What The Minister Says On Immigration

The League has received replies from the Minister for Immigration (Mr. Downer) to a number of requests based on resolutions of the 43rd National Congress last year.

Copies of the replies have been forwarded to State branches by the National Secretary (Mr. K. Newman).

To a request for the instruction of migrants during their residence in holding camps on their civil and industrial responsibilities, as well as their entitlements, the Minister said his department was endeavouring through its assimilation activities, pamphlets and publicity machinery, to achieve a full appreciation by migrants of their obligations as well as benefits.

In view of the Congress resolution, the Minister said arrangements had been made for emphasis to be given to the responsibilities of migrants along with Australian citizens.

A new publication intended for presentation to migrants containing citizenship stress on their obligations and loyalties.

As not all migrants were assisted under official schemes to come here only a proportion passed through the migration centres. Therefore the department looked to the assistance of the public in its work of assimilation, and had enjoyed a high degree of co-operation, particularly from the Good Neighbour movement and from Press and radio.

To a League request for full information on tropical Australia being given intending migrants, "because of the vastly different conditions from those in their homeland," the Minister replied that there were recognition channels for such information but that in response to the League's request the authorities would be asked to ensure that migrants intending to take up residence in tropical parts of Australia were made aware of the conditions they were likely to experience.

Naturalisation

To a League request that migrants who had satisfied the residential and other qualifications yet had not become naturalised should be asked to give their reasons for not doing so, the Minister said that in such cases a letter was sent over his signature.

Very often a reminder was all that was needed. The letter did not ask for reasons why application had not been made. It was felt that the only worthwhile survey of such cases would be one conducted by field officers. At present the department had no field officers, but the matter was being examined in conjunction with other aspects of immigration work on which such staff could be usefully employed.

To a request that migrants be informed of the laws of naturalisation the Minister said that to meet the wishes of Congress action was being taken through the channels available. Also, a campaign was being conducted by means of posters and other publicity material urging protection of native flora and fauna.

To a Congress reaffirmation of League opposition to any proposed quota system for non-European race, the Minister replied that he personally approved of the Minister's policy, if any, which had no change was contemplated in the conditions under which Japanese nationals might be admitted for pearling work.

Jewish Ex-service Conference Delegates Received By League

A reception to the president and members of the Australian Federation of Jewish Ex-service Associations during their sixth biennial conference—the first to be held in Perth—early in the New Year was held at Anzac House by the League State President (Mr. Lonnie) and executive members.

Welcoming the guests Mr. Lonnie said that all ex-servicemen's organisations were closely allied with the League, and that all eligible members of the various associations should also be financial members of the R.S.L. and play their part in League activities.

In reply the retiring Federal President of the association (Mr. John Einfield) thanked the State Executive for making Anzac House available for the conference and praised the manner in which Mr. E. C. Townshend, as assistant-warden of the State War Memorial, had conducted the association's wreath-laying ceremony.

Pictured above at the reception are—from left to right—Mr. Einfield, Mr. Leon Tate (president of the W.A. Jewish Ex-service Association), and the newly-elected federal president (Mr. Frank Slutzkin).

Back To The Minister

The State Executive is not satisfied with a reply from the Minister for Social Services to a League approach for a re-definition of "aged person" under the Aged Persons' Homes Act.

To qualify for benefits under the Act, men must be 65 years of age or over, and women, 60 years or over.

GET A MATE TO SIGN IN '59.
A Famous War-picture Recalled

H. G. Gibbs of "Beraker," Darkan, asks how Will Longstaff came to paint the picture "Menin Gate at Midnight," what battle was fought there, what casualties were suffered, and what significance is attached to the picture.

Menin Gate, at Ypres in Flanders, has particular significance for Australians as following the fighting in the Ypres area in July and August of 1917—in which Australian artillery units played a considerable part—members of the Anzac Corps had their headquarters nearby.

In September and October of that year, the corps, under the command of General Birdwood, shared prominently in Halâs' successful "step-by-step" series of offensives on the German lines but suffered heavily in the process.

Dr. C. E. W. Bean, in his story said the September 20 offensive was the first occasion in which two Australian divisions (1 and 2 Aust. Divs.) had attacked side by side, and that the barrage precipitating the offensive was the densest that had ever covered Australian troops.

Longstaff's famous picture was brought to Australia in 1917 and displayed in Art Galleries for a month (and subsequently in other capital cities) on its way to the National War Memorial.

The following account was published at that time.

On July 24 last year 4,000 men and women who lost fathers or husbands in the Ypres salient made a pilgrimage to Flanders and visited the welling of the Menin Gate memorial, on the memorial of 58,000 British soldiers buried in nameless graves. On the arches of the memorial were the words: To the armies of the British Empire who stood here from 1914 to 1918 and to those of their dead who have no known grave.

At the last State Executive the picture was bought for something like 2,000 guineas, it is said, by Lord Woolavington, who presented it to the Commonwealth War Memorial. That as many as possible of these soldiers with fixed bayonets, done by means of a few daubs of watercolours, is the greatest feature of the actual execution. Red poppies are in the foreground. A light patch of ground on the right balances the bulky memorial. The memorial is only a part of the picture's motif, which is the whole scene of shadowy hosts sieged from the field of battle.

As a consequence of the exhibition of the picture, more people visited the Art Gallery yesterday than for any day. At times it was impossible to inspect the picture. Many of them, who were obviously returned soldiers, took off their hats when looking at the painting.

Mr. Will Longstaff was born in Ballarat in 1887. He served with the A.I.F. in Egypt, where he painted water colour "sketches."

Since "Menin Gate by Midnight" he has finished another picture, one of the graves at Gallipoli. The story of the picture has been so well stated, gives the lie to the critics who feared that a picture of a one-piece artist.

