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There's a form on page 3!
- Bill Lonnile
MEMBERSHIP—Why The Emphasis?

Our role as a League surely is that we should be committed to (a) preserving the memory of fallen comrades (b) caring for the disabled and afflicted of our ranks (c) caring for the widowed and the fatherless.

In so far as (a) is concerned, a day has been set aside, a day in which the number of people, parents or associates, a day which will only be preserved so long as there remains a monument to commemorate it, and at that point well as members of the League and the Australian public, and have a distinct duty.

Concerning (b) and (c) the activity of executive men's associations, in general, and the R.S.L. in particular, has persuaded public opinion and influenced responsible government to the point where the machinery exists by Act of Parliament and Government regulation responsible to the public for the reasonable care of these people to receive assistance.

It will be agreed that the National conscience will only be kept aware of these things will be on the conscience of individual citizens and concern us, so long as the individual community is a member of the League and the R.S.L. and have a high order, and the affairs of our meetings conducted at a high level. We may, as individuals, well address ourselves to hold dear the sacred trust that is ours, but just as surely as we hold private convictions about other things it is only when we come together collectively that we can move with force and make an impact on the community.

The future remains to be written, and qualified to be admitted to membership of the League, and it is at this point, therefore, that it seems so long have been the career, to maintain the ranks, and more than just at a rate to make up can be credited by those who with the effluxion of time are passing on. If we are concerned about the future of Australia we must also be concerned about our individual Ex-Serviceman's Creed

None can speak more eloquent than those who have fought in war. The voices of war are forever preserved in the longing for peace of people the world over, who within a generation have witnessed the unparalleled catastrophe of World War II. Humanity has earned the right to peace. Without it, there can be no future. And without hope, man is lost. The world, as it exists now, has been built on a rich life in freedom, equality and dignity. As in things material, they pray for peace. Their will for peace and a better life can be, must be, crystallised into an irresistible force. The world has the power of aggression and degradation. The world has the power and the desire to live in peace. Their will for peace will force them to put the just cause and find courage and confidence in a sure knowledge that young men will again rally to a just cause; and on the other hand that we must also be acknowledge of the folly and expense of war and the determination to try every other possible course before, in the exercise of their leadership in their generation, they commit Australia to another world conflict. It is on us, the members of the League, to create the climate of thinking which will stimulate the minds of those coming on who are destined to lead our country in the years to come.

Let it be said as they turn back the pages of history that we in our time not only served in war but served in peace by upholding to the noble traditions for which such sacrifices were made. In so doing, by the grace of God there shall be raised up a greater Australasia which will be better equipped to serve mankind in the particular world situation in which the nations finds itself set.
Leader’s Open Letter

Dear Cobb,

THE R.S.L. was formed in 1916 by returned servicemen to protect the rights of their returning mates, to help those who were in need, to fight for justice in rehabilitation and pensions, and to perpetuate the comradeship of service days.

THESE are still our aims, consolidated by over 40 years of vigilance and hard-won experience. Today the R.S.L. with its quarter of a million financial members and 2,500 sub-branches throughout Australia is one of the largest membership organisations within the Commonwealth.

THE STRENGTH of the R.S.L. lies in its membership among all sections of the community and its traditional national outlook. The voice of the League is listened to with respect by all Governments.

THE GREATER our membership the greater is the weight attached to its representations, the greater the effort we can make to help those who are really in need of our aid.

THE OLDER Diggers of World War 1 did a magnificent job in building up our mighty organisation. We who have followed have a deep responsibility to be worthy of this heritage.

I FIRMLY believe that membership of the League is a vital thing in our lives. True, you may be fit, prosperous; you may never know hard times or need a helping hand—let’s hope you won’t. But many of your old wartime mates do, sometimes through wounds, through sickness or sheer bad luck. Back in action they would have helped you had you been in trouble.

Shouldn’t we be as dinkum to them as they would have been towards us.

THROUGH our strength in membership we can and do help the aged war veterans, the sick, the widows and their families; the memory of the fallen is kept evergreen.

THOSE who have served have much in common. The desire to give a helping hand is a strong characteristic of men and women who have experienced life in the Armed Forces.

H. G. Wells has well said that generosity springs mostly from those with a knowledge of personal hardship and need; loyalty from those who have learned its value; kindness and compassion from those who have suffered hardship, loss and brutality; and comradeship from adversity. These were the common experiences of those who served.

