44 Contest Entrees
—More Expected

So far 44 entrants have been nominated for the Miss Crowning Glory competition—and more are expected as nominations do not close until October 14.

Aimed at finding Western Australia's most beautiful head of hair—blonde, brunette or red head—the contest is open to any married or single woman residing anywhere in the State between the ages of 18 and 28 years.

A candidate can enter on her own nomination or on that of an organisation, but to qualify for final judging must raise a minimum sum of $20.

Expressing his satisfaction with the returns to date, Mr. Lonnie told the State Executive at its meeting on September 23 that "a field of 50" seemed probable.

Some private organisations have made nominations, but the majority of the entrants have been brought to date by R.S.L. sub-branches.

In special cases sub-branches have had to find it possible to nominate and arrange for more than one candidate.

The success of the competition to date has been shown by the interest displayed by R.S.L. sub-branches and the success of the auction in Walpole for $100, which was more than the number of entries in the previous competition.

The success of the competition is due largely to the efforts of Mr. Lonnie and the members of the State Executive.

The progress of the competition will be followed with interest by all members of the League and the public generally.

Shenton Park Social

Invitations to a Shenton Park sub-branch social evening on October 21 have been sent out to all members. A good night's entertainment is planned.

Last month the sub-branch was visited by Miss Joan Stanley, who was the guest of honour. She gave a talk on the history of the sub-branch and its members.

Shenton Park Social will be held at 8.15 p.m. on October 21, at the club.

A Crowning Glory

[Special statement in commendation of the Miss Crowning Glory competition from Sir John Dwyer, Lieutenant-Governor and former Chief Justice of Western Australia. Sir John himself saw service overseas in World War I with the 44th Infantry Battalion.]

It is 45 years since the shadow of the first world war fell across Australia and more than a quarter million of the flower of Australian manhood answered the call to arms.

They offered their lives in protection of their country and their fellow citizens—the greatest gift in the power of any human being.

As was inevitable thousands died on the field of battle, some returning maimed or otherwise stricken, and no longer capable of full participation in civilian life.

It has long been obvious to the R.S.L. that a War Veterans' Home is one of the ameliorative measures which must be provided to assist those who have suffered as a result of the war.

The League has accordingly decided to launch an appeal to the public for special financial assistance for the establishment of such a home.

The League believes that the community will respond to the appeal with enthusiasm, and that the appeal will be successful.

The League has already received substantial support from various individuals and organisations, and is confident that the appeal will be successful.

Caravan Sites Available At Rockingham

Caravan sites at the League's Palm Beach holiday resort—a mile or so from Rockingham—can now be reserved by application to the R.S.L. State Executive, Anzac House, Perth.

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Concession Won For Dependents

War widows, children of deceased members and widows of members eligible for treatment through the Repatriation Department will henceforth qualify for fares and travelling expenses.

A League approach having this objective, and stemming from a resolution of last year's National Congress, has been agreed by the Commonwealth Government.

Informing the League of the new concession the Minister for Repatriation (Senator Cooper) said: "The scale-of fares and travelling expenses will be the same as that which now applies to ex-service men receiving treatment through the department."

The Congress' resolution reads as follows: "That the Minister for Repatriation be informed that a war widow required by the Repatriation Department to undertake travel for a medical examination has to pay her own rail fare, an anomaly of which she is unaware, and that this should be rectified immediately."

Shield Games Progress

Progress points-scores to the end of September in the Shield competition were as follows: Mt. Helena, 36; Chidlow, 27; Gawler Plains, 21; Mundaring, 15; Darlington, 10.

The final round will be played on Monday, October 19, and the winning sub-branch will hold a presentation night on a date to be fixed in November.

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General Morshdeh Liked The Offensive Spirit

The death of Sir Leslie Morshdeh, one of Australia’s great generals, was announced on September 26.

Here is an appreciation of the general—carrying the pen-name “Peter Mike”—from one of the West Australians who served under him with the 2/28th Infantry Battalion at Tobruk and Alamein.

To most of the members of the Ninth Australian Division, Lieutenant-General Sir Leslie Morshdeh was a dapper man with a quiet, almost shy and studious appearance.

Although he made no attempt to “sell” himself to the public, he was a frequent visitor to the forward positions both at Tobruk and Alamein. On such occasions he showed no sign of the inner fire that caused a very well-placed staff to keep him as “Ming the Merciless.”

But, by the end of the North African campaign, the reputation amongst his troops was high. They knew that he had no wish to cause discomfort to anyone in his command, but demanded a policy of offensive defence; they knew that he would not allow patrols and raids, by waging the initiative from Rommel, to exhaust the fighting power of the Australian troops, even from the overwhelming concentration of firepower and reserves from which the Germans and Italians enjoyed.

Then came Alamein, and with it a change in nickname. In July, 1942, Lord Hau Haw announced the arrival in Egypt of All Baa and his 20,000 theves. The name stuck. It is whispered that the General liked it.

With Ninth Divvy but a comparatively small part of the Army, General Morshdeh had only a small part in the planning of the Alamein campaign. Nevertheless it is said that little or no credit has been given to him for a bold, courageous decision which—after the battle—bailed him as the decisive stroke in the battle.

