"Let Peace Be The Aim"
—Sir John Dwyer

"I hope your decisions will bring happiness and perhaps prosperity. In the long run I hope your purpose is peace and that it will be aided by what takes place in the next few days. May you have that as your final result."

With these words the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir John Dwyer) rounded off his address when officially opening the 55th State Congress of the League in Anzac House on July 21.

He had been conjuring up a vision of a world at peace—a world in which ex-serviceemen’s organisations would have become extinct through the lack of ex-serviceemen.

Sir John said he saw no reason to regret the ultimate defeat of the League. "I hope that will be its fate," he said. One must recognise that it was only war that kept a league of war veterans together.

The only way to stop war was, like the Kingdom of God, something within the individual—something that would transmit itself to the nations at large.

Cost Of War

Ultimately, he supposed, the human race would cultivate a sense that war was a futility—that it cost too much, not only in money, but in lives.

He hoped that leagues of ex-serviceemen would always throw their influence strongly on the side of peace. No-one ever in a war wanted to see more of it unless he was... what?

Sir John said he thought the League had progressed in its proper sphere and was doing a great job not only for its members but for the country in general. Great credit was due to its founders.

Today the League’s efforts were being carried into very wide spheres and it was to be commended in view of limited membership.

He had been struck by the extent to which the League’s efforts had been spread themselves during the past year. It was something for which the State should be very thankful.

The world, Sir John said, seemed to be in the shadow of war. War might eventuate. This country had alliances and national friendships. It might hesitate before being involved in a war, yet there was a matter of loyalty to be considered.

Australia was on the edge of a region with a population outweighing her own by 100 to one, and the time might come when she wanted friends. She could not hope to have friends in the future if she were not loyal in the present. Should war come he hoped there would be no hesitancy in giving aid to friends.

He was not saying this with a hope of a return in kind in the future, but because he thought it a matter of honour for this country to keep its commitments.

He hoped that Congress would be what it had always been—a successful function.

Wider Horizons

Moving a vote of thanks to Sir John, the Minister for Transport (Mr. Graham) said it was the wish of the Government and the people that Congress would be successful in every respect and that its decisions would help to make the country an even better place in which to live.

Supporting the motion the Deputy-Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Court) said that with the League looking to wider horizons in its activities the occasion was a memorable one. The League had taken a broad and wide view on defence and migration and other matters, and was now entering the field of youth work.

New State Executive

State Executive office for the ensuing year—as determined by Congress—is as follows, office-holders in each category being named in the order of ballot:

President: Mr. W. S. Long, M.V.O., M.C. (elected unopposed).

Immediate Past-President: Mr. F. C. Chevalier, A.F.C.

Vice-Presidents: Mr. J. A. Rolfe and Dr. R. I. Greenham (re-elected).

Trustees: Messrs. R. J. Stoddart (re-elected), E. G. Townsend (re-elected) and E. O. Davies.

Members:

- Henwood, D.G.D.; James, W.; Milne, J. P.; Dodd, E. A.; Davidson, N.; Allen, W. G.
- MacLeod, E.; Meares, Miss M.; White, J. B.; Ferrer, J. W. H.; Senier, J. F.; Buttle, S. J.
- Holder, H. G.; Coultas, T. C.; MacNamara, S. A.; Wallace, I. B.; Pearson, P.; Gordon, G. W.
- King, S. R.; Mendrik, J.; Keeley, B.; Knox, W.; Cousins, R. C.; Dixon, J.

Country "Vices"

The State President’s nominations for the State presidential positions on the executive (confirmed at Congress) were as follows:

- State Country Vice-President: Mr. E. House (nowängerup). Regional Vice-Presidents: Messrs. Hardisty (Waroona), Kelly (Qualdring), Duncan (Gingin) and Pope (Wynndale).

Incoming Executive Members

Been here are the three new members of the State Executive (all other members were re-elected). They are, from left, Mr. Jack Dixon, Ron Colhoun and Wally Knox. At right is the State Secretary (Mr. Eric Goodwin). The occasion was a social one at Anzac House.
"All-clear" Given To Proceed With New Veterans’ Home

The State Executive has been instructed by Congress to go ahead with the proposal to establish a new War Veterans’ Home in the metropolitan area, and has been empowered to seek legislation enabling the conduct of an annual "operation gratitude" to finance its establishment and running.

The decision to proceed, which was unanimous, was made in view of the raising of the Conservation with Government subsidy for undertakings of the kind from £1 to £2 for each £1 raised by the organisation concerned. A proposal at last year’s Congress for a metropolitan home on the basis of the lower subsidy was rejected on financial grounds.

Sponsoring this year’s motion on behalf of the National sub-branch, Mr. J. M. W. Anderson (a former State President) said that with several social institutions operating in other States he thought the undertaking was needed. He liked the idea of having a trust and an "operation gratitude" in association with a large-scale appeal.

