State-Wide Beauty Contest Will Aid Veterans’ Home

A State-wide competition to select Western Australia’s most beautiful blonde is to be conducted by the League in conjunction with Torchbearers for Legacy shortly.

Net proceeds are to be shared equally by the two organisations, and the League’s share will go to swell its new War Veterans’ Home Fund.

The competition is being sponsored by the firm of Decore—hair-style treatment specialists—which with Boans Ltd. and Freemans Ltd. will assist materially in its conduct.

It is to commence this month and terminate in September.

Newspaper and radio publicity is being organised.

There are to be 50 contestants. They need not be natural blondes, but to qualify for entry they must raise £50 each.

The main prizes are being donated by the sponsoring firm and other commercial organisations.

Outside organisations may nominate entrants but will not participate in the proceeds.

In negotiations with Torchbearers and the assisting organisations the League was represented by the State President (Mr. Lonnie) and Mr. J. A. Rolfe (a State Vice-President).

Reporting to his executive recently on the negotiations Mr. Lonnie said it had been agreed that the proceeds should be shared with Torchbearers, that branches of Legacy would co-operate with sub-branches of the League and that the sum of £300 would be set aside for special prizes.

Top Men For The Perenjori Group Meeting

Messrs. Lonnie, Rolfe and Duncan—State President, Vice-President and Regional Vice-President respectively—attended the group conference of sub-branches at Perenjori on Saturday, day 2.

The conference was followed by a dinner.

New W.S. Homes Head A West Australian

The news that Mr. K. D. A. (Keith) Medbury is to succeed Mr. S. Lucas as Director of War Service Homes will be of interest to West Australians.

Mr. Medbury, who is 39 years of age, was born in Perth and was educated at the Perth Boys’ School. Joining the Commonwealth Public Service here in 1955 he commenced as a telegraph messenger and was later employed in the Public Service Inspector’s Office and the Taxation Department.

At 15, he enlisted in the A.I.F. and saw six years of service mostly in the Middle East theatre of operations. He was discharged in February, 1946, with the rank of Lieutenant.

Following his war service Mr. Medbury studied Law at the University of W.A. and proved his brilliance as a student by graduating with first-class honours. He is also an associate of the Australian Society of Accountants.

In February, 1952, he left Perth to take up duty on the staff of the Commissioner of Taxation—Canberra, as an advisor on income tax matters, and in October, 1955 was made assistant-director of central administration of the War Service Homes Division, Canberra.

He has now been appointed Director of War Service Homes, one of the very senior appointments in the Commonwealth Public Service—a sign achievement on the part of a brilliant young man—and it is more pleasant reading to know he is one of our own.

Diggers will wish him well in his important task.

Another Job For Secretaries

At the request of the Membership Committee sub-branch secretaries are being requested to ascertain if any of their financial members are not receiving “The Listening Post” regularly, and to notify Anzac Homes accordingly.

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H.M.S. Albion, And Her Punch

• It is with great pleasure that we print the following article which was kindly compiled by Lieut.-Commander John Pope of H.M.S. Albion, who incidentally, in company with Lieut.-Peter Brittain, acted as host to several members of the State Executive and their wives on board the ship on the eve of her departure from Fremantle at the conclusion of the visit of the combined Fleet in mid-March.

In offering this article Lieut.-Commander Pope said he hoped his efforts would be construed as a very small token of appreciation of the generous hospitality arranged by the League.

H.M.S. Albion recommissioned on 20th May, 1958, at Portsmouth under the command of Captain A. B. Cole, D.S.C., R.N., and her squadron embarked during July 1958. Her work in Scottish waters was interrupted in mid-July, and she was detoyed to the Mediterranean due to the Iraq revolution. Returning home in mid-September, she sailed for Far East waters in mid-October.

Albion was adopted by the Confederation of the Cinque Ports at a meeting of the Council held at Herne Bay and Guestling held at Dover on 24th September, 1953. Her motto, "Fideliter" may be translated as "In faith, strength and loyalty". Her battle honours include: Grandna, 1779; Martinique, 1780; and Algiers, 1816; Navalco, 1827; Sevastopol, 1854; Gallipoli, 1915; Malaya (finally plus—Fremantle, 1959—).

This, the sixth Albion, is an aircraft carrier of the Centaur class designed by Messrs. Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson of Wallsend-on-Tyne. Her overall length is 575'ft., width 122'9" feet and displacement about 40,000 tons. She was laid down in 1934 and launched in 1935 by Lady Mary, wife of the late Sir Walter Rendel, Bt., M.P., then Minister of Defence. From then until 1949, she was berthed at Jarrow with only a care and maintenance party on board. Work was then resumed and after sea trials the ship was accepted into service on 27th May, 1954.

The Fighters

Albion's offensive punch is carried by her fighter aircraft. There are two squadrons, the "Merlins", of 804 Squadron, used in either day-fighter or strafing role, and the "Sea Venoms", of 809 Squadron, which are either all-weather fighter or anti-shipping aircraft. Both Merlins are armed with 20mm. cannon and can carry rockets; in the "Sea Venoms" they can carry bombs. To take off from the ship they are boosted using a second -stage hydro pneumatic catapult.

Whirlwind helicopters of 820 Squadron are embarked for both anti-submarine duties and search and rescue operations. These are fitted with some equipment and weapons, and can carry A/S weapons and can also be used for communication flights or transferring personnel or mail.

Albion normally operates in the centre of a Task Force and is consequently not heavily armed with guns. Albion has however eighteen 40m. Bofors, which can be radar-controlled for close-range defence against aircraft and motor torpedo boats.

Small detachment of Royal Marines, which can be taken off the ship, formed from the rest of the ship's company, is carried in case. Albion should be called upon to protect British interests ashore.

Albion has up-to-date plotting and air-control facilities to interpret information produced by her radar, from other ships and to direct her aircraft to their targets. The warning radar has a range of 200miles.

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This, the sixth Alblon, is Angled Deck her in 30 tenae and 3000 tons, which would re-smothed and give her the high speed essential for operating in these conditions, and four diesel generators producing 30 million watts (for a town of 300,000 inhabitants) supply electricity for the three galley, 8000 passenger, and ventilation, heating and lights.

