League Decision Pleases Premier

In the following statement the Premier (Mr. Hawke) expresses his pleasure at a recent decision of the State branch of the League, giving reasons for his attitude.

"I am very pleased indeed that the Returned Servicemen's League has accepted the invitation to nominate a representative on the Trade and Industries Promotion Board and that it has selected its president (Mr. W. S. Lonnie) for this position.

"The council is comprised of representatives citizens and is engaged in a continuing campaign to promote the manufacture and sale of Western Australian made goods.

"For the year 1957/1958 Western Australia had an adverse trade balance with the Eastern States to the extent of 57.3 million.

"A great deal of this money went out of the State for goods which we could, and should, manufacture for ourselves in this State.

Jobs Here, if...

"Our workshops and factories should have the productive capacity to employ at least 10,000 more people. All that is needed is a greater demand for their products.

"It is surprising how many very loy employer workers and our State could quickly increase its population and create a more balanced economy.

"With another school year ended, and many young people seeking jobs, the employment factor takes on an added significance. It is of vital importance to give these young people a good start in life and the solution of this problem lies so much in our own hands.

"The Returned Servicemen's League has contact through its direct activities with 20,000 families in Western Australia and undoubtedly has a strong influence with a far greater number of people. It is very pleasing to know that the League will now take an active part in the local products campaign, because not only will it exert a direct influence, but will, by its example, encourage other public organisations to lend their support.

Lotteries Grant For Relief

A contribution to the League of $2,000 for the year from the State Lotteries Commission has been credited to the R.S.L. Relief Fund. This action was taken at the meeting of the State Executive on December 11.

An Appeal For News Items

The Listening Post and Publicity Committee appeals to all sub-branches not already doing so to send in items of interest for inclusion in the regular Sunday night R.S.L. broadcasts and in this journal.

Sub-branch publicity officers are urged to make a point of submitting a resume of events and incidents at regular intervals. This means the broadcasts, and the pages of this journal, could be brightened considerably.

The vital thing is to pass on the news as it happens—while it is still news. By doing this sub-branches will be serving themselves and the League generally.

Defence: The State President attended a meeting of Melbourne of the League's National Defence Committee. This action was taken at the meeting of the State Executive on December 11.

The recent retirement as principal of the Teachers' Training College, Claremont, of Mr. T. Sten—a former State President of the League—was made the occasion of a small gathering in his honour in the Anzac House boardroom.

There members of the State Executive and other former League colleagues of Mr. Sten wished him well in his retirement, and recalled his fine contribution to League affairs at the State Executive and sub-branch level over a period of about 30 years.

Responding to short addresses by the State President (Mr. Lonnie), Mr. H. Stanbury (a former member of the executive), Mr. H. Holder (an executive member) and Mr. E. C. Townshend (a State President) Mr. W. G. Hunt (a former State President), Mr. Sten said that his League associations had been of considerable assistance to him professionally. In five years or so following World War II about 36 per cent of the teacher trainees intake comprised young ex-service men and women. They had provided much of the leadership on the Students' Council—the body managing student affairs.

Mr. Sten said he was glad to see the League taking a broader outlook in public affairs these days. With most of the battles for ex-servicemen won he thought the League's future lay in service for the community.

With the widening public interest in education it was good to see the League taking a part in youth welfare.

* Pictured above at the gathering are, from left to right, Mr. Townshend, Mr. A. E. Goodwin (State Secretary), Mr. Sten and Mr. Hunt.
Pensioner Wants To Serve

A pensioner living at Parkerville was so impressed with the national service issue of "The Listening Post" and its message of duty to the R.S.L. that he phoned the State President and offered his services in the re-forming of a branch in the area of Honour Avenue, Kings Park.

This was recounted by Mr. Lonnie at the State Executive meeting on December 17.

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Pensioner for Civil Defence School

Mr. E. A. Dodd has been nominated by the State Executive to fill a vacancy notified by national headquarters for a League representative on the Civil Defence course to commence at Mt. Macedon (Victoria) on January 5.

Mr. Dodd was selected by ballot from a list of seven members who were prepared to attend the course.

The League was previously represented by Mr. W. B. Gater (Ex WX 2924) of Gosnells Sub-Branch.

Living Heart Of Humanity

Prior to the two-minute silence held at the Mannjimup High School on Remembrance Day the school captain, Bob Mollahan, gave the following address:

Mr. Hitchens, Staff and students of Mannjimup High School.

Let your thoughts dwell this morning on your country's true greatness and revered history. Here we are, forgiven by you for dauntless men who knew their duty and did it. It is the sacrifice of their lives which we mourn this day.

A cheque for $3/6/- representing the sale of poppies to staff and students.

Difficult in amalgamating unit associations

(To the Editor)

Sir—I would like to congratulate C. S. Watson (Ex WX 2441) for his very letter on the subject of Unit amalgamation presented in the November issue of "The Listening Post" and the understanding of unit associations would be a very sensible move, but unnecessary if it is not so easy as it appears on the surface. The difficulty arises from the fact that several A.I.F. units did not leave Australia and for this reason its ex-members cannot become members of the R.S.L.

If unit association functions—in particular Anzac Day—are closely linked with the R.S.L. who would like to take part and become members of a linked association may not have any service associations themselves but who would like to see their unit associations remain alive.

In conclusion I believe that we should volunteer for the same cause. Where we were meant and what we did was not for us to decide. I feel sure that C. S. Watson is in the same mind as I am and perhaps it is not too late now to the Linked Australian Filipino Veterans to strengthen League membership—which is so necessary. Yours, etc.

W. B. Garner (Ex WX 2924).

VETERANS NOT FORGOTTEN

Much good cheer came the way of the veterans at Faversham during the festivities.

On December 14 they were given an outing to Northam from where they were received by the local R.S.L. sub-branch which presented the usual gifts of refreshments. The home was also visited by the York and Dowerin R.S.L. who were present with auxiliaries with gifts for all, and the Faversham Commines and Auxiliary Committee and within the city on behalf of the Women's Auxiliary.

As well the home received generous donations of cash and kind—including hampers, cakes, eggs, clothing and other gifts. For all these things the veterans, and the committee members for their welfare, are extremely grateful.

Still Time...

Although you've left it for '48

To enrol a mate for '58

There still is time to toe the line

And bring him in for '59.

Committed by F. Sharpless, President Gosnells sub-branch.

WARDEN'S RATHER Badges

AN ACT relating to the unauthorised use or possession of a badge issued by The Returned Sailors' Soldiers' and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia, W.A. Branch, Incorporated.

Asstent 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 Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Returned Servicemen's Badges Act, 1953.

2. In this Act, unless the context requires otherwise, "financial member" means a member of the League who pays annually the subscription required by the League as prescribed by the 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 written demand by the League for payment having become due.