Here's Hoping!—

Here's hoping that coming months will deliver us from:

- Blame the high cost of living for being slow in paying, and leave the outlook to improve.
- Never attend sub-branch meetings, or constantly find fault with R.S.L. activities.
- Refuse to work on any committee.
- Object to the reading of important communications from the State members.

Here's hoping the future will help us to reform the members and put the affable and civil manner of the members in the State and Federal offices, and restore our former efforts towards raising revenue.

We want to reform, too, the members who continue to neglect the lack of R.S.L. publicity but who have never time to help the public; the "tramp" who writes to the weekly journal with items or articles expressing opinion or personal grievances.

Here's hoping 1959 will bring into our fold:

- Members who are sincere when they pay their subscriptions with honesty and seek to fulfill requirements.
- Members to whom the word "work" is not just a theme for empty orations.

Donations For Favesham

Christmas cash donations were received at the Favesham War Veterans' Home from the following: Balgung sub-branch; Katanning sub-branch; Boons Ltd.; the Mecering, Narrogin, Pingrup, and Travelling-Vehilue auxiliary, and W. R. Magill, M.L.A.

Donations in kind were received from the following: Brockton women's auxiliary; Mrs. McCabe, Brockton; Mrs. H. P. M. Hargreaves, Bunbury; the Waroona Shackle and Kulin, Moora, Brookton, and York; the State Executive and Downdie women's auxiliaries; the Women's Guild, York; the Economic Welfare Club, York; Renal local committee; Dr. Arthur River sub-branch; Dr. L. F. W. Fingleton, Nerrin, C. Hall, Claremont; Mrs. W. G. Burrea, Burrea; Dr. W. E. F. F. Hippe and Son, York.

FEBRUARY, 1959
Keeping The Flag Flying
At Shannon River

By "The Seventh"

Little is known by West Australians generally of the Shannon River district, for although many are now passing over the fine new black-surface roadway only four miles from the millsite few tarry to have a look at this beautiful haven among the trees.

This is my first home in the West. I came here, after a lifetime in the Service, a greenhorn to conditions at first somewhat primitive. But it was home—our first after years of travelling, and it will do us for years to come.

Not for us the life of the city-slicker, but rather one of simplicity and karri and the wildflowers.

It was here that I was asked to join the local sub-branch of the R.S.L. so long I went. Seven members were present; the following day the membership fewer and fewer came along, until like the wind the sub-branch faded out of being.

Then silence—for three years. But still a few of us held out—"the necessity of restoring the sub-branch, of awakened interest in matters of national importance, and the support of the town who were eligible to be members and were not.

And there were documents: Shannon River must be in this fellowship; many needed came in for leadership the League could give them; farmers needed help against the war.

Therefore, it was decided that a sub-branch should be formed.

Enter A Leader

But a few under the belt and tongues will waggie. For a while there was a lot of talk and little action. Then into our midst walked a man of a peculiar sort.

This character, full of the League spirit, had a way of coming in my ear, about typing out a list of all the "jokers you know that you must be members and aren't."

The list came quite quickly. And then there was a wave from the sub-branch back on its feet, and a cry from Quinns that "We are making a start."

So came unity, in work with the aim of MEMBERS AND MEMBERS—STILL MORE MEMBERS.

That son of a sea cook was elected president (and mark you, re-elected unopposed, the other week)

But filling the secretaryship was a "wavy one." A man was elected but had been pulled out (urgent private business). A replacement found—and lost, by virtue of an accident.

Hence a call to "The Seventh" to see the year out which there are over 300 children at the Shannon and Group 147 with no more struck, no more made.

The gang have pulled their weight and with the first week took on the task of running a children's Christmas Tree—no mean task for there are over 300 children at the Shannon and Group Group 147 with no more.
Name-Change For Empire Day

The United Kingdom Government announced in the House of Commons on December 18 that in future May 24 would be officially recognised in Great Britain as Commonwealth Day.

Since then the Empire Day Movement has changed its name to Commonwealth Day Movement.

In a letter to the League chairman of the movement (Commander (Carrow, C.M.G., D.S.C., R.N.) says the movement welcomes the change as being in accordance with modern usage, and that it has implemented the desire of its members by renaming itself.

Under its new name, he said, the work and object of the movement would continue exactly as before. He was confident that the annual celebration on May 24 would continue to receive general support.

The movement was founded by the 12th Earl of Meath, its patron is the Queen, its president Sir Victor Goddard, O.M., and its address 18 Northumberland-avenue, London, W.C. 1.

On May 24 last year Sir Victor Goddard made the following presidential statement:

"The wealth that is commonswealth is nothing to do with money, it is a state of mind: a state of well where all members are better placed than if there were no Commonwealth; a state in which when one member gains, all gain and when one member suffers all must share the suffering.

"To mix-up the idea of material equality with the idea of Commonwealth is to miss the essential point. Our Commonwealth is great, stable, co-operative and progressive because of its indivisibility. To want to be equal is dull, like a stagnant pool.

A Successful Year At Osborne Park

The Osborne Park sub-branch children's Christmas party—which had a record attendance—rounded off a particularly successful year with progress on both the financial and social side.

At the party the women's auxiliary of the sub-branch presented a cheque for £20 as a donation to the sub-branch building fund.

The re-election of the president (Mr. Jack Hayden) and the secretary (Mr. Eric-Stephens) at the annual general meeting in December was a tribute to the sound leadership shown by them.

At the January 21 meeting a fountain pen was presented to Mr. Stephens in appreciation of his services.

The programme included music in the "big four" sports competition areas by Tokine, 17; Scarborough, 12; Osborne Park, 12 and North Fremantle.

The competition, which has been conducted for the past two years, covers such games as table tennis, darts and quots, and the programme is to be held at Scarborough on February 17 commencing at 8 p.m.