"The public must be reassured. I would say to Mr. J. A. Rolfe (chairman of the finance committee) it is a question of the speed of the motion because of the great change in the financial aspects of the proposition. With the increased subsidy there should be sufficient funds available both for the establishment and upkeep of the home. He thought the League’s funds or more for year for it."

Dr. R. J. Greenham said that the League’s lasting the post was needed to run the home might be a bit out. The State President said that at Faversham last year’s term did not differ because of the amount received and the running-costs. The £3,000, which had been made up from the War Veterans and the League’s funds.

The average weekly cost per inmate had been over £3,000, but the committee considered that in a modern home the operating cost would be lower than at York. This project will mean work for every sub-branch, said Mr. Lonnie.

Faversham House Notes

Mr. Ted Townshend is still on the sick-list (at the convalescent stage) but wishes to express his thanks to his many friends for their get-well wishes.

At the end of July the number of guests at Faversham was 28, with three still in hospital.

On Sunday, July 20, 50 first-class pullets were taken delivery of from the Upper Swan View. These birds are expected to come laying within six weeks. The committee wishes to express its thanks to Mr. G. C. Goodwin for his help at the reduction in the price of the birds.

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Women Pledge Support

Women’s auxiliaries of the R.S.I. throughout the State have pledged themselves to a major fund-raising drive to furnish the new war veterans’ home to be established in the metropolitan area.

In her report to the League’s Annual Meeting, the State-President (Mrs. S. V. Stockin) said she had been forced to consider the future of the League when there were already 50 members in hospital.

The annual State Conference of the Auxiliary had been opened by Mr. Lonnie, on July 14. The nomination now comprised 115 sub-branches. The number of members had gone up, and the four had increased the difficulty of setting up the League.

The cup had been presented to the Kattanning sub-branch, which had donated £25 to the R.S.L. and the metropolitan cup to Cootesloe, whose hospital visitation work had been excellent and which had spent about 95 on hospital amendments.

The auxiliaries were supporting the League in its efforts to establish a naval base for the State.

To various appeals during the year the League had donated a total of £2,000, 547, and had also contributed 336 to the R.S.I., and the metropolitan cup to Cootesloe, whose hospital visitation work had been excellent and which had spent about £95 on hospital amendments.

New Warden Chosen

Congress has appointed Sir Thomas Meagher as War-Executive for the State War Memorial.

Sir Thomas will take over the duties on or before the occasion of the Remembrance Day ceremony at the memorial on November 11. Sir Thomas is former Lord Mayor of Perth and was an extensive interest in the troops of World War II. He was customary to rotate the office between ex-service men of eminence in the community.

State War Memorial

Making his report to Congress the War Memorial (Mr. H. W. Jones, State President) paid special tribute to the Assistant (Commemorative Memorial Committee) and the Public Sub-committee for their hard work, and they had rendered. All services were carried out with due reverence and decorum, Mr. Hunt said, and the school broadcast had been outstanding.

In this year’s house to have paid tribute to the memorial were Americans, Dutch, and others. Consideration was given to a number of men and their families, and there had been an improvement in the hospital system.

Mr. Hunt said that the use of the spoken word at ceremonies seemed somewhat at conflict with the written on the memorial reading: "Let silent contemplation be your offering." He recommended that there should be no departure from the tradition without reference to the State Executive.

A British Nation

According to the latest official figures 83.5 per cent of Australian citizens were born in Britain or in the United Kingdom.

The State President said the British on the debate on immigration matters. The 1,200,000 immigrants who had come here in the postwar period 48 per cent of the British stock. Delegates voted in favour of increasing the proportion of British and North European immigrants.
LEAGUE PROGRESS REPORT

By State President

"Tonight we meet in the shadow of a sombre world situation. Let it be our prayer that we continue to live in peace. The time-honoured ideals of our great organisation—service, remembrance and loyalty—are needed in our hearts and minds on this occasion."

The R.S.L. State President Mr. Longie said at this year's dinner that the League was building on a new home for veterans in the metropolitan area. The executive would press on with the question of building-extensions to Anzac House, and by next Congress the work could be approaching completion.

The R.S.L. State President Mr. Longie said that with 3,221 League sub-branches and 30,000 vic. members, there would be no limit to what could be done for veterans.

Mr. Longie said the League had put much material assistance in new branches in Australia, in the belief that an armistice in war was essential to the national security. The League had again re-stated this position, and had endorsed this measure.

The League wanted civil defence to be placed under the control of a senior defence minister.

For Naval Base

A request by the National Executive for a naval base in the Western Australian coast was one of the main points discussed last Monday. The request had been approved at the next meeting of the League's executive. The Executive was still considering the question of the best position for the naval base.

Mr. Longie said the League would press on with the question of the naval base, and that the League would be building on a new home for veterans in the metropolitan area. The executive would press on with the question of building-extensions to Anzac House, and by next Congress the work could be approaching completion.

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Summing-Up On War-Service Land-Settlement Scheme

With about two years still to run the War Service Land Settlement scheme, despite its anomalies, has conferred considerable benefit on ex-servicemen and the State as a whole.

