Contest Means Much To League: Be In It

On recent tours through the wheatbelt and elsewhere State Executive parties have taken the opportunity of stressing the importance to the League of the Miss Crowning Glory contest.

The contest is being conducted again this year by the League and Legacy in conjunction, with the net proceeds to be shared equally by the two organisations.

Last year the amount shared was £7,000, and R.S.L. State President Lonnie has this year called for an effort big enough to raise the amount to £10,000.

The League's share of the proceeds has been earmarked for the running of the new War Veterans' Home at Northgate, and the home will be completed and housing something like 100 people, early in the new year the question of meeting the running costs becomes an urgent one.

This year again the Miss Crowning Glory contest will play a big part in the home's financial aspects, and all the branches are showing that they mean business.

The ten contestants officially announced so far are: Mrs. Teresa Genery of Karalpin (sponsored by Karalpin R.S.L.); Miss Margaret Thompson of Wagin (sponsored by Wagin Torchbearers); Miss Patricia Devlin of Tuart Hill (sponsored by Torchbearers for Legacy); Miss Maria Hume of Busselton (sponsored by Boona Social and Sporting Club); Mrs. Noeline Lumb of Northcliffe (sponsored by Shackleton R.S.L.); Miss Elsa Smith of Ballard; Miss Dymphna Bish of Medan (sponsored by Claremont R.S.L.); Mrs. Malvina Watson of South Perth (sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary); Miss Beverley Butlick of Quairading (sponsored by Quairading War Veterans); Miss Dawn Hall of Bodddington (sponsored by the Bodddington Buffalo Lodge).

GOOD EXAMPLE
Boddington got away to an excellent start in the competition. When State President Lonnie visited the Boddington sub-branch some time ago doubt was expressed as to whether Boddington would be able to enter a candidate. However a bit of heavy urging created enthusiasm which resulted in three candidates coming forward.

The sub-branch nominated Miss P. Patton; the local Buffalo Lodge nominated Miss Dawn Hall and the Boddington Basketball Association nominated Miss F. Mack.

With feeling uncertain about raising sufficient money for three candidates, it was decided to conduct a local popular girl competition, the winner to be the nominated candidate.

Success well beyond expectation crowded the efforts of the three branches and the contest, which ended with a combined grand total at July 30, resulted in £152 being raised.

Mr. Jack Rolfe, vice-president of the League, attended the ball with Mrs. Rolfe and declared Miss Dawn Hall, a blonde and the nominee of the Buffalo Lodge, the successful contestant.

Last month's issue of the "Listening Post" - the official journal of the R.S.L. - contained particulars of the meetings of 133 sub-branches, as notified to headquarter up to the time of going to press.

Vital Poll Held This Month

Of particular interest to ex-service men and women is the referendum being held this month by R.S.L. sub-branches throughout the State to decide the manner in which Anzac Day will be observed in the future.

The referendum by sub-branches was decided by Congress last July, and quite a number of sub-branches have already conducted it.

The referendum method of voting is a declaration in writing from members physically unable to attend.

Congress overwhelmingly rejected a proposal for a postal ballot in any form.

Only those who are financial members of the R.S.L. at the date of the meetings are entitled to vote. Membership subscriptions from persons eligible to join the League can be paid to a sub-branch secretary, or at Anzac House, up to the date and prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Because of inquiries made at headquarters it is particularly pointed out that, associate members of a branch cannot vote at a sub-branch of which they are an associate member only. Such members must vote with the sub-branch at which they are enrolled as full members.

It is imperative that at a vote as fully representative as possible of the total membership be recorded at this referendum, and every member is therefore strongly urged to make a special effort to record his or her vote.

The sub-branches are required to submit to headquarters, by October 15, returns of the votes cast.

If a majority of the votes cast in all sub-branches favour afternoon sport it will be necessary to make representations to the State Government for an amendment of the Anzac Day Act.

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White Australia Policy Appraised

When opening the State Congress of the League last July the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir John Dwyer, said he hoped the League would hold fast to the doctrine of White Australia.

In the letter that follows—taken from the “Sydney Morning Herald” of Friday, July 11, 1969—is an appraisal of the policy as the keystone of Australia’s national development.

Sir,—The firm historical beginnings of the White Australia policy are discernible in the 1820s and 1830s and, increasingly from then on, the documentary material illuminating the true basis of the policy becomes abundant and decisive. This basis is not economic or racial. It is the most significant symbol and motivating force of the will to do good of the Australian people.

Certainly, economic and racial factors are elements in the White Australia policy: the economic connected with the geography of Australia, the distribution of trade unions which were vocal and influential from the convict period and powerful from the 1850s; the racial linked to the human feelings felt generally by all groups of people towards foreigners, the eighteenth century by the dangers presented by the political intermixtures of nationalism and democracy became vital forces in Australian life.

By the end of the 1879-80 shipping strike (against the employment of Chinese at less than rates), and, even before that, the policy was becoming accepted by Asians as a whole, employees and employers alike. As for the racial issue, the demands were not only the persistence of the human dislike of foreigners (Asians too), but also that it is possible to present an impressive list of evidence of Australians of all classes deprecating excessive speech and action against non-Asians, including, at various times, practically all the major nationalities: Russian Jew, and French Reclaimists, as well as the Africans, and Islanders.

RACIAL IRELEVANCE

Indeed the racial factor, despite the views of emotional opponents, is a minor part of the policy. The latter-day Australian, who finds Asians pleasant, even more irrelevant to an adequate interpretation of the policy than the view of trade unions of the last century who found them unpleasant.

Asians, wisely, are not a group, prove not excessive national pride. But it is fair to claim that only of Labour, but of all political parties.

Fifty-eight years of national growth is clearly insufficient time in which to test to the very foundations of that growth. In fact the renewed immigration of Europeans to Australia since 1945 is a clear sign of continued vitality in the pressure on the country that this country was founded.

To state the truth of the White Australia policy and its effect is to say in it is surely not to insult Asians. As your leader of July 8 stated, racial feeling is at a minimum in Australia and this is because of the policy, not in spite of it.

QUOTA SYSTEM

The introduction of a quota system must be a definite breach of the policy and in any case would necessarily mean that the policy be selective, seeking to take only the very people Asia wants. From reducing racial feelings, it would only increase them, even more the feeling in both in Australia and in the other countries concerned.

Nor would a quota system help Asia’s population problem, whatever in any case was not nearly as difficult as sometimes argued; there are many empty spaces in Asia.

Finally, Australia’s role in the Pacific and adjacent areas is two-fold one: it can only fulfill that meaning to national unity. It may well be as some say (though I do not subscribe to the view) that our survival is vital to the world. That is true the breach of the White Australia policy is unwise, but it would be well to have some outside force to cope with.

(Sgd.) N B. NAIRED
Senior Lecturer in History, N.S.W. University of Technology.

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**Complimentary Dinner For Sir George Holland**

(Notice from State Secretary)

Those sub-branches which have not yet submitted their list of representatives for the farewell dinner to Sir George Holland to be held in the Anzac House ballroom on Saturday, October—, are requested to do so immediately so that the requisite catering arrangements may be made.