The sub-branch meets on the third Tuesday of each month with the next meeting on February 15. Members are urged to attend the meetings to show their appreciation of the efforts made on their behalf by the officials.

The good comradeship is bound to please.

Thought-On Status Of Natives

The time was not far distant when the League would have to give some consideration to the status of natives, Mr. L. W. Warne told State Executive members at a recent meeting.

Present by invitation Mr. Warne was until recently teaching at the Jalgalang Aboriginal Reserve, 400 miles north of Meekatharra, and is now living at Swan View.

Mr. Warne's description of Anzac Day services at the mission in recent years will be familiar to readers of this journal.

He told the executive, was spreading far and fast. Last year pastoralists from within a radius of about 80 miles of Jalgalang had journeyed into the mission—as well as every ex-serviceman in the area.

The "children had again led the singing—without hymn sheets, having learnt the hymns and national songs word by word—and had looked into the eyes of their stampe movements. There being no flowers in flower garden, the children fashioned wreaths from artificial flowers they had made themselves from coloured paper.

Mr. Warne said he had been given the address, telling the children of the two Nul-lagine-men who had gone to war—Mr. Robert Armby (War I). One of them (Fte. Simpson), the "man with a donkey"—Sally pol; the other (Trooper Tim Driscoll, of the 10th Light Horse) seemed alarmed. He had, in fact, been present at the service.

Queen Carnival Idea For Raising Funds

An annual queen competition to desray running costs of the new War Veterans Home has been proposed by Mr. S. R. King. Mr. King told the State Executive on January 10 that a well-run competition of the kind might provide an Income of $1,000 a year.

First prize could be a trip to Singapore, said the State President: "This is an excellent idea that would take some mechanics and working out!"

ITALY WITH THE R.A.F.

The "clipper" Placentia was recently in the harbor of Naples with the Royal Australian Air Force. Flt. Lieutenants G. W. C. Quinlan and G. W. J. White, both of W.A., were on board.

The ship’s company visited the Royal Air Force Station at Crotone, where the Flt. Lieutenants were entertained to a luncheon by the commanding officer.

The ship was the first Australian warship to reach Italy.
Wash-up Discussion On Poppy Day

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The enthusiasm of the gathering was favourably commented upon by the State President.

Opening the meeting Mr. Lonnie said the excellent response at the first meeting in 1959 was indicative of the general interest necessary for the success of the League's aims in the future.

The evening was given to discussing ways of Improving the 1959 Poppy Day appeal.

It will be recalled that a circular was sent to all sub-branches early in January detailing the main points.

Ten sub-branches opposed the present plan of stands in the city. It was decided to give further consideration to the drawing-up of an annual plan at least three months in November, and to the inclusion of an area of large open space, especially near the harbour.

The main weight of opinion was opposed to the introduction of a charge for the booking of the appeal.

On the question of the mid-week Poppy Day collection in areas it quickly became obvious that in many cases this was a very unhappy departure, and beneficial results were reported by several delegates.

MEMBERSHIP MOVES

The Membership Committee of the League is endeavouring to encourage the formation of additional "community-of-interest" sub-branches, such as Repatriation Comrades, and Travellers' Association and Legal.

The committee chairman (Mr. D. H. Henwood) reported this to the State Executive.

As well, Mr. Henwood said, new sub-branches were formed in Millena, Bulleen, and Christmas Island. It was also hoped to revive the sub-branches in Menzies sub-branches.

As a result of State Executive representation at the Kellerberrin annual meeting that sub-branch was expected to go ahead.

Fuzzy Wuzzy Memorial At Last

One war memorial which has been long overdue is about to be built at last—to the New Guinea native carriers on the Kokoda Trail.

In those anxious days of 1942 when the Chinese were in need of help, and the headlined name on which Australia's hopes rested was that of the "Fuzzy Wuzzy angels." But it is only now, after 16 years, that their memory is to be permanently recorded at the place where they made their famous appeal.

Mr. H. T. Kienzie, of Manly, New South Wales, in the Yodada Valley, is the man who planned the memorial. He will build it of stone on the Ko-ko-plateau and will in the collection of memorials designed by Melbourne sculptor, Ray Ewars.

Herbert Kienzie, an old New Guinea hand, played a vital part in the Kokoda campaign and was, in charge of all native carriers and responsible for keeping them in good communication open across the Owen Stanley Ranges.

His contribution to the war in New Guinea was recognized with the award of the M.B.E. Now, with the news from Ray Ewars that the plaque is ready for the memorial, Australia seems assured that the "Fuzzy Wuzzy angels" will not be overlooked, says Stuart Sayers in "The Age."

New Angle On Anzac., House Building Plan

The State Executive has adopted a Finance Committee recommendation seeking separate estimates for the proposed alterations to each floor of Anzac House.

A revised estimate for the total cost of the work envisaged has been regarded by the executive as prohibitive.

An estimate of the cost of an alternate scheme for erecting a building on the car park area between Anzac House and Irvin street was also regarded as an uneconomic proposition.

The proposed new building was to consist of a club room, a meeting room, and an office, and to be built on piers to provide car-parking space beneath the building.
Diggers' Bowls Carnival Was Outstanding

In a letter to the State President (Mr. Lonnie) the president of the Claremont Recreation and Bowling Club (Dr. A. L. Parton) described this year's Diggers' Bowls Tournament as the most successful in the history of the event.

The tournament was conducted at Claremont during the second week of January. Reporting to the State Executive in due course the chairman of the Sports Committee (Mr. J. E. White) said the tournament had been keenly contested throughout with a resulting high standard of play.

The State President had attended on the opening night, and again on the final night to present the trophies.

The final game for the Bland Shield had been fought out by rings skipped by Messrs. Urquhart and Rosenthal, and resulted in a 21-16 victory for Urquhart.