Other machinery provides power for the catapults, fire mains and air-conditioning, compressed air makes oxygen and supplies many other services including the conversion of 40 tons of sea water into fresh water daily.

The four small rooms and cold rooms hold six months supply of tinned and frozen food, and other foods, with the replenishment ships. Replenishment is done by her in Fremantle, Albion can operate in any corner of the oceans, independent of shore bases.

P.S. We consume 300 pints of rum per day!!

Target Reached At Yearlool

Formed, shortly after World War 1, the Yearlool sub-branch has always had its premises in its own home for meetings and social events.

Miss Maylands of Mounts Bay Road, who was married to a naval officer, now resides in the centre of Mounts Bay.

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BARUNGA SURVIVORS BE IN THIS!

Mr. Norm Stehn, of 12 Hobbs Ave., Como (Phone 2-2994) is the President of the torpedoed Barunga (D16) to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the event.

He proposes to have a reunion on July 25. He has already received five names.
Anzac Day Address By The State President

(Delivered by Mr. W. S. Lennie at the Perth Esplanade service)

Your Excellency, the Hon. Lady Gairdner, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

We are met together on this solemn day to pay homage to those whose courage and strength, which brought us to the Anzac tradition and to salute the memory of all those who laid down their lives for freedom and international justice.

Today the message of Anzac still rings true to the hearts and minds of millions of people—Australia's youth, the towns and cities, across the seas to New Zealand, to Canada, to America, and to the heart of the Commonwealth in London, from London to Palestine, Syria, to the Pacific Islands, Korea and Malaya.

It is an extraordinary feature of Anzac Day that in almost every country there is no ordinary day in our lives: 44 years ago Australia's name was written in blood on the beaches and scrub-covered hills of Gallipoli.

For the armies of Australia and New Zealand had joined the United Kingdom and France to make common cause against a brave and skilful enemy.

Unconquerable

How well they succeeded is history. The task was destined to be a forlorn hope, but from their herculean efforts, from their magnificent tradition of Anzac which was to sustain us for the last five days of war and become an inseparable part of the national character.

Today we remember those who gave their lives for a cause they regarded as greater than life itself.

They died in battle, on the sea, on land and in the air. They lie in hallowed ground in almost every corner of the world, from whence the silken threads of memory stretch out to incorporate the Anzac spirit in the proud song of this, our Anzac Day.

This is one on this great occasion. The things which normally vie for our attention in the presence of higher and more lasting issues. The Anzac Day of now is still marked by the vision of thousands upon thousands of us gathered under the flag offered on the altar of freedom, truth and honour.

For those were the motives which inspired the men of Anzac and their successors from another World War—war and in Korea and Malaya—the qualities which gave rise to our Mother Country, which have joined us in the partnership of a great Commonwealth, which are shared by those from the war-torn lands of Europe whose future in our country.

It is, however, a saddening aspect of the age which is unwise without the sacrifices of the past, there is as yet no guarantee that we will continue to live in peace and security.

A British Commonwealth of Nations, of which Australia is a young and vigorous member, has endured much in the pursuit of peace and international goodwill.

The tolerances of the old lion, Great Britain, has sometimes been misused, taken leadership and motives have been questioned by the ill-informed; our relations have been cruelly distorted.

Guiding Motive

As Australians, however, we can be certain that the guiding motive of that great organisation has been, and will continue, to make the peaceful progress of all freedom-loving nations with fair dealing and justice.

It is fitting that Australian sentiments are heard in the council of nations. That right has been signified by some notable speeches in office in battle. If blood and sweat and tears be the price of peace, then that price is paid.

There has never been a time in international history when there was a more urgent need for free nations to express their beliefs.

The consciousness of humanity must surely be revolting at the remorseless crushing of small nations which have witnessed during recent years. It is the link in the famous chain of conquest by brutal aggression. Yet such is the need for social and political alignments and "neutralities" that the protests of an idealistic people remain unheard.

Surely there is no parallel in history to the hounding of the spirit of freedom of the ancient nation from his homeland, while the world beholds him, and the world is silent.

In the minds of many, the spirit of freedom, and indeed, of the community, there is a growing doubt as to the influence of the United Nations Organisation on the peace of the world. Its intention cannot be gainsaid:

the motives are lofty and in harmony, but the plight of shattered countries and broken peoples requires international achievements in the forms of words and tedious resolutions.

No organisation or nation can exist for all time. Every nation has its own pace in the world if moral standards are sacrificed to political expediency.

At present our faith is being challenged, but grasping the larger hope it may be that justice will yet prevail.

There is no less a warning from far away. It is that the powers which oppose our way of life have respect only for nations which are strong and undivided. The threat of war is always a brush aside with arrogant contempt.

Crossroads?

The warning should not go unheeded. Australia may have encountered the crossroads of history. We too are a small nation, notwithstanding the vastness of the land we hold. The ten million people, of which we are justly proud, are not, in the sense of the age, great. It is a dangerous time. But it is not a time for defeatist or isolationist gloom. There is nothing we can do about it that will not be done by our friends and dependents.

It is a time when we must face the situation of the world as it is, and make it a time for all Australians to work together for the ultimate security of free nations and the establishment of peace in the world.

In the light of world events, and the urgent need to safeguard our future, if we are to remain a great nation, it behoves us to ensure that Australia's development should be hastened by all possible means in the fields of science and agriculture, and in the building up of our industrial framework to enable us in the lifetime of our children to maintain competitive industries.

Australia's resources摆在 our disposal. It would be well to determine that its young men should undergo training in some form of military or civil training, that they be ready to take their places where they may be needed.

Given the opportunity to do so, most Australians sincerely accept a national responsibility to serve their country.

The living in this freedom must be accompanied by the highest standard of education and training to be trained in its defence.

A.R.M.S. Games

First-round games were as follows, the resulting points scores being shown in parentheses:

Nollamara (8) v Floreat City Beach (2).

West Leederville (8) v Cotterell (2).

Clarence Park (10) v Swanbourne (nil).

AT MAYLANDS: The Anzac service at Maylands was held in the new memorial hall. Joining in the parade were the Salvation Army, Australian Red Cross, Guides, Red Cross and servicemen's Legion.

The address was given by sub-branch secretary T. C. Coulthas.

