Premier Makes Plea On Anzac Day Issue

At a reunion dinner following the annual northern regional conference of the League at Three Springs, Premier Mr. BRUNSWICK and R.S.L. State President Lonnie both urged caution in the consideration of any proposed change in the observance of Anzac Day in this State.

In his response to a toast in his honour proposed by Mr. M. Williamson, the Premier said that he was not in a position to advise on the manner in which the day should be celebrated, but he sincerely hoped that it would always remain a very significant occasion and not become just a holiday.

He urged all to remember their own—"Let us forget"—and to ensure that the memory of the sacrifices made would not drift into the background.

"Surely one day might be set aside to recall that we are free and prosperous and blessed with a great future because of the great sacrifices made for us. Surely, we can sacrifice ourselves for a little" he concluded.

PERSONAL VIEW

Mr. Lonnie made his remarks when responding to a toast by the R.S.L. Executive—"We propose the health of the Returned Soldiers Association of the South West, which was proposed by Mr. J. R. Thorpe.

He stressed that he was speaking in his personal capacity only and that he did not wish to influence the opinions of other members, but he asked that if people contemplated a change in the method of observance of Anzac Day in this State, they should be fully aware of the consequences.

Members must: must not be swayed by the pressures of the moment, for Anzac Day was a national day which had no equal elsewhere in the world, Mr. Lonnie stated, and he asked all to give the matter their best and most mature consideration.

The Premier, Mr. Lonnie and other speakers were unanimous in their praise of the manner in which the Three Springs sub-branch, its Auxiliary and helpers, had conducted both the conference and the reunion.

Although over 200 had attended the function—among which only 120 had been expected—all received a most substantial dinner and supper. All arrangements had gone with a swing and there were no "hitches" or delays.

Other toasts were: The Three Springs Road Board, which was proposed by Mr. I. Cousins and responded to by the chairman (Mr. C. E. Maley); visiting sub-branches, Mr. D. Gilmour, response by Mr. J. Buckle; the Three Springs Road Board, Mr. J. Howard, by Mr. Thorpe;

A.R.M.S. Games Contest

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"Make '60 much bigger."
Enrol a new Digger.
Poppy Day Receipts At Record Level

Disposals of both poppies and wreaths for Remembrance Day last year were a record, as were the cash proceeds from them.

The disposal figures were 117,514 poppies and 718 wreaths, with total cash proceeds of £4,685, compared with 116,750 poppies and £4,520 proceeds in 1957, the previous record year.

The 1958 figures were: poppies, 116,750; wreaths, 463; proceeds, £4,560.

Awards were made at the April meeting of the State Executive by Fund-raising Chairman E. A. Dodd.

SUB-BRANCHES FORGO THEIR SHARE

The following sub-branches donated the whole of their share of the Poppy Day proceeds to the W.A.生动, Soldiers and Allies' Relief Fund Trust. The actual amount donated in each instance being shown in parentheses:

- Broomfield (1/4), Broomhill (1/4), Burns Beach (1/4), Dunlop (1/4), Edridge Park (1/4), Hackett (1/4), Kelburne (1/4), Karridale-Augusta (1/4), North Fremantle (1/4), Rottnest (1/4), Stirling (1/4), Subiaco (1/4), Templeton (1/4), West Perth (1/4), Woodland Park (1/4), Youngs (1/4).

Sub-branches which deducted a portion of their proceeds are as follows:

- Cottesloe (1/1/1), Bass Rock (1/1/1), Borden (1/1/1), Dawesville (1/1/1), Meckering (1/1/1).

Special donations were received from

- Gladstone (1/0), Wagin (0/1/0).

The grand total of these donations was therefore £14/19/9.

SERVICES APPEAL

Mr. Dodd reported that gross proceeds of the street appeal conducted by the League in April - the Services Appeal - were £865/10/0, and the expenses £58/7/0.

He felt the appeal had been very well supported by the public and that the committee had learnt a lot from it.

Mr. Dodd said a number of individuals had assisted with the administration of the appeal, including the W.A.生动, which was very important at Anzac House who had done a lot in his own time as well as in the league's time.

The committee recommended that for future appeals the administration of appeals should be a temporary appointment - preferably a volunteer - to the committee and preferably a week before and after the appeal.

On the organisational side the committee had there should be a carefully drafted plan of the stand to be taken by collectors, with a reserve of collectors at designated points who could visit factories and other places of employ.

It was felt that a good deal more could be done with publicity.

After the adoption of the report the State President praised the committee for record-breaking efforts for Poppy Day and the success of the Services Appeal.

Mr. Lorimie said: "This appeal has brought in just on £1,000 that the League would not otherwise have had.

LEGLESS MAN PRESENTS

Prominent among collectors in the street appeal was a man who lost both legs in the general accident a few years ago.

He is Mr. Fred Battley, of the Home of Peace, Subiaco.

When approached about the possibility of his participating in the appeal Mr. Battley said: "I welcome this opportunity of showing a little appreciation for all the R.S.L. has done for me as you have struck a willing home in me. I will be available any time after 7:30 a.m." He had of course obtained the approval of the matron of the home.

In 1957 the League presented Mr. Battley - a member of many years standing - with a motorised wheelchair to help him overcome his disability. To purchase the chair an appeal was conducted by the Anzac Club and subscribed to by numerous sub-branches and the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary.

This presentation was made by the Governor (Sir Charles Gardiner) at Parliament House.

Shenton Park's Anniversary

The Shenton-Park sub-branch is preparing for its 20th anniversary of Friday, June 22.

Members are urged to show their loyalty by being present for the occasion.

The committee hopes that all those not yet "financial" will make amends shortly.

Sub-branch treasurer Cliff Kleinman was recently admitted to Hollywood Hospi.

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Special Messages For Anzac Day

The following special Anzac Day message was received at the R.S.L. from League National President Sir George Holland:

"Forty-five Anzac days have not dimmed the glory of those men of imperishable memory who by their deeds created the Anzac tradition and made the name of Australia and New Zealand ring round the world.

"The second world war and the Korean and Malayan campaigns demonstrated that the courage and fierce spirit of those first Anzacs had proved to be inherited qualities.

"As our Nation remembers, so too will all those whose services remain whilst deducing themselves to the principles for which 100,000 Australians laid down their lives."

The following message was received at National headquarters from Dominion President R. Fraser of the New Zealand Returned Services Association:

"On this 45th anniversary Anzac all members of N.Z.R.S.A. join with me in extending warmest greeting our Australian comrades-in-arms. We welcome visit delegations here this year as tangible evidence of bonds of comradeship formed many years ago. The spirit of Anzac will continue to guide our path in years to come."

In reply, the following message on behalf of the R.S.L. was sent to the N.Z.R.S.A.:

"Your comrades and proud partners in the name and tradition of Anzac send greetings on this 45th anniversary. May our mutual comradeship hold firm and succeed through long years of war, continue to flourish and maintain our resolution in the undoubted trials and dangers of the future."

Games Win For The League At Geraldton

"PR" Company members of the 28th Infantry on the Sub-branch were not for the League at a sports evening conducted by the Sub-branch following its April meeting.

