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Site Near City Secured For Veterans’ Home

The League has secured a site in the Scaddan area for its new War Veterans’ Home.

About 3½ miles from Anzac House the site, covering 11½ acres of land, has all the essential services available and is within reasonable walking distance of local shopping areas and amenities.

It affords a good view across the Mt. Yking golf course to the Darling Range.

The site has been secured by negotiation with the State Government. It was recommended to the State Executive by the New War Veterans’ Home Committee several months ago following an inspection by 15 members of the executive.

After the 1938 Congress decision to proceed with the establishment of a new home the committee inspected a number of sites throughout the metropolitan area before making its recommendation regarding the pine plantation site, which was adopted unanimously.

The site is located about 3½ miles from Anzac House and is within walking distance of local shopping areas and amenities.

Correspondence With Headquarters

Sub-branch officials and members will note that correspondence is being signed by the officer originating the letter.

It is hoped that this will make it easier for members to contact the right officer when calling at Anzac House, or making telephone calls.

State Executive member George Gordon is a familiar figure throughout the State especially in the southern areas which, as a member of the R.S.L. Land Committee he has visited on numerous occasions — but not every member would have recognised him in this picture.

It shows him lending a hand at shearing on Mr. G. E. White’s farm in the Darkan district recently — and it wasn’t just a pose, Mr. White informed the editor, “I was really tearing into things.”

Legacy’s Part

The following statement comes from Torchbearers’ secretary - Mr. R. S. Hunter.

It is expected that the competition will produce £4,000 or £5,000, the net proceeds of which are to be shared by the League and Legacy.

All R.S.L. members will undoubtedly see the significance and necessity of the home for veterans, and will ensure that the proceeds do not have to be raised through additional fundraising efforts.

Big Scope

The competition is open to any veteran, alone, married, or with a partner. The winner will receive £50.

The editor of Legacy will automatically become the first beneficiary of the competition’s success.
State Executive Attendance

Individual attendances by members at the first 22 State Executive meetings of the Congress-year now terminating were as follows:

W. S. Lonnie, 20; J. A. Rolfe, 19; Dr. R. J. Greenhous, 18; C. W. Hollett, 18; J. W. Chaney, 8; R. J. Stoddart, 15; E. C. Townshend, 14; O. J. Matthews, 9; G. D. Henwood (res. 8/4/59), 13; J. P. Cox, 12; J. W. King, 11; W. J. F. Milne, 10; E. C. Cousins (res. 11/2/59), 9; P. I. Davidson, 8; W. G. Allan, 7; H. G. Holder, 7; G. W. Gordon, 6; I. D. Mendrik, 6; B. Keeler, 6; A. C. Mottram, 5; W. J. Knox (res. 19/11/59), 5; J. J. Dickson, 5; J. F. Seriess, 5; E. MacLeod, 5; Miss (31/3/59), 5; W. H. Gummery (app. 19/11/59), 9; F. J. O'Mara (app. 3/12/59), 9; H. J. South, 9; R. W. Ferrier, 22; J. Leslie (app. 11/2/59), 7; R. F. Seriess, 2; S. J. Budd, (app. 6/5/59), 2.

Committee Attendances

Individual attendances at the meetings of the various committees of the State Executive were as indicated below:

Membership (15 meetings to April 15): Rolfe, 15; Davies, 14; Coults, 13; Ferrier, 13; Allen, 13; Pearson, 6; Dickinson, 6; Matthews, 6; Budd, 6; B. Keeler, 6; Hardisty, 4; Kelly, 5.

Housing (15 meetings to April 15): Stoddart, 15; Allen (co-opted), 12; Matthews, 12; Mottram, 11; Knox, 4; Knox (resigned), 3; Dodd, 3; Leslie (appointed), 1.

Anzac Club (19 meetings): Keeler, 19; Dickinson (country), 19; Knox (reigned), 19; Allen, 19; Matthews, 19; W. J. Knox, 19; Cousins (posto), 19; Seriess, 19; Catt (co-opted), 19; White, 14; Allen, 8; Davidson, 2.

Faversham (6 meetings to April 15): Townshend, 15; Hollett, 15; E. C. Townshend, 14; Ferrier, 5; Budd, 4; Mendrik, 4; Henwood, 4; Davidson, 1.

Aged Sailors (7 meetings): Stoddart, 14; Davies, 14; MacLeod, 7; White, 1.

Travellers (14 meetings): Stoddart, 14; Davies, 14; MacLeod, 13; Townshend, 8.

Rockingham (4 meetings): Gordon, 4; Milne, 3; Davidson, 3.

Reparation (members serving for varying periods, the number of meetings held in each instance being shown in parentheses): Greenham (resigned) 2 (2) Townshend, 8 (9); Coultas, 2 (2); MacNamara, 8 (10); White, 10 (10); James, 1; King, 1.

North-West Defence, Impeccable (3 meetings): Townshend, 3; MacNamara, 3.

South-East (3 meetings): MacNamara, 3; Cousins, 2 (co-opted), 2; Mendrik, 3; Milne, 3.

Janus (3 meetings): O'Mara, 8 (8).

Saturday Night Show To Be Discontinued

The social evenings held in the roof garden of Anzac House each Saturday are to be discontinued.

This was decided by the State Executive on June 17 on the recommendation of the Anzac Club Committee. The chairman of the committee (Mr. B. Keeler) said that originally the evening was intended for the benefit principally of members and their wives, but the conclusion was that members were a minority of those attending the League and the committee was making very little profit if any out of the evenings. Several members expressed their opposition to the proposal. The report also recommended the introduction of ladies' rights to be held on the third Friday of each month and commencing on August 21, attendance being confined for the benefit of members and their wives or friends. The recommendation was also adopted.

A Sub-Branch Honours Its Promise

In March the Swanbourne sub-branch president assured the State President that the sub-branch figures would pass the 100 mark by June 30. This has been done with three members to spare, which makes the figures 16 better than at the end of this year. These are due to hard work by the sub-branch committee, which has been working very hard. The sub-branch membership committee was to apply the personal approach to principle. They would be amazed with the results.
NOW FOR CONGRESS

There is always considerable interest from all sections of the community in the meeting of the Diggers’ State Parliament. The 43rd Annual State Congress commences on 20th July.

For the whole year resolutions have been discussed and rejected or amended by sub-branches, councils and Executives, until every aspect has been fully weighed. Finally, the resolutions reach Congress for final and open discussion with delegates from every part of the State.

