5);
- Northern N.S.W.;
- Illawarra;
- Illawarra (2/21);
- 11th-2/12 Illawarra Association (5/6);
- Highgate sub-branch £10/10/0.

A wonderful effort by the club and we are deeply grateful to all who have been so generous.

Any money received in excess of the required amount will be spent in purchasing clothes (from the R.S.L. store) for the recipients.

Visitors: Naval men from the visiting U.S. Fleet were entertained at the club during their stay.

Among others who signed the Visitors’ Book were Messrs. G.G. Spence and J.A. Milward, Illawarra, Collie, B.K. McKenzie (Midland Junction), L. Ross (Melbourne), W. Dunstan (Adelaide), A. J. White, J.A. Dunstan, K. Reid, G. Adair, C. Toms (Perth), C. Raphael, of South Australia, A. Carlier (Collie), W. Raymond, and R.A.N. boys from the Quick match.

On his way home to N.S.W. C. Ward called and gave an account of his sightseeing visit to South Africa, where he visited such places as Victoria Falls and the Kruger National Park.

A very pleasant welcome awaits all League members, and whenever in Perth make it a point of dropping in for a friendly chat. This applies particularly to country members who don’t always have the purchase that odd case or two to help defray expenses.

Saturday evening shows on the Roof Garden continue to be popular and should improve considerably when the building programme is authorised to go ahead. If you have not enjoyed these social facilities it is time you did.

Remember, tables can be reserved simply by phoning the club within a reasonable time of the due date. Don’t wait until the last minute, particularly as several new players have joined the team.

Doug Dargie

It is regretted that the club committee found it necessary to suspend member for 12 months for serious violation of the rules.

The members are warned not to lend a badge to an unqualified person for the purpose of using the club facilities for hours which will be tolerated.

Billiards and Snooker. In the current weekly competition the Anzac Club lies second to the Freemasons Club.

In the snooker competition Civil Service, Perth, leads from Commerical, Fremantle.

Darts. A very complimentary letter has been received by the Anzac Club from the West Australian Darts Association congratulating the club for the hospitality extended to players who met on our roof for the grand final of the Swan Brewery Shield.

It is very gratifying to receive a compliment now and again, when fewer seem to delight in criticising anything, or in pointing out everything being done solely for their benefit.

Recent defeats of the Anzac team serve to remind us that both sides will be included from the final four.

However, B-grade "strongly defending" fifth position on the premiership table 11 points behind the leader. B-grade, despite the loss of its popular captain Jack Pratt, has shown remarkable form in recent weeks, particularly as several new players have joined the team.

Jack Pratt has left the club temporarily and his absence at this vital stage will be keenly felt. However, Dave Lyall and Bill Britten have shown strong form and have saved an outright defeat by winning the last game for the club.

B-grade’s 6-1 victory over East Perth on June 13 was a truly grand performance. Credit must go to the Rees playing an injured wrist—that has proven strong in defence and has saved the club from a much higher on the points table.

Doubles and singles’ championships are now being conducted by the W.A. Darts Association and the club has several players in the competition. Anyone interested in seeing an excellent night’s darts should contact our secretary (John Butterfield) at 301 North Street, Scarborough.

Rumour has it that some opposition to the special lighting is being experienced and it is hoped the executive committee can see its way to accommodate the difficulty. The club, because of the generosity of the League in making the rooms available, has proved a popular rendezvous on a Thursday night.

The club intends holding a social evening every second Friday with darts, table tennis, darts, cards and other games forming the agenda. Ladies and other guests are to be invited, and we are confident the evening will prove successful.

A.R.M.S. Games—position of teams at June 29

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Minister Reviews Past Year Of War-service Land Settlement

The War Service Land Settlement Scheme over the last 12 months has seen the largest seeding programme in its history brought to a successful conclusion.

The Acting-Minister for Lands (Mr. Kelly) said that in a recent summary of the progress of the scheme during the year.

During the last 12 months, he said, the development by partly-improved purchased holdings had progressed, and development had been concentrated upon virgin light lands, principally along the south coast and on the coastal areas north of Perth.

The mechanical techniques for handling that type of country were now well recognised, and recent advances in such aspects as fertilisation, inoculation, depth of seeding, and varieties of plants, had been adopted with very beneficial results.

