SPECIAL ANZAC DAY ISSUE

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

LEST WE FORGET

As we remember, with deep gratitude those who suffered pain and gave their lives for us; let us resolve to do all in our power to preserve the freedom we hold today.
ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCE
National President Will Be Here

On Saturday, April 25 (Anzac Day), 44 years to the day after the epic landing on Gallipoli, Australians and New Zealanders—wherever they may be—will gather to do homage to those who made the supreme sacrifice.

The R.S.I.L. National President (Sir George Holland) will be in Perth for the occasion.

The State branch of the League invites all ex-service men and women to take part in the commemoration services in Perth commencing with the Dawn Service in Kings Park. A feature of this year’s observances will be the presence in the State of the Anzac Day delegation of four New Zealanders.

Dawn Service
The parade for the Dawn Service will assemble at 5.40 a.m. at the Queen Victoria Memorial and march to the State War Memorial headed by the official party, who will be placed in due sequence by the parade marshal.

Members of the public may be excluded from this portion of the official wreath-laying.

Official wreaths may be left overnight at the lodge at the entrance to the park, where they are picked up in good time for the ceremony.

Anzac Day At Geraldton

The president of the Geraldton sub-branch (Mr. W. Cunningham) has received orders from the State President (Mr. Louise) expressing disappointment at the small enrolment for the Anzac Day services in this branch. President Louise has written to the local newspaper and broadcasters, urging them to publicise the case.

The sub-branch had already decided that it would hold similar observances to those of last year, which attracted record crowds and brought such overwhelming success.

The dawn service will be the only official ceremony. It will be non-demonstrational, as usual, under the auspices of the sub-branch and the Municipal Council. The parade will be led by ex-service personnel, members of Geraldton’s unique Sea Scout and Girl Guides Bays, and other youth organisations.

Shenton Park: R.S.I.L. hall, Oswald Street, 7.30 a.m. (Mr. T. B. White). Esperance: 3 p.m. Medina: (No details at time of going to press.) St. Mary’s Cathedral: 8.30 a.m. Cottesloe districts: 3 p.m. (see below.) Rockingham: 2.45 p.m. Mr. E. D. Davies with one New Zealander.

Mt. Hawthorn: 2.30 p.m. Mr. J. B. White and one New Zealander.

Kununurra: 10.30 a.m. Mr. H. A. Leslie.

Wongan Hills: 3.30 p.m. Mr. W. H. H. Willcox.

Mt. Helena: 8 p.m. (Mr. H. A. Leslie).

The following details of suburban Anzac Day services have been supplied by the sub-branches concerned:

Cottesloe (combined district service at Manning’s Hill, Grove, at 3 p.m.): Fall-in at Jarrad-street, 2.15 p.m. Transport for aged persons can be arranged through the branch secretary.

Bedford-Morley Park (service at memorial site, Salesja’s Walk): Fall-in at 12 p.m. F.S.C.C. and outside Police Station, 1.30 p.m. Service to commence at 2.45 p.m.

Darling Range (3 p.m. service at Kalamunda War Memorial): Fall-in at assembly point in Honour Avenue at 2.30 p.m.

Subiaco (at the Clocktower): Fall-in at the usual place at 2.30 p.m.

Mt. Hawthorn: Fall-in at the usual place at 2.30 p.m.

Maylands (Wreath-laying at Maylands Memorial followed by service in hall): Fall-in at railway station at 2.45 p.m.

RELATED SERVICES
State Executive representation is being arranged for the following pre and post-Anzac Day services:

Ser. Maj. W. C. Alexander (Senior Liaison Officer), 11 a.m. on April 26 (Mr. W. M. Allan).

St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church: 11 a.m. on April 26 (Mr. E. MacLeod).

Jewish Ex-Servicemen’s Association: 11 a.m., Masonic Hall, 5.30 p.m. on April 24 (M. H. H. Hendren).

Goomalling: 11 a.m. on April 26 (State President, Mr. E. J. and two New Zealanders).

Coonawarra School: 2 p.m. Subiaco Congreg. Church: 11 a.m. on April 26 (Mr. P. J. W. F. P. T. Boy Scouts, Cubs, Girl Guides, Brownies, school and youth organisations.)

BELMONT: 3 p.m. (Mr. N. Davidson.)
Let Us Remember Them

FORTY-FOUR years ago an army of young men landed on a foreign shore. It was, for most, their baptism of fire. They went in a spirit of adventure mingled with a desire to do what was right. They surmounted the greatest obstacles and endured terrible privations, and in doing so proved to the world that, as soldiers, they were persevering.

BY THE time peace was won nearly 60,000 of Australia's young men had died. On each successive Anzac Day anniversary the sacrifice of these young men has been remembered, for Anzac Day is a day for honouring all those who died on, or through, service in that or in subsequent wars in which Australians have been engaged. It is a day honoured by the men of the 1939-1945 war as well as by the men of the 1914-1918 war.

ANZAC DAY must remain a day of remembrance and quiet commemoration, the day in which we are all united in one thought—of regret for those who died—and of pride that they should have been willing to fight for their country.

ATTENDANCE at the Anzac Day ceremonies is a gesture by ex-servicemen and women of individual and collective gratitude, and an effort to keep alive the memory of that outstanding act of co-operative sacrifice established at Gallipoli. Those magic letters "A N Z A C" came into being by accident and became a graphic and inspiring reality in the intervening years they have become engraved on the hearts of our people. They are a tonic for restoring the spiritual life and loyalty of thousands of citizens in Australia and New Zealand.

LET THOSE who will quarrel with our determination to re-align a life programme of true dedication to the services and ideals for which they died. Unfortunately there are those who would seek to make Anzac Day just another occasion for a thoughtless holiday when the hearts of the bereaved are bared with reverent sorrow. Let us take advantage of this one day in the year when we may pay tribute to the deeds of the past. In having acknowledged our debt to those who sacrificed their tomorrows in order that we might enjoy our today's.

Victorians Day Thought

By Vera M. Piesse (Bathurst)

Pause, oh youth, at your work or play
Thinking of your young ancestry,
And, as you kneel, the "Last Post" play,
Bend low your heads in reverence.
Give to them this day.
They were all young and eager, too,
Tiring their skill at work and sport,
Worked with a will and played as you,
Then, at a call, your freedom bought.
Give to them this day.

Just this one day from all the year,
To honor all they have been to you,
For Freedom's sake. The price so dear—
Their ALL they gave: more than their best.
Givell to them this day.

Do you not hear the marching feet
Eager, alert, to music bright
Today the drums have a muffled beat
And those ageless ranks ask as a right,
"For us to die they fought this day!"