The Minister for Lands and Agriculture (Mr. Kelly) said this to Land Conference observers at this year's Congress proceedings.

The scheme was now in its tenth year and since its inception in 1919 ex-servicemen had been placed on properties. There were probably under 300 applicants still to be placed on properties, Mr. Kelly said.

For a scheme of such magnitude it had been commendable smoothness. Anomalies were inevitable and there were bound to be some individual disappointments, but in the main the disabilities and hardships of the applicants had been ironed out and the scheme was very well under way.

Mr. Kelly said he had recently made a tour of Great Southern areas, visiting mainly areas where settlers had registered complaints of one kind or another.

He had found that one of the main worries was in connection with final valuations, but settlers in the main seemed to have been satisfied with the official explanation.

Settlers had been concerned lest improvements they had carried out themselves before final assessment would be made a charge against them. That was not the policy at all,

Mr. Kelly said he believed that Western Australia was the only State in a position to meet most of the demands for farm amenities, as evidenced by the large number of settlers who had been able to improve their holdings. A large majority of the settlers he had met in recent times had felt that they were making satisfactory progress.

The scheme had proved a great asset to the State, he said, and Mr. Kelly added that in future settlers would receive copies of the scheme as it neared its end.

That, said Mr. Kelly, he had advocated from the beginning. And he said that from now on, all developmental work would be reduced in two years, the allotment of properties would cease.

The small amount of seeding or re-seeding necessary, he had reached the conclusion, would be negligible.

The main work, then, could be the provision of adequate fencing, water supplies and conservation.

A particular service rendered by the scheme to the State was that large areas which had been brought into production would not have been developed under any civil settlement scheme because the necessary finance would not have been available.

The stimulus this land settlement was given to the general progress of the State had done much to enhance its reputation.

One fact that had emerged from the survey of settlers was that land settlement—particularly on light land—was tremendously costly.

Congress Aims

Congress decisions on war-service land-settlement questions included the following:

- That the first charge against settlers' incomes should be their living expenses.

The change was made by Congress on the recommendation of the Land Conference.

The proposal for the change was submitted to Congress by Mr. J. Buckle (Geraldton) in the form of a resolution from the Gnowangerup sub-branch that all members of the land committee should have full voting powers.

Mr. Buckle said the Regional Vice-Presidents would automatically be eligible to vote and thus put the question to a motion. By members of the committee.

Congress also agreed to a conference proposal that certain members of the committee (retired farmers) need not be resident in the metropolitan area.

Other decisions confirmed were:
- To continue to seek re-allocation of the C.E.-1 loans to any settler desiring it.
- That ex-servicemen should receive accommodation in any civilian land-settlement scheme introduced, but that this should be considered for a land settlement scheme for ex-servicemen.
- Investigation of irrigation possibilities, the cost of water, and the prevention of pollution.
- To draw the attention of the State Government to exaggerated valuations placed on deceased farmers' estates.
- Investigation of hire purchase as it affected farmers.
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Thought Now Turning To Civilian Settlement

With the War Service Land Settlement scheme running itself out of a job much thought was now being given to its replacement by a scheme for civilians.

Mr. Drabble, Parliamentary Secretary for Lands and Agriculture (Mr. Kelly) said this at the Congress Land Conference last month.

Mr. Kelly said that for some time his department had been making an exhaustive examination of all aspects of such a scheme.

"We realise that very considerable finances would be needed," he said.

The remaining unsettled Crown land in the States could be termed mainly lightly-used land, which would be considerably more desirable to develop than the better-class land used for the most part in the war-service scheme.

With the use of various chemicals much of the lightly-used land would be suited for production. On many of the areas a cereal crop could be grown as extensively as on some clay soils.

"The amount of land that would be available for a scheme would be plenty well-known," Mr. Kelly said. The best of it might be in the region east of Albany and to a lesser degree parts of some of the land between the Midland Railway and the coast.

One such area was Jerramungup and Ravensthorpe embraced an area of about 750 square miles. With the necessary finances that area should lend itself admirably to a civilian settlement scheme.

The area was part of a larger settlement region—1,600 square miles—which since 1947 had been largely covered by aerial photography.

The immediate project area was about 480,000 acres with which it was hoped to provide about 125 farms. All of that land was within the zone of fall belt, and had been closely classified. There had been provision in the budget to provide for future crop possibilities, but the water potential of the area would have to be further examined.

A proposal that a civilian settlement scheme had been worked out on a basis of settling 50 farmers a year over a period of four years, and it had been estimated to develop the area to the stage reached by the war-service scheme would require a capital expenditure of from £2,500,000 to £3,000,000.

Another £750,000, it had been estimated, would be needed for the development of the scheme.

Sale of the land was required, and the government would be entering on the capital expenditure of the scheme.

Mr. Kelly said that the land could be expected to sell at £5 to £8 per acre.

Another £750,000 was required for development of the scheme.

The government would be preparing to assist in the development of the scheme, and it was expected that the Commonwealth would be providing a much larger capital.