Mr. Kelly said that the principal work, which has probably finalised development for war-service land settlement, was on projects known as Gaiford River (south-east of Ongerup) of 55 farms, Defence of 55 farms, and Ernabella (west of Coorow) of 56 farms.

The programme this year had called for the preparation of 134,000 acres of land for seeding down to pasture and crops—probably the largest seeding project undertaken by any authority in Australia, and the culmination of at least two years' planning.

The methods adopted provided for channelling prior to burning (to remove harsh vegetation), ploughing for fallow sufficiently deep to remove roots, and a satisfactory re-working prior to seeding. Their effectiveness had been indicated already by the good germination and subsequent growth of pasture on these areas.

In addition, during the year, 88,000 acres of new land had been carried out—17,000 acres of it in the forest country between Delhi and Denmark. A further 62,000 acres of previously established pasture had been top-dressed, and the area ploughed.

The Mr. Kelly said that in addition to the land-development programme the Land Settlement Board also had arranged for the building of 138 dams, 47 successful bores, 34 dwelling houses, machinery sheds, and 66 miles of fencing during the year.

The use of the Hi-Ball method of clearing in forested country—introduced into Australia in 1958, as a result of experiments by the board—had resulted in considerable saving in costs. Some 75,000 acres had been put down in the Rocky ranges and Marly Peaks area by this method, and the saving in costs compared with the then orthodox method of pushing down trees individually was estimated to be at least £20,000.

There was little doubt said Mr. Kelly, that the activities of the Land Settlement Board—probably would be concluded in the next year or so—had been an important influence not only in enabling applicants under the scheme to obtain properties, but in stimulating an interest in the development of the lighter lands of the State by private enterprise, which hopefully would contribute to the prosperity of the community as development was consolidated.

Sub-Branch Appointments

Sub-branch appointments confirmed by the R.S.L. State Executive at recent meetings are as follows:

Sub-Branch President Secretary
Bridgetown H. S. Walker F. Tate
Bullfinch H. W. Anderson G. A. Gled
Coolup T. H. Cox F. H. Welsh
Cardiff J. W. Byas T. J. Gronow
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Graylands/Mt. Claremont F. H. Aldridge E. H. V. Butt
Pilbara J. W. Byas T. J. Gronow
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Rivervale J. W. Byas T. J. Gronow
Swan View-Greenmount J. W. Byas T. J. Gronow
Wundowie J. W. Byas T. J. Gronow

Raffle Again At Kenwick

The Kenwick/Ly bourn sub-branch has received permission to run its annual raffle again this year.

The prizes include a portable radio, a wall-tile calendar, a guinea pig with a total value of about £40.

Bridge has arranged for morning tea on every Friday (and alternate Saturday) night this month.

The sub-branch ladies' night is scheduled for July 26 and the committee working to make the occasion a memorable one.

What Will Happen Now?

"What's this rumour going about that the State President is no longer a member of the C.M.F.," Mr. Holder asked at the July 3 meeting of the Executive.

"Quite true—as from midnight on Saturday," replied Mr. Lonnie from the chair.

Mr. Hillier: Well, it seems that you are going to have more time to devote to the affairs of the League.

Mr. Lonnie: I am wondering if we are going to have to run.

Mr. Hillier: The point of this somehow what obligation is that despite a fulltime job in the Public Service, with a top Civil Defence connection at the present time and this C.M.F. and other activities Mr. Lonnie has set a standard of devotion to League affairs that has been exceeding not only to himself but to executive members generally.

Longtime Col. Lonnie saw active service in World War II in the Middle East and in the Islands with the 2/43 Battalion, has been a serving officer with the City of Perth Regiment (1/44th in 1948 and its C.O. for Battalion) since its formation last three years.

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District Committee Meeting In South

A meeting of the No. 3 District Committee of the League was held at Lake Grace on Saturday, June 22.

Sub-branches represented at the meeting were Dumbler, Lake Grace, Picup, Newbarn, Nyabing and Wickepin.

Ker.neess was reflected by the considerable distances travelled by some delegates to be present. In one case over 70 miles on roads not improved by the recent rains.

The opening remarks of the chairman of the committee (Mr. T. O. Giblett, of Kukerin) were supported by Mr. Chris Keasley, Country Vice-President, and by one of those responsible for the formation of the committee.

Rail Cuts

Among the matters discussed was the question of railway lines, which directly affect many of the sub-branches represented on the committee.

