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£33,000 Extensions To Veterans' Home

Extensions approved by the State Executive in recent weeks for the R.S.L. Veterans' Home are expected to cost about £33,000.

With additional residents it would also be necessary to extend the ablation facilities.

The decision to provide a surplus of dining-room accommodation at this stage was made on the assumption that it would not be very long before still another (a fourth) accommodation block for males became necessary.

The third block was decided on last December—nine months after the official opening of the home by the Premier—because of a "full house" together with a long list of unsatisfied applicants.

Seeking approval for the extensions, Veterans' Home Planning Committee chairman E. C. Towshend told the executive last month that the proposal was to use the present staff-room and dining room to make more space and to construct a new staff-room "outside the present building."

Drill Halls As Quarters For Youth Clubs

Any approach to the Army authorities for the use of training depots b y R.S.L. youth clubs when not required by the C.M.F. will be treated sympathetically.

The presentations came as a complete surprise to the recipients and the ceremony was televised on Channel 2 that evening.

Caravanserai

Popular

About 200 persons stayed at the Pt. Peron caravan park over the Christmas period, committee chairman R. B. Marris told the State Executive last month.

He said the committee anticipated that that figure would be almost doubled next Christmas.

Mr. Marris reported the resignation, as caretaker of the project, of Mr. K. Gray and said the committee was seeking a replacement for him.

Mr. Gray had been tendered a farewell dinner to which the campers had been invited.

Donation Of Note

A Nedlands' man, Captain R. S. Bainbridge, has undertaken to make an annual donation of $50 to the War Veterans' Home throughout his own and his wife's lifetime.

This was announced at the State Executive meeting last month by Mr. E. A. Dodd, the Nedlands sub-branch president.

Mr. Dodd said the donor identified the sub-branch in writing of his intention and that his letter had been acknowledged with heartfelt gratitude by the sub-branch.

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Revision of Welfare Grants

Following an investigation by the executi ve, 17 welfare grants were agreed to reduced to their present circum grants.

This was reported at the February meeting of the State Executive.
New Limb Centre For Perth

The Repatriation Department has accepted a £51,230 tender by the Department of Works for the construction of a new artificial limb and appliance centre in Perth.

This was announced by Repatriation Minister J. W. Swarts during his visit to W.A. early last month. He inspected the work at Anzac House and toured the centre in its modern form in Australia.

It would be erected in the grounds of the Repatriation General Hospital at Hollywood and should be completed in October of this year.

It would cover an area of about 10,000 square feet and feature large training areas for male and female patients.

Mr. Swarts said: "The Centre has been designed to provide an easy flow of patients and will have a well-equipped workshop area for plastic manipulation, examination and other specific services.

The existing artificial limb centre in the city area is to be demolished to make way for the proposed metropolitan switch-road to connect it with the Kwinana freeway."

That building, Mr. Swarts said, was reasonably adequate but would be a vast improvement.

Last year the Perth limb factory had manufactured and fitted 85 arms and legs and replaced or made about 2,800 pairs of surgical footwork.

Dealing with reporting figures and facts in general, Mr. Swarts said there were at the present time 370 servicemen and their dependents in Western Australia in receipt of war service pensions.

Crowning Glory Story

Final accounts for last year's Miss Crownin Glory competition, which attracted 137 participants, put the net proceeds at £4,625/17/2.

The 1960 figure (with £3,080/12/2), and the 1959 figure (67 entrants) £6,670/15/7.

These figures show that for the three years shared equally by the League and Torchbearers for Legacy, the total amount received by each was £7,585/7/2.

The League's share has been diverted to "The War Veterans Home fund."

Seven of last year's entrants raised over £200 each. Miss Linda Lee, Vera Percival (sponsored by the Fremantle R.S.I), Elaine Galloway (Navy Club Inc.), £50; Miss Marianne McCormack (Bellevue R.S.L.), £40; Miss Lynette Jones (Berkeley R.S.L.), £375/4/2; Miss Leila Weeks (both Noosa Auxiliary), £351/3/9; Miss Kay Mepham (Mens Softball Club), £250/13/3; and Miss Marion Macdonald (Bruce Rock Auxiliary), £250.

The winner of the 1961 contest was Miss Jane W. Scott (of the Kardell's Saloon) whose main prize was a holiday tour for two to Hawaii and the South Seas and return.

'Sundowner' To Launch New Contest

A committee recommendation to conduct a Miss Crownin Glory competition again this year was quickly agreed to by the State Executive.

To launch the 1962 competition it was decided to invite a Special Dinner at the Anzac House ballroom on Wednesday, March 14. The dinner will be presided over by the State Governor.

The State Women's Auxiliary has undertaken to assist with this function.

Two causes stemming from the generous financial support from "Sundowner" Repatriation Veterans Home and Legion are dear to the heart of ex-servicemen and their wives. They are, as they do the old and the young who have suffered from the impact of war.

Meeting Of Women Members

The annual meeting of the Returned Ex-Service women's sub-branch took place at the "Hans House" on Friday, February 9.

The sub-branch president, Miss Margaret L. S. L. described her report to a smaller gathering than usual.

