League Accepts Challenge To Its Progress

This year sub-branches of the League in this State have between them recruited over 2,000 new members, yet the current membership figure is less than it was this time last year.

Accounting for this state of affairs is the wastage stemming from the death of members combined with failure of about 3,600 of the previous year’s members to renew their subscription.

This was the position as outlined by the State President at the executive meeting on October 11, during a discussion on membership. Here was a challenge the League must accept, Mr. Lonnie said.

Active Drive On Membership

On the recommendation of State Vice-President E. C. Townsend it was resolved to appoint a special membership-drive committee to implement a full-scale bid for members in the coming year.

Mr. Townsend said the committee’s role would be to increase both metropolitan and country membership substantially.

In December the committee would call a special meeting of metropolitan and country vice-presidents and secretaries to consider membership matters, and early in the new year there would be follow-up meetings at which progress reports would be called for.

Special membership folders would be issued to sub-branches along with pocket cards to assist sub-branch officers in their canvassing.

In the country areas sub-branch vice-presidents would be invited to form a special section of the membership drive. They would be supplied with membership statistics and other data.

The campaign would be launched in the December

Two Of The Best

In the passing of Rex Solling and Dick Cornish last month the League has lost two fine supporters.

Rex Solling, a well respected man in the Winchester, Carnamah, Mingenew and Yandanoona areas, was a staunch member of the League with 25 years service which included office as president of the Carnamah sub-branch in 1958 and 1959.

An indication of the place Rex held in the hearts of those who knew him was the overall representation at his funeral. Men travelled hundreds of miles to pay their last respects.

Dick Cornish, who died in London on October 12, was known far and wide. As far as is known he was the only lieutenant in the first AIF to be awarded the D.S.O.

A member of the Legislative Council from 1942 to 1946, he was noted for a forthright manner, especially when championing the North-West or criticising lack of vision on that score.

As a member of the State Executive from 1943 to 1946 he brought to bear a refreshing approach to the many and varied problems of those days. He always had a soft spot for the men who had served their country and went out of his way to help them.

Premier Unveils Memorial At Shark Bay

Youth of the district provided a special guard-of-honour for Premier Brand when he unveiled the Shark Bay War Memorial recently. The Premier is here shown addressing the gathering for the occasion. The memorial was constructed of shell-blocks quarried at Hamelin Pool and donated by Mr. and Mrs. Sellenger of Nanga Station. The effort to build the memorial was organised by the Shark Bay Progress Association.

League Gets £4,000 From Anzac Trust

The League’s share in proceeds from sporting events conducted on Anzac Day this year amounted to £4,000.

This was announced at the State Executive meeting on October 11 by Finance Committee Chairman L. B. Morris.

This year, for the first time in this State, Anzac Day was thrown open to sport. This was at the request of the League following a referendum of members late last year.

The setting-up of the Anzac Day Trust was provided for by an amendment to the relevant Act of Parliament. The purpose of the trust is to receive and allocate the funds made over by the various sporting and other organisations.

CIVIL DEFENCE

Those wishing to enrol for the next course of six-weekly lectures on civil defence at Anzac House should make application direct to the R.S.L. State Secretary as soon as possible.
Governor-General's Address At National Congress

Following is the text of the speech made by His Excellency the Governor-General, Viscount De L'Isle, when opening the 46th annual National Congress of the League in Canberra on Monday, October 30. His audience included the Federal Minister for Repatriation (Mr. Osborne) and the Deputy-Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Whitlam).

Mr. President, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Whitlam, ladies and gentlemen: I have it in command from the Queen to convey to you a message which I have received from her and which she has asked me to deliver to you.

Please convey my sincere good wishes to all members of the Returned Soldiers' and Airmen's Imperial Service League of Australia for their 46th annual Congress. As patron of the League I trust that your deliberations will prove successful and bring continuing prosperity to all its members.

ELIZABETH R.

It will give me great pleasure to convey to Her Majesty your没钱的 loyalty. I know that she would wish to thank you on her behalf.

In the annual report for 1960 I have read of the many undertaking of the League, and its great and varied work in the fields of repatriation, defence service 'homes', land settlement and immigration.

This work is of great social importance. I know that it must be a very valuable assurance to all who care in or benefit from the generous activities to know that such self-sacrificing work is being done on behalf of our people.

It is the responsibility of all to be ever watchful in organisation is working in their interests.

The League was born in 1916. The amount of assistance which it has since rendered to ex-service and ex-service women, and to their dependants, must be very large in terms of £ s d. But in terms of human feeling and solace for human difficulties such assistance has been of a value quite beyond estimation.

During your meeting you will be discussing a very wide range of topics on a wide variety of topics. You will certainly be kept busy, for I believe that there are 250 items to be considered this time.

Their wide scope shows the great interest taken by the League in everything which affects the life and interests of the nation.

Their membership is composed of men and women, of all ages, of all classes, and thousands of them have joined the League to help their comrades.

The Australian Constitution..the spirit of this country's constitution. This spirit has actually been given expression in your League's Object and Policy, which are there described as once "National and non-sectarian."

