Support For Atomic Weapon Tests

The R.S.L. strongly supports the testing of atomic and hydrogen weapons by the Governments of Britain, the United States and Australia, and by their allies, having regard to present world conditions.

This was decided at the August meeting of the National Executive in Canberra.

The National President of the R.S.L. (Sir George Holland) said the League had made this decision in the face of the existing widespread opposition to the testing of atomic weapons on the grounds of its possible genetic and other harmful radiation effects on future generations.

While the R.S.L. sympathised with that view and respected the opinions expressed by scientists and physicists in many parts of the world, it believed there was no present alternative to the continuation of the tests, Sir George said.

Disarmament agreements were safe only if effective measures were available to police the agreements and ensure that the contracting countries did not default.

The reaching of a really effective non-international agreement to control the use of atomic power for offensive purposes would be fraught with immense difficulties, and seemed as far away as ever.

In the meantime, the free countries could certainly not afford to abandon the whole field of atom and hydrogen weapon research, with accompanying essential tests— to a foreign power.

The certain result would be to award an uncontradicted lead in atom warfare to unfriendly countries, and to lose the right to say that the West was not prepared to defend world peace.

Any resulting world war, it was warned, would certainly kill millions of people.

The risks arising from the testing of newly developed atom weapons—a matter in any case in serious scientific dispute—were immeasurably smaller, and there was no alternative to accepting them, said Sir George.

Award For Long Membership

The State Executive intends to establish a new award for League members. On the recommendation of its membership committee it has decided to make it available to members of long standing— upon application from sub-branches—a letter of commendation from the State President and secretary and two members of the executive.

* Wear your Poppy with pride, Friday, November 8—"Let us remember."

Transfer-conditions For W.S. Farms

The following statement concerning the transfer of war-service farms has been received from Mr. A. R. Barrett on behalf of the Land Settlement Board.

The lease of a farm is permitted to transfer his lease under the following conditions:

1. All transfers are subject to the prior approval of the Minister for Lands.
2. The transferor only can be transferred. The transferee will be responsible for the payment of the purchase price for the fee simple if this is required when available, ten years after the commencement of the lease.
3. All amounts payable to the Credit, Authority must be paid by the transferee before transfer will be approved. The transferee is eligible and suitable applicant under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme, which may be granted land under the same conditions as would be approved to the allottee of a new settled farm, not exceeding the value of the assets concerned, after due allowance for depreciation has been made.
4. The transferee is liable for all rentals as fixed in the lease and for additional rental if final valuation of the holding has not been completed at time of transfer.
5. In no case will a loan be approved to pay an equity to the transferee.
6. The transferee, if an eligible applicant under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme, will be entitled to the benefits of Clauses 6 (b) (7) and (8) of the "Conditions" relating to the granting of an "asistance period."
7. Any payments made as equity to a transferee would not become part of the valuation for the purposes of Clause 5 (5) of the "Conditions."

The Anzac Club recently sponsored an appeal to raise funds for the purchase of a motorised wheelchair for an ex-digger who had lost both legs in an accident. The target was reached and the chair presented at the State Congress. Financial support for the appeal was received from many Sub-branches in the State, but Katanning went one better. The Katanning Sub-Branch purchased a wheelchair independently and a highlight of the re-union dinner last Saturday was the presentation to the State President. Seen above, State President (Mr. W. S. Lonnie, left) and Katanning president (Mr. Frank Seaton). Story on page 7.
FAVERSHAM CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

YOUR Opportunity For Practical Support!

CARPENTERS WANTED!

Enquiries and advertisements have resulted in only one tender for the renovation of the ground floor verandah at the Home and even this was considered rather high.

As a result, your Committee considered that a “Working Bee” of skilled and semi-skilled tradesmen, say a half dozen carpenters and a similar number of unskilled or semi-skilled men could complete the job in one day or at least one week-end.

All the necessary timber could be delivered and on request a concrete effort would be a substantial contribution to both the economy of the Home and the comfort of the Veterans.

Here, then, is your opportunity to make both an practical and generous personal contribution to this, one of the League’s most worth while efforts.

All offers indicating your availability on certain dates (see Executive Committee) or to attend the Chairman of the Committee (Mr. E. C. Townshend, 88 Rockwood-street, Mount Lawley) — Phone U 42444.

At the time of writing there are no vacancies at the Home, which indicates the desirability of making provision for further accommodation.

Two visits were paid by sub-branch Women’s Auxiliaries during August. On Saturday, August 17, the Meatcooking Auxiliary provided afternoon tea and music and on the following Saturday, the 24th, the York Auxiliary made a similar effort. Thank you, ladies!

DONATIONS

The following donations were received during August: Cunderdin Sub-Branch, books; Aust. Red Cross Society, tobacco and cigarettes; Mr. R. McLoughlin, York, 17 dozen eggs; Meatcooking sub-branch, cigarettes and sweets; Mrs. T. Holland, Cookbooks; Mrs. A. Hunter, E. Vic Park, lemon; York C.W.A., lemons and vegetables; Mr. Z. Pickles, York, pumpkins.

To all the above the League’s and Veterans’ grateful thanks!