In the capable hands of these delegates is the whole future of the League. One hundred and ninety seven resolutions, covering every aspect of League interest, will be debated with sound Digger logic, and decisions taken in many cases will shape the course of League policy for the year to come.

Repatriation and Social Service matters, War Service Homes, Re-establishment and Employment, the Constitution, Defence, Migration, Anzac Day, Land, will all come under discussion—because all are of great importance to the League. The conference itself will be acting as the delegate of the majority of members of his sub-branch.

A Delegate is selected because of the esteem and popularity in which he is held by his fellows, and because of his ability to put the view of the majority of his co-brothers with balanced argument and wisdom.

Some resolutions, at first glance, may appear to be of insufficient consequence to be debated, but who is an individual to pass judgment? Each resolution will have been submitted with one object in view, namely, the improvement of the welfare of the League. Resolutions have been submitted, and are therefore entitled to full debate and ventilation at Congress. On their merits, they will be judged, and either adopted or rejected, by this fully representative body.

Congress is the deciding body of the W.A. branch, R.S.L. What Congress says is law, at least until next year, when matters may again be brought up for the year to come; decisions taken will override, or modify, all decisions taken previously.

This means that every member of the League must adhere loyally to these decisions, even although in the past he has opposed them.

It is anticipated that this 43rd Annual Congress will be another milestone on the road of our progress—progress towards the ideals for which the League is constantly striving. Every year we must improve upon what we have so far gained, so that our trust, the welfare of ex-servicemen and their dependants, increases with each passing year.

The “Goldfields Mob” and Their Exploits

Embossed on the battle-flag of the 2/16th Battalion A.I.F. are some stirring names: Litani, Damour, Kokoda, Gona, Markham, Ramu, Shaggy Ridge, and Baliykaplan.

Members of the battalion in the last war won 94 decorations: three D.S.O.’s, three M.B.E. six M.M.’s, one D.C.M., 17 M.M.’s and one Bar, and one D.S.M. Its casualties in Syria were the highest of any of them 22 officers and 245 other ranks.

Along the Kokoda Trail the battalion won the Distinguished Service Order 600 strong: 19 days later only 149 answered the roll-call; and after Gona only 50.

So narrow and steep-sided was Shaggy Ridge that the 2/16th’s attack could only take place at a time, and general advance was suspended by ropes or poles to winkle the Japanese from the holes.

The historian of such a battle clearly has much to relate but Malcolm H. of the West Australian Journalist and correspondent, in “A Thousand Men At War” has ably responded to the challenge.

Challenge

Challenger it undoubtedly is, for although the 2/16th began to think of a battle history long before the Kokoda campaign, a Unit War History Trust Fund was established—a probable the possibility of the present volume. It has been a long and arduous task.

The point no doubt will be of interest only to its survivors and their families and friends. It would be a narrow and misleading conclusion, for “A Thousand Men At War” could well be read as typical of the history of many of the A.I.F. units; and voluntary soldiers casting aside their civilian garb and outwits and accepting ably with respect, the discipline and lack of privacy of service life; the mercury and endurance, the first shock of battle and casualties; the peril and discipline, and the inevitable maiming of the soldier and sister.

From the Saturday, June 6, issue of the “Canberra Times.”

It had its share, of course, of battle characters, men like George Gilmore, one of the Imperialists, who, when questioned by Lord Gowrie about his age on parade at Renshaw, Qld. in 1943, 39 years after Gilmore had left France from the South African War, straightforwardly answered: “Thirty-five, sir.”

In due time these civilians soldiers embarked on the Cunarder Aquitania for service overseas, sailing across the Indian Ocean, through the Dardanelles, past H.M.A.S. Perth, later linking in the Java Sea action, and then those of H.M.A.S. Canberra leaping at the bottom of the strait between Savo Island and Gizo.

There followed campaigning against the Vichy French in Syria, along the base line, and landing at the El Atiq Ridge before Damascus.

Then when the Japanese entered the war, hurriedly back to Australia, first on the luxurious Ile de France, then on the Imperialist little tramp steamer, Koogunabo, in mid-industry, and to the Kokoda, to join the other ships of the convoy, steamed in a circle for a full day while Churchill and Curtin contested its destination.

Late in 1942 the battalion began to move along the Kokoda trail. “That first day,” writes Mr. Stocklin, “we lost two men—one for tough troops, but the second day was worse.”

After the morale of the hitherto victorious Japanese had been shattered at the Owen Shinla, the reinforced battalion joined in the merciless fighting among the coastal swamps of Gona and Sanananda. On then to Shaggy Ridge, where Mitchell, leader of one of the hard-fighting pioneers of Australia’s past, fell, and killed in action. Whereupon his comrades, affectionately, tenderly, hugging the body, and giving the grant to the McCaughey-McPherson Trust of Coree Station in the Riverina.

The final position was at Baliykaplan, the site of the great oil refinery on the northeastern shores of Dutch Borneo. But this time it was as part of a vast cooperation, with all the hard-fighting battalions—H.J.M.

“A Thousand Men At War,” Heinemann, 30/.

Aftermath of Honours Awards

At the first opportunity following the announcement of the Queen’s Birthday Honours members of the State Executive applauding their leader on the honour accorded him.

Mr. Lonnie was awarded the O.B.E. for services on behalf of returned and serving service men, women and their dependents.

Replying to Messrs. E.O. Davies and E. McLeod—who had expressed the delight and good wishes of members—Mr. Lonnie said he felt that he was one of the scores of a great number—more as an indication of the standing of the League in the community than as a personal recognition.

He expressed his pleasure at the M.B.E. that had been accorded to the State President of the R.S.L., Women’s Auxiliary (Mrs. V. Stocklin) for her work on behalf of ex-service men and their dependants.

The executive resolved to send Mrs. Stocklin an appropriate message.

The final end of the meeting members were caught up with the keenness of the tables—though quite happy to see them filled. The reason became apparent when the immediate past State President (Mr. J. P. Stanbury) raised the question of the health of the President consequent upon his inclusion in the Birthday Honours list.
Settlers Seek Assistance—League Puts Case

The League is fully aware of the problems confronting those rural settlers who are beyond the scope of the W.S.L.S. scheme and is persisting in its efforts to alleviate the position.