Referring to the feeling on this issue one of those present said: "Considering they have everything at stake these members take a remarkably unbiased view of the situation. One fact remains quite clear however; the hauling of heavy

loads over the existing roads can only mean danger to all concerned."

Delegates stressed the need for the building of more rail lines throughout the State to enable a stand up for long to heavy loaded trucks.

The attention of delegates was drawn to a motion to be presented by the State Executive to Congress on the issue.

School Buses

Messrs. Hall and Read (Wickepin) cited a case of severe hardship in their district caused by the closure of a section of a school bus route.

Delegates from other areas told of parallel cases, and one referred to a physically handicapped child who was unable to walk or ride very far.

It was unanimously agreed to request the State Executive to press for reinstatement of all the services.

This Journal

It was agreed that "The Listening Post" in its present form had no great appeal to members of country sub-branches.

Mr. Hobley (Nyabing) said that material sent from the sub-branch had for the most part not been published.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the committee on Saturday, September 26.

The Future Of This Journal

Congress this year will be asked to consider the future of "The Listening Post."

The net loss on the publication of the journal for the year ended at December 31 last was about £2,000, in view of which the State Executive at its meeting on June 19 decided on circulat- ing sub-branches asking them to be prepared for a discussion on the question at Congress and putting out the financial position of the journal and the apparent alternatives open for action.

Congress will be asked to consider the adoption of a levy of 2/- per member, or alternatively a frequent publication or even the possibility of ceasing publication altogether.
Safety Bay R.S.L. had one of its best meetings ever, recently, when about 20 members were present to welcome 12 members of the Spearwood sub-branch.

This was a return visit by Spearwood, who played hosts to the Safety Bay R.S.L. at their March monthly meeting. It is hoped that these get-togethers are to be the forerunners of many more to come; to say the least they help neighbouring sub-branch folk to get to know other fellow who has the same aims and ideals.

The evening was divided up into competitive games of darts and bowls, and also we noticed many old diggers just yarning their heads off all evening.

The darts games were keenly contested, there being five games played by teams of four from each side to Spearwood. The game by the Safety Bay's last pair found themselves trying to make up eight points.

Amid great excitement among these greens, they drew level at eight each end, and came out on the last end by two points to give the hosts a share of the evening's spoils.

A Benefit For Veterans

At the R.S.L. regional conference at Narrogin on May 25 a delegate informed the Claremont Faversham War Veterans Home committee (Mr. E. C. Townshend) that he had included the home as a beneficiary under his will. In his hospitable estate was to support his wife throughout the rest of her days and be shared equally between his children and the veterans' home.

Discussing this at the Executive meeting on June 5, Mr. Townshend said the case was a high example to other members.

"Many people in this League are donating to everything other than the amenities of the League itself," he said.

7 Sub-branches Met At Mullalwa Conference

Seven sub-branches were represented at the Mullalwa regional conference on June 22, and delegates agreed as to the value of the deliberations.

The conference was opened by the Leader of the Opposition in the State Parliament, (Mr. D. Brand) who was supported by Mr. Simpson, M.L.C., a member of the local sub-branch.

The state president, Mr. L. H. Botes, and the vice-president, Mr. G. E. Davies expressed their views on the restrictions to the National Service Intake and spoke of the implications of the revising of the League's objects.

Mr. E. O. Davies (a League Vice-President) gave a resume of the work of the League's Land Committee over the years and answered several queries put to him.

Several local and visiting secretaries addressed the members of the State Executive on finance and housing.

The conference was open to all sub-branch members of the State Executive and members of the local sub-branch.

The state president's department, Mr. C. Waterman, reported that £34 had been collected in members' subscriptions for Anzac Day.

It was decided to record an appreciation of the secretary's good work on Anzac Day.

The president (Mr. W. Waterman) reported on his visit to New Zealand and the 2/1 Infantry Battalion Association social. He said he had had a good time and had taken the opportunity of advising on matters relating to a proposed walk in the South show month of the W.A. in South Australia.

Deaths reported were of Mr. K. K. O'Callaghan and N. T. Marchant.

Mr. J. Courtsey has been an inmate of the Edward Miller Home. On the sick list are Messrs. F. H. Fitzpatrick and Ted Hayes.
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**The B.E.S.L. Story**  
*(Part 1: Inauguration)*

The British Empire Service League was founded at an Empire conference held at Cape Town in February, 1921.