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The 9th Not Forgotten

“How many former members of the 9th Australian Division—or Australians generally, for that matter—know that their exploits in British North Borneo are commemorated by the letter T in that State’s coat of arms?”

It was the 9th Division which liberated North Borneo from the Japanese occupation forces in World War II.

The “T” on the coat of arms (photographed above) had its origin in the 9th Division’s badge, which bore the word TURKU. This division was also the first to land in Singapore, and it took a leading part in the defense of Malaya, Singapore, and the Philippines.

At Tobruk the division defeated Rommel’s redbound Afrika Korps.

Festival of Remembrance

League members who intend being present at the Festival of Remembrance, which will be held in the State capital, Thursday on Sunday, November 10, should apply immediately to their respective sub-branches for seats. This is most important.

New G.O.C. Visits The League

The City of Perth sub-branch has been very active throughout the year and due to the small core of members who work very hard for the sub-branch and the R.S.L. generally.

Every Saturday night a dance is held at Anzac House in the sub-branch, and 50 per cent of the proceeds go to Anzac Homes and 50 per cent to the sub-branch. The cost of running the sub-branch has increased and every penny in revenue is a help.

A big drive is on at present to obtain alternative accommodation. It is hoped that negotiations underway will be successful. If so, the leasing of every member will be required, and support in any way, every member’s loyal encouragement, will be appreciated.

Members and their ladies are invited to a smoke social to be held at Menzies Club (189) on Tuesday, October 8 and tickets are available from the secretary.

On Sunday, October 20, an official visit to Faversham House, York, will be made and a concert party will entertain the veterans and guests. Please contact the Secretary (Bill Holders—BA238) if going so that transport arrangements can be made.

Safety Bay Executive Selected

Members of the Safety Bay sub-branch braved a stormy night to attend the annual general meeting recently, and the roll-up was terrific. The election of officers was carried out without incident. The following result was returned: Paton, Sir Ross Mclntyre, president; Mr. G. Gilmore, senior vice-president; Mr. G. De Gruchy, junior vice-president; Mr. G. Boulton, treasurer; Mr. H. Ross; committee members, Messrs F.ㄹ Carson, B. Watt, B. Grice, W. Taylor and J. B. Wilson.

The committee comprises 30 members in all, and there are four new members.

During the meeting the President, Mr. F. Carson, paid a tribute to Mr. Ross for his work as treasurer. In his main business over members, he pointed out that the committee was fully occupied at darts, bowls and clubs and that there was no evidence.
MORE FARMS ALLOTTED
AT JERRAMONGUP

Eleven more farms in the Jerramongup district have been allotted to ex-servicemen under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme.

A statement to this effect from the Land Settlement Board announces the successful applicants as follows:

A.827D, N. S. Cosh, Pithara.
A.827F, H. R. Murphy, Kelkerrin.
A.1081, A. L. Corker, Childlow.
A.1062, G. Edmondson, Moors.
A.1083, H. J. Bransby, Kalannie.
A.1084, A. Freezer, Borden.
A.1070, R. Jess, South Perth.
A.1073, J. H. Drage, Popanyinning.
A.1076, E. Nelson, Moulting.
A.1078, K. N. Fireason, Carlisle.
A.1075, R. W. Perrin, Doverin.

There are now 21 settlers at Jerramongup and three at Corackup and another nine at Corackup are under development, as are 100 farms further south at the Gairdner River project.

It is expected that a large proportion of these will be ready to take up land conditions in a year's time.

As development proceeds in these and other war service land settlement areas a new agricultural area within 100 miles of Albany is taking shape.

LEAGUE BODY

The League's land sub committee is now constituted as follows:

State Executive members: J. F. Milne (chairman); G. W. Gordon, (Deputy chairman); R. C. Davies and S. R. King.

Country members: H. C. Sykes, Ommick; S. C. Keonj; W. F. Fullon, Gnowangerup; R. HARDY. Waroona.

Town co-opted members: P. Lyon, S. Budd and W. Matthews.

OPEN DOOR FOR NAVAL MEN

On receipt of information that H.M.S. Newfoundland would be at Fremantle from 29 to 30 this year the R.S.L. State Executive recently resolved to greet the ship of the Anzac Club to the ship's compliment over the period.

At least 21 sub-branch members said they had no doubt that their sub-branch would run a function of entertainment during the ship's stay in port.

LULL IN MONTHLY CAPITATION RETURNS

Capitation returns (including all returns) are due at League headquarters from all sub-branches on the seventh day of each month.

As a considerable number of sub-branches are falling behind, it is urged that the State Executive has authorised a circular-letter pointing out the omission.

ANZAC HOUSE PRESENTS
NEW RADIO FEATURE

The session, which commenced on September 1, includes a variety of performances which are heard on Stations 6KY-NAN, 6KY-Perth and 6NA-Narrogin.

The session deals with outstanding reminiscences of League members, current and past, and is conducted in a manner which will appeal to League members and the general public.

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Education Grants Available For Children Of Ex-servicemen

Many children of ex-service men and women of World War II are eligible for education grants from the Services Canteens Trust Fund, but applications in respect of the coming year close shortly.

The Services Canteens Trust Fund was derived from the profits of canteens conducted by the Australian Services Army, Navy and Air Force during World War II, and being administered for the benefit of ex-service men and women of World War II by the dependants.