The final in the Plate competition—contested by the Weinman and Fitzpatrick links—had been won by Weinman 12-5.

The trophies were supplied by Anzac House.

Mr. Lonnie reported that although not all those participating had been financial members of the League the position had improved as the tournament progressed. At least ten new applications for membership had been forthcoming during the week.

On January 18 State Executive bowlers played in a challenge match at Bellevue with the local sub-branch and are to contest a challenge from the Main and Linked Ex-servicemen's Association early in March. Could they be getting in some early training for next year's Bland Shield contest?

Will You Help To Keep Green The Memory?

The Public Service sub-branch has received permission from the State Executive to make an appeal through "The Listening Post" for donations towards the maintenance of the Honour Avenues in Kings Park.

For over 25 years the sub-branch, in liaison with the Kings Park Board through the superintendent-secretary of the board, has been responsible for the maintenance and replacement of the plaques in the avenues. The whole of every phase of planting, allocation, maintenance and administration of the avenues is with the Kings Park Board and the Honour Avenue Committee of the sub-branch.

Additional funds are required to carry on this important work. In the past the only regular income has been an annual donation from the National Bank Officers' Association, which the committee gratefully acknowledges. However, on 1958 budgeting standards the expense associated with replacement and repainting has so eaten into the limited resources available that an appeal for financial assistance is necessary, if not long overdue.

The aim of the Honour Avenue Committee is to maintain these avenues in such a manner that they will serve as a reminder to future generations of the sacrifice made in the defence of our ideals.

It is hoped that individual ex-servicemen will welcome the opportunity of affording some tangible assistance in maintaining these memorial avenues.

Please send your donation to the sub-branch secretary, Mr. A. J. Todd, c/o Commissions, War Veterans' Services Office, Prudential Building, St. George's Terrace, Perth.

WAS THIS THE FIRST DIGGER'S BOWLS CARNIVAL? Mr. Bob Abercrombie, whose idea it was to hold the series conducted annually at Claremont, says it was. You recognise the picture, of course?—Drake finishing that game on Plymouth Hoe given the approach of the Armada; he dealt with that later.
• Indonesian claims not justified by U.N. Charter, says this writer

Future Of Western New Guinea

A treatise prepared by Mr. T. C. CURNOW, R.S.L. delegate to the Queensland branch of the United Nations Association, and adopted by the federal body of the association as its policy.

We are now faced with a demand that certain territories be transferred from one Government to another. The Dutch Government threatened to wreck the conference and the territory was only avowed by a postponement of the issue of western New Guinea.

Union or that a joint administrative council be set up. The Dutch are not the only ones with a strong national feeling, and that the territories concerned would have more in common with them than the government presently ruling the territories.

Soon after World War II, discussions began between the Dutch Government and the State of Indonesia, and the demand for sovereignty from the Dutch Government to an autonomous part of Indonesia was made. This was because Indonesia was feeling the need of nationalism, and wished to determine its own destiny.

At first the future status of western New Guinea was not an important issue, but it became an issue of great importance in 1949, then the difference of opinion between the Indonesian and the Dutch Governments threatened to wreck the conference and the territory was only avowed by a postponement of the issue of western New Guinea.

Issue Deferred

When the charter of transfer was first brought up by the parties, it was laid down in the charter that it was not possible to reconcile the views of the parties on western New Guinea. So far as the Dutch were concerned, the agreement remained in dispute, and the question of western New Guinea was determined at a later date, and the Indonesians argued that it was their position. The parties that western New Guinea should be transferred to the Netherlands.

Further discussions took place in 1950 and there were negotiations between the parties and western New Guinea. The Indonesians rejected the Dutch proposals that sovereignty of western New Guinea be delegated to the Netherlands-Indonesian

A point the argument is that sovereignty does not belong to the Indonesian, but is in the hands of the Dutch. If sovereignty is to be transferred, it must be to a country that is capable of governing the territory.

The United Nations does not consider sovereignty to be a question of the Netherlands-Indonesian.
Fine Response From Youth At Geraldton

The amateur athletic club formed at Geraldton by the local R.S.I. sub-branch last September had recently been invited to the April meeting of the State Executive.

Mr. J. Buckle said that at a meeting of the State Executive officers of the club had been invited to be members of the Geraldton committee. The State Executive had accepted the invitation and arranged with the City Council to hold the meeting at its headquarters.

Mr. Buckle said that the club had been formed in 1920 and the first meeting of the club was held in the office of the City Council. The State Executive was formed in 1920 and the first meeting of the club was held in the office of the City Council.

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They Mean Business At Darlington

Darlington sub-branch members were delighted to welcome three newcomers to their ranks at the annual general meeting on January 9, but with the slogan-for-the-year—"Get a mate to sign in '59"—in mind they look to a great deal more recruitment in the months ahead.

There was an excellent roll-up of officers and guests and the evening was enjoyed by all who attended. The local council, which was represented byMr. H. V. Halbert, M.B.H., Mr. C. Owen, M.L.A., the Mundaring Road Board chairman (Mr. H. E. Marrie) and the Rev. Quinlan (chaplain).

Musical items provided by Bellevue and Mt. Helena Women's Club were loudly ap-

Local members of McKee and Hurst, who were praised for their planning of the evening, and the ladies for a tasty supper.

Now A Taxation Sub-branch

An application to form a sub-branch within the Tax-
a department has been supplied with the names of ten initial members and the support of local councils. Mr. McKee (president) and S. O'Brien (secretary).

Mr. McKee also spoke of installing the necessary services for providing concrete footings and base work for the new sub-branch.