WITH the exception of the war years Anzac Day has fallen on Saturday on three occasions only since 1923. In 1953, at the request of the Victorian Football League, it was decided to celebrate Anzac Day. In 1953, the W.A.N.F.L. reversed its previous attitude and games were conducted on Anzac Day of that year. It is now proposed to complete a series of fixtures this year.

IT IS not generally known that the present form of the observance of Anzac Day is governed by the Anzac Day Act of 1923.

THIS Act prohibits the opening of hotels and the holding of Sunday meets. Football was not specifically prohibited, but a study of the Act and the debates which took place indicates the clear intention that football and other organised sports should not take place on Anzac Day.

THE THEN Premier, the late Sir James Mitchell, in introducing the bill, said that it was not the Government's intention to compel people to observe Anzac Day in any special direction. It was, however, the Government's belief that those who sought to commemorate the day in a fitting manner should not have this right interfered with by others.

WITH this statement the R.S.L. is in complete agreement. Annual State Congresses of the post-war years have, by steadily increasing majorities, indicated beyond doubt the League's strong support for the observance of Anzac Day in its present form.

THERE may be an impression that the observance of Anzac Day is confined to the Dawn and Esplanade Services. This is not so. In the morning the cities of Fremantle and Subiaco will be conducting their own services. Similar services will be held in 35 suburban districts. This will also apply to country areas throughout the State where services are held throughout the afternoon.

THE CONDUCT of football matches during this time must detract from the solemnity of these functions.

SIGNIFICANTLY, in Victoria the National Football League of that State will not conduct football matches on Anzac Day.

NOTWITHSTANDING the attitude of the West Australian National Football League, the R.S.L. will make every effort to ensure that the observance of Anzac Day this year will be in keeping with the highest traditions of the past.

Victoria Park Meeting

A Busy One

The monthly meeting of the Victoria Park Sub-branch on March 19 was well attended, and a great deal of business was dealt with.

The president took great pride in welcoming new members in Messrs. Sammells, Sommers, and Pearson, all responding with a few witty remarks and one or two humorous anecdotes controlling the dog he had brought along.

Having disposed of business members were delighted to pay their respects to Mr. A. Nicholas who is taking a trip to England and other countries.

A big event is anticipated for the Anzac Day parade and service.

The service will be conducted by the rector of St. Aidan's Church, Camberwell, with an address by the sub-branch president (Mr. M. Walsh) who will indicate the League's views.

All organisations in the area are requested to take part in the march, leaving the Salford-street at noon. The event of wet weather the service will take place in the R.S.L. Hall where Mr. J. Wood will be in charge of the march and wreath-laying.

Honour Avenue Working-bee

There was an excellent response to an appeal, for volunteers to tidy up the Avenue near King's Park in good time for Anzac Day.

A working-bee was held five weeks before the day fixed on for the working-bee—April 12-130 men and women who had had to be absent had they been asked to participate. It is quite apparent that there are many Diggers only too ready to lend a hand on occasions like this.

The party assembled at the Lord Forrest Memorial and under the direction of Mr. V. Greenhalgh of the Honour Avenue sub-committee of the Public Works sub-committee, who worked from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ceremonial Record

A small gramophone recorded hymns and bugle calls. The main feature of the ceremonial occasions is now on sale in Perth at 10/-.

The State Executive record playing of the record (supplied to it by W. Hooper, Esq.) that some sub-branches might desire to obtain one.
Prime Minister Replies
To Defence Case

League representations based on resolutions of the 43rd National Congress, and asking (1) that where possible ex-service personnel should hold all portfolios connected with defence, and (2) that the Defence Forces be placed under a Supreme Commander with a single Minister in charge of the Forces and Defence Production, have brought the following reply from the Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies):

"Taking the second resolution first, you will be aware that I dealt with this matter in my speech of the 19th March, 1958, and explained in detail the reasons for the Government's decision on the Morrishead Report. I indicated that the ministrv authority of the Minister for Defence is paramount in certain respects, the maintenance of stability of the Defence Force, and for securing the elimination of overlapping between the various portfolios of the Defence group, and also for the creation of a single body of personnel for the common services and standards."

"In this context I also announced the appointment of a Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee who would be an experienced serving officer and who would also be available to assist the Minister for Defence in matters of joint service policy and planning."

"With regard to the second resolution, where possible all portfolios connected with Defence should be held by ex-service personnel. I must reserve to myself complete freedom to determine Ministers of my own choosing. At the present time there is no doubt that Ministers holding portfolios within the Defence group, or Industry, and other officials, will at times pay due attention to the help of ex-service personnel, given not only by their technical military advisers but also by the large body of ex-service opinion represented by the League and the organisations which have a special interest in the continued welfare and security of Australia."

League Hospitality For Over 600
Combined Fleet Men

During the visit to Fremantle of the Combined Naval Force last month the League arranged a billeting and hospitality for over 600 of the fleet personnel.

Both country and metropolitan areas were visited, the arrangements being varied and included dances, barbecues, cricket matches and visits to the Bunkby line and its officials.

Numerous South-West sub-branches participated in the arrangements. Apart from metropolitan arrangements, invitations were extended to all sub-branches and these were accepted with enthusiasm.

The entertainment offered was varied, and included dances, barbecues, cricket matches and visits to the Bunkby line and its officials.

Next day League representatives recollected, by handing over a boomerang to the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. Albatross.

On behalf of the visiting British ships under my command, I wish to thank..."
War Medals and Ribbons
HOW TO WEAR THEM ON ANZAC DAY

When medals and ribbons are worn on the breast the ribbon must be one inch in length, unless the possession of the clasp necessitates its being longer.

When two or more medals or decorations are worn they will be so arranged that the lower edges (or points of stars) are in line. The length of all ribbons will be regulated by that of the medal which, including any clasp, is the longest. When ribs only are worn the following will be observed:

- They will be 3-in. in length.
- Ribbons will be worn in rows of fours above the left breast pocket, or if there is no such pocket, in a corresponding position between the rows to be 1-3-in. wide.

The ribbon of the senior award in each row must be placed furthermost from the left shoulder, and by rows from top to bottom. When the number of ribbons worn is insufficient to make up a complete round, the shortest row is to be placed centrally above.

Air crew badges are to be worn centrally above the top row.

Honours and field decorations take precedence in the following order of seniority:


Then follow foreign orders and decorations, worn in order of date of award.

There are many other medals and decorations, but referred to above are those which mainly concern residents in Australia.

A Maddington Occasion

There was a good attendance of adults and children at the social function held by the Maddington sub-branch on February 28.

The programme included a vocal and instrumental numbers, dancing and concert items. The programme was completed by a children's evening, which were a rendition by three ladles, the number of which had been prepared for the song "The Feat of the Cow in the World Go By," a Hawaiian dance very creditably performed by the Maddington School girl. Mr. Manning was a dapper figure in his dailly and a humorous sketch by Mesdames Topliss and Ms. E. Gardiner.