The possibilities for a civilian settlement scheme were being closely examined, but it could not be said that there was no hope for the scheme beyond the examination stage.

The proposals as to the possible disposal of the scheme had been examined in the past, and it was expected that consideration would be given all the time to the question of financing the scheme.

The area available at Esmond Park represented was being closely examined, and it was expected that it would be the subject of a report in the near future.

The government subsequently re-solved to press for a policy of preference to ex-service men in any civilian settlement scheme adopted.

**Derby's New Hall Has A Unique Feature**

The new R.S.L. Memorial Hall at Derby has a unique feature—a cement floor with multi-coloured squares bearing the unit colour-patches of members.

The hall was officially opened by Mr. F. C. Chaney, M.H.R. (Immediate Past-President of the State branch) on June 15th.

The decision to build the hall was made about two and a half years ago, and that every effort had been made by members to raise funds. Voluntary work of members during weekends has finally given the sub-branch its own hall.

After the traditional two-minute silence at 9 p.m. in memory of fallen comrades, the Derby Mayor (Mr. T. Rowe) called on Mr. Chaney to perform the ceremony of cutting the first square of cement. Four of the more prominent members and their supporters for the cause then filled the hall.

The hall was dedicated by the Rev. J. Hartshorn.

During the festivities which followed, visiting politicians challenged the League to a game of basketball. Played under Rafferty's Rules the game was pretty well won by the visiting team.

The Secretary for Lands and Agriculture (Mr. Kelly) said that the war service scheme had been a success, and that the Liberals were prepared to invest soli-

The total amount of capital required for the scheme had been prepared to invest in land here in the area, and the total amount of capital was £1,000,000.

In view of that there was no躲在 to be expected, Mr. Kelly said. Was the scheme justified in bringing in a capital to such a large amount, and in spending so much money when there was so much private money available?

Another point was whether the Commonwealth would be prepared to assist in the scheme as long as there was so much private capital available.

For Combat With Communists

Congress has reaffirmed its complete opposition to Communism and directed the press for greater efforts in "psychological warfare" to combat it.

A Press sub-section representative said: "There are ways in which this could be done—but I am not going to suggest them."

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How Ex-servicemen Benefit Through Canteens Trust

The Canteens Trust Fund, set up in 1947, has had about $5,500,000 transferred to it, has provided over $22,000,000 to Australian ex-servicemen and their dependants and has about $4,800,000 left.

The trust is spending at the rate of $300,000 a year—$170,000 of which comes from interest on investments.

With this background the Canteens Trust — as directed by the trust (Brigadier R. B. Gordon) — explained to the Congress delegates last year the mode of operation of the fund and the benefits it confers.

Assistance from the fund was limited to men and women who served in the Australian Forces between the commencement of World War II and June 30, 1947, and their dependants, he said.

There were just over 1,000,000 Australian soldiers in the services during the last war and they had become eligible for assistance where they might be living.

Committees of ex-service organisations had been set up in the States, the League's representative in Western Australia was Mr. S. A. MacNamara. The members served in an entirely honorary capacity.

Three forms of assistance were provided—educational grants for children, welfare grants for ex-servicemen and their families, and special assistance for affiliated children.

Education Grants

About $3,500,000 had been put into the education fund and there would be about 210,000 children for whom benefits could be claimed, which meant that there was a little over $1 per child.

It had not been possible with the funds available to assist all cases so the trust had introduced a means test, working on a gross income of $1,200 a year and allowing a deduction of 10 per cent for each dependent child in arriving at the gross income.

Brig. Gordon said there were many differences as to what constituted "gross income" but that determination of the question could safely be left to the trust, and the details supplied with the applications for assistance.

In assessing gross income, the trust ignored war pensions of 50 per cent or over; but it was felt that the abilities with a lower entitle- ment would not be in a position to become a livelihood.

Under the scheme assistance was given in secondary education from the age of 15 years including a university level if required and with provision for post-graduate scholarships.

The aim had been to make assistance available for 30 years from 1947, so that if children were to be assisted from the year they turned 15 no child born after 1952 could come under the scheme. He thought the 30-year period was too short.

The fund had been appropriated for each year, and 1963 would be the peak year with an allocation of $261,000. The expenditure for 1967 had been estimated at $9,000.

The closing date for applications for war pensions benefits this year was October 15. The trust endeavoured to help many applicants as early as possible as to be made.

Welfare Grants

About $2,500,000 had been provided for the welfare of children and there were about 1,000,000 families eligible to apply for assistance.

So far 30,000 ex-servicemen and their families had been assisted, at a cost of about $1,000,000.

Afflicted Children

Brig. Gordon said that an special scheme about 1,500 children had been assisted in various ways, but with a cost of only $200,000.

He cited the case of a paralysed child sent interstate, with the aid of the trust, for treatment. Today the patient could walk and was earning $20 a week.

No limit was placed on that form of assistance, except that children were not to be assisted after the age of 18 years.

It had been found in practically all cases that any special expenditure could be obtained in Australia.