We live, alas, in a world where we are surrounded by tyranny and intolerance. It is indeed a measure of the difficulty of our time that in using that "eternal vigilance" which we all know to be the price of freedom, we must sometimes be driven to limit the area of tolerance which is so important and so necessary to the freedom which we are seeking to defend.

If we are so driven, we must acknowledge a defeat at the hands of those forces which it is our purpose to overcome in the great struggle of our times. Aspiration, imagination, having so many patriotic men and women always ready to serve their Queen and their country in the hour of need.

This Congress will, during its deliberations once again express that spirit of service.

I am sure that you will all have a fruitful and interesting time and, I trust, an enjoyable stay in Canberra. It now gives me great pleasure, Mr. President, to declare open this, the 46th Annual National Congress of the Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia.
Civil Defence Direction

Extracts from an address to the recent R.S.I. National Congress in Canberra by the newly-appointed Commonwealth Director of Civil Defence, Capt. A. E. Buchanan, D.S.O., K.N.—(red.)

Australia's wartime civil defence organisation was dissolved immediately after the war. About August, 1948, steps were taken to re-organise it. From the start an attempt was made to define the respective responsibilities of local councils, Government departments, and there was also established the idea that civil defence should be related to the risk of attack.

The Civil Defence School at Mt. Macedon was opened in 1956 with Air-Commodore Knox-Knight as commandant. Under his leadership the school has turned into a very efficient establishment which has already trained about 4,000 students from all parts of Australia.

In September, 1959, the Minister for the Interior made a statement in the House of Representatives on civil defence. The statement referred to the need for an all-Service planning programme to ensure the orderly development of preparations for a national civil defence plan, and laid it down as a basic principle that the States were responsible for their own civil defence. The Minister then went on to stress the importance of the Commonwealth, which is responsible for Federal defence, in helping the States in the development of civil defence. He also stressed that the Commonwealth should be given the functions of national co-ordination and control.

The reasons for this are plain. The States run the fire brigades, the police, medical and hospital services and transport; they control the supply of water, electricity, gas and the mail. The States should be able to co-operate in a national civil defence scheme.

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Representation At Congress

This year's National Congress of the League opened in Canberra on Monday, October 30, with the Australian-Commonwealth Territory branch acting as host.

The Western Australian State branch was represented by State President Lonnie and Senior Vice-President Townshend. With them as observers was Secretary W. Webb and State Country Vice-President W. Badger.

Mr. Webb left Perth for the conference by car on October 21. The State President and Mr. Badger also travelled overland, and Mr. Townshend made the journey later by train.

The Congress was officially opened by the Governor General, His Excellency Viscount De Lisle, V.C., P.C, G.C.M.G., Kt. St. J., honorary life-member of the League.

West Australian items on a comprehensive agenda concerned the Aged Persons Home Act and repatriation, housing, civil defence and land matters.

The National Congress represents the ultimate in League deliberations and is responsible for the policy of the League as a national organisation; it has been through the wisdom of its past leaders and delegates that the R.S.L. now has such a high standing with those responsible for the government of Australia.

This year's meeting was attended by delegates from all States and from the A.C.T. and Papua-New Guinea. Representation is on the basis of two delegates from each State and one from each of the Territories.

As usual the Commonwealth Departments of Repatriation, Interior and Defence were represented at top level, and the Department of Housing and War Service Land Settlement were also present.

During the absence from the State of Messrs. Lonnie and Webb, Mr. R. B. Marrs acted as State President and Mr. G. Sherrington as State Secretary.

DEATH OF HERO: Mr. James Rogers, Australia's oldest VC-winner died in Sydney on October 28, aged 88. He won the Victoria Cross at Thaha Nchu in the Orange Free State on June 15, 1901, in the Boer War.
High R.A.F. Postings For Two West Australians

The United Kingdom Air Ministry on October 23 announced senior Royal Air Force appointments for two West Australian-born officers.


Both were educated at the Guildford Grammar School (W.A.) and joined the R.A.F. direct from school in close succession.

Born in Perth in December, 1908, Air Chief Marshal Hudleston received his commission from the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, in 1928. He has been Vice-Chief of the Air Staff since September 1957, after serving as Deputy Chief of the Air Staff and as Deputy Chief of Command, Malaya, from early 1956. He was responsible for directing air operations against terrorists.

After passing out from Cranwell in 1928, he served with No. 17 (Fighter) Squadron and with the Fleet Air Arm, became a flying instructor, and was commanding No. 70 (Fighter) Squadron at Helsinki when he took over as Commander-in-Chief, Technical Training Command, Malaya, in 1956.

His group's Spitfires, Typhoons and Mustangs supported the First Canadian Army and played a major part in clearing the enemy out of the Channel and North Sea ports.

Until May 1941, he spent two years as a flying tactics instructor at the Turkish Air Force College, and later joined H.Q. R.A.F. Middle East, for planning duties, and subsequently attended both the Adana and Washington conferences.

In 1946 he took the Imperial Defence College, and later joined the Defence Research Policy Committee.