The conference was convened as the result of numerous appeals received from the Dominions and Colonies by the late Field Marshal Earl Haig who desired the establishment of an organisation capable of protecting and promoting the welfare of ex-servicemen and their dependants throughout the Commonwealth and Empire. He intended that the highest interests of the Empire itself.

The conference was opened by Field Marshal Smuts, and was addressed by Field Haig.

Both speakers emphasised that in the interests of the world the great spirit of comradeship which was born in the great events of the war should be preserved, stimulated and perpetuated for the future.

Unlike the Napoleonic wars, conducted by professional armies, the first world war was a war between every household which had borne its share, and millions remained who were suffering.

A short excerpt from Field Haig's speech shows what he said in mind and for which he fought as Comrade himself in peace as when leading his armies to victory in war.

**Ex-service Link**

The source of my deep pleasure in this meeting here today is that it is the first open acknowledgement of that bond between us that it is the first step in the formation of an Empire League which shall link all ex-servicemen together, which shall preserve among us the spirit of comradeship we formed in the Great War and guarantee for all time through our wide Empire the maintenance of the high ideals for which we fought. That is the object upon which I have set my heart now the war is over.

The resolution calling for the formation of the British Empire Service League was introduced by another well known soldier, the late Field Marshal Lord Trenchard. V.C., who, himself blind, will always be remembered for his work on behalf of the blind.

According to the records the resolution was seconded by Comrade Dyett (Australiana); it is interesting to note that throughout the proceedings everyone was referred to as "Comrade." Indeed a reminder that this word once had an honoured Mine meaning in the English Vocabulary.

The Australian delegation, represented by Colonels I. & S. Shelbourne Taylor, who represented the Officers Association of British soldiers, and as a South African representative on the Empire Committee. In the latter capacity it is impossible to estimate what the B.E.S.L. owes him for his long years of service and advice.

Among the delegates who attended that first meeting were Major E. S. Harston, who took over during the second world war and is still there today. He can be divided into two epochs. After 1914-18 the ex-serviceman was something unique. The appalling casualties had left their trail of stricken dependents, the disabled had urgent problems of disability to overcome if they were to take their places in the brave new world, and the rank and file of the more fortunate on demobilisation had to be absorbed more or less into civilian life. Led by their ex-servicemen organisations the Commonwealth nations responded and the ex-servicemen, together with their womenfolk, were contributed voluntarily to ex-service organisations.

What part was the B.E.S.L. During these years? Early biennial reports emphasise pensions and migration as the two dominating problems.

(A to be concluded in the next issue.)

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The Auxiliaries Remember

During their 30th annual State conference (from July 8 to 11 inclusive) this year R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary delegates paraded at the State War Memorial to lay wreaths honouring the memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice in war.

Above: Accompanied by two wardens auxiliary members approach the memorial for the wreath-laying.

Below: To the wreaths of numerous auxiliary sub-branches Mrs. Col Sangster lays one on behalf of the South Perth auxiliary.

Carlisle Auxiliary Had 160 Guests

The president (Mrs. Buckling), secretary (Mrs. Crofts) and treasurer (Mrs. Coleman) also received gifts.

Mrs. Buckling cut the cake, which was made by Mrs. Boland and decorated, by Mrs. Breheart.

Sub-branch members attended to the erection of the supper tables and the serving of liquid refreshments.
League Flashbacks

What This Journal Was Saying 35 Years Ago

The R.S.L. and Its Need for Pastures New
By H. MAY

To those closely associated with the activities of the Returned Soldiers and Sailors’ League, the fact is apparent that in order to maintain its present membership, and in anticipation of the number of members being increased, the time is close at hand when serious consideration will have to be given in regard to widening its sphere of operations.

To date the R.S.L. has been able to proudly point out to its critics the many benefits that have been secured for the “diggers” by its influence, principally in the nature of securing the adjustment of the hundred and one anomalies in both Defence and Repatriation Department matters, by petulantly blocking the means by which the returned soldier’s progress and the greatest struggle the world has ever known, and, in whatever manner, to the welfare of the soldiers, to which he gave their “all.”

All these things have tended to create the necessary enthusiasm that has been the means of keeping the organisation in existence. Now, however, with the war and the work of the Defence Department, the returned soldier having practically ceased, and the work of the Repatriation Department has been fast becoming the thing of the past, it is really necessary, in fact necessary, to encourage suggestions relative to the League and so amending its constitution as to allow of it being brought into line with other bodies similarly organised.