Under the Services Trust Funds Act, £50,000 has been made available to provide educational assistance for children of ex-service men and women who served in the Australian Forces during the period from September 6, 1939, to June 30, 1947.

The trustees of the fund have inaugurated a plan for providing educational benefits to eligible children which take into account the personal circumstances and the family circumstances of the children.

THE OBJECT

The object of the trustees is to assist in providing suitable education for those children whose dependants consider, for whatever reason, that the education of the child is best suited to their needs.

A Sub-Branch Renews Support Of Sports

By a unanimous decision the Murray sub-branch of the R.S.L. has decided to renew its support of the annual interschool sports in the district.

This year the sports will be held at Pinjarra, with 1,000 children representing seven schools. Awards granted on a year-by-year basis varied from £5 to £200 depending on the success of the course and the family circumstances of the participants.

A letter from the Teachers Sporting Committee indicated its intention to sponsor the sports at Pinjarra. The committee had decided against sponsoring the sports, which were held at Pinjarra in previous years.

A general summing-up of the decision to support the sports was that the sports had been a success and that the committee had decided to renew its support.

A Scout Group

A letter was received from the Scout Group, which had been granted a nominal donation by the sub-branch. The donation was made for the purchase of clothing and equipment for the Scout Group.

A Veteran's Sterling Work

During the past six months an 84-year-old Geraldton man, who was ill, was visited about 60 ex-servicemen in Geraldton hospitals and attended seven funerals of ex-servicemen.

Mr. Russell, who for many years has been paying regular visits to the hospitals on behalf of the Geraldton sub-branch of the R.S.L., stated at a recent meeting that the ex-servicemen appreciated very much the interest being taken in them by the sub-branch.

He pointed out that he had in some instances been able to arrange for ex-servicemen to receive small gifts of food and other matters, and that the veterans had appreciated the gifts of tobacco and cigarettes made available to them.

The president (Mr. Bill Cunningham) thanked Mr. Russell for his sterling work.
Veterans Of The Mons Battle

On Sunday, August 25, members of the Old Contemptibles’ Association, joined by Imperial ex-service men and women, commemorated the 43rd anniversary of the Battle of Mons by laying wreaths on the State War Memorial and later marching through the streets of Perth to a memorial service at Anzac House. The passing years are thinning the ranks of the survivors of the battle, but the association is still 70-strong.

- Pictured here are four of those who took part in the commemoration. They are (from left) Col. G. W. Harrington, Mr. A. W. Aldous (holding the colours of the Old Contemptibles), Capt. T. Bailey, M.C., and the Old Contemptibles’ Association president Capt. F. Mitchell, M.C., M.M.

League Action Sought On Homes Policy

On the recommendation of its housing committee chairman (Mr. R. J. Stoddart) the State Executive has agreed to place before the forthcoming National Congress of the League in Hobart—a matter of war-service homes policy.

Mr. Stoddart told the executive that the committee considered it advisable for war-service homes applicants who owned their own land and were able to get their blocks evaluated by the homes board at the time of their applications.

It was anomalous that they should apply, undergo the necessary waiting period and then be told that their blocks were deemed to be unsuitable for war-service homes, he said.

The board had agreed to carry out the necessary inspections and the committee had confirmed the right of a man to have his block accepted or rejected at the time of his application. But the War Service Homes Director had now informed the various divisions of the War Service Homes Commission must do this.

SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The State Executive has expressed its support for the nomination of Sir George Holland for re-election as National President at the National Congress of the League in Hobart during October.

The decision was unanimous.

The executive also nominated the State President (Mrs. W. S. Lennie) for the position of National Vice-President.

The W.A. branch will be represented at the congress by the State President and Messrs. J. Reife and Don Atherley.

Sub-Branch Appointments

The following R.S.L. sub-branch appointments were confirmed at recent meetings of the State Executive.

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The Origin Of “Tattoo”

Extract From Military Customs

By Major T. J. Edwards—1950

A great military musical event, well known to soldier and civilian alike, is the Grand Searchlight Tattoo, which for many years before the late war was held on Rushmoor Arena at Aldershot.

A major feature of this magnificent spectacle was the presence of the massed bands and pipes of the many regiments stationed in and around Aldershot.

Although the whole display was on a grand scale, it has its origin in a very simple piece of army routine observed as far back as the seventeenth century. In those far-off days all the regiments ceased in the late autumn and the rival forces went into billets in the towns and villages and around the battlefield.

That was the practice in the British Army during the reign of King William III in his campaign in the Low Countries during the 1690’s. The social centres for the troops were the inns, to which the majority resorted during the evenings.

To get them back to their own billets again at night it was necessary for the inn-keepers to turn off the beer-taps and to cease selling liquor. The time for doing this was between 9.30 p.m. and 10 p.m., and it was notified to all concerned by a drummer stationed through the billeting area beating a “call.”

Picture a bright moonlight night in Flanders about two and a half centuries ago. At one end of the main road through the town or village are assembled a young, pink-faced officer, a sergeant and a drummer, all belonging to the British regiment billeted in and around the place.