3. (1) A person who is the financial member of the League shall not wear, or, without lawful excuse, have in his possession any returned servicemen's badge, and any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: For an offence, a fine not exceeding ten pounds, and for a subsequent offence, a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds.

4. Proceedings for offences against this Act shall be heard and determined summarily.
WHAT OUR BADGE STANDS FOR

THE LEAGUE badge is an inspiration to all of us, but how many are fully conversant with what it stands for? The following account of the symbolism of its design should serve to heighten our love and respect for it.

THE WATTLE is symbolic of Australia.

THE LEEK, the rose, the thistle and the shamrock are symbolic of and represent the link with Wales, England, Scotland and Ireland, respectively.

THE BADGE is a symbol of a readiness at all times to render service to Queen and country, and to former comrades. It is a time-honoured emblem—one that has been worn with a deep sense of pride by the most revered in our land, and one that glorifies the coats of all privileged to wear it.

NEITHER wealth, nor influence, nor social standing can purchase the badge, which may be worn in honour only by those who have rendered service in an operational area in Her Majesty's Armed Forces.

YOUR attention is drawn to the three colours in the badge. The red represents the blood of war that exists between you and your comrades. White stands for the purity of your motive in joining the League—to render service without thought of personal gain or ambition. The blue indicates your willingness to render that service to a comrade anywhere under the blue sky—wherever he may be.

DEPICTED in the centre of the badge, and encircled by the name of the organisation, you will see depicted a sailor, soldier and an airman marching together with their arms linked in friendship. This is to show that within the circle of the League, services and all ranks march together in unity and comradeship.

WE WOULD ask that you all look upon your badge as an inspiration to good citizenship, cherishing it as a symbol of all that is best in our national life, and living up to the high ideals on which the organisation is based.

Accent On Numbers

A bigger R.S.L. membership spells the difference between success and failure in the League's championship of welfare objectives.

It has to be remembered that when the majority of former servicemen in a community belong to the R.S.L., they are guaranteed adequate consideration in the appointment of housing, in problems, employment and welfare.

The R.S.L. sub-branch that lacks the support of a big membership will never be able to command the respect and attention of those who hold public office in local, city and country circles, and other civic groups of important influence.

More manpower in the League simply means that a greater number of former servicemen are given the opportunity to be a share in the huge cost of fighting for the things that benefit all Diggers.

Every financial problem with which the R.S.L. is confronted on either the sub-branch or State level will be concomitant to an increase in membership. It should be the aim of every member to get a mate to sign in.

Wheelchair Loaned To Paraplegic

A motorised wheelchair provided by the Katanning Sub-branch for the use of disabled ex-servicemen is to be made available to a former member of the 2nd Battalion, Mr. Albert Read, who is now a paraplegic following a civilian accident.

This has been decided by the recommendation of the Repatriation Committee last March the wheelchair has been at the disposal of another paraplegic—Mr. C. W. Carpenter—who no longer requires it.

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Music On The Machine Guns

(From the "Melbourne Herald" of February 15, 1917.)

"Ragtime music is all very well in its way, but we are beginning to hate it when we hear it on the Lewis guns," remarked Private Theo Brennan, who is in the Town Hall General Hospital, Wandsworth, a victim of wounds suffered in the recent fighting near Fliers, the village we have captured near Bapaume, preparing our next objective in the Somme fighting.

Mr. Brennan, although he joined the forces in Holdertown, Australia, came from Sebastopol, Ballarat (28th Battalion).

"The machine gunners have learned the trick of playing tunes, and they're especially addicted to ragtime. They think the Fritzes in the trenches ops. start their sensitive ears to music, and so they start up their instruments at all odd times. Some of them are real experts, and they even give Fritz little bits of Schubert and Offenbach—every one of them now has a "Barcarole" from " Tales of Hoffman." Well that gets the Fritz mad. Perhaps he doesn't like to think that we can now pay him out for years of torture with his German bands. He doesn't hear our boys giving a tune as he starts pouring away from his side."

"Talk about the German bands, there's nothing like them. They're not a machine gunner on their side who is able to give better from one knock than they are laid out by another. Soon after we went up to the front I got a piece of shrapnel in the foot, and a bolt in the nose that was at Pozieres. Neither knock was bad enough to get me into hospital. About the first day of November I got a bullet through the cheek and larynx shattering my jaw, but the real knock was bad enough to get me into hospital. About the first day of November I got a bullet through the cheek and larynx - but I was shot through the chest, through the right lung, and also had the scapular bone fractured, that was at Fliers. In the Somme fighting I have been three times over the top of the trenches and that has been my share of wounds. Other fellows who have done a lot more fighting get less than a scratch to show for it. Just luck, of course."

That German charge was the one in which my chum had a funny experience in charge the Germans made at my side, and in the scramble he lost the run of his rifle. He went away and one of the Fritzes came at him in full bayonet, but he seized hold of his rifle and landed the German full in the face with it. The German charge was the one in which the Fritzes laid full of our West Australians, and made them prisoners, but were afterwards taken prisoners themselves by Lieutenant Jackal.

A Record Attendance At Kensington Social

There was a record attendance at the Kensington sub-branch smoke social on December 12.

Among the visitors were Messrs. Keeley, Ferrier and Ferrer—who were representing the State Executive—and representatives from neighbouring sub-branches.

The role of Master of Ceremonies was assumed by Mr. Keeley, who showed considerable dexterity in the handling of the long toast list so as to leave ample time for the presentation of the items of entertainment provided.

Tobacco was donated to the State Executive (proposer Mr. Warren, responder Mr. Lombe), the sub-branch (proposer Mr. Holder, responder the president Mr. H. C. Clark), visiting sub-branches and visitors (proposer Mr. Nash, responder Mr. Keeley), the chairman (proposer Mr. Coleman, responder Mr. Keeley), the vice-president (proposer Mr. Cole, responder Mr. Keeley) and the secretary (proposer Mr. Warne, responder Mr. Ferrer). A feature of the evening was the presentation to the State President of a traveling bag to Mr. Bluestone for his assistance to sub-branch sports, and a trophy to Mr. Boiwell as the most consistent meeting member recently turned out in force to the garden of a fellow-member who had been ill from hospital for some time. The sub-branch meets on the first and third Tuesday each month, the meetings for 1959 commencing on January 2nd.

Leave of Absence: Mr. J. Milne has been granted leave of absence from Executive meetings until February 10 to enable him to visit the north of the State on business. He will be making Carnarvon his headquarters.

Get A Mate To Sign In '59!

In Peace and War!

**BEER IS BEST**

A Man's Drink!

Good Cheer At The Right Time

A Commonwealth grant to the League of £1,000 for the provision of Christmas cheer helped to bring something of the traditional spirit into the lives of many service men and women on Christmas Day.