**Applications Open For Admission**

To New War Veterans’ Home

Applications for admission to the new War Veterans’ Home at Mt. Lawley are now being received from applicants. It is anticipated that the home will be ready for occupation in January. Applications should be addressed to the R.S.L. State Secretary, Anzac House, Perth.

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THE LISTENING POST
SEPTEMBER, 1960

The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance.

THE LEAGUE'S BADGE

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

THE WATTLE is symbolic of Australia.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ABOVE ALL the badge indicates not only that you have served in war, but also that you are still serving in peace.

League Request On Education Fails

A League request designed to encourage the children of war pensioners to seek higher education has been disallowed by Repatriation Minister Senator Sir Walter Cooper.

Under the provisions of the Repatriation Scheme the children of ex-servicemen whose deaths in the service, children of totally and permanently incapacitated, and war-blinded ex-servicemen and children of certain ex-servicemen suffering from tuberculosis, receive educational assistance. This is a responsibility which the Commonwealth Government has accepted to ensure that no child will be denied the opportunity to fit itself for a suitable vocation in life solely because a parent has died or been very seriously incapacitated as a result of war service.

The scheme is designed to provide a child with both opportunity and encouragement to make full use of his or her natural ability. At the R.S.L. National Convention last year, it was decided to ask the Government to provide the children of war pensioners who are not eligible for assistance under this scheme desiring to pursue their education for a period of time students after the age of 16 years—when their time has expired—to the age of 21 years or until the completion of a full-time studies, whichever is the earlier.

A reply to this request has now been received from the Minister for Repatriation. He says that having reference to what has been said about the war-disability of a father who is a general-rate pensioner does not preclude him from following some occupation and the wide opportunities open to him during the hours when the land is at war.

Honours To Local Army Units

The League has been advised by Western Command that the 11th/44th Infantry Battalion, 2nd and 4th Armoured Regiment, 11th/44th, and 4th Machine Gun Battalion, 11th/44th, have been awarded the Distinguished Service Order and the Distinguished Service Cross respectively.

The awards to the 31/44th, 2nd and 4th Armoured Regiment, 11th/44th, in the second world war campaign.

The battle honours—such through which they have passed—have been recorded in the Parish Register of London, and the colours of the units are now on display in the central hall of the Parish Church of St. Paul's, London.

The Army units have been selected for their services in the second world war campaign, and are now being considered for inclusion in the Roll of Honour at the National War Memorial, London.

Lighting For Memorial At Geraldton

Through the co-operative effort of several members of the Geraldton sub-branch, two local firms and the principal council, the memorial which stands outside Birdwood House is now illuminated 11 pm to 6 am.

A special fitting effectively provides a subdued light during the hours when the sub-branch meets.

The component parts of the lighting were provided by the Geraldton Building Company and Saydie Land (through the good offices of sub-branch member John Speedie) and Mr. Bill Lyle, and the members responsible worked on the project during a weekend.

Sub-branch Meetings For The Anzac Day Referendum

By resolution of Congress sub-branches were required to hold meetings this month for the purpose of conducting the referendum on the observance of the Anzac Day observance.

In last month's issue of this journal particulars of the meetings of 138 sub-branches—all those to hand at the time of going to press—were published. Since then the following particulars of meetings have been received at headquarters:

COUNTRY DISTRICTS

METROPOLITAN AREA

Leake Street, 8 p.m., 19/9/60.

GLOUCESTER PARK—Mon., 7.30 p.m., 19/9/60.

NORTH PERTH—Bill's Lodge, 18 View Street, 8 p.m., 19/9/60.

UPPER SWAN—Vista C.W.A. Hall, Millendon, 8 p.m., 19/9/60.

NORTH FREMANTLE—East Fremantle Town Hall, 7.30 p.m., 19/9/60.

Sub-branch In Contest

Though not an opulently furnished contest the competition at the 1960 National Council of the Australian Granny Challenge is not without the entertainment that is sought.

The competition consists of a coming forward with a candidate for this year's Miss Crown Challenge competition—Bernice Marjory Smith.

BERWICK—J Noll of 8 Station Road, 8.30 p.m., 19/9/60.

CARRINGTON—A' M. Smith of 13 Market Street, 8 p.m., 19/9/60.

KARRABAL—A. K. Martin of 12 Station Road, 8 p.m., 19/9/60.

NUNAVIC—Memorial Hall, 8 p.m., 19/9/60.

PENRJON—Hotel Commercial, 8 p.m., 19/9/60.

RICKETS—Ambulance Station, 8.30 p.m., 19/9/60.

RUTLAND—Ambulance Station, 8 p.m., 19/9/60.
Did You Know... (asks C. R. Collins)

- THAT during the War of the Spanish Succession one of the few French successes on land was scored against the British at Almeida, in Spain, in 1706. On that occasion the French army was commanded by an Englishman, and the British army by a Frenchman. The opposing generals were James, Duke of Berwick, a natural son of James II and a nephew of the Duke of Marlborough, and Henri de Nassau de Ruvigny, a Huguenot refugee who had entered the service of William of Orange who made him Earl of Galway for services during the earlier fighting in Ireland.

- THAT although wireless telegraphy was used during the first world war, broadcasting as a propaganda weapon was not used intensively by belligerents before World War II. One of the unknown heroes of the later war was a British soldier whom the Germans had captured and forced to deliver a broadcast to his people in England. The message he gave told the listeners how well treated the prisoners were in Germany - and how kind the Germans were to them. He ended his talk by asking listeners to tell their listeners how good the Germans were, to tell the Army, to tell the Navy, and in particular, "You tell it to the Marines." He gave three broadcasts in this strain before the Germans understood what had happened.

- THAT certain British Infantry regiments are styled "Fusiliers" because they were the first to be armed with the fusil. This weapon, originally a flintlock-piece, was invented for the first time in the 17th century, was gradually adopted by the Army, because it was lighter and could be loaded and fired more quickly than the musket. Fusiliers are traditionally the first British regiment to be armed with the fusil, was the Coldstream Guards. The regiment derives its name from the fact that it was stationed at Coldstream, with the Frenchman who was governing Scotland, and before he marched with a force of the monachy in 1660.

- THAT the bayonet, originally a type of dagger with a handle which could be plugged into the muzzle of a musket, had been first used in action by a French regiment from Bayonne. This type was found inconvenient, as it hindered firing and was sometimes discharged action. In 1857 the famous French military engineer Vauban designed a socket-handled bayonet which would not prevent firing for loading when the bayonet was fixed.

- THAT marching in step did not become general until the 18th Century. Greeks and Romans, Switzers, Scottish dragoons, and Swedes during the Thirty Years War, marched in step. The practice was adopted for the Prussian Army by Leopold of Anhalt. For a long time, however, length of pace, and the number of paces to the minute varied, each unit, even of the same army, being a law unto itself.

- THAT during the Crimean War the British army was commanded by a Frenchman, and the French command by a Britisher. In other battles, such as Albuera, the British had the French as their NCOs, and the French had the British as theirs. Wingate and the Duke of Wellington were the Commanding Generals, with General Monck's own regiment, the Coldstream Guards, at Culloden.

- THAT telegraphy was first introduced into Scotland by a special act of the Parliament in 1833. Although a telegraph was first successfully made in 1793 by a Scotchman of French descent, Charles Wheatstone, it was not until 1833 that the Highland Railway was completed.