Matches were played at cricket, tennis, golf and hockey and in each the league was successful by three games to two.

For some months now the sub-branch social committee has been arranging sporting fixtures of the "PR" and is now very keen to arrange against other sub-branches and clubs for the next few meetings.

The sub-branch has decided to contribute to the women's auxiliary for its assistance during the next few meetings.

During April-Repatriation Deputy-Commissioner A. R. Keith visited Sub-branch for further assistance from the national Repat Committee.

The Assistant-Deputy-C ommissioner J. Robson will address the gathering of ex-service men at Geraldton in June.

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Here’s Hoping

Here’s Hoping that coming months will deliver us from members who:

- Blame the high cost of living for being slow in paying their dues but always seem to have plenty of money for a round of drinks at the bar.
- Never attend Sub-branch Meetings but constantly find faults with R.C.L. activities.
- Refuse to work on committees, but never hesitate to ridicule the efforts of the committee finally selected.
- Object to the reading of important communications from Headquarters and then denounces the latter bodies for their “do-nothing” policies.
- Always arrive at a Sub-branch Meeting just after the business session is over but just before the refreshments are served.

Here’s Hoping the future will help us reform the members whose hearts bleed for the afflicted and needy but who are always too busy to give their personal efforts towards raising relief funds.

We want to reform, too, the members who complain loudly about the work of their Sub-branch but who never have time to help their Sub-branch promote a community service project that would produce newspaper headlines.

Here’s Hoping 1960 will bring into our fold:

- Members who will always remember an organisation is only as good as its active members.
- Members who join the organisation for what they can do for the general welfare of all ex-service members and not for what they can get out of it for themselves.
- Members who are sincere when they pay their subscription and honestly seek to fulfil requirements.

Members to whom the word “comradeship” represents a creed that is akin to brotherly love and not just a theme for empty orations.

ANZAC DAY ADDRESS BY THE STATE PRESIDENT

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

MAY, 1960

This morning we are again met to honour the memory of men and women from our own and allied countries who lost their lives in the cause of freedom.

Today, in thousands of the significant events in Anzac Day will return to the hearts and minds of those whose fathers, sons, or daughters are at rest in faraway places or within our own country.

Here, in the peace of this lovely city, we are far removed from the violence and agony of war—the place, and the treasures of the battlefield are unknown. Yet it is only by the valour of the soldier that Australia has escaped the foot of an invader or the campfire of war.

This is our heritage, bequeathed by those who died—a nation young, free, and proud of the lives they lived in happiness, peace and security.

We stand today in silent communion with those who made possible the continuation of our way of life and the American courage, high resolve, and the heights of human endeavour.

War was a cruel toll of Australia’s manhood—60,000 men did not live to share the triumph of victory at home or far from family, home or country. A further 400,000 were maimed or wounded in battles of the sea, on land and in the air.

We pay our respects to those who made possible the continuance of peace, and our gratitude to those who served with us today.

We welcome with a heart full of pride, those who came in resolute determination to defend their land and their homes from the enemy.

Minister Hopeful On Civil Defence Move

The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance.

MAY, 1960

The Minister for the Interior (Mr. Freeth) has notified the League that the State Governments are at present preparing detailed plans to determine requirements in an active civil defence programme.

When these plans have been completed, the League has been informed, it will be sent the minutes of the meeting of the State Ministers and it is hoped that it will then be possible to commence active training throughout the Commonwealth.

For School

At the March meeting of the State Executive Mr. R. B. Marris was chosen by ballot to represent the League at a four-day civil defence training course commencing on May 8 at the Mt. Macedon (Victoria) civil defence training school. The ballot was contested by six members.

The expenses of students undergoing the course are borne by the Commonwealth Government.

Among Western Australians to have attended the school are the State President and Secretary, P. G. Holder and E. A. Dodd.

Mr. Holder represented the League in December, 1957, and Mr. Dodd early last year.

The 96,000 who died in the prime of their youth, would form an unbroken column stretching for ten miles and, marching continuously, would take several hours to pass.

They would be followed by the 400,000 who were maimed or wounded in action. This column would extend for 40 miles and, marching throughout the day, would take 21 hours of unbroken time to march past this snarling base.

So if these columns were to depose in resolute determination their march at 11 a.m. yesterday and marched through the afternoon and night, the last file would pass us at 11 a.m. today.

Such was the cost in human life, and in pain and suffering; such is the price that we continue to pay, and such are the silent places in the homes of families, all of the bushlands of Australia.

At 4.45 a.m. yesterday Australian Army and Malaya—our brave men and women admired our allies and respected by our enemies.

Today, at this service, we think of the members who knew, of dangers shared, of worthy comrades in arms, all of whom belonged to the words of Emerson:

"Of what avail, the plough or sword, or land or life, if Freedom fail?"

The march of time must not dim the lustre of those stirring days when the fate of free nations trembled in the balance—the days when Great Britain, with her lion cubes at her side and outstretched the hand of peace, faced against an enemy flushed with success and hungry for victory. Those were stirring days, when only the stout-hearted could see beyond the tempests of war, the tempests of our nation’s famous Diplomacy and to the final triumph of our arms: the days when one of Australia’s famous Diplomacy wrote the saga of heroism and indomitable spirit that has been behind the pain and suffering of the Bamboo Curtain.

Today in this impressive gathering, men and women of Australia and other countries are proudly grouped behind the standards of famous units and armed forces that are all, rich with the tradition of fighting men, and all are united in the call to loyalty and love of country.

They come from the Mother Country, from New Zealand, from Canada, from that kindly giant the United States of America, from Poland, France, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Greece, and other countries which have contributed occupation by force of arms, but who today proudly march with us as free men.

Here is a new facet of Anzac Day; the comradeship of common ideals is unifying old and New Australians in a national and international one language, one flag and one destiny.

We welcome and appreciate the presence of members of the Armed Forces who are with us today, because of the privilege of living in this great country should be accompanied by a responsibility to train in its defence, it is an inspiration to see the realisation of what we have fought for, the march towards the liberation of our continent.

Perhaps there is an intangible quality that binds amongst us older ex-servicemen today, in the knowledge that we are the last parade of famous regiments as such, and that they will shortly give way to new and more modern formations.

This, no doubt, is inevitable in the fascinating scene of today’s warfare, but, despite these changes in its components, it is certain that the new structure will continue to rest upon the foundations of courage, discipline, leadership and loyalty.

You are the inheritors of great traditions. With you on parade this morning are the younger generations who have carried your colours with distinction in many countries of the world.

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**Premier Tells League “Think Big”**

“While learning from the past, centre your discussions on the future. We must get away from the parochial and think big, for we have a great future.”

This advice was given by Premier Brand to over 100 delegates and members of 15 R.S.L. sub-branches at the annual northern regional conference at Three Springs last month.

The conference was one of the biggest held outside the metropolitan area.

State Executive representatives were W. S. Lonnie, vice-president; J. A. Rolfe, E. C. Townshend, and R. Duncan (country), trustee H. A. Leslie and Messrs. W. Ferrell and G. Sherrington (staff officer).