About 9.30 p.m. the officer orders the drummer to commence beating. The sound of the drum-beats reverberates over the quiet countryside and gradually they place their way into the inn. When the inn-keepers hear them they reply, “Doen den tap toe” and turn their taps off. The soldiers push out of the inns into the streets and go to their own billets.

After a short interval the officer, sergeant and drummer set off through the streets and along the road, the drummer beating his “call” while the officer and sergeant look into the inns to ensure that no soldiers are lingering in them.

The second matter concerning court proceedings of which you spoke is that the case have been done by any other representation. As you have said, you have your own left me not only poorer in pocket but hopeless, which was the case ever since you, Mr. Chappell, clarified matters and I was now able to see my way out of my difficulties.

My sincere appreciation to the R.S.L.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) G.H.G.

1 Odo and Sorrento St., NORTH BEACH.

Mr. J. Chappell, State Secretary, R.S.L., PERTH.

Dear Mr. Chappell,

I am writing to you with the greatest pleasure that I had. You have done for me in my distressing case which you brought to a happy ending for me and my wife.

Believe me, Mr. Chappell, when I received the news from the Daily News and the Daily Herald last Friday, it did brighten up markedly and relieved the terrific strain under which I have been living since the summons was issued on me.

Mr. Chappell, once more I must express my deep gratitude to you for your great kindness and helpfulness during the grave time of trouble. It is all so very happy now.

Yours most sincerely,

(Sgd.) W. K. Gillson.

(This was as it was reported in the Daily Press and the Weekly News where the above member had gone bail to the extent of £500 for his niece who was convicted and the bail was estranged by the magistrate. In his dilemma Mr. Gillson went to the State Secretary of the R.S.L. and had an interview with him and later it was reported that the situation was made by the Minister to the effect that the judgment be not enforced.)

For the help of yourself and those who have your interests at heart, you may rest assured that I shall do everything within my power to effect a settlement of your case.
State President Stumped At Katanning Reunion

By ONLOOKER

Have you ever known Mr. Lonnie stumped for something to say?—well, that is just what happened to him at the Katanning sub-branch annual reunion on Saturday, August 10.

The unusual occurrence took place at the close of the evening, when the sub-branch president (Mr. Frank Seaton) asked the State President to accompany him on to the stage, and there whisked a dust cover from a motorised wheelchair and officially handed it over to Mr. Lonnie as a gift from the Katanning sub-branch to the League.

On resuming his seat after having accepted this magnificent gift, all the State President could say was: "Well Well Well—but I don’t think he borrowed the words purposely from the Prime Minister’s famous remark.

The reunion, held in the sub-branch’s new hall, started with a toast to the State President and Executive, presented in a very capable manner by Mr. W. Veck, who referred to the outstanding efforts of the State President and his committees, especially with regard to the great number of country visits he had made and the value of these visits to the sub-branches and the League in general.

* Wear your Poppy with pride on Friday, November 8—“Last We Forget.”

Very Busy Year For Brookton Ladies

The Brookton auxiliary is having a very busy year under the capable leadership of Mrs. J. Marchesi, with "new" office-bearers in Mrs. Jim Coote (secretary) and Mrs. H. Algar (treasurer).

Attendances at meetings have been most gratifying, averaging over 20.

With the exception of February, when no meeting was held, the regular meeting has been held each month.

In March, the Red Cross Appeal benefited by the sum of $21, the result of a Faddy’s Market held. At that time, Mrs. Marchesi raised $1.50 for Fawbush.

A card evening was held in April in response to the State-wide appeal for Fawbush. This was a great success that it decided to hold a monthly function. The following month a donation was sent to the R.S.L. on behalf of Fawbush.

In June, proceeds from the card evening and Faddy’s first for several years.

Trophy For Merit Won By Murray

One of the oldest sub-branches in the State, Murray, has won this year’s board of directors’ trophy for the most meritorious service of any rural sub-branch.

This is the second time Murray has won the coveted honour, the previous occasion being in 1944-45. In that year, Colin Paterson was president, and Laurie Whelan was the captain. Laurie’s trophy was later to be presented with a Certificate of Merit for services rendered.

Last year the Collett Cup was won by North Dandalup, a neighboring sub-branch. At the annual Congress of the Murray auxiliary this year the Murray president, Mrs. Jack Coote, was appointed Country Vice-President.
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Near-Miss Settlers in Mind

Near-miss applicants under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme have not been forgotten by the League.

Should any State scheme of civilian settlement be formulated the League intends to ask the Minister for some place in it for those ex-servicemen. This was decided by the State Executive recently on the recommendation of the land committee.

The chairman of the committee (Mr. J. Milne) said: "We want a dovetailing of any such scheme to give the near-misses a chance."

At the State Congress in July the Minister for Lands and Agriculture (Mr. Hoar) said that remaining applicants under the W.S.L.S. scheme should all be settled within the next two years.

COMING EVENTS
- The annual reunions of the Tambellup and Broomhill sub-branches is to be held at Tambellup on Saturday, September 24.
- The new memorial hall at Esperance is to be officially opened on Remembrance Day (Monday, November 11).

Land Men Visit Bindoon

A land committee visit to the Bindoon area recently followed a remark at Congress from one of the delegates from the Minister for Lands and Agriculture (Mr. Hoar) that the land-settlement farmers in that area would appreciate a visit.