DEMAND FOR MEDALS

In the last two months there have been 12,245 applications from ex-service men for campaign stars and medals, the Minister for the Army (Mr. Camer) said recently.

Each application represented three awards on the average, bringing the total of individual awards up over 36,000.

As in previous years Anzac Day was mainly responsible for this increased interest, but Army authorities were hoping for a continued flow of applications.

Any service man or woman wishing to apply for uncatalogued campaign stars and medals should contact Army Medals Section, Albert Park Barracks, Melbourne.
"KIWIS" Enjoyed The West

The four members of the New Zealand R.S.A. Anzac delegation to Australia who attended the Perth ceremonies—Messrs. H. M. Carr (leader), J. R. Tester, B. McKay and W. C. Bignell—were shown something of the western hinterland during the few days at their disposal here and expressed pleasure at all they had seen.

They were organised into two touring parties, and one of the tours is described here by Mr. H. J. Sykes, of Kondinin.

Members of the Australian delegation (Mr. Wally Bignell, of South Canterbury, and Mr. John Tester of Otago) on a tour of the South-West commencing at Pinjarra and embracing Bunbury, Denmark, Bridgetown, Manjimup, Pemberton, Nannup and Busselton.

What Roads!

The travelling over these areas was most inspiring and the visitors were amazed at the beautiful roads—they had not experienced such excellent road services anywhere before.

The party was met at Pinjarra by T. J. Walmsley, president and secretary, who entertained the visitors to dinner and arranged a launch trip for the afternoon.

They were invited by the women's auxiliary to join in a send-off to their secretary in the evening.

We visited and inspected Fairbridge farm, and later saw over Brown's Cheese Factory at Brunswick Junction.

A visit was made to the Harvey Weir on the way to Bunbury. Members of the Bunbury sub-branch arranged dinner for the party and a reception was held by the chairman of the Road Board.

Next day, the party moved on to Donnybrook and inspected the apple packing yards. From there, they journeyed to Bridgetown and were guests of the R.S.L. president and secretary at dinner and next day visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Owen at Walnut Grove.

At Manjimup we dined with the local president and secretary, and later visited the famous Fonti's Pool. There was a reception at night by the chairman of the Manjimup Road Board.

That Happy Holiday

Kensington's secretary (Mr. J. C. Nash) tells a funny episode or two concerning some South Perths identities on holiday recently. His story runs like this:

Nosing round the Quinns Rock area Jim Bignell happened on Harold Hell's holiday hut, where Harold was in temporary residence with Mick Hall. Jim received a warm welcome and was quickly promoted to Forward Hand for the next offshore fishing venture. His main role, as understood, was to spring boldly into a couple of boats. This he did with quite a bit of success, shore and smartly hook the anchor into the beach.

The stars were beginning to twinkle gaily when they got back towards the shore and the moorings and Mick yelled, "Jump!" Jim—ever mindful of his duty—sprang clear with the anchor ready for action and promptly disappeared in 21 fathoms of water.

His mates were still expressing their very deep regret about the new front forecast incident a couple of evenings later—at a round-table dinner in the hotel over a neggin—when a neighbour came to borrow the Rock and pressure lamp for night-fishing.

Harold was glad to hand this over, as there was another pressure lamp somewhere—which he finally found.

After removing the cobwebs and working the lamp for some time—others striking matches meanwhile to illuminate the problem as much as possible—he suddenly yelled, "Look out; it's going to blow up!"

In the general dive for the door Mick lost his way in the darkness and came to rest with his head sticking through the asbestos wall of the shack. Mick says that Jim pushed him. Jim says no; well, if he did it was purely accidental, and out of eagerness for Mick to go on making the hole big enough for both of them to get through.

Sequel: Beyond these analytical remarks there wasn't any explosion at all.

The Manjimup school children were addressed by them up to the school. At Pemberton we visited the famous look-out tree and the dairymen and called at the local club. At Busselton, our last call, we were entertained by the local R.S.L. sub-branch, to dinner and a "do" at night, before returning to Perth next day.

Presentation

At a State Executive reception to the New Zealanders on the eve of their departure the State president (Mr. Lomlin) called on Mr. Sykes to present each member of the delegation with a hand-worked silk cushion cover.

Boaring a West Australian wildflower motif the cushion covers were the work of Mr. Jack Donovan, a member of the Anzac Club staff.

The New Zealanders expressed their delight at the generous and thoughtful gesture of the Cordelia of the League's hospitality to them during their stay in Western Australia.

Preference Issue Being Watched

At the May meeting of the National Executive the referendum (Sir George Rolleston) would discuss the High Court decision on Preference. Mr. Lomlin told the State Executive recently:

"Sir George, he said, had already asked for the Government's assurance that the policy of preference under the Public Service and other Acts would not be impaired by the court's decision.

R.S.L. Ball This Year

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It is planned to hold the ball on a Tuesday night. The Executive will make the Anzac House ballroom available for it and seek aegessional home.

The secretary of the ball committee is the sub-branch secretary (Mr. G. H. Miller).

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NEW ZEALANDERS AT ANZAC HOUSE: The last of the official engagements in which the New Zealand R.S.A. Anzac delegates in Perth participated was a reception in their honour at Anzac House.

Here Mr. H. J. Sykes (second from left) is seen looking after three of the New Zealanders—Messrs. J. R. Tester (left), B. McKay and H. E. Carr (right). Mr. Carr was leader of the Perth delegation.

Anzac Day Address (Contd.)

Our participation and contribution to treaties, pacts, and alliances such as the S.E.A.T.O. ANZUS and ANZAM organisations must be maintained at the highest peak.

In this collective strength of the member nations rests a certain shield to our country and a massive deterrent against aggression.

These things are not a call to war. On the contrary, they are the surest guarantee of peace. An Australia strong, resolute and united, can and will be a proud servant in that noble cause.

For on this day, above all others, the thought of a world at peace is in our hearts. Here on this impressive parade are many who have served and many who have suffered. Here is the spirit of those who lie in far-away places, and here, in absent measure, are the qualities of comradeship, service, loyalty and love of country.

But the torch of Anzac is slowly passing to the hands of a younger Australia—youth, with all its vigour and boundless hopes for the future—to the young men of the Services whom we are proud to welcome on this occasion.