The chairman of the Three Springs sub-branch, Mr. C. E. Maley, tendered a civic welcome and also attended the convention.

The sub-branches represented were Three Spring, Arrino, Geraldton, Pechel, Halls, Cowan, Gnowingi and Moora.

The delegates and visitors were welcomed by the Three Springs Arrino sub-branch president J. R. Thorpe, and the State president took the chair, inviting the Premier to officially open the conference.

Mr. Lonnie took the opportunity to congratulate Mr. Brand on the proposal to make the Eyre Highway a south Australia all-weather road.

**MANY PROBLEMS**

The Premier stated that the R.S.L. faced many problems, of which the main one was the maintenance of interest and strength of membership.

His original aim—that of looking after ex-servicemen in their old age—had to a great extent been gained through long years of struggle.

While there was still work to be done to that end, the emphasis now was to be on the traditions that for which members had fought and would always be part of the national life.

Mr. Brand declared that the Eyre Highway was an essential, and that work would be started as soon as possible. He stated that it was a major project which would not be allowed to affect the domestic plans for road works, which would continue as before.

**AUSTRALIAN MECCA**

The search for oil, the establishment of the space tracking station and many other facts showed great promise for the future of Western Australia, he believed, would become the mecca of Australia.

With such a future before them, all members must think “big” and work for that future by taking the wide view.

Mr. R. Duncan tendered his annual report on the business of the area.

An appeal for a strong drive for membership was made by Mr. Townshend. Statements were made at conference on defence, land settlement and the care of veterans, which would be carried elsewhere in this issue.

At the conclusion of the conference, all ex-service men marched to the Three Springs War Memorial where wreaths were laid by the Premier (on behalf of the State), Mr. Lonnie (R.S.L.), Mr. Maley (Three Springs Arrino sub-branch), Mr. Thorpe (Three Springs Arrino sub-branch) and Mrs. lush and Taylor (Moora sub-branch).

**Reflections On A Meeting**

“Our monthly meeting was one of the best for many a long day and reflects great credit on President Frank Gomm.”

So writes Albany sub-branch publicity man Charles Chipping in a letter to League trustee Hugh Leslie. He goes on:

“Frank is extremely popular and seems to have a knack of drawing members… I think because of his forthright and always manly manner. He refuses to alight on a cumbus at meetings and will not let any subject be strung out.”
Success Of The Anzac Day Parades This Year

The success of this year's Anzac Day observances generally was too obvious to need emphasis.

The attendance at the Dawn Service at the State War Memorial in Fremantle was excellent and the number of ex-members of the forces who took part in the parade was bigger than for the past few years.

The schools' service held at the State War Memorial on the previous Friday and broadcast throughout the State was again a signal success.

Reports to hand of suburban and country services also indicate a greater interest and bigger numbers participating.

The League says "thank you" to those who assisted in the organising arrangements, to those who took part in the march and the parade and also those of the public everywhere who, by attending and taking part in the solemn commemoration services, demonstrated their consciousness of an obligation which should rightly be that of everyone.

HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE

Eleven hundred and seventy pupils and 78 teachers took part in the fourth annual Anzac Day service at the Governor Stirling Senior High School, Midland, this year.

Mr F. C. Cane, M.H.R., presided. The gathering noted the special significance of the day. Ceremonial wreath-laying was carried out by school captains and senior pupils of the Bullbrook school were present at the service by invitation of the headmaster.

AT ALBANY

Anzac Day arrangements at Albany this year followed customary procedure. The parade of ex-service men, C.M.F. trainees and cadets fell-in at the Hordern memorial in York-street and marched to the Albany War Memorial to the strains of three bands—the Albany Silver, Scottish Pipe and Drums and the Albany Salvation Army band.

The ceremony was conducted by the Minister's Clerk, Mr. Bert Wilkins, who was a war hero, and the salute in the march-past was taken by sub-branch president Frank Gome.

AT CARNAMAH

The Carnamah Anzac Day ceremony was highlighted by the attendance of its youth organisation in full strength, led personally by the Rev. J. H. Hamilton.

Among the visitors were Mr. J. Brady, M.A., the Mayor and Mrs. L. H. Adams, Midland R.S.L. members Harry Kynaston (vice-president), Bert Langford (treasurer), Wally Gibson (membership secretary and Jim Craig (past-president), and Messrs. Kynaston, Langford, Griggs and Gibson.

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

Senior pupils of the Bullsbrook school were present at the service by invitation of the headmaster.

AT DWELLINGUP

The attendance of the Perth City Band, a renewed spirit of comradeship and the results of a membership drive evidenced by many old members on parade were features of the Anzac Day observance at Dwellingup.

Fifty local members (the band for some years) supported by a contingent from Pinjarra and Mandurah brought the parade to a close.

The local hall was packed for the service, which was presided over by sub-branch president Jack Cloutt. The Rev. King delivered a thought-provoking address.

In the morning Dwellington locals attended the Anzac Day parade at Pinjarra observances.

A large number of parents attended the Dwellington auxiliary's service on April 22 when senior boy Wayne Morgan conducted the parade, which was attended by a number of service men.

AT GERALDTON

World War I veteran Arthur Milford, who was a war hero, was the guest of honour at Geraldton for the 33rd year in succession. In the parade, held at noon, the Dawn Service and the public commemoration held at 11 a.m. were the biggest he had seen.

He estimated that more than 2,000 people had attended the mid-morning service in the Municipal Council chambers following a mass parade of ex-service men, C.M.F. members, school cadets, scouts, cubs, guides, brownies, and groups of schoolchildren led by the Caledonian Pipe Band.

Geraldton's all-volunteer C.M.F. company paraded as "D" Coy., 28th Infantry Battalion, for the last time.

Senior vice-president of the sub-branch W. Heath said in the address in the absence of the State of President A. McDonald.

He said Anzac Day had become a memorial to all brave men and women who had given their lives in the service of their country.

AT SHENTON PARK

About 100 people attended the Shenton Park wreath-laying ceremony at the Memorial Hall on Anzac Day.

The paths were laid by the Shenton Park and Subiaco presidents, the women's auxiliary members, Mr. E. M. Hasluck, M.H.R., and Mr. W. T. Mckenzie, M.L.A. (representing the Commonwealth and State governments), the Shenton Park Scouts and Guides, the Mayor of Subiaco, Mr. P. C. Stirn, the Scouts and Guides of the Subiaco, the Scouts and Guides of the Shenton Park, the R.A.O.B., the Parents and Citizens, the Scout and Guides of the Mount Lawley and Onslow Darits Club.

A guard of honour was formed by the Shenton Park Scouts and Guides. Mr. V. Court again acted as bugler.

AT KULIN

Twenty-eight ex-service men assembled for the parade and march at Kulin. The Scout and Guides participated in the march.

Twelve-year-old Scout Ray Wm. Sanders Greaves (son of sub-branch member Jim Greaves) assisted in the wreath-laying. Tea was served after the parade.

Members regard the service as one of the best Kulin has had.

