Land Committee Chairman Sees War-Service Settlements

In a recent four-day trip embracing the War-Service Land Settlement projects at Jerramungup, Corrangerup and Gairdner River the chairman of the League's land committee (Mr. J. F. Milne) visited many settlers as he could but did not hear any serious complaints.

He reported this at the meeting of the State Executive on November 6.

Mr. Milne said he had been surprised at both the scope and the achievement of the projects, and regarded these areas as a wonderful asset for the State.

Of the three areas a total of about 200,000 acres comprising 141 properties had been brought under cultivation.

At Gairdner River—the largest of the three—sandy mallee country with a clay subsoil and a 14 in. fall, the property was irrigated about 3,000 acres in size.

The estimated carrying capacity of the land is in the second year in pasture was about a sheep to the acre, which was good for that type of land.

Fifty farms had been laid down to clover and ryegrass on the pastures and of them had been provided with 2200 tanks.

This year had been poor yet the pasture growth had been remarkable.

The roads were of gravel but it was anticipated that the main roads would be surfaced in the near future.

At Jerramungup

At Jerramungup a new school was almost completed.

The nearest large town was Gnowangerup, about 60 miles to the west.

Clearing of the land in these areas had proceeded at the rate of about 2000 acres a day; the machinery was once again the key to the project.

The knocking-down of the scrub was followed up by fire, and the land was then ploughed twice—the second ploughing being essential for dealing with regrowth

Stewardship Report From Mr. Sten

The League has received a report from Mr. T. Sten, principal of the Teachers' Training College, Claremont, and a former State President of the R.S.L.—on his stewardship as League representative on the Repatriation Education Board.

The report is as follows:

1. I have the privilege of continuing to occupy the chairmanship of the board.
2. A glance at the personnel list will offer every assurance that the education of the children concerned is in very capable and representative hands. I would like to emphasise the fact that the programme is carefully planned but that the attitude of the Deputy-Commissioner, Mr. Comrie, is perhaps the most sympathetic one. We have been most fortunate in finding an efficient and interested Repatriation Department Staff allocated to these duties.
3. We are particularly strong on the guidance side and we feel that our interview organisation is one of great value to students. We are certain of benefits arising out of this particularly at approximately 12 years at the time of entry.

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A Farewell

The State President (Mr. Lonnie) and members of the Executive and staff assembled in the board room, Anzac House, on the evening of December 30 to bid farewell to Mr. Frank Fitzgerald, who had reached the age of retirement.

Frank joined the staff in March, 1945. His tributes were paid him by Messrs. Lonnie, Doug Henwood (State Secretary) and Jim Gillet (staff).

Mr. Lonnie presented Frank a Repatriation cheque and wished him every happiness in retirement.
A Good Resolution

A very bright Christmas was assured the veterans by the generosity of sub-branches, sub-branch auxiliaries and friends and well-wishers of the home. Now we face a completely new year with the traditional New Year resolutions.

May I suggest, as a NUM-BER ONE priority resolution, that:

"Each member of each sub-branch resolve that, besides assuring that his sub-branch supports our War Veterans’ Home, the individual member will personally endeavour to contribute a minimum of FIVE SHILLINGS in cash or goods during 1959."

During the past year there was increased interest taken in this worthwhile League project, and to all who visited the home or made donations I wish, on behalf of the veterans, the committee and the State Executive, to say: "Thank you, and may you have derived as much pleasure in giving as the veterans in receiving."

Visits

The year 1957 wound up with the following visits and donations being made to Faversham:

Tuesday, December 5—members of the York sub-branch women’s auxiliary gave the veterans their usual Christmas party, and the music, supper and Christmas cheer were greatly appreciated. Each veteran was the recipient of a Christmas parcel.

Sunday, December 8—the Northam sub-branch and women’s auxiliary provided transport for the veterans to proceed to Northam, where they were treated to Christmas cheer, afternoon tea, games, music and a high tea. Each veteran was presented with a Christmas parcel.

Sunday, December 15—the annual Christmas visit of the R.S.L. State Executive women’s auxiliary, at which two veterans were tendered a very enjoyable tea on the lawns, together with traditional Christmas cheer and, again, each veteran received a Christmas gift.

Saturday, December 21—members of the York Railway Social Club visited the home and distributed Christmas gifts to the veterans.

Donations

Donations received at the home during December 1959 were from:

Mr. A. Dunham, Lake Grace (books); W. McNamara and Sons, York (Drum of America); R. Rushton and Co., Brookton (books); Mr. Chris Kealey, Dumbleyung (4 coppers); Brookton women’s auxiliary (hamper); Northam auxiliary (Christmas cake); Ring-up auxiliary (22); Aust. Red Cross Society (tobacco, cigarettes, Christmas cakes, cards and gifts); Mr. L. Webster, York (turkey); York Branch, Red Cross Soc. (case filled with fish); R.S.L. State Executive auxiliary (ash trays); Mrs. K. Kimunicipal, Meckering (eggs and books); Wundowie auxiliary (playing cards and Christmas gifts); Mrs. Atkins, Mr. W. G. Burges, York (ham); Dowerin auxiliary (12/1/6); Farmyard auxiliary (12/2/6); York Repatriation Committee (cheese, gifts and gifts for each veteran); Kulm auxiliary (hamper); Ring-up auxiliary (books); Mrs. M Francis, Babakin (clothes).

To all the above, and to every friend who has assisted in any way during 1959, our very grateful and sincere thanks and to all readers our best wishes for 1959— and make a point of assuring your name appears in this column during the coming year.
READERS' LETTERS

Big Anzac Day Service at Public Schools

To The State Secretary

Sir,—My attention has been drawn to an article in "The Listening Post" for May, 1957, page 11, referring to an Anzac Day service held by the schools at Midland.