TO THOSE who have loyally maintained their League membership over the years, the State branch is deeply indebted. To those who have temporarily omitted to renew their subscription we look forward to their reinforcement of our ranks this year. Many eligible men and women have not yet become members of the League. We can offer to them membership of one of the most respected organisations within the British Commonwealth of Nations, and a fellowship of former mates to our State and to Australia.

I WOULD ask all who read this message to give us their active support in the year that lies ahead.

MEMBERSHIP is strength; membership is a privilege; membership is an experience enriching and rewarding. W. S. Lennie, State President.

South African War Veterans Remember

The 57th annual memorial service of the South African and Imperial Veterans’ Association was held in King’s Park on November 23. Canon Collick read the Lesson and the address was given by Bishop Riley. After the wreath-laying and the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille the veterans marched past the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir John Dwyer) who took the salute.

It is a fine tribute to the members of this organisation—formed 57 years ago—that they still maintain an association that is a credit to them.

Are You Just A Member?

Are you an active member, the kind which would be missed.

OR

Are you just content that your name is on the list? Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?

OR

Are you satisfied to be the kind that just belong? Do you even voluntarily help at the guiding stick?

OR

Do you sit at home and criticise and knock? Do you take an active part to help the work along?

OR

Leave the work to just a few and talk about the oligue? Come to the meetings often and help with hand and heart.

Don’t be just a member, but take an active part. Think this over member, you know right from wrong.

Are you an active member, or do you just belong?
If I Rejoin
What's In It For Me?

If you are asking this question perhaps we can answer it. You received a Gratuity; didn't you? Well, in that alone you received more—through the League—than you could put back in subs. in a lifetime.

Perhaps you received re-construction benefits, maybe gained seniority in your job through your war service; or at least found your job awaiting you on your return. Well, the money gap from those conditions would never be paid back to the League by a lifetime's subscriptions either.

In case you think those things are in the past and are concerning returns for your 44th, per week, don't bother old chap, we cannot promise anything like that and you may as well stop reading right here and forget the whole thing.

But, if you have a war-service home, owe a pension or a recurring malady as a result of war service, or a W.S.L.S. farm it may pay you to stop and think about who is constantly pressing Government for low interest rates and long terms, for late acceptance of disabilities, for increased pensions to cost-of-living standards, for recognition of all the things you and your mates jeopardised through being away from home. The answer is "THE LEAGUE."

Possibilities

Even now, if your conscience is clear, you could stop reading and forget it. BUT, let us hope you don't get sick and go to hospital, let us hope you don't have to fight your battles for you, collectively and individually. Even if you turn up in the same condition, remember, we cannot promise your family won't fall behind or be made to pay the wages for the staff who fight for equally as hard as if you paid your own sub. They mightn't admit it, but they won't refuse.

That is, of course, if your conscience will not let you pay it without paying your share.

Then there is the comradeship you can have with— that satisfaction of being among blokes who shared the same things and are attuned to the same lines of reasoning. There is pride in standing side by side with fellow "diggers" at our 9 o'clock ceremonies remembering our mates—a laughing voice now still.

Is your question answered? Have you any more doubts of the usefulness you can play in the world, even by your sub. If you can't help physically? Are you still worrying about your 44th, per week? If you are the average bloke, I doubt it.

In that case, complete the form in this issue and shoot it along to us. We'll see you welcomed back into your place in the ranks.

If you are tough enough to resist, O.K. old chap. If these thoughts don't satisfy you, just be a good chap and return the whole badge you have. It's ours, really, and we can't afford to spend the money. We'll keep it in your pocket and put it to new ones for increasedメリット needs that cash. Thanks!
Have you a Dead sub-branch?

Have you a dead sub-branch? Are one or two officers trying to do all the work? Have you lost time, interest, enthusiasm — and consequently members?

These are the probing questions that are being asked in many corners of the State, and if your membership has dropped off perhaps the answer might be interesting.

One sub-branch president writes that this is the position he confronted him. He had accepted office when everybody seemed to be "dodging the job." He says that he managed to get a make-shift secretary and they plodded along for two years.

Then they too lost interest, all round, and membership drifted alarmingly.

He, as president, approached the sub-branch monthly meetings, but with lack of enthusiasm, anticipating the usual "thin " & "dull" meetings. He had a present feeling that the all-too-familiar small hand was being held out.