- THAT in 1860 a telegraph was opened at Berwick, near the town of Berwick-on-Tweed, with the Chateau de la Hogue, in France, and with the Prime Minister of France. The Prime Minister expressed the desire that "there would be nothing to prevent the two countries from becoming united in a firm embrace, and the two peoples from talking to one another in a language which is easy and familiar to both.

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Firm Decision
On Hall
At Mt. Barker

After nearly three years of discussion, planning and re-planning, a firm decision has at last been reached in regard to the provision of a new and completely modern memorial hall building at Mt. Barker.

The reason for this is that the existing building — erected after World War I — stands on a site which is required for other purposes under the district's town planning and development scheme. The new hall will therefore be erected on another site, and it is expected that the cost will be about £7,000.

Members of the Mt. Barker sub-branch are confident of finding the money required. They have an annual subscription of £1,000 already in hand, and other cultivable land has been promised for future.

A novel and profit-promising project being planned by the sub-branch is the purchasing of property already in hand, and other cultivable land has been promised for future.

The sub-branch is looking forward to a big increase in active membership once the new building gets started.

It is hoped to have the building completed by April — in time for the annual Apple Festival, which is to be held at Mt. Barker next year.

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How’s This For A Record?  
A foundation-member of the Bullsbrook and District sub-branch has attended every R.S.L. function in the district since his election to the committee in 1936.

He is Mr. Gus Pickett, and he has been sub-branch president in the whole of that period.

On his return to Western Australia he joined the Suburban Patriotic League, and when the Bullsbrook and District sub-branch was formed, he transferred his membership to it.

He was elected vice-president in 1938, and president the following year.

In 1940 he played a major part in the formation of the Volunteer Defence Corps in the district, and was an active member for its duration.

Sub-branch activity and achievements during Mr. Pickett’s term of office have included the following:

- Dances: smoke socials; popular-girl competitions; collections for war work; sports meetings.
- Patrician appeals: investment certificates in war-saving certificates.
- From time to time during World War II, canteen orders were sent to all service personnel who left the district. A welcome-home party was arranged for all men in the area and a gift presented to each.
- Donations of shield for sport to schools; donations for Christmas parties in surrounding districts.
- Poplars have been sold annually.
- Two blocks of land have been acquired and one has been sold.
- Two ballot tables were provided, and sold at a profit.
- Built a large hall—the Suburbs Memorial Hall, and installed Turkish baths and electric lighting. The hall is now being re-painted.
- A new Honour Board for World War II men is being compiled and will be erected in the hall shortly.

A Christmas party is held annually in the hall.

On his return from World War I, Mr. Pickett helped to form the Bullsbrook Football Club and was team captain for many years, in recognition of his services, he was made president, and since its formation has not missed a session of its meetings. He is now a life member.

For the last 13 years, similarly, he has been president of the Midland Foot Ball Association.

The Gallipoli League Aroused Interest

(The Editor)

Dear Sir,—May I thank you for the interest taken in this comparatively new organisation, "Old-Soldiers of Gallipoli", as evidenced by the article which appeared in your August issue, and upon which I have heard much favourable comment.

Your readers will be interested to learn that our membership is now 160, which is, at first, surprising to the writer, who, at the onset of formation wondered just how many of the "Old-Soldiers" would come along after all these 45 years and another war.

We have been recently the recipients of a great dual honor: I refer to the honor conferred by His Excellency, The Governor, Sir Charles, K.C.M.G., C.B., K.C.V.O., C.B., K.C.S.I., and Sir Laurence Gadsden, Mayor of Fremantle, who, at a meeting held by the members, consented to fill the offices of patron and vice-president. The members are deeply grateful and appreciative of the interest evidenced by the kindly thought which prompted their action.

The next general meeting of the "League" will be held on Sunday, 2nd of October, at 10.30 a.m. in the T.F.L. Hall, Irwin-street, Perth, at which lecture will be delivered by our old comrade Geo Shaw, who has recently toured the site of the fighting on Gallipoli Peninsula, and we hope some of our country members will be here for the Royal Show can come along.

A large photo of the 11th Bn. and one of the 4th Bn. will be on exhibition, and doubtless will revive many memories.

Yours faithfully,
R.C. YELDON; Hon. Sec.

Housing Advice At Albany

Mr. F. Herlhy, a senior officer of the State Housing Commission, will meet the local R.S.L. sub-branch on September 2nd to give advice on war service homes matters.

Next day, at the committee's Albany office, he dealt with inquiries individually.

Affairs At S. Perth

There was a good attendance at the last meeting of the City of South Perth sub-branch for the president's and secretary's reports and the financial statement for the last working year.

The new president and secretary are looking forward to the annual general meeting on Thursday, September 22, when the Annual Day referendum will be held.

The vote will be open to financial members only.

The sub-branch is sponsoring a young lady for the Miss Crowningship competition and seeks the support of all members and friends.

It is hoped to have representation from all neighboring sub-branches and also the support of the City of South Perth.

Members will no doubt be very sorry to learn of the passing of the treasurer, Mr. Latch. Mr. Latch was a foundation member of the sub-branch, which in its early days met at his residence.

He gave a lifetime of service and will be remembered as a good mate.—W.H.F.

Troppo At Morotai

By F/Sgt. Haynes—MFCU Echelon

When yer trampin' through the campsites with the mud "up to yer knees,"

And the smell assails yer nostrils of the rotton pou-paw grass

When the ants are busy nestin' in yer kitbag and yer pack

And the rats run off with half yer gear each time yer turn yer back

Then yer know yer gone! TROPO ON THE ISLE OF MOROTAI

I've read of all yer moans'-that yer writes about in "Wings."

I sure believe 'em brothers, you've Endured many things. But pull yer blinkin' heads in now, and go and dry yer eyes.

Have yer got "Dive Bombin" skimmers that are big as prairie flies? Do yer lose yer Railsin' pennies in the slush when playin' sup? Do yer wonder guys go TROPO ON THE ISLE OF MOROTAI

Sure we've slugged along New Guinea, and we've had the Daron heat. But I'll tell yer now, this so-so place has got the whole lot beat.

Thirty days hath September, yer know the old verse quote. Well, just work out the fine ones when it rains on Twenty eight.

Then some have nerve to call us "Wet, crips, we're never dry. Thar's what helps us go so TROPO ON THE ISLE OF MOROTAI.

When yer skin is turnin' yellow from yer little daily wall, There's a thought that keeps yer sluggin', sort of helps yer up the hill. Though yer slippin' two yards backwards for every one yer take, Yer know yer doin' somethin' for the ideals ye've at stake.

And I know, deep down within yer, when yer wave the place good-bye, Though yer sure to leave it TROPO YOU'LL REMEM MOROTAI.

Revive on it. Thrive on it.

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Comment For The Month
—from “The Corp.”