The second paragraph reads:

"Outside of the Kings Park broadcast, the Midland Primary High School arrangements must easily rank next in order as the most successful in the State.

Mr. Moyes, the headmaster, who has easily been known on the afternoon of Anzac Day in the grounds of either school in the area. At this time there have been present all the boys from the school (approximately 1,000)."

And large representations of the Ladies' College, St. Hildas, and Methodist Ladies' College. The service has always been a moving pageant, and parents and residents of the valley have been attending in increasing numbers.

I am drawing the attention of the Editor to this fact because we desire any publicity for the schools concerned but because it might be helpful for all who live in the area to realise that it is our intention that this service should continue as an annual feature and that all who let us know would be welcome to attend.

Yours, etc.,

G. S. Maxwell Keys.
Principal, Scotch College, Swanbourne.

What About Our Hall?

Sir,—During the last five years I have been a member of the Mt. Magnet Artillery Post.

Receiving "The Listening Post" regularly have never seen our sub-branch mentioned, which gives me a feeling that we are "soldiers" but not "in." During the last two and a half years we have been on active service for over two weeks. At our most recent service, held by the branch at the Midford Hall on the 29th Division, C.O.S., we were given an opportunity to render something for the people of Midland, which is worth looking at.

In our spare time, and when we are not serving, we constantly work on our own behalf to improve the conditions of our sub-branch, which is the only possible way to get a service that can be of use to the community.

My opinion is that we should be given a bit of attention. Yours etc.,

Mt. Magnet

[An official report has been sent to this correspondence.]

An Old Gunner Remembers

Sir,—Before I state the reason for writing, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that there are many persons who give service to the community and yet never receive recognition for their work.

Would it not be possible to have a spot in the periodical reserved for those who are doing something to help others?

Yours, etc.,

Mr. Sullivan

Where Is This Kid?

Mr. J. Howard, of 101 Finlayson St, Melbourne, is inquiring as to the whereabouts of Jack Sullivan, of Varallo, who is a soldier of the 1914-18 war.

The missing man is believed to have enlisted from his home town of Varallo, and his mother's maiden name was Emily Sullivan.

The inquirer says he would be grateful for any information enabling him to locate Mr. Sullivan, and that he would immediately make good any expense incurred.

Alford.—A correspondence concerning "The Listening Post" should be addressed to the B. S. L. State Secr. of the V. T. C. (E. S. L. Secr.), of which the Post is the official organ.

Victoria Park Man Sells 58 Wreaths

By selling 58 wreaths for Poppy Day, Mr. Charles Moyes, the Post member of the Victoria Park sub-branch believes a State record has been set.

As well as the wreaths he sold, a number of several hundred poppies were sold.

Messrs Tony Crowe, Andy Timms, and Mrs. Long and five other members of the auxiliary also contributed to the good results achieved.

The sub-branch meetings are gaining new members from time to time, and the old members are attending. But there is still room for more.

The annual smoke social for 1957 was held on December 15.

On Saturday, November 29, the last Post was sold, for Mr. Tom Hill, the sub-branch treasurer.

His fellow-members feel that while it may be found to be a little effort, the Post does its work.

To Mrs. Greenwell and family they extend their thanks.

The sub-branch is grateful to the tradesmen who purchased the wreaths.

It has urgent need of funds to enable it to make necessary repairs to its hall.

Can Any Other Perth Man Recall This?

A request has come from Mrs. F. K. Hatton, of Waterman's Bay, as to whether any Perth man had personal recollections of Queen Victoria's funeral.

She says her husband— who was away on duty on December 20 and 21 — had a patient in the Hospital of the Gloucestershire Regiment who, on the day of the funeral, and that he would like to meet anyone who could discuss it with him.

Mrs. Hatton says that her husband's memory is remarkably good. In 1935 he was a member of the swimming team of one of the V.T.C. brigades, and he swam the English Channel.

During the last war he was senior air raid warden at Waterman's Bay,
TREATMENT OF THE MAIMED
(The Survival Of The Fittest)

The efforts of soldiers with a great measure of success. It may be
assured that resulting from the overtures of the League and of the Limbs
Association, the lot of the maimed and incapacitated man has been rendered less distressing than
would have been the case otherwise.

The untrammeled actions of governments would have
merely the gradual tightening
up from which we learn of its scheme of repatria-
tion. The Government of any country subsists and acts
in accordance with public position, and did the
tendency of the Government elince itself in the

Soliquring
By "Monoped"

It has been announced that those persons who have
resident at places removed from
their places of em-
ployment or business, may
claim, "as allowable
taveling expenses," travelling expenses
this regard not exceeding £15 a year. Now that For-
tune smiles so benignly on
the public, it is perhaps
the city drift will
wane.

The Bolshevik move-
ment has extended to the
moon now! A Witchkin re-
cently rowed a scar-
let halo around it.

Victoria is making
good progress and the
police who were treated to a cold rece
"the boys" were served the cold shoulder.

It is pleasing to note
the pride of place among
equal competitors for the scholar-
ships so generously donated by Mr. T. M. Creasy who
was acquired by a daughter's son,

Theo Marshall, Ex-28th
is the just reward for
his efforts.

The Premier has set an
example to Scapin in the
manner of disregarding
pensions in assessing the
rate of wage an employee is
eligible to receive. If every fellow was paid what he was worth
in proportion to the amount
of work he was doing, in
his Government job, would
the man who is so antagon-
stically inclined to soldiers
(pertain particularly maimed
ones) receive the salary he
should have been awarded, why
should a maimed man be
a paupers on account of
his war-caused disability?