On October 30th Rommel was massing his reserves for an all-out counter-attack on the northern sector against the exhausted, depleted Army. On the late afternoon, sensing the danger, Morshdeh replaced with fresh, full-strength 24 Brigade. This formation made up of 2/28th, 2/29th and 2/43rd Battalions, was predominately West Australian in character.

The relief was carried out without prior reconnaissances. Rommel would try to break the way the route forward ran through No Man’s Land. By dawn he was in position, and over the next 36 hours they faced a battle of fire and sword which would have had neither the physical strength nor the numbers to withstand.

That, then, was Morshdeh’s battle. At the Battle of Alamein, he did no nothing else in the war, this imaginative and courageous decision would have placed him in history among Australia’s greatest generals.

A.R.M.S. Competition

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League Ready For Inquiry

With the Perth sittings of the dairying inquiry put forward to commence early in October (see Forum, Oct. 13 or this page), the Land Committee (see Forum, Oct. 13 or this page) will meet at Bridgetown on Monday to convene a meeting of the dairying sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Hardity, Alper and Lister.

This was reported to the State Executive on September 23 by the Land Committee chairman (Mr. E. O. Davies).

Mr. Davies said that Mr. Alper would attend the sittings of the inquiry. Some war-service dairy farmers were in a pretty precarious position, he said, and a summary of the League’s case appears on Page 4.

Changes Made At Faversham

At its meeting on September 9 the State Executive accepted the resignation of Mr. J. P. Macnamara as a member of the Western Australian branch of the Federation of Independent Farmers of Australia. He was appointed a member of the Victorian branch of the Federation of Independent Farmers of Australia, and he will continue in his present position as State Executive.

Thoughts Turn To Poppy Day

The Remembrance Day Committee is again approaching business firms for assistance in the disposal of poppies and wreaths for Remembrance Day—November 11.

It has also been negotiating the question of screen publicity to boost interest in the welfare work associated with the day. It has similarly made a choice of slogan for the big occasion—“Wear your poppy with pride on Poppy Day.”

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Executive Is On Right Track

The incoming executive has made a good start. Its members were told this by the State President (Mr. Lonnie) at a recent meeting.

There was every sign of a good year ahead, Mr. Lonnie said. On membership, finance, publicity, and in the other departments considerable progress had been made. He advised any member who thought he might be developing a "chip on the shoulder" to put his grievances before any of the senior members.

"If there is anything on your mind get rid of it quickly," he said.

Referring to the position of the League throughout Australia generally Mr. Lonnie said, there had been a 30 per cent gain in membership throughout the past year, despite a considerable "catch-up" due to the death of members.

Missing Friends Sought

Two long-distance inquiries have been made recently in respect of missing friends, and it will be appreciated if anyone knowing anything of the whereabouts of those concerned would pass on their information to the inquirers.

Mr. James Grant, of Kent-street, Kynoogoguich, Waikato, New Zealand, writes:

Would you be kind enough to help me contact a friend of mine-LAC Robert Delzell, formerly R.A.A.F. We served together in the 5thAustralian Light Horse, and in Squadron D.A.F. for some time. Then he was posted back home to Perth. Australia.

I have just come from the Old Country and this is my first opportunity to try and contact my friend. If you have his home address, or any information regarding him, I would be very pleased to have it. I trust this letter finds you well and that you have a little luck with your search for a lost friend.

Mr. E. M. Borey, of 54 Ruby Flats, Abberford-road, Bowen Hills, Brisbane, Queensland, writes:

I wish to obtain any particulars or address of Sg. Norman McDonald, ex-R.A.A.F, an electrician who worked on the mines at Kalgoorlie prior to the war and served in Brisbane. He was discharged in Perth and may be now employed there.

As the matter is of great importance I would be most grateful for any information.

Old Seats Will Serve At Rockingham

Ready use will be found at the League's Rockingham branch of the seats no longer required at Anzac House. A request for the seating made by the Rockingham Project Committee was welcomed by the State Executive recently.

The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance.
League Seeks New Deal For Dairy Farmers

Following is a summary of the evidence presented to the Commonwealth Dairy Inquiry Committee during its Perth sittings on October 1 and 2 by the League representative—Mr. R. B. Leiper, of Cowaramup:

The Returned Service Men's League is vitally interested in the outcome of the ultimate conclusions to be arrived at by the committee. It is estimated that more than 50 percent of those engaged in the dairying industry are either ex-service personnel or their children. The former may be placed in three categories:

(a) The war-service land settler.
(b) Men who availed themselves of the C.R.I. to earn.
(c) Those who have striven to establish themselves without recourse to financial assistance, and that supplied by trading banks.

The problem of financial stability is a very real problem to all who are attempting to sell at 4/4 a commodity costing 3/4 to produce. It is impossible to remain solvent under such conditions and the League is seeking a tangible form of remedial action.

It is considered that the cream price is a very good selling-price is bridged to a great extent by the fact that the League is in position on a peasant level, and that its survival is to a considerable degree dependent upon the family unit.