The report indicated that for the past year there had been a slight increase in membership, and paid tribute to the contributions of all members towards the undertakings of the sub-branch and the veterans' movement.

The year had been one of steady progress with fund-raising, and members had supported work with the blind, the War Veterans Home and other projects.

A good percentage of members had also completed the 100-hour Red Cross iodine course run by the R.S.A. at Anzac House.

All together the past year had been very satisfactory, and it was hoped that the branch could look forward to an even greater achievement and an increase in membership in the coming year.

Office bearers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Miss M. L. Hall (re-elected); vice-president, Miss S. J. Clayton (re-elected) and Miss M. M. Davis, M.B.E. secretary, Mrs. E. J. Margaret (re-elected) and treasurer, Mrs. E. J. Margaret (re-elected) and Miss P. Hall (re-elected). At the conclusion of business an enjoyable supper was served by the Social Committee.

Reminiscences Of Boer War

(To the Editor)

Sir.—There are three mistakes in your published reminiscences.

We were attached to the Cape Mounted Rifles, not the South African Rifles. The first battle was fought at Belmont, not Balmain.

The first night's battle was fought at Belmont, not Balmain.

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Yours, etc.

W. W. Firth

No. 43 N.W. Lancers.

Balingup.

Postscript: Mr. Firth says: "Perhaps it was my own writing which led me astray, but when an Italian Bushman's writing may not be too plain."
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LEAGUE THOUGHT AND ACTION (National Executive Decisions)

Proceedings of the R.S.L. National Executive being of great concern to all members of the League, here is a resume of decisions made at the February meeting this year.

Defence: Several items concerning national defence were discussed and it was agreed to ask for a re-introduction of compulsory service in military or civil defence training. As an added attraction to enlistment in the Commonwealth Military Forces, representations will again be made to the Commonwealth Government to have taxation on C.M.F. pay abolished. As well a request will be submitted for the formation of units to cater for natives and others who have already served with the Papuan regular forces.

Repatriation: Repatriation matters will again be submitted to Cabinet by a deputation from the National Executive, and the acceptance of cancer as a war-caused disability will be subject to renewed representations.

War Service Homes: An additional loan-grant for war-service homes can be applied for by present-day home owners who have had a loan of £2,750 but who wish to finance such improvements as increased accommodation or other necessary additions.

R.S.L. Headquarters: It was decided to accept an offer for the present League headquarters in Canberra and, as soon as a new site has been obtained, to build a new headquarters-building with modern facilities and reception rooms.

N.Z. Anzac Delegation: In the matter of the New Zealand delegation the majority of States are up to the quota set and W.A. is the only State lacking nominations. Mr. C. G. White, the Tasmanian State President, will lead the delegation.

Repatriation Commission Vacancy: State branches have been asked for nominations for the position on the Repatriation Commission to be vacated by Mr. J. Neagle (See item on Page 15).

Imperial Ex-servicemen: Because British ex-servicemen now resident in Australia are not eligible for war-service homes it has been decided to ask the Minister for National Development (Senator Spooner) to endeavour to arrange for the United Kingdom authorities to make available at least £1,000,000 sterling for housing them. It was pointed out that some European countries had already done this for their nationals.

Communism: The matter of Communism was discussed vigorously and it was agreed to urge State branches to take action in the following directions: 1. Federal and State Governments to be requested to give publicity to Commuinstic activities by special publications and press statements.

2. To request organisations such as Rotary and Apex to join the campaign.

3. To arrange close liaison with Education Departments to ensure their co-operation.

4. The League to investigate the United States situation in which Communists can be declared an "unlawful organisation."

5. To seek the inclusion, of anti-Communist training in C.M.F. and civil defence activities.

Membership: Minor modifications were made to several membership qualifications and it is intended that a thorough investigation into the eligibility clause affecting British ex-servicemen who did not serve overseas.

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Returns Lagging, Says Membership Chief

According to capitation returns received at headquarters up to January 31 only 2,919 membership subscriptions had been received by sub-branch secretaries up till that time, Membership Committee chairman E. C. Townshend told the February meeting of the State Executive.

Yet at the various membership-drive meetings of metropolitan presidents and secretaries there had been a full representation of sub-branches, he said. Mr. Townshend said it was quite apparent that there were many capitation returns outstanding. Secretaries would be reminded that from April onwards The Listening Post could reasonably assume that there was no record of his membership at headquarters—In other words that his sub-branch had fallen down on the job.

Geraldton Signs Up Town Band

The newly-formed Geraldton Town Band will take part in the Anzac Day celebrations on April 25.

A suggestion by Mr. Taylor that a high school choir take part in the civic commemoration on Anzac Day was referred to the sub-branch committee. B.J.E.
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Australia Day Service in London

In London, on January 26, an Australia Day commemoration service was held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, by kind permission of the Viceroy, the Rev. Austin Williams.

The service was attended by hundreds of Australians from all parts of the Commonwealth.

