Fountain-of-Memory: To Grace Veterans’ Home

A memorial fountain estimated to cost about £600 will be a feature of the R.S.L. Veterans’ Home now in the course of construction at Mt. Lawley.

It will be known as the Fountain-of-Memory.

The State Executive, at its meeting on Thursday, accepted an offer by Boans Social Club to finance the stone memorial to the late Captain Robert Gee, V.C., M.C. and Bar, who served many years directed the executive by worthwhile men there, and many years directed the executive by worthwhile men.

The offer was conveyed to the executive by Veterans’ Home Committee chairman (and State Vice-President) J. A. Rolfe, who said that all rooms would be supplied by a resident.

Mr. Rolfe said the water for the pool and fountain would be supplied from a resident.

Mr. Rolfe said that any member of the League would be welcome to visit the home at this stage, and urged executive members to discuss the discussion goes wrong.

Membership Increase

The figure for membership in this State at the end of October stood at 16,315—191 more than the figure for 1959.

This was reported at the last meeting of the State Executive by Membership Committee chairman E. C. Townshend.

Mr. Townshend said that the membership of the sub-branch had been reformed and appeared to have every prospect of success.

Anzacs Day parade.

The State President said that considering the passing the passing of the members of the department for the past year the latest membership figure was very encouraging.

By the end of the year the figure might still be over, he said.

There had been encouraging reports from Morawa; the sub-branch might be re-formed, and prospects for action at Jermungup looked exceedingly bright.

Plans At Morawa

The Morawa sub-branch is planning a Field Day to take place there and hopes to have it unveiled on Anzacs Day next year.

This was reported to the membership at the last

New Leader Is S.A. Man

A South Australian, Mr. Arthur James Lee (48), was elected National President at the 45th annual congress of the League in Melbourne on October 24th.

He succeeds Sir George Holland, Sir George, who was president for ten years, did not seek re-election. At an informal reception before the session at which Mr. Lee was elected Sir George was paid many tributes and was presented with a cigar box.

Mr. Lee won in a three-way ballot from Mr. W. S. Lonne (Western Australia) and Mr. R. W. R. Wilson (Queensland).

In World War II Mr. Lee served in the 2/29th Battalion with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

He has been president of the South Australian branch of the League for six years and a member of the National Executive since 1954.

Mr. Lee was deputy-National President in 1958 and was awarded the C.B.E. last year.

Mr. Lee is a member of the Commonwealth Immigration Advisory Council, chair man of the World War II Services Welfare Fund, Regional Committees Services Veterans’ Homes Committee (S.A.) and the Service Cemeteries Trust of South Australia.

Mr. Lee was educated at St. Peter’s College, Adelaide, and entered the hotel business on leaving school.

With two brothers he directs the activities of a number of hotels and race-houses, the most famous of which was Comic Court, which won the Melbourne Cup in 1939.

He has four children.

Loyal Greetings From Albany

Among the distinguished guests were Lands Minister Bovell and the Mayor of Albany.

Mr. Stahl, in his address, touched on membership, League finances, repatriation, the R.S.L. Veterans’ Homes, Faversham, land matters, the improvements to Anzac House, the Anzac Club and visits by the State President and executive to country sub-branches.

He said he had been greatly impressed by the conduct of the dinner.
Hair-beauty Quest
Nears Finality

Place-getters in this year's Miss Crowning Glory competition will be announced—and the winner crowned—on the stage of the Playhouse Theatre, Perth, on Sunday, November 20, a concert which is to commence at 7.30 p.m.

The competition seeks to determine the State's most beautiful head of hair—brunette or blonde.

About 30 candidates have been entered, and final judging will take place at Anzac House on Saturday, November 19. The candidates are required to assemble in the ballroom at 2.30 p.m. As the fairly limited accommodation for spectators of the judging—admission is to be limited to donors.

On the following day (Sunday) all candidates are to assemble at the Playhouse for a brief rehearsal of the presentation to be made that evening.

In the announcement of place-getters the candidate placed eighth will be named first, and the winner last.

Each candidate will receive a copy of the 1960 Summary—of the special reserve area in the stalls.

Fundamental bookings may be made for the reserve seats for the Sunday-night concert at the Playhouse.

Support For
Ambulance

Geraldton hotelkeeper and keen R.S.L. supporter Nick Pilatis took the October meeting of the Geraldton R.S.L. Branch to task for his inactivity in helping the St. John Ambulance sub-division hold its sports day.

Mr. Pilatis said he would invite people to use his spacious car-park to contribute to a collection box to help the ambulance appeal.

Motorists using the car park during the sports day would be in too happy to contribute sixpence or a shilling for the useful service so many of them may avail themselves available to them. Particularly was this so when they knew they made an easily justifiable purchase of the character as the ambulance.

Mr. Pilatis said his move encouraged hotel-keepers to raise money for the ambulance.

The meeting recommended Mr. Pilatis's gesture and recommended that the R.S.L. consider ways of raising funds for the purpose.

It Pays To Serve Now

The time has come when it pays to serve. It is now possible for a private soldier to supplement his civilian income by more than £100 a year by joining the C.M.F. and taking part in training activities. This is the result of recently-announced increases in the rates of pay.

Prospects exist to earn corresponding higher amounts by promotion, thus, a sergeant could increase his income by about £150, and a lieutenant by about £70 a year.

C.M.F. training offers increasing scope for travel within Australia, and in some cases overseas.

A large cross-section of citizens are jointly sponsored by the League and Torchbearers for Legion, which will share the net proceeds.

BIG PRIZES

The prizes in this year's competition have been mat- ted by the reduced, first prize being a six-week holiday cruise for two to New Zealand, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and N.Z. ports.

Another prize is a £100 prize in the metropolitan and country sections for the candidate who raises most money.

Pension-gains Summary

The following summary of this year's Budget concessions to war and service pensioners, showing in parenthesis the figures sought under the League's 1960 Pensions Plan, has been supplied by R.S.L. National Secretary K. V. Newman.

Special Rate War Pension (T. & P.I. and T.T.I. and Class C.T.B.)

Increased from £1/25/0 to £1/25/7/5 per week (£13).

War Widow's Pension

Increased from £5/5/0 to £5/10/0 per week (65/5/0).

Domestic Allowance

Increased from £2/15/0 to £2/30/0 per week (13/5/0).