The League believes that the estimated £30,000,000 worth of butter products is essential to the financial wellbeing of the Commonwealth and that the Government should be prepared to pay at least the cost of production for the amount of production considered necessary.

About one-third of those employed in agriculture are engaged in dairying pursuits, and it is contended that the 112,000 producers concerned should have the opportunity to earn a reasonable living as the rest of the community.

Embargo

A total embargo on the use of any imported oils or fats in the manufacture of margarine and also that margarine manufactured from locally fried oil based on a quota in conformity with maximum national requirements and in accordance with the cooperative value to the country of both industries—200,000 tons of dairy products and 32,000 tons of margarine.

Complete protection has been given in New Zealand by the elimination of margarine.

An agreement between the Commonwealth and the Queensland Government places an embargo on sugar importation and fixes the price of sugar at 10 percent above the statutory minimum market price. The work force in the sugar industry at the last census was only 20,616.

By comparison, the dairy industry has only a consumer subsidy, so-called because it is used to bring the price down to the consumer in preference to raising the price to the producer.

Secondary industries have been encouraged to develop behind a high protective tariff.

Some primary industries have also benefited from tariff protection. It is significant that today no sugar is imported.

If the price of sugar can be stabilised at a reasonable figure for both local and imported sugar, why not the price of butter? A conference between the Netherlands, Scandinavia, New Zealand and Australia suggests itself as the means of arriving at a mutually satisfactory quota and price system.

Conclusions

The League believes it of paramount importance to establish the amount of dairy products which should be produced to cater adequately for local and overseas trade, and that butterfat farmers should be paid according to average farming conditions as a means of arriving at a mutually satisfactory quota and price system.

A further suggestion is that the present equalisation system be eliminated, and that instead of basing the system on Australian consumption, it be based on the world market.

Figures supplied by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics indicate that even when a farmer who was receiving the cost of production, a minimum amount of 10,000 lb. per annum was required before he was able to balance his budget. The League's recommendation is therefore that a farmer should receive at least the world market price for the first 10,000 lb. at a fair price for the balance.

Competition has been eliminated in the other industries referred to, and it appears logical that similar treatment should be extended to dairy farmers. Recent attempts to introduce milk as a whole milk substitute have been vetoed by State legislation.

Recommendations

The League recommends:

1. The registration of all dairy farmers.
2. The issue of a licence to produce up to 10,000 lb. butterfat per annum with payment at the assessed production cost.
3. Bringing farms with a lower potential than 10,000 lb. per annum up to the required standard.
4. Confining licences to farmers already established until additional production is considered imperative.
5. Total elimination of imports of margarine oils.
6. Extension of the pilot farm scheme.
7. Provision for minimum earnings of the average farmer to reach the basic wage plus margin.
8. Adjustment of the present equalisation system.
9. Provision of Loans for long-term development at a nominal rate of interest.

The League commends the existing scheme and Government in introducing a plan in the shape of a dairy improvement scheme, and considers that it should be subjected to very sound lines.

If the Commonwealth Government would make sufficient money available in the future, this would be a step in the right direction, and with an increase in the number of extension officers, especially on research stations, it should prove beneficial.
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NOTICE TO WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONERS

This is to inform Repatriation pensioners in the principal pension groups of the general scale of increase which will be payable to them as from 1st October, 1959.

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Well-spent Weekend
By W. H. Ferrier
On Saturday, September 26, the State President and three members of his executive—Messrs. R. Morris, J. Serisier and myself—left Perth on a well-earned-out timetable to attend the annual reunion dinner of the Albany sub-branch.

Arriving at our destination, we were met by the president and members of the local sub-branch.

The sub-branch has a very able and worth-while member, Mr. Ross Steel, who is very interested in having the Light Horse Memorial at Port Sydney erected on the summit of Mt. Clarence. We visited the proposed site where Ross has been busy planting an Honour Avenue of nicely-shaped trees flanked, at one end, by a lone pine.

He scattered a packet of Flowers amongst the trees.

An appeal in the local newspaper for discarded nylon stockings to make flower trees to stakes brought in 16,000 pairs.

The headquarters of a wonderful gathering of returned men at the dinner, and no vacant seats. The president (Mr. G. K. Masters) had the boys well in hand, and was a perfect leader.

During the dinner the local sub-branch bestowed a decoration on the State President, the award of R.S.L. Chief Usher, in the form of a Maltese cross of copper, suitably inscribed and to be worn on a ribbon around the neck.

The Mayor of Albany (Mr. Barnsby) was the recipient of an award for the best story told during the evening.

This award took the form of a rather large "miniature" yoke carrying the inscription "The Best Builder".

Idea for Schools
During his address the Mayor suggested that the next Anzac Day school service be held on the summit of Mt. Clarence, in full view of the harbour where the fleet for the expedition left on the war assembled before leaving the shores of Australia. He also suggested that the Minister for the Navy be asked to cooperate by having a destroyer in the harbour for the occasion.

We left Albany sharp at 9 a.m. next day on our return trip and arrived at South Stirling ten minutes ahead of time. This meant some of the local war service land settlers.