O An occurrence of interest at Anzac House not long ago was an official but delightfully informal reception in the Prime Minister’s room when the Deputy Prime Minister McEwen and a number of executive members and officers attended by President Lonnie and a number of executive members and officers. Included in the official party were Mr. C. Butler, M.L.A., and Mr. J. Stephens, M.L.A.—both N.S.W.—and members of the League—on a visit to Winton. They held a parliamentary conference. West Australian guests present included Senator Tom Drake-Brockman, Andrew Provost and Mr. Jack Hallett. The Deputy Prime Minister said this is probably not generally known—a return visit to his home. World War I. He took up a virgin block at Stanhope, a few miles, and has successfully developed it into a highly productive sheep and cattle property. It is now his home, when he gets a chance of going there. The visitors were shown over the remodelled building and called into the club to inspect the model of the War Veterans’ Home. It seems to be the regular thing now that when V.J. day is club someone rings the bell, and so—in accordance with tradition—when it happened this time, it was drinks all round.

O The Katanning and District R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliary were in the limelight at the official opening of the auxiliary annual conference this year. Katanning was awarded the much-coveted trophy for competition normally among country auxiliary branches for the best record of service and endeavour. Geraldton branch was the runner-up in the third. For branches in the metropolitan area the competition was held this year with Mt. Hawthorn runner-up and City of Perth in third. The presentation was made by the Lady Mayor of Perth, Mrs. Howard.

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O A new use has been found for the electric heater in the Anzac Club by the new Club Manager. Serving mivery to the thirsty customers one day was a cake tin with a heater in it—so to speak.
Proposed A.I.F. Memorial Chapel For Duntroun

An Australia-wide public appeal for the construction of an A.I.F. Memorial Chapel at the Royal Military College, Duntroun, was launched recently by Lieut-General Sir Reginald Gaget as a result of the retirement as Chief of the General Staff.

The appeal target is 40,000, which is to augment an amount of 80,000 to be provided for the project by the Commonwealth Government and an equal amount to be raised by Churches of all denominations.

The R.S.L. has given its approval to the appeal.

- Pictured above is an architect's drawing of the proposed chapel.

The new building will meet the requirements for religious instruction and regular attendance of cadets at church services. It will incorporate two chapels under one roof, one for cadets of Protestant denominations and the other for Roman Catholics. Each chapel will be completely self-contained and have a separate entrance.

It is hoped to make an early start on the project so that the official dedication can be included as a feature of the ceremonial planned to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the college in March, 1961.

The fund is now open and subscriptions are welcomed.

Mundaring's President Resigns

At the July meeting of Mundaring and Districts Sub-Branch Mr. Bob Hall resigned his position as President.

Mr. Hall couldn't see his way clear to do full justice to the Branch, owing to personal commitments and the demands on his time, frequent spells of ill health and lack of transport facilities, all of which restricted his participation in Branch activities.

His resignation was accepted with regret by the meeting, and it was decided to hold a special meeting on the Tuesday following the next branch meeting to be held on the third Monday in August. Members are requested to attend this meeting in full strength.

The Branch conducted a children's fancy-dress ball in the Mundaring Hall on September 13, with proceeds in aid of the sub-branch hall, on which a start has been made.

Card evenings are also being held for the building fund every second Wednesday in the C.W.A. rooms.

The Anzac Day referendum will be taken at the meeting on September 26.

Good Cheer In Collett Cup

A member of the Geraldton Sub-Branch was invited to fill the Collett Cup Chieftain's chair and to attend Ty's annual ball, and he arrived with a personal note to the Branch giving his acceptance and his promise to fill the position at the August meeting.

On the following day the Branch met, and it was decided to accept the invitation and to ask Mr. Hall to fill the position at the August meeting.

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Accurate Shooting At R.S.L. Championships

At the R.S.L. indoor rifle-shooting championships conducted at the Monash Club premises recently a disappointing number of contestants was more than atoned for by the accuracy of the shooting.

First time through 13 shots were possible, and this number was gradually reduced till the end of the 9th round only two remained. Two shots later it was all over, and Jim Rawlings being the winner with 47 consecutive bulls. "Once a shooter missed a bull he retired to the second range to shoot pff for the plate," and this also proved a masterly event.

The final two kept on blasting possible for possible, and George Fletcher from Nannup dropped one after 61 consecutive bulls, leaving Bob Williams of Gloucester Park (incidentally the championship runner-up to Jim Rawlings) in the line-up for the "plate." It was indeed a night of good shooting, and all present voted it an entertainment (even allowing for the slight distraction of having the Swan "gym" girls in the adjacent hall).

Thank you to the City of Perth for making the hall available, and to all those concerned for their efforts on the organising side.

Two independent judges—Warrant Officer E. C. Lun Garner and Ron Harrington of the South Perth Small Bore Club—were extremely competent and did a sterling job on the targets.

Their efforts were greatly appreciated and their unblemished marking went a long way to making the evening a success.

Small Deficit On Dinner

A deficit of $1/8/3 was incurred on the annual State Executive dinner this year. This was reported at the August meeting of the executive.

To meet the cost members contribute regularly to a fund for the purpose.

A vote of thanks to Mr. E. A. Dodd for carrying out all the arrangements for the dinner was carried with enthusiasm.

Civil Defence Committee At Northam

As a result of a public meeting called by the Mayor last July a Civil Defence Committee is now in being at Northam.

The committee recently held a meeting and the Clerk of Northam said the committee was the first organisation of its kind in the State.

The committee is solidly supported by Northam executive members, and all future meetings are to be held in the Northam Memorial Hall.

Both the Chairman of the committee and the Secretary are approved by the State executive and the committee has been formally recognised.

Korea Man Joins Executive

The State Executive for the first time has a Korean member among its members. He is Mr. D. Hall, Welcoming Mr. Hall at the first meeting of this year's State Executive President Lonnie expressed a hope that he would prove extremely happy.

Ball-Suggestion Held Over

The possibility of holding a State President's Ball held over at the State Executive meeting of the State Executive.

It was agreed that heavy commitments precluded the holding of such a function at that time. The suggestion was referred to for further consideration.
Operation LEFT, RIGHT AND CENTRE

From HUGH LESLIE

(with apologies for any errors or omissions)

When State President Bill Lonnie, senior vice-pres­ident Ted Townsend, trustee Hugh Leslie, General Secretary R. W. Champion and R.A.A.F. depot at Weehauken, New Jersey, had arranged a whistle-stop tour of the central wheatbelt which involved visits to 25 sub-branches, George Sherrington gave the movement the title: “Operation Left, Right and Centre.”

This referred to the fact that the visitors formed into two groups which moved from Perth eastward on two outer flanks, and then returned through the centre.

The reaction of the official parties to the varying circumstances of the R.S.L. sub-branches was contacttcd from ranges of high elation where they found keen enthusiasm through encouragement by obvious and determined efforts to satisfaction with attempts to overcome the problems and frank disappointment at a couple of odd spots where prejudice had to be overcome in order to lessen moral.

KOORDA BENCUBBIN

The State President’s party met up with Koorda and Bencubbin sub-branch members at Bencubbin. Here local president Dave Crombie and secretary George Gibbs proudly told of the achievement of their members. The district to make substantial contributions to the War Veterans’ Home. Koorda sub-branch president, at a meeting held there, said membership had moved from the old form which has from two years ago brought them the award of the Col. Colett trophy for two years in succession for outstanding R.S.L. and public efforts.