In furtherance of this policy a deputation comprising Messrs. W. S. Lonnie (State President), J. Milne (chairman of the R.S.L. Land Committee), G. Gordon (deputy-chairman), A. E. Goodwin (State Secretary), and W. Webb (Land Committee secretary) waited on the Minister for Lands (Mr. Bovell) on June 5 in an ‘endeavour to bring to the notice of the State Government the serious plight of hundreds of ex-service settlers.

Action was taken prior to the meeting to ascertain the number involved, and the result was startling. Returns from 77 sub-branches indicate that men are in need of financial assistance, and as the survey is by no means complete it may be assumed that there could be a considerable addition to the total.

As a follow-up measure, a questionnaire has been forwarded to all those who replied, and when the replies come in it should be possible to ascertain the precise amount of assistance required.

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C.R.E. Loans

In an effort to assist those ex-servicemen who had been repaid the League had some time ago taken part in the C.R.E. loan scheme. This had not been resented by the Commonwealth Government, and suggested that a further loan might be made to those who needed it, but the Commonwealth—had, however, made clear that there would require an amendment to the Reparations Act before it could be made available after such a long lapse of time since the end of the war.

After this the League had thought a case might exist for Commonwealth-State and finance at top level for agricultural purposes, but that would be a long-term project, and in many cases it was almost immediate assistance which was required. Apart from farmers on C.R.E. Loan, a number of ex-servicemen had taken up their own private finance, and a number of these were having a very difficult time.

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Wide Contacts

Mr. Milne said that during the past week the Land Committee had held group meetings and travelled around the State to meet a lot of ex-servicemen, also others in primary industry, over many sections and a great number of interviews. He was satisfied that the assistance required could be divided into two sections—one a short-term loan for superannuation and working expenses, and the other a long-term agricultural development loan for development and production, to bring it into full production.

Mr. Milne then discussed the cases relating to assistance, as follows:

Case 1 (Wickepin)

Commemorated farming in 1847 an abandoned stock farm. Capital was £47,000. The farm was sold, and the money was used to buy a new farm of 1,000 acres with a stock of sheep, and the farm was turned into a successful dairy farm. Returns for first year were £250, and had increased to an average of 70b. of wool per sheep at 42c. per pound, 80c. per ewe, and 50c. per head. Would require a ten-year term for repayment.

Case 2 (Bogong)

Took up block through Land Department in 1894 (1,000 acres). Applied for C.R.E. Loan but was too late, accumulated working capital by small savings and the assistance was made available at an estimated £1,800.

Case 3 (Bindoon)

Vineyard—present area 13 acres (11 acres currants and 2 acres muscatel). Vineyard was established in 1870, with vines being purchased for wine grapes a further 10 acres, and this would result in £600 to production stage.

Estimates would indicate £1,500 per year after 2 years, and then increase gradually to good returns in 6-7 years. It was estimated to produce £500 to £600 per year.

Orchard—present at present eight acres of citrus, Desires to obtain more land. It has had a loss of 50 acres of potatoes, and 50 acres of wheat. It is possible to grow citrus in this area.

Mr. Milne said that over the last three months one to two such requests for assistance had been received each week.

Case 4 (Bindoon)

Additional clearing and fencing had been completed at a cost approximately £740, and would the carry the farm to expand. It was estimated the first year with no additional working expenses would be £500, and in the second year by subdivision and provision of water.

Return for first year on £500 capital was £250, and had increased to an average of 70b. of wool per sheep at 42c. per pound, 80c. per ewe, and 50c. per head. Would require a ten-year term for repayment.

Case 5 (Borden)

This man wrote and said he was not able to pay for water and would do something for him. It was a typical case, and had reached a certain stage and now found himself with the necessary finance to carry on.

Case 6 (Cleary)

This applicant had been helped by the Commonwealth to keep his farm from being sold. He had been unable to pay for water for the past two years, and his sons had cleared 4,500 acres, sunk four wells, and raised £500 towards the cost of fences, built a house, and established 15 acres of pigs and 10 acres of hay. He now owned £17,000, exclusive of land, and his property at valuations being £850 acres, and farm carries approximately 300 acres of piggery. Wanted to crop 1,000 acres this year. Proposed development plan for £4,000 clearing, seven miles of fencing, and a 4,000 yard dam.

Case 7 (Yuna)

This settler took up 5,000 acres in 1895 and has since added a pastoral lease of 15,000 acres. Has developed to the extent of 40 miles of fencing, 1,200 sheep, at time of application his indebtedness was £2,500, and it was estimated that he would be able to liquidate this in two years. Unable to get assistance owing to bill of sale.

Is of the opinion that £1,000 or even £500, to cover living expenses and where possible to put in crop would be of great assistance.

Mr. Webb said the above case was typical of the cases referred to, and that last mentioned had been prepared to pay 12% per annum. Mr. Milne said that over the last three months one to two such requests for assistance had been received each week.

A circular sent out to surrounding districts asking in short for settlers who had cases in their district would be affected had resulted in applications, affecting 751 settlers. That, of course, had applied for assistance other than the financial number in the State, and there must be a very considerable number more in the State.

It was known that the previous Government had proposed a civilian land-settlement scheme, and from the Land Committee’s standpoint of view, if it was thought that the present Government would be justified in spending money on new projects when there were so many farmers already in need of assistance, it was felt that a large degree of the future development of the State would be economically as good, if not better. In fact, it was hoped that the Government would make the money available to the men already there it would possibly be better than any other action.

A suggestion was made that it might be possible, if funds were available, to increase the maximum amount of credit available on the equity a man had in his property.

It was admitted that all the cases submitted might be considered in view of the financial position and in the case of course would be investigated and treated on their merits. He was certain the action the Government might take. The amount was not large, but immediate assistance was necessary, and it was appreciated that the Commonwealth action would be too long.

Mr. Lonnie, referring to the Commonwealth Bank long-term credit and the program, said there was a limiting factor, in that the Commonwealth might be hesitated before committing itself to another bank. Further, his own bank was not keen about entering into the field as it produced a third factor, in the farmer’s transactions. It was therefore suggested that, although these had been accepted, long-term credit was necessary in order to bring into the field if the Commonwealth Bank could establish credit available to private banks to administer similar schemes, and to ensure the continuation of two banks coming into commercial transactions.

Mr. Gordon said the Land Committee included several (Continued opposite).
Nominations Deferred At Victoria Park

Because of a poor muster at the June meeting of the Victoria Park sub-branch the main business—nomination of officers—was deferred until the July meeting.

A big roll-up is requested, the committee and committee put in a lot of time and there is nothing like big attention to see them get on to greater efforts.