From 1948 to 1950 he headed the United Kingdom Military Delegation to the Western Union Military Staff Committee. Air Marshal Kyle, born at Marham, Norfolk, in 1908, has been Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Technical Training Command, since September 1959.

Recent League Activity At Victoria Park

From Mr. Bert Jolliffe, energetic secretary of the Victoria Park sub-branch, comes the following commentary on recent R.S.I. activity in that sector.

"The advent of summer meant a week for six weeks—let's have your entry for the next course.

"Once again we must congratulate the women's Auxiliary on a most successful gathering. This annual event took place on Sunday, October 15, when the ladies entertained, to tea—and later to dancing and other items—a total of just on 70 guests from Sunset Lemnos and Edward Millen Homes. Many thanks to Mrs. Jack Dinnis for a job well done.

"We have four members attending the current Civil Defence course at Anzac House. They are finding it a most absorbing and compellng subject and recommend it to everyone. If you can find the time one

Joint Reunion At Kenwick

Mrs. Weller of the Kenwick R.S.I. auxiliary tells us that the recent joint reunion of the Kenwick and Maddington sub-branches in the Kenwick R.S.I. Hall was a splendid success.

Miss Stevens aby emped to the show and as usual, the guests provided a supper, which was a feature of the evening. Mrs. Boyle and Mr. Link were responsible for the musical entertainment, which was to Mr. Link's usual high standard.

Among the guests were the Shire councillors, Shire staff, Peter Keenan and Jack Compton. R.S.I. stalwart Ernie Hayward was also present, as was Mr. O'Callaghan who had travelled from Yarloop for the occasion.

Kenwick sub-branch president Rayner gave a brief outline of the evening's proceedings, and expressed his pleasure and appreciation for the co-operation he had received from the members, and particularly the women's auxiliary.

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Three More Candidates for Crowning Glory Honours

Last month we published pictures of eight of the entrants in this year’s Miss Crowning Glory competition. Photographs have been received from three more of the entrants and are reproduced here. In each caption the sponsoring body is shown in parentheses.

Judging this year will take place in the Anzac House ballroom on the afternoon of Saturday, November 18. The crowning ceremony and concert will also be held there the following evening.

NOTE: Miss Mimi Da, whose picture appeared last month, is being sponsored by Torchbearers for Legacy—not by Boans Sporting and Social Club, as then stated.

Home Veteran Visits His Benefactors

Guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Bridgetown sub-branch recently was Mr. Jack Krauth, occupant of the Bridgetown Room at the R.S.L. Veterans’ Home.

Sub-branch members who had visited the home and spoken to Jack thought he would be a good idea if he could visit the sub-branch when members of the State Executive came to Bridge- town to attend the annual dinner.

The sub-branch issued the invitation through the executive, which did the rest. About 20 members attended the dinner—not such a good turn-out as had been expected.

Visitors included executive members Dick Marris, Syd MacNamara and Ted Monk, Ron Jonson from Frankwood, and W. Park from Donnybrook.

Mr. Marris, a League vice-president, spoke of the W.A. Veterans’ Home and its needs and costs.

The home had cost just under £200,000, and was the best home for veterans in the Commonwealth, he said. This was no mean effort on the part of the State branch when its finances were compared with those of other States.

The men’s section was already full and had a waiting list. This was a challenge to all members to work for an expansion of the home, to which consideration was being given already.

Mr. Krauth thanked the sub-branch for its invitation and for the很好 mat he had provided for his room on his birthday.

Chocolate-wheel Possibilities

A chocolate-wheel at the Pinellly show this year raised 285/ for the local R.S.L. sub-branch.

This was reported to the State Executive by Mr. R. Messenger, vice-president for the Great Southern region.

“That was easy money,” said Mr. Messenger. He suggested that the League should give thought to exploiting the possibilities of the pursuit.

At Coorong additions to the hall and its repainting have been completed at a total cost of £1,000—all paid for and a programme for beautifying the surroundings has been commenced. The progress of this sub-branch owes much to the women’s auxiliary.

Mundaring Move To Aid The Veterans’ Home

The Mundaring sub-branch is to hold a social event every three months to raise money for the R.S.L. Veterans’ Home.

This was decided at the October meeting, at which Mr. Steel Bishop represented the State Executive.

Members wishing to assist the cause are asked to notify the secretary.

Tentative arrangements were made for the annual reunion dinner and the Mundaring Hall has been booked for Saturday, January 20. The charge for double ticket was fixed at 25/ and for single tickets at 15/.

Cash or food donations will be very welcome and may be made to the secretary Mrs. W. Goode in the ladies’ committee secretary, Mrs. Allen Trew.

Members are urged to make their bookings well in advance to facilitate catering arrangements.

Arrangements were made for the distribution of poppies on Nov. 10th.

Youth Work

The State Executive has agreed to the formation of a R.S.L. Junior Debating Society.

Seeking approval of the proposal, General Purposes Committee-chairman J. Sie- rie said at the November meeting that five youth organisations had been represent- ed at a meeting called to consider the matter and were all keen to proceed.