The grant is divided among the State branches of the R.S.L. and then multiplied many times over by the League's own funds. A special treat was prepared for about 100 old soldiers from Sunset Home and Lemnos Hospital by the Cottesloe R.S.L. women's auxiliary. The Red Cross Society and the Metropolitan Transport Trust assisted the auxiliary.

After seeing a cinema show the old soldiers were entertained by artists on the Downs of the Cottesloe Civic Centre. High tea was served and cigarettes and tobacco dispensed.
The Bad Old Days In Subiaco

Mr. Joe Newman, present secretary of the City of Subiaco sub-branch, relates some of his experiences in amelioration work in the depression days of the early 1930's.

When I took on the job as Hon. Sec., I stipulated that I should do no amelioration work; but people desperate for food and medicine knew nothing of other help, and I had to make a beline for the unfortunate secretary.

So it happened, often enough, that, going out to the beach of a hot evening or to a party in any temperature, I would be waylaid by some man claiming to be a returned servant, or by his wife, and would spend anything from half an hour to two hours investigating the circumstances and keeping my friends waiting.

For the sub-branch funds were light and could not be readily raised. I had to satisfy myself that the applicant was, in fact, a 'returned servant', and that they were genuinely in need.

Sometimes I would be asked to 'come and see the house' and be ushered into a clean but shabby, furnished, badly lit kitchen. Like Old Mother Hubbard the going was slow. I would open the door of the cupboard to show it almost, if not completely, bare. Of course the empty cupboard might have been for display purposes, and the bad lighting so that I would not see too much; but I would rather make a take than risk leaving hungry people supperless.

Where there were children it was always an order for groceries (sold illegally, I suppose) at 10/-, 10/-, 10/- and inquiries next day to the Child Welfare Dept. who were a mine of information once they believed our efforts.

In cases of grave dboht I would refer to Ernie Congdon (now of the Subiaco Ambulance Association) who had an extensive knowledge of the people of Subiaco. He reckoned we had 'no authority whatever' etc. But if we got a lot of money to us in those days.

There was seldom more than £30 in the "kitty" then and when that ran dry we stugged on to get in a little more quid.

On those occasions Al Buggins was a tower of strength with his vigorous washing-up and his truck which was always at the disposal of the League. He reckoned we had "no authority whatever" etc. But if we got a lot of money to us in those days.

Sub-branches, Note This!

A meeting of the president and secretary of the metropolitan Sub-branches will be held in the supper room at Anzac House at 8 p.m., on Wednesday, January 21st.

A number of the main items will be a "wash-up" discussion on Poppy Day, covering faults reported in the system. Those attending are requested to bring complaints and recommendations, with particular emphasis on those discussed at previous meetings.

 Presidents and secretaries are urged to make every effort to attend the meeting and advise any apologies.

Big Christmas Meeting Rally At Kalgoorlie

The Kalgoorlie sub-branch's Christmas (and December monthly) meeting was the best attended for some years.

The usual business was transacted, including reporting all well in all sub-branch matters. Then followed a discussion on defence, in which the league is playing a very important part. The members are asked to give lectures on atomic casualties at schools in the area. The meeting was moved for January 21st.

The chairman, Mr. Jack Stoddart, expressed his appreciation of the support of the sub-branch in the newly formed Alumnus Club. He also thanked his colleagues for their help and support. The meeting adjourned.

Bid For Fewer Meetings Is Rejected

A proposal for monthly instead of fortnightly meetings was defeated by a show of hands at the State Executive meeting on December 19.

The proposal had come from a meeting of chairmen of the committees held in that month. Points made in favour of the proposed change were that the number of meetings during the year would be more for liaison between the various committees and that this would tend to shorten discussions on the executive. The chairman of the League could be conducted just as efficiently, and that in some other States monthly meetings had proved satisfactory.

Points made in opposition were that the volume of business in this State was not sufficient for fortnightly meetings; that by missing one meeting a member might tend to get out of touch with the affairs of the League; that fortnightly meetings gave an advantage in dealing with sub-branch invitations, and that monthly meetings were likely to run into the small hours.

After several members had spoken Mr. Milne was successful with a motion that the existing system be retained.

ELECTION TIME AT MAYLANDS

The election of office-bearers of the Maylands sub-branch for the current year took place at the Memorial House, Maylands, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 16th. Mr. J. B. White, the sub-branch representative on the State Executive, will be present to install the elected officers.
UNIT ASSOCIATION NOTES

16th Battalion Affairs

After the business of the December committee meeting was over, members of the association and the women's auxiliary held their little Christmas party. Toasts were drunk, and good wishes for the festive season exchanged.

During the evening Mrs. Newick (auxiliary president) handed the association president (Mr. O. Young) an envelope containing $50 towards the fund of the association. Mrs. Newick said the women had raised the money by small raffles and jumble sales and that it was a pleasure to be able to hand over the cheque. The President thanked them warmly.

Small presentations were made to Messrs. Peaks and Day for their work in running raffles.

The sad passing of Mr. Ted Massay was felt by all members of the association. Ted was an energetic secretary for many years. His service to the association was appreciated by all. The deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

Mr. S. H. Smith and wife left on December 24 for an extended holiday in England.

Mr. Young reported having met Mr. L. Burrow and Mr. McCarthy on a recent trip to the Eastern States. Both looked fit and wished to be remembered to all.

Reported sick: Messrs. C. Roney, W. Kroker, S. E. Jones, C. L. Leech, H. Klopfer, and J. Cranstone (who recently had a spell in hospital).

28th Battalion

The annual meeting was held during December at Anzac House.

At the election of office-bearers Mr. Sam Jones was made patron and Messrs. Tom Jackson (president) and J. Sanderson (vice-president) were re-elected.

A letter was received through the W.A. Agent-General in London stating that Mr. P. F. N. Blythe Brooke, of Mendlesham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, had placed a cross in the Garden of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey, on behalf of the battalion on November 11.

Mr. Blythe Brooke had a brother who served with a leg amputated in the fighting in France. Members are reminded that a dawn and barbeque night will be held at Mr. Keith Sloan’s residence, 495 Stirling Highway, Cottesloe, on February 10 (8 p.m.).

Fifty names were placed on the battalion despatch during the past year.

Applecross Glad To See "Lofty" Loftsus Back

Applecross members were glad to see "Lofty" Loftsus back among them at the last meeting after a considerable period in Hollywood and at home during which he had a leg amputated.

Always a fighter in spirit and with his fellow members her wife Olga a consistent worker prior to his illness. "Lofty" is only waiting to ensure that the new "pin" will give him sufficient relief to enable him to get into the thick of it again.