Leadership within the sub-branch, Mr. J. H. Manger, has cornered to any member wishing to "have a go" at a time when it is very true rewarded in the comradeship found at the various functions.

At the July meeting the management and financial statements for the year will be announced. The outlook for the coming year is hopeful and determined by the members themselves.

League Case For Settlers (contd.)

members with Agricultural Bank experience, and these had in discussions expressed the sentiment at the right evening-up of credit in cases which, in their opinion, were very reasonable.

Mr. Goodwin, supporting previous speakers, said it appeared that a considerable number might have to give up their properties or things became so desperate that they would "see them through." Most had built up assets of a substantial nature which were jeopardised because they could not obtain a loan of any sort. They could get that loan the money would go back in building up the economic strength of the State.

Mr. Webb also supported the proposal and stated he felt the national economy was buoyant at present and should be maintained for the benefit of all men.

Mr. Bowler: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary, for your proposal. It has been suggested that the old Industries Assistance Act would be a good thing for croping programmes, might be re-initiated, and I am of the opinion that the system, was excellent and very desirable. The position of course was that you asked for immediate assistance from the State Government. This of course, would involve the provision of funds from the Treasury, and that must not be done in a hasty manner.

"On the question of the recruiting of the State, I think this is a very serious position. So, it is necessary to be overcome is to find out how much this might affect the Government in, and for that reason it is necessary to be overcome is to find out how much this might affect the Government in, and for that reason immediate assistance would be difficult.

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AUXILIARY ROUND-UP

Among the list of names for Queen's Birthday Honours was that of our State President, Mrs. Stockmin. Her Majesty has bestowed upon her the honour of M.B.E. (Congratulations, State President—a great honour for a job well done.)

On June 9 the State President and State Secretary paid a visit to Millen, at the invitation of the P.S.L. sub-branch with the object of forming a women's auxiliary in that district. We would like to extend to this new auxiliary a very warm welcome, and best wishes for a long and fruitful life.

During the months of May and June a total of £339/ 0/- has been donated by various auxiliaries for the War Veterans’ Home furnishings fund.

Scarborough Affairs

Attendances at the monthly meetings at Scarborough—held in the hall on the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.—are improving and members have a second opportunity of getting to know one another in a friendly game of quizzes, darts and table tennis after the meeting.

The cabaret nights are proving most popular, the next such night being July 17.

All members are working hard for the fete which is being held on Saturday, September 19. The president, Mrs. Green (200 Hameldon phone 261-450) would be pleased to hear from ladies willing to help with sewing, sweet-making or in any other way to make the fete a success.

McKinley Shield Games

Winner of this year's McKinley Shield games competition was the Swanbourne team, details of play over the final stages being as follows:

First semi-final, played between Cottesloe and Swanbourne—a 6-4 win for Cottesloe.

Second semi-final, played between Mosman and Kenwick—10.0 in favour of Kenwick.

Final played between Kenwick and Swanbourne—win for Swanbourne, 6-4.

Grand final (played on June 29) between Cottesloe and Swanbourne—win for Swanbourne, 6-4.

Mrs. Stockmin Says “Thank You”

So many messages of congratulations and good wishes have been received by the State President (Mrs. Stockmin) in connection with the recent award of the M.B.E. that she has found it quite impossible to spare the time to send personal replies to all those concerned.

Recent pressure of Annual Conference business has added to the difficulties, and Mrs. Stockmin takes this opportunity of conveying sincere thanks to her many good friends and has intimated her intention of replying to all outstanding messages in due course.
Westaway’s Unselfish Act

Early in 1917 the 44th Battalion moved down to the Somme and spent the night in Corbie, where we expected to meet the enemy in pursuit of the British Fifth Army, which had been pushed out of Peronne.

Next morning Captains Longhurst and McLeod, learning the fate of his men who had not spent the night in the town, got his mob out of Corbie and in small detachments went a mile away, to a village called Shanley Hill. During the night, A Company had all the men of a platoon of the British Fifth Army, and they were doing the usual thing; that is, they were a bare ploughed field, where they dug in, but were recalled before dawn.

Next night we of B Company’s No. 8 Platoon went out to meet Fritz in a bare ploughed field, and it was found that some others had been there and found no one at home to oppose us. We were somewhat confident, and under direct enemy observation, we were dug in for about 20 yards at daybreak and had started digging in when Fritz came out.

We had left four men behind as a covering party, and when Fritz attacked they left the trench and started for home. Tony vacant.

Cunderdin Cullings

By SCRIBE

Having been handed a pen and told to get on with the sub-branch notes I think I should commence from the time we decided to build a hall of our own.

Although not at that time I have forgotten a member around and come up with a story of determination, tenacity and remarkable achievement. Perhaps you will agree with me when you read this.

Exactly one year ago it was decided that, in the spirit of the R.S.L., the sub-branch should go to and build a hall. Estimates for the necessary work were drawn up, and a sub-branch with the members in so short a time as possible.

There are three rooms—main hall, kitchen and small room. From starting £22 the hall will now be insured for £1,000.

In June 6 a social evening was held at a hall and happy time had by all present. Musical items were enjoyed and dancing on fast floor was the order of the evening.

The sub-branch plans to hold a social evening at least once a month.

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**On Group Conferences**

When a report on group conferences—submitted by Mr. E. MacLeod—came before a recent meeting of the State Executive Mr. H. A. Leslie moved that it be made an order of business at an early meeting of the incoming executive. The motion was carried.

The report puts forward the view that country areas have been fairly well covered by the conferences and recommends that in the coming year they be concentrated largely within the metropolitan area.

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**Record Of Service To The League**

There ended a record of service to the League when Mr. W. A. (Bill) Bowles passed away on April 18 after a period of intermittent spells of ill-health.

Mr. Bowles saw service with the 2nd Division Artillery (F.A.C.) in World War II.

During September, 1937, he helped in forming the present Mt. Hawthorn R.S.L. sub-branch, and with a band of willing workers (some of whom are still active members of the sub-branch) was a foundation member.

He was always working for the betterment of the returned men of the district, and in general, his cheerful disposition gained for him the respect of all with whom he came in contact, and he was widely known and respected in League circles.

Through his untiring efforts as a member of the Building Committee he helped to make possible the acquisition of land, and the building and furnishing of the present R.S.L. Memorial Hall in Oxford-street, Leederville.

This effort was carried out during the depression years when other urgent matters of rehabilitation were in demand in the district, and Bill worked hard to carry on.