Among those present were the High Commissioner for Australia (Sir Eric Harrison) and Lady Harrison, the Countess Gwyer, Viscount and Viscountess Slim, Lady Dunrossill, Col. Sir William and Lady Leggett, Sir David and Lady Muir, the Agent-General for Western Australia in London (Mr. E. K. Hoar) and Mrs. Hoar, the Mayor and Lady Mayor of Westminster, Miss T. Verstak (Miss Australia) and many R.S.I. visitors.

The address was given by His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney, the Most Rev. H. R. Gough, O.B.E. (Primate of Australia) and the lesson was read by Sir Eric Harrison.

In the evening Sir Eric and Lady Harrison held a reception at Australia House to commemorate the foundation of Australia.

Guests included the Lord Mayor of London, members of the Diplomatic Corps, members of the United Kingdom Government, Agents-General in London for the Australian States, Dr. Fisher (former Archbishop of Canterbury), Lord Goddard (former, Lord Chief Justice in the U.K.) and Miss Verstak.

Anyone know?

Would anyone knowing the present whereabouts of Mr. G. COLLIS (42nd Field Battery — ex-Imperial) please communicate with Anzac House.

Mr. Colless was last heard of when at Hazelwood about 1940.

Similarly with a returned soldier, named Mlle M.I.S. (28th Field Coy.) who was residing in Victoria about three years ago. His father (Mr. Lorraine Miss of 113 Albertstreet, Osborne Park) is in ill health and is anxious to get in touch with him as soon as possible.

Welfare Work Of Red Cross

During 1961, 456 private cases were helped through Red Cross welfare workers. These include the personnel and their dependents, Australian civilians and migrants.

The Red Cross needs your financial help to keep these services going.

Don’t Tell McTavish

It may come as a shock to many Scotsmen to learn that about the only thing Scottish in the modern bagpipes is the tartan cover—and even that is sometimes suspect.

Bill Knox reported this dark secret in a recent edition of “The Onlooker” magazine Programme broadcast weekly in the B.B.C. General Overseas Service.

“The drones of the pipes,” he explained, “are made from African black ebony wood. The reeds come from Spain, the ivory from India, and the silk ribbons, as often as not, from Switzerland.”

“Now the bag is being made from Australian kangaroo skin specially brought to Scotland for the purpose.”

In Scotland itself, Knox said, kangaroo skin was making slow headway against the traditional sheepskin, but pipers in Canada and the United States, as well as those in Australia, were going over to the new idea.

The reason had been explained to him by Hector Russell of Inversna, who makes and exports bagpipes all over the world, puzzled by orders from Australia for the components of bagpipes, except for the bags, he had asked why and been told that, while the normal sheepskin lasted an Australian about two years, a kangaroo skin seemed likely to last for 20.

Sheepskin, it appeared, had more pores than kangaroo skin and was therefore more liable to deteriorate with the moisture of the piper’s breath.

He believed that the kangaroo versus sheepskin battle would result in a fifty-fifty share of the market, and in any case today’s bagpipes were of better quality than anything even the great MacCrimmon of Skye played.
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Origin, aims and achievement of the League In Western Australia

By J. R. Duncan

Employment and Re-establishment

One of the main reasons for the formation of the R.S.L. in Western Australia was the lack of suitable employment and lack of sympathy of employers for the returned soldier.

On 13th June, 1916, when committees were initially being set up in the organisation, that of employment was the second to form. The Employment Committee immediately began a vigorous campaign to find employment for returned men and to establish the principle of preferred employment for ex-service men. This meant they asked Governments, Local Government, and private organisations to give preference to the ex-servicemen, other factors being equal.

A newspaper report of the time stated that special efforts should be made to deal with returning soldiers, all connected with the movement being the increasing numbers of deserving returned soldiers unable to obtain suitable employment. "The Chairman (Mr. A. E. Priestley) then stated, with the aid of the Press, freely given, to bring home to the authorities the need for immediate action in this direction."

Bureau set up

The result was that the association was asked to send a representative to meet the Employment Committee of the War Council. Soon after this the Employment Bureau of the War Council was set up and on this the association was represented.

A powerful appeal to employers to give all suitable positions at their disposal to returned men received a splendid response. The early meetings of the executive constantly made reference to efforts to secure employment and to establish the principle, and these were undoubtedly the hardest of problems with which the executive had to contend.

Preference was always jealously guarded and the subject of discussion at every executive meeting.

The subsidy by the Commonwealth Government was first reduced and finally ceased, but the bureau continued to operate as a League activity until towards the end of World War II. Particularly difficult was the task of finding employment for the man who, because of his war service, could take on only the lightest of jobs, but these men were not friendless and constant effort resulted in finding positions.

During the war of 1939-45 employment was easier to find and the function was incorporated with the Pensions Committee. They were able to have a Preference House inserted in the Repatriation Act which came into force in 1942.

In 1945 a Re-establishment Committee was formed and this committee worked tirelessly, meeting every week, and dealing with matters of preference as well as innumerable individual cases. Some of their activities covered the following:

1. Employment.
2. Re-establishment of soldiers.
3. Training facilities.
4. Vocational training.
5. Tools of trade.

So strongly did this committee feel regarding preference that they went to court in a case with the Fremantle Town Council.

The continued efforts of the committee were responsible in no small way for the success of the task of smoothing over ex-servicemen into civil employment and maintaining the policy of the League in re-establishment matters.