Mr. Sierris said it was intended to hold the debates at the Christian Brothers’ College premises, and that a tentative programme of subjects had been agreed on.

He said the committee was also considering the establishment of a youth centre at Point Peron.
Origin, aims and achievement of the
LEAGUE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PART 1 — Third Installment

By J. R. Duncan

MEDI A OF PUBLICITY

At the time of its formation the Returned
Scripcemen's Association received favourable
Press publicity, but before long this was no longer
the case and on a number of occasions it became
necessary to insert paid advertisements in the
local newspapers so that its views could be ex-
pressed.

At the meeting held on
17th April, 1917, a proposal was
made by Mr. Lee and Coghlan that they were to prepare
a weekly paper to go by the name of The
R.S.L. After that the period the profits to be
shared at the 20th, August, which will be drawn up.

This was accepted and an
agreement was made. On 5th June, 1917, Mr.
Priestley and the secretary were given
authority to sign the agreement on behalf of
the Association.

First Voice

Thus came into being The Australian, which was
published first on 20th August, 1917, and continued
for a number of years. A number of branches
met regularly and in their meetings expressed their
views to the Editor and gave him their support.

The Australian was circulated to the whole of the
member's of the R.S.L. in Western Australia. But,
unfortunately, this has not always been the case.

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51,000 Children Of Soldiers Helped

Forty-four thousand training-courses under Education Scheme since its inception in 1921.

Another stage in the progress of the Wooroloo sub-branch was reached on October 7 with the official opening by the State President of the new memorial hall.

Mr. Lonnie was accompanied by Mrs. Lonnie and State Vice-President E. C. Townshend.

Mr. Harvey introduced the State President, who gave a short talk on the history of the sub-branch and declaring the building open invited those present to enter and enjoy the refreshments set out.

Representatives from neighbouring sub-branches and local shire councillor John Alexander, a Childwoen sub-branch stalwart, were among those present.

Mr. Townshend ably voiced his sentiments on members and the Wooroloo Home.

Mr. Harvey spoke on the history of the hall and gave a special welcome to the World War I veterans, paid him the Veterans' Home.

He said the veterans were mainly responsible for the ultimate erection of the hall, having purchased the land and started the building fund in the latter years.

Mr. Lonnie said he had not brought his spouse along just for fun, whereupon Mrs. Lonnie delivered an interesting talk on the Veterans' Home and thanked the Wooroloo ladies for afternoon tea.

UNIT ASSOCIATION NOTES

16th Battalion

The attendance at this year's annual reunion was excellent and the financial members the lowest ever sustained.

Messrs. W. Cornelius and D. Daniel were the visitors for the occasion. Many apologies were received.

The auxiliary conducted a sing-a-long at Wesley Church, Perth, this month. On November 29 its members met at Kings Park for afternoon tea.

Messages of thanks have been received from the families of the late General Brand and of the late Mr. R. Anderson in respect of condolences conveyed to them on behalf of the association.

The association was represented at a wreath-laying ceremony at the W.A. War Memorial and also at the dedication ceremony at the W.A. War Memorial.


Medical Units

An Army Medical Units Association ladies' night and Christmas wind-up combined to be held in the basement of Anzac House on Friday, December 1, at 8 p.m. There will be dancing, novelties and games, so bring along your wife or girl-friend and have an enjoyable evening with the Medical Association committee. Admission 7/- for men and ladies are asked to bring a plate.

R.S.V.P. to Secretary Auston 99, Westclare, Carlisle, by November 24.

The association is open to any ex-member of a field ambulance, C.C.S., A.G.H., or medical unit, or any other medical officer, chemist, stretcher-bearer, etc. The annual subscription is 5/-.

Darlington

A dispatch from the Darlington sub-branch tells of several enterprises to raise funds for the Veterans' Home.

In this it is not alone, having agreed with the other four Hills sub-branches to raise a set amount for this purpose.

At a sub-branch social evening recently members R. A. Wills and S. M. Williams were presented with Certificates of Merit by State Vice-President E. C. Townshend.

On the same occasion an attachment to a plaque was unveiled by Mr. A. R. Buxton in honour of the World War II and the Korean and Malayan campaigns.

BE PREPARED: This might well be the motto of those pictured here—students at the League's second series of weekly lectures at Anzac House on Civil Defence. The course under the direction of a Defence Committee of H. H. Austin, R. B. McFarlane, State Vice-President—have created a keen interest in the subject.

Persons wishing to enrol for the next course of lectures should notify Anzac House staff officer T. Marshall now.

R.S.I. Women's Auxiliary members should note that there is to be a special one-day course of lectures for them in the Anzac House basement on December 28th.

The lectures are to commence at 9 a.m. and finish at 4 p.m. Members are being asked to take a basket-lunch.
Gaza Battle Relic
For Lighthorsemen

Former World War I lighthorseman J. Allen Locke made a trip from his Pithara farm recently to present a relic of that war to the 10th Light Horse Regiment's museum at Karrakatta. The relic, which was received on behalf of the regiment by the Commanding Officer, Lieut-Col. Tom Edmondson, was a horsemouth-bit, fashioned by hammer and forge 44 years ago following the Gaza battle from one of the four tanks which took part in that bitter struggle.