In the past, whenever matters have been made of the R.S.L., the treatment of the defence and repatriation department matters, the officials have always pointed out the stumbling-block that is contained within the constitution of the League, and to date no combined serious move has been made to have the position changed.

Concerning the last State Conference, be it to the credit of the Kalgoolie sub-branch, efforts to move in this direction were made by inserting in the agenda a resolution passed by the aforementioned sub-branch in favour of the League entering the political arena. Had this resolution contained no mention of forming a political party, but simply suggesting the League should take upon itself the public questions of the day, there is no doubt the subject would have had a greater number of supporter at the last Conference.

Whilst at the present time it is a matter of opinion whether or not the League should take up public questions, it is quite feasible that it would be to its advantage to promote public matters, not necessarily allaying itself to any political party, but remaining an independent mediaetor, and with the strength of the League considered no addition to the anticipated increased membership, which can result through widening its sphere of activities, there is no doubt that it would be able to assert its views in no uncertain terms and with active leaders it must eventually become a powerful and influential factor in the land.

For instance, take the question of immigration, which today is one of the foremost problems agitating the minds of our public men. Who can say that the scheme is anywhere near being perfect? As a matter of fact, there is something drastically wrong with the present method of selecting and subsequent placing of the immigrants. Therefore, from such a point of view, as the Returned Soldiers’ League, which comprises many practical members, I need hardly stress the importance of conditions prevailing both in England and Australia, the subject of immigration might well be debated by the League, there by enabling useful suggestions arising from such deliberations being placed before the public.

The subject of immigration is given as an illustration of similar channels whereby the League should consider, interest itself, and there is no reason why the constitution should not be amended to allow of this being done. Like all other branches, the League should not be in any way restricted to its present activities, but shall be allowed to develop itself, and I am sure we can find plenty of interest amongst the returned men who are given the right to be heard and thought to the welfare of the League the suggestion contained herein must appeal.

—June, 1927.

[Mr. May has represented Collie in the State Legislative Assembly for some years.]

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• Mr. R. F. Breakell, ex member of the Mt. Marshall branch, was married to Miss E. L. Clapham at the urging of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hamil. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Clapham, of “Hillview,” Bendigo, at the ceremony. (Editorial Note: Mr. Breakell is now secretary of the Light Horse Association.)

Faith In W.A.

“Vultures”—Everyone who visits W.A. is impressed with its beauty and its great possibilities; only those living there do not seem to see them. Without doubt, to a man having a decent look round and seeing must strike him as a land of hope and glory, if I may use the term, and it rests with us individually as Westralians and those adopting it as home, to make it incomparable, as can easily be done.

We have natural assets and beauties unsurpassed, and it should be every citizen’s duty and ambition to see them developed. Don’t wait for Americans to come over, as they did in the De Garcia case, to tell us what we have. Let us do a little ourselves and, above all, let us battle for ourselves.

Let us ask the question: Has New Zealand, gone through the same process in joining the Federation? The answer is, emphatically, "No." New Zealand is far more isolated from Melbourne than the West is. Our West coast is untouched. Many people will say it’s unpatriotic to break away from the Commonwealth, in which I can only reply that it is exceedingly unpatriotic not to do so, and to be completely loyal to both State, and the only way we can do it is by separation.

Also, remember that the producer’s (whether he be a farmer of a manufacturer of local products) prosperity means our individual, our State and Commonwealth’s prosperity, and that prosperity means our individual happiness and less unemployment; so whenever possible give preference to W.A. goods and help the primary producer, and have as little as possible to do with those which do not employ a reasonable amount of labour here.—June, 1927.