AT VICTORIA PARK

The public response to the Victoria Park Anzac Day parade was excellent. In the words of the chairman of the memorial committee Gardens were veterans of four wars, their total being the largest for years.

For the first time Sea Scouts joined the Boys and Girls Scouts in the parade and a small party of Brownies took part.

Padre Joh Dwyer conducted the service and an address was given by sub-branch president Mr. J. Wood. Mr. W. Wood was parade marshal.

The Last Post and Rememberance were sounded by a member of the Victoria Park Band, and wreaths were laid to the music.

New Ground Broken At Carlisle

New ground was broken in the conference procedure on Friday, April 22, when the Carlisle conference opened.

The last five years saw a group of conferences have been conducted in a number of centres throughout the State, but not at night before.

The purpose of the conferences is to promote greater unity within the movement through personal contact with members of the State executive.

The holding of metropolitan conferences is a recent development.
President's Anzac Day Address (Continued from page 3)

world. They will look to you to continue to serve our country in the same spirit of faith and deter-
mination.

And now on this occasion, and on behalf of all those who have served, or are now serving, I quote a memory of the days of Dunkirk, which, with those of the Anzac Landing and subsequent battles, will strike a responsive chord in the hearts of all so long as the deeds of brave men are remembered.

"With the English tongue remains, the word Dunkirk will be spoken with reverence. For, in that harbour, in such a hell as never blazed before, at the end of a lost battle, the rags and blemishes that have hidden the soul of Democracy fall away.

"There, beaten but unconquered, in shining splen-
dor, the enemy can not bear to hear. They sent the wounded away first. Many died so that others could escape. It was not so simple a thing as courage, of which the enemy speaks. It was not so simple a thing as discipline, which can be hammered home by a drill sergeant. It was not the result of careful planning, for there could have been little of that.

"It was the common man of free countries rising in all his glory out of all the office, factory, mine, farm and ship; applying to war the lessons learned when he went down the shaft to bring out his trapped comrades; when he hurled the life-boat through the surf, or fought through a raging fire to reach his mate.

"This thing is the soul of free men, which the enemy cannot command, attain or conquer. It is the tradition of democracy; it is the future; it is victory."

So, as ex-servicemen, we urge the youth of Western Australia to answer that call for recruits to build the new C.M.F. great that art a challenge and an opportunity; a challenge to all the real qualities of young manhood. and an opportunity to maintain and further the traditions.

You are now the A.I.F. of today and the A.I.F. of tomorrow.

Let us never forget that a strong defence is the surest guarantee of peace.

But peace still eludes a brave but baffled world. So the Prime Minister of Great Britain has said the "winds of War" are sweeping across the world and the world.

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A resurgent Africa and Asia pose problems which will continue to demand the tolerance, wisdom and un-
derstanding of both older and newer nations.

Australia, despite its youth, has already achieved much in international affairs. Let us pray that her influence may be brought to bear in the national spirit of goodwill and fairplay.

"Might we not, as a new generation, become the bridge of sympathy and under-
standing between the deeply troubled peoples, and a just solution to their problems?"

So too, the "winds of change" are veering nearer home. Let us be aware of the problems, and the events which will shape the future observance of Anzac Day.

To all who may be associated with this most im-
portant question, I urge that they ponder deeply upon the high and lasting issues which are involved.

Anzac Day is as Australian as our great natural re-
sources. Whatever considerations may be brought to bear in the future, it is imperative that this Day should retain its deep significance and the general aspects which it now con-

memorates. It must remain as a warning and a challenge to all in our national history, to be read and re-read with the passing of the years.

We owe this not only to the own and past genera-
tions, but to the Austra-
lians of tomorrow whose lives, like ours, will be enriched and deepened by participation in this great and historic day.

And now, as we stand on the threshold of Australia's greater development as a nation, with its massive promise for the future, and with its vision of greatness yet to be fulfilled, let us again know the debt we owe to those in whose honour we are assembled.

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RETURNED SAILORS', SOLDIERS' AND AIRMEN'S IMPERIAL LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA (W.A. BRANCH) INC.

AUDITOR'S REPORT AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

RSL AUDITOR’S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
12th April, 1960

The President, Members,
The Returned Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia,
Anzac House, Perth.

ANNUAL AUDIT

I desire to report the completion of the Audit of the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Returned Sailors’ League of Australia, including those of the Trust Funds administered by this Branch for the year ended 31st December, 1959. The accounts are comprised in the Consolidated Balance Sheet at 31st December, 1959, with supporting Statements of Income and Expenditure and an ARR for the year ended on that date.

I also include Summary of Assets of the various Funds together with Statements of receipts and payments for each fund.

The following comments are submitted for your information:

League General Account

This account has shown an excess of income for the year amounting to £2,261/8/-, the amount of £2,000 to be transferred to Accumulated Expenditure, and a credit balance of £192/8/- at 31st December, 1959. The previous year resulted in an excess of expenditure of £1,023. This improved result has been brought about by:

- Savings in:
  - Office Administration (Salaries being the main item) £1913
  - Rates and Taxes (Advance payments in 1958) £1246
  - Motor Car Expenses £506
  - Travelling Expenses £127

- Increased Expenditure
  - Consolidated Post £235
  - Ceremonies and Entertainments, etc. £256
  - Membership £194
  - Anzac Club £140

- Increased Income
  - Rental £609
  - Administration Income £1928

- Decreased Income
  - Administrative Levies £820

Whilst not agreeing with the principle of charging Administration Levies on various funds administered by the League which has only been practised over the last few years, I realise that the Annual subscription has only been increased by 100 per cent whilst costs have increased by nearly 400 per cent since 1958. Consequently no alternative remains to you Executive in order to maintain the services rendered to members.

Comparative figures for 1958 are shown in this account, also details of Listening Post and Rentals Accounts.

Anzac Club

The nett profit for the year was £284/4/11 as compared with a nett loss of £1,534/7/6 in 1958. Without the contributions by the General A/c of £489 the result would have been a nett loss of £461. Sales were £1,081 less, and gross profit £1,480 less than last year. Savings in administrative charges, rent, salaries and wages, etc. amounting to £549 have been responsible for the improvement over 1958. Bar trading percentages have dropped from 55 per cent to 46 percent. Sales include bottle sales, tobacco and other sales, with increased bulk sales, which would account for a small part of this, but not to the extent above.

Anzac Club Amenities Account

Statements of receipts and payments are attached and show that the balance of £11,428/2/8 has been transferred to the Accumulated Expenditure Building Extension Fund.

Faversham House

Transactions showed an excess of expenditure of £1,153/1/9 as compared with a similar excess of £562/11/7 for the previous year.

Corps of Commissioners

Activities for the year resulted in an excess of expenditure of £245, this being slightly greater than the similar excess of £141/17/1 for 1958.