January, 1923.

Maimed And
Limless

Recently the Returned
Maimed and Limbless
Men's Association asked the
Premier (Sir William
Chailll) to consider favour-
ably the case of two mem-
bers in Government employ-
ment whose salaries had
been reduced on account of
their disabilities.

The Premier gave instruc-
tions that little or nothing
the loss of salary should be
made good. The other man
had left his position the
Premier was not dispos-
ted to consider his case. Sir
William referred the matter
to the members of the association employed
in Government service at low wages.

The general question of the em-
ployment of maimed and
limbless soldiers in the
Government service was also
discussed. Sir William was
ordered to the Premier was thanked for his
sympathetic attitude to the
was severely handicapped.

January, 1923.

Trite Tattle

• Gout kills some men
• Marriage has its com-

• An ideal place for
• A man has nothing
to say and "tends" a
• The best way to keep
• Some men get a reputa-
• Time and tide wait
• Many things are not so
• The things we don't expect

January, 1923.
Memorable League Year Ahead

This year (1958) should be a memorable year for the League. We are definitely going to see an all-out rejuvenation process and a clean-up of many of the points that have been stumbling blocks in the past.

The months ahead will see the biggest-ever membership drive, and to accomplish this we will have to look to the sub-branches—the substance of the League—so actually put it into effect.

For the first time for many years League headquarter will be in a position to give real assistance and guidance to sub-branches with no strings attached.

We must be sure, in our drive to enrol new members and to get back those who have fallen by the wayside, that we can show them a united League. We must not over-emphasise what they stand to gain, as most of them have already received benefits through the League although many do not realise that the League has been instrumental in providing them. What we must make certain of is that the Returned Servicemen’s League is a huge body of men, united for their own and their country’s good.

In these days of high-pressure interests, it is imperative that the returned serviceman has a definite say in what goes on. And how much more valuable will our thoughts be when the thoughts of say 40,000 men in this State as against the present 16,000?

We must make certain when they do become members of our League, that they are encouraged to have as many meetings, and a very important point for sub-branches to note is when a fresh idea is mooted it should be given every consideration with regard to League policy and experience rather than being summarily dismissed.

Older members with great experience will remember that some fresh ideas have been very valuable.

Things To Come

What are we going to do to help you?

• Reminders will be sent to all members
• A pennant will be presented annually to the sub-branch putting the most money into the membership drive
• Early in the new year a sub-branch guide will be printed for the benefit of sub-branch officers providing, where desired, a more uniform sub-branch routine. Following new sub-branch officers the information necessary to perform their duties will be put in the advancement of the League.
• Country group meetings will be put on a definite basis with a prepared itinerary so that all participating sub-branches will know well in advance and come along with definite objects to be achieved.
• Presidents and secretaries’ meetings will be overhauled, and thought will be given to varying the electricity metropole district conferences on the same lines as country group meetings.
• OTHERS? is at your service, and all sub-branches are invited to undertake this radio session (by courtesy of KY-NA) to encourage their members by letting them know current sub-branch events.
• We thought we would push the SLOGAN FOR ‘58. We now hand it over to you—make sure that your members not only know it, but get it into effect. And that means every member of the League!
• On our suggestion many sub-branches have elected membership secretaries. They have been very profitable, so we suggest that other sub-branches follow suit. Some sub-branches have even formed membership committees, and are costing a lot of time in answering their entire district.
• Last, but by no means least, The Listening Post is YOUR journal. If it doesn’t appeal to you, then your fault is that your sub-branch does not use it to let you know your local news. In the past much of the sub-branch news has come from State Executive members on their return from district visits. But these members don’t know the every-day happenings of the sub-branch and can only write of what they see.

Make sure that YOUR sub-branch writes regularly and you will regain your interest in this journal.

In wishing every sub-branch and every member of the League in Western Australia, a very happy and prosperous New Year, we issue to you a challenge—CONTROL A MATE FOR ‘58 and then rejuvenate your sub-branch so that they will want to remain part of it.

Flashbacks, continued

The State President’s New Year Message

In the beginning of the New Year I desire to wish all sub-branches, officers and members, the best of good wishes for 1923.

It is felt by members of the executive and myself that a real revival of interest is taking place in the League, not only by soldiers themselves but by a large section of the public, but until the League includes in its membership the greater cent of the soldiers in Western Australia, our work is incomplete.

Our objects are very simple, and we owe allegiance to no party or sect, but we support the right of the man or woman of the people that we are out to do work for. That support can only be shown by wearing our badge.

I hope that when Congress assembles next October we shall have some very real progress to report from every one of you, especially with regard to membership; and I feel sure that the “Newdelegates” can so kindly donated by the Governor, will be keenly fought for.

We will all branches to work for the return to Perth when the members of the League are working on their behalf and in some instances they have done nothing and lives ineffectively in their community. I don’t think, really, a more enthusiastic hand of workers could be found anywhere, and this self-denying work devoted to the soldiers merits the hearty support and cooperation from all soldiers in Western Australia.

Again, wishing you the very best wishes to every one in the New Year.

H. S. HUMPHREY
January, 1923.
R.S.L. Women's Auxiliaries

Waroona Auxiliary Has Good Annual Meeting

Mrs. C. V. Wood presided over a good attendance on December 6 for the annual meeting of the Waroona-Hamel auxiliary.

The president reported that the year has not been particularly good for sales. The Raina and Sunshine stall and raffle was very successful. As usual the Auxiliary had to provide the R.S.L. with the annual Reunion.

The biggest event of the year was the Debutante Ball in April, the ladies being presented to Sir Ross McLaury and Miss Josephine McLaury.