But after three years of this frustration he was given an idea, a simple idea which has been found full of most effective results. He now uses the slogan: "Spread your duties."

After discussion, this sub-branch formed sub-committees working groups on membership, appeals, welfare, hospitalities, and other operational matters. It was "spread your duties." So now everybody has a "hobby." Every sub-committee chairman reports to each meeting, and their work has stirred a fresh interest in the sub-branch and a return to League membership by many in the district who had given it away.

The agenda is full; interest in discussion is exciting; things are being done, and frankly the boys are happy to be doing a job that I am keen, and will be sorry in a way to be stepping down from the chair at the end of this year. But I leave it with confidence because we now have several members on the executives and one willing to go on.

The president explained that the mechanics of the co-operative system were simple, the sub-committees small and with one task only to do.

The three men forming the membership committee, for example, had formulated a plan based on a survey of the district. A returned man and a student had then gone to work on it.

The results had been startling — a 30 per cent increase in membership in one year. More had been brought back and new members enlisted.

The committee had found that the most responsible given for lapse of interest was: "You don't seem to be doing anything."

The membership drive had proved infectious; the sub-committee's reports at monthly, meetings spurred on others.

The Appeals Committee had then set out to double Poppy Day sales. The target had been achieved. So it had gone on. In the case of a member suffering from acute alcoholism the aid of another organisation was sought and the member's family assisted for a period. The member had regained his health.

An elderly widow's garden had become a wilderness and her house was badly in need of repairs and painting. Here was a task for the Welfare Committee, with the enthusiastic support of members generally. This sub-branch president says that the doing of these things, the cause of the returned man and his dependants, with the active meetings of the membership and through committees of workers do the job that the League has always tried to do.

Serve the returned man and his dependants, and your sub-branch will again be an effective fighting force in your district

Scope of Aged Relief Has Been Widened

Disbursements from the Aged Soldiers and Soldiers' Relief Fund can in future be extended to cover those who served overseas but were not born in World War I. They have hitherto been confined to ex-servicemen of that war. This was announced at the annual meeting of the society on December 3 by the President, Mr. W. B. Smith, who said that legislative action to this end was sought by the League, and could now be extended to those who served in World War I. The fund is financed from the proceeds of Remembrance Day. There is no need to fear that the idea has not met with the approval of the public.

S.A. Praised For Its League-Mindedness

South Australia is a very League-minded State, Mr. J. A. Milne told the State Executive on his return from Adelaide, where, with the State President and Secretary, he represented the W.A. branch at the National Congress of the League.

In Adelaide, Mr. Milne said both the Premier and the Lord Mayor wore the League badge, and the President of the executive of the South Australian branch had a 45-day "call on State Ministers." In South Australia there were 12 district committees, with like committees in this State, but unlike Western Australia where there were only four, men particularly high esteem in that State.

The State President (Mr. Goodwin) said he had been very impressed with the running of the W.A. branch. The League was held in high regard particularly by the W.A. delegation which had done quite well and that - for a small State the West Australian viewpoint on the various issues had been well received.
Want To Peruse The Rules?
—Ask Your Secretary
By SENTINEL

I wonder how many members have never seen a copy of the Rules, By-laws and Standing Orders of the W.A. branch of the League?

I can well remember the dim past (about ten years ago!) when I first became interested in the functioning of a small part of this great organisation, and the first request I made on becoming a comptroller was a copy of the rules.

Such a request was greeted with amazement by the veterans of the sub-branch who had seen running the affairs of the local show quite efficiently for many years.

Yes! It was all right for them: they had grown up with the League, they had fought for (and over) many of the Rules as they were the end of the organisation and knew them by heart.

During the many heated discussions which took place in those days, it was not unusual to hear the younger members (that’s us!) of the second war to hear the League, they had fought for (and over) many of the Rules as they were the end of the organisation and knew them by heart.

Now, of course, it has stood us in great stead, for we have to do the greater part of running our “show” by ourselves and do our greater job, which is, of course, to look after those some “elders” now that they are getting on in years.

In learning the Rules we became more closely associated with the magnificent ideals which gave birth to the League and which have so long as there are people like you and me around to perpetuate the spirit.

Each sub-branch has a few copies of the Rules. Why not ask your secretary to loan you a copy?

“For the fallen”
An Interpretation
(by R. H. Smith in “Reveille”)

The ode “For the Fallen,” by Laurence Binyon, is a tribute to those who served their country in times of danger, and particularly to those who made the supreme sacrifice.