The women's auxiliary rendered the sub-branch its usual very efficient service. Youngsters were well catered for in the way of amusements.

The function was held in the Centennial Hall, Maddington.

Meeting-night Change

At Rivervale

The Rivervale sub-branch will hold their meeting on the second Monday of each month. The meetings are held in the hall at the corner of Norward-road AND Gerringong street, Rivervale. Winning ticket in the sub-branch raffle drawn on March 16 was No. 1300 held by Allan Goodwin of 37 Fourth Avenue Bassendean.

Levy Proposed To Help Pay Travel Expenses

A Regional Vice-President of the League has suggested a small levy on all members to help defray travelling expenses incurred by State Executive members on their visits to sub-branches.

He is Mr. R. Hardisty, of Waroona. Mr. Hardisty said that he had attended many sub-branch meetings as they could and travelled far and wide at their own expense to do so. He thought they should be reimbursed.

Mr. Hardisty was replying to a toast to the executive by Mr. Crayden, acting regional vice-president of the sub-branch.

Referring to the new War Veterans' Home project, Mr. Hardisty said that sub-branches looking for some worthy object to work for could "adopt" an inmate of the home, and raise £100 a month towards his upkeep. He had also spoke on civil defence matters and strongly recommended that first-aid classes be started at Bruns- wick.

Representatives from Bunbury, Collie, Boyanup, Harvey, Yarloop and Waroona branches attended the reunion, and six members of the Royal New Zealand Navy, who were spending weekend leave at Waroona.

Mr. R. Moore proposed a toast to the visiting sub-branches, which Mr. Walker, of Bunbury, replied. Mr. H. Sells, of Mr. J. Manning, of Waroona, was to see a local man in Mr. Hardisty representing the State Executive. Mr. Hardisty, he said, had acquitted himself well on the executive.

Mr. Manning said that the holding of group conferences was a good thing. They kept branches united and up to date with each other. Mr. C. Minchin paid tribute to the women. The Brunswick auxiliary had carried the sub-branches for years, and he was sure the men followed their example.

In a toast to the three services, Mr. C. Appleby stressed the importance of one to the other, extended a special welcome to the New Zealand and Australian representatives from Bassendean, and spoke of the association between Australias and New Zealand since World War I.

Chief Petty Officer R. N. A. C. of the R. N. Z. ? A, said it was nice to get in.

Television

For The Veterans

Among the amenities for the new War Veterans' Home will be a television set-to be provided by the Cottesloe sub-branch and auxiliary.

Funds for the purpose were raised by the raffling of a giant Easter Egg. Unlike the curate's egg, the price of which is much about this one was described as good all through. It had been nobly filled by the traders of Cottesloe with a variety of articles including silverware, men's apparel, cosmetics and gramophone records and was on display for some time in the Napoleon-street shopping area.

The idea was put forward by sub-branch member Lionel Chaffey. Incubation started on March 5 and concluded with the drawing on March 24. The winning ticket No. 3625—Mr. Thomas—was announced in the daily Press three days later.

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Affairs At Cardiff

The meeting of the Cardiff sub-branch in the local R.S.L. hall on March 1 followed sharply on the heels of the highly successful combined sub-branch reunion the week before.

A somewhat unique aspect of Mr. J. A. Rolle's visit, as State Executive representative, was the welcome extended to him in a hall-in which erection his father—when sub-branch president—had played a conspicuous part.

Of the 160 members of the Combined Naval Force entertained by South-West sub-branches during the mid-March weekend, the Cardiff sub-branch made itself self-responsible for ten.

A social was held in the North College hall in their honour; Mr. J. Dawson put up three of the visitors for the weekend.

Because of the visit by the several members of the executive the picnic was postponed for a week—until March 22.

After a long discussion on the venue for future meetings of the sub-branch the Cardiff hall was decided on.

Messrs. E. Hallet and L. Brown were elected as representatives on the zone committee.

Royal Honour For Army Engineers

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, had given her consent to the appointment of her husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, as Honorary Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, the Minister for the Army (Mr. Cramer) said recently.

This was not only a great honour for both the peace-time and wartime members of the corps but also for the Australian Army as a whole, Mr. Cramer said.

The Duke of Edinburgh's appointment had been proposed in the Commonwealth Government Gazette. It was his first appointment as Honorary Colonel-in-Chief of any corps in the Australian Army.

The corps of the Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers was formed from the branch of the Australian Army Ordnance Corps on December 1, 1948. This was the inauguration of the British formation—the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers—two months earlier.

Members of the corps served in Middle East and Pacific theatres during World War II and reached an all ranks strength of 25,000.

Since the war the corps has taken a prominent part in operational and operational activities of the British Commonwealth Forces in Japan, Korea and Malaya.

The recognition of World War II service, the corps was granted the title Royal by His Majesty King George VI, and became the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers on November 10, 1948.

The Australian corps is 150 officers and 4,000 other ranks.

Did you know that . . . ?

(Ask Cpt. C. R. Collins)

O During March Perth was visited by a distinguished English composer, conductor and authority on band music. It was the Army that brought band music to Australia! According to Dr. A. D. Aitken, in his history of music in Australia the first concert in Australia was given by the band of the 57th (Middlesex) Regiment in Sydney in 1829.

O The first Australian killed in the South African War of 1899-1902 was Midshipman Huddart of H.M.S. Doris. He served with the naval brigade landed from H.M.S. Doris and Powerful that formed part of the force with which Lord Methuen was attempted to relieve Kimberley. Huddart was killed in the action at Enslin on November 24, 1899. His family were the Hud- darts of the late Captain William Huddart of Perth, a prominent business man.

O Wrist watches, now worn by most people including school children, are of military origin. The inconvenience of pulling a large watch out of a tight- ing officer's pocket or back of a shirt was strapped to his wrist. The wristlet which spread from his own to other regiments. Years later an enterprising watchmaker devised and manufactured watches of smaller size which could be more conveniently worn on a soldier's wrist.
Plaque Unveiling At Subiaco Service

A feature of this year’s Anzac Day service at Subiaco will be the unveiling and dedication, at the clock-tower memorial, of a new sign bearing the names of the fallen of World War II.

Members will fall-in at the usual place at 2.30 p.m. a quarter-hour earlier than usual.

Under the care of the sub-branch gardener (Mr. H. Orchard) a patch of ground beside the hall is being kept to look like a garden.

For improvements upstairs and down at the hall thanks are due to Mr. M. Powell and Mr. Wills, and to the sub-branch president (Mr. G. Bowman).

At the March general meeting members stood in silence to the memory of late Subiaco members, including the "Old Sergeant-Major"—who was killed in a traffic accident—his services will be sulphured.