Service Pension

Increased from £4/15/0 to £4/15/0 per week (5£10/0).

Medical Sustenance—Special Rate.

Class B. (Tuberculosis)

Increased to £8/17/6 per week.

Fifth Schedule

The first six items of column two of the Fifth Schedule will be enlarged by 10/0 per week to 75/5 per week.

Standard Allowable Income

Increased as follows:

For married couple, £17 per week.

For single person, £13/5/0 per week.

Means Test Relief

A "merged" means test under the Social Services Act will operate from March, 1961, and will benefit service pensioners.

Free Medical Treatment for Service Pensioners (Item 1 Pension Plan)

Regulation 66 will be amended to provide free medical treatment including hospitalisation, specialist services, pharmaceutical benefits, surgical aids and appliances, spectacles and dental treatment for pensioners, including Boer War veterans in receipt of a service pension.
Slogan Competition—Be In It!

This year's membership-slogan competition is now open and League members throughout the State are qualified to enter it.

There is a $5 prize for the best submission, just for the fun of the thing, but of course the important thing is to have members everywhere turning their thoughts to ways and means of boosting the League's membership — its life-blood.

The next issue of this journal — just to remind you — will be the Membership Issue. For years now the December issue has been devoted mainly to membership matters, and the forthcoming issue will be no exception.

As in the past it will feature the new slogan — the rallying-cry on the important issue of membership.

The competition, accordingly, will close on November 30 to allow the judges ample time to select the outstanding submission for inclusion in the next issue.

This will allow the League's bright boys about a fortnight in which to put on their thinking-caps and come up with some really bright suggestions.

Let's see how good you are, everyone! Get on to the job right now; strike while the iron is hot!

You know how effective a good slogan can be. Make this year's slogan better than ever. The task may call for lots of ingenuity, but there should be plenty of that in the League.

Go to it then, and when you have hit upon the perfect slogan write it down on the coupon that appears on Page 9 of this issue and detach and send this to the R.S.I. State Secretary, Anzac House, Melbourne, on or before November 30.

There is just one thing: the slogan must be on the lines of those for 1959 and 1960, which were —

"Get a mate to sign in '59," and.
"Make '60 much bigger; enrol a new Digger."

Chester Wilmot’s Writing Recalled

In a recent letter from England, Chief Information Officer Frank A. Kennedy writes as follows:

On September 20 a little tea party was arranged at the Royal Commonwealth Society headquarters in Newhampton Avenue, London, so that one of your members — Mr. Ait-Pike (VW Branch), an ex-Oil of the 2/16th Battalion — could meet Mrs. Chester Wilmot and tell her how much he and his comrades appreciated all that she had done for the written, about them. In his book on Kookoda.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. F. Brent, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Ait-Pike's sister. Many League members will read with fascination Chester Wilmot's celebrated history, "The Struggle for Europe."

Pictorial (at right) of Mrs. Chester Wilmot is West Australian League member Alf. Pike.

Tribute To Ship That Went Down Fighting

A warship with a proud name in Australian naval history recently paid tribute to the destroyer whose exploits won the honours for her name.

In the Bay of Bengal, on October 13, the Daring Class destroyer H.M.A.S. Vampire honoured the memory of the original Vampire sunk by Japanese bombers off the east coast of Ceylon in 1942.

H.M.A.S. Vampire, accompanied by the anti-submarine frigate H.M.A.S. Quiberon, held a service of commemoration about sixty-five miles off the Ceylonese coast at the spot where the original Vampire ended her wartime career.

Describing the commemoration in a recent Press statement, Navy Minister Senator Gorton said Vampire formed in the shape of an anchor was cast into the water.

It was a particularly significant occasion for the captain of H.M.A.S. Vampire, Captain E. J. Peel, D.S.C. and for three other members of the ship’s companies.

Captain Peel was first lieutenant of the wartime Vampire, and two other officers and a chief petty officer had been aboard the destroyer, which sank only after shooting down several of the attacking aircraft.

These survivors had a prominent part in today's commemoration service, paying tribute to the ship and the nine men who went down with her on April 9, 1942.

In addition to Captain Peel, survivors at present serving on Vampire and Quiberon were Lieutenant-Commander J. B. Carter, M.B.E., of Sydney, Lieutenant W. H. Devine of Frankston, Victoria, and Chief Petty Officer Chandler of Maryland, New South Wales.

Senator Gorton said Quiberon and Vampire held the ceremony after sailing from Colombo where they had been on a two-day operational visit during their tour of duty with the South-East Asian Strategic Reserve.

The wartime Vampire had sailed from Ceylon when she had her fateful encounter with Japanese dive-bombers. Her captain, Commander T. W. A. Moran, had gone down with his ship.

She was one of the famous "soprano-powered" whose fighting record quickly made a mockery of the derivative title coined by the enemy.

Vampire fought through the grimmest stages of the Mediterranean campaign and took part in the supply runs to besieged Tobruk. Several enemy ships fell victim to her.
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Need For Strong Voice On Ex-service Issues

"Many claims are voiced by all sorts of interests, and it is but prudent to ensure that there should be a strong and united body to make certain that the voices of ex-service men are sounded clearly above the uproar."

The Governor-General, Viscount Dunrossil, said this week, opening the 45th annual National Congress of the League in Melbourne on October 24.

Lord Dunrossil said he was glad to see the League's interest in defence and civil defence. He deeply appreciated the honour of having been made an honorary life member of the League on his arrival in Australia.

He told Congress that he shared its desire to see more British migrants coming to this country. He said:

"In my travels through Australia I have been struck with the high quality and zeal for Australia of many migrants from other lands."

"Many are experiencing a freedom new to them, and for the first time seeing the prospect of a decent and happy life for themselves and their children in return for a bit of honest work."

"They have a sense of gratitude to Australia and its people who received them, and they will make good Australians in time."

Lord Dunrossil said he recommended the R.S.L. for taking an interest in the wider interests of Australia, as well as more domestic matters such as repatriation and pensions. He read to the congress a message from the Queen. It said: "Please convey my warmest wishes to all members of the R.S.L. As their patron I sincerely hope the 45th annual Congress will enjoy every success and that the League will continue to prosper." MORE PENSIONS Other speakers included:

- The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Sir Walter Cooper), who said pensions for service men held on increasing by 12,000 a year.
- The Federal Opposition Leader (Mr. Calwell), who said humanity's COMMON sense was a force for peace.