Nob the years condemn. (As time passes there will be no lessening of the weight of their cause; their deeds will be immortal in the history of their country).

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, We will remember them. (A gallant band goes marching on, and with each minute, each hour, in the years that are and those to come, their sacrifices will be remembered as a shining example to the nation).

The Services Of A Non-Member
Commended

On the recommendation of the City of Perth sub-branch the State Executive recently agreed to send a letter of commendation to Mr. Brown of Albert Street, Scarborough.

The executive was told that although not eligible for membership Mr. Brown had helped the sub-branch and executive on numerous occasions over a long period.

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Membership Trophy

Last year the State executive approved of the presentation of a trophy to the sub-branch showing the greatest membership increase. In determining the winner account is taken not only of the actual total increase of membership over the previous year, but also of the method of renewal, as distinct from former members gained.

For the purposes of competition a new member is classified as one who has never been a member or has been unfinancial for three or more years.

Last year's winner was Floreat City Beach—a new sub-branch. Its success was due to the wholehearted cooperation and hard work of its officers and members. Their policy was based on circulars, personal contact and guest speakers.

If all sub-branches could organise a drive on similar lines it should be possible to double membership throughout the State within a year.

With greater membership the League would be able to give more assistance to those members in need.

Those who died will always be remembered, and those who lost their loved ones will always be comforted.

Bayswater was the runner-up in last year's competition, with Osborne Park and Bassendean next in order.

Why Not Play YOUR Part?

The part played by the League in improving the conditions under which members of the Armed Services fought during the war could not always be made public, and the League at no time sought publicity for its activities.

On the contrary it preferred to do whatever work lay at hand quietly and efficiently, contenting itself with the knowledge of having made things a little better for those who were enduring the brunt of battle. During the war period thousands of men from each of the services came to Anzac House to complain of this or that weakness, and each complaint was handled efficiently with a genuine attempt to afford the correct remedy.

The League's method was as it is today, to take every step possible to secure rectification without any unnecessary weakness for the League's own benefit.

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That SUB-BRANCH GUIDE

As stated in the Annual Report to Congress by the chairman of the Membership Committee, the draft for the Sub-Branch Guide was indeed completed before the end of the 1957-58 Congress Year and handed to the State President at the final executive meeting for that year.

The pressure of work, and unfortunate circumstances such as the ill-health of Dr. Roy Grimham, has retarded the finalisation of the draft and prevented its presentation up to this date. However, we are assured that it will be printed as promised, and the contents—which are listed below—will give sub-branch officers a lead on many topics of importance.

It must be remembered, however, that it is to be in fact a guide only, and sub-branches will not necessarily be bound by the recommendations included in it.

Here is a list of the comprehensive subjects dealt with in the draft prepared by the Guide Sub-committee of the Membership Committee:

Short History of League
Organisation of League
Australian National Flag
Anzac Day
Remembrance Day
Amelioration and Relief Funds
Anzac Club
Hospital Visiting
Rite to the Fallen
Installation of Officers
Legacy
Awards for service to League
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Sub-Branch Interest
In Youth

A questionnaire on youth
welfare to sub-branches re-
cieved an encouraging re-
sponse, and returns indicate
that considerable interest
exists and that in many
cases sub-branches are al-
ready seriously engaged in
many phases of youth work
such as Scout and Guide ac-

tivity, swimming and clubs
and youth clubs.

Valuable assistance is be-
ing rendered in some cases
by the provision of instruc-
tors for existing organiza-
tions and in others by
making available the use of
R.S.I. halls either free or
on a nominal rent.

Further inquiries from
sub-branches regarding this
aspect of League activity
will be welcome, and any
Youth organization is at liberty
to apply for assistance.

It is suggested that an at-
tempt be made to establish
direct liaison with parent
bodies as a further step to-
wards co-ordination. This
aspect of the League
has much to commend it
and is certainly worthy of
the full-hearted support of
all sub-branches.

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- DART BOARDS
- HOUSIE HOUSIE
- DARTS
- HOME BILLIARDS
- INDOOR BOWLS
- BOBS SETS
- CARPET BOWLS
- PLAYING CARDS
- TABLE TENNIS
- MONOPOLY
- ROULETTE WHEELS

Sports Department: Round Floor

SUB-DEPARTMENT

£150 Voted For
Project Road

At its meeting on Novem-
ber 19 the State Executive
agreed to the expenditure
of £150 on the construction
of a roadway on the Rock-
ingham Project site.