To regular attenders the rooms do not seem the same without him.

The meeting was well attended, and most of the time was taken up in discussion of Anzac Day.

The resolution appealed for contributions of money, or any salable junk for the sub-branch jumble sale.

Members were advised to get goods at the sub-branch rooms any Wednesday evening, or arranging to have them picked up.

Extra-Special Day For Tingira Old-Boys

Anzac Day has a special significance to members of the H.M.A.S. Tingira Old-Boys Association, and Tingira was the foundation day of the "Cradle of the Commonwealth" commissioning date of the training-ship H.M.A.S. Tingira.

Tingira remained in commission and was a familiar landmark in Ross Bay, Sydney, from 1912 to 1927. Boys entered the Navy at 14 years, and after doing initial training, they underwent a five months' intensive course in drill, seamanship and gunnery courses for a period of two to three years as seagoing units of the Australian fleet.

During her short life career no fewer than 5,000 boys passed over her decks. Quite a number of commissioned rank, while others reached the rank of captain and four others that of commander.

Tingira was the headquarters of The "Linton Post" and "The Macleay Post", and was the only free newspaper on a vessel of the Royal Navy, and was in charge of George McLean to achieve his goal—a trumpet—revealed the true Tingira spirit when he took George under his wing.

Anzac House As Games Venue

Sub-branches with no separate function, A.R.M.S. games fixtures can now have the use of the roof garden or supper room—providing they are available as required.

This was decided by the State Executive on March 25 on the advocacy of Mr. S. F. King, chairman of the Games Committee.

Mingle With Your Mates On Anzac Eve

Diggers, don’t forget about the Anzac Eve reunion this year—in the Anzac House hallroom, 11th, P.M., on Saturday, April 25, in commemoration of the famous Galabria war. You will see lots of your mates there—men who fought of the hilltop and a great many others besides, who are glad to honoured.

Among those present will be His Excellency the Governor General of South Australia and the R.S.L. National President (Sir George Holman).

This year’s function will take the form of a buffet dinner—not a sit-down dinner—so all present will have an opportunity of moving around and mingling with their old friends and acquaintances.

Reservations for the reunion are still available, and those wishing to attend are advised to make application as soon as possible—enclosing the admission fee of 10/- per head to the Manager, Anzac Club, Box C188, G.P.O., Perth.

Ex-Servicewomen Glad To Extend Welcome

It was with pleasure that the Returned Service-women’s sub-branch accepted an invitation to assist with the entertainment of the visiting fleet on Sunday, March 15.

With the Misses Helen (vice-president), and Betty Childs, arrived at 6.30 p.m. and relaxed with drinks and savouries in the garden. At about 7.30 p.m. a buffet tea was served consisting of cold lunch, salads, fruit and cake. Coffee and cake were served.

All enjoyed themselves thoroughly and many last war experiences were recounted as several of the members of the sub-branch had served in identical theatres of war.

It was obvious that a great deal of work had gone into the preparation of the supper and the other arrangements, and the special thanks of the sub-branch go to the Misses Morrisons and to Jean—Duff and Hazel Peers for part they played in them.

Kalamunda Carnival

"Make it a date for the Autumn Fete" is the current slogan of Darling Range sub-branch, and Saturday, May 2 (1 p.m. to 6 p.m.), is the time and place in mind.

It will be one of the biggest events ever undertaken by the sub-branch, and committee members have made an all-out effort in arranging the details. There will be stalls galore, a merry-go-round, pony rides and the usual sweets and drinks.

Support is essential from all members, and special invitation is of course, extended to all R.S.L. members and their families to come and join in the fun.

The annual Anzac Day commemoration service will be held on Saturday, April 25, at 2.30 p.m. in the Honour Avenue, the parade proceeding to the War Memorial for the service at 3 p.m. Medals are to be worn.
Departure From Custom At Yarloop Function

A novel departure from customary practice took place at the Yarloop-Waroona combined reunion (held at Yarloop) when the toast to the R.S.L. was entrusted to a non-ex-serviceeman.

The proposer, Mr. Basil Blackburn—a member of the local governing authority—was too young for World War II. Mr. Blackburn paid an outstanding tribute to the work of the League and the State Executive in particular. He stressed the importance of the part played by the League in nurturing the welfare of the nation and the part which a strong League could take in leading the destiny of Australia along right lines.

It is indeed good to hear, as on this occasion, just what people outside the League think of the organisation, especially somebody in a responsible office. The innovation is one which could have its appeal at other similar functions. Attending the reunion were representatives from Harvey, Coolup, Mandurah, Pinjarra (Murray) and, of course, Waroona sub-branches.

Announcement!

Mr. A. R. (Andy) Mulgrave has been appointed Manager of PERRYS
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“City” Forming A New Band

The City of Perth sub-branch is working hard on the formation of a band to participate in R.S.L. activities when required. Any member or sub-branch who possesses unwanted band instruments is urged to assist the band by donating them to the sub-branch. The band will assist and train junior members. Interested players may contact the sub-branch secretary (Mr. W. Holder) at the Monash Club in King-street.

Board Doing Its Best, Sub-branch Told

To a request from the Yealing sub-branch for better maintenance to certain sections of roadway in the district the local road board has replied that it is under a yearly financial agreement with the main-roads authorities to surface the Yealing-Wickepin road.

The board’s reply was considered at an extraordinary meeting of the sub-branch and it was decided to inform the board that while appreciating its commitments the sub-branch could see no reason since rates were being paid. Why the small sections had been left to be kept in better condition.

At the same meeting there was a discussion of arrangements for the Anzac Ball to be conducted on Saturday, April 19. A feature of the occasion will be a “Belle of the Ball” competition, with visiting judges and instrumental music supplied by Doney’s Orchestra.

Anzac Day arrangements have been practically completed, and a good attendance on this memorable day would be greatly appreciated. Badges, which are to be supplied as usual, and the womenfolk are requested.

Returned Servicemen’s Badges

An Act relating to the unauthorised use or possession of membership badges issued by The Returned Sailors’ and Soldiers’ Imperial League of Australia, W.A. Branch, Incorporated.

(As assented to 7th December, 1953.)

Be it enacted by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the Returned Service- men’s Badges Act, 1953.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context requires otherwise—

“Financial member” means any member who has paid and continues to pay annually the subscription required by the League to be paid by its members, and includes a member who has not paid such subscription except where such subscription remains unpaid at the expiration of a period of three months after having become due.

“The League” means The Returned Sailors’ and Soldiers’ Imperial League of Australia, W.A. Branch, Incorporated.

Unauthorised use or possession of badges

3. (1) A person who is not a financial member of the League shall not wear, or, without lawful excuse, have in his possession any returned serviceman’s badge.