There were no delegates from our branch to the State conference but I attended for a day and a half as a visitor and it was very enjoyable. With the help of a few members I was enabled to sell poppies for the sub-branch.

I would like to thank our secretary for the good work as well as the help she has done, also the treasurer.

The secretary reported that we have fulfilled our obligations to our auxiliary and our usual donations were made - the total amount being approximately £60. The Red Cross March Appeal we donated £10/10/- to Favesham House £10/10/-, also a parcel of biscuits to Memorial House £2/2/- and other worthy objectives £5/5/- as per balance sheet.

Our president spent some time in hospital during the year and all members are pleased to see her enjoying good health once again.

During the year many parcels and cards were sent to sick auxiliary members and our president.

I would like to thank the president for her help this year and am sure all members will agree with me in saying she has done an excellent job as our president.

Officers selected for the ensuing year were: President Mrs. C. V. Wood (re-elected); vice-president Mrs. Treasure; treasurer Mrs. M. Kirkpatrick (re-elected); and secretary Mrs. G. Weller (re-elected).

In general business, which followed, final arrangements were made for the street stall on December 14 and the combined R.S.L. and women's auxiliary New Year's Eve cabaret dance.

Visits For November

Saturday, 9th: State President and Secretary present the Cross of Remembrance to the State War Memorial for Remembrance Day ceremony - paid in full on behalf of all auxiliaries.

Saturday, 16th: State President and Secretary attend State Reunion at Hotel Argyle - paid in full on behalf of all auxiliaries.

Saturday, 23rd: State President and Secretary present Cross to Central sub-branch - paid in full on behalf of all auxiliaries.

Saturday, 24th: State President and Secretary present Cross to Ferrers - paid in full on behalf of all auxiliaries.

Sunday, 31st: State President and Secretary present Cross to Helena sub-branch social - paid in full on behalf of all auxiliaries.

Christmas Cheer

This festive season members of the R.S.L. Women Auxiliary State Executive and Auxiliary State Executives were packed 500 Christmas parcels for Digger's in hospitals, convalescent homes and nursing stations, and arranged for a personal visit to each recipient.

The contents of the parcels varied to suit individual tastes, some containing socks, handkerchiefs, sweets, and cigarettes, and others biscuits, cordial, talcum powder and novel.

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The Latest Donations

Latest donations from the various auxiliaries have been announced by the State Secretary (Mrs. Ames) as follows:

Kalgoorlie: $10 Xmas Cheer; $5 Favas lamb.
Karratha: $5/10/ St John's Ambulance.
Swanbourne: $10 Favas lamb; $5 Xmas cheer; $5 Hos e each Favas lamb.
Dwellipa: $5 Cancer Appeal.
Dowerin: $5 Xmas Cheer.
Mosman Park: $2/2 Xmas Cheer.
Rivervale: 10 Gratitude.
Bridgeport: $10 Xmas Cheer.
Nedlands: $5/5 Xmas Cheer.
Gnowangerup: $30 Xmas Cheer.
Mt. Barker: $40 Xmas Cheer.
Katanning: $50 Legacy.
Brunswick Junction: $30 Xmas Cheer.
Meckering: $10 each Cancer Appeal, Favas lamb, Hospital Visiting, Xmas Cheer.
Kalgoorlie: $6.70 Red Cross.
T.P.I. War Blinded, Malmed, and Limibese, Partially Blinded, $5 Legacy.
Mt. Hawthorn: $10 Xmas Cheer, $5 Hospital Visiting.
Kalgoorlie: $1/1/ T.P.I. Legacy.
Partially Blinded, Malmed and Limibese, Fed. T.B. Assoc. $3.
South Perth: $3/2/ Xmas Cheer.
Cottesloe: $1/2/ each Xmas Cheer, Hospital Visiting.
Bridgeport: $5 each Malmed and Limibese, War Blinded, E. Millner, Lennons, Hospital Visiting.
Leonaora-Gallawa: $10 Hospital Visiting, $5 Xmas Cheer.
Rothbury: $1/2/ Xmas Cheer.
Bellevue: $3 Xmas Cheer.
Ratanning: $20 Xmas Cheer.
Bunbury: $10 Hospital Visiting.
Cottesloe: $5 each Fed. T.B. Assoc., War Blinded.
South Perth: $3/2/ Xmas Cheer.
Bellevue: $3 Xmas Cheer, Hospital Visiting.
Moora: $5/5/ Xmas Cheer.

Sub-branch At Nollamara

A new R.S.L. sub-branch has been formed at Nollamar.

Reformed Association Makes A Tactical Appreciation

The following “Appreciation of the Situation” by the committee of the re-formed 7/13 Field Ambulance Godfathers Association has been submitted by the association president (Dr. L. P. Gray).

Situation

Enthusiastic 7/13 Fd. Amb. with only moral support of Army HQ need a band. In particular the haunting strains of a pipe band is much sought after by the Unit.

Factors

1. Cheque show NSP deduction: We need the money.
2. Stalwart warriors of the RAMC in W.A. deduction: We need their support.

Courses Open To Us

(a) Complete capitulation with the Piep-Gue.
(b) Withdrawal behind a ‘dust cloud.’

Plan

(a) Stimulating circular to all persons ever associated with RAMC in W.A. THIS IS IT.
(b) Stand by to receive with gratitude marks your generous contribution. These can be passed to any of our “STRETCHER BARRIERS”—see Appx. “A” in particular to BILL JONES (23, Amberley-street, WEST LEEDERVILLE) or to Capt. J. W. COOMBE, DDMS Office, Swan Barracks, Perth.