The chairman of the pro-
ject committee (Mr. G. H.
Gordon) reported that sat-
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Sub-Branch Busy
At Albany

The Albany sub-branch has
reported the sale of 2,200
Remembrance Day poppies
and £5 in donations, tak-
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Carlsile Memorial Avenue Dedicated

Over 400 people witnessed the dedication—by the Rev. E. A. Gundry—of the Carlisle Memorial Avenue honouring the dead of two world wars on Sunday, November 9.

The ceremony brought to fruition a plan evolved in April, 1957, by the sub-branch secretary (Mr. A. E. Goodwin) and put into immediate action by the members.

Parade Marshal Fred Studding assembled a column which, headed by the Y.A.L. Band, marched to Memorial Avenue and halted before the dais, where the Rev. Gundry was received by president Bill Gisbden in the regattably absence of president Jack Shepherd who was seriously ill in hospital.

Two plagues were unveiled, commemorating the project, by the State President (Mr. W. S. Lonne) and the other bearing the names of deceased servicemen, by Mr. Gisbden.

Bidden from the Braille Home, Victoria Park, were transported to the ceremony by Red Cross cars, and that organisation also had an ambulance on call.

Mr. Lonne, who inspected sub-branch members—among whom was Mr. Frank Nye, D.C.M., a veteran of the Boer War and the 1914-18 war—congratulated them on a very fine parade and ceremony.

The parade and ceremony were filmed in colour to provide a permanent record of the service.

Jacaranda trees planted in the street, and the rose beds constructed by members of the sub-branch in June this year, comprise the Carlisle Memorial Avenue which in the course of time will produce a hal­lowed place of beauty in the City of Perth.

Children of the Carlisle School planted the trees last year and roses were donated by residents and the Perth City Council.

At the end of the service a special flagstaff made by sub-branch members was presented to the Carlisle Scout Troop as a gesture of appreciation for the services they have rendered the community.

The assembly adjourned to the Memorial Hall where afternoon tea was served by members of the women’s auxiliary.

League Joins Industry Promotion Council

A request by the State Premier (Mr. Hawke) for the League to nominate a representative on the Trade and Industries Promotion Council has been agreed to by the State Executive.

At the November 19 meeting of the executive a motion by Mr. J. A. Rolfe for the appointment of the State President (Mr. Lonne) as League representative on the council was carried unanimously.

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Welfare

The League is to join a council of social welfare organisations that is operating in the State.

This was decided by the State Executive on November 19 on the recommendation of Mr. E. C. Townshend.

Mr. Townshend said he had attended a meeting of 26 welfare organisations including the Red Cross, Jewish Welfare Relief, the Marriage Guidance Council and other big organisations.

Their main aim was the setting up of a central relief fund, which would be available to member-organisations wishing to know, in a general way, whether an applicant for assistance had already been helped by other bodies.
Friendly Atmosphere In Land Matters

The Land Committee is pleased to advise of the friendly atmosphere existing in its dealings with the appropriate authorities relative to land problems.

A recent instance is the co-operation shown by the Commonwealth Bank when representations were made concerning the temporary difficulty being experienced by farmers.

The bank has shown a sympathetic attitude towards such problems, and has intimated its willingness to allow a representative to attend a meeting of the Land Committee in order to explain the bank's policy towards farming finance and the various means of assistance available to farmers through the bank.

Matters of importance concerning the WA.R.L. have been referred to the Land Settlement Board during the past few weeks and the committee is most appreciative of the consideration shown by Mr. A. R. Barnett, deputy chairman of the board, and by its officers, in replying to these queries.

Arising from the recent visit by Land Committee members to the Ensbach project, were several items which the committee considered needed clarification and these have now been cleared up.

Gloucester Pk. The A.R.M.S. Games Winner

The Gloucester Park sub-branch has secured the coveted Archbishop Eley Memorial trophy in the A.R.M.S. Games.

In an exciting grand final on December 2, the scores were level at the conclusion of the shoot, and in the shoot-off—one man from each team—Lt. H.Howarth emerged victorious.

But the bridge play put Gloucester Park in the driving seat games and resulted in its being declared champion team.