Penalty: For a first offence, a sum not exceeding twenty-five pounds; and for a subsequent offence, a sum not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

Proceedings for offences: The proceedings for offences against this Act shall be heard and determined summarily.
League Views On Immigration Please Minister

Two resolutions of the National Congress of the League—one commending the National Executive on its positive approach to immigration and the other reaffirming its determination to resist any curtailment of the programme—have pleased the Minister for Immigration (Mr. Downer).

The Minister says this in a recent communication to the League. He continues:

"I entirely agree that the National Executive of the League is deserving of commendation for its consistent and positive attitude towards Australia's immigration policy.

"Further evidence of the League's realistic appreciation of the need to build up our human resources as rapidly as possible is, of course, contained in your resolution, which expresses opposition to any curtailment of the immigration programme.

"Soon after the conclusion of your Congress, I availed myself of the opportunity of reading the report of your conference in order to ensure that my department's representation was present for the discussions on immigration matters.

"I must say I felt much encouraged by the constructive nature of the resolutions and the comments contributed by various delegates. I should like members of Congress to know how much I appreciate their clear recognition of the urgency of Australia's population needs.

"Indeed, I consider the R.S.L. is rendering a great national service by continuing to use its prestige and influence in support of a vigorous immigration policy and by keeping constantly before the Australian public the vital importance of immigration to our future well-being."

Support For Pool-move In York District

At the annual meeting of the York sub-branch on March 10 the president (Mr. S. C. Irvin) stressed the need for assisting youth-welfare activity in the district—and urged members to support the move to build a swimming pool in the town.

The meeting was well attended, and during the evening members were advised of the forthcoming visit to the district on April 19 and 20 of members of the New Zealand Anzac delegation. After a sub-branch gathering in the R.S.L. Hall and luncheon at the Castle Hotel the visitors will be taken on sight-seeing tours of the district and will leave for Narrogin during the afternoon of April 20.

At the meeting the president and the secretary (Mr. A. L. Mayes) were re-elected and the other positions filled as follows:

- Vice-president: Messrs. R. Mackenzie and H. Burrow.
- Treasurer: Mr. B. Weston.

To encourage better attendance at the general meetings the committee is extending the social side of the arrangements.

Big And Happy Glen Forrest Ladies' Night

There was a big and happy gathering at the Glen Forrest sub-branch ladies' night on March 19, with several members of the State Executive among the guests.

But not Mr. E. C. Townshend, an unfailing friend of the sub-branch who was too ill to be present at the meeting. Mr. A. Weston (who served as secretary for seven years) has a Certificate of Service. As Mr. Townshend was ill the presentation was made by the other State Vice-President (Mr. J. A. Rolfe) and Messrs. J. Longworth (lawn and clavilious) and R. Field (accordion) entertained with refreshments, games and dancing, and had a very successful evening.

Anzac Day arrangement are well under way. The R.S.L. has been visited by various delegations and the first lot of material is ready for processing. As 8000 invitations have been sent, the arrangements are well under way for the event of April 25. There was a big and interesting audience at the club during the afternoon of April 19 and the members of the club are well pleased with the progress of the arrangements.

Memorial Unveiling At Anzac Day Service

A memorable event for the Bedford-Morley Park sub-branch will take place on Anzac Day this year—the unveiling of the war memorial it is erecting at the corner of Salisbury and Beaufort streets, to be performed by the State President (Mr. Lonnie).

The unveiling (at 2 p.m.) will be held in conjunction with the usual Anzac Day service. The parade will assemble at 1.30 p.m. in front of the Police Station in Eighth St., and will march to the memorial site via Beaufort-street.

The sub-branch expects that the route will be lined with crowds for the occasion and has made special traffic arrangements with the Police Department. The members of the club are well pleased with the arrangements and prepared to do their best to make the event a success.

Bowls Battle With The Maimed And Limbless

Year by year for quite a while now the State Executive and the Maimed and Limbless Association have been challenging each other to a game of bowls.

This year the game was fought out on Friday, March 19—a date whose implications may have frightened one of the teams out of form. A very strenuous and interesting night resulted.

After a welcome by the Maimed and Limbless president the match started. By 10 o'clock ends had been played with the following results: State Executive, 55; Maimed and Limbless, 40.

Some very interesting ends were played during the evening—one in particular when the music was played by the W.A. Band. A very swift and interesting night resulted. After the service a very pleasant evening.

The date for the next monthly meeting is April 16.

Business houses in the area are being asked to fly flags for the occasion, and all members are expected to be on parade wearing service medals. The Boy Scouts will stand guard of the memorial site for 24 hours. The sub-branch president (Mr. H. Kirsle) and Mr. Lonnie will inspect the parade in Salisbury-street.
Long Haul For Stone
In Memorial Gates

Specially selected stone for Wubin's new Memorial Gates, is being carted by sub-branch busy-bees from as far away as Payne's Find—86 miles to the east.

To be erected by local stonemasons the gateway will contain a polished granite slab in each of the two 16ft. walls. One slab will bear the inscription "Let We Forget, 1914-18 and 1939-46."

The memorial park comprises about two acres, and under the control of the publicely elected board members operating under the same jurisdiction as the Kings Park Board.

All the improvements have been affected by voluntary workers, and include a 9-hole golf course, hockey field, four tennis courts, cricket pitch and a football field.

The roads-to-the-park entrance come from two directions. In the angle formed where they meet is to be placed a raised garden about 2ft. high and 14ft. long.

The sub-branch hopes to have the job completed by the Commonwealth Day (May 24) and is busily engaged in the organisation of the dedication and opening ceremony. It hopes to have the State President and members of his executive present for the occasion.

Mr. H. A. Leslie
In Demand

By March 23 this year Mr. H. A. Leslie had received eight invitations to attend sub-branch Anzac Day functions.

He hopes to be able to attend about half that number and will do so as State Executive representative.

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Auxiliary Round-up

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It is announced with regret that the Gosnells auxiliary has withdrawn from this competition.

Northcliffe Efforts

With only a small membership the Northcliffe auxiliary is endeavouring to live up to the best traditions of service to worthy all for its sub-branch.

The ladies have provided tables, tables, and forms for the R.S.L. Memorial Hall.

At the Northcliffe School rooms the auxiliary provides afternoon tea in the hall twice a week and from the proceeds has installed a cupboards for the library.

It intends to provide material to fence the hall. Later in the year it hopes to fit in the painting of the hall.

At Christmas the auxiliary helped with the sub-branch arrival, at which each child received a toy valued at 10/.

Next mothers, particularly wives of ex-servicemen in the district, are needed to help the auxiliary as much even more than it is doing.

The auxiliary extends its sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Glubs.