At Binningup we drove 35 minutes ahead of schedule and were met by the R.S.L. president and members who were invited to a glass of the doings. At the R.S.L. Hall we noticed the flags flying at half-mast, and were informed of the passing-on of our distinguished war leader, Sir Leslie Morehead.

Borden had arranged a very fine barbecue luncheon for us, supplied by the women's auxiliary.

They also supplied us with a very nice hamper for the road.

We left Borden 12 minutes behind schedule, but then, how could we leave such charming hosts on time?

We arrived at Gnowangerup at 3 p.m. and met the local members in the hall, where the tables had been spread for afternoon tea by a member of the auxiliary, of which Mrs. Dolley has been president for 20 years.

After tea we visited the local War Memorial, which is a credit to the sub-branch.

Nearing the wireless station at Wargin the Chief Usher decided on a stop to sample the local hospitality at Borden. The repast was very enjoyable, but I am still wondering what the malloy roots were put in the hamper for—to cook details of first the hams and sausages, or to make up extra weight?

We wired back in the city by 9.15 p.m.

H.V. Corps Works Smoothly
The Hospital Visiting Corps is now functioning smoothly but there are still a lot of Metropolitan sub-branches which have not yet come into the fold in the survey comfort.

The chairman of the Hospital Visiting Corps (Mr. J. B. White) said this at a recent State Executive meeting.

Mr. White said that the work could be done with more helpers and more donations from sub-branch amelioration funds.

He pointed out that it had never been the intention for members of the Hospital Visiting Corps to undertake the work of the survey committee.

The comforts of visiting could well be left to the sub-branches, a number of which had a proud record of service in that regard.

Mr. E. C. Townshend said the parcels sent out by the sub-branch had undertaken visiting in connection with the Edith, Millen Home and the Braille Society.

South Perth Donation
For Quest Entrant
From its amelioration fund the South Perth sub-branch has donated £20 in support of the district nominee in the Miss Crowning Glory contest—Mrs. Sally White.

A further bid in support of this candidate is a fund-raising function to be conducted by the South Perth and Como R.S.L. Hall shortly.

Members are requested to attend the function as funds raised will go towards the legacy and the new War Veterans' Home. Further details can be obtained from Messrs. Bob Lewis or Jack Riddin.

The next round of the Sydney "Lambert Cup" games will be played in the Manning Hall on Wednesday, October 14, and should be the occasion of a big roll-up.

Mr. F. K. Moss, the new South Perth president, is very late and meeting members at the sub-branch committee meetings in the Swan-street office on the fourth Thursday in each month.

At recent meeting discussion has been aired on the proposed new South Perth R.S.L. hall, and if any members have ideas on how the fund could be raised the secretary would like to hear from them.

The team has finished second in the last two years, but hopes with new blood to reach the top of the ladder this year.

The present membership in the sub-branch is still good, the natural losses having been made good by recruitment. The finances could be better, and when committees already in hand have been completed, there must be some to consolidate the general funds. Any member with a friend with a query on pensions, housing or the Service Credit—and who is not a member of another sub-branch—should bring him along to a meeting and let the sub-branch endeavour to assist him.
Reunion Success At Manjimup

Although the attendance was slightly less than in previous years the Manjimup sub-branch reunion dinner on September 19 proved a most successful function.

Under the chairmanship of Mr. Kevin Morda, who warned the speaker that he was carrying a "two- miles" of 100 men which would be delivered in 30 minutes and comparatively short toast list was completed in good time.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation to Mr. Reg. Monkhouse by two awards for service. Mr. Sims was present.

Mr. Monkhouse was made Advertising Manager for the South-West Times chain of newspapers two years ago and moved to Bunbury.

As the State Executive member had been available to attend the dinner the chair of the chairman of the R.L. being the oldest members, to present Reg with a Certificate of appreciation for his service.

Mr. Sims said that Reg since his first came was always helpful and was always most helpful in every way possible.

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Big Drives Planned By Rivervale Sub-branch

By means of a projected scrap-metal drive the Rivervale sub-branch believes it could raise $1,000 over the next 12 months. With another scheme it hopes to raise a similar sum for its hall-building fund.

The sub-branch intends to undertake an intensive drive at once to build up the sub-branch which, it is hoped, will be a flourishing community. The drive is planned on a voluntary basis, and all members are to be canvassed for their support.

Having secured a 99-year lease over a block of land from the Rivervale Road Board the sub-branch is now determined to build a hall as soon as possible. To do so will require a considerable sum of money, which it proposes to get by selling "bricks" to the general public and others interested—"bricks" at 50 each.

There is to be no limit on the number anyone may purchase, and they can be bought outright or on a kind of time-payment system. For instance, a payment of 2/6 a week would pay for a "brick" in 30 weeks. With 150 members enrolled and an active women's auxiliary, the committee is confident that by this means the sub-branch could be built in a matter of months.

Following service in the R.A.A.F. during World War II he had returned to Manjimup, joined the sub-branch, and continued to render even greater service. Mr. Thompson said that Reg never had been known to refuse to help any worthy person or cause in need of assistance.

Mr. Thompson said that the Manjimup sub-centre of the State Executive had first formed about 1940, and that he had had the honour of being its president for some 17 years. During that time, until he had left the sub-centre, Mr. Monkhouse had been one of the association's most valued workers, and had never hesitated to give every assistance whenever called upon.