Brig. Gordon said that a fund created after World War I and applied to the treatment of certain types of disability had been used up in a few years.

Following Brig. Gordon's statements, a number of the Congress representatives took part in the discussion and reserved for a later stage the consideration of the pension application forms for education benefits, which were withdrawn.

Easement For Members Of Executive

A change made by Congress to Rule 17 (2) of the State branch constitution gives State Executive members the right to submit motions, and the right to speak on any item but not to vote.

The acting committee chairman (Mr. H. A. Leslie, M.H.R.) said that the only opportunity for retiring executive members to account for their actions to Congress had been as sub-committee delegates.

The amendment would give the right to be heard at Congress. It had been doubtful whether they had had any right to submit items.
EYES TURNED ON DRIFT IN LEAGUE FINANCES

The State branch of the League requires an additional revenue to balance its budget. The State President, Mr. Lonnie, said that this year's deficit was £1,800, but that a £38 increase in accommodation expenses and increased staff salaries would mean that the deficit for the year would be £1,800.

Several delegates had expressed their concern that the State branch was facing the same kind of drift as the national branch, and that the budget would not be able to balance if the deficit were not increased.

Seniority of Deputies Made Clear

In future there will be a senior and a junior State Vice-President. This movement is provided for by a constitutional change at Congress to Rule 7 (a).

Proposing the change, Mr. E. MacLeod said that in the absence of the State President, everyone should know who was in charge of the League.

Congress Support For Rise In Price Of Gold

Any move for a rise in the price of gold, and for a substantial increase in the gold subsidy, would be supported by the Congress. It was unanimously resolved last month to urge on the National Executive that the representations to this effect be made to the Commonwealth Government. The measure, submitted by the Southern Branch, is designed to help the gold producers in Australia.

Move To Close Down Journal

A move at Congress to discontinue publication of "The Listening Post" with provision for a relative reduction from the subscription fee paid by sub-branches to headquarters, was defeated. The Kalgoorlie delegate said that he thought the journal was degenerating by being sub-branch a poor thing and so might save themselves this little step between the journal.

Opposing the move, a Cardiff delegate said that the journal was going to be bigger and more attractive. In that way it could be more effective in advancing the active advertising medium.

A move for the covering of the cost of publication came separate and was also defeated.

Sub-branches are still requested to submit, more detailed figures of candidates for office in the State branch, when submitting their nominations. The primary purpose is to enable more information to be passed on through the journal.

League Action on 11 Housing Questions

Nine of the 11 war-service homes motions submitted to Congress were carried, one was referred to the housing committee of the State Executive and one was withdrawn.

The resolutions provide for:

- Increase in war-service building loans from £2,750 to £3,000 per annum.
- Abolition of waiting-period for all classes of applicants for war-service homes.
- No deposit on purchase of war-service homes where the valuation placed on house exceeds amount of loan by at least 10 per cent.
- The war-service scheme to be undertaken by a branch of the War Service Homes Division, and no longer through the State Housing Commission (acting as agent).
- Mr. J. Stoddart said that to date the existing system had operated very well in the branch and that it would be to the advantage of ex-service men in future to make the department the agent for their applications.
- Both-single and widowed ex-service women to be eligible for homes.
- The interest rate on war-service homes to be reduced to 3 per cent.
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Anzac House Plan Passes Congress

A modified plan for extensive alterations to Anzac House was adopted by Congress this year.

The plan provides for the removal of the ballroom, placing the administrative offices and accommodation for the State President and Secretary—and for the Auxiliary and Returned Nurses—on the top floor, the seating of the members of the committee, and the modernisation of the Anzac Club quarters.

Outlining the proposals to Congress the chairman of the building alterations committee, Mr. F. C. Chaney said that an earlier and more ambitious plan—involve the disposal of a valuable League asset to pay for it—had envisaged the complete rebuilding of the ballroom to provide an extra floor with extensive accommodation for the whole building northwards to the back fence. It had also been proposed to move the club to the top floor.

That plan would have provided a great deal of letting space, but there was no shortage of office accommodation in Perth at present.

Mr. Chaney reminded delegates that Congress last year had directed that the drawing-up of plans be proceeded with without delay.

It was in the power of the committee to make a recommendation that would saddle the League with a considerable debt, but in view of the financial commitment involved the committee was opposed to the original plan, and the disposal of assets, and was confident that the modified proposal was within the means of the League at present to present financial capacity of the League.

An except for a few minor details in the layout for the top floor the plans were completed, Mr. Chaney said. The committee felt that the proposed alterations would be completed and would serve the League for a long time to come.

Seaside Land Available

Thirty 40ft. x 60ft. blocks of land at Park Beach, Project area are available to sub-branches for the erection of cottages. It is proposed to charge a ground-rent of about £1 a year.

This was reported to Congress by Mr. R. H. Gordon. The project is for sub-branches to provide facilities for adults and children, a common laundry and electricity and water supply, he said.