The torch will burn brightly. If, in their minds, a vision remains of those men who, in giving their lives, gave greatness to the land they did not live to see. This is their everlasting memorial to which, on this day, we redevote ourselves in service.

For Anzac Day must retain its honoured place in our national life. It brings to all something of the very essence of Australia; an intangible quality which links the storied past with an example for the present and inspiration for our future.

In humble gratitude for the heritage which is ours and with a deep and abiding faith in the destiny of our country, we pray that the nations of the world will yet find the tolerance through which men will lay down the sword of war.

Difficulties will darken the way, but the light of a common humanity may yet burn through a multitude of passions and misunderstanding to the broad uplands of a kindler future for all mankind. These are the thoughts which spring from our hearts on this day and this memorable occasion.

Band Instruments, Music, Sought

The City of Perth sub-branch has received permission from the State Executive to circularise League sub-branches in an appeal for band instruments and music.

It is forming a sub-branch band and believes that there are several metropolitan and country sub-branches possessing instruments and music which they are not using.

The sub-branch has committed itself to the executive that it will be glad to receive any instrument regardless of its pitch.

The last band it formed—the nineteen-twenties—was taken over by the League as the R.S.L. Band.

Wheatbelt Reunion

Eleven members of the Wheatbelt branch were among the guests at the Vichepin reunion dinner, a highlight of which was the presentation, by the State President, of a life-membership certificate to Mr. Watts.

It was rather disappointing to see so few there to enjoy the marvellous spread that the ladies had placed on the tables. As Mr. Lambe remarked in his address, it is these annual dinners which bring the sub-branches together and help to strengthen the League. Its aims and its powers.

He pointed out that over the last 43 years more than 200 men had assisted the League by taking positions in sub-branches, but it in the membership that counts. So any readers who are eligible to join and have not already done so, please think it over. You may need a little help one day, and much sooner than you think.

Mr. Watts, as the members could see, was really thrilled to receive his certificate and his advice to "stick-together" is well-worth thinking over.

Entertainment was supplied by Mr. Chance and others and the evening ended on a very happy note.

Death Of Former Leader

Father John Fahey, who served as a chaplain to the A.I.F. in World War I and was awarded the D.S.O. died in Perth on April 25 at the age of 76.

Father Fahey was a State President of the League in the early post-war years.
Old Memories Recalled
On Anzac Eve

About 300 Diggers attended the Anzac Eve buffet at Anzac House this year and enjoyed the informality of the occasion which enabled them to move freely from group to group in the renewal of old friendships and the reviving of old and cherished memories of the famed Gallipoli landing and other campaigns.

It was the third of these annual reunions.

Among the honoured guests were His Excellency the Governor (Sir Charles Gairdner), the National President of the League (Sir George Holland) and the four New Zealand Anzac delegates.

Addresses were kept to a minimum and a programme of musical and vaudeville items was well received.

Addressing the gathering, His Excellency said he felt rather a fraud as he had not taken part in the famous landing and was not even an Australian—though he was rapidly becoming one by adoption.

But he was a fellow ex-service man and ex-service men had bonds in common on account of shared experiences and common ideals.

War was a dreadful thing, but by a strange paradox the virtues and disciplines it enforced on nations could have creative consequences.

Self-indulgence, frivolity, selfish aims and confused purposes of peace were succeeded by resolution and dedicated patriotism. By conquering ourselves we conquered our enemies.

In a nut-shell that was the history of the two world wars as far as the British Commonwealth was concerned, said Sir Charles.

In peacetime it seemed fashionable in some quarters to scoff at the simple virtues which old service men held dear—the virtues of courage, loyalty and patriotism.

The job in peacetime was to give example of these virtues. We should endeavour to show the same unity and purpose as in war. By— that means we would make the maximum contribution to what everyone wanted—peace in the world and the future liberties of mankind.

England Wins
The Ashes
At Kenwick

It was apparent by the afternoon tea break that the visiting sailors from the Albacore and Cheviot had the game well in hand, so that Kenwick hosted on that long-to-be-remembered Sunday during the visit of the Combined Fleet—refused to be beat about the bush.

They promptly called on Mr. Val Stevens (Kenwick sports organiser) to present the sailors' captain with the Ashes obtained from the heap at Milla Park these were nicely done up in a glass jar. The captain responded suitably.

To round things off really well a barbecue was held at the home of Mr. Ken Rainier, and the sailors were finally returned to their ships expressing the wish that it would not be long before they had an opportunity of returning to Kenwick.

Certificate For
Dr. Greenham

The State Executive Certificate of Appreciation is to be presented to Dr. Greenham, former State Vice-President of the League, in recognition of his services.

Dr. Greenham was a League trustee from 1951 to 1956 and held vice-president office from 1956 to 1958 on grounds of ill-health.
RETURNED SAILORS’, SOLDIERS’ AND AIRMEN’S IMPERIAL LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA (W.A. BRANCH) INC.

AUDITOR’S REPORT AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

4th May, 1959.

The President & Members,

The Returned Sailors’, Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Imperial League of Australia (Inc.), W.A. Branch, Perth.

Gentlemen,

I have completed the Audit of the Books, Vouchers, Profit and Loss Accounts of your League for the year ended 31st December, 1958, and submit herewith certified Consolidated Balance Sheet as at that date together with Statements relating to the following Funds.

(a) General Fund—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
(b) Listeners Post—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
(c) Rentals Account—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
(d) Anzac Club—Banking, Profit and Loss and Amateurs Accounts.
(e) Faversham House—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
(f) Sundry Funds—Statement of Income and Expenditure.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

After allowing for an overall deficit for one year the League’s Surplus of Assets over Liabilities was reduced from £485.16/1 to £619.8/5/10. Details of the deficits are as follows:

General Section £1024 19 2
Anzac Club £1341 13 9
Faversham £2701 10 3

Less Surplus on Revaluation of Sub-Branches £1751 10 3

£3593 10 0

More From Precambian

Finalisation of the Dunkirk film premiere accounts has brought a further £230 to the War Veterans’ Home Fund. Previously £1700 was paid to the new War Veterans’ Home Fund.

Mr. J. A. Rolfe reported this to the State Executive on April 22.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1958.