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Anzac Spirit Abroad

Some striking comments on the Anzac spirit abroad were received recently by the Cottesloe sub-branch from a member now resident in London—Mr. L. N. Owen, formerly of the 2/38th Battalion—in a letter forwarding his sub-branch dues.

Mr. Owen attended the Anzac service at the Cenotaph but was not particularly impressed. His comment: "No march, and the service hurried through as though a matter of form."

But the service at the Abbey, he said, more than made up for it. The sermon was delivered by an Australian ex-service padre and among those present were Lord Bruce of Melbourne and General Freyberg V.C. At the reception which followed at Australia House a good time had been had by all.

A dinner and concert held at the same venue the following Saturday evening had been first-rate, and Mr. Owen was amazed at the number of original Anzacs present. Some were visitors, but quite a few were men who had settled in Britain after World War I. The Agent-General for Victoria in a memorable address had stressed that a friend of his stationed in Arabia had sent for the Australian and New Zealand flags for the Anzac Day ceremony in that district and outpost.

Mr. Owen went on: "I met an Englishman the other day wearing the R.S.L. badge. He joined in New Guinea three years ago and still keeps financial. Proud to wear the emblem, which carries far more weight than its counterpart here—the British Legion. Mainly because we hang together more and are, as true Australians, more woolly-headed!"

Mr. Owen also enclosed the snapshot below, which shows Mr. Bowley Goddard "Minig Host" of the Anzac Hotel, Amiens—at right—with his wife and a friend. Mr. Goddard is an original 16th Battalion man who "apart from the Hitler year" has lived in France since 1916.

Utakarra War Graves Honoured

On Remembrance Sunday, a party of Geraldton R.S.L. members led by the president (Mr. Bill Cunningham) visited the war graves at Utakarra and placed flowers on each grave.

Forty-two of the 83 graves are of R.A.A.F. personnel who were stationed in Geraldton during World War II. Also buried there are 16 army men from N.S.W., nine from Victoria, one from Queensland, and 15 from WA.

In contrast to at least part of the adjacent public cemetery, the R.S.L. members' section has been regularly maintained.

"This year the public of Geraldton lent a helping hand to aged, maimed and limbless members who had been overseas. A record number of more than 2,000 poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day—B.J.B."
Customary Visit For Veterans

Following a custom established in 1954, residents of Faversham House, York, were entertained in the R.S.I. Memorial Hall, Northam, on Sunday, December 8.

Twenty-four of the veterans, accompanied by the Superintendent (Mr. Les Heiler) and Mrs. Heiler, traveled by bus and arrived at the hall at about 3 p.m.

A large Christmas tree—garlanded with balloons, silver bells, tinsel and cotton wool—occupied a central position in front of the stage, while other gaily colored lights glimmered along the sides and topped columns stretched across the hall.

It was a warm afternoon and cool drinks, served as soon as the visitors arrived comfortably seated, were most welcome. About 30 members of the sub-branch, and a like number of auxiliary members on hand to act as hostesses. They circled among the guests and fitted in with them, and while Mrs. R. E. Gollap, wife of the secretary, played soft background music on the piano.

Following afternoon tea, the sub-branch member, Jack McWilliams, took centre stage with a selection of old-time melodies played on the piano accordion.

The president (Mr. Ken Trat) in Father Christmas costume complete with a kitbag full of gifts, arrived to bring the visitors and wishing them every happiness for Christmas. At the New Year, presented each with a gift provided by the women's auxiliary.

Most of the visitors then went for a stroll along the street to have a look at Northam, and note the changes which have taken place during the past year.

By 5.30 all were back and a delightful tea was served, with the sub-branch auxiliary sitting down with the veterans and being waited on by the ladies.

A large, beautifully-iced, Christmas cake was cut by the president and distributed to the guests, and later to the president's address on behalf of the guests.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the visitors again entered the bus for a pleasant run back to York in the general meeting.

The next order of the day in the entertainment was the presentation of a picture of the gallipoli landing and plans to hang it in one of the sub-branch rooms at York in the general meeting Mr. Burdis was appointed auditor.

The ANZAC Club Notes

By DOUG DARGIE

With the New Year upon us it is hoped that plans laid for re-building the club will reach fruition in the months ahead.

If the committee's requirements can be accommodated by the provision of a ladies' room, visitor's room, adequate bar and cloakroom facilities, an area for billiards and other games and a restaurant, there is nothing to stop the success of the club, even after welcoming members of the existing roof garden for evening entertainment—provided each Saturday night.

However, the present facilities and a lack of funds don't wait for the alterations before giving us your patronage.

Club trading over the festive season was very buoyant—particularly the bar—and it would be a good idea to welcome visitors of the club.

The monthly cue-ball mystery competition was won by Jim Tait. While H.M.S. Newfoundland and was in port here of course, and they and themselves of an open invitation to make use of the facilities of the club, it was very pleasing to see their appreciation by the members of the club. Their conduct during their stay was irreproachable.

Space in this issue will not permit the publication of individual visitors' names, but if you have been taken for the overall impression, you will appreciate the variety of visitors and members who had not been too much bothered or even in the past.

Finally, don't forget the slogan—"Enrol a mate for '58."

Reunion A Cottesloe Highlight

The main feature of the Cottesloe sub-branch's activities over its last month was the annual reunion and smoke social.

Visitors for the occasion included the State President and members of his executive, Mr. R. P. Johnson, M.L.A., and local government representatives including the Mayor of Cottesloe (Mr. L. P. Gadd) who visited the branch and praised the good work of the sub-branch auxiliary over the previous 12 months, and passed on to the president (Mr. Casey) a cheque from that body.

The speaker hoped the members would do as well next year.