Parking space had been provided for about 65 caravans with a proposed rental charge of £10/ a day or £2/10/ a week.

It was the committee's intention that blocks not occupied by sub-branches should be thrown open to individuals. Any cottages erected must be used for purposes of National Fitness requirements, Mr. Gordon said.

Sub-Branch Notes From Kirup-Mullalup

The following notes of recent activities in the Kirup-Mullalup sub-branch have been supplied by Mr. T. Lennard.

Members were welcomed by a visit from the State President on Sunday, July 6.

Accompanying Mr. Lennard were Mrs. Lonnie and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Holder. Mr. Holder (State Executive) and local president Bill Cornell laid a wreath on the memorial.

At afternoon tea (supplied by the sub-branch) there was some good information on League affairs from Messrs. Lonnie and Holder.

Mr. Lonnie praised the results of the year-end sub-branch.

The sub-branch regrets the passing of its oldest member, Mr. Fred Goddard. He will be sadly missed by all. Fred served with the 4th MMG and was very popular among the men of the company.

Pallbearers for the funeral were selected at a special meeting of the sub-branch. All were League ties at the time of his death. The funeral was attended by over 200 people.

The sub-branch secretary is Mr. E. Moyle.

Transfers: Negotiations for the transfer of membership from one sub-branch to another are in progress. The sub-branch is to be considered for membership of the League for the general meeting of the League.

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NO HALF-DAY OF SPORT NEXT ANZAC DAY

The form of observance of Anzac Day next year will remain substantially as it has been in past years.

This was decided when Congress defeated a motion (from the Graylands-Mt. Claremont sub-branch) asking that sporting events and hotel trading should be allowed during the afternoon of Anzac Day.

Congress also opposed a move introduced by the Railway Workshops sub-branch for a referendum of sub-branches to decide the manner of the observance.

Arguments in favour of the "afternoon sport" motion were: that next Anzac Day would fall on a Saturday; there would otherwise be interference with sporting bodies; that sporting activities could be conducted to the financial advantage of the League; and that the "afternoon sport" motion would meet the requirements of the general public: that Anzac Day was not entirely a day of mourning; that in other States and countries where there was no full-day observance there was no breakdown in the solemnity of the occasion.

Arguments opposing the proposed change were: that sport could be played on any other day; that old Diggers regarded the day as one on which to remember fallen comrades; that a full-day observance was essential to sub-branches; that any change would lead to commercial exploitation of the day; that any change would lead to commercial exploitation of the day.

A Rivervale resident since 1893 Mr. Webb saw service in the Middle East in World War II with the 2/32nd Battalion. For the last ten years he has been honorary secretary of the West Australian Blinded Ex-service Men's Association and continues to hold that position.

An account of presentation to Mr. Giblett on his retirement appears on Page 11.

Country-City Co-ordination On "Visiting"

The State Executive is to inaugurate a comprehensive scheme for metropolitan sub-branches to undertake visiting of country members in city hospitals.

The idea is for each city sub-branch to make itself responsible for at least one country sub-branch in the matter, with the appropriate liaison between them.

This was decided at Congress. A number of sub-branches have already been cooperating in this way.

A motion for establishing a first-aid fund from a portion of the poppy sale proceeds is to be examined by the executive.

Meeting-change At Kenwick

In future the Kenwick sub-branch will meet on the second and fourth Friday each month.

This was decided at the June meeting.

The main monthly social event is held on the first Friday. The two meetings held so far have been highly successful.

Now that the general meetings are held twice-monthly it is hoped to have a lot more time for social activity.

The committee expects keen competition for the sub-branch membership drive cup.

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A Cause Of Concern

Through the National Executive the State branch of the League is seeking a re-estimation in fish imports to Australia.

This was decided at Congress on a motion from the Geraldton sub-branches.

Introducing the motion, Mr. C. Mitchell (Geraldton) said there were a number of ex-service men with boats tied up. Mr. D. Norton, M.L.A., said there was far too much imported fish coming into the country. He considered the need for corrective action to be of the greatest urgency.

In this State alone about 500 men were employed in the industry, he said. Last year the local catch was about 550,000 lb., as against over 2,000,000 lb. of imports.

In recent weeks fishermen had been receiving only 6d. for snapper, 9d. for whiting and 4d. for tailor and mullet. The Geraldton sub-branches had been left with £14,000 worth of fish that it could not sell. The difficulty arose from the large importation of overseas fish.

A member of an inland branch said he had been paying 5½ a pound for snapper.

Probe Sought On Closed Lines

"We want an on-the-spot investigation of the railway policy of Mr. F. Stahl (Denmark) to the Minister for Lands (Mr. Kelly) during the land conference session of Congress. Mr. Stahl said that settlers had understood that the services had been merely suspended and that there was to be further investigation.

Mr. Kelly said he had no doubt that any undertaking given would be honoured. He was gratified to hear the conference resolution that the closure of railways was not in the interests of soldier settlers."