At the conclusion of the minor-round games, Newlands (Johnson) defeated Park (last year's premier) 64 and edged out Wembly, West Leederville, by the narrowest of margins to secure a berth in the final four.

The final four (Newlands v. Park) on November 13 was a tense, keen tussle, though some members suggested the victor was the hills' team was "home and hosed." But Newlands, brilliantly led by Mick Dodd, pegged out in the last twenty minutes of the running to claim the title.

The second semi-final (Newlands v. Park) on November 15 was a tense, keen contest, though some members indicated the victory was "the hills' team's". However, Park, with Mick Dodd leading, pegged out the running to win.

At this stage it is only fitting to say how much the old stalwarts of the games committee are missed. First to go were Frank Fitzgerald (through retirement); then the committee chairman, Les Love, who had to back to his Mak with his job well done.

The removal of these two gentleman affected the running of the administrative side of things, but the years now seem to be moving smoothly and another particularly good competition is expected for next year.

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Poppy Day Success At Rivervale

The Poppy Day appeal at Rivervale this year was an outstanding success. Sub-branch and auxiliary members, plus some willing helpers from outside, were responsible for the collection of the 3,091 poppies, 145 stickers and 85 wreaths.

This is indeed a very fine effort, and sub-branch officials desire to thank all those who assisted in the appeal.

The children's Christmas party this year will be held on December 19. Talisman will be there to give out sweets and newRA and drinks, but as no presents will be given, members are requested to bring them along for their own children as that might cause distraction.

A welcome donation of £100 has been received from the women's auxiliary for the Memorial Garden and Hall, and the sub-branch desires to pay a tribute to the wonderful effort of the auxiliary in this direction.

The achievement of these ladies is remarkable as they have only been going 18 months and have a membership of just over 30.

Advice To Home-Minded

The chairman of the League's Housing Committee (Mr. R. J. Stoddart) has reported to the State Executive Committee that he thought ex-service men contemplating the acquisition of war-service homes would be well advised to consult either the War Service Homes Division of the State Housing Commission or the R.S.L. before undertaking any commitment in regard to a home.

He thought prior consultation on such lines would prove helpful in many instances.

Mr. Stoddart said there had been instances of people contracting liabilities in respect of a home and then finding themselves confronted with the "waitning period" before finance could be made available to them.

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The points to be observed in all other cases are that an applicant must have served in a theatre of war outside the United Kingdom under British command, and must have qualified for British campaign stars and medals in respect of such service, and be a naturalised British Commonwealth subject. Furthermore, he must himself secure and produce all necessary documentary evidence to satisfy the requirements of (a), (b) and (c) above.

National Executive Decision

The attention of sub-branches is drawn to the following resolution adopted by the National Executive last week a necessity:

(a) All new applications for membership to be treated by sub-branches as “provisional” only.
(b) Application forms to be sent to State branches for checking and if in order, suitable endorsement of application form.
(c) No membership badge to be issued until State branch endorsement of application form.
(d) State branches be required to return old stocks of R.S.L. badges to sub-branches under any circumstances.
(e) State branches to refer “borderline” cases to National Executive for ruling.

When It Comes To Transferring

There are still many members who are changing their place of abode for one reason or another. Perhaps they have changed their employment or vocation; they may retire; they may simply purchased themselves a new home in another locality.

Whatever the reason they will wish to make friends in their new locality, and the R.S.L. is their best avenue. It is quite possible that they may wish to retain membership in their old sub-branch and to join the local sub-branch in the new town.

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By Geo. F. Spreadbury

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It is also recommended that you may be able to have them inserted in your local journal community paper or district news. By this procedure you will ensure that not only members of the League will see them, but also any eligible person in your district.

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R.A.A.F. Aircrew—one or more op'nal flights before 15/8/45.

Dominion Exservicemen.

British Ex-servicemen.
Serv. in Pacific area, 3/9/39 and 8/5/45.
R.N. and R.A.F. on coastal duty.

Merchant Marine.
6 months serv. (not coastal).
Wounded or P.O.W. also qualifies.

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KOREAN WAR.
Aust. Serv'n in Korea 1/7/50 to 27/6/53.
R.A.A.F. op'nal flights to Korea.
No Merchant Seamen.
Allied Ex-Serv'n 1/7/50 to 27/6/53 (if naturalised).

MALAYA.
British Commonwealth Armed Forces 28 days in Malaya.