Blackboy Hill Project—
Architect's Estimate Of Cost

Preliminary payments, including fees for water, electricity, local authority, etc. 50
Clear three large trees, and shrubbery, including bulldozer—one day 85
Grading of roads and entrance area 300
Cut and fill to concourses 200
Stone walls, steps, gate posts, based on granite at 4" per sq. yd. 2250
Decagon—concrete footings, including concrete footings and base work, including underground cables to gates and base work for the new sub-branch 1950
Bridge—from entrance gate to decagon 350
Fylos—concrete construction in steel pipe jointed, with 3"x5"x7" Pipe, 7"x12"x24" piece, hoist gear for lamp and box and box's chair, shelter roof, dust-proofing and painting 650
Plaques—two 15"x25" 70
Grassing of concourses 100
Drainage and sumps 120
Lighting—concrete footings and base work for the new sub-branch 650
Water services—including two runs of piping, 1".in. and 3", and water tanks in timber frame 300
Seats, benches, etc. 75
Trees—no allowance made 300
Memorial gates, etc.—no allowance made 200
Paving—no allowance made other than stone walls 100
Architect's fees, including sundry disbursements 400

TOTAL: 16500
New Stage Reached In Blackboy Hill Memorial Project

The State Executive at its meeting on January 14 adopted in principle a report submitted last November by the special committee comprising members of the Press, Swan View and hills sub-branches on the Blackboy Hill Camp memorial proposal and—that committee having discharged its responsibilities to the executive—provided for the formation of a new committee to make any recommendations as to the method of giving effect to the report or, if deemed necessary, as to its modification.

The special committee's report was as follows:

On 8th August 38 the Press sub-branch requested their president, Reg. A. Nicholas, to carry out the duties of Convenor in conjunction with Capt. J. E. Watson (Press) and representatives of Swan View and hills sub-branches. On 20th August 38 the first meeting was held at Annette's place, 5th Avenue, Reg. A. Nicholas (Press); H. Klopper (Swan View); J. E. Watson (Press); Mr. Klopper was elected chairman and secretary. Mr. Klopper has been the leading spirit in the preliminary work done by himself and Swan View sub-branch.

The report and accompanying minutes, prepared by the architect, Mr. Klopper, were fully discussed and generally approved subject to minor amendments to be discussed with the architect and the suitability of the site.

Site—Following the above meeting the site was carefully examined, and an alternative site on the crest of the hill considered but on continuing the commission regarding their intended programme and deciding to proceed fully with Mr. Klopper the committee are agreed that the site best suited for the memorial is that fronting on to Jannamanka-road and comprising Lots 110 to 114 inclusive.

Site Advantages—

(a) Visibility from approaching roads from the direction of the Bellevue railway crossing.

(b) Is already served by a bitumen road (Jannamanka-road) and would only require about 24 chains of new bitumen.

(c) Cannot be built up when housing developments in the vicinity.

(d) It commands an uninterrupted view of the city from the position of the setting sun.

(e) Drainage can be simply effected.

Information obtained from the S.H.C. indicates that plans to proceed with a housing project at Blackboy Hill are rather remote owing mainly to sewerage difficulties.

Mr. J. E. Watson has made a survey of the site and has reported that a portion has been replaced by Capt. C. L. Collins (Press). Mr. Watson is to advise on tree-planting and Mr. Ean McDonald has attended most of the committee meetings and details have been brought into the discussions.

A.F. Units to be included in the memorial. The committee suggest the following grouping:

1. Memorial. 2. Company of 12th, 16th and 32nd Battalions. 3. 1st Light Horse. 4. 44th Battalion. 5. Artillery. 6. Engineers. 7. A.M.C.


If these are correct the original idea of the 10-segment formation is lost, but the 10-segment idea has also been dropped.

The 51st Battalion having been formed in Egypt from the reinforcement drafts from the above-mentioned battalions this committee considers them to be included in Group 10 (General Reinforcements).

The committee advise careful consideration and further inquiries into this matter of units to obviate any omission. (N.B.—No information is obtainable from the Western Command H.Q.).

The Pylon—The committee considers the general conception of the pylon to be very good but would like to see the apex treated somewhat different to the model. Mr. Klopper agrees and will submit a detail.

Plaques—One large plaque in stone over the entrance.

One smaller bronze plaque on the stone face of the dome. The model contains a bronze obolism of the memorial. One small bronze plaque set in the terrace floor of each segment of the pylon floor. The archway will require to be supplied with the wording for each of the above.

Proposal for future site—A.F. Units will be located about the lower portion of the site for the present to be used as a picnic ground. It is planned that the lower portion may be used as a football ground with a race course, and further, that a museum to house Local Stone—For all terrace walls and the decagon. The lower portion will be used rather than iron.

Proposed for additional parking. The committee deems it advisable to make a request to the S.H.C. to reserve Lots 109 and 110, which adjoin the selected site, until the memorial is established, to provide for additional parking if required.

Fencing—It is not thought that it will be necessary to fence the lower portion of the memorial as it may be considered at a later date if it would improve the aesthetic value.

Publicity—The committee has enlisted the support of its members to publicize the project. Further publicity will be given to the project as it progresses.

By consent of the A.B.C. Capt. Collins, on behalf of the committee, has given the support of the project. Further publicity will be given to the project.

Mr. Klopper is also publicizing the project in the course of his country travels.

The committee are willing to advise anyone interested in the project to make contact with them.

(See Architect's Estimate on opposite page).

Call For Hospitality ToNaval Personnel

The State Executive is appealing to metropolitan and near-metropolitan sub-branches, and individual members of them, to extend to officers and ratings of the combined Naval force due at Fremantle for a four-day visit next month.

Announcing the visit to his executive the State President (Mr. Lonnie) said the fleet was due to arrive on March 14, and that shore-going personnel were required to be back in Fremantle by early April. The short period allowed would limit the scope of invitations but he hoped that League members living between Perth and Bunbury would be able to extend a welcome.