CURRENT ASSETS:
- Cash on hand and at bank
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Suggested Modifications For The Blackboy Memorial

The Blackboy Hill Campsite Memorial Committee—representative of Hills sub-branches, unit associations and the R.S.L. State Executive—has suggested modifications to the original design for the memorial.

As described in the February, 1959, and other issues of this journal that design was estimated to involve a cost of £6,500.

Under a new proposal it is believed that the cost could be cut by £5,000—without otherwise affecting the design. The plan, if passed, would be one of the A.I.F. units with stone or brick walls.

Some unit association members have expressed the view that there should be a simpler form of memorial altogether, but supporters of the original design have even the proposed cheaper form it would be sufficiently impressive to attract a regular pilgrimage of sightseers and tourists, and that less urbane to the task.

Regarding the report of the committee Mr. S. R. MacLeod represents the executive on it—said it had become apparent that there was an idea in some quarters that the proposed memorial was one purely for the men of the A.I.F. That was not the committee’s idea; its feeling was that the memorial was to mark the birthplace of the A.I.F. and that such its significance would be just as cogent for men of the second A.I.F. as it would be for men of the first.

The executive decided that before the launching of an appeal it should seek a more detailed statement of the proposed modifications from the committee.

Help them to help us.
**RETURNED SAILORS', SOLDIERS' AND AIRMEN'S IMPERIAL LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA (W.A. BRANCH) INC.**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1958.**

### RENTAL REVENUE ACCOUNT

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## ANZAC Club

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**Courteous, Kind And Honorable**

The news that "The Old Sergeant-Major"—H. F. James—had been killed in a traffic accident came as a shock to members of Sub-Branch. For years he had been one of its stalwarts.

Nothing was too much trouble for him in Sub-Branch matters and he would do almost anything to help servicemen and ex-servicemen.

His own 76 years of life were always somehow connected with military activities. He served as an officer in the South African War, was a member for a time of the Canadian Military and joined the Royal Field Artillery at the outbreak of World War I. Transferred to France he was twice wounded and gassed. Migrating to Australia he was a farmer and his health gradually improved. He was an active member of the Auxiliary Defence Corps during the last war and at the time of his death was a member of the award-looking as a man half his age.

**Keeping A Wreath On Hand**

The Kenwick sub-branch suggests that every sub-branch should keep a wreath on hand at all times for use at funerals. The idea is that whenever a death is notified an urgent order should be placed immediately.

Sub-branches interested in the idea can obtain wreaths from Anzac House at a cost of 12/6.

**Sub-Branch Thanked By Accident Victims**

Mr. and Mrs. F. Armstrong wish to express their thanks for the kindness and attention they received in the Moora District Hospital—following a motor accident—from members of the local sub-branch and auxiliary.
Welfare Work To The Fore

There was a vigorous discussion at a recent State Executive meeting on a matter raised by Mr. H. C. Holder in respect of greater participation in welfare and other matters. A number of members expressed their views on the question. There was a feeling that with the passing of the years there was becoming apparent an even greater need than in the past for putting emphasis on hospital visiting and other welfare activities.

One suggestion — made by Mr. Holder — was for the setting-up of a home in the metropolitan area for convalescent ex-servicemen. Mr. Holder said there was a pressing need for such a home, and the executive referred the matter to its Patriotic Committee for inquiry.

Mr. H. M. Davey made the point that with its traditional policy for assisting ex-servicemen in need of help, whether they were members or no, must put a strain on the League's finances in the years ahead.

R.S.L. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY STATE EXECUTIVE

BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1958-59

The Yealering sub-branch held its Anzac Ball on April 25 this year. Its success had not been left to chance. The music was provided by Donay's orchestra and there were plenty of novelties. As usual the Anzac Day was held in Melbourne in February, under the supervision of the local sergeant-major (Mr. W. Honeyman) and proceeded to the memorial and wreath-laying.

An Anzac Ball Success

Bilston-Palmyra sub-branch is arranging a table-tennis tournament for the evenings of June 8 and 11. The venue being the Ed-

Table Tennis Tournament At Bilston

MAY, 1959

Send-Off At Bridgetown

A send-off was tendered by the Bridgetown sub-branch at its last committee meeting to Mr. Des King, an officer of the Department of Agriculture, who has been transferred to the metropolitan area.

The president (Mr. Stretch), in making a presentation of a travelling case, spoke of the valuable contribution Mr. King had made to the welfare of the sub-branch.

In reply, Mr. King thanked Mr. Stretch and members and said he would retain many happy memories of the sub-branch.

Members have expressed delight at the speedy installation of the new septic system at the hall.

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LEGACY CAMP, BUSSELTON

By E. MacLeod

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place:
I heard this famous poem recited by a girl about 12 years of age at an impromptu concert on the last night of the final Legacy camp for the year recently.

I thought of my children, holidaying with my wife and me there at Busselton, in security of family life and realised what that splendid band of workers—Legacy—was doing for the less fortunate, fatherless children, the sons and daughters of our dead, in providing an annual holiday for them.

Situated about six miles from Busselton, in an ideal spot among the trees and enclosing a beautiful and safe beach, is the perfect holiday camp these camps have set up.

Three large huts form the hub of the camp, set in a circle around a lawn.

One is a dormitory hut divided into five sections of 20 beds. Another contains recreation facilities, an "R.A.F." super-vision's office and volunteer staff quarters. The third houses the kitchen, dining room, store and cooks rooms and staff quarters. All are provided with a toilet and ablution block, the latter equipped with showers and basins supplied with hot and cold water.

There are also power, phone and water installations, and the capital cost of the town and the whole establishment was about £10,000.

Mr. D. Henwood Replaced On Executive

The State Executive on April 8 proposed with regret the resignation—for personal and family reasons—of Mr. D. C. Henwood and recorded its appreciation of his services.

Mr. Henwood served on a number of executive committees and for the past two years was chairman of the Gift Committee. Several members spoke in glowing terms of his work in that capacity.

At the following meeting the executive committee created for Mr. Henwood's resignation was filled by the appointment of Mr. R. Boekeman, of Quairading. For sometime Mr. Boekeman has served as a co-opted member of the Land Committee.

Three or four camps are held each year depending on the numbers of children available, and the camps for girls are held separately from those for boys.