For the ensuing year there is a full programme. Projects are: District was memorial; sale of land and improvements to present facilities; aid to youth movements; support and development of war widows; an active part in Applecross district affairs; care for the disabled and sick; and their families.

For this the sub-branch needs every member and woman to play their part and enrol a mate?

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted:

President: Merv Wilson

V. W. Smith

Beryl Browne and John Watson, Hon. Secretary: Laurie Newman.

Treasurer: Jack Silcier

Committee: Jack Gallagher

Cee Dival; Em Macdonald; Roy Jones; Col. Savage; Dave Holland

Auditor: Norm Kehoe

Unanimous approval was given to apply for issue of the following recognitions:

Past Pres. Certificate: Jack Silcier

Treasurer’s Certificate: Allan Clark

Certificates of Service: Norm Kehoe [4 years], Merv Wilson [4 years], Roy Jones [4 years], Dave Holland [2 years].

Sports Department: Ground Floor

INDOOR GAMES
- HOME TOTE
- HOUSSIE HOUSE
- HOME BILLIARDS
- BOBS SETS
- PLAYING CARDS
- MONOPOLY
- DARTS
- DARTBOARDS
- CARPET BOWLS
- INDOOR BOWLS
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THE LISTENING POST
JANUARY, 1959
Land Issues Placed Before Minister

A further bid for widening the scope of appeals by settlers under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme, and for assistance from C.R.E. funds to struggling settlers outside the scheme, were among matters raised by a League deputation to the Minister for Lands (Mr. Kelly) on December 9.

The deputation comprised League Land Committee members J. Milne (Chairman), Gordon, E. O. Davies and S. Biddle, co-optee, Mr. Hume, Mathews and R. Beekman, and secretary W. Webb.

In attendance on the Minister were the chairman and deputy-chairman of the Land Settlement Board (respectively Messrs. G. K. Biddle and A. R. Barrett).

Appeal Board

Mr. Davies was invited to outline previous efforts made by the League for the introduction of an Appeal Board. The object, said Mr. Davies, was a determination to eliminate, if possible, errors of procedure that had occurred in the past.

The 1947/1948 Lease Agreement had been made for disputes to be referred for investigation to an independent body set up by the appropriate authority. The subsequent lease did not provide for this.

Mr. Davies said that the committee was of the opinion that such a body should be widened in order to give greater protection to settlers and that present regulations did not apply; settlers should have the right, on the recommendation of the Land Board, to approach the appeal board before they were in difficulties, not when they were on the verge of being evicted.

Mr. Milne quoted the case of a settler in a hopeless position. He said that when the facts had been put to the Land Settlement Board at a quarterly meeting, Mr. Barrett had agreed to widen the property, and as a result a further opportunity was given to the settler.

The case was that a settler had been given a General Appeal Board at a lease renewal. The settler then made an appeal at a much earlier date, and problems of the amount of personal and financial anxiety.

Mr. Kelly said he had not had an opportunity to investigate the item under consideration and that further representations had been made to the Commissions for consideration.

Mr. Kelly said in view of the overall success of the Scheme, the Land Settlement Scheme he could not see the necessity for the appeal board to be given wider scope. The idea that a success should be a success; there was no evidence of serious difficulties, and he failed to see the benefit of how an extension of the powers of the appeal board would be justified.

As a result of questions asked in the House some time ago, Mr. Kelly said an attempt had been made to repair anything which appeared to be wrong, and had made an attempt to answer from which complaints had emanated, and such complaints to be a minor nature and the position had eventually resolved.

In view of the further request, the committee would again review the case and Mr. Barrett was asked to forward the committee.

Difficult Areas

Mr. Milne emphasised that adverse conditions were being experienced by settlers in the karri area. Of the 33 areas originally located only about eight were still operational. The idea that the point that further assistance should be given was for the keeping together of scattered blocks in order to make a dwelling attractive for the landowner. The ground, in many cases, was in a rough condition and required some adequate cultivation. It was the intention of the committee to support settlers who were not prepared to pull their weight.

Mr. Kelly raised the question regarding residues of logs as a result of bulldozing the land. Mr. Barrett had agreed that this was a suitable time of the year.

Assessments

Mr. Milne said he was under the impression that the only serious appeal was in the case of one of that through Mr. Lutz. Mr. Barrett said this was a case that the Deputy Superintendent and the settler were unable to agree on, and that this was the point before the Board for an unbiased opinion.

C.R.E. Loans

Mr. Milne reported that numerous applications had been received from men unable to establish themselves privately on C.R.E. loans. In many cases it had proved to be an impossible proposition.

The League had taken up cases for an extension of the C.R.E. loan, because it felt that it could be the means of keeping settlers producing instead of having them walk off. It was also stated that figures were available which indicated that limited financial assistance could improve the productive capacity of these men, and that the Government would grant some assistance to the interest of the State.

Mr. Barrett supported this contention, and each case should be treated on its merits.

Mr. Kelly maintained that it was unjust that hundreds of men should have protection under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme while these battlers were struggling along on their own. Mr. Barrett was not prepared to do anything for all of the help which could be given. The Government would not make a net for someone off the hook to do what it could do. In some instances it had been warping off the sized areas and then taking the present problem had been accumulated.

Mr. Milne said that if the effort had been made by the State to improve the productivity of about 380,000 acres of State money. Efforts should be made to become the State Board.

The member for the League was prepared to indicate the benefits which would accrue from the improvement of production and the R. and B. was to operate its best within its limited capacity.

Civilian Scheme

The Minister was assured that the League was prepared to establish itself in any approach to the Federal Government for funds to establish a civilian land settlement scheme.

Strong representations had been made in an effort to induce the Minister for Primary Production to visit the area. In a letter to Mr. McMahon, who had shown the greatest reluctance to accept civilian landlords the items to be discussed.

The League's intention was to arrange a non-party representation. Money should not be spent by the State on new schemes while there existed an urgent necessity for aid to farmers who were struggling to establish themselves.

Mr. Kelly advised that the proposed civilian land settlement scheme was nearing fruition, but the Lands Department was ensuring that interest was shown by men with private capital in blocks of 210 acres or more for an open selection. The scheme was being watched very closely.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Minister reiterated the appreciation felt by members of the committee for the courteous manner in which the deputation had been received. He said the job as chairman had been made much easier due to the committee's knowledge, and Mr. Milne had always received from the Minister and the Land Settlement Board.

Proud Record Of Service

No organisation in W.A. could point to a prouder record of service than the League, the State President (Mr. Lonnie) told members of the State Executive at their last meeting in 1938.

Mr. Lonnie was expressing his thanks for their cooperation, friendship and understanding throughout a difficult period.

The year had presented some exceptionally big problems for the League. The membership was up, its prestige was high and members could look back on a year of substantial progress.