Over recent years the League has continued to make representations for the continuance of the preference principle. It has even managed to find employment for a number of ex-servicemen who were unable to do this for themselves.

As long as the League exists there will continue to be part of its many activities.

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Immigration And The League

An event of vital interest to the R.S.L. was the annual Citizenship Convention held in Canberra from January 23 to 25.

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The convention was opened by His Excellency the Governor-General. Lord De L'Isle. Opening addresses were given by the Prime Minister, Lord Casey, Major-General the Hon. Sir Leslie M. S. Hore, Dr. Ulrich Engelberg, a senior research officer at the Atomic Energy Commission's research establishment at Lucas Heights, N.S.W.

Taking these addresses as a background, the convention deliberations were divided into six groups, each group engaged with the responsibility of discussing varying aspects of migrant integration.

At the conclusion of the group-discussions the chairman of each group reported their findings to his group following which group discussions in the open session took place.

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VITAL TASK

If we, through our 240,000 members in our 1,861 sub-branches, had been able to deliver this message, we could do untold good to the vital task of welcoming into our community the citizens out of New Australian migrants.

If this great task could be accomplished, in all organisations represented at the convention then much could be done to assist all the Australian Immigration program.

Some of the more interesting statistics placed before the convention were as follows:

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Countries from which these migrants were obtained are:

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- Greece, 80,412
- Poland, 78,253
- Yugoslavia, 36,439
- and so on.

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WAB MEMORIALS

Early action should be taken to arrange a war memorial for the local Anzac Day ceremony. Any advice required for the successful carrying out of this Arrangements will be readily supplied on application to headquarters.

SCHOOLS BROADCAST

Every effort should be made to ensure that the Anzac Day School broadcasts are properly arranged for sub-branch representation. The broadcasting of medals is desirable.

LOCAL CEREMONIES

It is essential that, where Executive representation is given, Anzac Day School Ceremonies are arranged for. Any requests should be made to the Sub-branch Secretary at least two weeks prior to the date of the School Services.

NOTE: Brief details of sub-branch ceremonies are invited for publication in future "Listening Post" issues. Deadline is March 30.
On March 1 the Governor, Sir Charles Gardiner, honoured the League by visiting the Veterans' Home, where he was welcomed by Veterans Home Committee chairman E. C. Townshend, home superintendent O. Howes and residents.

On a previous visit (July 21, 1960) His Excellency had laid the foundation stone of the home.

Sir Charles noted the great changes that have occurred on the site since that visit and learnt with interest of the big developmental project to be put in train shortly (story Page 1).

He also inspected the bowling green—in the final stages of preparation for its official opening on March 11.

Pictured are two other aspects of the visit.

AT RIGHT: Sir Charles chats with resident J. E. Webb who served with His Excellency's old regiment, the 10th Hussars.

BELOW: Seen relaxing during an inspection of the home is the official party, consisting of (from left) Mrs. Howes, Mr. Townshend, Sir Charles Gardiner, R.S.L. State Secretary Webb, Mr. Townshend and the home medical officer Dr. R. Wheeler.
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The accent falls on mem-
bership in a bright report-
from Marble Bar sub-
branch secretary Mrs. Port
Smith. She writes:

"Our membership drive is
getting ahead, and our
members are slowly build-
ing up. We still have a few
holes in the district, but
we know they will be filled
with our energetic efforts.
I'm sure we all will be glad
when the days of the month
are over and we can take a
longer look at our progress.

The official meeting was
held on the 1st of the month,
and a large number of mem-
bers were present.

The President, Mr. J. W.
McKellar, called the meet-
ing to order and read the
minutes of the last meet-
ing. He then presented the
officer's report, which was
read and approved.

The Treasurer, Mrs. J. M.
Smith, presented the finan-
cial report, which was also
read and approved.

The Secretary, Mr. J. W.
McKellar, read the corre-
spondence, which included
a letter from the National
Office regarding the next
meeting.

The President then called for
stem discussions and the
members were invited to
express their views on vari-
ous matters.

At the conclusion of the
meeting, the President
called for the adjournment.

Closing Date For
Congress Items

For the guidance of sub-branches the following
preliminary agenda is addressed to the forthcoming
Annual State Congress of the League to be held
at Anzac House, Perth, from July 16 to 19.

The closing date for the
agenda and nominations for office-bearers is May 15
in accordance with Rule 7. Paragraphs (c) and (d)
which read:
7 (c) All nominations for
positions of president,
vice-president, secretary,
and committee members, shall be
made by a sub-branch at a
properly constituted meet-
ing. All nominations shall be
received no later than two
months before the opening
of Congress, and all sub-
branches shall receive
copies of all nominations
received no later than one
month before the opening
of Congress. All nominees
shall be members of the
W.A. branch and shall
signify their willingness
by an official notice to
serve on the State
Executive.

Wartime Touch
At Anzac Race Meeting

The names of events at
this year's Anzac Day race
meeting are to recall fa-
mous campaigns such as
Benghazi, El Alamein, Ko-
doka and Gallipoli.