Awards Presented At Opening Of Congress

Professor A. D. Ross, Mr. W. H. Stanbury and Sir Joseph Totterdell were the recipients of League awards at the hands of the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir John Dwyer) at the opening of Congress on the night of July 21.

Professor Ross received a Certificate of Merit for services when he had been chairman of the Soldiers' Memorial Committee for a great many years and his work on the Soldiers' Children's Education Board, of which he is still a member.

Responding to the presentation Professor Ross said there were many people who had enabled the work of the trust to be carried out; he was merely the person who had carried the trust forward for 30 years. The trust had never had to make a public appeal for money. The R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary and others had done a great deal.

A Certificate of Appreciation was also presented to Mr. Stanbury for his services when he was a member of the State Executive, and for his services in the first Federal Congress of the League. He was one of the first full-time secretaries in W.A.

Sir Joseph Totterdell, who received a Certificate of Merit for his services when Warden of the State War Memorial, said he would not have missed my year as State Warden for all the tea in China.

The State President (Mr. Longie) said that the presentations to Sir Joseph and Mr. Stanbury were the first of their kind to be made at Congress.

Sub-branch Awards

The Lieutenant-Governor then presented the sub-branch trophies for the best local branch. The Newnham Cup—for the outstanding metropolitan sub-branch—went to Nedlands, with honourable mention for Cottesloe and Victoria Park.

The Collet Cup—for the champion country sub-branch—to Geraldton, with honourable mention for Murray, Gascoyne and Ross Brook-Rosa Glen.

The Mary Cornell Trophy for functions associated with Remembrance—To Floreat-City Beach, a new sub-branch.

The Membership Committtee Trophy, to Floreat-City Beach.

Move To Assist Prospectors

Congress has asked for a League approach to the Commonwealth Government for unemployment assistance to married prospectors and benefit the State as a whole. The move had the support of the gold-mining sub-branches. Prospectors were a dying race, he said.

Scott Seeking Nomination

A request has been received from a Scottish ex-serviceman aged 56, married, with three children (aged 18, 10 and 7), for a position prepared to nominate them under the migration scheme.

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"This entailed the preparation on behalf of the sub-branch of the Memorial Hall, the forming and pouring of concrete foundations and the laying of bricks to construct memorial rose beds. Loan and fertilizers were also made available, and there they were then allowed to settle for a few months

"We hope that the activities of the Jerusalem Council will be more appreciated and not ignored for the sake of a few individuals.

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Youth Move Hailed
At Murray

Recent publicity of an R.S.L. committee being formed to extend the league's activities to youth work in Western Australia, has been enthusiastically received by members of the Pinjarra sub-branch.

As a counter to juvenile delinquency, the sub-branch was responsible for the re-formation of the Pinjarra Boy Scout section and Pinjarra Youth Club at the end of last year.

Treasurer Denis Selfert says scouting and committees president, Gordon Taylor is secretary of the youth club. Both of these organisations are now on a sound footing, mainly through the active interest of the R.S.L.

It is evident that the youth of Pinjarra needs some worthwhile activity in their spare time. That the move has been appreciated is recognised by increasing membership, support given by residents and the remarkable decrease in juvenile delinquency in the town.

The decision at the September meeting was that the youth sub-branch be given official recognition. It was also decided that a sub-committee be formed to run the sub-branch.

The State President said the sub-branch of the R.S.L. in the United Kingdom, where civil defence was a part of training, Mr. S. Crooks (Kojonup) said the sub-committee would be made to feel of service in this way.

Other sub-committee decisions were to provide pressure for a civil defence organisation, and a request for a site to be placed at police stations in northern towns.
South Stirling
Sub-branch
inaugurated

The inaugural meeting of the South Stirling sub-branch was held on Saturday, July 19.

The Koornang sub-branch was asked to take a similar action in the election of officers.

The State Executive representatives present were (Mr. J. J. Meehan, Secretary; Mr. H. R. Gifford, Tasmanian branch chairman; Mr. B. W. Galligan, Victoria branch chairman; Mr. A. E. Reay, Sydney branch chairman; Mr. F. W. Cross, Queensland branch chairman; Mr. J. J. Lyons, South Australian branch chairman; Mr. J. J. Meehan, and Mr. A. E. Reay, Honorary secretaries; Mr. T. W. F. Cross, Honorary secretary; Mr. F. W. Cross, Honorary secretary; Mr. T. W. F. Cross, Honorary secretary.

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League Activities At South Perth

The South Perth sub-branch terminated another successful year on May 31 and elected its office-bearers for the current year at the annual meeting on July 24.

They are: Patron, Mr. Stan O’Grady; president, Mr. E. C. Sanders; vice-president, Messrs. Malcolm Duff and B. B. Lewin; secretary, Mr. W. H. Perrier; treasurer, Mr. G. Letch; assistant-secretary, Mr. J. R. Mann; auditor, Mr. J. H. Lord; Honorary officials, Messrs. J. B. Walmisley and H. Wheatley; sports committee, Mr. Len James; committee, Messrs. J. B. Walmisley, J. Rigden, H. Wheatley and J. Hodgskin.