A "tarpaulin" was delivered on behalf of Mr. W. C. Pearce, member of the Walpole R.S.I. sub-branch who with his wife and family, was rendered homeless and destitute by a fire a few weeks previous. The bountifully given generous gift of $11/10/ which was added to the sum of $15 voted for the cause from sub-branch funds at the September meeting.
Pictured here are entrants in the Miss Crowning Glory contest who have supplied photographs. In each caption the sponsoring body is shown in parentheses.

Carol Jones Harris (21), of Mosman Park (Mosman Park Ladies' Hockey Club).

Margaret Donald (21), of Yallingup (Dunsborough-Yallingup sub-branch).

Roma Ora (26), of West Perth (North Perth sub-branch).

Helen South (21), of Perth (Darcan sub-branch).

Barbara Cousins (26), of Scarborough (Scarborough auxiliary).

Theo Wills-Johnson (19), of Bibra Lake (Hunt Club of W.A.).

Maureen Rodgers (24), of Bunbury (Bunbury sub-branch).

Beverley Jensen (19), of Harvey (Harvey sub-branch).

Aileen Fagg (28), of Cottesloe (National Cash Register Co. Social Club).
Contest Competitors

Wendy Cross (18), of North Cottesloe (Fremantle sub-branch).

Chris Butcher (18), of Bruce Rock (Bruce Rock auxiliary).

Lynne Bosworth (17), of Cottesloe (Swanbourne sub-branch).

Janine Major (20), of Wagin (Wagin sub-branch).

Thelma Mavis Hay (18), of Leonora (Gwalia-Leonora sub-branch).

Robyn Matthews (21), of Cunderdin (Cunderdin sub-branch).

Lorraine Roberts (19), of Katanning (Katanning sub-branch).

Maxine Ibbotson (20), of West Perth (Boona Sporting and Social Club).

Maureen Cullen (23), of South Perth (Women’s Auxiliary State Executive).
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League Activity In North

Following is a report—in note-form—by Mr. S. R. King (of the State Executive) on sub-branch visits he made when travelling through the North-West during August.

Carnarvon: Was there on August 11. Bob Maywood (president) a very good member, very keen; arranged a committee meeting to meet me that night—president. Bob Maywood, Brian Maywood, Ede Fullerton, George Dupre, Divna Steenerson, Colin Back and Peter Tomlinson. They discussed the Crowning Glory competition and decided to put in an advertisement in the local paper calling for entrants; if none were forthcoming they were going to contact Carnarvon girl who is training at Royal Perth Hospital. They are having a R.S.L. ball on September 1st.

They intend to start a disco at the whaling station to sell decorated whale ears and pieces of baleen made into novelties, all proceeds to go to Legacy. This means to raise well over $1,000 a year.

One stalwart of the League is Dick Cornish of the Gascogne Hotel—who was chairman 2 years ago on the State Executive. This sub-branch awards annual scholarships, children eligible to compete are those whose parents volunteered for active service, and not necessarily for the R.S.L.

Onslow—August 13: Met by George Madigan (president) at the Bow and Arrow Hotel. This sub-branch is in very good heart, all members very keen. On August 9 a R.S.L. meeting was attended by over 200 of the 300-old people on the sub-branch—meeting was brought forward from the Friday to the Thursday night to enable members to meet.

A group of the 21 members at the meeting, including a visitor—Mick Bayliss, from Nedlands. In their correspondance they had a letter from a sub-branch wishing them well.

Lee Casey, one of their members, promised as many grove crabs for supper but unfortunately they were not forthcoming. Ivan Jones, secretary of the social committee, is very keen and is looking for work. They do not feel they should do justice to a competition in the Crowning Glory competition.

Unique Occasion For Cranbrook Members

The State President, accompanied by Messrs. G. Ferrier and E. A. Dodd, visited the Cranbrook sub-branch for its recent annual dinner and charter-presentation.

For a further round at Darlington last month the Glen Forrest team was on the spot early attending the sub-branch meeting. First, Hed Hulme (president) welcomed the visitors—and a new member in Peter Heaslop, an ex-Imperial. The games followed, Glen Forrest faring rather poorly. With the approach of the dinner the sub-branch was scheduled for Mundaring on Monday, October 12. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Trow, with Mundaring, Glen Forrest and Darlington enjoying their feet some what.

The Glen Forrest monthly meeting was held on the third Thursday. Although not numerically strong the meeting was well attended and members work in complete harmony.
Cottesloe Activities Reviewed

The Cottesloe sub-branch closed its last financial year with a membership figure of 218—representing a slight decrease on that for the previous year.

This was disclosed by the president (Mr. A. Gillies) in his annual report to members.

The average attendance for the 12 general meetings held during the year was 40. This was an 8 per cent drop. That for the 12 committee meetings was 13, and at one of the meetings all 15 members were present.

The sub-branch was indebted to the treasurer (Mr. K. R. McCubbin) for his sound handling of funds. During the year, his efforts, however, the usual end of the year shortage of funds persisted.