Reunion: The Desert Air Force Association held its 10th Annual Meeting at the Desert Air Force Association House on Friday, July 5.
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COLE, L. J., 10th L.H., Warringarook.
DIXON, A. J., 11th Bn., Kojonup.
DONOVAN, M. H., 16th Bn., Capel.
DU-BOILAY, D. R.,A.A.F., Rocky Gully.
EDWARDS, V. H., 10th A.H., N.E. Fremantle.
EVANS, J., 9th Bty., West Leederville.
FORSLOW, J. W., 3rd Tuns., Reedy.
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HITCHCOCK, W. T., 44th Bn., Tarloons.
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NOBLE, R. S., R.A.A.F., Buntnite.
ROGERS, F., 11th Bn., Kojonup.
ROSS, C. J., 11th Bn., Perth.
SCOTT, W. J., 2nd A.A.F., East Perth.
SERCANTE, J. C., 2/2 Commandos, Como.
SHIELDS, M., 11th Bn., Gascoyne.
YONDER, L. R., 2/8th Bn., Cottesloe.
SORELL, P. C., 11 A.B., N.E. Fremantle.
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Not loving war but for our sake;
They gave their lives for us, a better world to make.

Peace, fourth the silent summer head,
Here where the eagles will soon be seen.
To spread their wings in silent supplication;
Here where the rookiers brush will bloom.
Vivid as the brave young blood they shed.
For our salvation.
Sleep we'll brave sons, eternal peace be there;
No sound of war, no pounding boom of guns
Disturb that sleep.
On Aper Drive the trees, the flowers, the birds,
Your sacred memory and your quiet;

Social Evening

The State Executive has agreed to hold a Congress Westralian evening at Aper Drive on the 17th July, on the roof garden of Aztec House.

War Memorials:

There have been a considerable improvements in the maintenance and upkeep of the war memorials throughout the State. The War Memorial Committee have invited the State officers to attend the State Executive meeting on June 3. They have also invited the local branches and the State President, Mr. Davies, to attend at the meeting.

Group Meeting:

The R.S.I. regional conference to be held at Aper Drive on the 17th July.

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MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD SUB-BRANCH

CHANGE OF MEETINGS

The monthly general meetings of the sub-branch will in future be held in ST. PATRICK'S HALL, Beaufort-Street, Mount Lawley, at 8 p.m. on the first WEDNESDAY, August 4th. Supper and refreshments.

The heavy pressure of work will make it necessary to change the date of the monthly general meeting of the sub-branch to August 4th, and it is hoped that this change will be helpful to the members.

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GIDGEGANNUP SEND-OFF
Guests of honour at a Gidgegannup send-off recently were Mr. and Mrs. Alex Burgess.
Mr. Burgess has been a very popular member of the local R.S.L. sub-branch and his wife of the women's auxiliary.
The send-off was conducted by the sub-branch in conjunction with other local bodies.
During the evening the guests of honour were presented with a large bouquet and an occasional table.
Among the visitors was Mr. J. Thompson of the Mt. Helena sub-branch.

What Applicants Are Still Eligible For War Service Farms?

The doubts of some applicants under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme as to whether their names have been struck off the waiting-list may be answered by the release of an Anzac House from the Minister for Primary Industry (Mr. McMahon).

"Dear Mr. Lonnie, I refer to my promise during the meeting with the Rural Credits Department to ascertain the exact position as to whether an ex-serviceman had to repeat his application to participate in the War Service Land Settlement Scheme.

Basically this is a matter for the States. The principles of eligibility and the time within which applications must be lodged were agreed upon between the Commonwealth and the States, and there was then left solely to the States to classify applicants and allot farms. There was no suggestion in the principles laid down that applicants should be removed from the waiting list."

"However, in the practical administration of the scheme, differences over the years, necessary to have an assessment of the number of classified ex-servicemen still requiring farms so that plans could be formulated in accordance with the demand.

In compiling this information I understand the State wrote to all classified ex-servicemen who had not replied to the question of whether they were still interested and stating that if a reply was not received within a specified time it would be assumed they were not and their names would be removed from the waiting list."

The Commonwealth orally agreed with this course of action. You will appreciate I have no authority to approve of money being advanced to the State to acquire or develop land in excess of that actually required to meet the known demands of classified ex-servicemen.

If any ex-serviceman considers he has been unjustly treated from the lists of waiting applicants I suggest he present his case to the Department and request reinstatement."

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S.S.L. Club Funds in Good Shape

Funds of the Canning S.S.L. Boys' Club are in good shape. From an amount of £68/12/3 handled during 1956 there was a balance of £12/17/2 at the end of the year.

To the end of April this year a further £60 had come in as revenue, while appeals for a similar amount had already been met through the efforts of the boys and their helpers.

On top of this a sum of £100 has been paid into club funds as a donation from the Lotteries Commission.