MUKINBUDIN

Mukinbudin, where more than a dozen members of the sub-branch rode to the meeting, they were confident of full support in pledging their members and district to make substantial contributions to the War Veterans’ Home. Vice-president J. B. Fullwood, secretary Alex Allen gave good word of Koorda affairs last year.

SHACKLETON

George Sherrington was out to talk to the Shackleton sub-branch president, J. H. Fullwood, and his members. He thought the idea was a good idea. The President was invited to meet up again with J. H. Fullwood and speak about the R.S.L. and W.A.V.V. movement. George Sherrington was attended the meeting, and the speech was made.

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QUAIRADING

While all this was going on, State President Ted Townsend and Hugh Leslie were moving along the Quairading sub-branch. The President is a real stimulant for the start of their district.

There was an excellent roll-up at the evening meeting at Quairading with State President Bruce Willson and President and which was held in the sub-branch’s new hall. The President decided to have an excellent hall dedicated to the Miss Crowning Glory quest in aid of the War Veterans’ Home.

NAREMBOO

Notice of our impending visit to Narembeen went out early. President John Osborne heard of it too late to make suitable arrangements.

We inspected the splendid hall building from the R.A.A.F. depot at Narembeen and are excellent for the keenness and enthusiasm of the leadership of Bruce Williams and his members as well as for the very solid support given by the women’s auxiliary.

The State President would be attending annual reunion this month. They pointed out that although there were always back State Executive representation at this annual event, this was only true for many years that they would have the privilege of entertaining the State President.

CUNDERDIN

The troubles of the league are coincidental with fund raising, membership, welfare work and management problem which would disappear like ice cream under a summer sun if all sub-branches came up to the standard of Cunderdin.

President J. H. Fullwood and secretary P. E. Delany are justifiably proud of the consistent hard work and efforts of their members.

Not only have they a bigger-than-ever membership, but they have two candidates in the Miss Crowning Glory quest—Miss Diane Close and Miss Barbara Curnock (both of Cunderdin), and we can expect to hear much of them judging from their judging from local enthusiasm.

In addition to this our Cunderdin mates are confident that they will find the necessary $1 per member per year which is required to meet the demands of the State President.

MERRIN

The two invading parties converged on Merrin where sub-branch president Padre G. E. Albany and his members had an informal discussion on many matters and local problems.

Merrin seems to have slipped back by a bit from the extremely active and prominent position this sub-branch formerly held. It is a result of the visit interest in the sub-branch affairs, but the situation of this sub-branch will improve for the benefit of the town and the district.

MECKERING

At Meckering, where C. D. Wollaston is president and K. J. Knoxman secretary, the official visitors were elated at the inspiring atmosphere.

Here again membership is strong and growing, and although the sub-branch is in membership it is most earnest in R.S.L. work and more than ever the weight when appealed to for assistance and support for mates who needs it.

The meeting was held under the shade of a handy gum tree.

NORTHAM

Considering the awkward weather during the afternoon—the turn-out to the small crowd was excellent. At Ted Townsend, Jack Serle and George Sherrington when they had been up TED Townsend, the majority was typical of the men of the district with the R.S.L. which is characterised by our Northam mates and members.

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Where Death Lurks Unsuspected

In spite of repeated warnings from the Army and the police, through the Press and over the radio, there is little doubt that thousands of homes still contain dangerous war souvenirs.

These are being used as ornaments, perhaps as children’s toys, as doorstops, or in the garage or workshop; or they might have by now lost their earlier interest and are lying around somewhere. It is alarming to learn that in three months—April, May and June of this year—more than 9,600 ammunition souvenirs were recovered from the public. This was nearly double the number recovered in the preceding quarter.

Of the 9,600 items, 9,432 were “live” and could have killed or maimed those handling them. They included:
- A “live” 30mm, practice round a schoolboy had tried to explode by dripping from the roof of a building.
- A 3-inch mortar bomb taken to an electro-plating works for chrome plating.
- A 1lb. canister of gunpowder stored in the pantry of a home.
- Grenades, gelignite, aerial, practice bombs and a large assortment of small-arms ammunition.

The Army’s ammunition experts dealt with 292 calls from police or civilians for disposal of ammunition in the June quarter.

In the month of June alone Eastern Command’s experts had travelled more than 1,400 miles in carrying out disposal duties.

Anyone with potentially lethal items in their possession should contact the Army or the police immediately, particularly should take all possible steps to prevent children from “playing with death.”

—The Corp.

Things Worth Seeing At Cowaramup

Returning from their visit to the Rosa Brook-Rosa Glen sub-branch anniversary celebration, State President Lonnie and executive member Jim White met up with the new president of the Cowaramup sub-branch, Bob Watkins, and secretary McClure, who with justifiable pride showed the State President’s party over their new building.

Cowaramup had the misfortune to have their original hall burned down some 18 months ago, and their new building—nicely furnished—takes its place. A very meritorious achievement!

The sub-branch set-up at Cowaramup is most impressive because a.merchandise is in addition to the fine new building there is a memorial hall bordered with about 70 trees which are tended by the schoolchildren in the town.

Congratulations to all at Cowaramup!—The Corp.

Anzac Club Notes

Members are highly appreciative of the thoroughgoing renovations at the Anzac Club, and the way in which the ladies have been attending the lounge and visiting-room during trading hours is regarded by committee members as a good omen.

Ladies’ nights at the club have been well attended and seem very popular.

The price of drinks at the club is less than at city hotels, and the surroundings are very pleasing. The service is excellent.

A new mat for the carpet has been purchased, and a good game of bowls can be enjoyed on the bowling green.

The billiard room is in full swing again, with two fast tables for snooker and billiards.

Visitors during the month included the following:

Messrs. G. B. Kilbride from Essendon (Victoria); J. Hogan (Port Augusta); Roy S. Leighton (Wyndham); P. A. T. Fort (Cook, N.S.W.); F. Burrows (Ade- lade); Jack Bugler (Blen- heim, New Zealand); J. M. Bambridge (Melbourne); Mr. Dave Rust, from the North-West, has been undergoing treatment in Ward 82 (8th Floor), Royal Perth Hospital. W. J. D. Teed paid Dave a visit recently and found him progressing after his operation and looking forward to meeting old acquaintances in the club premises again in the near future.

Another old member who is frequently at the club is Capt. Evans, who has been seen at the club recently, and members will be pleased to know that he was looking like the Charles they knew as club manager.

Honour For R.S.L. State President

Among the 28 citizens who received civil and military honours at the investiture ceremony at Government House on September 6 was R.S.L. State President W. S. Lonnie. He is seen here being invested by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Charles Gooldner, with the insignia of the O.B.E. (Civil Division).

Also invested was Mrs. A. E. Stockman, Imperial-Post-State-President of the R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliary with the M.B.E.

Both awards were announced in last year’s Queen’s Birthday Honours list.
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Sub-branch president Aubrey Badger and secretary J. E. Robertson are able guiding the Northam sub-branch in achieving the high standard established over the past many years. Membership stands almost at a record.

After-viewing the scale-model of the War Veterans' Home, the members were all in agreement that the project is a splendid one. The Northam chappies promised to help in whatever way they could.

An outstanding and successful feature at Northam was the splendid co-operation and fellowship existing between all local ex-service men. It must be applied in other centres.