A leader of an organisation could do no more if the loyalty, cooperation and friendship of the members of its governing body. No man was infallible, and if he had made mistakes his only motive had been the good of the League. Provided there was real friendship within the boardroom the spirit out into the branches.

The general structure of the League from all walks of life and widely dispersed members, had turned into a pretty fair team. The League was never one man's organisation. Individuals came and went but the League would carry on regardless.

Best of Luck! To the two recently formed auxiliaries—Derby and Carnarvon—extend a welcome and wishes them a long and fruitful existence.
League Top Brass In Durance Vile

Some very Top Brass of the League—the National President (Sir George Holland), the Hon. Treasurer (Air Vice-Marshall Bladin), the National Secretary (Mr. K. Newman) and the Victorian and West Australian State Presidents (respectively Messrs. C. McKay and W. S. Lonnie)—were incarcerated for an hour near the bottom of a lift well in Anzac House, Melbourne, on a recent Saturday night.

Period of detention—an extremely long hour from 11 p.m. to midnight.

The occasion—in immediate following the last meeting of the League's National Defence Committee.

Reason for detention—the waywardness of lift mechanism.

Commenced Mr. Lonnie at Anzac House, Perth, a week or so later:

"Under the circumstances our Top Brass behaved with exemplary calm and reserve.

"Sir George thumped the floor of the lift with both feet for the full hour and undoubtedly would have kicked a hole in it given a lot more time.

"Keith Newman practically defaced the lot of us with his sustained shouting for help, but unfortunately didn't succeed in making anyone else hear.

"The whole operation was brought to a welcome—belated—conclusion by the night watchman, who heard a sound he mistook for rats in a trap and made an investigation.

"When the rescue party succeeded at last in getting the lift to move—in an upward direction—the Top Brass showed considerable restraint in not pressing the button at the ground floor: they cautiously left the lift to its own devices and were carried to the top floor.

"We got out there and saucily walked all the way down the stairs—to freedom."

Appointment: The National President of the League (Sir George Holland) has been appointed Chairman of Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria.

The Manjimup Rodeo A Success

The Manjimup sub-branch recently conducted a successful rodeo, despite some original setbacks including the transfer of the sub-branch's organiser (Mr. Bob Smithson) and the secretary (Mr. K. Devenish—non-member).

Mr. Lyall Donohue took over the duties of organiser and by devoting every weekend and many nights to the task, assisted by some members of the sub-branch and many members of Apex, managed to get corals erected on Mr. Vic Banyard's property three miles from Manjimup.

Home-Loan Increase Sought

The 1958 National R.S.L. Congress decided to ask the Commonwealth Government to increase its war service homes grant from £550 to at least £600 to meet the demands of the times.

It described these delays as a serious weakness in the Government's rehabilitation policy.

It also asked the Government to ensure that war service homes were to be made available for other loans and not be paid into consolidated revenue.

The Congress sought an amendment to the War Service Homes Act to allow an ex-serviceman to transfer the outstanding balance of his loan to finance another home if transferred to another State.

However, the Director of the War Service Homes Division (Mr. S. Lucas) said this resolution, if adopted, would take an estimated £2m from the Government's £45m allocation. Congress also asked that loans be increased to £5,500 with a corresponding increase in the Government grant so that the same number of applicants be given loans.

State Executive Challenged

The State Executive has accepted a challenge at bowls from the Bellevue sub-branch, and has asked the sub-branch to set aside the first Saturday in February for the occasion. The contest is to be followed by a social evening.

The sub-branch has also accepted a challenge at cricket from the Kenwick sub-branch. The match is likely to be played early in February.

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 Loans For Land Settlers

The last meeting of the Land Committee was attended by Mr. R. P. Flight, representative of the Commonwealth Bank, who told members of the committee that the bank was taking a realistic view of the need for large-scale government assistance within the State, and that its mortgage department was prepared to consider any sound proposals for the development of a long-term development loan over a maximum period of 40 years at 5% per annum.

The amount which could be advanced to approved applicants was estimated at 70% of the bank's valuation of the farmer's equity.
300 Children At Coolgardie Christmas Treat

The Coolgardie park was gay with coloured lights for the local R.S.I. women's auxiliary Christmas party on December 14, when about 300 excited children received presents.

Father Christmas arrived promptly at 8 p.m., on a decorated motor truck with 14 Christmas fairies in attendance, and for the next half-hour children and adults alike were entertained with ballet dancing and Christmas carols, after which the gifts were distributed.

Lots of sweets, ice-cream, balloons and "cool drinks" added to the gaiety of the occasion, which was another notable instance of the good work auxiliaries are doing in small communities and down the country to brighten the lives of the poor.

The auxiliary has expressed its thanks for the help of many local people in making the function a success.

The Christmas fairies were trained for their role by Mrs. Syd Mitchell.

Pictured with Father Christmas above are some of his fairy attendants.

Attendances At Carnamah Better Since Introduction Of Films

Since the introduction of film entertainment at the conclusion of business at the meetings of the Carnamah sub-branch two or three months ago, attendances have risen appreciably.

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Presidential Change At Murray

A new presidential appointment was made at the annual general meeting of the Murray sub-branch last month.

The meeting attracted a record attendance and was highlighted by the presence of State Executive members Jim White and Mary Meares. Mr. White presented retiring president Bert Crowley with a Certificate of Service for his work for the sub-branch.

The previous evening, which was also attended by the State Executive members, was presented with a wrist watch by vice-president Harold Lewis on behalf of members.

Mr. Crowley is now a resident of the city and employed by West Australian Newspapers Ltd. in the capacity of journalist.

The new president of the Murray sub-branch is Mr. Harold Lewis, who was the only member nominated for the position. Mr. Bert Crowley did not seek re-election, having left the district.

Sir Ross McEwery, first secretary of the sub-branch, which was formed in 1918, took the chair for the election of officers.

Sub-branch finances will this year receive a boost of about $150 from the annual hay-carting project. The recipe for raising money by this means is simple. Members donate their services and the sub-branch receives payment for the work they do.

Though hay carting is regarded as heavy work, members make light of it by their numbers, and the humour that prevails on the job is reminiscent of service days.

"Help your mates," is a byword of the League, and an example of that was seen at Pinjarra recently.

Murray sub-branch members noticed 300 bales of hay lying in member Noel Eddy's paddocks as they were finishing hay carting for another farmer one Sunday morning recently.

Knowing that Noel was an inmate of the local hospital, and as it looked like rain, they decided to cart in the hay for him after lunch.

Mrs. Eddy left the farm at half-past two to visit Noel. As soon as she had done the boys "got cracking." When she returned at half-past three the 300 bales were in the hay shed.

Counter Lunches At The-Club

Counter lunches at the Anzac Club are no longer provided on Fridays but are still to be had on Saturdays.