Mr. Lonnie thought that many members with cars would be prepared to do some chauffeuring, and the executive undertook to do this. It was agreed to enlist the services of several organisations in extending hospitality to the visitors.

The force, which includes H.M.S. Albatross (100 officers and 1,040 ratings) and H.M.S. Melville (100 officers and 1,100 ratings), comprises:

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Commodore: A staunch member of the Naval sub-branch—Mr. Jim Smith—was named by the Executive recently for a letter of commendation for his services.
What Is A Boy?

Between the innocence of babynhood and the dignity of manhood we find a delightful creature called a boy.

Boys come in assorted sizes, weights and colours, but all boys have the same essential charm. They are born a little bit out of control at the end of every minute of every hour of every day, and they are trained to hang their only weapon when their last minute is finished and the adult males pack them off to bed at night.

Boys are found everywhere... on top of, underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around, or jumping to. Mothers love them, little girls hate them, older sisters and brothers tolerate them, adults ignore them, and heaven protects them.

A boy is Truth with dirt on his face, Beauty with a cut finger. Wisdom with bubble gum in his hair, and the hope of the future with a frog in his pocket.

A boy is a composite... he has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a sword swallowing, the energy of a paperback atomic bomb, the curiosity of a cat, the lungs of a dictator, the love of a Paul Bunyan, the shyness of a violet, the audacity of a stoned hippy, the ruthlessness of a firecracker, and when he makes something he has five thumbs on each hand.

He likes ice-cream, knives, saws, Christmas comic books, the boy sensus, street, woods, water... (in its natural habitat), large animals, Dad, Trains, Saturday morning papers, and fire engines. He is not much for Sunday School, Church schools, books without pictures, music lessons, neckties, overcoats, adults or bedtime.

Sub-branch Move
On Cocos

Bearing the Coco Island postmark comes a very interesting letter from Mr. D. J. Howel, Enclosed was a program of a carol by Candlelight held there at Christmas time. Mr. Howell expresses a desire to start a League sub-branch on the island and can count on every assistance from the W.A. State branch.

Cabaret Dance
At Maylands

A cabaret dance and barbeque will be held at Maylands Memorial Hall on February 28. Tickets will be available at the door and proceeds will go to the Emergency Services. Music will be provided by the Maylands High School Orchestra.
Upper Swan Sub-Branch Does A Solid Job

"Although the year 1958 produced nothing spectacular I feel we have carried out our duty to the League in the most effective way open to us — that is, by keeping the sub-branch active and alive and being always ready to give support to any League or district activity which we feel will benefit others as well as ourselves."

These words prefaced a very popular address given by President Keith Symes when he reviewed the past year of the Upper Swan sub-branch at the annual general meeting on March 4th. The sub-branch, one of the oldest in the State, lies in a rural and viticultural area with a very limited membership potential.

The sub-branch, active and alive, has been busy only because it is fortunate to have a large number of members who wouldn't see it die and were anxious to do as much as they could with the few social functions that were obtained to carry out sub-branch functions. During the year the sub-branch interested itself, with some success, in several matters of concern to the community at large. A well-attended Anzac service was held at the Memorial Gates and the president, addressed children of the local school on the meaning of Anzac.

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**Be Wary Of Advice On Pension Eligibility**

If you are an ex-serviceman thinking of applying for a pension or benefits of any sort don’t be too ready to accept the advice of some well-meaning friend or acquaintance. He could be wrong and his advice could cost you plenty.

If you have a problem of this kind you will find the League ready to help you. In many cases it has been noticed that persons have been greatly prejudiced by others claiming to have knowledge. Consequently, if an applicant had not made application for benefits to the League, he was entitled. Here is an example.

- A couple called, the man to apply for service pension and the wife for an age pension.

The member had not worked for some years. Asked what his income had been during that period, the answer was: “Lived on my savings of £1,500. I am down now to £400 and am entitled to the pension.”

When told that he was entitled to a part-pension years ago, which would increase each year as his assets lessened, he was as surprised and said: “My neighbour told me you could not get a pension if you have savings.”

The supposedly well-informed friend had been the cause of the applicant being deprived of hundreds of pounds. Call on, or write to, the R.S.I. on such matters. Your friends may or may not always be correct.

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**An Impressive Record At Victoria Park**

An impressive list of achievements for the year was read by the president at the recent annual dinner of the Victoria Park sub-branch.

It included building operations, re-decorating in pastel shades, financial aid to Diggers’ wives, finding employment for a Digger who was not a member.

Commenting on this proud record the secretary (Mr. Ben Noble) says that the sub-branch is extremely high, throughout the district, as was reflected in goody Poppy Day sales.

A sub-branch was on the lookout for leadership and a venture this year would produce those needed for the various plans in hand.

He urges Diggers of the district to attend the sub-branch meeting which will be held on the third Thursday of each month. Ideas are welcome and comradeship assured, he says.

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**Youth Work Prosper At Murray**

Long before the League adopted its youth welfare policy, the Murray sub-branch was actively engaged in youth work.

The sub-branch started a Boy Scout group which now has 90 members. To ensure that it kept going, two members—Messrs. Ward and Nie—became instructors.

Recently the group obtained a five-acre reserve on the banks of the Murray River for a camping area. This area is available to all scout groups in the State and is ideal for camping purposes.

The Youth Club looked like folding up the sub-branch stepped in and took over. The sub-branch is now on a very sound footing.

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**Gymnasium Gear Wanted**

A number of sub-branches are hoping to acquire modern gymnasium gear. They need it for youth welfare activities they have undertaken.

Would anyone with such items of equipment to dispose of write to the State Secretary with a list showing the prices.