Trust and Special Funds

Details of receipts and payments in these funds are shown in detail and do not call for special comment.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER, 1959

CURRENT LIABILITIES:
Sundry Creditors - Trade Accounts Sub Branch Accounts 2,073/10/6 266/6 0 2,340/6 4/8 10/0
Subscriptions in Advance Australia League 2,000/0/0 3/1/Motor Car Replacement 265/14/5
Accounts Payable Hospital Visit 23/10/0
Accumulated Funds 31,604/7/10
Balance as at January, 1959 1,281/14/7
Add - Excess of Income General Fund 151/14/7
Accountants Fees & Project 3/11/0
Anzac Club 32/15/6
Transfer Amenities Funds 30/215/6
Less - Excess Expenditure Corps of Commissioners 147/2

CURRENT ASSETS:
Cash at Bank and in hand 615/3/9
Prepayments 160/10/0
Faversham House 2,567/12/11
Stock on Hand 3,154/11/11
London Depositors 5,378/19/8

INVESTMENTS:
Commonwealth Bonds £3,000/0/0
I.C.U. Mutual Credit Corporation 1,200/0/0
Shares R.S.L. Trading 16,003/0/0

Funds:
Funds Held for Building 29,331/6/7
Banking Facility 27,210/3/9
Boiling House Project 1,729/15/2
Furniture and Equipment less Depreciation 1,179/5/6

ACCOUNTS:
£2,625 5 1

AUDITOR’S CERTIFICATE

I have examined the books of account for the Returned Sailors’ and Soldiers’ Imperial League of Australia (W.A. Branch), for the year ended 31st December, 1959 and report that, in my opinion, the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and exhibits a correct view of the state of the affairs of the League as at that date, according to the best of my information and as shown by the above-stated accounts. I have received all the information and explanations required by me.

J. E. MITCHELL
AUDITOR F.C.A. (AUS)

CONFERENCE APPROVES FAVERSHAM CLOSURE

The closure of the Faversham House War Veterans’ Home was unanimously approved by the annual regional conference of the R.S.L. a Three Springs last month.

The decision followed an explanation by State President Lonnie of the reasons for the closure.

State Vice-President J. A. Rolfe said the closure had been an “economic must”, but he pointed out that the affairs of the residents had been fully cared for. None had been “dumped out into the street” and the latest reports showed that all were happy in the new homes which had been found for them.

Referring to the new homes, Mr. Rolfe said the cost would be in the vicinity of £15,000.

The suggestion that all members of the R.S.L. pay a levy towards the cost was to be discussed at the State conference in July.

The furnishings seemed to be almost as good as the result of contributions from the sub-branches and auxiliaries.

Mr. Rolfe paid a special tribute to the members of the auxiliaries and annexe for their help in raising £5,000 towards the cost of furnishing.

R.S.L. Accounts Overleaf
## Incomes and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st December, 1969.

### General Account

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### Statement of Assets of Special Funds Administered by the League

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### ANZAC Club Amenities Account

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### Other Accounts

See Page 9
FAVERSHAM HOUSE, YORK
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1959.

The EXPENDITURE for the year was:

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CORPS OF COMMISSIONAIRES
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1959.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF SPECIAL FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE LEAGUE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1959.

ANZAC CLUB
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1959.

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W.A. AGED SAILORS', SOLDIERS & AIRMEN'S RELIEF FUND
Account in Funds as at 1st January, 1959.

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PRESTIGE HIGH
In recent years the public of Western Australia has become accustomed to seeing in the morning paper on Anzac Day a double-page advertisement dedicated to the occasion.

There was therefore some concern at League headquarters recently when the sub-branch concerned considered that it might not be able to afford the usual arrangements this year.

As a result of the efforts of the Sub-Branch Committee Mr. Dodd's firm has been approached about the undertaking fully subscribed.

A splendid effort and well in keeping with the spirit of the Day commented the State President when reporting the facts at the next meeting of the executive.

The executive recorded the appreciation of Mr. Dodd's services.

Said he: "This was a privilege and a pleasure. It reinforces the opportunity of realising once again the high esteem in which this League is held throughout the State. It is a revelation to see these influential members of the League wholeheartedly behind us.

25th Birthday
Shortly At Victoria Park
The 25th anniversary of the Victoria Park sub-branch will be celebrated at a social evening on Wednesday, May 25.

All members and intending members, with their families and friends, will be welcome.

There is to be old-time and modern dancing interspersed with various items of entertainment.

The Stan Gurney Shield will be presented during the evening.

The sub-branch sports nights are now starting.

There is no time left for securing a ticket in the auxiliary's annual raffle, price a pound of ceylon.
Did You Know... (asks C. R. Collins)

- THAT for the first time in history Perth's Anzac Day march was "on Television." The first time an event of this nature was filmed was in 1937, when Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee procession, in which troops from Australia and all other parts of the Empire marched, was photographed by "movie" cameras for public presentation.

- THAT the regimental march of the Border Regiment is the old English hunting song "D'ye Ken John Peel?". That was a noted English huntsman, who eloped with the lady of his choice. The year was 1818, and the marriage was at Gretna Green. Years afterwards he visited Australia, but nothing has been recorded about the purpose or the length of the visit. The Border Regiment is still associated with Australia. Two former officers, both Sandhurst men, live here. One is a former Federal Cabinet Minister, John Dawkins, and the other Charles J. Moles is general manager of the AIBC. The latter served with the 2nd AIF, and was one of the little party of men who escaped from Singapore with General Bennett.

- THAT one of our oldest nursery rhymes, "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep," was originally a real skill on early war tax. When Edward III was preparing for his war against France, he levied a tax on wool. Out of every three bags (or bales), one went to the Master (the King) to defray the cost of the war; one went to the Duke (the Queen) who governed England during his absence. The Little Boy who cried down the lane was the unfortunate woolgrower who was allowed to retain only one-third of his clip.

- THAT on Saturday "The Australian" published a feature item contributed by Mr. J. E. Watson of the Press sub-branch. This contained a poetical appreciation of the Anzacs by that famous writer of detective stories, Edgar Wallace. At one stage of his career Wallace was a regular army man, who was service on the west coast of Africa and in the South African War, first as a soldier and later as a war correspondent. His first published work was a book of verse.

- THAT the old saying "Swears like a trooper," is an unmerited slur on the trooper or the Light Horse. In its original form the simile was "Swears like a trooper" being a member of a troupe, or company, of strolling players. I don't think it would be altogether free of the Press if we were to bracket vagrants 

THE LAST POST

APRIL LIST

BAXTER, H., 28th Bn., W. W. Dougall.
BOYD, J., 2/11th Bn., Gloucester Park.
BRENNA, R., 5th Bn., Subiaco.
BUCK, W. S., 2/2nd Fld. Pdr., Forrest.
DICKINSON, R. E., 2/16th Bn., Fremantle.
DEAKIN, W. V., R.A.F.A.C., Central.
DUXBURY, H. L., Royal N.R.N., Fremantle.
GIBB, R. J., 46th Bn., Fremantle.
GRAY, D., 46th Bn., Collie.
HALE, S., 5th Bn., Mt. Lawley.
HILL, L. J., 11th Bn., Mindarie.
HORNE, J. F., 36th Bn., Perth.
JONES, C. G., 16th Bn., Mundaring.
LAWRENCE, A. E., 16th M.L., Wyalkatchem.
LINDSAY, W. G., 11th Bn., Collie.
MACDONALD, M., 2/2nd Fld. Pdr., Fremantle.
MATTHEWS, G. W., 11th Bn., Central.
MAYO, V. F. P., 11th Bn., Central.
MCDONALD, J. C., R.A.F., Perth.
POTTER, J., 4th L.H., Mundaring.
SCOTT, D., 11th Bn., Booragoon.