Under the capable direction of the fund-raising committee (Chairman, L. Chaffey), many worthy efforts had been made. To augment the results, the sub-branch function was conducted with a Christmas Stocking raffle, while smaller sales had also been conducted. To aid the War Veterans Home appeal, the sub-branch had purchased a cinema ticket for the proceeds from the opening of the film, Dunkirk, and a raffle by means of which a family had raised £180 for the cause.

Other funds for that purpose included the annual ball and donations, and at present the sub-branch was co-sponsoring a candidate in the Miss Crownings Glory contest.

Show Game

A new game conducted at the last Royal Show had produced the best results since its inauguration in the chocolate-wheel era. With the experience gained, even better results should be forthcoming this year.

Poppy Day sales were slightly down on the previous year’s figures. Sincere thanks were due to the women’s auxiliary for its whole-hearted support. With odd exceptions, the sales made were negligible, and to increase them in future a much greater effort must be made by the auxiliary.

This was urgent, as repeated calls for hospital visits had reduced the sub-branch’s membership to a particularly low level.

A fair number of members and their wives had attended the Remembrance Day service at St. Phillips’ Church.

On Anzac Day many members were on hand to conduct the usual combined service—conducted this year by the Mosman Park sub-branch in conjunction with the local road board. Another good attendance had marked the Anzac Day service at St. Phillips’.

Gift Parcels Going To Men Overseas

Over 2,500 members of the Navy, Army and Air Force serving at overseas posts in South-East Asia will receive gift parcels from the R.S.L. at Christmas.

The distribution this year will bring the total number of parcels distributed by the R.S.L. since the Korean War to nearly 46,000.

The parcels are distributed under arrangements made by the Australian Services Canteen organisation in conjunction with the Army, Navy and Air Force Institute in Singapore, and the contents are compiled to provide the troops with the items most needed and most appreciated.

Each parcel, costing about $1, contains a donation provided by R.S.L. State branches and the Queensland Patriotic Fund.

The National President (Sir George Howard) said that although present conditions were not as difficult as was the case during the Korean War, the Australian troops in Malaya and at other places in South-East Asia were nevertheless serving Australia and the cause of world peace in a magnificant manner, and if the parcels did nothing more than remind them that their efforts were deeply appreciated in Australia, their fellow Australians were thinking of them with admiration and respect, then the gifts would be more than justified.

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More Crowning Glory Entrants

- These girls, like those pictured on Pages 8 and 9, are entrants in the Miss Crowning Glory contest and will undergo preliminary judging at Anzac House on Saturday, October 24.

The final judging and crowning of the winner will be held at His Majesty’s Theatre, Perth, on the night of Sunday, October 25.

The League is grateful to these and all other entrants for coming forward so readily and thus helping to make the competition a success.

Moya Stephens (18), of Nyabing (Nyabing sub-branch).

Dorris Stacy (19), of Dowerin (Dowerin sub-branch).

Ailsa Hallinan (18), of Geraldton (Geraldton sub-branch).

Kaye Forward (18), of Victoria Park (Bairds Social Club).

Pamela Barr (19), of Shackleton (Shackleton sub-branch).

Crowning Glory Entrants
Honour Roll Unveiling
At Mandurah

Of interest to some of the older residents of Mandurah will be the unveiling of the district Honour Roll in the R.S.I. Hall on November 11.

The ceremony will be performed by the sub-branch president (Mr. F. Archer). The Honour Roll committee—comprising Messrs. Fraser, Norman and Meredith—have done an excellent job and members present at the sub-branch meeting on September 7 recorded a vote of thanks for its work in completing the roll splendidly.

On the same day there is to be a return party for the women’s auxiliary. Attendance at these functions is to be by invitation only and relatives of those who enlisted from Mandurah are asked to contact the secretary (Mr. H. J. Miles, of Leslie-street, Mandurah), as soon as possible.

The occasion is the first organised by the newly formed committee, whose tasks are to provide social activity and to raise funds for the sub-branch. At the sub-branch meeting Mr. Archer paid tribute to Mr. Price for raising £27 17s. 6d. at two Paddymarket markets conducted since the previous meeting.

It is good to see those who served in their country at war trying to do the same during peacetime.

Poppy Day at Mandurah this year is to be all organised affair. On November 7 members will be calling on all households, each sub-branch ordering 1,000 poppies, and all to dispose of them all.

The next meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on November 2, when final details of the ceremony for the Honour Roll will be discussed. All members are requested to attend.

Launching Of Blackboy Appeal, November 15

The Blackboy Hill Campsite Memorial appeal will be publicly launched at a ceremony to be held on the site of the proposed memorial on November 15.

At 245 p.m. former A.I.F. members of the two wars will assemble at their respective unit flags and take up a position facing His Excellency the Governor, who will turn the first sod of the memorial.

Bishop C. L. Riley, former Chaplain-General of the Australian Forces, will dedicate the site.

Members of the public are invited to attend the function.

After the ceremony the Governor will take a salute for a march-past led by the Western Command Band.

The signposting of old landmarks will arouse interest and recall happy memories of valued friendships to men of Blackboy.