The main race will be for
the Diggers' Cup, to be pre-
sented to the successful
owner by His Excellency
the Governor Sir Charles
Gairdner.

This was reported at the
February meeting of the
State Executive by Mr. B.
Flanagan, league represen-
tative on the joint R.S.L.
Torchbearers for Legacy
Committee appointed to pro-
ceed in the races.

The proceeds of the meet-
ing go to the Anzac
Day Trust Fund for dis-
tribution among eligible
funds of various ex-service
organisations.

Mr. Flanagan said the
race programme would in-
clude a demonstration by
the British Columbia
and a mannequin parade
arranged by ten-Perth
regulars.

Another feature would be
the presence of the Western
Command Band.

League Seeks Talks On
National Defence

The National Executive at its meeting in Can-
berra last month resolved to seek an early meeting
with Defence Minister Townley to discuss the
League's views on many aspects of national

In commenting on this de-
cision National President A.
Lee said the situation
facing Australia was peci-
fically clear, and this coun-
try must be prepared to ac-
piece it with imagination and, if need be, with
aggress.

Australia was a geo-
graphically
part of S.E. Asia, one
of the most unstable
areas in the world, and in
which Communist sub-
version was constantly at
work.

While any defence policy
must be based on strong
defence, it should also be prepared to play its
part in full, should the need arise. Today the need
was for:

- Trained and semi-trained men
- The right signal for the expansion
- The most modern equipment

Re-establishment and Emp-
ployment
Listening Post
War Services Home St. Memorial
Anzac Day
War Veterans' Home
Poppy Day
Membership
Anzac House
Delegate-entitlement is one
per 100 members or part
of a branch, and will be on
the 30th June, 1962, with
the President's approval.

The constitution permits
the appointment of proxy delegates who may act
only in the absence of delegates from any
branch. It is most desirable that each branch be
represented. The absence of a branch will be
understood.

A new proposal for con-
tinued network of branch
meetings was also dis-
cussed.

With the approach of the
Anzac Day meeting the
League is calling for para-
mount support from its
members.

We hope that by the time
of our next meeting condi-
tions will be more favour-
able and more members will be able to attend.
Federal Estate Duty Dropped On Some Bequests To League

Bequests to certain R.S.I. trust funds are exempted from Commonwealth estate duty. The position as to bequests to the League itself is less definite.

This may be concluded from correspondence received at the League's national headquarters recently from Federal Treasurer Holt in respect of a resolution at the National Congress that "all bequests to the R.S.I. A.I.L.A. be free of all death duties and probate." The Treasurer said:

"Insofar as the request relates to the duty attributable there under, it will be necessary for the League to bring the matter to the notice of the various State Governments, as questions relating to those duties are matters for each of those Governments alone to determine.

"As regards Commonwealth estate duty, the Commissioner of Taxation advises me that, in all probability, if such bequests to the League, as such, would not qualify for exemption under the estate duty law, but, as testators commonly provide that debts and duties to be paid from the residue of their estates, it would be likely that specific bequests would pass to the League without being diminished by the duty attributable there to.

WEALTH FUNDS

"More importantly, it seems that all or most of the State branches of the League have set up separately constituted Distress and Welfare Funds. The Commissioner advises me that a number of such funds have been accepted by him as public benevolent institutions, with the result that bequests there to would be exempt from Commonwealth estate duty, despite the fact that most testators who are interested in the League, when making them, would be aware of this fact, and that bequests would accordingly be made to these funds rather than to the League itself for its general purposes. You may, however, consider it desirable to make this known to persons who may be interested."

[The main League funds of the kind referred to in the above are the War Veterans' Home Fund, the Aged Soldiers and Sailors' Fund, the R.S.I. Welfare Fund.]

More Could Apply For W.S. Homes

More than 600,000 ex-service men have not yet applied for war-service homes, Senator Spooner, the Minister for National Development, said recently.

The increased war-service homes loan provided a wonderful opportunity for eligible Australian ex-service men to own the home of their own choice, he said.

The Commonwealth Government, in terms of hard cash, had raised the maximum loan under the scheme by £750, from £2,750 to £3,500.

"There can be no doubt that there is no better or more generous housing scheme operating in the Commonwealth today," Senator Spooner said. "The unique terms of the loan are sufficient in themselves to make this so. Thus there is no waiting period for finance in the case of new homes."

In the case of old homes, the waiting period of 20 months still remains.

Credit Squeeze Impinges On Canteens Fund Custodians

Even the administration of trust funds can be made more difficult by business recessions, according to the chairman of trustees of the Australian Canteens Trust Fund, Major-Gen. R. Gordon.

At last month's meeting of the State Executive, on which he attended as a visitor, General Gordon told members that last year had proved a vexed one for the trustees.

He said that, in order to carry out their plans for the assistance and education of children, they had made a considerable transfer from the welfare funds, having only £3,000 hand for the year's commitments on that side of the trust fund.

It had soon been found that that amount was inadequate and it had become necessary to do some rapid rethinking about the welfare programme.

There was no way of finding money outside the general funds of the organisation. The trustees were therefore faced with the problem of dealing with both children and welfare.

General Gordon said the call of canteens money placed in the trust to date was about £5,500,000, and he was not likely to be much more.