Mr. Hoar, with the R.S.A. State President and the land committee, visited the area on Saturday, August 3. In spite of a wet, cold day, 18 members of the sub-branch, including three war-service settlers, ambled in the local hall to voice their opinion:

Mr. Hoar was an interested listener and his remarks and evident appreciation of the difficulties these farmers are facing was evident.

One remark he made that was warmly applauded was: "Don't get out of the League because of your difficulties; it is there to help you."

At the conclusion of the meeting—during an excellent afternoon tea provided by the ladies—the sub-branch president thanked the Minister and State Executive members for making the trip, and felt sure that much good would come from it. - S.R.A.

Vale—R. McG.

Members of the Boddington sub-branch, and of the League in general, will regret to learn that Bob McGire (ex 2/32 Battalion), an active and popular member of the Boddington sub-branch, was accidentally killed last week while mowing in his hut at Ranford near Boddington on the night of August 10.

Sympathy is extended to his sorrowing relatives.

Land Tax for War-Service Settlers

In the February issue of this journal (p 2) it was stated that revised rates of land tax did not apply to settlers under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme until they were in possession of their properties.

This information, which was published with good faith, is now found to be incorrect.

It has now been ascertained that settlers who hold perpetual leases under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme are required to pay land tax on the unimproved values of their holdings. Rates in the area and unimproved values are assessed by the Taxation Department.

Apologies are expressed for any misunderstanding caused by the article concerned.

LIGHT HORSE REUNION

On Wednesday, October 2 (Show Night), the 10th Light Horse Association will conduct a reunion in the ballroom at Anzac House.

The hon. secretary of the association, Frank Breakell, says it will be the 36th annual reunion held by the association. The committee responsible for the forthcoming event have given an assurance that as in the past a good time will be had.

Proceedings will commence at 8 p.m. sharp, and tickets at a reduced price will be available until the day of the event.

Library Inquiry: With a view to setting up a Library at Anzac House the State Executive recently appointed a committee of conciliators to meet with the Library Board.
League Flashbacks
WHAT THIS JOURNAL WAS SAYING 35 YEARS AGO

The Executive Under Fire!
By C. W. R. BEECHY

There are, in my opinion, three calamities attached to the R.S.L. in the State, dogging its footsteps, stultifying the efforts of the sub-branches, and reducing the membership.

They are: (1) the Executive; (2) the Subscription; and (3) the Affiliation.

I will deal with calamity No. 1, row, and with the others in your future issues.

In my opinion, the executive has been a brake on the progress of the R.S.L. ever since the affiliation with the Eastern States. The criticism of the ordinary member at sub-branch meetings, the representation expressed by them at its actions, attitudes, and unbusinesslike methods all tend to prove it.

Various charges have been made against the executive, namely political aspirations, office-hunting tendencies, and have been proved false; therefore the general dissatisfaction to which it is not caused by any of these things, and deeper reasons must be sought.

The real reasons are, in my opinion, spineseness, foppishness, and aloofness. Too much time of the executive is wasted on the by-paths of business, which should be attended to by the Late Secretary.

Proposals for Amalgamation
(By W. A. ROSS)

The time is ripe for the executive to encourage the movement to bring about an amalgamation of small sub-branches of the R.S.L.

This would brighten the League in many ways, guaranteeing by its resultant larger membership better supervision and a more vigorous policy.

There are numerous sub-branches that are seldom if ever heard of; they thrive like the flowers in a short period, and eventually die without anyone except the few directly interested being aware of their existence.

Perhaps the person who had interest and energy enough to lay the foundation has either left the district, or has become fed up with a position that brings more criticism than commendation, and partakes of the reason for the particular sub-branch's demise matters.

To my knowledge, six small sub-branches were in the bloom of health on the goldfields two years ago; today they are more than defunct, for their names are never heard.

Honorary secretaries have proved failures to an organisation that has so many jealous rivals and enemies, and part-time secretaries are little better in their payment not being sufficient to keep them independent of following other avenues of employment.

The remedy lies in amalgamating into strong representative sub-branches, and getting fighting secretaries who will do more than subsist on starvation wages. Sub-branches will then become forces to be reckoned with.

sub-branch meetings, or know thoroughly the opinions, thoughts, and undertakings working through the rank and file of the movement. To the majority of them seem as being apart, half-dead figures in a romance of the members having never wanted, for a feed or a job, nor gazed upon their last days in an unhealthy settlement.

Their election is the curious outcome of a conglomerate meeting of Diggers once a year; men who know very little about each other, and take each other's face or verbal value and elect an executive among themselves on their last day of meeting.

The old heads of the metropolitan area take the lead of the life of the League, vowing to prevent any alteration in the executive arrangements, the effect that no member unless he attends Conferences will be

I see by the papers lately that a combined meeting of delegates from Perth and other places has been held, and that suggested reforms have been brought forward. To me they seem, the same old eggs to be set under the same old hen (the Annual Conference).

I hope they will be a better set of chickens this year than the last date.
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Life Membership Conferred On Geraldton Member

The highlight of a cocktail party tendered by the Geraldton Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. to His Excellency the Governor (Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Galbraith, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B., C.B.E.) in Birdwood House on August 23 was the presentation of a life membership certificate of the League to Mr. H. V. ("Rocky") Mount.