At Kenwick

The Kenwick auxiliary held its first meeting for 1959 on February 16.

The meeting was well attended and dealt with by the new officers—president, Mrs. Rainey; secretary, Mrs. Mills; treasurer, Mrs. Nilsson.

Kenwick was congratulated by hospital staffs for the thoughtful visiting and pleasure given to patients.

The auxiliary met Cottesloe later in the month for the seventh round of the McKinley Shield games, having won four and lost two matches.

Visits List

Official visits since the last report were as follows: Feb. 10: The State President attended the Cottesloe Auxiliary meeting.

Feb. 21: The State President and Secretary attended the Busselton auxiliary's 25th birthday party.

Feb. 25: The State President and Secretary attended the W.Y.C.A. "At Home" Mar. 6: The State President and Secretary attended the Scarborough birthday party.

Mar. 14 and 15: The State President (with the R.S.L. State President) visited Ballarat and Nanango.

Nominations To Close Soon

Auxiliary officers are reminded that nominations for office as State President and Honorary State Secretary must reach the State President at Anzac House on April 15.

Agenda items for the Annual State Conference, and new sub-branches are also due in by that date.

Sub-branches and individual members of the State Executive are requested to support our auxiliaries.

Help them to help us.
A West Australian Now Medical Adviser To Governor-General

Col. R. R. Anderson, Deputy-Director of Medical Services, Western Command, and Medical Superintendent of the Royal Perth Hospital, has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Governor General (Sir William Slim).

Col. Anderson’s appointment, made on the recommendation of Mr. Attorney-General, last month, joins the Royal Family to the list of distinguished medical officers in command of various units, and as a medical staff officer.

As Regimentsal Medical Officer of the 2/8 Australian Infantry Battalion he won the Military Cross for continued gallantry and devotion to duty during the capture of Vevos Pass in Greece in April 1941. As General Officer Commanding, when he commanded the 13th Field Ambulance, he was a Regimentsal Medical Officer of the 11th Cadet Battalion from 1940 to 1942. He was appointed to his present posting as Deputy-Director of Medical Services, Western Command, prior to enlistment in the A.I.F. he was Resident Medical Officer at the Royal Perth Hospital.

The 228th Sub-branch Formed—At Millen

A new sub-branch was formed at Millen recently when 31 eligible residents unanimously voted in favour of its formation.

This brings the total number of sub-branches in the State to 229—the largest number of sub-branches in the league’s 43-year history in Western Australia.

The sub-branch has been formed for the benefit of residents who let their membership to the Victoria Park branch, which they shifted to the new suburb which is isolated from other sub-branches.

Convened by John Rutter of Jarrah-road, Millen, the inaugural meeting elected fourteen members, who accepted transfer membership from other sub-branches.

Victoria Park sub-branch secretary Bert Jolliffe told the meeting that his sub-branch would offer every support and assistance.

Mr. Jolliffe submitted a list of 22 eligible members who lived in Millen and who could join the new sub-branch.

Historic Aircraft Finds A Home


The Wirraway is the aircraft flown by Pilot Officer John S. Archer when he crashed the R.A.A.F. (and now a private) plane on September 17, 1943, at the Guiana coast on the way back from New Guinea to Australia. It was placed on permanent display alongside other historic aircraft in the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. The Wirraway had been stored at Tocumwal since its last flight in October 1957.

With the closing date for Congress motions and nominations for executive positions only a month away sub-branches and members must now be considering these matters.

Apart from questions of existing sub-branch positions and what should be giving thought to suggestions bearing upon the constitution of the League—the welfare of ex-service men and women is a general concern of League members in particular.

With those suffering as a result of service—widows and orphans in particular—should be constantly in mind. Members, and the League as a body, should be constantly in mind. Members, and the League as a body, should be constantly in mind. Members, and the League as a body, should be constantly in mind. Members, and the League as a body, should be constantly in mind. Members, and the League as a body, should be constantly in mind.

Also, the amended constitution of the League now permits it to consider almost any matter of national and community interest.

Returned Nurses In The March

The Returned Nurses’ sub-branch will be participating in the Anzac Day parade in the new and expanding suburban.

It was gratifying to feel that the League’s member figures have remained virtually unchanged, he said.

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51st Battalion (A.I.F.)

The association took its part in the combined unit association Homology Avenue working in King's Park on April 23. The annual church parade of the battalion was held at St. George's Cathedral — where a wreath will be laid on the Memorial Cross — will be held on Sunday, April 19. Members will enter the cathedral with other unit associations at 10.30 a.m.

On Anzac Day a wreath will be laid at the foot of the Memorial Cross. Members will assemble for the ceremony at 9.30 a.m. in Cathedral Avenue.

The association is represented — along with the 16th, 28th and 44th associations — on the Blackboy Hill Camp Memorial Committee.

The annual meeting of the association will be held at Anzac House on May 8.


ANOTHER £100: The State Women's Auxiliary of the State Women's Auxiliary has found another £100 for the home. The latest donation is to be spent on improvements to the electric lighting at the State War Memorial.

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16th Battalion Arrangements

The arrangements for Anzac Day are now complete and the committee appeals to all members to make an effort to attend this year's service and the gathering after the service.

The gathering will be held at the Railway Institute as usual.

The R.S.L. and unit associations generally are working hard to make this year's service a good one despite the football league's decision to hold its fixtures.

Mr. W. Newick will now go to see the Minister of Defence on the omission of the Anzac delegation in place of Mr. Norm Stein, who is unable to attend owing to the indisposition of his wife. Norm will be in London when the party leaves Perth on April 21.

The itinerary for the party has been received from Adelaide.

The women's auxiliary of the battalion is giving an afternoon tea party to the ladies of the party in the King's Park Hotel on Monday afternoon, May 4th, 1959, Mrs. Newick, little knowing that she would be one of the party at the time, wished all a happy time.

At the March committee meeting Mr. W. Waterman was appointed a delegate to the proposed Blackboy Hill Memorial Committee.

A fatigue party has been arranged for work on the 16th Battalion plaques in King's Park for the Thursday afternoon preceding Anzac Day. Colour patches will be put on the trees.

The following deaths were reported at the meeting:

Golding, J.; Reardon, T.; Sramm, I.; the names of the members of the association travelling to Adelaide are:

Mr. and Mrs. W. Newick, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Pomeroy and Master L. A. Pomeroy, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Sladden, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Keen, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Trum, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cranston, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Morris, Messrs. E. Monie, J. Smith, and W. Thornton.

Slow Learners Benefit From Fete

In continuation of its policy of service in peace-time — as in war — the Geraldton sub-branch organised another successful fete in aid of the Slow Learning Children's Group.

Several outside organisations conducted stalls at the memorial hall which was held in the grounds of Birdwood House.