At the second Gaza battle Britain sent out four tanks for the British Expeditionary Force to use against the Turks. The Light Horse regiments of the day were mounted on horses, and these tanks were the only mechanical striking force which took part.

Comprising Australians, Indians, British, British West Indians, Bengal Lancers, and South Africans, it was the largest mounted force, according to Mr. Locke, to take the field in the 1914-18 war.

They were followed up by the Camel Corps. Following the bitter but fruitless onslaught against the Turks only one tank remained untarnished. Mr. Locke took shrapnel in his left shoulder and was taken from the scene of battle.

He spent eight agonising hours on the back of a camel until he was transferred to a hospital for treatment. "The four tanks," said Mr. Locke, "had ceased to exist for HMILS (His Majesty's Land Ships) and were manned by nature, in fact the forerunner of today's tank corps."

"It certainly was a grim battle," he added: "we were surrounded by smoke, dust, and bursting shells and our speed was restricted at five miles per hour."

After rejoining his regiment Mr. Locke found one of the four tanks still on a hill after the desperate action.

He took a piece of this tank to the farrier in his unit who, using only a forge, fashioned it into the perfect bit for Mr. Locke's horse.

Thus 44 years passed until Mr. Locke motored down from his farm and presented this first world war link to the historic West Australian 10th Light Horse Regiment.

FOOTNOTE: During the evening at 10th Light Horse Hotel, Perth, Mr. Locke watched the CMF-lads go through their paces and have the following opinion: "It's good to see them so keen. I am most impressed and I am sure that the 10th Light Horse Association is happy knowing we are doing so capably carried

League History (continued from Page 8)

risen to £450 and Congress instructed the formation of an Executive Management Committee expanded by the co-opting of members of the West Australian Executive. The Executive agreed that a journal was necessary to any organisation such as the R.S.L. and therefore continued the letting of a further contract, but decided that the definite instructions be given to a number of questions should be decided by the Congress.

At the 34th Annual State Congress, 14 motions dealing with "The Listening Post" were submitted, a number of these advocating the discontinuance of the printing in the form then being used, and others, the ability of the business to be continued. The delegates however decided, that if it did warrant publication, despite the estimated loss, so this was carried into effect by the committee.

Rising costs again faced the committee with many problems and it was finally decided by the Executive of the Society to print the Journal, and for the first time, it was the forerunner of today's association, a new daily newspaper and this was introduced early in 1951.

Increases, again, in the cost of newspaper from £70 to £196 per ton resulted in lengthy negotiations with the printers and changes in the printing, which again, cost the society a great amount. Finally, a "Listening Post" was printed in March, 1959, and was in the hands of the R.S.L. News Ltd., and nothing was printed for April and May of that year except for a page in "The Western Mail" which gave weekly summaries of activities.

A decision of State Congress to continue printing was made, and the project resulted in the acceptance of a tender submitted by West Australian Newspapers, and this has continued to the present day.

During those years of difficulty, tribute was annually paid to those journalists from the staff of "The Daily News" and "The West Australian" who gave much-needed assistance and advice.

With the severance of control with the Imperial Printing Co., and after arrangements with the West Australian Newspapers, the printing had been completed, the handling of the advertising was taken over by a member of the Anzac House staff, and the continued problem of "The Listening Post" being a heavy burden of the League, it is still considered that it provides the best means of keeping the members in touch with the activities of their organisation.

Another source of public interest information can be given to the League by means of radio broadcasts. This section of League work began in 1950 when the League was offered, and accepted, broad-casting time on WGF, the national station, and by the Whitford network work stations 5AM-6PM.

During the war the national station discontinued the policy of giving a specific time to the broadcasting of R.S.L. news, but has continued to the present day to give favourable consideration to the broadcasting of items of R.S.L. interest as general news items.

On 22nd April, 1953, "The R.S.L. Hour" was introduced and Stations 6KY-6NA began making direct broadcasts on League affairs. Country stations 6GE, 6VA and 6KG followed suit with regular time available. All of these have been most gratefully accepted and the result has been that the R.S.L. public, have had the opportunity of hearing the League, and this has been a valuable supplement to the publications given to League affairs by "The Listening Post."
VETERANS' HOME VIEWPOINT

Plot Of Remembrance Unveiled At Home

A ceremony unique to Western Australia took place at the R.S.L. Veterans' Home, Alexander-drive, Mt. Lawley on Remembrance Day (November 11) when the Rt. Rev. C. L. Riley dedicated the new Plot of Remembrance at a service held at the

At the conclusion of the ceremony service organisation, relations and friends paid tribute to loved ones who did not return by placing wooden crosses—bearing the name of the deceased—in the plot.

This forms part of the rose garden at the home and is situated immediately in front of the Fountain of Remembrance. Many members of the public were present. The tokens were on sale at the home for 2/ each.