Sir Walter Cooper said that at the end of the post-war period 20,000 pension applications from servicemen in all wars, 75 per cent, or 13,300, had been granted.

The peak was not yet reached.

Sir Walter said he thought the best thing the budget was granting was the granting of the R.S.L. to the workers. Servicemen be granted free medical and hospital treatment for ailments not due to war causes.

Mr. Calwell said that even after two world wars the world could not be certain it could avoid another.

"We have to trust in providence and hope that the ingenuity of man and the innate common sense of the individual throughout the world will see there is no more war," he said.

WAR ON MINDS
The retiring president (Sir George Holland) said the R.S.L. was formed by simple, forthright people who attacked problems with "sincerity and without guile."

"We fought our battles for help for men's bodies," he said.

"Now in the world today we are caught up in the great battle of words for men's minds; we are confused in the web of propaganda."

Naval Body Is Renamed

The Ex-Navy Men's Association of Australia advises that the association has recently changed its title to the Naval Association of Australia Inc.

This alteration was agreed to at a conference held earlier this year in Hobart (Tasmania)—at which all States of the Commonwealth were represented.

Results of the annual election of office-bearers in the Australian section of the association for the ensuing twelve months are:

- State President: B. Beresford.
- Hon. State Treas.: F. G. Skeels.

Welfare Work Comes First

Some unenlightened people have the idea that the R.S.L. is mainly occupied by reunions and social events.

While it is true that R.S.L. members are the sewerites of reunions, it is a fact that the R.S.L. is without doubt the largest and most efficient welfare organisation. A quarters of the R.S.L. is composed of women (and women) with their wives, or husbands, parents, sons and daughters stand together through Australia in the word's cause, and we are proud in W.A. to have approved of 3,000 of them with more than 50,000 relatives.

An opportunity to serve on an equal level is given to every member, and if some men feel better, more comradely, and more able to chat over a welfare problem over a cup of tea and a drink with their fellow members, then their desires are entitled to be respected—and met.

Some of the most generous efforts of the R.S.L. I have heard of have sprung from talks at a social evening, a move that brings returned men together in a friendly atmosphere under good leadership helps them to understand and bond and tends to build up community effort.

It is why we have an R.S.L., and that is the job of sub-branches and members who have a sense of responsibility to their mates.—"The Corp."
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Anzac Day Decision
— Change Wanted

The die is cast: by a majority of over two to one League members throughout the State who voted in the Anzac Day Observance referendum have asked for a change.

They have voted in favour of normal holiday activity after 1 p.m.—as now applies in South Australia and Victoria.

The morning of Anzac Day each year will be reserved for the commemorative observances.

Announcing the result of the referendum the State President said that some 220 of the League's 225 sub-branches had submitted their votes, as had the Northern Territory and South Australia. A number of the 15,521 financial members at that time 6,587 had cast their votes, with the following results:

Favour of the proposed change — 4,555
Opposed to proposed change — 1,732

The majority in favour of a change being — 3,823.

As a result of this decision the State Government has been requested to amend the Anzac Day Act, the Licensing Act and other complementary Acts to provide for normal trading for the first time after 1 p.m. and for the existing prohibitions on the conduct of racing and trotting fixtures to be removed.

The League has also requested that provision should be made to ensure that the net profits of racing and trotting meetings and a statutory proportion of the net profit of other betting events conducted on that day should be paid into the R.S.L. War Veterans' Home Trust Fund for the benefit of the ex-service men and women, and war widows.

It was hoped that the necessary amending legislation would be introduced during the present Parliamentary session and come into operation for Anzac Day, 1961.

Mr. Lonnie told the State Executive at its November meeting that up to that stage the Government had not replied to the League's representations.

The meeting appointed a committee consisting of the president, the two vice-presidents and Mr. R. B. Martin, to act on its behalf in respect of the desired legislative enactment.

It was decided to discuss at the next meeting various aspects of the proposed changes.

Very Welcome Visit At Northcliffe

At the last meeting of the Northcliffe sub-branch it was moved by J. Tomlinson and seconded by L. Jones that an entry on the visit of Mr. W. G. Gilmore be placed on sub-branch records and that he be cordially welcomed by members present.

After some hearty jokes made by Mr. Tomlinson, sub-branch president H. E. Willis welcomed Mr. Gilmore, thanked him for his visit and concluded in his usual witty way which brought roars of laughter from all.

Mr. Gilmore responded to the welcome and said that in his early days with the sub-branch, after putting-up with a League J. Tomlinson for years, he was jolly glad to be told where he was going and when to come back.

He said he had always had a soft spot for Northcliffe, his foundation sub-branch.

Plea On Civil Defence Made At Geraldton

At a public meeting at Geraldton last month the senior staff officer of civil defence for the St. John Ambulance Association in Western Australia—Father Hope—stressed the necessity for making adequate civil defence preparation before it was too late.

He said the enormity of devastation in the probable nuclear warfare had been evidenced by the 106,000 people killed by one bomb dropped on Hiroshima in World War II.

Father Hope claimed that Australia was no longer safe and that an Asian country regarded its fertile soils with hungry eyes.

He said the West Australian Government had for two or three years been preparing a basic plan for civil defence under the directorship of R.S.L. State President Lonnie.

The Government also sent a large number of West Australians to Mt. Macedon, Victoria, for training in various phases of civil defence, and in particular had concentrated on sending personnel to be trained as platoon leaders in the various branches.

Father Hope said that the Government had emphasised the absolute necessity in civil defence of having as many citizens as possible fully trained in first-aid.

His final plea to the people of Geraldton was to join a first-aid class as soon as possible, not only with a view to the future of civil defence requirements, but also to that of day-to-day requirements in case of emergency.

He congratulated the present ambulance committee at Geraldton on its enthusiasm and efforts to place Geraldton on the map among those towns with highly-efficient ambulance services and said that if every member of the public were to cooperate with the scheme for two new ambulances and an ambulance centre would be a reality in the near future.

Mayor Eason-Clarke agreed that something should be done to provide for civil defence at Geraldton, and ambulance association president Mr. Cheyne said his association would do its utmost to help form an ambulance service and to teach first-aid.