In making the presentation, Sir Charles said that everyone present realised how well deserved the life membership was, and appreciated how much Mr. Mount had done for the Geraldton Sub-Branch from 1919 onwards.

His Excellency added with a smile that he was all the more pleased to make the presentation because Mr. Mount had been in the Tenth Light Horse Regiment, which was affiliated with his own Regiment, the Tenth Hussars.

Mr. Mount said that he was stunned by the honour that had been conferred upon him. He felt that the humble part he had played in the affairs of the R.S.L. did not merit the distinction, but the presentation would give him an incentive to do more in the future.

Sir Charles also made a presentation to the Immediate Past President of the Geraldton Sub-Branch, Mr. T. H. O'Toole, for work as President during 1956 and 1957 earlier that day, the Geraldton Women's Auxiliary had met Lady Gairdner.

Maylands Urges Support From Its Members

The Maylands 'sub-branch hall is now "plate high" and the support of everyone of the members is needed so that this project can be completed.

An approach has been made for bank finance and the sub-branch is assured of help so long as the Trustees of the League will endorse the request.

The Trustees have undertaken to give their approval but have asked that members of the sub-branch first demonstrate their support of the hall project by raising some money by donation. This means that the hall can be completed just as soon as the members want it to be.

Every member is asked to make a very special effort to attend the meeting on Thursday, October 15, when a full discussion will be held on the debenture scheme following an explanatory talk by a representative of the Trustees of the League.

A.R.M.S. Games—position of teams—3.9.57

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CHANGE OF MEETINGS
The monthly general meetings of the branch will in future be held in St. Patrick's Hall, Banjany-Street, Mount Lawley, at 8 p.m. on the FIRST WEDNESDAY, each month. Next meeting, WEDNESDAY, October 2. Supper and refreshments.

Blackboy Hill Memorial
The Swan View-Greenbush branch, which at a recent meeting was successful with a motion seeking the reservation of a small area of land for a memorial on the old Blackboy Hill, campsite, is to be asked to make a recommendation as to a suitable location.

This was decided by the State Executive at a recent meeting.

A League approach in connection with the resumption of a suitable area for the purpose has already been made to the State Housing Commission.

It is understood that the campsite is to be opened up for private purchase.

The League's intention is to construct a perpetual reminder to future generations of the part this area was the training ground for many thousands of West Australian who had service in World War I and of whom many made the supreme sacrifice.

News On Map For Next Congress
A recent decision of the State Executive requires that delegates to the next State Congress of the League will only be dispensed with before them a large wall map of Western Australia showing the location of group meetings, State Executive visits and District Committee headquarters.

Country Attendance Two of the Country Vice-Presidents of the League—Messrs. J. Buckle and T. Davies—attended the meeting of the State Executive on August 28.

Mr. W. Waterman (president) attended over 20 committee members and visitors at the August committee meeting of the Association.

Two of the visitors, Mr. A. H. Lee and Mr. H. Smith, said that they were surprised at the work being done by the association and hoped to help considerably in its affairs in the future.

An invitation was received and accepted for representatives of the battalion to be present at the Partially Blinded Association's social dinner to be held on August 28.

Arrangements have been made for the committee and women's auxiliary to visit Fawkner Hospital, Sunday, 22nd September, by Red Cross bus.

Any member of the battalion who wishes to take part in the trip should get in touch with Mr. Waterman, who is pro- posed to leave early in the afternoon. The house, in- mates will all be given afternoon tea and parcels. Any donations in goods would be much appreciated by the men, to augment the parcels.

Two members of the old battalion are inmates of the House.

The association reunion has been set for Wednesday, October 9, at the Railway Institute—the week before Show week in order to be available during Show week. It is hoped to have the services of the Hollywood Cinema Party again this year.

No reply has been received from Adelaide concerning an Anzac Day visit by local members.

The death of Mr. H. B. Evans was the only death reported at the committee.

Sick reported were: T. Massey (Ward 9, Hollywood), T. Miller, Mr. Frawley, Col. Macmillan (in a nursing hospital) and Mr. J. Courtney (Edward Millen) and T. Downes (at home).

Mr. T. Calwell is still at Lempnos.

16th Battalion Association Notes

Crown Devices Vary

The crown devices on the financial clip of League badges are not the same in all States.

In this State the device is that of a queen's crown. In other States the king's crown device is used.

The subject was discussed at a recent meeting of the State Executive when consideration was being given to a national headquarters of the League.

The letter suggested the appropriateness of a queen's crown, especially in view of the planned visit to Australia early next year of the Queen Mother.

The State Secretary (Mr. Chappell) said he had apprised the local committee of the clips and been assured that the design used here was that of a queen's crown.

The difference between the two crowns, Mr. Chappell pointed out, was a matter of shape at the top of the crown.

A Close Watch On School Bus Issue

The State Executive decided at its meeting on August 28 to be represented at a proposed meeting to consider the formation of a School Bus Control Board to examine authority in the rural areas over school bus services.

The meeting is to be convened by the Fremantle Union.