It is intended to conduct the cross-placing ceremony each Remembrance Day. Eventually, after each ceremony, the crosses will be reverently removed and burnt and the ashes distributed throughout the grounds of the home.

During the afternoon of Remembrance Day this year, Mr. A. C. David, a representative of the Royal Australian Regimental Band played in the grounds of the home.

The League is indebted to Mr. J. A. C. Davidson, the club's junior vice-president of the Air Force Association, for his gift of 300 small wooden crosses.

SOCIAL OCCASION

Residents at the home were entertained at afternoon tea in their own quarters on Monday, October 11 by the South African and Imperial Veterans Association.

The residents were delighted to meet many of their old friends over a cup of tea, and many rosettes were collected, especially by the men of the Guard.

A highlight of the occasion was the presentation by the association of two garden seats which, after appropriate speeches by Mr. Townshend, chairman of the home's board of management, and secretary A. C. Glass, were received on behalf of the home by Mr. E. Smith (Coles' Wing) and Mr. M. M. H. C. Hole (Tennis Wing). Following afternoon tea the guests and residents repaired to the spacious lounge-room at the home where an entertainment was held and many past events recalled.

BAND VISIT

The years of war service to residents 9 as they listened to items such as excerpts from Noel Coward's "Cavalcade" played by the members of the City of Perth Band under the baton of

GABA TEPE MUSTER IS PLANNED

There is a movement to muster in Perth on January 22, 1965, men of Australia's First Division, who were present at the initial attack on Gaba Tepe (Anzac) on April 25, 1915—for ten days' reunion and conference.

Taking the name "Operation Gaba Tepe" the movement includes the members of the A.A.M. Corps from the hospital ships and the A.C. Hospitals in Egypt on that day. Representation from New Zealand is already assured.

The programme will include an "Anzac Dinner," when the original men will be hosts to the first men who reinforced that action, the light-horsemen, who came in early May, and to some notable guests who took part in the Gallipoli campaign.

A men-of-Anzac march will be held and a civic reception is anticipated. Operation Gaba Tepe is to involve an air-lift, and to facilitate this its organisers would appreciate an early acceptance from all interested men.

The organisers say they are endeavouring to arrange far fairs and accommodation costs, but that "relations or friends accompanying personnel will of course be at their own expense.

Further information may be obtained from E. E. M. Payne, Hon. Secretary, "Operation Gaba Tepe," Box 61, P.O. Balgowlah, Sydney, N.S.W.
Activity At Bellevue

The Bellevue sub-branch wishes to remind its members that as from now until the December meeting nominations for office-bearers are being called.

The sub-branch is campaigning actively for its Miss Crowning Glory contest candidate, Miss Lyndette Jones.

Assisted by her parents, Miss Jones held a garden evening and barbecue at the Gurney home, and although the roll-up was disappointing a profit of about £20 was made.

The condition of the bowling green is improving rapidly thanks to Mr. Shaw, and with the acceptance of a tender for lighting, Bellevue bowling enthusiasts can be assured of some very pleasant evenings this summer.

The club's annual dinner will be held in the Bellevue Mechanics Institute Hall on November 17. It is expected that all members of the club will make a bumper night. The women's auxiliary will be catering for the occasion.

A start has been made for the season with the club's social and dancing evenings. Sub-branch fees are due, and new members are wanted.

MONTH'S COMMENT

(from G.A.S.)

- A few weeks ago I asked for donations of dahlias for the upcoming Veteran's Day Home. Up-to-date there has been a very poor response. What about a tube of or two? Any gift of tubers will be welcome.

- All sub-branches interested in doing a day's gardening at the home on a roster basis as the Mt. Lawley sub-branch suggests should contact Assistant State Secretary George Masters at the War Veteran's Home. You will enjoy yourself. It's a lovely Spot in the metropolitan area.

- It was my honour and pleasure to represent the State Executive recently at the Kenwick sub-branch meeting. This sub-branch could well be an example to so many others. With a membership of 46 it undertakes and assists which some larger sub-branches would consider beyond them. To cap a fine year's work I was presented with a donation of $25 for the War Veteran's Home. This represents a $5 per head donation which the sub-branch undertook to find. Thanks, Kenwick!

- The Dutch Repotory Club has offered to represent the play "Tons of Money" for the sub-branch with a suitable hall. The expenses would be about $15. Sub-branches interested in the offer may obtain further information from Anzac House.

- The Veterans' Home received a generous donation of ten lambs from J. Stacey and Sons of J. The W.A. Meat Exporters are pleased to agree to handling the carcasses and Elders Smith and Company were also most cooperative in the transaction.

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Country Visit Opens-up New Vista in Sub-branch Relationships

A weekend spent by Belmont members as guests of the Three Springs-Aringo sub-branch last month has been voted one of the happiest occasions in their sub-branch history.

It has broken new ground in the field of relationships between country and city sub-branches and may well lead to other invitations of the kind in one direction or the other.