This was reported to the State Executive at a recent meeting.
Defence Issues To Go To Minister

The League's National Defence Committee which met in Melbourne on December 20 dealt with a wide range of matters referred to it from National Congress (held in Adelaide last October).

It was hoped to discuss with the Minister a number of items dealing with the defence of New Guinea which had been submitted by the Papua-New Guinea branch. The Government was also being asked to reconsider its decision against the establishment of a naval base in W.A.

The committee had strongly supported a suggestion that sub-branches throughout Australia should give strong support to the enlistment of volunteers in the C.M.F.

In that connection the Government's previous refusal to exempt the pay of volunteers from taxation was sharply criticized and representations would be renewed.

let Deeds Speak For The League: Milne

"We must let men who could be, but are not, members of the League know what we are doing. For five years now we have been concentrating our attention on men already within the League, and our membership figure is not so very much better than when we started."

Mr. J. A. Milne said this tremendous interest, and during discussion of a State branch of the R.A.I., sub-branch had attended. They had been most enthusiastic, yet in the previous months' attendances at sub-branch meetings had not gone down to ten or so.

The new interest was putting the sub-branch back on its feet. The chairman of the Membership Committee (Mr. D. Browning,) Mr. Milne said, had sponsored a public meeting to press for the appointment of a resident police officer and the setting-up of a Police Drill Hall in the right place for doing it.

Gift Parcels For Young Servicemen

Nearly two-and-a-half thousand Australian sailors, soldiers and airmen now serving overseas in South-East Asia, received well-stocked gift parcels from the Returned Servicemen's League this Christmas.

The parcels were prepared and distributed through the Army Canteen Service, the cost being shared by State branches of the R.A.I.,

The main force serving overseas is located in Malaya, but there are also small detachments in Labuan, Mamote, Hong Kong, Bangkok and Djakarta.

Among other delicacies included in the parcels received two bottles of Australian beer.

League By-laws: The State Executive has agreed to the purchase of a copy of the National By-laws of the League for each sub-branch. During discussion of the question the State President, Mr. Milne said it was essential for sub-branch presidents to have access to the by-laws.
Christmas Broadcast
By Mrs. Lonnie

Following is the text of a Christmas message broadcast in the League’s session over Station 6KY by Mrs. W. S. Lonnie—wife of the State President.

“I am very glad to have this opportunity of speaking to you for a few minutes so that I can express to you all sincere greetings during this festive season.

“Bill and I have been privileged during the year to have enjoyed your kind hospitality on a number of occasions. When years have been, in so many places of the world, have been deeply stirred by the warmth of your welcome to us, we are most grateful.

“We have received Christmas greetings from so many that it has not been possible to reciprocate, individually.

“At this particular time of the year it is brought home to us just how much friendship means in our lives. During the year the emphasis seems to be on material things, but at this time of friendship and understanding, we can acquire a new and more meaningful meaning.

“Do not hope that those of you who are listening in the evening will accept our appreciation of your good wishes and kindly thoughts, but we will do our best to realize your New Year wishes.

“To many families in Western Australia the R.S.L. has almost become a part of our daily lives. I have heard of cases of families who have elected to become a member of the R.S.L. and its place in the community.

“Recently I was honored to be a guest at the Christmas dinner of the War-Blinded Soldiers’ Association, and I realized then something of the meaning of courage in adversity. Not only of the men who had suffered, but of their sacrifices and the love of their women folk.

“Many of us have been more fortunate; our men were returned to us in good health and family life was resumed. Our good fortune is perhaps an addition to the worth of the services of the R.S.L. being better understood by us all.

“We can help this work by supporting our branches and auxiliaries. The service to be given to others is probably the main driving force which has sustained the R.S.L. over many years. As a woman I am conscious of all that has been and is still being done to help the bereaved, orphans, and unemployed men.

“So I hope that 1969 will be a year of further effort and progress. We will probably have to again give our members ‘leave passes’ to attend R.S.L. functions. In a way, the membership is the very foundation of our branch. The public interest in the proceedings was very evident.

“Many sub-branches stalwarts have offered to work on the hall over the holiday season and the committees are ready to report that they did more than they threatened to do.

“New Year of peace, prosperity and happiness. Good luck and goodnight.”

Secretary’s Membership Meeting

A meeting of the sub-branch was held in the Anzac House supper room on February 18 at 8 p.m. to discuss membership matters. Secretaries are urged to make every effort to be present.

At Subiaco

In spite of its worries Subiaco came to light with a most enjoyable Christmas party on December 20. There was an up-and-large supplies of ice-cream, sweets and dishes were presented in traditional style. The annual ‘smoke’ on December 21 was very good affair, although not well attended. Owing to the hall being booked out on suitable November evenings this event clashed with the Hawthorn sub-branch and the Subiaco Football Club annual ‘smokes’, which may have had a bearing on the matter.

The women’s auxiliary assisted tremendously by doing the catering.

With Joe Burgess determined to make the event as bright as possible and Joe Newman equally determined that no harm was done to the sub-branch finances.

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Guests from All Quarters At Toodyay’s Roman Banquet

The secretary of the Toodyay sub-branch (Mr. Ken Airley) reports on the 1968 reunion of ex-servicemen at the Memorial Hall, Toodyay, on November 21.

The date unfortunately clashed with another affair in Toodyay and the reunion was held on Saturday, November 22. Nevertheless there were contingents from Gingin, Trainup, Wandoan, Upper Swan, and a small select party from Angrase, all of which were represented to the Roman Banquet organized by Mrs. A. Young, who was W.O. Signaller of the Army Catering Service in the days not to be forgotten.

Jimmy Craig put aside business worries and political ambitions to come along for an afternoon out. H. H. Goldspink of the Upper Swan sub-branch; local lads came from all points of the compass, and Matt Sarich came to extend the band of friendship from the Union of Ex-servicemen, Northam.

Captain Eric Patern’s buttons shone with pride to represent the well-loved Light Horse, as the Air Force arrived on target (almost) on time. Every member of therama whom claimed to represent all services by about a dozen.

John Limman and Bob King represented Calingiri—where Bill Lonnie opened the new R.S.L. home recently.

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ary 28.

De Gruchy lost his amate-
ur status when he be-
came a W.A.P.U. umpire last football season.

Runners for the South-
West Championship will be
selected by the W.A. Ath-
letic League and will all
run in heat.

Among De Gruchy's op-
ponents will be last year's
victors, D. Judd, P. Meadows-
croft, Stawell, and Albany.

In addition to four main 
footracing events the League of W.A. Trotters will conduct three major bicycle races.

While the exception of the South-West Championship all races on the programme will run in heats.

Prize money totals £120 and trophies will be pre-

"The) orted for all events.

March, time, brass bands and novelty events will be included in the programme, which starts at 11 a.m.