MARCH LIST

BARR, W. A., 28th Bn., Bruce Rock.
BERRY, F. G., 16th Bn., Fremantle.
BOYD, R. H., 2/32nd Bn., Central.
BROWN, W. T., 2/22d Bn., Dunsborough.
BURGESS, A. E., 5th Bn., Fremantle.
COCHRANE, A. V., 11th Bn., Collie.
DOUGLAS, J. H., R.A.F., Kalgoorlie.
EDMIE-BROWN, C., 2/5th Unit., Perth.
FOSTER, J. R., R.I. Tram Drivers, Perth.
GREEN, R. B., 33 Rifles Bde., Perth.
GRIFFIN, R. B., Coldstream Guards, N.E. Fremantle.
HANSON, F., 1st Bn., Victoria Park.

SMITH, B., R.A.M.C., Nndlands.
STACK, E. G., 2/13th A.A., Applecross.
SWINBOURNE, H. A., 11th Bn., Guildford.
WATTS, A. J., 16th Bn., Bassendean.
WHITFIELD, G. E., 1st M.G.S., Perth.
WILLIAMS, T. H., R.A.F., Bridgetown.

HIGGINS, E. B., 11th Bn., Margaret River.
HUDSON, A., 19th Hussars, Perth.
HULL, A., 10th L.H., Mt. Lawley.
HYNES, A. B., 10th L.H., Dalwallinu.
JEFFERSON, J. K., 2nd F.A.B., Busselton.
JONES, S., 28th Bn., West Leederville.
LONGHURST, F. A., 16th Bn., Perth.
MASCOT, M. H., Mt. Hawthorn.
MILLER, R. H., 28th Bn., Mt. Hawthorn.
MCDONALD, F. G., Nndlands.
PAYNE, H. G., Posts, North Perth.
PIGORME, W. O., 4th Bn., Becton-Pamyr.
PLANT, F. T., 10th L.H., Coolagul.
POLIARD, H. R., 10 F.A.B., Dunsborough.
POVATH, W., 28th Bn., Yarloop.
PUMFREY, R. I., 51st Bn., Viaduct Park.
SIBERT, R., 11th Bn., Albany.
THORPE, J. E., 16th Bn., Wanneroo Hill.
WALKER, W. J., 31st Bn., Bel-levue.
WARDLE, H. C., 20th Bn., Victoria Park.
WHEELER, S. J., 1st A.F., Kalgoorlie.
Progress Report On Settlement Plan

Since 1945 the War Service Land Settlement Board had purchased 998 farms comprising 2,172,435 acres, Board member P. Lyon told delegates at the annual northern regional R.S.L. conference at Three Springs last month.

Clearing had been the start of land cleared totalled 619,000 acres. Mr. Lyon said. A further 151,000 acres of land was being cleared, and pasture had been established on 586,900 acres.

Fifteen sub-branches were represented at the conference.

Mr. Lyon said that the Eneabba settlement was the last of the major schemes under the War Service Land Settlement Acts, and he pointed out that it was one of immense importance to the State. If it was successful—as he had no doubt that it would be—then it could be the forerunner of similar schemes to open up the lighter land for general settlement.

He and Mr. H. Leslie, who is chairman of the R.S.L. Settlement Committee, answered many questions on land settlement which had been taken by delegates.

Mr. Leslie gave his annual report in which he said that many hundreds of ex-service men had now been successfully established and that there were few applicants left.

Most troubles were now individual problems, which his committee would attempt to solve when requested by the relevant sub-branch.

Mr. Leslie stressed that settlers should use the correct procedure, as it made them easier to answer.

As an example of how these problems could be overcome, Mr. Leslie cited a list of thirteen questions which had been forwarded by the Three Springs Arrino sub-branch on behalf of some settlers who, he then read a letter sent to the sub-branch with the answers.

Policy Attacked

The committee was concerned with the welfare of the Commonwealth policy on land settlement. Mr. Leslie continued.

The Commonwealth had terminated settlement, he said, but the government were out, taking the attitude that the government could not just "pull its fingers from the pie" and not allow the possibility of satisfactory settlement and

Games Village Co-Planner

From Gosnells

Gidgegannup Visited

The annual reunion of the Gidgegannup sub-branch was held in the local hall on Friday night. The meeting started at 8.15 p.m.

Mr. Walker, who is Gosnells Sub-branch secretary, shared the first prize of $250 with board engineer Kenneth Tomlinson, son of the Mayor of South Perth. It was their first attempt at town planning on a considerable scale.

There were 42 entrants in the competition. Clearing and levelling work on the 85-acre village site—north of the Boulevard—commenced about three weeks ago. The 150 dwellings to be erected there will, after the conclusion of the games, be offered for sale to the public.

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JOHN CAMM, State Manager
Outline Of R.S.L. Defence Ideas

The R.S.L. would continue to press for the establishment of a naval base in Western Australia. State President Lonnie told delegates to the annual regional conference of the League at Three Springs last month.

Mr. Lonnie has been chairman of the national defence committee of the League for the past two years.

In his report on defence, Mr. Lonnie stated that it was the firm belief of the committee that the country was better equipped to face enemy forces than it had been for many years.

The committee had continued to press for the retention of national service for citizenship, for it was not needed for the armed forces. Mr. Lonnie reported that the military had not yet received the armed forces.

It was believed that young men should be trained to fit themselves for service in case of emergency, for every able-bodied person in Australia might be needed. Therefore it was only right that they should be trained and for that country—

that the young men should receive some form of training so that they could take part when needed, and not after a very lengthy period had been spent in preparing them when an emergency already had arisen.

Mr. Lonnie stated that the R.S.L. had asked the Premier in his efforts to have an efficient all-Australian land invasion force, and that all the world had been spent in preparing them when an emergency already had arisen.

Mr. Lonnie said that this organization was a very powerful one, and if the enemy had captured the country, they could not have been defeated.

The only aspect in which the enemy might have any difficulty was that the whole organization was a very powerful one, and if the enemy had captured the country, they could not have been defeated.

Recent Reunions

Recent sub-branch reunions include the following:

Bunbury (March 25); Karratha (March 28); Margaret River (April 6).

UNIT ASSOCIATION NOTES

16th Battalion

A longer business sheet than usual faced nearly the committee of the 16th Battalion at its April meeting.