Twelve Belmont members, headed by the Harrisons, arrived at Three Springs at 6.30 p.m. and were met by the "baby" of the sub-branch, Alby Knapp, who quickly put the party at ease, and arranged a meal.

Soon Three Springs president Jack Thorpe, secretary John Jones, and auxiliary members were on the scene, and before long practically the entire visiting party had met up with an old service mate.

At 9 p.m. the visitors were whisked out to Jack Thorpe's farm, some miles out of town, to be confronted by two roaring-fires, a pile of strawberries "big enough to feed a regiment" and a large gathering of R.S.L. members and their wives and members of the women's auxiliary.

_Government Vice-President Merv Williams had come from Coorow to represent the State Executive.

It was 2.30 a.m. when the gathering finally broke up.

At 9 a.m. all members of the party reported for full inspection of the Hollis property, which is typical of the farms in the group, prime cattle and sheep being the quality of recently-established pastures.

The visitors sample evidence that the wise planning that has gone into this settlement will be enabled by the industry and optimism of the soldier-farmers concerned.

After an evening rendezvous in Three Springs with the local sub-branch the visitors set out on their return trip amid a ringing send-off.

Back on their home ground they are still thinking, in tenor of remarks by Jack Thorpe, John Cousins, Alby Knapp, Mick Miller, Ron Howarth, Ed Burnett, Reg Howard, Bill Charlton, Charlie Fulcher, president Leon Petill, and also of Mrs. Fogarty, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. Cousins, Mrs. Brown, and other ladies and R.S.L. members.

All's Well in The South

References at the October executive meeting to a recent visit to sub-branches in the far south of State President and other members of the executive included the following:

Shannon River: Promising signs.

Quinninup: With 16 members - every eligible man in the district - this little sub-branch is well on the ball. Among its activities is the conduct of a Christmas tree for the local children each year.

Mt. Barker: The sub-branch has participated in a community project with the local authority and will be opening its new hall soon. The sub-branch's activities these days is a stock-fattening project.

BUSSELTON DINNER: The Busselton sub-branch will be holding its annual dinner on Saturday, February 3, commencing at 8.30 p.m. with Mr. A. Crispin at the piano everyone got a prize.

The secretary, Mrs. S. Smith, reported a profit of £20 and said that flag bridge would be on again in the end of the present and bowling season.

The annual cabaret for 1961 will be held on November 24 in the Maylands Memorial Hall. This will be a gala occasion with floor shows and other attractions.

Life-Membership Award for Dunsborough Man

Mr. W. Baillie, who has retained his membership of the League for 42 years, was presented with a life-membership badge at a Dunsborough-Yallingup sub-branch function last month.

The function was held at Caves House Yallingup, and was attended by a large number of sub-branch members and their families and representatives of the Busselton, Capel, Rosa Glen, Bunbury and Cowaramup sub-branches.

When pinning the badge on Mr. Baillie's coat R.S.L. Country Vice-President E. R. Eaves, president of the League and of the sub-branch said "The League's life-membership award is known and world. The honour is not bestowed lightly. Those who have given unbroken and meritorious service to the League and to the League are well qualified in both respects."

Host sub-branch president Mr. F. H. Baillie, on being one of the few people in Australia to be presented with the life-membership badge, said Mr. Baillie enlisted with the Anzacs at the age of 22 and had been a member of the R.S.L. on his return from overseas service in 1919.

Since that time he had been a member of the Adelaide, Northam, Southern Cross and Dunsborough Yallingup sub-branches.

Anzac Legion Loses its Leader

The W.A. section of the Gallipoli Legion of Anzac has suffered a severe loss by the death early last month of its president, Mr. G. D. Shaw, at 71 Lennister-street, Belmont (6 5342).

Activities At Maylands

The 1961 flag-bridge afternoons conducted by the Maylands R.S.L. auxiliary resulted recently on a festive note with patrons enjoying special refreshments provided by the ladies' committee.

Mrs. A. Farnham thanked the ladies and retired men for their attendance during the year, and also the donors of prizes and the ladies' committee for their constant support.

At a musical promenade with Mrs. C. Crispin at the piano everyone got a prize.

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Did You Know...? (asks C. R. Collins)

- THE LATE Major-General G. H. Brand, whose death was reported in the October "Listening Post," started his working life as a teacher and spent 17 years in the service of the Higher School and Technical Education Department before transferring to what was then the Australian Department of Permanent Forces. Other ex-teachers who attained commissioned ranks in the Australian Regular Army were Field Marshal Sir Thomas Blamey, and the Major-General Sir C. H. Jess who was District Commander in Western Australia at the time of the centenary celebrations, and in Victoria at the time of Melbourne's centenary. He played a big part in the arrangements for both.