During the years 1939-1930 he served as sub-branch president and was subsequently awarded the League’s Certificate of Service.

The indoor sports activities of the sub-branch were always keenly contested by members, and here Bill excelled and was sub-branch captain.

For a period he held the positions of acting-secretary, treasurer, and second vice president.

For his untiring activities and devotion to all matters concerning the sub-branch, he was made a Life Member of the League.

This record of service should be an inspiration to all younger members of the League.

The sympathy of all goes out to his widow and family on the loss of one who did so much for returned soldiers generally.

As is the custom in respect of all sub-branch members who pass on higher service, a suitable bookplate on the inside of the cover was presented to the widow of the late Mr. W. A. Bowles.

**Bright Debut in Hills Contest**

The Chidlow sub-branch made a bright debut in the Hills Shield games, confined to competition among Hills sub-branches, on May 17.

Acting as host to the Mundaring and Mt. Helena sub-branches it remained undefeated in an evening devoted to indoor bowls, quiz and darts.

A tasty supper and the usual refreshments rounded off a pleasant evening.

**Plenty For Bellevue Members**

The Bellevue sub-branch has plenty on its plate to keep members occupied for some time.

Plans and specifications of the proposed sub-branch building at Rockingham and the names of families at a time— are before the Rockingham Road Board. Once this business is completed no time will be lost by members in availing themselves of the numerous offers of help by tradesmen for the actual building operations.

The incentives provided for sub-branch participation in the Miss Crownings Glory competition and the worthiness of the cause at stake have spurred members to take very live committee to arrange for the entry of the sub-branch's nominee.

Though the sub-branch rooms are comfortable and adequate the present building is to have a face-lift. Members are busily getting their working-plan for the project.

The social activities of the sub-branch, including darts, table tennis, billiards, snooker, and the weekly “get-together” Saturday evening are creating keen competition and functions are well attended.—L.W.W.

**Caravan Park In Demand**

Indications are that the caravan-parking facilities at the Rockingham Project will have to be enlarged due to the demand from individual League members.

The chairman of the project committee (Mr. G. Gordon) has stated that there was no opposition to the project among the State Executive recently.

So far, Mr. Gordon said, 170 have been returned on caravans with no assistance from sub-branches. Because of the lack of sub-branch interest in the beach cottages the committee had had to contend on the caravan-parking aspect of the project.

All work by the committee had been entirely voluntary, and expenditure other than that which had been confined to £13.

Mr. Gordon praised the services of the caravan-park supervisor, Mr. K. Gray. Mr. Gray, he said, had performed his duties from the start without any financial remuneration.

He had also agreed to examine a proposal by the committee for the purchase and erection of a holiday cottage for the use of members of the executive of the Amaze House staff.
Unique Scheme Of Hospital Visiting

(Message To League Sub-Branches And Members From The State President)

Hospital visiting has in the past been undertaken by members of sub-branches and the State Women's Auxiliary, both in the metropolitan and country areas.

The thanks of the League is due to all who have so cheerfully devoted many hours to the comfort and welfare of their sick comrades.

The passing of the years and the ageing of the veteran has made it an unfortunate necessity to extend and re-organise the existing scheme of hospital visiting.

In particular, the need is paramount to assure that the increasing numbers of ex-service men admitted to hospital are not forgotten and that their welfare, as far as their individual powers are fully catered for. This responsibility, if undertaken in belief, would not be light.

The average number of inpatients at the Repatriation General Hospital, I am informed, is 300 to 350, to which must be added, the sick ex-service men and women, at the large public hospitals and other institutions.

Thus, while it is not practicable to give an exact figure of in-patient treatment within the metropolitan area at one time, I believe the figure to be greater than may have been considered or anticipated many.

Nevertheless I am confident that the League members, that we should endeavour to assist our sick comrades, and even though the responsibility is not light it must be undertaken to the best of our ability.

Contrary views have been expressed as to the purpose of hospital visiting. The distribution of comforts, tobacco, cigarettes and so on, undoubtedly is merited in many cases, but more important is the need to alleviate the worries and assist with problems that arise when sickness necessitates admission to hospitals.

In short, the visitors should be in a position to offer advice on various matters. That advice may be given as to repatriation or social service benefits, and assistance given to advising the appropriate departments or other organisations if applicable.

This is the initial phase on which I consider we would base our proposed scheme, assuring a solid foundation on which to build and enlarge.

For this purpose the proposal that a Corps of Hospital Visitors should be established by the State Executive, and the assistance of sub-branches sought to permit the establishment of such a corps.

I am happy to report that a number of volunteers have already instilled their willingness to enrol in the corps, and that sub-branches have contributed towards enabling the scheme to be operated on its own finances.

I believe the proposed Corps of Hospital Visitors to be unique, and the first corps of its kind in the Commonwealth.

On your behalf I would convey our grateful thanks to all who have volunteered their services, and to the sub-branches that have contributed towards establishing a Hospital Visiting Fund.

To ensure that the scheme is successful, there is need for more volunteers.

To the retired, but still active, ex-service man and woman, enrolment in the corps offers an opportunity for further service. I would appeal for more enrolments.

The inaugural meeting of the Corps of Hospital Visitors at Anzac House on July 2 gave every justification for confidence in the success of the corps, and a solid foundation on which to build and enlarge the hospital-visiting organisation.

To the sub-branches who still desire to visit hospitals and institutions, there remains a place in the scheme, and such assistance would be welcomed.

In its initial phase the scheme must of necessity be one of trial and error—with any errors speedily rectified.

With the adequate support of sub-branches and volunteers for the corps I have confidence that W.A. can organise and operate a scheme of which we can be proud.

W. S. LONNIE
July 7, 1959

HOSPITAL VISITING CORPS

The following enrolments have been received for the Corps of Hospital Visitors (many more are desired):

Mr. M. Dunne
Miss H. Doyle
Mr. J. G. Jacques
Mr. H. Trams
Mr. R. G. Catrns
Mr. A. S. Robertson
Mr. E. Okeley
Mr. G. H. Perrier
Mr. J. Johnson
Mr. J. W. White
Mr. F. L. Hornsby
Mr. K. K. Nollamara
Mr. V. Walker
Mr. T. Irish
Mr. A. Sinclair
Como sub-branch
Returned Sladers
Swanbourne
Nedlands
Victoria Park and Pemberton
Bassendean
Public Service
Applecross
Claremont

Gestures From Newcastle

A wraith was recently laid on the State War Memorial by a member of the Newcastle (N.S.W.) sub-branch.