The Geraldton sub-branch has been set aside for some time to create interest in civil defence.
Official Look At The Midlands

One of the recent official weekend-visits undertaken by State President Lonnie, executive member Jack Sergel and staff officer George Sherrington — was directed at the Midlands centres of Coorow and Carnamah.

A stop was made at Watheroo where the party was met by some stalwarts of the local sub-branch, among whom were Tom Kerndy, Rex Hackett, Jack Benson and Eric Bridge.

This small but enterprising sub-branch has nearly completed its hall. All work in the dismantling and rearrangement of the hall, which was purchased at the sale of the estate of the late President of the Carnamah Branch of the R.S.A., was carried out by members.

When completed it will be a credit to the town and to the men who gave freely of their time and skills.

Times throughout, so on to Coorow where we found all was acurry and bustle in preparation for a barbecue due to commence at 7 p.m. at the showground.

Mrs Williams seemed to have every one working to ensure a successful evening and the staff were earmarked for support of the local Miss Carnamah pageant which Mrs Williams, Miss Maureen Fells (We are now able to say that Miss Fells is a song-girl) was to appear in the main pageant on the Saturday night.

Leaving Jack Sergel in the hands of Merry Williams, the remainder of the party pushed on to Carnamah. Here we attended the Erin Trust for a dinner and social evening.

The reason for a reason was the presentation of a Past-President's Certificate of Service to Rex Solling. Rex has the esteem and affection of all who know him. He has been an outstanding worker for the League, and particularly for the Carnamah sub-branch.

Carnamah Road Board chairman C. Chapman, in welcoming the State President, stressed the wonderful work done by the R.S.L. and the state's sub-branches. He said that Mr. Lonnie had given the sub-branch of the wonderful work done by the R.S.L. and the state's sub-branches.

In reply the State President gave a resume of the sub-branch with this State, particularly of the new R.S.L. Veteran's Home. He emphasised — the new and wonderful work done by the Carnamah sub-branch.

A serious side of the evening, members proceeded to show the talent of the local Jack Siverlind in beautiful voices, was the vocal musical show, with a tour of the community, the members of the sub-branch.

The State President congratulated the sub-branch on its singing, and the song (with action) "Down Came A Blackbird" was given as a joint enjoyment by all.

"The Corp."

Anzac Club Notes

An appointment of particular interest to members is that of Mrs. Russ Novell as club manager.

Russ brings with him a lifetime of experience of club and hotel management. With his known enthusiasm should stand him in good stead in promoting the interest of the club and its members.

Trialing up his duties on November 1 he has no time for Nova's or Carnamah. His wide-spread activities have made him many friends, particularly in the State, particularly in the goldfields and wheatbelt areas.

These friends: he is looking forward to a meeting again at the earliest opportunity, so country members are advised to have no hesitation in looking him up when in town. They are assured of a hearty welcome.

The appointments and facilities provided by the recently-completed alterations to the club has made it equal to anything anywhere, and while it is realisation of a long cherished desire to be done it must be recognised that the success of the club can only be achieved through the cooperation and patronage of all members — town and country alike.

No effect should be spared to make your club a happy association. With the necessary support, success is assured.

Much On At Geraldton

There was much business concern consideration at the October meeting of the Geraldton sub-branch attended by over 90 members.

An offer by the women's section to help in the equipment of the kitchen at Birdwood House was accepted with gratitude.

Other club improvements have been estimated at $140, and they will include the purchase of a piano, a series of cupboards and chairs in which regular users can keep their equipment.

A report on the recent farewell dinner in Perth for retiring National President Russell Hoare was given by the sub-branch representative at the function and he said "It was an excellent show; sir George is a wonderful man and a showing example to us all and they gave him a wonderful welcome.

While in Perth Mr. Russell also attended the annual reunion of the 4th Battalion, R.A.A.F.

A letter was received from Commander Starling, capital of M.E. S. C. Caprice, thanking the sub-branch hospitality extended to members of the destroyer's crew during its recent visit to Geraldton.

Meeting Of Sisters

The annual general meeting of the Returned Sisters' sub-branch was held at Anzac House on November 3.

The reports from the president and secretary told of a very busy and momentous year which has seen the commencement of building of the R.S.L. Veteran's Home and with it the realisation of a long cherished desire by the members.

Much still remains to be done and 1961 promises to be equally busy.

The elections of officers for 1961 were held on November 2, and Miss D. Burgess, hon. secretary; Miss S. White, hon. treasurer; Miss P. Martin, warden; Miss E. R. Davies, Miss Burgess and Miss Roads were re-elected, and Miss Ethel Russell will be available for election after 1961.

The sub-Branch Christmas Pageant will be held from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. on Friday, December 2, on the verandah of the Returned Sisters' sub-branch room at Anzac House. Members are asked to bring a plate of refreshments.

States To Support Appeal In U.K.

The determination of villagers at Harefield (England) to preserve in fitting condition a memorial to their French first-war dead. to Australian first-war Diggers who died there has received the support of the League.

At National Congress this year the States undertook to do what they could and to appeal for funds to complete renovations to the Australian Memorial at Harefield.

The history of this memorial was supplied by West Australian Agent-General in London (Mr. E. K. Hoare) and published in the July issue of this Journal.

In reply to a question by Mr. E. O. Davies at the State Executive meeting November 2 State President Lonnie referred to the Congress declaration and said that Mr. Horo's report had been brought before the National Executive Committee and passed for submission to the B.E.S.L. in London.

Mr. Davies said that when the sub-branch recently he had visited Harefield in company with the Agent-General, it was arranged that all support line the appeal, the support should be given. The Diggers who died at the hospital established at Harefield during World War One and whose remains lie in the beautifully-kept grave-yard were supported by all.

The villagers of Harefield have taken it upon them -lial official.

City Sub-branch Leases Anzac House Basement

The latest and most welcome tenants to the recently-re modelled Anzac House are the City of Perth sub-branch.

Mutual satisfactory arrangements have been made between the State Executive and the sub-branch.

Essential renovations are now being carried out and the result should be a pleasant new home for City in a more central position. The State Executive has welcomed this opportunity of a closer association with the State's largest sub-branch.

Hild Trains With R.A.F.

World champion rider Herb Elliott, a cadet in the Melbourne University Squadron, R.A.A.F. University Air Squadron, Citizen Air Force and even a civilian pilot by the Air Ministry, has decided to continue his Air Force training while in England at Cambridge University.