About 100 children at a time go into camp at a cost of £3 each.

As well, during the May and August holidays, war widows with children under camp age are accommodated on an assisted basis. This year the committee has about £170/ for each person.

The money to cover the cost of the camps is raised by Torchbearers for Legacy.

Apart from a permanent caretaker the paid staff is provided for each of the main camps and comprises a cook, an assistant-cook and hygienist and kitchen hands.

Voluntary honorary workers who give their time for each camp are an O.C., two assistants, eight supervisors, a doctor and a qualified nursing-sister.

The supervisors are frequently drawn from teachers' training college, and from time to time civil defence officers attend.

In camp everyone is completely "de-ranked," all degrees and so forth, including the red-baret S.A.S. boys, took a camp.

The nursing-sister often utilises hospital leave to attend camp. The doctors attending are from Perth's leading specialists and the nurses and assistants are from varied walks of life.

In camp everyone is completely "de-ranked," all being on a common basis and so making life all the sweeter for the Legacy campers.

As in all other projects, there is a driving force behind all this—namely The Hon. Mr. Gibson, vice-president of the Busselton R.S.L. sub-branch, who has a special interest in the camps.

He arranges the busy-bees for setting up and pulling down each camp, and for the rest of the year controls the renovations and copes with the worries concerning the coming year.

Theo has a reputation in Busselton and throughout the South-West, and every body knows that when asked to speak at any R.S.L. function he is specially invited to be in charge of the speaking.

He has a special note of his prescribed subject and gets on well to the Legacy camp.

To him and his co-workers owe a debt of gratitude to the community, and particularly to the suburb of Busselton, for the great work that they are doing for that area.

This phase of life is so little known. These men can probably tell the world if the world wants to know.

Theo's party is due to arrive home to-day and he has been given an undertaking to write and let everyone know what is to happen in the future.

In conclusion may I say a special thank you to the men who worked so hard for the camps in the past and wish them all success in the future.

I would like to express the full appreciation of the children of their efforts.

The listening post, May 1959
Night Tennis At Kensington

The Kensington sub-branch secretary (Mr. J. C. Nash) reports that the recently organised mid-week night tennis is rapidly gaining in popularity.

Anyone requiring particulars of the proceedings should contact him at 3 Westbury-road, South Perth, (phone 67 4544). The sub-branch has also acquired a table-tennis table—knocked up in his spare time by Mr. C. Owens. A special Anzac service was held in St. Martin-in-the-fields Church, South Perth, on the evening of Sunday, April 26. A ladies' night conducted by the sub-branch recently was the best-attended ever. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. V. Stevens, of Kenwick.

Eleven Sub-branches At Quairading

Yealering—with six delegates—and ten other sub-branches were represented at the Quairading group conference on April 4.

Interest in the meeting was heightened by the presence of the Dominion president and secretary of the New Zealand R.S.A. They have joined the official party from Perth—headed by the State President, Mr. Lonnie—when their Rome-bound plane was grounded for the day at Perth Airport.

Mr. Lonnie opened the meeting in his usual gripping manner, urging members to be prepared to play their part in the civil defence of their country. Referring to the League's interest in the future control of New Guinea he said the Commonwealth Government had recently decided to assist settlement there should do much for the defence of that territory.

Mr. Lonnie said that 234,000 of the inhabitants were in close association with the League.

Mr. J. A. Rolfe (of the State Executive) said the War Veterans' Home project would house up to 100 veterans. A start should be made about the time of Congress.

He said the initial cost was only part of the problem. The annual cost of administration expected to be about £8,000, and the State Executive would be looking to the full support of sub-branches in the erection and conduct of the home.

Following a sunset wreath-laying service delegates were entertained by the Quairading Road Board at a barbecue tea.

More In Hand For Home

The War Veterans' Home Committee has received three cheques from sub-branches for £50 each. The third cheque was sent in by the Nedlands sub-branch. The second was received from the Three Springs-Arrino sub-branch and auxiliary, which subscribed £50 each. This cheque is only a forerunner, as that sub-branch intends not only to furnish a room in the home but to maintain it in the years to come.

The third cheque has come from the Kellerberrin sub-branch, which in addition to undertaking the furnishing of a room—to be known as the Kellerberrin Memorial Room—has offered to provide for the occupants of the room. The committee and State Executive members generally wish to express their appreciation to those sub-branches for starting the ball rolling and for their generosity in making provision for those, who having served their country well, are now in need of help themselves.

Outing For Elderly

Manjimup sub-branch will shortly hold an afternoon picnic outing for elderly members, providing cars to transport the picnicers. The location is yet to be selected.

The outing is planned to be the forerunner of many others.

The sub-branch conducted a如同 meeting both at the Apple Festival over Easter—in conjunction with the festival committee—and its efforts will result in an interior face-lift for the R.S.I.L. hall, which is to be painted by volunteers.

The re-formed women's auxiliary performed its role when sailors from the British Fleet paid a brief visit to the sub-branch. They followed up with a social to entertain the visitors from Manjimup.

N.Z. President Looks In

The president and secretary of the New Zealand Returned Services Association (Messrs. K. Fraser and E. McKay, respectively) arrived at Perth Airport by Qantas plane unexpectedly in the early hours of Saturday, April 4.

There was no League representative at the airport to greet them, because word had been received at Anzac House that their flight from the Eastern States had been delayed because of bad weather.

When notified of their arrival the State President immediately made personal contact, and the visitors attended the Quairading group meeting that day.

The New Zealanders were on their way to Rome to attend the eighth congress of the World Veterans Federation.

Reporting their visit to the next meeting of the State Executive, Mr. Lonnie said that Mr. Fraser might be back in Perth for the National Congress in October. If so he might like to take up a case 'why Australia—now represented by the British Legion of Ex-Servicemen should seek direct representation on the federation.'
16th Battalion Association

The officers and committee of the association express their appreciation to all who helped to make this year's Anzac Day March on the standard of previous years. Although some of the boys were in Adelaide, and despite the prevailing 'flu epidemic, nearly a hundred marched. Others were in Red Cross cars.

Carried by Mr. S. H. Smith, the new battalion flag looked outstanding. "Smithie" had a hard job at the outset with the heavy wind blowing.