As a result of the effort, over £130 will go to the Slow Learners. At the March meeting of the sub-branch, the senior vice-president (Mr. A. McDonald) congratulated the president (Mr. Cunningham) and others associated with the organisation of the successful fete.

A particularly noteworthy effort was that of a small group of young men — all under 15 — who had formed themselves into a club called "The Service Organisation." These youngsters who include the two sons of the sub-branch president — conduct a stall at the fete and raised £17.7.

Stalls were also conducted by the R.S.L. Woman's Auxiliary, the Church Guilds, and the Slow Learners committee.

Raising Funds For The New Home

A number of sub-branches are losing no time in raising funds for the new W.V. Veterans' Home.

The following instances were reported to the State Executive recently:

The new sub-branch at Dunsborough (near Bun-}

The Busselton Auxiliary has recently collected £17.10s. with a money-box appeal in the town.

The Geraldton sub-branch raised £8 for the home in a recent street appeal.
"Post-mortem" On Passchendaele

A book bearing the original title "In Flanders Fields" is said to be "making the headlines in London," but it has aroused both scorn and resentment in Western Australia, especially among war veterans who read an article on the book published in "The West Australian" on March 6.

The author of the book, Leon Wolff, who is described as "an American who fought in the last war," gives a full and accurate commentary on the fight for the Passchendaele Ridge in 1917 and the widespread reflections on the British Commander-in-chief, Haig.

No mortal is too highly placed to escape criticism, but the validity of any kind of criticism depends on the qualifications of the critic; the educational experience that allows him to converse with standards of comparison; and the intellectual honesty which enables him to sift evidence and return a verdict based on a correct appreciation of the whole situation.

Above all, criticism should be constructive, otherwise it degenerates into mere hatred. Wolff's book is an exercise in overworked superlatives, or hazy conjectures such as those used by Haig. In this regard they have the force of the statement of the Digger who said: "If we win, any ham we could have ham and eggs. If we lose, any eggs we could have ham and eggs."

J. R. Fotheringham referred to Haig's latest criticism in his "The Great War" and mentioned that the critic of Passchendaele operations was not a single battle but a campaign which began in July, 1917, and continued until the following November. The first attacks were made over dry ground. It was as the operations developed that the British Government destroyed the intricate drainage system that the Belgians had installed in that part of Flanders, so that the seepage from underground was responsible for the "hell of liquid mud."

Not All Mud

Even then the sea of mud did not cover the whole of no-man's-land. During the attack on October 13, 1917, my own battalion advanced over dry ground studded with water-filled shell holes. We were able to reach our objective almost dry-shod. On the other hand the brigades on our left encountered the bogs and were held up.

From the paucity of the gains and the expense in casualties Passchendaele was a costly failure, but the fact remains that the operations failed to break through the German line and to relieve pressure on the Allies elsewhere.

A local consideration affected the decision. At Passchendaele the Germans had direct observation over the whole of the British line. If we were to hold our line, it was a matter of making the enemy, by the object of gaining higher and less exposed positions.

Leon Wolff makes much of the fact that we incurred very heavy loss to make an advance of four miles. It is not anyone with any knowledge of the terrain over which our men fought will remember that an advance of four miles in a thickly-populated country was a big one. It must not be forgotten that the Germans also lost heavily in lives and prisoners.

Wolff has been criticized for his lack of experience and professional ability. The main reason for the fall of Passchendaele operations was not a single battle but a campaign which began in July 1917, and continued until the following November. The first attacks were made over dry ground. It was as the operations developed that the British Government destroyed the intricate drainage system that the Belgians had installed in that part of Flanders, so that the seepage from underground was responsible for the "hell of liquid mud."

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To be eligible for assistance former members of the forces must have served after September 3, 1939. Applications must involve financial hardship, and assistance can only be given for such items or services as are necessary to provide a basic living scale.

Under the Act the trustees cannot grant any benefit from the fund to those eligible for assistance from the Services Canteens Trust Fund if the type of benefit sought is available from that fund at the time of application.

Eligibility Guide

The following should assist in determining whether a person is eligible for assistance:

(a) Members who served in the forces between September 3, 1939 and June 30, 1947, and are still full-time serving members of the A.M.F. These members and their dependants are eligible for assistance (whether in peace or war) from the Services Canteens Trust Fund and should apply to that fund. The only cases which can be assisted by the A.M.F. Relief Fund are those in which the assistance sought is not, at the time of application, available from the Services Canteens Trust Fund.

(b) Members who served between September 3, 1939 and June 30, 1947, and are still full-time serving members. They and their dependants are eligible for grants from the Canteens Fund and the members for loans from the A.M.F. Relief Trust Fund.

(c) Members who enlisted in the A.M.F. after June 30, 1947 (with or without service in the forces) and are not still full-time serving members. These members are eligible for assistance (for reasons of hardship) from the Services Canteens Trust Fund and should apply to the Canteens Fund.

Welfare grants

Welfare grants can be made only in cases involving dire financial hardship. The intention of this type of assistance is to help applicants who are experiencing a period of acute need when any assistance would be destitute.

Assistance under this heading will normally apply to members of the A.M.F. who require urgent help, such as a family without a means of subsistence.

Normally grants will not be made to serving members, but, in exceptional circumstances special cases would be considered by the trustees.

Loans

Loans will be made only to full-time serving members of the A.M.F. They will be interest-free and repayable by allotment from the members’ pay.

They should be repaid as soon as practicable, having regard to the rate at which the applicant can afford to do so.

The repayment allotment will be such that it will fully repay the loan within a maximum period of six years and before expiry of the applicant’s engagement, either current or future. Normally in the latter case the loan will not be made until the re-engagement has been finalised, except in exceptional circumstances which will be referred to the trustees for consideration.

Applications should be ad

37th Year Of Activity At Calingiri

Highlight of the Calingiri sub-branch’s activities for 1958 (the 37th year of its existence) was the official opening by the State President of its new hall.

In his annual report to the sub-branch the president (Mr. H. W. Howard) said members were realising how long overdue the erection of the hall had been. The table and pictures had been donated by Mr. J. Trumai; and each member had purchased a chair.

Mr. Howard said a number of amenities for the hall had yet to be provided, and that he hoped it would be practical to put in a safe and refrigeration facilities.

The sub-branch objective for the ensuing year was to install a water tank and L.P. gas.

The letting of the hall on occasions was helping to pay for its upkeep.

The sub-branch had sponsored the education of one of the children of a deceased member, and the child’s school report had been very satisfactory.

The membership figure had risen to 35 during the year and it was hoped the following year to bring in all eligible persons within the district. One of the old-timers (Mr. H. Martin) had died during the year.

An attempt to revive the quarterly reunions at Yeppoon had been unsuccessful.