He will pass on information to the sub-branches concerned.
**Unit Association Notes**

**11th and 2/11th Battalions**

The December meeting of the association was very well attended, for not only was the Christmas Goose Club swept down by the executive officers for the ensuing year were elected and the following positions were filled:

- President, Ernie MacLeod, senior vice-president, Charles Mitchell, junior vice-president, Stan Waldeck; secretary, Arthur Cleary; assistant-secretary and publicity officer, Mick Dodd; treasurer, Ed. Greville.

With these officers, and 20 members elected to the committee, the association should go ahead this year.

The association recorded a great success thanks to Stan Waldeck—all books and cash in, a plate sell-out, an all-time record—and the association funds benefited by a considerable sum. Thanks, Stan!

**44th Battalion—Regrets**

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Major Malwyn Hayley A. Beckett, S.O., who died last month at Elmore, Victoria, aged 87.

Major A. Beckett, who spent much of his early life in Gippsland, enlisted in Western Australia and joined the 44th Battalion, 1st A.I.F. He won the D.S.O. in France, and was also mentioned in dispatches.

After the war he took up farming in the Silvan district.

He retired more than ten years ago and for the past few years lived at Elmore. Major A. Beckett visited W.A. on a visit home, but was last in Perth in October of last year but was unable to attend the annual reunion of the battalion owing to failing eyesight. It was fitting that he should represent the C.O. of the battalion.

"Dad" A. Beckett will always be affectionately remembered by all members of the 44th, for the way in which he "fattened" the boys at Armentieres in the early days of the battalion's history.

How many of his boys remember him in his well-known old style? Sure.

Major A. Beckett leaves a sister and nieces to help him with his passing.

**Membership Of Unit Association**

A correspondent disagrees with a statement in the November issue of the Bullecourt that the association is male-only to the effect that included in the membership of the Men's Life Insurance Association are men who served with the regiment in wartime only.

(The statement was made by Mr. C. S. Watson, of Growth Units, regarding amalgamation of unit associations of the first and second battalions. Our correspondent claims that membership of the association is male and female, those who served with mounted units in Gallipoli, those who served with Camel Corps or British yeomanry units.

**Old Contemporaries**

The Old Contemporaries' Association reports that at its recent annual general meeting at Anzac House Messrs. F. Mitchell and E. W. Dilkies were again appointed president and secretary respectively for the current year.

Mr. Mitchell has retained the presidency for ten years and in this worthy example of voluntary service.

**Association Leaders All Men League**

All officers and committee members elected at the annual general meeting of the 16th and 2/11th Battalion Association were for the first time elected by the members of the League.

The newly-elected president is Mr. E. MacLeod (State Executive) and the vice-presidents Messrs. C. Mitchell and S. Waldeck.

**16th Battalion**

At its January meeting the 16th Battalion Association authorised the president and secretary to secure a hall for Anzac Day March. The meeting-place used was now a licensed hotel and no longer available.

The president and secretary were also authorised to procure a new battalion flag.

A letter was received from an association of World War unit organisations in South Australia announcing a campaign for free hospitalisation for first world war men, and seeking the cooperation of unit associations in Western Australia. Appropriate action is to be taken.

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Soldiers' Children Get Good Exam Passes

A report received from Mr. T. Sten—recently re-elected chairman of the Repatriation-Education Board—on the recent examination results of students at the University Teachers' Training College and other educational centres shows very encouraging results.

The report shows a general result of 87 per cent pass and 95 per cent pass at distinction and credit level. This is extremely encouraging in comparison with normal University results. Some of the particulars were as follows:

Reading: Thirteen students completed the training course, nine with complete certification.

Architectural: One student successfully completed four-year studies. Three passed and one failed first year.

Mathematics: One student completed diploma requirements at Technical College; one was successful in second-year examinations; one was granted supplementary examination, and one failed Physics. The student passed first-year studies in three disciplines, five credits and one unit. The Associate of Engineering: One student achieved two distinctions, two credits and six passes. At the Government School of Mines one student completed his Associateship of Engineering course.

Leaving Certificates: Twenty-three of 30 entrants were successful (76 per cent).

Junior Certificates: Sixty-five of 77 entrants completed successfully (84 per cent). Both of these results compare very favourably with State results.

The R.S.L. therefore may feel assured that the children of deceased and permanently incapacitated comrades are in good hands educationally in that section of West Australian Repatriation Department.

Civil Defence Lead From Sub-branches

At the January meeting of the State Committee it was reported that six sub-branches had formed committees for training in civil defence, first aid and rescue work.

They are Cottesloe, Victoria, William Street, Welshpool, Riverton and Southern Cross-Moorabbin.

The State President reported having received information that active training was already proceeding at Geraldton, although no official advice as to the numbers engaged had yet been received.

Information received indicated that other sub-branches were also forming classes, and that the League would soon be able to advise the Premier that his request to the League for the establishment of training classes had received the full support of sub-branches.

The Defence Committee would be pleased to receive applications from country sub-branches as to the formation of classes so that a full record can be compiled and submitted to the Government.

Wardenship For Scouts At South Perth

The South Perth Municipal Council has agreed to a proposal by the local R.S.L. sub-branch to confer wardenship of the South Perth War Memorial on the 1st Mill Point group of the Boy Scouts Association.

Guest speaker at the South Perth February 26 meeting of the sub-branch will be Mr. Lance Howard, President of the Air Force Association. His subject, "The Day Bombersmidi", should be of great interest as he is a survivor of the famous units.

Members are invited to bring their ladies and other friends to the meeting.

The secretary asks members who have not done so to pay their subscriptions so that they can avail themselves of the facilities of the club. Receipt of their copy of "The Listening Post" and have the satisfaction of being financially in an organisation pledged to help comrades temporarily in need of assistance.

He points out that no amount of money can buy membership of the League.

The qualifications are similar to those of the C.W.A. in time of war.

The Sydney Lambeth Cup games are about to commence and the secretary hopes to see all the old faces and some new ones, attending practice to bring the cup back to the sub-branch again.