A special “cookhouse” will be set up on all houseplots, and other refreshments, to bring your folk and children, too. Ample parking space is provided, and direction notices will be posted on the York road from each direction.

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3. Traveling scholarship in any field.
4. Any other branch of study.

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A Bellevue Club Occasion

The president (Mr. T. Gurney) of the Bellevue Returned Servicemen's Club in a racy but concise address on the occasion of the fourth annual dinner dance disclosed widely successful wide range of successful club activities during the past year.

Official guests included Councillor Bullock (representing the Mayor of Midland Junction), Mr. J. J. Brady, M.L.A., and Mr. R. Meyers.

Apologies were received from Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lodge, Mrs. Doney, Mr. D. Cash, M.H.R., and Inspector Clark.

Greetings and good wishes came in from as far afield as Southern Cross.

During the evening presenters were made to the retiring president (Mr. H. Read) and to the treasurer (J. J. Bullock).

A large number of trophies for the various sporting events conducted by the club were also presented.

The clubrooms were requisitioned for the special evening that followed the formal programme.

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For outstanding service to the R.S.L. it would be hard to find the equal of the late Mr. H. R. Croft, a League member throughout the State who will join in Anzac House Available, For Reunions

Unit associations are reminded that accommodation at Anzac House can be made available to them for reunions or other occasions on early application to the State Secretary.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Official Visits

September 5: The State President (Mrs. S. V. Stockin) officially opened the Armadale Auxiliary's annual fete, accompanied by the State President.

September 14: The State President attended the unveiling of the Spire at Air Force Memorial House.

September 15: The State President attended the inaugural meeting of the Cunderdin auxiliary, and installed the new officers.

September 21: Mrs. Stockin attended the Swanbourne R.S.L. Auxiliary's 15th annual evening.

Victoria Park Birthday

Mrs. Ford, president of the Victoria Park auxiliary, welcomed over 150 guests at the Salford Club hall on September 23, on the occasion of the auxiliary's 31st birthday party.

Among those invited were the State President (Mrs. Stockin) and State Secretary (Mrs. J. J. Bullock), other auxiliary members and their husbands, and representatives of the Housewives, Air Force and other organisations.

Dancing and musical items were supplied by Miss Elizabeth Brown and Janice Horrigan, and a hat parade by about a dozen members.

The time as usual was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Lang Syne and a very happy evening resulted.

Donations
Miss Grooming Glory: Kenwick £1/1/; Ballingup, £2/2/; West Leederville, £2/2/; Wattlebridge, £1/1/; Wytchmare, £5; Agnew, £5; Wudinna, £2/2/; Wyalong, £2/2/; Wyalong, £2/2/.

Other: Busselton, £10; Armadale, £5; Mandurah, £10; Wundowie, £2/2/; Wundowie, £2/2/; Wundowie, £2/2/; Wundowie, £2/2/; Wundowie, £2/2/; Wundowie, £2/2/.

Welfare Role Taken By Mrs. Stockin

Mrs. S. V. Stockin—State President of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary—has agreed to represent the State branch of the League on the Old People's Welfare Council.

This was announced at a recent State Executive meeting called by the R.S.L. State President (Mr. Lommele).

The council comprises a number of associations concerned with housing for old people.

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A Day Late

The last meeting of the State Executive was held on Thursday, October 8—a day later than usual. The reason?—People’s Day at the Royal Show on the Wednesday.

Deviations from the routine might as well be rare with the executive but another is on the cards for the forthcoming Autumn Conference which is to be held on Wednesday, October 21—about midway along the course of the National Congress which is being held in Perth this year.

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UNIT ASSOCIATION NOTES

51st Battalion, A.I.F.

The 38th annual reunion of the 51st Battalion was held in the Grosvon Hall, East Perth on October 9.

Prior to the reunion a wreath was laid at the foot of the battalion Memorial Cross in St. George’s Cathedral

The relatives and friends of deceased ex-members of the battalion will lay floral tributes on The Cross, which on this day will be placed on the central stairway.

The association appeals to members to help defray the cost of its circulars.

9th Division

The 1939 rally of the 9th Division Memorial Association will be held on October 23 at the Bazaar Training Depot at 8.30 p.m.

The Sunset wreath-laying ceremony will also be held at 6.30 p.m. at the State War Memorial that evening. All persons wishing to attend the ceremony should assemble at the Queen Victoria Memorial and then proceed to the War Memorial.

Membership of the association is not confined to those who served with the division but also includes former members of the R.A.N., the R.A.F., and United Service Forces of the British Commonwealth or Allied nations which composed the division in any theatre of war.

All rallies have been well attended and the potential strength of the association in this State is around 2,500 men. The committee is hopeful that, as the years pass, there will be a greater attendance at each successive rally as the function becomes more well known by all those eligible to attend.

The annual subscription is 12/-.

16th Battalion

The annual general meeting, preceding the annual reunion of last year’s officers in bloc. The meeting demanded the approval of the annual subscription to 5/-.

Mr. W. Newick (secretary) read the report which received many donations from members unable to attend.

Mr. C. Young, in his president’s report, stated that the Association as never so stronger than ever, due to the excellent work done by the committee.