BAKERS HILL
With F. D. Bridgeman as president and A. Amiss as secretary, the members of the Bakers Hill sub-branch are doing a staunch job of work in maintaining the Bakers Hill sub-branch and carrying out the basic self-assessed responsibilities of the sub-branch in attaining the problems and needs of the veterans.

Several individual problems were handed over to the official of the sub-branch for headquarters assistance.

NUNGARIN
While the official visit was taking place along the main line, Bill Lonnele and Hugh Leslie were doing their thing at the Wyalkatchem loop line.

After leaving Merredin, they made Nungarin a little late because of a wrong turning. Nevertheless, Ron Crofts, a member of sub-branch president R. C. Robinson, who could not attend the meeting, was present, as was the gathering of sub-branch members who welcomed patiently and resisted the temptation to lift the bottle tops until the visitors arrived.

WYALKATCHEM
A. A. Tiboob and secretary Norman Boswell arranged for a gathering of staunch sub-branch R.S.L. supporters made the members welcome. The sub-branch has to maintain its new hall, and it undertook to find the necessary £100 for furnishing the "Wyalkatchem" room at the War Veterans' Home.

The State President inspected the very well-equipped and maintained memorial playground for children, which was provided by the sub-branch.

TRAYNING
At Trayning the sub-branch president, "Jimbo" Cooper, with again more than half the members of sub-branch and quite a number of ladies, extended a very warm welcome to the official, and listened most attentively and with obvious interest to brief talks on the War Veterans Home and the need for funds, on the importance of obtaining a fully representative vote in the Anzac Day observance referendum, and on the face changes effecting the Anzac Club.

Bill Shannon recalled the highly successful meeting when the No. 2 District Commissioners was in existence, and reminded members that the Anzac Club is still very much in existence. Members were eager to see the scale-model of the War Veterans' home, and arrangements were made to have it on display at a film festival on September 8.

The keenness of those at the meeting indicated that a sub-branch, which has been resting a while, will soon be again high on the list of visions and active country sub-branches.

Reparation With A Big Difference

When Reparation Deputy Commissioner Hogan attended the relevant sessions of Congress this year he invited delegates to inspect his new headquarters the following day.

Jim Buckley of Geraldton, with delegates from a number of country and city sub-branches, inspected these inspecting parties and was impressed by Mr. Hogan and his assistant Mr. Robson, who was happy to provide a guide.

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Poles Recall Day Of Victory

On August 15 the Polish community here celebrated the anniversary of a Polish victory over the Red Army in 1920.

The following account of the occasion recalled at the request of the Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association in Western Australia.

Bolsheviks, infiltrated with an easy revolution in Poland, Russia and all over Europe—which seemed quite possible at that time, as Europe was disorganised after World War I and undermined by Communist activities. There were already three Communist republics in Europe—Bavaria, Rumania and Hungary—the last one headed by the notorious Bela Kun. The Russian army had started its offensive in 1920 and attacked Poland. The Red Army was blocking the way to Western Europe.

Poland was in a very poor state. The industry destroyed, armed and too small to resist. Red Army, assisted by one of her neighbours, armed armies sent to the assistance of Poland. Most of Poland was more than half of Poland; Bolsheviks approached, and the anti-Red elements could hear guns at night.

Poles understood very well that with the loss of Warsaw the morale and the resistance might break. On August 15, 1920, practically the whole Polish nation took part; boys of 14 joined the fighting and the girls were digging trenches. The key position—War was a small town. Red Army. The small town was defended by some partly-volunteer units, Red Army. The small town was defended by some partly-volunteer units, Red Army. The small town was defended by some partly-volunteer units, Red Army. The small town was defended by some partly-volunteer units, Red Army.

HISTORY OF LEAGUE

Mr. Bob Dunlop, State Executive is writing a history of the Origin and achievements of the St. John's Ambulance in W.A. and he would welcome any information particularly relating to the League's early years.

Super-Fete For Nollamara

The Nollamara sub-branch is holding a super-fete at the Nollamara shopping centre on September 24, in aid of its memorial hall building fund. A programme of attractions at the fete, including many stalls at which to buy raffle tickets and a children's brass band, will be arranged.

There are also great hopes of holding the first marina quide party to be held in Nollamara.

Executive Told Of World Cruise

On a world cruise which took him to many delightful places, Mr. R. J. Stoddart found none to equal Western Australia climactically, or for general living conditions.

He said this at the July meeting of the State Executive of the Lions Club, Mr. Stoddart has travelled for several months.

In a short account of his experiences, he referred to the increasing influence of Indians on the commercial life of the area. The Indians were very efficient, business people who did not mind hard work and were content to take a very small profit.

There was an air of tension about the Panama Canal zone, and in Panama City was to be seen some of the worst squatters imaginable.

The Dutch-Curaeaoa was a pleasant place, and things seemed calm enough in Trinidad.

Mr. Stoddart said that in India, where he had noted a great influx of coloured people, particularly from the West Indies, he had met several of these people employed on the tubers and railways.

In Spain, he reached by way of France, every bridge had been guarded by at least one or two gentlemen full regalia.

The people of Spain were very friendly, and used the remains of the Christmas and New Year festivities in other parts of the country. His visit was extended to January 6 when all the children got their toys.

Crowning Glory Car Trial

South-of-the-river sub-branches are conducting "Crowning Glory" car trial on September 25 in connection with the Miss Crowning Glory competition.

The trial will commence at Trevor Grubb's garage and 2½ miles from the Hotel and culminate at a barbecue and picnic area.

The entry fee is 5 pence per senior citizen, and 2 pence per adult in the car. There will be a charge for children.

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Battalion Association Jottings

11th and 2/11th Battalions

From the 11th and 2/11th Battalion Association comes the following:

We are pleased to announce a roll-up of 39 for our last quarterly meeting, which wasn’t too bad considering the inclement weather at the time.

The weather was even worse when the 11th Battalion’s headquarters got their first-ever dinner, held this evening at the Carlton Hotel.

The 11th Battalion History is still in its struggling infancy, but it shouldn’t be long before it begins to take more than baby steps.

Author Gavin Casey has been given access to the War Diaries and is starting to accumulate some vital and valuable information, which will be scrutinized so that the photos and anecdotes are slowly coming in.

Submitted material to be returned to the editor should be clearly marked to that effect.

The annual reunion will be held as usual at Anzac House on the evening of the first Tuesday of September, and all are requested to come and meet the lady members and attendances of the following:

16th Battalion Association

The committee of the 16th Battalion Association hopes to fulfill a promise that this year’s reunion will be better attended than any previous one, so as to make up for the absence of a function on last Anzac Day.

Hall, catering and musical arrangements have been well prepared, and all that is required will be a good attendance.

Members are asked to return immediately, stating their intention of attending so as to assist in catering.

In past years, convenience was caused by some members turning up but not notifying the secretary beforehand.

Sick reports: Mr. B. May and Mr. H. Dinsdale, Mr. G. Cook is now an inmate of Eventide, Mr. A. M. Anderson is on the sick list at Geraldton.

A sad loss to the association was the death of Mr. A. Blakes, a life member of the association. His absence was keenly felt at a recent meeting.