The Assistant-Warden (Mr. E. C. Townshend) reported this to the State Executive.

The visitor had expressed a wish to lay the wreath without any ceremony.

The executive resolved to convey its appreciation of the gesture to the Newcastle sub-branch.

Hospital Visiting Fund

At the time of going to press donations amounting to £233/6/ have been received from the following sub-branches:

Como, £5; Returned Sladers, £5; Dalwallinu, £5; Waroona-Hamel, £5; Pemberton, £5; Three Springs-Arrino, £5; Brookton, £5; Dunsborough-Yallingu, £5; West Swan, £5; Boddington, £5; Cunderdin, £5; Victoria Park, £5; Katanning, £5; Geraldton, £5; Bassendean, £5; Quinnumup, £1, Koorda, £5; Nedlands, £5; N Delhi, £5; Albany, £5; Williams, £5; Carlisle, £5; Public Service, £5; Coober Pedy, £5; Darlington, £5; North Perth, £5; Darling Range, £5; Nollamara, £5; Mt Pleasant, £5; Fremantle, £5; Kalgoorlie, £5; Manning, £5; Quairading, £5; Roebourne, £5; Bellevue, £5; Wandoaring, £5; Tammin, £5; Moine, £2/2/; Gough, £5; Dowerin, £5; Applecross, £5; Mt Hawthorn, £5; Wallaroo, £2; Mullaloo, £5; Derby, £5; Ballington, £2/2/; Claremont, £5; Kellerberrin, £5.
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Dardanup Enters Second Year

This month we are starting into our second year as a sub-branch, and although we are small we are proud to say that our membership represents 75 per cent of a potential membership scattered over quite a large, and in many instances, over quite a wooded area.

Our members consist of 16 "cow-coddlers," one business manager, one engineer and a priest (who has shot through to Albany and is not yet financial this year), as well as our very own publican.

We are not particularly big enough to want to control the R.S.L. in W.A. although we are not uninterested. It is true that the "cow cocky" influence will try to nudge our own cause, but deep in our hearts we are working for our country, the League and our brotherhoods, arms, thus if we should feel a little about our work over the last year.

Geographically we are situated between the branches of Brunswick Junction, Collie, Boyanup and Bunbury, and as no doubt you can realise after a bloke has milked 40 milking cows, scrubbed with the mixing shed and carried the sittied butter back home the wind and rain, and the pitch darkness, he is hardly in the mood to drive 20 miles in the moonlight, he has little say, so in May last year we formed our sub-branch, which we are all subject to the same difficulties and have the same type of finance. We are not as well organized as we should be and around Dardanup will be named after ex-service men, with priority for those who did not return.

Y.A.L Tour To Use Air Travel

Another interstate tour for boys from Western Australia has been arranged by the Young Australian League for the Christmas and New Year period from December 26 to January 1. Sixteen boys will travel by air from Perth to Melbourne where they will be housed at the Boys' Club for two days before returning to Sydney for the final ten days of the tour.

In Canberra the party will visit Federal Parliament House as well as the Australian War Memorial. Brisbane trips will include visits to the Oasis and the Fabulous Four, as well as to the south of Sydney.

In Sydney excursions will include visits to the Territorials, the Blue Mountains, as well as to Geelong, and other visits include a tour of the Taroona Park Zoo.

From the party will be a visit to the Sydney and from the Young Australian League, Perth, or any party, as well as the Commonwealth Savings Bank.
**Blackboy Memorial Move At Congress**

The Blackboy Hill Committee comprising representatives of the State Unions and nine unit associations, intends to submit to Congress both the original and a modified plan for the proposed memorial.

The original design, incorporating a decagon or ten- segmented pyramid with each segment representing and bearing the colour patch of one of the A.L.F. units trained in the camp, and a picnic and parking area, was estimated to cost £5,500. It provided for terraces and walls to be faced with local stone, and for the establishment at some future time of an A.L.F. museum on the site.

In April, the committee, feeling that with the new War Veterans' Home in existence the cancelled sub-branch might find it embarrassing to launch a project the same time, proposed to halve the appeal target by introducing considerable modifications to the design.

Some unit associations at that stage had expressed preference for a much simpler design altogether.

After considering the proposals made by the State Executive, the committee decided to ask for a more detailed statement of the proposed modifications.

Now, in reverting to its original recommendation — the principle at the last Congress — the committee has suggested that the time is not yet ripe for holding an appeal and that there is no urgency in the matter. But it does not mean to go into recess; in the meantime it intends to make all necessary preliminary arrangements for the undertaking.

Should the appeal, when launched, not come up to expectations the committee would then reconsider the question of modifications.

The committee's latest recommendations were passed on to the Executive Messrs. E. A. Dodd and E. C. Townsend.

They also passed on a request to that effect to be raised at Congress and for the chairman and one of the two members to be given an opportunity to address delegates.

The request was agreed to.

**Subiaco Activities**

Our Subiaco correspondent has provided the following account of League affairs in that district recently.

Activities of the sub-branch in the merry month of May were largely concerned with its enjoyable picnics, which seem to form a part of every tradition in unarmèd combat.

Harry Orchard donated a day's fishing and angling, and this also materially assisted our funds.

Monthly meetings on the last Wednesday of each month have had better attendance, and the one in April was a success. The minstrelsy of the one o'clock contingent is still in evidence; but a Skyros chicken prevailed and the evenings are most enjoyable.

The sub-branch has had a win against Floreat Park and a narrow loss versus Cottage, Our Sportsmaster tells us that a good time was had by all at these meetings.

**Manjimup Hall Transformed**

Recently a number of members of the Manjimup sub-branch R.S.L. got busy with paint and brush and completely transformed the interior of the hall with an ultra-modern appearance.

A good work on this occasion is reported to have been carried out on the War Precautions Act Order (Amendment) Act 1925-1930 and the following regulations prohibiting the use of the word "Anzac" as the name of a street, road or park.

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Penalty: One hundred pounds.

The new regulation was notified in the Commonwealth Gazette on May 7, 1959.
**Eight Members Are Leaving Executive**

The names of eight serving members of the State Executive will not appear on this year's ballot paper at Congress.

They are Miss Mary Meares and Messrs. E. MacLeod, J. F. Milne, E. C. Coulthas, J. D. Lockie, G. M. Holder, W. H. Gummery and P. J. O'Mara.