The secretary and treasurer were elected unopposed.

All members are requested to attend the next meeting (August 28) with their ladies, and the ladies bring a plate. Principal business for the evening is the installation of the officers by the State President.

A very welcome visitor at the July meeting was the Finjarra sub-branch president, Mr. Crowly, who suggested a South Perth visit to his sub-branch later in the year.

New members are Messrs. John A. Somrak, Harry Bed- ford, J. Griffiths, R. C. H. Winsor and C. E. Church- man, and as well a few old members have rejoined.

There are still a few who have not renewed membership. To them the sub-branch says: “Rejoin now and march with us now for peace as you did in war.”

The annual union will be held on Saturday, September 6, and some special attractions—not necessarily a pig—are planned. The venue is the Swan-street hall (10 p.m.).

The Children’s School Sports Carnival will be a feature again this year. Many helpers are needed to man the stalls, and sides.

Members should attend meetings (second and fourth Thursday each month) and see what the committee is doing to build up a new hall.

The Sydney Lambert Cup games contest won another outstanding success this year, with Manning the winning school from South Perth, Como the runner-up, and Kensington. Mr. Ferrier presented the cup.

Some memorial books—commemorating late members—have been placed in circulation at the South Perth Municipal Children’s Library. With an Australian background the books have been carefully selected by Mr. Bob Lewin, of the Como State School.

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FAMOUS SINCE 1750
Mr. J. Giblett has retired from the secretariat staff of Anzac House where for the past nine years he has served as secretary of all the major committees.

For some time this year he acted as State Secretary.

He has been associated with the League since 1912, and is a past-president of the Collie sub-branch. In 1941-42 he sat on the State Executive as a Country Vice-President.

Mr. Giblett's retirement (at the end of July) was made the occasion of several farewell presentations, one of which—the presentation of a travelling-case by Dr. R. I. Greenham (at right) on behalf of the State Executive—is depicted here.

The presentation was made in the board room following a round of commendatory remarks by executive members E. O. Davies, J. A. Milne, F. C. Chaney, J. B. White and R. J. Stockford, and the State Secretary (Mr. A. E. Goodwin).

They referred to the benefits ex-servicemen all over the State had derived from Mr. Giblett's work.

Thanking them, Mr. Giblett spoke of his very happy associations at Anzac House and paid a tribute to the staff. He said he had worked harder at Anzac House than ever before.

Next day staff members presented him with a travelling-bag and a picture of himself as a judge. On the picture was the following legend:

"WORLD NEWS" July 31, 1958. Court Sensation—Jury Sentence Judge Giblett was today sentenced by Anzac House staff jury to be placed in the care of his better half for many years of good health and happiness.

During the annual conference of the State Women's Auxiliary Mr. Giblett was presented with a china teaset on behalf of the auxiliaries by the State President (Mrs. Stockmull).

Geraldton Loses
Old Stalwart

By the recent death of Mr. Huehie Mountain the Geraldton sub-branch has lost an old stalwart.

A life-member of the League, Mr. Mountain was a secretary of the sub-branch. He served with the 10th Light Horse in the Middle East in World War I.

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Another Good Show

The Bicton-Palmyra sub-branch held its ninth annual dinner in its attractive Edinburgh Hall premises at Foss-street, Bicton, on July 12.

As Mr. Bruce Rocke said, when proposing the toast of the sub-branch, "They always have put on such a good show that we have come to expect it."

The State Executive was well represented by Messrs. E. O. Davies, J. Milne, G. Goodwin, J. White, and G. Goodwin (secretary), Parliament by Mr. Evan Davies, MLC, and Local Government by Alec Bracks, chairman of the Melville Road Board. The gathering was well heaved with V.I.P.s, including Mrs. Stolk and Mrs. Ames of the State Women's Auxiliary, and kindred sub-branches of the district, who, in full force, their representatives including State Executive members Jack Settler and Len Bartley.

An excellent four-course dinner, interspersed with hot soups, all prepared by the Women's Auxiliary, was served with outside assistance keeping the refreshments flowing.

Able speeches dealt with the serious side of the business, then tables were quickly cleared and disposed of with the arrival of members' wives and additional guests at 9 p.m. the birthday social was entered upon. The floor was excellent, the orchestra lively and the crowd gaily-bent.

Entertainment, including the Trembath sisters with their athletic display of tumbling and confusion, was enjoyed by all (including a number of "boys" from Lennocks). A tribute to the success of the evening was the necessity to keep the orchestra on the job for an additional half hour.

Walpole Loses
A Member

The Walpole sub-branch has reported the death of Dr. D. Burnside, of Norralup.

Dr. Burnside settled in the district after World War I, in which he served, and before the Norralup Land Settlement Scheme came into operation. Old settlers recall the many miles he travelled by horse and cart in those days on his visits to patients in their homes.

He served as a medical officer in World War II. He was a member of the Walpole sub-branch and friend to all ex-servicemen.

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