It had been calculated that about £10,000,000 would have been disbursed to the various beneficiaries who were confined to World War II ex-service personnel and their children.

The rate of growth of the fund was limited by the statutory requirements relating to the investment of trust funds.

So far, on assistance and welfare the trust had spent about £3,400,000. Over the last 10 years about £100,000 had been spent on handicapped children.

General Gordon said the trust greatly appreciated the co-operation of the League throughout Australia in its handling of the funds.

Referring to a report made at the meeting concerning the value of employing trained social workers on some classes of investigations, he said the Canteens Trust had had the same experience.

"Social workers can do a first-class job for all of us," he said.

He said that although he was a loyal member of the League he had not previously attended a State Executive meeting.

State President introduced the general as a man known throughout "Australia for his wise administration of the Canteens Trust Fund and who was also holding an important command in the C.M.F. today."

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"Angel Of Changi" Met
On Singapore Trip

Mr. H. Brown, publicity officer for the Ex- 
P.O.W. and Relatives’ Association (W.A. branch),
had supplied the following account of a recent visit
he made to Singapore.

On our arrival in Singa-
port it was a pleasant
prise to see Mrs. Seah (An-
gel of Changi) and her
daughter, Mrs. Foo waiting
the war to welcome. Die-
ng our stay they showed
us wonderful hospitality.

During the days they included
the botanical gardens, Haw Par Villa,
Changi, the war cemetery and Johore Bahru.

It was four years since I
was in Singapore and I no-
ticed quite a few changes,
including the number of
new buildings, including
Shell, American Interna-
tional, Shaw's and Fitzpat-
rick's, which reflected the
confidence business firms
felt in the future of the is-
land.

Rickshaws are no longer
in the streets, and there are
a limited number of tri-
shaws. Taxis are very rea-
sable and there are thou-
sands of cars, and it is not
unusual for there to be two
or three cars in the family.

One of the most unusual
sights was to see Siamese
cats being locked in cages
at night and having to be
opened up for walks on
leashes during the day to
avoid being stolen.

It was a beautiful after-
noon when we visited the
war cemetery and despite
the fact that there had been
no rain for several weeks,
the lawns and gardens were
in beautiful condition and
really a picture.

Quite a number of Australian
shrubs and plants have been
planted.

I'm sure it will give great
satisfaction to all those who
have dear ones buried here
at the graves of their dear
ones on the Honour Roll.

Mrs. Seah proudly pointed
out the name of one of her
sons on the Honour Roll.

SULTAN'S PALACE.

Leaving Kranji we then
moved on to Johore Bahru
where I had been camping
during the war, and took
the opportunity of visiting
the Sultan's palace and
temple, which were

most interesting. The Sultan
has his own zoo, collection
of rare birds and tropical
fish.

Next day we went out to
Changi village and went
past my old home, but

unfortunately it was too late
in the day to get any snap-
shots.

The reasonable
 tariff I decided to decline
the offer of board and lodg-
ings.

I was sorry I could not see
Mrs. Lim Bo Seng, as she
was in Kuala Lumpur, but

I was able to get a photo

of her husband's memorial
which was paid for by the
Straits Settlements govern-
ment, and as the Cheroh
was not moved by the

war,

I had the pleasure of meet-
ing Eric Jennings, of the
Malay Volunteers, who

was still on the staff of the

Straits Settlements Govern-
ment.

A quick run around the
town, and Change Alley
in the Saturday morning,
completed the pleasant
visit and we are heartily
thankful that we were able
to visit the war places.

Send your donation to Red
Cross House, Murray-
street, Perth, today.

No End To Work
Of Red Cross

This is Red Cross Month. Have you sent your dona-
tion to the Annual Ap-
peal yet?

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end with ceasefires; they
continue year in and year
out, in times of war and in
times of peace.

The 16th Battalion Association
Notes

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**DID YOU KNOW?...**
(asks C. R. Collins)

Through the courtesy of the Assistant State Secretary, I have received from the Nyabing sub-branch an article from the English paper "The Listener" in which the Duke of Wellington decided on winning a poem that Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton and Harrow. Readers may remember the picture reference to the matter in "The Listening Post" for January concerning Wellington is supposed to have said etc. In any case my thanks and cordial greetings to Nyabing sub-branch.

According to popular belief Wellington was responsible for the Battle of Waterloo, called to the Brigade of Guards, the Guards by themselves! The Guards had been sitting down, letting the cannon balls pass over their heads and attacking the order that won the day. According to Wellington's biography, Sir Walter Scott, the Duke's actual order was, "Stand up Guards!"

Wellington is not the only famous general who has been misquoted. The American general Sherman, the man who marched through Georgia and is credited with saying "War is Hell," Sherman's latest biographer, B. H. Liddell Hart, states that the Sherman legend was questioned about this remark in his later years. He had no recollection of having used those words, but if he had done so he would have been speaking the truth.