Miss Meares, back in her seat on the executive after a prolonged and serious illness, has already resigned her offices with the Red Cross Society and the Anzac Day Transport Committee. Her work on behalf of ex-serviceemen goes back to World War I days.

Messrs. Dickick, Gummery and O'Mara for the past year.

Mr. MacLeod has served on the executive for past four years and since November has filled the trusteeship, a vacancy brought about by the resignation of Dr. R. T. Greenham.

Mr. Milne, who was nominated for another term of office by the Darling Division but withdrew the nomination, was presssed unsuccessfully at the last meeting to reconsider his withdrawal.

Expressing his regret at Mr. Greenham's decision, Mr. Gordon praised his services over the years on the Land Committee on behalf of ex-service land settlers. For the past 18 months Mr. Milne has been chairman of that committee.

The executive put on record its appreciation of his services.

Resignations during the year have been received from Messrs. W. Knox, R. C. Cousins and D. G. Hennessy. They were replaced by Messrs. W. H. Gummery, P. J. O'Hara and R. Boekeman.

**League Holds Out On Preference**

At the State Executive meeting on June 17 it was decided to make representations to the Employers' Federation and the Master Builders' Association on the League's stand on preference in the employment of ex-service men.

At its May meeting the National Executive of the League was unanimous in reaffirming League policy on preference and resolved that League policy be not changed from 'the Government and other avenues of employment for the same reason. That principle was determined by the High Court in its hearing.

The State Executive decided to follow a leading Government approach to the Government on behalf of men displaced from employment as a result of Government action.

The sub-branch claimed that nearly all building trades would be thrown out of work shortly, and that an approach to the Government on the League's behalf would be as far as the League could go in the matter, and it was agreed that the sub-branch be notified to that effect.

**Weather, Illness Strike At Mandurah Meeting**

Because of bad weather and sickness only 15 members were present at the monthly meeting of the Mandurah sub-branch on June 1 to appoint and instruct delegates to Congress.

The executive's choice were the president (Mr. Archer) and Mr. May, and all presided by Mr. Milne, who has been absent from his branch for about a month.

Mr. May will be performing his last sub-branch duty at the annual meeting on a half day's holiday's visit to Britain.

The Mandurah Honour Roll is still incomplete and the sub-branch has appointed a Committee to obtain more information. This committee will be in charge of the sub-branch hall.

The sub-branch is indebted to Mrs. Handcock for the 131 Howitzer Battery Honour Roll, which is now hanging in the hall.

Members wonder whether people realise what Mandurah would be like without the half and would like visitors to know that erosion threatens to wash away the stumps.

Sting and protecting of the stumps is estimated to cost £116 and the sub-branch is now faced with the difficult task of raising that amount—difficult because all undertakers and attended are people who are so frequently being called upon to help some worthy cause.

The sub-branch has therefore decided to collect a cheque in the cards, and it is hoped that any gift, or service, will be welcome.

Mr. Price has agreed to organise a collection and the committee will fix a date shortly.

The question of tree-planting has been left until the next meeting, and it is now in the hands of the appropriate committee.

The sub-branch recently received a visit from Mr. Waterhouse, an active member of the organisation and will fix a date.

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**Sub-Branch Thanked For Visits**

Mr. Fred Suckling, president of the Carlisle sub-branch, has forwarded the following letter of thanks from an inmate of the Edward Millet Home—Mr. E. A. Linderkerst, Bed No. 25, who has a personal interest in the sub-branch, and which is now hanging in the hall.

On behalf of the patients of the “Home” I wish to extend to you and members of your organisation, our sincere thanks and appreciation for your kindness, extending over a long period, to the patients here.

It is the little things in life that count; the big things are too obvious; and the packet of cigarettes and the cherry word is an event to look forward to, and helps to relieve the monotony of many of the old men who doubt relatives.

Also, it proves that the right spirit of comradeship is so evident in wartime that the spirit is carried over to the peacetime years.

In conclusion, we can assure you of your visits and appreciation by us all.

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Good Year Reported For Coorow Area

A year of unusual interest and achievement has been reported by the president of the Coorow-Waddi Forest sub-branch.

With 37 members enrolled, the attendance at the 11 meetings held during the year totalled 192—an average of 17 per meeting.

The year closed with a satisfactory balance of $114 in the general account and $132 in the building fund.

Members attended the Anzac Day parade this year in force and the district hall was crowded for the service, which was concluded with a wreath-laying ceremony at the R.S.L. Memorial Hall.

An innovation this year was the exchange of visits with Carnamah for the respective Anzac Day services.

The sub-branch was represented at the last State Congress and also at the Moorabool and Geraldton group conferences.

The sub-branch played an active part in the district affairs during the year. It arranged a successful meet.

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With 37 members enrolled, the attendance at the 11 meetings held during the year totalled 192—an average of 17 per meeting.

The year closed with a satisfactory balance of $114 in the general account and $132 in the building fund.

Members attended the Anzac Day parade this year in force and the district hall was crowded for the service, which was concluded with a wreath-laying ceremony at the R.S.L. Memorial Hall.

An innovation this year was the exchange of visits with Carnamah for the respective Anzac Day services.

The sub-branch was represented at the last State Congress and also at the Moorabool and Geraldton group conferences.

The sub-branch played an active part in the district affairs during the year. It arranged a successful meeting between East Carnamah residents and the P.M.G. Department for an extension. It assisted a local ex-service man in his pension and drew on its amelioration fund to tide him over his waiting period. It pressed for the use of the Watheroo Observatory facilities for the further development of the State, the sub-branch having been mainly concerned on the spot inquiry by eight members.

Towards the end of the year the sub-branch accepted a tender of $898 for extensions of its hall.

Poppy Day sales reached a record level of 216.

Social activities (though few were well attended). They included two dances, a ladies' night and a sub-branch dinner with State Executive representation. The visiting party included the State President and several members of the Land Committee who were taken next day on a tour of the Enabba war-service land-settlement project.

The sub-branch secretary (Mr. M. Williams) was presented with a Certificate of Service during the year.

Move For Memorial At Applecross

The Applecross sub-branch is sponsoring a move to erect a Memorial to the Fallen in the district, and seeks the assistance of the various public bodies.

On June 24 a meeting of delegates from several organisations including the Meelup Road Board resolved to convene a further meeting consisting of two delegates from each association operating in the district, to consider proposals put forward at the initial meeting and recommendations from same.

The recommendations are:

(a) That a memorial to the fallen of the two great wars be erected in the district.