He will train on "detachable" Leave in the University Air Squadron, and will remain a member of the Melbourne University Squadron.

He will be the only member "in the Cambridge Squadron wearing a R.A.A.F. uniform."
Debate Of Note At Congress

An outstanding debate at this Year's National Congress of the League was that on civil defence. State President Lonnie told his executive at its last meeting:

Mr. Lonnie paid tribute to the contribution made by Queensland branch president Sir Raymond Huish.

He said Sir Raymond, in the presence of the Minster for the Interior (Mr. Freeth), had criticised what he termed the complete ab- sence of a policy on civil defence.

Mr. Lonnie said that some 80 constitutional items had come under consideration, many one of which, if carried, would have meant the re-drafting of the constitution. Most of the pensions items had been referred to the League's Pensions Plan.

The discussions on various aspects of armed defence had been well worth while. Reports submitted to Congress had indicated a drop in membership in South Australia, and to some extent in Tasmania, and a rise in New South Wales. The position seemed satisfactory in the A.C.T. and Victoria.

Finding Work For Men From Forces

Re-settlement Advisory Panels have been set up in New South Wales and Victoria to assist the Department of Labour and National Service to find civilian employment for retiring members of the permanent forces.

Labour Minister Mahon said this in a recent Press statement.

The Minister said that action to constitute similar panels in other States was proceeding.

He said a number of leading citizens had accepted appointment to the panels already established.

He was confident that the help and advice that would be given by panel members would do much to aid the transition of service to civilian employment which could present problems for those who had had many years of service in the permanent forces.

Mr. Mahon said that there was a regular outflow from the permanent forces, though not of great dimensions. In the course of their service career men acquired training and experience which could be of real value to industry and commerce.

Mt. Hawthorn Again Wins Games Shoot

The Yellow Cab Cup, awarded annually for the best average in the rifle-shooting section of the A.F.M.S. Games competition, has been won by Mrs. Mount Hawthorn for the second year in succession.

Their average over the season is 147.9 which is indeed a very creditable performance and deserving of the heartfelt congratulations.

The shooting of this team throughout the year would be hard to better for, with the possible of 150 once and three 149's, they were certainly “on the ball” - or should it be built?

Runners-up again were Gloucester Park with 147.1, a figure that would have been impossible years ago in 1888. Next came Nollamara (144.4), Darling Range (144.2), City of Negligens (143.2), West Leederville (142.5), Claremont (141.9), City of Perth (140.2), Coolooy (137.7), Floreat-City Beach (130.2), Swanbourne (129.6), Innaloo-Kelms (122.4) and Subiaco (119.5).

Club Youths Try Out And Like New Game

A new game—miniature electric-light cricket—made a big hit with members of the Canning and Hilton Park boys' clubs when they tried it out in competition recently.

The match scores were:
Canning, 118; Hilton Park, 86.

The game, played on a hardball, was invented and copyrighted by R.S.L. members in South Australia.

The match was played at the Coker Park sports ground at Canning—had its origin in two sets of rules-obtained from South Australia by Canning club secretary J. J. Connolly and shared with the Hilton Park club.

At the conclusion of the match the lads assembled in the hall nearby for gymnastic display followed by supper.

Among the 20 or more parents present was Mr. R. Thompson, M.L.C., whose son Hob is a club instruc-

Both the clubs have R.S.L. backing, and it is hoped shortly to arrange a series of matches between the two Canning, Coker and Hilton Park clubs.

Desert Snails As Diet

The R.A.F. Institute of Aviation Medicine, South Farnborough, has discovered that a man could survive on the juice of crushed snails (of a type plentiful in the Sahara) in great heat without food or water.

For four days, at 110deg. (F.), Flt.-Lt. John Billingham existed solely on four pints of the fluid a day. At the end he had lost eleven pounds in weight, but was otherwise perfectly fit.
Government View On Benefits Sought For Boer War Men

For years the League has been urging the Commonwealth Government to provide Boer War veterans with the same benefits as are available to the men of World War I.

A further approach on the question was made on at last year's National Congress, and representations made to the Government in due course.

In an official reply—received at headquarters recently—Reparations Minister Sir Walter Cooper said the Government had given further consideration to the matter.

The Minister said the reason why successive Governments had turned down requests for including Boer War veterans for benefits under the Reparations Act had not been that they had four years of service in State-raised units before Federation.

It was said it been that the United Kingdom had always accepted—and still did on paper—service for them so far as pension for death or disability due to war service was concerned.

Sir Walter said that the British authorities had recently accepted for a pension a disability from a gunshot wound.

PENSIONS PAID

He said that his department, as agent for the United Kingdom, paid pensions and provided medical treatment for disabilities due to war service.

That responsibility had been accepted by the United Kingdom not only for State units but also for members of Commonwealth contingents raised after Federation—which numbered more than 4,000.

Sir Walter said he thought it reasonable to suppose that the vast majority of those who had legitimate claims in respect of a disability arising out of the war which ended in 1918 would have pursued such claims long ago.

Records of service in the South African war, including medical records, were quite inadequate for determining in all but the most obvious cases, such as gunshot wounding, whether service disabilities were due to, or aggravated by, war service which took place 60 years ago.

It seemed that the main problem was confronting those veterans arising from their age (the average was about 80 years) rather than from their war service, and that very little relief would be accorded by extending to them the benefits which the League's resolution sought.

Such veterans who were in need of assistance had the benefit of service pension and age pension, and other benefits under the social service and health legislation.

He thought that any special consideration which at this stage might be accorded to veterans of the South African War should be such as could eventually, if not immediately, be provided for the aged servicemen of the later wars.

Accordingly, the Government had reached the conclusion that the most appropriate benefit it could provide for Boer War veterans would be medical treatment, for disabilities whether due to their war service or not, for those now in necessitous circumstances.

Service pensions from the South African war had therefore been included in the new scheme for medical benefits for service pensioners.

Scots Wha Hae

—It's On

A St. Andrew's Night gathering will assemble at Anzac House after a procession through Perth on the evening of Wednesday, November 30.

The procession, headed by five pipe-bands, will leave the Perth Railway Station at 7.45 o'clock and reach Anzac House by 8.15.