The executive made its decision with the purpose of keeping itself informed with any definite proposals that may emerge from the meeting and not necessarily with the intention of aligning itself with any particular line of action.
Saturday evening social events have proved so popular that the Club Committee has decided to extend the ladies’ evenings to Friday night as well.

‘Let us see you along. There will be no orchestra in attendance on Fridays but we feel sure that the entertainment provided with visit will be enjoyed.

A large number of visitors to the Club during August included the following: S. J. G. Holt (N.G.C.); G. Skuthorp, traveling with the Sole’s Circus; J. O’Gorman, Killimn (S. Aust.), J. H. J. Flett, Geelong; E. Thomas, Manly; R. L. Cameron, Cautfield; M. B. Peters, Pimble, (N.S.W.); E. W. Isaac, N.S.W.); J. Maynard, R.A.A.F., Canberra; C. Dodgwell, Sydney; J. Duggan, Darwin; E. H. Evans, Gymea and C. Ludgate, Fremantle.

The presentation of trophies took place in Anzac House on the evening of Friday, September 19, The Australasian Darts Championship is to be held also in Anzac House on October 7, 8 and 10. This event promises to attract a large audience, so be sure to witness a very fine display of darts.

The W.A. Darts Association will hold a social evening on October 10 at Anzac House. Following a particularly happy season the billiard room will be closed a week for the benefit of yourself and all known and unknown comrades who so kindly contributed towards the purchase of this machine.

“This chair has changed ownership on many occasions, but may you always have the satisfaction of knowing that those who have used it have made someone very happy indeed.”

Bassendean Art Exhibition

During the first week of this month, which it should be, may be a memorable one, the Bassendean R.S.L. sub-branch Women’s Auxiliary, have organised an exhibition for sale of contemporary oil paintings.

This will take place in the R.S.L. Hall and proceeds will go towards the Memorial Hall Building Fund.

The quality of the paintings equals the success of such a show and for this reason, the organisers are proud to announce that the three best works chosen will win the Perth Prize for Contemporary Art (W.A. Section), have willingly consented to be the three contributors on this occasion.

They are: Robert Dunip, Winner-1954; Guy Green; Smith-Winner 1957; and Bartlett, Jennings-Winner 1952. Special fixtures have been arranged, when the artists will be present to paint the latest points on the paintings and answer any questions.

Debutante Ball At Kellerberrin

The Kellerberrin sub-branch held its 5th ball at Cunderdin Hotel when 46 members and visitors attended a reunion dinner. The success of the entire evening was the reward of those who had put every effort into making it pleasant and enjoyable. During the dinner the Cunderdin president (Mr. J. Pearse) the State President; the Secretary of the Royal. (Dr. R. I. Greenham) and Mrs. Greenham.

A highlight of the evening was when the sub-branch president, R. J. H. Hinks, introduced Measures’ pianist composer, Mr. W. L. Ayre, from America on holiday, and who delighted everyone with his music, concluding with his own Let’s Do It Again.

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Highly Enjoyable Ball At York

The State President (Mr. Lonnie) and members of the State Executive and their wives gave every indication that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the annual ball organised by the York sub-branch and held in the York Town Hall on Thursday, August 1.

Accompanying Mr. Lonnie were Mrs. Lonnie, Mr. and Mrs. D. Dargle. On arrival the party was met by the president of the sub-branch (Mr. S. C. Irvin) and Mrs. Irvin, the "vice-presidents" (Messrs. A. Boulbee and J. T. Breda) and the honorary secretary (Mr. A. Mayes) and Mrs. Mayes, and were entertained at an informal function at the Imperial Hotel.

Others in the official party were the Mayor and Mayoress of York (Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Noonan) and Sir Charles Latham, M.L.C.

At this enjoyable function the State President and members of the Executive were given an opportunity of meeting a number of members of the sub-branch.

Later, at the Town Hall, it was clear that everyone enjoyed the dancing and the fine floor show which was presented.

The proceeds from the ball will be devoted towards the erection of the Memorial Hall which is now well on the way to completion.

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary, responsible for the supper arrangements, merited the highest praise for their efforts in providing hospitality on a very lavish scale.

Following supper, the president expressed the appreciation of introducing Mr. Lonnie and his party and expressed his pleasure at having them at the ball.

In a brief response the State President thanked the sub-branch for having given him the opportunity of being present and expressed the hope that in the near future the Memorial Hall would be completed and that he would then again have the opportunity of visiting the town for its official opening.

During the evening the official party was entertained in the Mayoral Parlour by the Mayor and Mayoress.

Coastguard Wanted: The Queensland and West Aus.

Branches of the League have been pressing for some time for a coastguard in northern waters and the New Guinea branch for Manus Island to again become a base under sub-control.

Presentation at Midland

At the Midland sub-branch meeting held in the R.S.L. rooms on Thursday, September 5, a Certificate of Service was presented to Mr. E. J. P. Mellar.

In the absence of the State president (Mr. Lonnie) the senior vice-president of the State Executive (Mr. E. O. Davies) attended, handing the certificate to Mr. Mellar. Mr. Davies spoke at some length regarding the splendid service given by Mr. Mellar to the League and the sub-branch during his many years of association with R.S.L. activities. He had been sub-branch auditor for the past ten years.