This was reported by the club warden (Mr. J. Connolly) at the May meeting of the Canning R.S.L. sub-branch. Mr. Connolly thanked R.S.L. members for their efforts to assist the club, and said that every penny raised would be spent on purchasing equipment.

In boxing contests with R.S.L. boys' clubs, the S.S.L. Club representatives had done extremely well, with Vincent Sandeck and Frank Bosio (both at the 10-stone mark) and Bert Versteeg (5/3) excelling. The club had arranged for representation in the State amateur championships, and there would be six or more bouts at the quarterly parents and friends night to be held in the clubrooms on July 29. It was hoped to hold the annual tournaments in September, and several trophies had already been donated for the occasion.

The sub-branch treasurer (Mr. J. Wood) reported a membership of 130. The secretary (Mr. W. H. Hayward) and Mr. Connolly were appointed as delegates to the State Congress of the League.

A notice-of-motion—seeking the holding of the monthly meeting on a weeknight rather than on a Sunday morning—was received.

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TWO LATEST HONORARY COLONELS

Two former senior Western Command officers have been appointed honorary colonels of Army units. Titled to the former Deputy Assistant Director of the Mechanical and Electrical branch of the R.A.E.M.E. and the former Deputy Director of Medical Services (Colonel E. Le Souef, O.B.E., E.D.) Colonel Le Souef, who retired from the Army last year, is now honorary colonel in Western Command.

Colonel Le Souef

Changes in Store For Congress

The deliberations of Congress this year will be extended to cover Thursday evenings.

This was decided by the State Executive on the recommendation of its agenda committee. Another change adopted was for sub-branch delegates and their proxies to be seated at tables. The committee chairman (Mr. H. A. Leslie, M.H.R.) said it was felt that with proxies and members sitting together there was a danger of confusion in the recording of votes.

The only occasion on which a North Australian, Mr. Leslie said, was during the absence of the accredited delegates.

It was agreed that any State Executive members who were not representing sub-branches would be entitled to attend Congress and participate in debates, but not to vote.

Service-Training Pay Issue Raised Again

With the big cut in the call-up for national-service training the R.S.L. National Executive in Canberra has again approached the Federal Government for exemption from taxation of the pay of C.M.F. and volunteer Navy and Air Force personnel.

In a letter to the Federal Treasurer (Sir Arthur Fadden), the National Executive of the League (Mr. K. V. Newman) said:

"You will recall that on certain occasions and recently as December last year, this organisation has pressed for the exemption of the pay of C.M.F. supplementary reserves, civilian Air Force and Naval Reserve from the payment of income tax.

"On previous occasions the Government has not found it possible to grant this concession, and the drastic overhaul of the National Service Training Scheme and the significance of the change in the Government's defence policy as affecting C.M.F. personnel encourages the League to believe that it is a most opportune time to again raise this important matter.

"It seems increasingly clear that with the advent of modern weapons and the introduction of an entirely new concept of war, the defence of any country will involve more and more of its volunteer forces—those who for the good of the country, and with a desire to ensure maximum preparation, sacrifice their spare time and energy to voluntary defence work. In which category the C.M.F. and the R.A.N. and R.A.A.F. volunteers securely exist.

"The principle of the exemption seems so clear and just to the Federal Executive of the League that it would welcome a roundtable conference on the subject so that the many interested parties may be better able to place their views before you and your distinguished colleagues.

"In conclusion, the action of the Government in recognising the work of the volunteer forces in the manner suggested by the League is most welcomed and well deserved encouragement to the voluntary forces on whose shoulders the future defensive strength of this country may well rest."

In reply, Sir Arthur said the representations would be decided upon by the Government at the appropriate time. In view of many promising commitments in the weeks ahead he could not see his way clear to arrange the conference suggested by the League.

Copies of the League's letter to Sir Arthur were sent to the Army and Defence Ministers.

Ball Of Year Planned For Cottesloe

The Cottesloe sub-branch intends its Silver Anniversary Ball—to be held at the Cottesloe Centrul on Friday, August 2—to be the ball of the year. It is inviting all neighbourhood parties to be represented at the ball by a party or parties and will invite all present to drink its health in a glass of sherry.

The 25th Birthday Cake—prepared by Mrs. Baxter—will be cut by the State President (Mr. Lon"

Among the features for the evening is a floor show to be presented by the British Artillery Society, led by Mr. S. Turner, a well-known entertainer.

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