NOTE: In all cases, official evidence of service must be produced to S/.Branch Secretary.
In many cases War Medals or R.A.S. Badge must also be produced (or evidence of eligibility for issue).

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**League Party Visits Project Farms**

The State President and three members of the League's Land Committee, accompanied by members of the Coorow-Waddi Forest, Carnamah, Three Springs and Mingine sub-branches made a day-long inspection of farms in the Eneabba war-service land settlement project on Saturday, November 8.

The Land Committee representatives were Messrs Leonard Arthur Kelly (of Quairading), George Gordon (deputy-chairman) and Bob Duncan (of Gingin). Pastures were in very good shape on several farms to be allocated next year. The houses and sheds could be described as very adequate.

About 1,600 acres have been put down to pasture on each farm, being subdivided into 100-acre paddocks, all watered from bores with copious supply of fresh water.

The committee members were well satisfied, and no doubt sum up the potentialities of the area in due course, and the knowledge they gained should benefit applicants for the farms considerably.

The previous evening the State Executive party, together with councillors Gordon, Northcott, and Joe knob, and members of the Watheroo and Three Springs sub-branches were also present.

The toastmaster (adopted member John Read) carried out the duties of his position with efficiency and cheerful manner.

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Several questions were asked, including the interest of the State President and community in the vital question of good citizenship and youth work.

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**Christmas Parties At Maylands**

The new Maylands Memorial Hall is the venue for children's Christmas party for the children of sub-branch members to commence on 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 26. Games and refreshments have been organised, and ice cream and cool drinks will be available.

At night (commencing at 7.30 p.m.) the sub-branch is conducting another barbecue at the hall, with dancing and darts on the programme followed by tickets of meat for sale outside.

Net proceeds from the functions will help the sub-branch to reduce the debt on the hall.

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Memorial Name-plates In Poor Condition

Name plates on some of the trees in Honour Avenue, King's Park, are in a terrible condition, Mr. E. C. Townsend told the State Executive recently.

The plaques must be refurbished and repainted before the next ANZAC Day, Mr. Townsend said. The hiring of a spray-painter and the cost of the paint were expected to amount to about £50; the bulk of the labour involved would be volunteered.

The executive had been considering a letter from the Public Service sub-branch, which for many years has undertaken the maintenance of the Honour Avenue.

The letter stressed the urgent need for financial support for the renovation of the name-plates. An appeal, it said, had been made to all unit associations but so far none had been received.

Changes On State Executive

Mr. E. Macleod has been elected to fill the League trusteeship vacancy brought about by the appointment of Mr. E. C. Townsend as a State Vice-President following the resignation of Dr. W. L. Greenwood.

The vacancy was filled by the State Executive at its meeting on November 19. Mr. Macleod's fellow-trustees are Messrs. E. J. Stoddart and E. O. Davies. The place on the executive previously held by Mr. Macleod was filled by the calling-up of Mr. W. H. Gummery—one of the two emeritus members resulting from the election at Congress.

Mr. Gummery took his seat at the meeting.

The executive accepted with regret the resignation of two members—Messrs. W. Knox and R. Cousins. Both were elected for the first time at the last State Congress.

Mr. P. J. O'Mara, the remaining emergency, will be invited to fill one of the membership vacancies. The other will fill the vacancy accord- ing to the constitutional provision—in a manner to be determined by the executive.

National President Reappointed

The National President of the League (Sir George Holland) was elected for a further term of office by National Congress.

The other contender for office was the Queensland State President, Sir Raymond Huth.

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New Repatriation Chief

Last month the State Executive extended a welcome to the new chairman of the Repatriation Commission Brigadier F. O. Chilton, D.S.O., and Bar (seen here) during his visit to Perth.

The reception was held in the Anzac House boardroom and was attended by the State President, and members of the executive together with representatives of the Ex-Victorians' Association, the Air Force Association, members of the local repatriation board and Messrs. Hurman (deputy-chairman of the commission) and J. Robson from the local repatriation office.

Brigadier Chilton can claim a distinguished military career. He commanded the 2/2nd Battalion in the Libyan and Greek campaigns and also led the 18th Brigade in Ramul Valley and Balkipapan.

Chidlow Gesture

The Chidlow sub-branch has waived its right to share in the Poppy Day sales proceeds.

Announcing this at the State Executive meeting on November 18 the State President commented: "A very nice gesture and one that I know we all appreciate."

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