Mr. W. Lenzie paid tribute to the old 15th when he read extracts from General Monash’s war time writings in replying to the toast of the RSL.

Mr. Copes (26th) proposed the toast of the 16th Battalion (Mr. C. Young responding). Mr. H. Lamb of Perth read the toast of the R.S.L. and kindred associations and Mr. W. Waterman, the toast of the women’s auxiliary.

Mrs. W. Newick received a presentation for his sterling organization of last year’s Adelaide trip.

Mr. A. L. Glance was made a life member in a procession of assistance rendered in the past.

Mr. H. J. Mch. Smith and Mr. D. Smith (visiting from Melbourne) were present.

Some interesting souvenirs and women’s auxiliary journeyed by bus to Favor’s Club on Sunday, September 27, and entertained inmates to afternoon tea and musical items.

The Red Cross provided the transport.

British Ex-Services

The British Ex-Services Association will hold its 14th annual reunion and dinner in the ballroom of the Anzac House on Friday, November 13, at 8 p.m. sharp.

This is an event that no British or ex-British man should miss. Come along and have a pleasant evening among your old comrades. All who represent the British forces will be represented on this night—no matter how or when you haven’t seen since you served together; it has happened a few of us, if you can quite easily happen again.


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League Man In Quiz Win

The Geraldon slab-brunch is received by the Geraldon Club under the success of its new president, Mr. Andy McDonald, and his wife in winning the "Mr. and Mrs. Geraldon" radio quiz.

They set out for Sydney this month—as the prize is a trip to the radio quiz there. Mr. McDonald, who was formerly a member of the Warren sub-branch, has since come to Geraldon and three years ago been one of the leaders in the many projects launched by the R.S.L. for benefit of the community generally.

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Upper Swan Foray Was No Secret

Ten members of the Upper Swan sub-branch, with their wives, had a night-out at a restaurant in Belmont recently, and the reasons prompting the occasion are as follows.

Although the sub-branch has no auxiliary the wives of members do more than a little to help, apart from issuing “leave passes.” Their great effort—and the one that strikes home most forcibly to the men-folk—Miss the banquet they prepared for the sub-branch anniversary in July.

Casting about for some way to express their thanks in some tangible way, members hit on the idea of taking their very superior halves dining and dancing, and ensuring that for once they could eat and drink to their hearts content without having to prepare “the tucker” themselves. Having gone thus far the boys felt it was also about time they made some acknowledgement to those unsung, unpaid and uncomplained of sub-branch executive members.

So it was the evening was planned and Alberto’s (may his shadow never grow less!) became the venue for an occasion that was thoroughly enjoyed by all; in fact having trouble getting the boys back to normal.

Incidentally, if the lads from the Swan had any idea about keeping their foray to the metropolitan area a secret, those ideas were rudely shattered as they entered the night club to be confronted by a party from Bellevue, led by State Senior Vice-President Jack Rolfe.

As if this wasn’t enough the door opened later on in the evening to admit State President Bill Lonnie.

All in all a great night—and there should be more of it—Scribe.

Scouts Given Custody Of Memorial

Two troops of Boy Scouts have accepted wardenship duties on the Bedford-Morley Park War Memorial.

A replica of the State War Memorial and situated in Salisbury Park the memorial was unveiled by the State President last Anzac Day.

Paying a eulogy to the sub-branch for entrusting the wardenship of the memorial the State President told E. C. Townsend, the State President recently, that to make the boys keenly interested in the sub-branch had presented them with a certificate claiming their custodianship. This was to be hung in their hall. The certificate carried a small emblem of the League badge.

Mr. Townsend said the sub-branches should know more about what had been done at Bedford-Morley Park.

Youth-Exchange Idea

An idea for an exchange of youth with America has come from the National President of the League (Sir George Holland). Mr. Lonnie said this at a recent executive meeting.

Sir George talked about the children of ex-service men need, and thought it might be possible to arrange during parties comprising a representative from each Australian State, Mr. Lonnie said.

A Southern Candidate Supported

Almost two hundred adults and children had a thoroughly good time last Thursday evening when the Bunbury-based Vallingup R.S.I. Sub-Branch arranged a function at the Bunbury Town Hall to support its Crowning Glory contest candidate, Miss Margaret Donald.

Dancing and items of harmony were interspersed with special forms of entertainment for the children and the ladies’ committee was also a delightful suprise.

Sub-branch secretary J. D. Brown explained the conditions of the Crowning Glory contest and said that money raised by candidates would benefit the League and the R.S.I.’s new War Veterans’ Home.

Mr. Jolliffe, branch president, introduced Miss Donald and the president of the ‘ladies’ committee (Mrs. F. H. Jolliffe) presented her with a beautiful sheath of flowers which had been made up by Mrs. Brown.

Mr. Brown, Miss Donald thanked everyone who had played a part in organising the evening, patrons for their attendance, and the artists for their contribution of music and items. The candidate with the highest amount of money raised was the ‘ladies’ committee, and Mr. Brown.

It is believed that the proceeds of the evening’s activities were in the vicinity of £50.

A tour of Australian Derby winning horses was undertaken by the sub-branch, which has changed its meeting-day from the second to the fourth Sunday each month.