The old battalion has lost quite a few members lately, and the following is the list:


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44th Battalion

Arrangements are well in hand for the 44th Battalion Association annual reunion to be held this year on Monday of Show Week—October 3—In Anzac House Ballroom at 8 p.m.

A really good night is assured, so come along and help us do the honours.

On Wednesday night (September 11), a general meeting of the association will be held in the boardroom at Anzac House at 8 p.m.

Members are specially invited to attend.

28th Battalion

The 28th Battalion Association will hold its annual reunion at the Lord’s Drill Hall on Tuesday, October 8.

All members are requested to forward their subscriptions of 15/ to the Hon. Secretary, W. J. Reed, 55 Armagh Street, Victoria Park, as soon as possible, so that catering arrangements can be finalised.

Auxiliary Visits in August

The following list of R.S.L. Women’s Auxiliary visits for August have been supplied by the auxiliary State Secretary, Mrs. J. Ford.

August 1: The State President, Mr. R. A. King, attended the Women’s Service Guild and the Auxiliary of Nedlands sub-branch.

August 2: The State President, Mrs. A. G. St. John, attended the Women’s Service Guild.

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33 YEARS OLD: The City of Nedlands sub-branch held its annual reunion last month in the Nedlands R.S.L. Hall. President M. E. Dodd welcomed members and guests, and State Vice-President Ted Townshend installed incoming officers.
A.R.M.S. Games Contest

With the A.R.M.S. Games season drawing to a close, candidates for final-four honours are vying with the W.A.N.F.L. for keenness, with five or six teams jockeying for the coveted berths.

Nedlands still continues on its merry way—with one loss only its record is perfect. The bridge (two tables to one) while the home team won the score quite a thrill. It's well down the table.

Your correspondent was on the ball in tipping Claremont a danger this year, as with only two losses it tackled Gloucester Park the leaders, and scored a four victory.

The bridge provided some really keen competition, Gloucester Park winning the other (146.336) and Claremont (141.336) in the bridge (two tables to one) while the home team won the score quite a thrill. It's well down the table and the table tennis without much trouble.

Quotis decided the issue. Gloucester Park needed to win the last game, but Ossie Cole of Claremont was playing too well and so Frank Cornwall's face became wreathed in one big smile, in fact almost a laugh.

Standings:
- **GLOUCESTER PARK**
- **NEDLANDS**
- **DARLING RANGE**
- **CLAREMONT**
- **W. LEEDERVILLE**
- **WEMBLEY-FLORENT**
- **GLAMAR**
- **MT. HAWTHORN**
- **CITY OF PERTH**
- **FLORENT-CITY BEACH**
- **SWANBOURNE**
- **COTTESLOE**
- **SUBIACO**
- **INNALOO**

Running The New Home
Calls For Effort

Everyone knows, or should know, that the total proceeds from the Miss Crownings Glory competition are divided equally between Torchbearers for Legacy and the new R.S.I. War Veterans' Home at Mt. Lawley.

The new R.S.I. home is now well under construction. The official ceremony of laying the foundation stone was carried out by His Excellency, Governor, Sir Charles Baird, during Congress week with delegates from Congress and many visitors in attendance in spite of threatening weather.

Sir Charles said that the new veterans' home scheme was an wholesome and imaginative enterprise.

The home when completed—this is expected to be early in the new year—will house 60 veterans and 26 returned nurses and ex-servicewomen in separate blocks, and there will be an additional block housing about 20 war widows erected with funds provided by the War Widow's Guild. Delegates at Congress were emphatic in deciding that the maintenance and operation of the home is to be entirely a 'League responsibility. It is for this purpose, as well as for furnishings, that funds are now needed, and a Crowning Glory competition is one of the means of raising some of this required money.

The competition is therefore deserving of all the support that anyone can give.

Navy Ships
On Rare Mission

Urgently required supplies of bamboo poles recently took a Royal Australian Navy ship, H.M.A.S. Banks on an unusual mission to Portuguese Timor.

H.M.A.S. Banks took on the poles at the isolated Timor anchorage of Beaco.

The bamboo poles were needed as a result of increased survey work being carried out by Navy ships. Thirty feet long, the poles are used to support beacons. When no land fixes are available for survey ships they survey along a line of beacons which are lashed to the top of the poles and can be seen for several miles.

Because of its length, resilience and strength bamboo is regarded as by far the most suitable material for the task. It is a scarce commodity, and Portuguese Timor is a main source of supply.

Responsibility: At the August executive meeting the State President, referring to the absence of a new member, emphasised the responsibility of sub-branches to ensure that nominated candidates for election were in a position to attend regularly.

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Rosa Brook Ball

Nearly 600 people packed the Margaret River hall for the anniversary ball of the Rosa Brook-Rosa Glen sub-branch.

State President Bill Long, who was there with Mrs. Lonnie and executive member Jim White and his wife, reported the grandly successful and enjoyable evening.

The visit of the party from League Headquarters was accorded a civic reception by the branch and members of local dignitaries, Stewart Smith who, at 55 years of age, must be one of the oldest chairmen in the State. Stewart Bowell, Minister for Lands and M.L.A. for the district was among the distinguished visitors, as was also the new president of the Margaret River sub-branch, Keith Machin and his secretary, Tom Doyle, and our friend Allan Wanke, of Augusta sub-branch.

Fred Suggs—now president of the Rosa Brook-Rosa Glen sub-branch—and his members were the perfect hosts, and well deserved the compliments paid them on their excellent organizing and the resulting success of the evening. During the evening George Harnett, new president after ten years in office, was presented with the League’s Certificate of Service and—from members of the sub-branch—a prescribed silver tray to mark their esteem and recognition of his service to the sub-branch and his mates. It was rather a plank at Mr. Harnett was successful in a local competition and won a trip to Melbourne and Keith Machin, of Margaret River, told the State President that there was every reason to look forward to a strong revival of interest and activity in his sub-branch.

There is every possibility—in fact I believe it is an actual assurance—that Margaret River and the Rosa Brook-Rosa Glen sub-branches will each be entered individually in the Annual Crownring Glory competition this year.

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Post-graduate Scholarships for Overseas Study

The trustees of the Services Canteens Trust Fund are inviting applications for post-graduate scholarships for study overseas.

Valued at £1,000 a year and renewable for three years, the scholarship may be awarded in any of the following fields of study:

(1) Any course at any approved university throughout the world.
(2) Aeronautics in England or America.
(3) Travelling scholarship in any field.

The scholarship is open to children of persons who between September 3, 1939, and June 30, 1947, served with the Women’s Auxiliary Forces or any nursing or women’s service attached to the Forces, and all other relatives adopted or ex-nuptial children of such persons are also eligible.

The scholarship will not necessarily be awarded each year.

In determining the award the following factors are considered:

(1) Academic career.
(2) Ability for research work.
(3) Character.
(4) The future value to the Corps of the subject of research selected.

Applications close in Melbourne on November 1. Only those applications selected should be submitted through the fund’s Regional Secretary, Swan Barracks, Perth, from whom any further information may be obtained.

Award for Higher Training

For children of ex-service personnel in the above category the trustees are also inviting applications for education awards in the following fields:

(a) Auxiliary services to medicine, welfare and science.
(b) Children’s nurse training.
(c) Art instruction.