- THE TEACHING profession did more than any other, with the exception of military staff instructors many of whom were teachers before they became soldiers, towards building the first A.I.F. Even before the War was officially adopted, State and other schools throughout Australia had training departments, staffed by teachers, and many teachers held commissions in the C.M.G. Naturally, many of these saw active service. In my own Battalion, between Messines and Passchendaele, eight of the officers (representing one training department) were teachers at the time of their enlistment. State-school teachers from this State who held commissioned rank in the first A.I.F. included: Major-General "Bob" Jackson who was C.B. Western Command early in World War, former Chief Inspector of Schools Ernest Coleman, former Inspector, Lieutenant Colonel Rockcliffe, the present Director of Secondary Education Frank Bradshaw, and two former R.S.L. State Presidents, Tom Edmondson and Tom Stenn. In addition, there were the late Roy Potts, former headmaster of Perth High School, and Tom Huck, who also held the post. In this connection, it is worth mentioning another ex-teacher, Fred Chaney, M.H.R., holder of the first returned man of World War II and the first adjutant of the League State President.

- ABOUT twelve months after the American Civil War, discharged members of the Northern forces formed an association which they called The Grand Army of the Republic. It was to be every respect—organisation; ideals and traditions similar to our own R.S.L. Units corresponding to sub-branches and State headquarters were called Posts and Departments. The equivalent State organisation was the Department of War. Congress were the Department of War. Congress were the Department. Convention and the National Encampment. A Sons of Veterans organisation was officially recognised in 1883. Possibly the grandest enthusiasm was shown in 1884 when Workmen's Homes were founded. Several veteran and State branches were called the Grand Army of the Republic. The annual commemoration took place on May 30, on which day these veteran men, war and war memorials, and war memorials in war cemeteries were decorated with floral tributes.

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- In 1916 a large crowd was present at the meeting of the ANZAC Club at the St. George's Hall, which was to be red. At the meeting, the scene was taken by a large crowd of members, with several hundred others present. At present the Parents and Citizens' Association is busy arranging the last meeting to be held. The last meeting was held at the Hall at 7.30 p.m., in the new hall.

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- The idea was put forward, that at a recent meeting of the sub-branch, and the secretary instructed the members, asking for their colour-patches or descrip- tion of their war service.

- He was taken quite by surprise some time later when a large package containing the plaque was delivered to him in the town.

- The design, artistically executed, had been cut out and assembled by the members. The plaque, which lives some distance from Marble Bar and can only be posted by member Sue, was delivered to the postman in the town.
Poppy Day Ball

An attendance of over 150 at the Wongan Hills Poppy Day Ball brought great satisfaction to sub-branch president John Fowler, secretary J. McGann and members.

Vice-president R. B. Marrs represented the State Executive and was accompanied by Mrs. Marrs.

The hall was beautifully decorated, the main feature being the liberal use of large poppies.

It is regretted that Mrs. Fowler was in hospital and was unable to attend.

Mrs. Mincherton and her band of helpers put on one of the finest spreads seen for many a long day, and the keynote of the evening was the triumph of the Veterans’ Home and the various fund-raising activities in support of the Wheat Scheme and the Miss Crown glory competition.

Mr. and Mrs. Marrs expressed their gratitude for the hospitality and courtesies extended to them.

This picture, sent to us by Mr. Gordon J. Murray of 11 Arthur-street, Double Bay, Sydney, was taken July or August of 1949 and shows four of the nurses then serving at the military hospital at Fremantle.

Mr. Murray says he was evacuated from the ship “Madras” with other 2nd Light Horse Brigade men in July, 1949, and was a patient at the hospital for several months.

He says it is important for him to make contact with one of the nurses—preferably the nurse at the right of the group who looks like ‘a military doctor’—as his military papers from the hospital are missing and the nurse concerned should be able to give all the information he requires.

Mr. Murray says: “Some of these nurses may remember…a bad heart-case that they placed alongside the dispensary—from memory a corrugated-iron affair—in between two wards.”

It’s A Very Different Army-life Nowadays

Major Les Franklin, M.C., a leading member of the army team of lecturers, has expressed the opinion that a recent extensive tour of country centres in Western Australia was well worthwhile.

In a period of eight weeks he addressed 29 schools and service organisations in this State and the opportunities and country travel available in the Regular Army under the pentrope set-up.

“Everywhere I went,” said Major Franklin, “the people showed their appreciation of the manner in which the army has gone out of its way to keep the taxpayer informed on the value obtained from the defence vote.”

Keen interest had been shown, specially by professional men and women, at the scope and availability of technical and professional training offered in the army today. Major Franklin said that quite a few of the people he met still thought of the army as it existed under wartime conditions 20 years ago.

“They were amazed at the emphasis the army now have taken place since the war and were quick to realise that the opportunities open for their children were comparable with technical diploma and university courses, with the added advantage that they can enter the service and be part of the family,” said the major. Major Franklin was very impressed with the hospitality extended to him at the country centres he visited and how “the reception was excellent,” he told newsmen, “with the local people doing all they could to make my stay a pleasant one.”

At a number of the centres he found that great interest was shown by girls as the army life led by army nurses and members of the Women’s Royal Australian Army Corps both in the Regular Army and the C.M.F., he revealed. “Believe me, it was very gratifying to find such keen interest shown throughout my tour and I am sorry that this is to be my last journey through the country areas of W.A. in this capacity.”

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