After the parade members of the association and the women's auxiliary held a social gathering at the Railway Institute. A dainty tea table and refreshments were provided and all exchanged felicitations.

Representatives of the battalion attended the Fatigue Party in King's Park on April 13 to assist in clearing up the growth around the planes in the Honour Avenues. Later another fatigue party attached colour patches to the men who were honoured there.

So reported: H. E. Wishart and M. W. Turner, Mr. W. McGilvray was reported to be in Fremantle Hospital as a result of an accident. Bill sent his wishes to the boys on the march.

A subscription and a substantial donation was received from Mr. Bert Sylves of Kondinin. The women's auxiliary also purchased goods suitable for a jumble sale to be held on June 18.

Clothes may be left at Mrs. F. Maher's home, 399 William St., or care of Billie Waferman, 144a William St., Perth.

SUB-BRANCH CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER BODIES

Over the past year the Bridgetown sub-branch has sought wider horizons by co-operating with other organisations on committees seeking district betterment.

These are the Memorial Park and the Apple Festival Committee and Legacy.

Reporting this to the annual general meeting of the sub-branch, the president (Mr. Alan Naylor) said the sub-branch could take satisfaction from the successes of these committees.

He said there had been a slight decline in sub-branch membership during the year and suggested the formation of a membership committee to attend to it.

Attendance at general meetings had averaged 25 members and at committee meetings 12.

Floodlighting Improvement At Memorial

Noticed any improvement in the lighting of the State War Memorial? You should have. Since April 26 the floodlighting there has been brightened up considerably thanks to a donation of £100 from the State Women Auxiliary.

Drawing the attention of State Executive members to the improvement, the president (Mr. E. C. Townshend) said: "You had better take dark glasses with you when you go to have a look."

The year's improvements included the painting of the hall at a cost of £20 and the development of the rose garden. Four working-bees had been held on the land and one on the painting of the Memorial Park gates and the replacement of the flag-ropes there.

Eighty children had received presents at the sub-branch Christmas tree.

The annual ball had shown a profit of £111, and a dance and "hot dog" stalls £25 and £25 respectively.

Guest speakers had included Sir Basil Embry and Sir Henry Wilcox.

Assistance has also been given in four cases of distress, and £50 had been donated to the War Veterans'.

There had also been considerable assistance on pension and hospital problems, and many letters of appreciation had been received.

The contents of the matter of costs and valuations under the War Service and Settlement Scheme had been strongly pursued, involving the secretary in two trips to Perth and considerable correspondence.

There had been an attendance of 80 at the annual reunion.

Idea For Growing Wool In Rivervale Area

The Rivervale sub-branch has an idea for procuring 100 lambs at a low figure and distributing them among its members for wool-raising purposes.

It is felt that from this number of sheep the sub-branch might net anything from £50 to £200 a year for about five years.

The sub-branch is also looking for someone with the necessary facilities who is prepared to raise chickens during the six-week stage when the sub-branch would arrange for their distribution. It is anxious to re-arrange its chicken-project activities.

From a recent raffle it was calculated the sub-branch made a net gain of £112.

Adding this to profits from its bachelor supper and chicken project it has £200 for its building fund, which will total of £311 as a result.

Members this year participated in the Anzac Day parade at Belmont.

The sub-branch now meets on the second Monday of each month, and the sports night is held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

The sub-branch would be pleased to hear of any member living in retirement who is prepared to serve as a member of the Hospital Visiting Corps being organised at Araluen House.

Handicapped in its youth welfare activities through having no hall of its own the sub-branch has set up a committee with a view to assisting established clubs.

Its office-bearers for the year are Messrs. N. J. Corish (president), J. C. Nelson (secretary), H. L. Ureth (treasurer), M. Rushforth and E. Smith (vice-presidents), M. Johnson, R. A. Harrow (assistant secretary), N. Davidson, W. Golding and B. Bridger (trustees), F. E. Elliott (vice-secretary), N. R. Healy (membership secretary), J. Crawford (financial secretary), C. Sears and N. R. Healy (auditors), and Messrs. Butler and Worwood, Sutton, Stubbs, Healy, Chapel, Zappa, Tubman and E. Smith (committees).

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Big Public Response At Midland Parade

As usual there was an excellent public response to the Anzac Day parade at Midland Junction this year.

In the march from the Midland railway station to the town hall veterans of the two world wars and of the Korean campaign were joined by Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, military cadets, and members of the volunteer Fire Brigade and the St John Ambulance Brigade (in full uniform).

Mr. Andy Muter, D.C.M., M.M., was parade marshal again, and Mr. C. Day carried the Australian flag at the head of the column, closely followed by the sub-branch president (Mr. T. Griggs) and Mr. W. Lamb was also there.

On the stage at the town hall with the president were the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. W. Doney), Rev. R. J. Parker, (C. of E.) and Captain R. C. Parker of the Salvation Army.

On the parade field the Last Post and Reveille were played by Mr. H. McLaughlin of the Salvation Army Band, and wreaths were laid to the singing of the hymn, "O God our help".

The address was given by Mr. Griggs. The service was followed by the usual social gathering, at which afternoon tea was served by the ladies of the committee.

Ginger beer was supplied to 150 Scouts and Guildes.

Applecross Observance

Despite the counter-attraction of football fixtures about 150 Applecross residents attended the R.S.L. Anzac Day service in the sub-branch hall.

As well as sub-branch members supported by Guides and Brownies, Scouts and Cubs, marched from Mr. N. Kehoe’s residence to the ceremony headed by the Fremantle Ladies Pipe Band.

Pat. R. Wiley conducted the service and an address was given by sub-branch president Merv Wilson.

Merv stressed the value, in the present state of the world, of the League motto: "The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance."

He also called for continued assistance for widows and the sick.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of the sub-branch, the local Government school, and High School, the Mt Pleasant school, the Applecross Swimming Club and the Public and Private Citizens Assoc.

After the service the women’s auxiliary provided afternoon tea for adults and ginger beer for the children. This was one of the best services the sub-branch has held. The lawn and cement place (laid by Colin Savage) was leading to the special stand for the wreaths made the area more pleasant than in the past.

The Road Board chairman (Mr. A. Breckin) attended officially. The sub-branch understands that the board will be represented at each place service and lay a wreath.