The women's auxiliary has done good work in preparing supper for guest-speaker evenings and also for its support at the children's Christmas party and at the recent Cabaret Evening. Its president presented the building fund with a cheque for £20.

Those interested in a Fringe night visit to a nearby hills club accompanied by their ladies are asked to notify the secretary so that he can make the necessary arrangements. A date is to be fixed.

The secretary invites members who have joined up in the past and who have not made themselves known at the South Perth branch to call on him.

He assures them of good fellowship.

GET A MATE TO SIGN IN '59.
Digger Hat Question

An encouraging reply has been received from the Minister for the Army to a League approach—stemming from a resolution of the federal Congress in Adelaide—for the retention of the Digger hat on ceremonial occasions.

The Minister's reply—copied of all State branches by the National Secretary of the League (Mr. K. Newman)—reads:

"You have already seen from recent press releases that the proposal which has been made by the Army Headquarters Dress Committee in their review of dress for the A.M.R. would include a retention of the 'digger' hat for all ceremonial occasions.

"Through the intervention of your League in the dress of the Army is appreciated."

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16th LIGHT HORSE ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, Moonee Ponds, meets on the 2nd Tuesday at 6 p.m., connection, 119 Bridge-street, South Melbourne.

51st Division—meets on the 2nd Tuesday at 6 p.m., connection, 108 Bridge-street, South Melbourne. President: G. L. Cooper, Secretary: A. E. Cooper, 2 Park-street, South Melbourne.

ARGENTINE ANZAC ASSOCIATION—meets on the 2nd Tuesday at 6 p.m., connection, 115 Bridge-street, South Melbourne.


18th and 4th BRIGADE ASSOCIATION—Committee meetings on the 1st Tuesday, 12th, 26th inst., at 6 p.m., connection, 108 Bridge-street, South Melbourne. President: G. L. Cooper, Secretary: A. E. Cooper, 2 Park-street, South Melbourne.

18th Light Horse A.I.F. ASSOCIATION—President: Mr. R. R. Christian, 126 Bridge-street, South Melbourne. Secretary: E. H. Bullock, 117 Bridge-street, South Melbourne. Committee meets Anzac House, Moonee Ponds, Annual reunion Tuesday of Show Week.

21st BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION—Committee meets Anzac House, Moonee Ponds, meets each month at 6 p.m., connection, 119 Bridge-street, South Melbourne. President: G. L. Cooper, Secretary: A. E. Cooper, 2 Park-street, South Melbourne. Committee meets Anzac House, Moonee Ponds, Annual reunion Tuesday of Show Week.

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Ball Proposal
The State Executive has formed a committee consisting of Messrs. S. R. King, H. G. Holder, J. R. White and Miss Mary Meares to examine the possibility of holding a League ball.

A proposal for a ball to be held no later than October 31 was introduced last September by the City of Perth sub-branch on behalf of its auxiliary. The executive deferred consideration of it at that time because of its preoccupation with the organisation of the Dunkirk film members and the Perth Day observances.

GET A MATE TO SIGN

Noteworthy Meeting At Subiaco
The annual general meeting of the Subiaco sub-branch on January 28 was particularly noteworthy for two reasons—one concerning the future and the other the immediate past.

First was the visit by the League's Chairman of Trustees R. J. Studdart who addressed the sub-branch on its financial responsibilities and pointed out that a sub-branch with a financial membership of 250 should be able to overcome its difficulties with the enthusiasm and assistance of its members. (Members who were not at the meeting, please note!)

The second special point of interest was the president's very comprehensive report on the year's doings. He complimented especially Messrs. J. Newnham, Mr. G. G. Wilson—who has been a tower of strength to the sub-branch since its inception—and Mr. J. Burgess, who has taken an active part in every project of the sub-branch throughout the year.

Others to receive a pat on the back were Mr. R. A. Patterson (for his endeavours in connection with dances earlier in the year).

Mr. O. C. Young (whose reports in the local press are looked forward to with such interest), Messrs. Newnham, Burgess (hon. secretary and treasurer respectively) and Harry Orchard (the sub-branch gardener).

He omitted to mention the "pride of the sub-branch", the old Sgt. Major, whose sterling work throughout the year as hon. caretaker has been so valuable.

Another to receive a mention was Jim Kieran, who is in business next to the sub-branch premises. Jim has done the sub-branch great service during the year in setting the hall.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. G. A. Brown; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Burgess and O. C. Young; Hon. secretary (you've guessed it!) Mr. J. Newnham; Hon. treasurer, Mr. N. Pearse; Hon. member, Mr. G. E. Wilson, committee, Messrs. Potter, Black, Orchard, Harrison, Monk and James.

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Ex-Service Women's Occasion
The Returned ex-service women's sub-branch of the R.S.I. held its Christmas Victoria League meeting on December 22.

This time it was a less formal affair with a light buffet meal. The Loyalty Toast was proposed by Mr. E. A. Dodd—the sub-branch representative on the State Executive. Mr. Dodd was also being then in hospital. Admiredly led by our president (Mrs. Stittl O'Brian), the few speeches were light, bright and adequate. There was a good attendance of members and friends, including two new "mates."

The invited guests were the State President (Mr. Lonnie) and Mrs. Lonnie, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Dodd, Mr. S. S. MacNamara, Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin, Miss Burgus and Miss White (Returned Sisters' sub-branch), the members of the ex-W.R.A.N.S., ex-A.M.W.A.S., ex-A.W.A.S., ex-W.R.A.F., Mrs. W. Hedges (Red Cross Transport) and Mrs. Stecklin and Mrs. Adams representing the R.S.L. State Women's Auxiliary.

Port Meeting: Members of the Fremantle City sub-branch are requested to attend the general meeting on February 19 in force to welcome two members of the State Executive. Please come along and give them a go!

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