On the mezzanine floor pipers, rendering the Gay Gordons and other Scottish dances will provide for the light of toe.

In the visitors' rooms and lounge there is to be a programme of vocal and instrumental items, while in the clubrooms there will be a display of sword-dancing.

These were the arrangements for the occasion outlined by Mr. W. H. Ferrie at the November meeting of the State Executive.

Mr. Ferrie said that the sword-dancing exponent would include the lady champion of Australia.

It was proposed to conduct a raffle during the night to defray the cost of providing supper for the artists.

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Swanbourne Plans Hills Outing

Swanbourne sub-branch and auxiliary members propose to conduct an outing in the hills on Sunday, November 20, for members, intending members, and their wives and families.

There is to be a car-party, and a drive over an interesting route during the summer months. The arrival at the destination games will be organized, including a picnic lunch and a quickly match in which all adults will be invited to take part.

Those wishing to play should bring their own vehicles for sightseeing.

The organizing committee does not propose attempting to make arrangements for food and refreshments, so those attending should make their own arrangements in this respect.

Those having vehicles with seats to spare are asked to make them available to those having no means of transport. The question of some contribution towards petrol, if necessary, can be decided before leaving.

Those who wish to attend in the hope of finding transport should state details of the number of seats required for self, wife or husband, in the following way as 'I am interested in attending and have a car for the party. I can provide a' seat or two places.'

This information must be definite and be in the hands of the committee before November 12.

This outing can only be successful if full co-operation is received. If well-supported and considered, will be given to similar outings at Mandurah and Rockingham during the winter months.

The sub-branch is now in sound condition, but still needs more members and larger attendances. Its annual subscription of £1 or less than fivepence per week, brings membership within reach of every eligible ex-service man.

The auxiliary subscription of 4/- a year should not deter any eligible person from joining. Join and be proud to belong to an organization which is doing so much good work and which has been so profitably conducted by Inter-Sub-branch sporting activities over the years.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Allen Park is the venue for this year's Christmas party on December 18. The party starts at 3 p.m., and those with children under 12 years of age who wish to participate should apply to the auxiliary secretary Y. Yeomans or to sub-branch secretary E. Ward. 11 Swanbourne Road, Swanbourne (34794).

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Wide Interest Shown

In Anzac Memorial

Work on the Anzac (Light Horse) Memorial project at Albany is proceeding apace and attracting a constant stream of visitors including a number from the Eastern States.

This was stated in a letter received by the State President recently from a member in Sydney.

A sub-branch member Ross Steele, of the memorial, badly damaged by mob action at Port said four years ago was transported to Albany last year for re-erection on Mt. Clarence.

In his letter Mr. Steele said the screen-wall was already ready and the work had been started on the new site.

An engineer down for the purpose had said inspections had been given to proceed with the building of an approach-wall.

The plans provided for the public to enter the way up to the memorial.

Two steel flagpoles were also being provided.

Most of the stone required for the memorial was already ready and on site.

Mr. Steele said he had learnt from the Official National Halt that the convoy to leave Albany in World War I had had on board 1,166 officers, 217

Sister Clapp's Passing

Sister Clapp passed on at the Royal Perth Hospital on the morning of October 12. Her wish was to be cremated and her ashes scattered on soldiers' graves.

A short private service held on October 14 was conducted by Rev. Stevenson, a returner from the R.A.F. He paid a glowing tribute to her loyalty and devotion of duty. The last Post was sounded.

Sister Clapp spent her last four years with her sister at 29 North Perth. Her age was 81 years. She served with the first A.T.P. in Egypt, India and England, and was reported in dispatches.
Notes From Unit Associations

Machine Guns On Target

51st Battalion

Members of the 3rd Light Field Gun Battalion, also of the 51st
Gun Squadron threw their first Gunners' Night func-
tions Friday, October 6th. The occasion was a wel-
come to Jack Holmes and his wife, from overseas, have been
from South Australia and on the eve of venturing on a
trip to visit old cobbos.

There were 18 gunner presents, including Fergie
Macleod and his wife, from overseas, have been
from Corrinn. "Sandy" Saunders was pianist-in-charge, Dick
Brown's pet show didn't put to.

During the evening the host presented Jack and
Mrs. Holmes with volumes of what might be called
wildflowers and metropol-

tan views. Jack was also the special target of gunners, who
presented him with a plastic
foot, at a dinner at Marakeb when his
kicking wiped the 10th
footballers off the


c_plate.

Included in the gathering
were Friths, F. MacNamara, Bert
Bathgate, Bill Bird (one-
time sergeant-major)

11th and 2/11th Battalions

As anticipated the annual
reunion of the 11th and
2/11th Battalion Association
held in the Anzac House
ballroom last month was ex-
cceptionally well attended.
About 200 former mem-
bers and their families at-
tended to the reunion, and
particularly heartening feature
was the splendid roll-up
of World War II men.

Certificates of Service
were presented to Stan
Waldeck, Percy Gillam and
Chris Connors. They are
Percy are well known for
their indefatigable efforts
for their kind, and their par-

cipants were to hospital beds, while
Charles has been of insti-
tution in many capacities.

Gavin Casey, author of the proposed battalion history
in progress, was present, and his cold,

\brokerage, while 2/11th stalwart
La Thomas had flown over
Sydney for the oc-
casion.

The association offers best
wishes to "Lofty" Forbes

16th Battalion Activities

The committee of the 16th
Battalion Association finds
that it made good the pro-


Trumpet Wanted
If there happens to be a caval-
yry-type trumpet or more and less forgotten and
cathering cobwebb in some domestic re-
cess, we can suggest a far better use for it.

A. Fry of Guild-
up, who gives his ser-
\vices voluntarily at
military burials in the
South-West, would like to
\acquire one for this
role.

On the occasion of the 40th annual reunion
and reunion dinner for the 16th Battalion
association was held in the
Grosvenor Hall (Hay-
_\ favour) on the Friday of Show Week and an
tendance of nearly 100 did
\attend, to the tasty sup-


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Success Of Beverley Reunion

From the Beverley sub-branch comes a report of its recent reunion dinner—one of the most successful it has ever held.

The comradeship and spirit of service born among the ex-service men and women who served in two world wars and perpetuated in the ideals of the League found re-affirmation in this successful reunion—which the Hotel Beverley on October 15.