The Poppy Day sales had been good, but an attempt to revive the branch reunion, especially in view of the soundness of the sub-branch finances.

The Secretary,

Western Command Committee,

A.M.F. Relief Trust Fund,

Swan Barracks,

Perth, W.A.
Kalgoorlie Meeting

On Civil Defence

On March 3 the Kalgoorlie sub-branch held a meeting, which was open to the public, to discuss aspects of civil defence.

The president (Mr. F. J. Meyer) read a circular from the R.A.F. Association, pointing out the appalling and far-reaching effects of atomic, germ and gas weapons that might have to be dealt with.

Mr. Meyer presented some films showing atomic effects in Japan and civil defence in Britain, which had been well attended and well supported for the future.

A vote of thanks was moved by Dr. Illingworth, supported by Mr. R. H. Whittall, of the Mt. St. John’s Ambulance.

At the monthly meeting on March 10 the general business was quickly disposed of to enable a large gathering of all service men and women to hear Mr. J. Limb on the administration and running of the defence trust funds in Western Australia.

Those present learnt quite a lot, and Mr. Limb could rest assured that his trip was well worthwhile.

Mr. J. Dobrigh, president of the Boulder sub-branch, was well supported by Mr. E. Bosanquet, secretary, quite a few stayed behind to ask questions.

There is still plenty of room for more members, and no back-payments are required from old members on rejoining.

The first-aid classes started on March 16, but enrolments are still being accepted.

The Anzac “smoko” will be held on Friday, April 17—date to be reserved.

Mt. Hawthorn Affairs

At the annual meeting of the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch the following executive members were elected: President, Mr. A. R. Barron; senior vice-president, Mr. F. Browne; junior vice-president, Mr. R. E. Book; secretary, Mr. E. C. Stumpers; assistant-secretary-treasurer, Mr. C. Stumpers.

There are quite a few new members this year, but there is plenty of room in the hall for more, and also for a lot more of the older members.

Meetings are still held on pension nights. For those who have forgotten, the secretary has plenty of ‘59 crowns available.

Remainder of the League slogan: “GET A MATE TO SIGN IN 1959!”

The sub-branch was successful in winning the R.S.L. cricket final again this year, making three premierships in 7 years—a record that should stand for progress.

Newly elected president Barron was captain of the team.

Star of the day was E. Cooley, who batted soundly for 45 runs, and then finished with the excellent figures of 6/25 with the ball.

Other prominent performers were veterans R. Oxford and A. Burnett.

The sub-branch director is looking for members willing to compete in the A.R.M.S. games.

Of course, things are well in hand for Anzac Day and a good roll-up is expected for the service.

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New Zealanders Coming For Anzac Day

Four members of the New Zealand Anzac Day delegation to Australia this year will be participating in the Perth observances.

All members of the N.Z. Returned Services Association, they are Messrs. R. McKee, H. M. Carr and J. B. Tester. The visitors are to arrive in Perth on Friday, April 17, and will leave on Wednesday, April 29.

To enable them to see as much as they can of the State during their stay, the State branch of the League has arranged two travelling parties, with an itinerary for each.

One party will make a tour of Great Southern districts and will be the guests in turn of the York, Narrogin, Katanning, Albany and Kojonup sub-branches, with a visit to Mt. Barker.

Host sub-branches for the other party will be Pinjarra, Pemberton, Manjimup and Busseston, and for shorter periods Pemberton and Manjimup.

An offer by Mr. H. J. Bykes of Koodjin, to make his car (and his own services) available to one party was accepted with gratitude by the State Executive.

The visitors will be guests of the League at the Anzac Eve Reunion at Anzac House on April 24, and at the main services on Anzac Day.

They will lay a wreath at the Dawn Service, and in the afternoon attend selected metropolitan sub-branch services.

Mundaring Service: The Mundaring Anzac Service will be held at 3 p.m. as usual this year. The B.P. Band will be in attendance. Visitors from Perth and from surrounding districts are welcome.

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Indoor Bowls Takes On At Mt. Helena

When the Mt. Helena sub-branch treasurer (Mr. K. Graham) suggested the purchase of a set of indoor bowls and carpet—and do you think J. R. Tester was flattered by the idea? But, after the necessary fund-raising activity, that is just what happened; and to celebrate the achievement, the sub-branch arranged a ladies' night—at which the menfolk were welcomed merely as lookers-on.

The attendance was excellent, with numerous visitors from surrounding sub-branches, including Childlow, Mundaring, Glens Forrest, and also the Mundaring ward board representative, D. Coyne and his wife.

Trophy winners were Members B. Halls (bowls singles), R. Atkins (darts singles) and R. Austin (quizzing).

The trophies had been donated by the sub-branch president, Mr. D. Price, and also the Mundaring ward board representative, D. Coyne.

An excellent supper was provided by auxiliary members.

The evening was voted one of the best yet held by the sub-branch.

More To Help Spastics

Members of the Geraldton sub-branch's general committee (and their sub-branch should sponsor a candidate in the "Miss Australia" quest, in aid of spastic children.

Consequently the committee will recommend to the next general meeting that the sub-branch sponsor Miss Heather Stewart, a ward of Legacy.

The idea is to seek the co-operation of the women's auxiliary.

Only $50 is required for the candidate to qualify, and the committee feels that much more than this can be raised for such a worthy cause as the spastic children.—B.J.B.

The P.O. Didn't Tell

At a recent well-attended sub-branch meeting, no nominations from the city publican's wife was conspicuous by her absence.

The reason? He had not told her about it; and when she said he did not know about it himself.

Happy Gathering At The Pinelly Reunion

There was a very happy gathering of returned men at the Pinelly sub-branch reunion on March 7.

The local attendance was excellent and visitors came as far as Perth and Kalgoorlie. State Executive representation comprised Messrs. W. S. Lonnie (State President), D. Henwood, J. Dickenson and A. Kelly (Country Vice-President).

The Narrogin sub-branch rendered good support by sending along a party of 12 members, and Yealering, Brookton, Boddington and Quairading were also well represented.

The evening's proceedings were in the capable hands of the president (Mr. R. Price) and the auxiliary president (Mrs. L. Chaddock Messenger (Mrs. Messenger) and

Speaking Of Service

Have you ever met a person who made you feel better after having known him?—If not meet Fred White (S1) of Parkerville, total and permanently disabled Digger of World War I.

Hearing our call for assistance in repainting the plaques attached to the Honor Avenues of King's Park Fred couldn't resist. Helped by his grandson he drove from Parkerville each day, organised his own paint supply and, inside a few weeks, completed the tremendous task of hand-painting 1,120 plaques.

Good work Fred; 1,120 widows and families join us in saying a grateful "Thank you" for all that you have done!—W.S.I.