At Shenton Park

Over 100 people witnessed the annual Anzac Day service at the Shenton Park Memorial Hall at 7.30 a.m. on Anzac Day.

A guard of honour comprising local Boy Scouts, Scouts and Cubs lined the paths leading to the hall.

Members marched to the hall behind their president (Mr. E. A. Pummill), Mr. M. K. Court of the B.P. Band and again officiated as inspected officer.

The State Executive was represented by Mr. J. B. White.

Wreaths were laid by Messrs. Pummill, Bowman for the Sub-branch, P. Hasluck, M.R.H., H. Guthrie, M.L.A., J. Le Maistre (for the City of Subiaco), and by representatives of the sub-branch auxiliary, R.A.O.B. 106, Rosalie Parents and Citizens, Rosalie Community Centre, the Legion of Ex-Service men, local Scout and Guide troops, the Oncourt Firemen’s Association, Applecross Park Amateur Football Club and by Mrs. Grunde.

The auxiliary supplied refreshment after the service.

In the afternoon members attended the dedication service at Subiaco, at which Mr. Pummill laid a wreath on behalf of the sub-branch.

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Auxiliary Round-up

Official Visits.
During April the State President (Mrs. Stockman) attended a meeting of the Bunbury auxiliary, the Nol.
Cottage Service Guild dinner and the annual Anzac Day service at the Anzac House, and was represented by Mrs. Cullen at the Carlisle Birthday.

The State Secretary (Mrs. Ames) was represented by Mrs. Langbottom at the Carlistea and Carlisle parties.

Shield Games.
The four leading teams in the McKinnon Shield gaming after the 9th round with the points scored in the previous game were:

Swanbourne (14), Cottesloe (12), Kenwick (12) and Mount Lawley (12).

Final rounds are to be played at Anzac House on June 8, 13, 22 and 29.

Be In The Games, City Members!
City of Perth sub-branch is appealing to members to take part in the A.R.M.S. games.

If you can play quoits, darts, bridge or table-limners—or ride a horse—please give your name to Mr. W. Hold.

Wonderful nights are to be had at the 10 sub-branches, so roll along and help us to help you.

Advice On Home Financing
The Housing Committee of the State Executive recommends that ex-service men consider the taking of a private financial liability in respect of the War Service Homes. Applicants should first of all refer the matter to the housing office or to the War Service Homes division of the State Housing Commission.

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1,700 Children At Midland Service

Seventeen hundred pupils and 70 teachers took part in the third annual Anzac Day service at the Midland District High School this year.

Addressing the gathering on Anzac Day, the headmaster of the school was Mr. E. A. Dodd of the State Executive.

Wreaths were laid by the school captain (Michael Murray) and headmaster (Maureen Jones), and an excerpt from Binyon’s poem ‘For the Fallen’ was recited by Jacqueline Vincent, a school prefect.

The Last Post and Reveille were played by fourth-year pupils Graham Wallis.

Prayers were read by the Rev. R. T. Arrantash.

Among the visitors present were Mr. G. E. Jeffery, M.L.C., and Mrs. Jeffery, Messrs. J. Brady and R. Owen, Miss G. L., and Mrs. E. R. Green, the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. W. Downey), the P. and C. Association president (Mr. Murray) and Mrs. Murray.

Representing the Midland R.S.L. were the president (Mr. T. Griggs), vice-president (Mr. P. O'Mara) and membership secretary (Mr. W. Gibson).

After the ceremony the guests were entertained at afternoon tea by the headmaster (Mr. M. McLeod), Miss Smythe (school mistress) and Mr. Murray.

On behalf of the school a wreath was laid on the State War Memorial at the Dawn Service.

Primary School

Pupils of the Midland Primary School assembled to listen in the schools.

Miss Meares Has A Relapse

It was reported to the State Executive on April 22 that Miss Mary Meares, who a few days previously had been hospitalised with a severe illness, had suffered a relapse.

When, from her hospital bed, Miss Meares had sent a message to the executive suggesting her resignation, that suggestion was waived. Instead, the executive gave her extended leave of absence and welcomed letters for her speedy recovery.

On hearing of her relapse the executive sent a message of good wishes.

Last year Miss Meares had been granted leave as honorary secretary of the Anzac Day Transport Committee, and during her absence her resignation has been tendered.

Radio broadcast of the special service from the State War Memorial on Anzac Day.

Ann Hughes and Robyn Green — children of ex-servicemen — laid a wreath.

Representing the local R.S.L. at the service were Messrs. A. Muir and W. Mitchell.

At the town hall service on Anzac Day were Messrs. John Eames laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

Middle Swan

About 300 children of the Middle Swan School heard the broadcast of the State War Memorial on Anzac Eve Youth Service.

Marion Chaplin and David Jones laid a wreath and Alan McDonald raised the flag.

The R.S.L. sub-branch representative for the school was Mr. W. Lamb.

First North-of-the-River Group Conference

The group conference at Maylands on April 11 was the first of these fixtures to be held in the metropolitan area north of the river.

Earlier this year a south-of-the-river meeting at Armadale set the fashion for the first conference in the metropolitan area. Although some branches have been a feature of country districts for the past three years these are the first two held in the Perth area.

Fourteen sub-branches were represented at the conference by 35 delegates; who were welcomed by the Maylands president (Mr. Burns).

Representing the State Executive were Mr. W. Coates (president), Rolfe (vice-president), MacLeod (trustee), White, Dodd, Coulthart and Ferrer.

Mr. Limb, Canteens Trust manager for the Perth area, was present and outlined the work of the Trust in that area.

Mr. Rolfe reported progress on the quest for a site for the new metropolitan War Veterans' Home.

Though the matter had yet to be finalised a site was to be laid the foundation stone during Congress week in the near future.

Mr. Rolfe outlined plans for the new, including the laying of a foundation stone during Congress week.

The meeting was also given a report on the proposed “Beautiful Blonde” competition.

Just On 55,000 War Pensions Paid In W.A.

There were 10,900 World War I pensions paid in 1947 and 44,700 World War II pensions paid in Western Australia.

Mr. Lennie, the State President told executive members recently.

The annual financial liability for those pensions was about £2,500,000, Mr. Lennie said.