Sub-branch Poppy Day sales for 1957 were a record.

An address by Mr. L. F. P. Gillies was made by the sub-branch patron (Col. J. H. Roberts, N.C.R.A.D.) praised Cottesloe for the excellence of its work on the occasion, and presented the general meeting Mr. Burdis was appointed auditor.

A final meeting for the year the committee had considered a donation of a picture of the gallipoli landing and plans to hang it in one of the sub-branch rooms at York in the general meeting Mr. Burdis was appointed auditor.

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At Quairading

From the District Correspondent

Up till 20 years ago the Quairading sub-branch had regularly conducted an annual dinner that was always highly spoken of and well attended by visitors and members. Recently it was decided to revive the function, and the result must have been gratifying to the president (Mr. A. C. Kelly) and his committee.

Special thanks must go to Mrs. D. Martyn, who arranged the catering, and to the caterer and his staff, for the excellent food which left nothing to be desired.

The evening certainly had a nostalgic effect on the old Diggers present and reminiscing was heavily indulged in. Quite a long time list was kept to the lighter and humorous part.

After the chairman had called for two minutes silence to commemorate the memory of fallen comrades, he asked Mr. G. McLeay to say grace, which was then followed by the main course of the meal, quite a long time list was honoured. The toast was proposed by the chairman, with musical honours.

“The Executive”

The “State Executive” was proposed by Mr. D. McRae in very able manner. He was pleased we had representatives with us, and congratulated them on the great job they were doing. It was not enough for these men to carry out their duties, but he said, they had continued in a peacetime way, in a very unselfish manner.

In response Mr. Eric Davids, a State Vice-President, apologised for the absence of the State President, who was then in the Eastern States. Mr. Davids implored executive members to bring their problems to the notice of the Central Executive.

He thanked the sub-branch for their invitation, Mr. McRae, for his remarks in proposing the toast, and all those present for the spontaneous way in which they had received it.

He was correctly supported by Mr. L. Finlayson, who supported the toast, and told some humorous stories of previ-ous days.

He hoped the visitors would enjoy the evening, which was a well-arranged and well-attended function.

The toast was responded to by Mr. A. Alderton, of Tam-mah, who was delighted to be present and hoped Quairading would revive the function, and that the sub-branch held a similar function.

“Diggers” was proposed by Mr. R. Beecham,

forecasting that the navy would become a thing of the past in the Atomic Age.

This point was hotly contested by Mr. B. Williams in his response.

Mr. D. Martyn was proposed by Mr. E. W. Kelly, who concisely but a little patronisingly thought Mr. Martyn responded very briefly.

“The Air Force” was proposed by Mr. D. Jones, who gave some nice things about the Junior Service and gave Mr. Martyn a chance to retaliate in his response.

Mr. Eric Davids proposed a toast to the chairman, whom he thought had done a most capable job and had played a big part in making the evening a most enjoyable one.

To conclude the first post-war reunion dinner held by the sub-branch. The roll-up was by every beck’s threat, but it proved a most enjoyable and one was not privy to several inches of the father-son relationship.


During the evening musical items were rendered by Misses, G. Macleay, R. Hadlow, J. Vissers and A. Jong lron. He concluded the evening.

Australian Association
In Johannesburg

A correspondent has written of the Australian Association in Johannesburg as follows:

It may surprise readers to know that there is a very large Australian and New Zealand population in this city, but it is true. A large number of Australians and New Zealanders live in Johannesburg.

On April 25 a ceremony is held at the Centosa to commemorate Anzac Day.

The Mayor of Johannesburg always receives the president of the Australian and New Zealand Association in his parlour, together with other dignitaries, and in the same place the Mayor makes his speech to the gathering and lays their wreaths.

The Mayor’s challenge addresses the gathering and ends with a speech by the mayor. After the speeches on either side of the wreaths, sound the Last Post, and after a 21-gun salute in Johannesburg, the Reveille is sound-
Back From School

Recently returned from the Commonwealth Government’s School of Civil Defence at Mt. Macedon, Victoria, is Mr. Harry Holder, of the State Executive. Mr. Holder attended the school under the auspices of the League’s head office.

Classes are conducted throughout the year on the latest methods of civil defence against atomic and thermo-nuclear weapons, and chemical and bacteriological warfare.

THE LISTENING POST

Amelioration Net Is Cast Wide

Amelioration services rendered to a British Imperial ex-service man residing at Mr. Hawken (W.A.)-Mr. E. Hat-ten.

The British Legion’s approach to the League was made through the good offices of the British Empire Service League.

The Legion’s letter enclosed a copy of a letter it had received from Mr. Hat-ten extolling the League for helping him over some of his difficulties.

Gunners’ Day Ceremony Recalls Old Times

There was a splendid turnout of veteran gunners and lighthouse men at the Gunners’ Day ceremony at Guildford last November and hearing them in conversation recalled the jingle of harness, the neigh of the charger and the rumble of guns moving up to battle.

In the march-past the Col. Commandant, Royal Artillery (Col. A. J. Hobbs) took the salute.

Many notable official guests included Bishop Riley, who has a very close association with the 10th Light Horse—the Lord Mayor (Mr. Howard) and Mrs. Howard, Lieut.-Com- mander Hearst, R.A.N., Mr. E. O. Davies representing the R.S.I., and the president of the 10th Light Horse Association.

Music was provided by the Midland Junction branch of the Salvation Army.

The service was conducted in St. Matthew’s Church by the Rev. B. D. O. Coleman.

Murray Has Good Year

Thirty-nine of the 82 Murray sub-branch members were present for the annual general meeting the night of the high attendance at an annual meeting since 1946.