Although the Press Gang was a recognised means of obtaining crew for the Navy during the Napoleonic War, milder and more enticing means were adopted when the war ended. In 1816 special inducements were offered to men willing to serve on the frigate Leander, then being commissioned for service at the Channel, full-bottomed Halifax frigate. Among the inducements offered in the advertisement were a bushel of potatoes for a shilling, cod-fish for a biscuit, and a glass of brandy for two-pence. In addition, intending seamen were told "Lots of leave on shore! Dancing and fiddling, and lots of tobacco served out every month!" There was also a promise, "Every man is almost certain of being made a warrant officer, therefore getting a snug berth in the navy dockyard."

The oft-quoted phrase is the Dogs of War is more than a mere figure of speech. During the first world war, specially-trained dogs were used on both sides, on the Western Front, to carry messages from one part of the front line to another and to guard stores, dumps, and worked behind the lines. Long before that, however, there were instances of privately-owned dogs appearing on battlefields. Charles I's nephew and cavalry leader, Prince Rupert, had a pet dog which he called "Boy." The dog followed his master on to the field of Marathon and was trampled to death during a cavalry charge. During the action at Sabugal, in the Peninsular War, a sparrow belonging to a British officer was killed in the action by a ball from the French cannon balls. While he was standing at a live shell the shell exploded in his face without hurting him. The commander of the battle of Barrosa was the French general Rousseau, who owned a pet dog which followed him master into battle and refused to leave the body when the General was killed. It was seen by the British commander, Sir Thomas Graham, who took it for himself. The dog spent the rest of his life at Balgowan, Graham's home in Perthshire.

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**Expose On Reds**

The League is to launch an Australia-wide campaign to "enlighten the public on the activities of the Communist Party in Australia."

This was decided at an Executive meeting in Canberra last month.

The campaign is to be conducted on the following lines:
(a) A request will be made to the Government to publish a paper on the Communist Party, its methods and aims.
(b) Articles on communism will be given wide publicity throughout the 2,000 sub-branches of the R.S.L.
(c) An approach will be made to all R.S.L. organisations seeking their support in the campaign.

Announcing the survey the R.S.L. National President A. J. Lee said that the party's propaganda for Australia was inadequate and urgent security measures are needed.

For the effective way of dealing with communists is for every Australian citizen to know who they are and how they operated.

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**An Enjoyable Time At Busselton Reunion**

This year's annual reunion of the Busselton sub-branch was thoroughly enjoyed by some 40 members and numerous visitors from neighbouring sub-branches.

The State Executive was represented by Mr. C. E. Vincent and the State Government by Lands Minister L. J. Millin.

The dinner was excellently catered for by an enthusiastic women's auxiliary, which, during the evening handed over a cheque for £13 towards the hall expenses.

Among the visitors were Bunbury president L. E. Birch, Capel president J. W. Ingram, Dardanup president M. Kello, Margaret River president F. Scruton and secretary T. Doyle, Dunsborough president A. H. Pickle and Belmont secretary H. H. Haines.

After the annual toast Mr. Vincent proposed "The State Executive" and expressed appreciation for the work carried out and the cooperation always extended. Expressing good wishes from the State President.
CITY OF PERTH NOTES

President Is Returned For His Tenth Term

At the City of Perth annual general meeting held in November, the retiring committee were all elected, with the addition of A. Balch and L. Pavlik. Mrs. John L. Brown was re-elected for her tenth term of office.

Mike Hall is again treasurer of the club. The annual picnic was held in the Point Feroin Caravan Park and many members and visitors were present. Many hard workers included Aub Tompkins, Jack Johnston, and Mr. and Mrs. Vedel.

Last year Jack Barber, hospital visitor at Hollywood, made his weekly visits in spite of bad health but improved by himself and his wife. Secretary Bill Holder devised a hatty pat on the back for his noble work during the year.

The sub-branch offers its sympathy to the relatives of many members who passed away during the year. This hope will this year bring happier times.

Mr. Stalker’s auxiliary congratulated on work well done!” Gunner.

A Veteran’s Passing

It is with deep regret that the death of the late John Johnson, a member of the League’s Corps of Hospital Visitors, is recorded.

The late “Johnny” Johnson, who served with the Royal Navy (1914-18) included a period of service in the Western Desert, returned to Australia grievously incapacitated by war.

His incapacities, however, did not preclude him from earning a livelihood, in particular the sick at Lennox Hospital. Following his retirement from employment and despite the necessity for using a stick, he continued visiting the sick at hospitals and institutions, and the Western Australian Homes. He had a smile and cheery word for all, especially the sick at the Western Australian Homes.

His was a life of service to fellow ex-servicemen, an example and inspiration to other ex-servicemen, and a friend to all who worked with his sticks and smile, should be long remembered.

Man’s Fine Service For His Fellow Amputees

The death in January of World War I veteran-amputee Raymond Leslie Stalker brought to a close a fine career of service to his country and to fellow-amputees throughout the world.

Mr. Stalker was a L/Cpl in the 55th Battalion A.I.F., when he lost his left leg as a result of a shell explosion while on active service in France. He had a number of major operations on his damaged limb before being fitted with an artificial limb.

Years later Mr. Stalker fell on a garage floor and damaged the limb again, and to such an extent that the use of his artificial limb caused him considerable pain. His suffering caused him to seek for a less painful means of movement and finally he invented the Stalker crutch.