A dance has been organ-
ized for the evening and con-
cernation can be ar-
ganged for visitors wishing to stay overnight.

The sports are being or-
ganized by the Murray R.S.L. Sub-branch.

More Progress At
Mt. Pleasant

Attendance of 20, 22 and
24 respectively at the last
tree meetings of the Mt.
Wardem Sub-branch sug-

ggest a continuation of the progress report-
ed for the month of Jan-
uary in the Mt. Pleasant issue of this journal.

The Membership Commit-
tee offers its congratulations and hopes that the in-
crease will be maintained.

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R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary Notes

Northern Districts Rally

Members of the State Executive and representatives of other divisions attended a northern districts rally of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary in the Hall, Carnamah, recently.

The State President (Mrs. Stockimin) was represented by the State Secretary (Mrs. Ames). A member of the executive committee, Mrs. Mortimer, sen., was also an attendant.

Approximately thirty members were present when the rally was opened by the President of the Carnamah auxiliary (Mrs. P. Hislop), who introduced Mrs. Ames and also the President of the Carnamah sub-branch of the R.S.L. (Mr. Sollie). The last meeting of the Auxiliary, it was pointed out, was held several months ago, and a new executive was elected at the last meeting of the Auxiliary, members best wishes for a successful rally and for future ventures.

Mrs. Ames enlightened delegations on various matters and explained in particular the project for a War Veterans' Home. She said that each piece of furniture would cost approximately $100 and it was suggested that each member should take some responsibility for one room.

The State Secretary mentioned that last year about eight hundred Christmas buns were delivered to inmates of hospitals and homes, and that fifteen buns were delivered from the Christmas cheer fund.

Mrs. Mortimer stressed the need for auxiliary's to maintain the donations to funds for hospital visiting, Christmas and auxiliary. As well as supporting the War Veterans' Home fund.

Reports were submitted by auxiliary sub-branch presidents of Mrs. A. Smith (Geraldton), Mrs. Randle (Coo- roo) and Mrs. Mortimer (Yarloop) in addition to the Hislop on behalf of Carnamah.

Following the luncheon break, Mrs. Randle gave an interesting account of her visit to the Department of Schools in Victoria. Prior to the serving of afternoon tea representatives of the visiting sub-branches expressed appreciation of an enjoyable and interesting day.

At Mingone

An auxiliary of the Yandarmooka-Migene sub-branch was formed at Mingone recently.

From auxiliaries over the inaugural meeting were the State Secretary (Mrs. J. F. Heelsham), President, Miss M. Campbell, vice-presidents, Mesdames P. Taplin (senior) and J. Heelsham, treasurer, Mrs. D. Fletter; trustees, Mesdames P. Coyle, A. Croft and M. J. Heelan.

It was agreed to hold regular meetings on the same night as the Yandarmooka-Mingenew sub-branch of the R.S.L., and it was also agreed that women other than the wives and relatives of ex-service personnel, would be eligible for membership.

Donations

Donations totalling over $600 have been received over the last two months for location to Christmas Cheer, Hospital Visiting, Legacy and the War Veterans' Home fund.

Details are as follows:

- Beverley, £14.
- Armadale, £2/2/ .
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- Wongan Hills, £1/4/4.
- Hawthorn, £23.
- Brunswick, £30.
- Coolgardle, £5.
- Narembeen, £30.
- Carnamah, £17/17/6.
- Katanning, £20.
- Dowerin, £15.
- Quairading, £14.
- Narrogin, £45.
- Norseman, £29/6/6.
- Shenton Park, £3/3/.
- Bellevue, £10/10/.
- Carlisle, £25.
- Brunswick, £25.

Shield Games

The position of teams in the McKinnel Shield games competition at the end of the fourth round as follows, the playing points being shown first and competition points second in each instance:

- Seacourten, 4; 6; Cot-eeloe, 26 and 6; Kenwick, 25 and 6; Subiaco, 20 and 4.
- Broadwater, 1 and 2; Maddington, 3; W. Leederville, 19 and 4.
- City of Perth, 18 and 4; Gos- nells, 18 and 4; Mosman Park, 18 and 2; Victoria Park, 16 and 2; Darling Range, 12 and 2.

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R.A.A.F. Parachutist Has 400-jump Tally

When he stepped out of his harness recently after his 400th parachute jump R.A.A.F. Warrant Officer Doug Hollands had dropped an estimated 65 miles.

As chief parachute instructor at the R.A.A.F.'s Parachute Training School in Williamstown (near New- castle) "Dutchy" Hollands has trained between 700 feet and 1,000 feet with each stall. He's the big English-born 'chutist, with the kitchen-er-moustache and the like-able handshake, has become a byword among the hundreds of Army paratroopers he has helped to train.

The gravel voice has sounded across the sky to young men having difficulties with shroud lines and at the same time appr- ehensive about the rate at which the earth is coming up to meet them.

Four years after four years "Dutchy has helped to instil confidence into trainees, and the Air Force believes that this tally of drops is a clear record for the South- lands.

When Warrant Officer Hollands jumped from a Martin transport at about 700 feet for his 400th descent he floated down in a New Zealand lass now serving with the Women's Royal Australian Air Force.

She is Leading Aircraft- woman R. D. (Ricki) Wilson, of Glen Eden, Auckland, N.Z., who has packed 1,496 parachutes for "live" drops, in addition to many hundreds of supply-drop parachutes. Ricki originally joined the Women's Royal Air Force (W.R.A.A.F.) and enlisted again as a Safety Equipment Worker in January 1946, to assist over 5,000 W.A.A.F.'s on 184 drops.

At the R.A.A.F. Paratroop Training Wing the Army's Airborne Platoon members receive training in parachuting and do their first drops. It is commanded by Squadron Leader N. C. N. Balmain, N.S.W., who has himself made over 150 jumps. Since R.A.A.F. formed the wing in 1949 over 15,000 live parachute descents have been made without any mishap brought about by faulty parachute equipment.

The unit has 14 "safety equipment workers" (parachute and safety equipment packers), of whom 7 are girls—members of the W.R.A.A.F.

The Wing, Safety Equipment Workers pack between 180 and 200 "man" parachutes each week. It is not uncommon for some of them to jump with the Army Air Force, just to show their confidence in their own handiwork. In the past two years the W.A.A.F. Corporal Alan McDonald, of Otahuhu Harbour, N.S.W., and Sergeant, Jack Stewart, of Eastwood, Queensland—are in the expert class.

Corporal McDonald not only has packed 2,640 parachutes for "live" drops; he has used them himself 117 occasions! He has made 90 static-line and 27 free drops to qualify for the Interna- tional Parachuting Certificate. His ambition is to join an Australian team of parachutists to compete in the world championships.