Among items dealt with were:

- Letter from military and navy authorities on the placing of Victoria Cross and bottleneck bonuses on the menu.
- Invitation from the South African Veterans' Association to its annual conference for Mr. Lonnie and his wife attended.
- The secretary reported that although his efforts to obtain a hall for the Anzac Day reunion had been unsuccessful, the association gathering was expected to be bigger and better than before.
- Mr. L. ('Fat') McCarthy, V.C., spent a few days in the 130 members but was unable to stay for Anzac Day.
- A recent Adelaide report stated that Mr. L. Polandowski was on the sicklist.
- Deaths reported since the last meeting were Messrs. J. W. Slaters, R. Brennan, C. T. Jones, A. J. Watts. F. O'Mara and A. Maschettl.

More Than Half Our Migrants, British

More than half of Australia's intake of 125,000 migrants for 1959-60 will be of British nationality.

This was said in the House of Representatives recently by Immigration Minister Downer.

Mr. Downer said that it was hoped to get 35,000 assisted migrants from the United Kingdom, and that the total for the year was expected to be 30,000.

He gave these details to the programme for the current financial year:

- ASSISTED: British 35,000
  - Australia 1,000, Dutch 1,000, German 7,500, Italian 3,000, Greek 3,000
  - Danish 1,000, other categories (mainly Finns) 300, refugees 3,000
- F.S.I. 10,000
  - British 30,000
  - Greeks 5,000, other categories (mainly Finns) 10,000, refugees 10,000
- Mr. Downer said that Australia was facing two growing obstacles in recruiting the suitable types of migrants. These were:
  - Unparalleled prosperity in the United Kingdom and Europe, which made people less inclined to pack up and come to this country 12,000 miles away.
  - The roll-up for the Anzac Day reunion of the 16th Battalion including the over 100-mark including disabled members in carriages.

The president wishes to thank kindred associations for their invitations to join the parade.

There was a very large number of the women's auxiliary met and had lunch in King's Park. The wreath was laid on the State War Memorial at the Dawn Service, and the colour patches had been placed on trees in the Honour Avenue for the occasion.

28th Battalion

Anzac Day turned out to be one of our best-attended parades for some years. It was led by President Jack Williams and R.M.S. Geo. Brooks parading in the march.

Our thanks to our Scottish Band that supplied such good music.

Our association suffered several bereavements during the past month, some six members passing on. Among these lost were: Mr. Van Jones. He was the original member of the battalion, and was held in high esteem by all who came in contact with him.

DEADLINE: Closing date for receipt at Anzac House of agenda items for Congress is Wednesday, May 18.
York Diggers Asked For More Support

Too many ex-service men at York were leaving the work of running R.S.L. affairs in the district to do other things, President Stan Irwin said in his report at the annual general meeting of the sub-branch last month.

Mr. Irwin said he had had little support from ordinary members during his years as president; most of the support he had had come from a few stalwarts who between them had kept the affairs of the sub-branch going.

If they wished the sub-branch to continue to function properly in the district there would have to be something done to help themselves. Returned soldiers should not have to be pressed to join the League.

Members were involved in a tremendous job of work for the League, the sub-branch and the community.

The sub-branch had enabled to serve the community by assisting the voluntary organisations in the town.

Too many service men, he said, had not received enough support from the community.

The women's auxiliary had done a mighty job and had provided many amenities for the hall. In comparison with other branches the York ladies had done very little.

All the members of the sub-branch should be proud of the erection of its own hall which was a result of public subscription.

There should be a programme for the year with the accent on making the meetings more attractive.

Give a man a go!

A campaign is being conducted to bring home to employers the fact that there is a pool of potential employees, composed of people who have had the misfortune to become disabled, either by accident or disease, either in war or in peace.

Because of the number of ex-service men in York who are disabled, the R.S.L. is concerned with the problem of the placement of these partially disabled men.

We, of the League are concerned with the welfare of our members who have returned from the war, and with the morale of the men who have had to rely for their existence on the kindness of his friends and the Social Services of the Government.

For these reasons the League strongly supports this aspect of the work of the League's sub-branch in York and other branches in the district.

These people do not want charity; they want only that they be given the opportunity to show that in the right job they can do as well as any physically fit man, that the

and improving the financial position.

Members Joe Matthews and George Chipperfield reported on discussions they had had with State Executive representatives on the closure of Faversham House.

The meeting decided to arrange a farewell party for the inmates.

The sub-branch's appreciation of Mr. Irwin's services as president was recorded.

The office-bearers elected were:

President, Mr. C. Halpin; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Burrow and N. Henderson; secretary, Mr. A. L. Mayes; treasurer, Mr. Ben Weston; committee, Messrs. J. Brethall, S. Irvin, N. Fleay, A. Renwick, J. Matthews, C. Cassidy, R. MacLachlan; amelioration committee, Messrs. H. Burrow, B. Weston and A. Renwick; auditor, Mr. A. Brown.

The meeting was attended by 25 members.

Mechering Man Applauded

At the Meckering sub-branch meeting on April 6 a larger gathering than usual applauded when President Col Wylie presented a suitably-converted cigarette ash tray to immediate past-president Keith Burgess. In his 15 years or more in the office Mr. Burgess had done such work. Replying to the president's eulogy of his work he said he had enjoyed his three years as president and would continue to work for the branch.

They put their heads together and chose the only permanent roof with permanent colour—Bristile! Send a plan of your home to H. L. Brisbane & Wunderlich Limited, Lord Street, Perth, and they'll send you a free roofing estimate.
New Home Was Main Interest With Ex-servicewomen

Most interest in the Returned Ex-Servicewomen's sub-branch in the past year centred on the new War Veterans' Home project at Mt. Lawley.

Mrs. F. J. O'Brien said this in the recent annual presidential report. The proposed ex-servicewomen's wing at the new home had been approved by both the Returned Nurses' and the Returned Ex-Service-women's sub-branches, and promised to be a handsome and comfortable building for the veterans, Pat Walton.

The jumble sale run in cooperation with the Returned Nurses' sub-branch had alone raised £170.

In November, a stall at Hollywood Repatriation Hospital had raised £13. This had been added to the Service-women's Wing Furnishing Fund.

Gift and picture nights held during the year had been enjoyable and profitable.

Donations had been made to the Slow Learning Children's Appeal, the Red Cross, the Public Service sub-branch Honour Avenue appeal, the Crippled Children's and Blackboy Hill Memorial appeals.

Members had entertained inmates at Arthur Street during September, and held parties for visiting naval personnel in March and again in January.

Thanks were due to Misses H. and B. Morrison for kindly loaning the use of their home for the March party, and to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Townshend for the recent one. Both functions were a great success.

Work for the War Blinded Association had continued, and supper had been provided and served at their meetings.

Several ex-servicewomen in hospital had been visited by members, and Miss E. Coleman, an invalid ex-servicewoman, had been visited and assisted whenever possible.

A wreath had been laid on Anzac Day. Members had marched in the parade and later entertained servicemen from Claremont Mental Hospital, Lemnos, Davies-road, Sunset Old & Newdegate, as well as several other homes.

On that occasion the sub-branch had been honoured by the presence of His Excellency Sir Charles Gairdner and sub-branch president of the Honourable Lady Gairdner.

Sub-branch representatives had attended the Festival of Remembrance and laid a wreath on the State War Memorial on Remembrance Day.