The “Stalker crutch” consisted of an ordinary crutch with a seat attachment of sponge rubber. It was particularly suitable for high or ping of his population which could be adapted for other amputations.

Early in 1945 Mr. Stalker offered the invention to the Repatriation Department without cost. He was informed he would receive any financial benefits from his invention.

In fact, it was only at the suggestion of a member of the Repatriation Commission that he should take out a patent on his invention to forestall any commercialisation on its sale or production.

In 1945 Mr. Stalker gave specimens and plans to the Government of U.S.A., New Zealand, South Africa; Canada, and India so that the crutch could be made at cost price for ex-servicemen and civilians.

Mr. Stalker’s work for his fellow-ex-servicemen did not stop with his invention. In private life he was the president of the Goulburn Hospital and later of the Government’s local committee, and the New South Wales Malmed and Amputees’ Soldiers’ Association.

For a time he was on the staff of the Goulburn Hospital. He also served as an Alderman and later as Mayor of that city.

In a tribute to the late Mr. Stalker Repatriation Minister Mr. Forde said: “During his lifetime Mr. Stalker gave so much of his time to help others that he had no time to spare for anything for himself.” His work was appreciated by the hundreds of people who used the crutch which bears his name.”
Praise For Red Cross By State President

All over Australia the Red Cross Society provides help in a great variety of ways for ex-service men and women, and R.S.L. State President Lonnie this month paid tribute to the work of the West Australian division of the society.

As Deputy Director of Civil Defence in this State Mr. Lonnie added that the work of the Red Cross was covered by a wide field of activity, from first aid to the evacuation of children and the provision of emergency accommodation, and from the response offered by the Red Cross in the event of bushfires in the south to cyclone floods in the north.

"In the wider field of civil defence training," Mr. Lonnie added, "the Red Cross Society has had an outstanding and its help in training men for home defence and sound training coupled with the deep sense of public spirit that adherents are imbued, has made the work it is doing in the field of particular value.

As far as ex-service men and women are concerned, he went on, their welfare came first in all the varied services offered by the Red Cross, and whenever there was a need which the Red Cross could meet it was there ready to respond. It was always quick and generous.

Ex-service patients in repatriation and other hospitals were regularly visited by Red Cross workers under the direction of Mrs. T. R. Zouch. The public relations work and camp fire craft instruction was given either in hospitals, at homes or under special arrangements. These efforts were also made to ensure the well-being of ex-service personnel.

This month the Red Cross was conducting its annual March Appeal for funds to carry on its work, and the league looked to its members to support the society's work "as a])/\l950 which is the estimated expenditure on social services during the coming year.

DOOR KNOCK

To wind up the March Appeal the Red Cross will conduct a door-knock appeal in the Canberra area on April 1 when every house will be visited and every member of every family given an opportunity of contributing to the work of the Red Cross.

This enterprise requires an army of voluntary workers and every district is being organised under the leadership of a chairman.

Manual Control Unit for Car

National headquarters have advertised for a Café attendant who has for sale a manual-control unit for a car. Mr. T. R. Zouch. The position was described by Mr. T. A. Tait of Sydney, is described as efficient and honest.

Mr. Zouch acquired the unit because of a disability which prevented him from driving, but has now disposed of his car.

The unit has been used in a 1939 Holden but can apparently be fitted into any make of car. Mr. Zouch says it cost $100 and that he would accept any reasonable offer. His address is Flat No. 5 "Myuna," Canberra City, A.C.T.

Good Record of Blood Donors

Did you know that 22,276 donations of blood were made to the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service in 1961, including 1,638 from people who live "in country areas"?

More donors are always needed, and with this in view the service expands. Contributions to the Red Cross are always needed, too, to maintain other social services provided by this organisation.

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SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL VETERANS' ASSOCIATION—meets in Anzac House basement, 3rd Monday each month at 2 P.M. President: Mr. J. W. McLeod, Secretary: R. W. McLeod, 68 Hay Street, Fremantle. President: Mr. R. W. McLeod, Secretary: R. W. McLeod, 68 Hay Street, Fremantle.


46TH AND 4TH BRIGADE ASSOCIATION—meets second Tuesday, each month at Railway Institute, Perth, President: J. W. H. Black, Secretary: W. F. Black, 18 Albert Street, Fremantle.

18TH AND 2ND BATTALION ASSOCIATION—meets second Tuesday, each month, President: R. W. McLeod, 21 Clarence Street, Fremantle.

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For Lectures

An approach to the State Civil Emergency Service for civil defence diagrams and other training equipment has been decided on by the State Executive. The equipment is required for the lecture courses in civil defence now being conducted by the League at Anzac House.

The third of these courses commenced on February 15. It is the policy of the Civil Defence Committee to make the lectures as informative and interesting as possible.

About 40 students are enrolled for each class.

LOOKING UP: Indications from the final accounts for last year were that the League had at least balances its budget, the State Executive was told at its February meeting. It was also reported that the Anzac Club accounts showed that trading results for 1961 showed an improvement on figures for the previous year.

Gathering Of 300 At
Ex-P.O.W. Rally

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