The parachutists show their confidence in the un- derwater training wing by "going for a swim" after training—"Fall With Us, We'll Hold You Up."

New War Veterans' Home Will House 80

The new War Veterans' Home will comprise two blocks housing 30 men each, another block for 20 women, and a separate administrative block, all of one storey.

The new war veterans' home will be under the care of Mr. J. Rolfe, a League official, who said Mr. W. J. Rolfe, a League official, who said this when addressing the recent Wundowie group on the future nature of the home-to-be.

The home would be similar to that at Wundowie, where each resident would have his own room, Mr. Rolfe said.

Taking into account the Commonwealth Government subsidy of £2 per £1, the League had sufficient funds to construct the home, but sub-branches had to be assisted in the furnishing and sponsoring of the home.

No decision had yet been made regarding a site, as there are several possibilities, including one within four miles of the city and within the water front. Some were being investigated.

As soon as a site was obtained plans would be drawn up and building commenced without delay.

Spirit Of E. Kent Yeomandy

George F. Edwards, of Esperance, wrote apprecia- tively of the spirit of comradeship shown by the Royal East Kent Yeomandy Old Comrades Association. His letter, sent to various newspapers and news- letters he has on the regiment ceased to exist its spirit is still very much alive today.

At the annual reunion at Canterbury (Eng.) last Oc- tober there was a company of 150 of the best in years.

Again, on November 6th, members met in the Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey, for the placing of a wreath on the area allotted to the regiment.

On November 9th (Remembrance Sunday), a wreath was placed on the regimental war memorial (in the Hyde Park Corner, London).

Mr. Edwards admits the efforts of the association through its secretary, Mr. F. E. Cockett—to extend his thanks to all past and present members of the regiment wherever they happen to be.

Bugle Suggestion

A correspondent suggests that every sub-branch should consider the purchase of a bugle or cornet and make arrangements for a young member to be trained in its use.

In some instances, it is possible for a sub-branch to be formed by a group of enthusiastic members to be taught and be able to play the bugle at certain occasions.

Veterans Endorse Gallipoli Stamp Proposal

A proposal by the N.Z. Returned Servicemen's Asso- ciation to ask the Gov- ernment to hold a national commemorative day to mark the landing on Gallipoli is fully endorsed by the execu- tive of the Gallipoli Ve- terans Association, Wellington, which has decided to observe a national commemorative day on March 25, 1936.

"Shot At": In my opinion the Wundowie show was the best group meeting we have had—because we were shot at from all directions," Mr. T. G. Townshend commented at the subsequent State Executive meeting.
Popular Couple Farewelled At Gascoyne

The Gascoyne sub-branch and Auxiliary farewell two of the members—Mr. and Mrs. George Madigan, who are leaving the district to reside at Onslow.

Mr. Madigan was farewell eulogised following a good attendance at the November R.S.L. meeting, and Mrs. Madigan was honoured by his fellow members at an auxiliary send-off party at the Carnarvon Hotel following the service. Both guests of honour have been connected with the sub-branch for several years and have taken an active part in League affairs. Mr. Madigan being a past president.

Mrs. Madigan was presented with a memento of her association with the auxiliary, and good wishes were extended to both members of the sub-branch accompanying the couple to Onslow.

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WORK, PLAY AND IDEAS AT Mt. Hawthorn

The main item of news from the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch for November is the very successful Poppy Day, thanks to the help of the women of the auxiliary, who did a really good job.

The fortnightly meetings have had the usual average attendance, but far too many members are seen too rarely and an appeal is made to them to come along.

Bill Rowlis, one of the staunchest workers of the sub-branch, is having a holiday in the Eastern States and will not be able to visit many of the sub-branches there as usual.

It is not known if Arthur Rowell and Charlie Dockering have returned from their safari.

Most of the money was taken up with sporting activities, the sub-branch championships, except for the shoot, have been completed. In the A.R.M.S. games Mt. Hawthorn lost the second semi-final to Gloucester Park, but retrieved form by winning the final against Nedlands last year, losing only the grand (against Gloucester Park, the woman's champion) to be played.

At cricket Mt. Hawthorn met and defeated South Perth in the first game of the season (Nov. 16), a team from the Carey Park Cricket Club travel set up from Bunbury on the same lineup of Mr. J. B. G. G. and Carey Park 51. The ladies provided an excellent lunch and dinner, and the sub-branch hopes to make this fixture an annual one.

Carnival At Moora

The weather was kind to the crowd of people who turned out for the Moora Carnival on November 15. The show was officially opened by the R.S.L. State President, who was accompanied by Mr. Bob Duncan, a Country Vice-President.

Mr. Arthur Crane, chairman of the Moora Road Board, welcomed the visit.

The tug-of-war proved to be an exciting event and the R.S.L. team defeated the fire brigade after a long struggle. A large group of Police Boys then challenged the R.S.L. and pulled them off their feet. Their easy win was probably caused by numbers rather than strength.

At the end of the day's events, Mr. Edgar Lewis, M.L.A. (the local Member) presented trophies to the winners. Mr. Lewis referred to the swimming pool, pointing out that the State Government would give £12,000 to help in the construction of the pool where Moora had raised the other necessary funds.

$500 Gift: The North Perth sub-branch recently received a cheque for $500 from its women's auxiliary for its building fund. This was reported to the State Executive recently.
Christmas Cheer For Chelsea

On December 16 at the Royal Chelsea Hospital, London, 250 of Britain's old soldiers were remembered by their former comrades-in-arms, the Returned Servicemen's League of Australia, when they were presented with a huge Christmas cake, the gift this year of the South Australian branch.

The presentation was made by the Agent-General for South Australia, Mr. Howard Greenham, to the Governor of the hospital, General Sir Cameron Nicholson.

The hospital's oldest pensioner, Sgt. J. J. Jones (93), formerly of 19th Hussars and veteran of the Egyptian campaign of 1882, was called upon to cut the cake.

The cake, which weighed over 160lbs., was made with Australian dried fruits, and baked in the shape of a map of Australia.

The pensioners who paraded in the Great Hall to watch the ceremony drank their Australian comrades health in beer, provided by the Returned Servicemen's League of Australia, the band of H.M. Scots Guards was in attendance, rendering a programme of popular music terminating with "Waltzing Matilda," which the pensioners and guests joined in singing. The ceremony was televised by the B.B.C. and included in the evening programme.

Mr. E. Hoar, Agent-General for Western Australia, attended the ceremony.

At right General Nicholos, who received the cake from Mr. Greenham.

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Secretary's Work

The Busselton sub-branch has recorded its appreciation of the work of its secretary, Mr. Tom Davis.

The sub-branch gesture was made on the eve of Mr. Davis's departure on a trip to Singapore in recognition of the work he has done over the last few years to further its progress.

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