(b) That such memorial be a functional building.

(c) That, if the choice of such building permits, it be erected in the grounds of the Applecross R.S.L. Kinnaird road.

(d) That the convening committee recommend the building of a public library in L-shaped, and that a small obelisk, surrounded by a rose garden, be features between the wings.

Other suggestions were for a memorial hall, maternity hospital, sports pavilion and rose garden.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 5.

Osborne Park Attendances Never Better

Attendances at Osborne Park sub-branch meetings have never been better than at present.

For this happy state of affairs members give much more credit to the zeal and energy of their president, Mr. Jack Hayden, than to the favourable weather.

The new interest is also largely attributed to the guest-speaker feature introduced in January time ago. The speaker for May was the State President—who spoke on present and future ambitions of the League. At the May meeting Mr. Athol Thomas spoke on newspapers and all that goes with them.

ANZAC DAY IN LONDON: This was the scene at the Cenotaph, in Whitehall on Anzac Day this year when distinguished representatives of all British Commonwealth countries gathered for the traditional wreath-laying ceremony at 11 a.m. A commemorative service was held at noon, a reunion of the Anzac Fellowship of Women at Australia House at 3 p.m., and the annual reunion dinner of the Australian Ex-service Association at Australia House at 7 p.m.
Unit Association Notes

16th Battalion

As usual, the June committee meeting of the association was well attended. Matters dealt with included the proposed annual visit to Faversham in September. The secretary was authorized to inquire into transport, comforts and entertaining costs for the trip for a report to the July meeting.

A suggestion was put forward that the local branch of the association donate a battle flag to the South Australian branch in appreciation of the wonderful entertainments provided on the recent trip.

The women's auxiliary held a successful fete and jumble sale during June.

The auxiliary gives great assistance to the battalion's finances, on which sometimes the call is rather heavy. The only means of revenue is the 2/- annual subscription. But the association is at times fortunate in that large contributions are received, especially from country members. Several members and their wives have violence and had an afternoon tea and a chat with some old members who are unable to leave their homes. A talk about old days bucks them quite a lot.

The death of P. W. Shear (regimental number 494) was reported in a recent Revellie.

Mr. C. C. Isbister is out of hospital.

Mr. Ted Monk has been nominated by the Sub-branch as a candidate for State Executive.

Mr. L. Ibtotson, who has been residing in Melbourne, has returned to Australia and has been pleased to meet some of the old battalion boys.

Forestry Units' Reunion

(To The Editor)

Sir,—It may be of interest to you to hear that Mr. E. Digney, of Mandurah sub-branch, and myself recently visited Melbourne after attending the reunion of the three forestry companies.

It is most gratifying to see that their reunions have kept alive the spirit achieved during our five years of army life, due mostly to the energetic and enthusiastic work of the committee headed by the president, Bruce Morrison, and secretary Fred Jelliffe.

We were both accorded the honour of bearing the banner during the march and were guests of honour at the reunion dinner, being the first from the West ever to attend.

Also from the West was Bob Nestor, who is on a three-months holiday in Victoria. Bob is a T.P.I. man and son of the famous Bob Nestor of Blackboy Hill days, and has been awarded the role of liaison officer between East and West.

Dig and I have brought back a series of coloured slides taken at the reunion, and also of all the former boys that we met up on our travels of the State. These can be shown to those who interested from the units, by contacting either of us. We will arrange a slide-tour and give them a running commentary.

The Victorians asked why we, as West Australians, had not kept our reunions going and I, as guest speaker, pointed out the vastness of our State and the distances having to be traveled.

Their enthusiasm can be gauged by the fact that they are working now on a scheme for nominating two or three (as funds permit) West Aussies each year to attend their reunions and paying their fares or, subscribing towards them, so their visit could be a forerunner to a lot more West boys going over here.

Yours, etc.,

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The Executive To Relax
On July 27—the Friday before Congress commences—members of the State Executive will meet informally, with their wives, for an evening’s relaxation at the Victoria League rooms in Collin-street, West Perth. The evening is to take the form of a dinner marking the conclusion of the current Congress year. The idea was nurtured for some years by the mind of the State President, who approved it, by the executive, shortly after last Congress. To finance the occasion members have been paying in to a fund on their meeting-nights.

Nollamara Holds Its First Social
On the night of June 27 in the Buffalo’s hall, Tuart Hill, a very young unit of the R.S.L.—the Nollamara sub-branch—held its first social, which was an unqualified success.
Under the leadership of energetic president Jim Anderson, aided by secretary Air Warrant Harris and their committee, they gave a swing from the start.
Most of the evening was devoted to dancing, and music provided by a newly-formed all-ladies band from Perth. Under the leadership of Miss Ivy Bullen (trumpet) the four-piece combination of trumpet, piano, accordion and drums provided a programme which will certainly be acclaimed, and was appreciable.
In addition to about 70 adults there were many children present, for whose benefit one or two games were played. The programme opened with an accordionist from the band, who gave a delightful solo item, and two members, Mr. and Mrs. Green (piano-accordion) and Mr. and Mrs. Stirling (bottle-top, etc.), gave a novelty item which they have recently received with acclaimation.
The president explained that the objective of the evening was to provide an opportunity for members and their ladies to get to know one another, and so build up the spirit necessary to achieve the aims of the sub-branch. Though only a little over a year old, with a membership of about 70, the sub-branch had great plans for the future, to accomplish which it would need the support of a strong women’s auxiliary.

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Missed By Their Mates
From the Rocky Gully sub-branch comes the following letter of appreciation of the service of the late Mr. J. H. Duncan:

In the passing of John Hart (Schockt) Duncan at Mt. Barker Hospital on May 11, we are losing one of the best servicemen in general and the R.S.L. in particular, and we have lost one of our staunchest supporters.

With the 2/11th Battalion he saw service in the Middle East, Greece and Crete.

Possessed of a strong arm and spirit he was always in the forefront to assist in any task that fell to his lot. He was a member of the interests and activities of returned servicemen at Rocky Gully.

To his widow Miss Faith Duncan—founder president and present secretary of the Rocky Gully women’s auxiliary—we extend our deepest sympathy. Violette, said Jock.

The following letter which has been published in the newspaper tells of the death of Mr. B. McCarthy.

Holl-Opening At Williams
The Williams R.S.L. Memorial Hall will be officially opened at a function to be held at the hall on July 24.

The State Executive will be represented at the function by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Stoddart, who will guests of honour during their stay in the district.