It was attended by about 40 members of the League and a representative of the Navy) from Beverley and surrounding sub-branches. Among the sub-branch visitors on the occasion were Messrs. Bob Duncan and Ray Messenger, representing the State Executive.

The dinner was catered for by Mr. and Mrs. John John (of the Hotel Beverley staff in their usual excellent fashion.

Sub-branch president Bill Gillespie, past commander, and toastmaster for the night was John Coats. They addressed the meeting.

Proposing the Toast of the State Executive Mr. W. R. Gillespie said that in addition to the conviviality which marked reunions it was an occasion for recalling the serious side of the League activity, which was exemplified in service for others.

Remembered By Many

Members of the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch and 16th Battalion Association were among those who paid tribute to the memory of personalities whose names were listed in the book of honour—Charles Hession who was killed in action in the latter part of the war.

A big muster of members and friends attended the funeral service at Karrajarra Cemetery.

Charlie Hession was respected by all who knew him and was held in high esteem by R.S.L. and 16th Battalion members.

He was a foundation member of the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch and a constant in attendance at meetings. He was active in the sporting activities of the sub-branch, forming its first cricket club, for which he acted as manager and secretary.

At one time he managed the Alhambra Bars and later took over the licence of the Narrabeen Hotel.

He was a life-member of the League.

His only son (Bill) made the supreme sacrifice while serving with the R.A.A.F. in operations over Germany.

Y.A.L. Holiday Tours

For Girls And Boys

A number of tours have been arranged by the Young Australia League for boys and girls throughout Western Australia for the forthcoming Christmas-New Year holiday period.

The big interstate tour this year will be for girls, and provides for the party to travel by plane from Perth to Melbourne.

After spending six days in Melbourne the girls will journey by rail to Cooma, where they will commence a three-day trip in the Snowy Mountains.

The party will then spend one day at Canberra, en route journeying to Gosford and Brisbane.

One week will be spent in the Capital of Queensland before the party returns to Sydney for their return to Melbourne, where the remaining days of the tour will be spent.

From Sydney the party will travel by rail back to Perth. Melbourne, the girls will make day trips to Lismore, and the Dandenong Ranges. While at the Snowy Mountains they will visit Lake Eucumbene, Gullenah Dam, the Tuffle, and the power stations, and the Cabramurra and Island stations.

In Canberra, visits will be made to the Australian War Memorial, Federal Parliament House and Government House in Brisbane, a visit will be made to the famous Oasis and a further opportunity of visiting the former post will be to the fabulous Gold Coast, south of Brisbane.

In Sydney, excursions will be conducted to KSPM, (Blue Mountains) and to Gosford, Manly and the Long Beach.

OTHER PLANS

Other excursions for girls will be a visit to Araluen during the long weekend in November, and a visit by country girls to Perth during the latter part of January.

Country boys will have the opportunity of visiting the city during the first fortnight in January, and boys from the metropolitan areas will be provided with excursions to Pemberton and Albany.

Full details of the foregoing and excursions are available from the Young Australia League, Perth, or from any branch of the Commonwealth Savings Bank.
Did You Know...?
(asks C. R. Collins)

-that the first West Australian contingent enlisted for service in the South African War sailed on November 6, 1899.

-that Pinchut, the scene of a film recently shown in Perth, is a rocky islet at the entrance to Sydney Cove, that part of the harbour area which Circular Quay was built on. In Governor Phillip's time convicts guilty of minor offences were marooned on the islet for several days, with just enough food and water to support life, hence the name Pinchut, bestowed on the convicts themselves. The first offender to suffer this punishment was a convict who was left there for several days for stealing a biscuit from another convict. The islet formed the base of Australia's first fortification, Fort Denison, a stone structure with a stone tower, which was erected by order of the Governor of New South Wales, Sir William Denison, during the Crimean War for the protection of Sydney Harbour. Fort has been used for many years as a Government storehouse.

-that at the outbreak of the South African War the son of a soldier, Jan Smuts, was Attorney-General of the Transvaal. His last official act in that capacity, before joining the commando in the field, was to pack the Transvaal gold reserve, consisting of bullion then valued at £2,000,000 sterling, on the train which carried President Kruger from Pretoria on the first stage of his flight to Holland. The gold reserve was buried somewhere on the veldt and has never been recovered. British intelligence officers reputed the charge that Kruger took it overseas with him, because the secret removal of that amount of bullion would have been physically impossible. It is presumed that theview who were in the secret, were killed in action, and died from natural causes without disclosing the identity of the man who removed the bullion, somewhere on the veldt awaiting a finder.

-that a fleet of warships was once captured by cavalry. This occurred in 1794 during the war between Britain and Prussia against the First French Republic. In a battle near Verdun, the French cavalry galloped over the ice and took possession of the warships.

Troops (and others) See "A Mighty Midget"

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One of the new pieces of equipment, the Mechanical Mule, was making its first appearance in W.A.

The "Mule" is an American-designed half-ton weapons-carrier for use in transport. Infantry equipment is loaded up to drive over difficult areas, over all types of country.

It is designed to take the "slogging" out of "foot-slogging.

A report on the "Mule" in the official South Australian newspaper, "The Royal Show."
**PAPYRUS DIVERS**

In R.A.N.

The Papua-New Guinea division of the Royal Australian Navy now has its first squad of qualified divers.

Five Papuan ratings have qualified and are capable of tackling most types of underwater tasks.

Their training course has included night dives and free ascent, and for practical experience they spent two days repairing a floating dock.

Requalification of the divers meant a significant addition to the list of duties in the Papua-New Guinea division, and was carried out by the Papuan division, Navy Minister Senator Gordon said recently.

**CLUB MANAGEMENT**

Mr. R. J. Novell has been appointed manager of the Anzac Club. His appointment was approved by the State Executive at its November meeting.

**WILL YOU HAVE SAILED THROUGH THIS LOT?**

Friendly arguments among Diggers when they gather often produce queries such as the following—published in the "Hofmann and 'High Spots'" feature in the October issue of "Sentry-Go," a newspaper of the South Australian branch of the League.

1. Can a woman win the VC?
2. Who was the first Australian officer to be killed in action on Gallipoli?
3. What State showed the highest percentage of enlistments to total population?
4. Who fired the first shot on behalf of Australia in the first world war?
5. What was the "Rising Sun" actually symbolic of the rising sun?
6. When was the first gas attack made in the first world war?
7. Can you name anyone who won four bars to his decoration?