Over 37,000 poppies had been sold by members of the sub-branch for Poppy Day.

During the Federal Congress in Perth, sub-branch members had met Sir George and Lady Holland, and other visiting delegates. Representatives enjoyed several interesting functions at the invitation of the executive, during Congress.

The sub-branch had been named runner-up for the Newdegate Cup.

The Christmas party in the Victoria League rooms had been a happy and informal evening.

Members were looking forward to having their own rooms as a result of the rebuilding operations at Anzac House.

During the year Sister M. A. Lyon, the Returned Nurses' sub-branch, had represented ex-servicewomen on the R.S.L. State Executive.

Miss Mary Meares, despite poor health, had served capably at Congress. The sub-branch had benefited since its inception from her wide knowledge of League affairs and ever-ready help.

At the end of the financial year the sub-branch had comprised 59 members, and a vote of thanks had been paid to Mrs. Blackboy Hill and Mrs. Lloyd for their efforts.

Top League Action On Pensions, Defence

The bulk of deliberations at the National Executive meeting in Canberra in February concerned the preparation of the League's Plans for the current year.

A special committee of the National Executive had been appointed to confer with the ex-service affairs committee of the Federal Cabinet early in May. Mr. Lonnie said it had been felt that recent wage and marginal increases would have a severe adverse effect on those on fixed incomes.

The various State branches had been asked to comment on all pension items. Another matter dealt with was defence. A good deal had happened in that field recently, the most important of the changes being the complete abolition of National Service training and the remodelling of the Australian Army.

On the civil defence side it was hoped to make representations to the Minister for Defence.

Mr. Lonnie said it had been encouraging to note the State Premier's moves for the strengthening of the civil defence system. The League had also been helpful in its National Defence Committee, he said.

"The League has been plugging this through its National Defence Committee for a good many years," he said.

The League was right behind the defence and developmental aspects involved.

The State Executive representatives of the Government of League support for the east-west highway move.
League Plea On Cancer
Of No Avail

For some time the League has been pressing for cancer to be placed on a similar footing to tuberculosis in determinations under the Repatriation Act of war-caused disability, but without avail.

The latest approach for a concession on this point was made at the last National Congress.

Congress resolved:

"That Section 37 of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act be amended to include the words 'Pulmonary Tuberculosis' the words 'and/or Cancer' wherever appearing."

Representations on the resolution made to Repatriation Minister Senator Sir Walter Cooper have brought the following reply:

"As you are aware this is a matter that has been the subject of consideration on numerous occasions and on the medical advice available to me, I am not satisfied that there are any grounds for amending the Repatriation Act to the automatic acceptance of cancer as being due to war service.

"Whilst generally it may be agreed that the cause of cancer in people on active service is a difficult problem to establish in any given instance, it is clear that in the case of some civilians the disease has resulted from the regulations, that is from the fact that the Department of Health has been greatly simplified in other respects to the benefit of the public and to the detriment of departmental officers.

"On the question of compensation for loss of salary or wages when there is no schedule to the Repatriation Act, no rate paid by the department be increased to less than one and a half times the rate of basic wage—6/6."

The Minister replied:

"I shall keep this resolution in mind for consideration when next in session as a matter of major importance and will advise you of the outcome in due course."

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2/16th BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION—No. 10, King-street, Perth, 2nd Monday each night at 8 p.m.

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION—Meetings, Anzac House, 18th Wellington Street, Perth, 1st Monday each month at 8 p.m.

BRITISH EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION—Meetings, Anzac House, 18th Wellington Street, Perth, 1st Monday each month at 8 p.m.

L.M.A. (A.I.F) ASSOCIATION—Meetings, Anzac House, 18th Wellington Street, Perth, 1st Monday each month at 8 p.m.

2/16th BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION—Meetings, Anzac House, 18th Wellington Street, Perth, 1st Monday each month at 8 p.m.

STAFF APPOINTMENT:

At the April meeting of the State Executive Mr. G. Sherrington was elected as staff officer at Anzac House after serving for a probationary period of three months.

Naturalisation And War Pensions

How the granting of Australian citizenship to immigrants affects war pensions paid to them by their country of origin is explained in the following terms in a letter to the State President from Mr. E. A. Membrey, Commonwealth Migration Officer for W.A.

"Investigation reveals that naturalisation of Italy and Holland do not forfeit their pension providing they make an application for retention. In the case of citizens of Holland, applications for retention of a pension must be made prior to naturalisation and a decision should be obtained prior to being granted Australian citizenship. It is generally believed that in practically all cases the pension carries on after conferring of Australian citizenship.

"American citizens, also, do not forfeit their War Pensions when they become Australian citizens, and in practically all instances pensioning follows their War Pensions. It would appear that a Greek national upon migrating to Australia is required to nominate some person in Greece to whom the pension paid and the transfer of the money from Greece to Australia then becomes a private arrangement between the authorised person in Greece and the recipient in Australia.

"So far as can be ascertained, there has been no instance of a pensioner being granted Australian citizenship and then having his pension rights regained."

"It will be appreciated of course that nationals of countries, beyond the Imperial group, are not in receipt of pensions and therefore cannot come within the scope of your inquiry."

RECEPTION: A State Executive reception to Lieut.-Gen. Sir William Oliver, incoming High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, will be held at Anzac House on the evening of May 19.

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Cunderdin Marches...
The Anzac Day parade at Cunderdin was headed by the sub-branch president H. J. Fulwood, and is shown marching through the town towards the War Memorial.

R.S.L. Nominee Wins
Albany Queen Contest
By an overwhelming number of votes Mrs. Anna Blake—nominated by the local R.S.L. sub-branch—won the queen contest conducted recently by the Albany Carnival Committee. Five organisations participated in the competition, which was organised by Albany sub-branch members Bert Wilkins. Referring to the many sub-branch members who contributed to her success, sub-branch secretary Bob Smithson said: “The most untiring worker throughout was Mrs. Blake herself.”

1. Mrs. Blake is pictured (above) flanked by sub-branch members Smithson (secretary), Dick Garrett (social committee president), Frank Gomme (president), Harold Mears (social committee secretary) and Les Booth (treasurer).

Hospital Visiting Plan Approved
The League’s Hospital Visiting Committee intends to seek more support from metropolitan sub-branches for participation in Sunday visits to the Claremont Mental Hospital.

Approval for this was given by the State Executive at its April meeting. Committee chairman J. B. White said that of the 74 metropolitan sub-branches only four were undertaking organised visits to the mental hospital at present.

The visits roster for metropolitan hospitals in general was going along happily, he said, and members of the Hospital Visiting Corps were making their reports regularly.

So far about 60 sub-branches had made the £5 donation agreed to at the last State Congress for subsidising the work of the corps.

The corps comprised about 21 volunteers.

Supporting the proposal for greater participation in the Sunday visits to the mental hospital, Mr. B. J. Flanagan said that with all metropolitan sub-branches taking part each would be required to make only one visit in about 18 months.

The present system for donations should then no longer be necessary.

Make ‘60 much bigger. Enrol a new Digger.