In his report the retiring president, Mr. Bert Crow, said that the whole sub-branch was a great team-work and spirit among members, which had been an outstanding feature of the sub-branch.

Increased membership, increased finance (two and a half times more than the previous year) raised and spent on improvements, a record Anzac Day, the discontinuation of the bigger Poppy Day sales, added amenities and ground improvements were some of the things accomplished.

Warning against complacency he said, “You have achieved much. But you can do it justly. By the time you have finished, this property will be an asset to the district, a credit to Murray and the league, and an example to other sub-branches in the State of what can be done by teamwork.”

The foundation secretary, Mr. Ross McMyrty, occupied the chair.

By Sir Ross:”I and the other members of this sub-branch here today are proud to see the young people taking an active interest in their welfare. What you have done, and are doing, is indeed a credit to you.”

By officers returned: President, Bert Crow; Secretary, George Ash; treasurer, Denis Self; and vice-presidents, Harold Lewin and Peter Bell; committee members, Gresmyrsk, G. Taylor, J. Martin, C. Gore, W. Norberg, R. Brown, and A. Harries.

40 Wanted To “See It Go”

Forty more to see it go! This is how Dr. D. M. Hooper summarises the appeal by the Manly sub-branch to its members to take some adventures on the new sub-branch hall.

“The completion of the new sub-branch hall is the response to this appeal,” said Mr. Hooper recently.

“Thirty-nine members who had not yet made forward would take out adventure for $5 debenture.”

“Forty more to see it go” to the building fund, he said. It is a good investment. The new sub-branch hall will earn far more than a savings bank account, and can be sold if needed for cash arises. Deposits on debentures will be accepted, and payment can be completed in instalments.”
ARMoured CAR TACTICS

Late last year the Commanding Officer, 10th Light Horse Regiment (Lieut.-Col. K. O. Howard) spent a fortnight with the King's Dragoon Guards Regiment in Malaya studying armoured car tactics in that country. He is pictured here at Johore Bahru with two guardsmen.

On his return to W.A. Lieut-Col. Howard said his trip had been of great benefit to him and that the lessons learnt would be of great value to the 10th Light Horse.

Much of the material collected on his trip was "filed" on his portable tape-recorder.

Sir Basil Embry At Highgate Luncheon


Official guests at the luncheon were the R.S.L. State President (Mr. Lomie) and Mrs. Lomie, the State President of the Air Force Association (Mr. L. Howard) and Mrs. Howard, and the Acting-Commissioner of Police (Mr. O'Brien) and Mrs. O'Brien. Lady Embry accompanied her famous husband.

Apologies were received from His Excellency the Governor (Sir Charles Gardner) and from the Deputy-Premier (Mr. J. T. Tonkin), the Lord Mayor (Mr. H. R. Howard) and the R.S.L. State Secretary (Mr. J. Chappell).

To a capacity house of 360 at Boome Chandelier Room Sir Basil spoke of the horrors confronting civilization in the event of a third world war and of the folly of governments in spending millions of pounds on traditional weapons when it was already conceded by the Western democracies that in the event of war with the Communist bloc this would be fought with such weapons as the intercontinental ballistic missile.

Sir Basil outlined the events leading up to the Suez crisis and the embarrassing position of Britain and France following the enforced evacuation by America.

Before the luncheon Sir Basil and Lady Embry were guests of the Highgate sub-branch president (Mr. H. D. Dargle) and Mrs. Dargle at the Savoy Hotel.

Gutha Gets Charter

It was a big R.S.I. day in Gutha on December 1 when the branch was presented with its charter by the State Country Vice-President (Mr. T. F. Buckle of Geraldton).

Other visitors included the president of the Morawa sub-branch (Mr. Wally Palmer), the Mullewa secretary (Mr. J. Dalglish) and the Geraldton secretary (Mr. W. A. Heath).

Handing the charter to the Gutha president (Mr. Maitland Wilton) Mr. Buckle said the sub-branch was formed in 1920. He said it was to see such a large attendance at the meeting, which indicated that the sub-branch was very active.

Mr. Buckle was especially pleased to see a foundation member, Mr. F. J. Stephens, present, as well as Mr. Ernie Way, who has been a member since 1922.

WONGAN HILLS POPOY BALL

The Wongan Hills sub-branch held its Annual Poppy Ball in the Wongan Hills Hall. It was a great success and voted the ball of the season.

For the occasion the hall was beautifully decorated with large red poppies and wildflowers.

A feature of the evening was the presentation of a Certificate of Service to Roger Brown, a World War I veteran, who has over the years been a keen supporter of the movement.

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KIDD, E. B., M.B., Caring Range.
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MERRICK, R. H., 2nd Bn., Canning.
ROSS, R. T., 4th Bn., Nedlands.
SMITH, J. C., 2nd Bn., Darling Range.
TAYLOR, J. C., R.A.A.F., Kukerin.

Mt. Lawley-Inglewood's New Hall Opened

On Saturday, December 7, the Mt. Lawley-Inglewood sub-branch hall was opened by the State President (Mr. Lonnie).

Prior to the opening of the hall, which was erected in the district who gave their all, a short service was held at the Mt. Lawley War Memorial.

It was an imposing scene with Sea Scouts and Air Scouts flanking the memorial, while 80 veterans of World Wars I and II led the way before the opening of their hall.

Bishop Riley gave a short address in which he said that it was the duty of every citizen to help teach the younger generation of the sacrifices made by previous generations, so that we might enjoy a better way of life. These sacrifices were made with the belief that if an object was worth while it was worth working and fighting for, and future generations should learn that only by hard work could they expect to improve their way of life.