The courses open include arts, music, commerce, physiotherapy, speech therapy, educational therapy, film editorship, and the like.

The value of the awards will be determined in each case, and an offer will be made to the student who has been awarded the scholarship.

It is intended that the courses should be carried out in Australia, but the trustees will consider applications for study overseas provided such education is not available in Australia.

Further information on these awards may be obtained from the Regional Secretary.
Contest Plans at Geraldton

There will be an elimination contest at Geraldton this year to determine the district representative in the Miss Crowning Glory competition. Joining will take place at the Wonthella Memorial Hall on October 4th and the decision will be made on September 28th. Money raised locally will support the candidates of the district representation in Perth, and the local contestant who raises the most money will be dressed either with an evening gown or a day outfit, with all accessories.

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EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

In the future the meetings of the State Executive will be held on the first Wednesday in each month. This was achieved at the August meeting on the suggestion of the State President.

THE LAST POST

AINSLEY, G. S., 2/11th Bn., Maddington.
ANDERSON, L. C., A.A.S.C., Midland Junction.
NANAKI, R. E., 16th Bn., Victoria Park.
ATKINS, F. D., 5th Bn., Central Victoria.
Caldwell, W., 28th Bn., Collie.
Collins, R. J., 28th Bn., Collie.
DANCE, H. W., 41st Bn., Collie.
DOUGLAS, G. J., 8th Bn., Cranbrook.
EVANS, A. A., 16th Bn., Perth.
FAIRHIVE, N. J., 16th Bn., Collie.
Booy Brook.
FORD, J. B., 16th Bn., Collie.
GAWN, C. J., 44th Bn., Mt. Claremont.
GEE, R. Royal Fusiliers, Darlington.
GLANCE, A., 16th Bn., Applecross, Perth.
GOFF, J. T., 11th Bn., Collie.
HALLIDAY, R. E., 51st Bn., Collie.
HARRIS, O. P., 43rd Bn., Collie.
HILL, E. T., 51st Bn., Collie.
HOWLETT, S. J., 25th/16th Bn., Collie.
Keller, W., President.
KERR, J., 16th Bn., Mainland.
KLOPPER, H. F., 16th Bn., Perth.
LEITCH, G. A., 77th Bn., Collie.
MCNAB, A., 3rd Bn., Collie.
PEARSON, G., 5th Bn., Collie.
PETTETT, W., 3rd Bn., Collie.
PRATT, J., 7th Bn., Collie.
PFAFF, J., 23rd Bn., Collie.
SIMPSON, H. J., 3rd Bn., Collie.
SIMPSON, H., 28th Bn., Collie.
SMITH, J. H., 16th Bn., Collie.
SWAN, M., 4th Bn., Collie.
TAYLOR, R. H., 51st Bn., Collie.
TRENTHAM, J., 28th Bn., Collie.
WALL, W., 17th Royal Fusilier, Collie.
WATERER, G., 11th Bn., Collie.
WATERHOUSE, A., 12th Bn., Collie.
WESTON, G., 10th L.H., Northam.
WILSON, J. H., 15th Bn., Collie.

A "Skin for Comforts" Drive At Moora

All are aware of the great work done by Legacy in assisting and caring for some 850 widows and over 1,900 wards and ensuring that they will become healthy, happy and useful citizens.

Non-farmer residents are being asked to make a cash donation to the fund.

The receiving depot for skins is at Mannings & Sons, Moora.

Cash donations may be sent to the care of Mr. J. Whitton, c/o Elder, Smith & Co.

Those wishing to arrange for a collection should ring: Moora 153.

WEDDING BELLS

A wedding of interest in R.S.L. circles took place on August 30th in the East Laverton Presbyterian church.

The groom was Mr. W. Gilchrist (2/29th Battalion, A.I.F.) and the bride Miss M. Cameron, of West Leederville.

Mrs. Gilchrist is a niece of Mrs. Stocum, past State President of the R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary.

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Final Valuations For Service Settlers

The question of final valuations for war-service land settlers has been—and still is—a perplexing problem and a matter of some concern among soldier settlers, especially those on farms in the project areas.

This matter was raised recently with the State Minister in charge of war-service land settlement, Mr. C. D. Nairde.

He said that the Government at first had purchased properties and allotted them to settlers under an agreement with the Federal and State Governments.

Later the Government had considered it advisable to purchase further properties and had embarked on a program of developing farms from virgin land.

Some settlers had been placed on purchased properties while others had gone on to properties developed by the state, and the conditions for settlement were very different for the two groups.

That was one of the reasons for the delay in making the final valuations.

Mr. Nalden went on: "I have tried to finalise these valuations and this year spent a week with the Commonwealth Minister to iron out the problems. We were able to reach complete agreement except for one or two points. We then invited the officers of the Commonwealth to see the settees, and they came over for this purpose in July."

"We are now optimistic that the Commonwealth will agree to our proposals and that within weeks we will be able to proceed with the final valuations for the project areas. It is proposed to start with areas which were first developed, such as Mt. Many Peaks, Rocky Gully and the South Strinings."

"I want to assure settlers that the delay in arriving at final valuations is dictated by the exigencies of the situation."

The Minister declined to answer any questions relating to the formula on which the valuations would be based.

To what extent this will be satisfactory remains to be seen—"The Corp.""

Invitation From The R. & I.

Dear Sirs,

The R. & I. will again be conducting a Showgrounds Offering of the Commonwealth, Claremont Showgrounds, during the 1960 Royal Show.

For the previous years, your organisation has used our service for change requirements and to extend an invitation to you to once again make use of the "R. & I." during the 1960 Royal Show.

Yours faithfully,

(Syd.) Allan J. Crae, Manager, Service Department.

Bedford Park Affairs

The Anzac Day referendum meeting of the Bedford-Morley Park sub-branch was scheduled for the 26th of this month, to be followed by the annual smoke social to be held on the same day.

A star on the new memorial at Bedford Park is being held up temporarily pending approval of the project by the authorities. The premises at present owned by the sub-branch are up for sale.

Big-4 Presentation Night A Popular Occasion

About 200 people attended the Big-4 annual presentation night gathering at the Scarborough R.S.L. Hall recently, and danced to the music of a good orchestra.

Quotations:

The Big-4 is an association of four of the smaller sub-branches to the north of Perth, and was formed to conduct an annual sports competition between teams from Yokine, North Beach, Scarborough and Osborne Park.

Teams from the sub-branches and auxiliaries played for shields donated by the officers of the sub-branches and the ladies of the ladies' competition. Managers of each team appeared in the games.

Awarded were the trophys for the men's and ladies' teams:

M. J. Chapman (Scarborough): Darts—Bill Watts (Scarborough).

Mrs. D. Andrews (Osborne Park): Table tennis—Bert Ansell (Osborne Park).

Mrs. E. Clarke (North Beach): Quoits—Stan McCallum (North Beach).

Mac proved himself a tyro but was formally inducted into the sport. He was especially pleased to receive a team trophy himself from the North Beach team.

What's more, the winning team was the Big-4 group, with the members of the winning team—Don Williams, Bill Taylor, John Smith and Jack Jones—getting a cup and a bottle of wine. The cup was won by the best player, while the second place went to the best team, and the third place to the best individual.