**ANSWERS**

1. In 1939 women and civilians were made eligible. No award has yet been made.
2. Capt. W. R. Anear, 11th Btn., who was shot in the head while lying on the plateau above Air Burni Knoll.
3. Western Australia. Enlistments, 22,000, or 3.5 per cent of the total population.
4. The position was Tasmania and Victoria, which both showed 7.7 per cent of the total population.
5. The first shot in the Great War was fired on August 4, 1914, by the Royal Australian Artillery from Fort Nepean, Port Phillip Heads, commanded by Capt. Wilkins. The first shot by the British Army was fired by C. Scout of the 4th (Royal Irish) Dragoon Guards, commanded by Capt. C. B. Hornby, who accidentally drew the first blood by running a German U-boat officer through the neck with his sword.
6. Yes and no. The "Rising Sun" symbolises the young nation of the Southern Ocean. It is considered to be a development from the shape of swords and bayonets chosen by General Hutton in 1902 as the emblem for the first Australian Commonwealth Light Horse.
7. The first gas attack was at Ypres, against the 13th—Royal Canadian Highlanders—left of the British Line on April 22, 1915.
8. Either can we.
9. In the first world war 12 soldiers won the same decoration on four separate occasions, the original medal, and subsequently three additional Medals for Gallantry. Between them, seven soldiers won the DSO and three bars, four earned the VC, one the MC and three the MM. The rest of the Anzac stretcher-bearer. No soldier has ever won three bars to the DCM.
Heart-campaign Questionnaire

For those who would like to know more about the forthcoming National Heart Campaign, the following questionnaire—sent to campaign authorities in this State—should prove useful.

Is a campaign to fight heart disease really necessary?
Yes—Heart and allied diseases affect all ages. There is a startling increase in the number of young people dying from this disease in the age group 40 to 60. For every 100,000 people who die of heart disease in 1960, 150 people are dying of this disease.

Are children affected by heart disease?
Yes. In Perth there are over 300 children aged 14 years and younger suffering from congenital heart disease, and this figure is being added to weekly.

How does heart disease compare with other causes of death?
Heart disease kills three-and-a-half times as many people as all other causes from infancy to age 50; five times more than accidents; fifteen times more than pneumonia; twenty times more than diabetes; 48 times more than suicides or criminal deaths; and 75 times more than tuberculosis.

From the figure quoted, does heart and allied diseases kill more people every year than all other causes combined?
Yes. Accounts for approximately 20 per cent of all other causes combined each year, which leaves 47 per cent for all other causes.

How can we fight heart disease?
Firstly, by research to find the cause—secondly, by quick and monitory rehabilitation of heart sufferers; thirdly, by the promotion of adequate equipment to allow dignified heart operations to be performed; and fourthly, by cooperation between the various authorities in Australia with every prospect of success; fourthly, by keeping the public informed of developments in heart research throughout the world, and educating the lay and professional public accordingly.

How do you propose to raise the money in Western Australia?

The following fund-raising activities will ensure that every member of the public has an opportunity to contribute.

Industry and Commerce—an approach to every business house for a donation of a fixed amount, or to merge force of the metropolitan area.

Country—the setting-up of committees in every country town in the State.

Operation Heartbeat—a doorknock on the night of 28th May, 1961, when every home in Australia will be visited—necessitating an army of 100,000 helpers.

AUXILIARY VISITS

Official visits for October by R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary State President Mrs. A. Anderson and Mrs. P. Ferguson.

14th: With State Secretary attended American morning-tea held by the Chest Foundation for its 'Miss Crowning Glory' contest.

16th: Attended the Victoria Park auxiliary's tea.

20th: With the State Secretary attended the North Perth auxiliary's tea.

23rd: With State Secretary attended Auxiliary's tea for the purpose of electing office-bearers.

Band Played a Big Part

The West Australian University Regiment Band, under the baton of Robinson, was one of the highlights of the recent State Day. The program was conducted by Sir George Holland.

The thanks of all who attended the dinner go to Colonel Meadick, Commanding Officer of the University Regiment, and to the members of the band, for their general assistance.

The band played outside the Anzac House just prior to the dinner, and the music was delightful.

Incidentally, the band will welcome any young recruits, as it hopes to build up its strength and become one of the largest bands in W.A.

A TRUE MATE

Mr. George Cook (16th Battalion), aged 87 years, walks from the Eventide Home to the Hollywood Hospital (Wards 6 and 7) to cheer up the patients.

What a wonderful old Dig- ger spirit! The word "mate" means a lot to some men.

Spontaneous Expression of Goodwill

Among the correspondence dealing with the State Exhibition and the last meeting was a letter of congratulations from the North Perth sub-branch, expressing their appreciation of the support of the branch. The letter began: "We are very pleased to receive this spontaneous expression of goodwill."

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Sir George Expresses His Thanks

An expression of thanks for courtesies extended to him during his recent visit to Perth has come from Sir George Holland—in the following words:

"I have not written you before this following my recent visit to Western Australia; but since returning, I have had good dealings, including two trips to the country and one to Canberra. Will you please accept my apology. I should appreciate it if you would extend to the President (Mr. Lonnie), to the members of your Executive and accept for yourself my sincerest thanks for the courtesies extended to me during my term as National President."

"The Present, too, my wife and I will cherish in our home always. If it is possible, when you are sending a circular to your subscribers, I am sure very much if you would mention my gratitude to all those who took the time and trouble to attend the dinner. I enjoyed myself so much amongst these people and with the feeling that I met a lot of personal friends in Western Australia."

"Please say a special thank you to Belvoir who entertained me the next day."


geraldton entrant

A BLONDE

Blonde 20-year-old Elaine Ryan, of Gregory-street, Geraldton, will represent her district in the line-up of aspirants for final honours in the Australian Cremony Glory competition in a few days time.

Miss Ryan was selected from a field of aspirants who faced the judges in a district elimination contest in the Wonthaggi Memorial Hall last month. A big audience had gathered for the occasion.

The judges were Dame Irene B. Garrick, Miss M. I. Gough and Mr. F. Masotto, and their decision was announced by Captain A. W. Bland, branch president A. McDonnel.

Miss Ryan works in a hairdressing salon. B.A.M.