After the address Mr. Lonnie and the sub-branch president (Mr. Tolley) laid wreaths on the memorial, and all present bowed their heads in memory of fallen comrades.

On completion of the service the gathering moved into the new hall in Park Road, near First Avenue. There over 120 people heard Mr. Tolley speak and introduce Mr. Bandy, chairman of the Perth Road Board, who expressed his pleasure at being present at the opening and to hope that the building would be such a great asset to the sub-branch that it would not be long before the main hall was added to the existing structure.

A letter from Mr. C. F. Caine, of Guildergannan, enclosing a Press cutting of the "Custard's Last Stand"—inquiring as to the identity of an old member of the 2/3rd Battalion who has lived at Mount Park, and whose Army Number was SX151—The Inquirer gives his address as c/o Midland Junction Post Office.

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Geraldton Sub-branch Leads Move To Form New Army Unit

The Geraldton sub-branch of the R.S.L. will play a leading part in sponsoring the formation of a new C.M.F. unit to replace "C" Squadron of the 10th Light Horse, which was recently disbanded.

This was decided at a committee meeting recently, but it was also emphasised that the move should have the full support of other branches.

The meeting was attended by the Hon. L. A. Logan, M.L.C., and two C.M.F. officers in Mr. A. E. Whitney, who is employed at the National Bank in Geraldton and is a lieutenant in the 28th Battalion and Mr. D. Q. King, a school teacher stationed at Bradley's, who holds a commission in the Western Australian University Regiment.

Mr. Logan stated that he had been approached by the Commanding Officer of the 28th Battalion (Col. J. J. Roberts) with regard to the possibility of a platoon of the unit being formed in Geraldton on a volunteer basis.

He said that Colonel Roberts had stated that, if the platoon were to be formed and be secured and a minimum average attendance of thirty members be maintained, it would be possible that the formation of such a unit was possible.

Mr. Logan added that Messrs. Whitney and King were taking an active interest in the matter and were working in an effort to ascertain the number of men likely to be forthcoming.

The opinion was expressed by Mr. Whitney that, there was no doubt that such a sub-branch would be in Geraldton a potential of officers and N.C.O.'s sufficient for the ultimate formation of an infantry company and it should not be difficult to secure sufficient strength for a platoon. So far he had had the experience of seven men who were interested, most of them being former officers and N.C.O.'s of the 10th Light Horse Regiment.

All former members of the 10th Light Horse had been circularised and it was hoped that a clear indication of the extent of the interest would be obtained by the end of the week. Mr. King stated.

During the course of general discussion Mr. Logan said that former members of the local unit had received discharges several times and had been informed that the latter men were in the service of the Army in which this had been done. Mr. Logan added, that although the R.S.L. was very clear on the disbanded interest in the local C.M.F. unit, the Municipal Council was also officially concerned and he suggested that the sub-committee be formed to approach the Mayor on the subject.

The meeting adopted the following resolution submitted by Mr. J. R. Denman: that the sub-committee be formed to approach the Mayor on the subject.

Sub-Branch Officials

Sub-branch presidents and secretaries recently confirmed in office by the State Executive are as follows, the president being named first in each instance:


Busselton: J. H. Rowlett and F. G. Spencer.

Coomerag-Waddy Forest: M. T. Tuller and E. T. Fullerton.


Ongerup: A. J. Vaux and F. Smithson.

Perth: S. King and R. McDonald.


Returne Sisters: Miss E. Hawkins and Miss E. A. Folland.


Sparrowden: G. E. Baker and J. Green.


Corner Baldivis: G. Barber and W. J. Heron.
Stoddart: More Land Should Be Resumed For W.S. Housing

Murray's Big Night

Assuming that sub-branch committees throughout the State averaged ten members each there would be 2,500 on that score alone giving freely of their time and services to the League.

The R.S.L. State President, Mr. F. W. Crowly, said that Officer-in-Chief, Mr. J. G. Finjarra recently when presenting the Colonel (Col) F. W. Crowly to the Murray sub-branch.

The cup is awarded annually to the rural sub-branch giving, the most meritorious service during the previous 12 months. Mr. Lonnie praised the sub-branch work throughout (the year) and had not only contributed to the welfare of the League but to the welfare of the district.

The Murray president (Mr. Bert Crowley) said: "What has been the result of the splendid co-operation of the sub-branch."

Parliamentary and local government representatives, leading citizens and officials and members of sub-branches for war-service homes. Among those who crowded the clubrooms.

Further incentive to build up the sub-branch was given when the president of the Murray auxiliary (Mr. Jack Capps) handed a cheque for £100 to Mr. Crowley.

Mrs. Capps, who was undergoing treatment at the Murray District Hospital, had been given leave of absence for two hours to be in attendance.

Earlier in the year, the auxiliary had presented the sub-branch with tables costing £80, and had donated £70 to the previous year.

Mr. Capps was made an honorary country vice-president of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary Committee. In honour, combined with the presentation of the Collett Cup, has put the Murray sub-branch in a unique position.

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Surprise Turn At Mt. Helena

When the treasurer of the Mt. Helena sub-branch (Mr. A. B. Styles) supported a move for a social evening for November 25—coupled with an enthusiastic request to the State President to be present—he little knew of the important role that was to be assigned to him for the occasion.

This was to receive—at the hands of Mr. Lonnie—a Certificate for services for sterling services to the sub-branch and the League. The presentation came as a complete surprise to Mr. Styles.

Accompanying Mr. Lonnie from headquarters were Miss Mary Meares and Mr. B. Jenwood, who is an assiduous member of the sub-branch.

Also present was the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary State President (Mrs. Stockman) accompanied by her daughter, as well as representatives of other organisations in the locality and of neighbouring sub-branches.

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