Mr. Mellar responded and thanked all present for their splendid gesture. He would continue to assist in the raising of the standard of the League and the local sub-branch.

The sub-branch president (Mr. W. Lamb), then called upon Mr. Jim Craig to move a vote of thanks to Mr. Davies who was always a welcome visitor. Mr. Craig referred briefly to the fact that Mr. Davies was also entitled to thanks for his untiring work in league interests. The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

A grand supper provided by the ladies committee terminated a very pleasant evening.

- The annual reunion dinner of the Bruce Rock sub-branch will be held on Saturday, November 9.

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Expressed preference for British migrants does inexcusable harm...

says Sir George Holland

In a statement issued from B.S.L. National Headquarters in Canberra, Sir George Holland makes the following comments on Australian immigration:

"Continued and well publicised emphasis is needed on the urgent necessity for British migrants who are doing Australia's immigration programme invaluable harm, as well as affecting the easy assimilation into the community of migrants from non-British countries.

"Nearly every nationality insists that it wants a secure nation, and everyone knows that Australia cannot, as it were, get along without Britain to ensure this. Therefore, a sustained and virile appeal for British migrant recruitment had been prosecuted over the past ten years with great success.

"Having invited people from European countries to Australia, some who have been fulsome, and having offered them Australian nationality after a short residency, it is to a degree insulting that they should learn that they are here according to some vociferous and unhinging sources, on sufferance, and that of course, really have prefered Britishers.

"How does this achieve anything except an attitude of resentment?"

"What Australia needs and must have is good people, in large numbers each year, with a high proportion with trade and professional skill. Certainly we will not get any where near enough from Britain. An exceptionally high proportion of European migrants have shown themselves to be good settlers. Kind, cooperative and industrious and skilled workers, as well as being British in family, training, and traditions. Once received into this country as citizens they should be welcomed as such and not regarded as of lower standard. Certainly they have already made a more equal contribution to the success of the life of this country. It is interesting for loyal Australians to remember that both the First and Second World Wars many migrants and Australians of non-British extraction fought valiantly and served Australia and the Empire in such an undertaking as no other country could be expected to do. It is no occasion to suggest that these newcomers from Europe will serve less loyally in peace or in future war. Sir George also appealed to newcomers to Australia to leave behind old world prejudices if any existed, and to make every effort to learn the English language, not only because it was a good thing, but because it was the common language of our people. A good knowledge of English was therefore essential if newcomers were to be appreciated and understood, and to be able to get along and understand newcomers to the country. He felt that it was not easy for the older migrant, and also that it was necessary for the Britisher to remember with reverence the tongue, culture and traditions that we are not building only for ourselves but for our children and our children's children who will be Australian born and Australian bred. All migrants, no matter what their ethnic group, join us in that life."

"Whilst naturally desiring to maintain a maximum British intake based on the kinship of the majority of our people with people of the British stock, we should not cut out this unnecessary and hurtful return of statement, the influx of other than British migrants," said Sir George. "It's just as rude and insulting as inviting a guest home for dinner, and then telling him, when he arrives, that he was only invited to make up the numbers," said Sir George.

A "Thank You" From The League

A State Public Servant on the eve of his retirement received a warm and appreciative farewell when he attended a cocktail party at Government House, on November 25. The party was given by W. C. G. W. P. S. L. Secretary General, Mr. W. C. G. W. P. S. L. Mr. H. G. Holland, on the occasion of his retirement. The State President told delegates that the League was indebted to Mr. Graham.
Children Plant Trees
In Honour Avenue

The first phase of the Carlisle sub-branch's honour avenue project—announced earlier this year—was completed early in August when children of the Carlisle State School planted jacaranda trees in Venner Street, under the guidance of officers of the City Gardener's Department.

The children assembled with their headmaster (Mr. Phillips) and a member of his teaching staff at the Blakesford Soldiers Memorial Hall, where the Union Jack was flying at full mast. Addressing them C. W. R. Read, of the Perth City Council, said the trees would create an honour avenue that in the course of time would add to the beautification of the district and remain a memorial to the men of Carlisle school who gave their lives in the two world wars.

The children listened attentively when the sub-branch president (Mr. W. E. Geary) said he felt sure that as the years passed they would come to regard the trees they had planted as a memorial with pride. He expressed the belief that the scouts, and indeed all the children, would do all they could to prevent vandalism to the trees.

The children then placed themselves in pairs at the planting pegs set up by a working-bee of sub-branch members the previous Sunday day, and planted the trees.

To end the proceedings, the president thanked those present for their interest and expressed appreciation of the co-operation of the City Council.

He also paid a tribute to the headmaster and pupils of the Carlisle school for the thought which had prompted the laying of a wreath from the school on Anzac Day at the memorial hall.

Wooroloo's New Officials

The Wooroloo sub-branch held its annual meeting in July.

The only change of officials was the election of Mr. R. W. Cashmore as vice-president.

The hon. secretary, Mr. N. E. Banks, now holds the dual position of secretary-treasurer.

Sub-branch officials would like to see a better attendance of members at monthly meetings which are held every second Tuesday in the month at the Sanatorium.

- Wear your Poppy with pride on Friday, November 8. "Let us remember."