Beloved Padre Honoured At Anzac House

A famous visitor to Anzac House last month was the Rev. P. T. B. Clayton, C.H., M.C., D.D., who was guest-of-honour at a gathering representative of a wide cross-section of the community.

Founder-padre of the Toc H movement, "Tubby" Clayton was nearing the end of a fortnight's stay in this State.

During that time he visited Toc H branches at Albany, Geraldton, Medina, Manning, Kalwamunda and Applecross, renewing many old personal friendships wherever he went.

At the Air Force Commemoration Service of Thanksgiving in St. George's Cathedral on September 15 he gave the address.

In a word of welcome to him on behalf of the League the State President said that of all the eminent people who had been entertained by the League none could be more beloved or respected by ex-servicemen.

At the age of 78 and in his retirement Padre Clayton is undertaking a world tour taking in the Eastern States of Australia and Canada, and is due back in London about next May.

"Though brought up from an early age in England, Philip Thomas Byard Clayton was born in 1885 near Baryborough, Queensland, where his father was engaged in the pastoral industry."

Early in the Great War he went as chaplain to the general hospital at Le Trepont, and later to the Ypres salient. During 1915, at Poperinge, he gained the use of a "tall white house" as a retreat for troops returning from the trenches.

This was named Talbot House, in memory of his young friend Gilbert Talbot who had died on active service.

Here, in homely surroundings, companionship, books, flowers, nice furnishings and quiet—tired troops had a chance to recuperate.

The Padre used to administer the sacraments in an upper room.

Soldiers of all ranks mingled freely at Talbot House. The name Toc H, of course, sprang from the army rendering of the initials T.H.

It was at Talbot House that the first Toc H Lamp was lit—on December 11, 1915.

When the war ended, the spirit enshrined in the "Toc H" movement, with its simple ritual, lived on.

"Before long Talbot House, London—on Trinity Square in the shadow of Tower House—was named and is still the headquarters of the movement."

Across the square stands All Hallows, the Toc H Guild Church, which sustained considerable damage in the World War.

From its inception Toc H has frowned on social barriers. In the words of its founder it is "a movement to teach the younger generation class reconciliation and unselfish service."

ABOVE: Padre Clayton is seen in reflective mood during a conversation with Mr Harry Holder (president of the City of Perth sub-branch and a member of the State Executive).

BELOW: Among the Church dignitaries present were the Anglican Archbishop of Perth, the Most Rev. George Appleton (left) and the Rev. Father G. P. O'Callaghan. With them here is executive member Jack Serisier.

1964 Slogan Contest

Members are invited to submit entries for the League's 1964 Slogan Competition.

The competition, which closes on November 30, carries a £5 prize for the submission judged the best.

Entries should be addressed to the R.S.L. State Secretary, Anzac House, Perth, and the envelope endorsed "Slogan."
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A Dedicated Man
(To the Editor)

Sir,—A dedicated man has been among us: a simple
man who has brought light and
hope into the hearts of those
around him.

To the old soldier who fought in the Ypres salient
in the Great War, he sent a simple
message, saying, "Everyman's Club" (the
sign still hangs above the
entrance) where he
lived for months before the opening
of the initial's TH. became
Toc H, the humanitarian
organisation that perpetuates
the spirit of fellowship
generous in the atmosphere of war.

Situated on a narrow cobble
street which rang to
thousands of marching feet, Poperinge was a haven for
many war-weary British
soldiers. In the streets, one could hear voices singing,
"Oh, the Toc of Toc H..."

Field Marshal the Earl of
Cavan once said that the opening of Toc H House
had been one of the best
examples of helpfulness, for
which many thousands had
been intensely grateful.

Welcome had met them at
the door; happiness lived
within, and the peace that
passed all understanding
could be found, by those
who sought it, in the upper
chamber.

The carpenter's bench
which served as an altar in
those early days is there. From it the Bread
and Wine was often dispensed
to men prepared to die or
just delivered from the
hell a few miles away, and
in the secluded garden at
the rear an occasional German
shell would be heard
wringing its way to death or
destruction.

The old piano, on which
every player who could make a
fune, would attract a singing
audience at any time,
and a sign above Tubby's
doors read: "Abandon Rank
all ye who Enter Here.

Still to be seen are drawings
around the walls of an
empty room—funny and tragic.
Some of the notices are still
there, such as: "If you want
to sleep on the floor at home, split
here."

The casualty clearing
stations saw him; the front
line soldiers saw him; and
now we bow the Red Cross,
founder-padrone of Toc H.

JOE SAUNDERS
19 Floyd-street,
Trigg Island.

Legacy Lays Stress On
Children's Education

An article in last month's issue told of the work
of Legacy among the dependants of deceased ex-
servicemen. Here are some further points on
the activities of that organisation.

Legacy's emphasis is on
guidance, advice and aid to
the children.

From an educational point
of view Legacy believes that its children should
receive the maximum in training
that they are capable of absorbing.

By these means the problems
of employment at a later date should lessen
- better-trained children are more easily
employed.

Widows are encouraged to
keep their children at school
and some up to the grade at which
they are qualified.

Grants for books and
uniforms are made available.

'We were urged to instil ambition in our
children: to have them
proud of their
ancestors, and to
not lose sight of
the tradition.

To this end, vocational
and guidance tests are made
and extra coaching is
provided where necessary.

All Legatee's contribute
to the cost of *Gillibrand
Scholarships, provided in
honour of Sir John Gillibrand,
to enable children who have
graduated from an Australian university to
spend a period of two years in
research, investigation or
another study in the
United Kingdom.

This scholarship was
awarded to the order of Perth
Life in 1955.

Legacy children have
become lawyers, doctors, en-
gineers, architects and
accountants, and are
represented
in all trades and walks
of life.

Legacy is proud of its
children.
Crowning Glory
Judging Soon

It is expected that at the final concert and crowning ceremony in this year's Miss Crowned Glory competition about 30 candidates will be on stage anxiously awaiting the results of the judges' deliberations.

The ceremony will be held in the Anzac House ballroom on the night of Saturday, October 26. Judging is to take place at Anzac House at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 25, and it is expected that a final decision will be made by the judges at a preview of candidates prior to the rehearsal for the crowning ceremony the following afternoon at 2 p.m.

At the time of going to press, 25 candidates had actually submitted their nominations, and together with others, who have been notified, are expected to be sought support and by invitation have confirmed that they will be present. Amongst those currently confirmed are: HOFFMAN, Joan (Boons, Perth), TOLK, Kali (Thos., Hay), and Co., Bunbury) WILSON, Shirley (R.S. L Club, West Perth), STEVENS, Jennifer (Boons, M.Translate), BOSWELL, John (Toodyay R.S.L.), TOWNSEND, Genevieve (F.M.G. R.S.L.), and BAILLY, Margaret (Melville R.S.L.).

The candidates to date, with the organisation in each instance shown in parentheses, are:

- HOFFMAN, Joan (Boons, Perth)
- TOLK, Kali (Thos., Hay), and Co., Bunbury)
- WILSON, Shirley (R.S. L Club, West Perth)
- STEVENS, Jennifer (Boons, M.Translate)
- BOSWELL, John (Toodyay R.S.L.)
- TOWNSEND, Genevieve (F.M.G. R.S.L.)
- BAILLY, Margaret (Melville R.S.L.)
- FORSYTH, Esther (R.S. L Women's Aux.), MADDISON, Edith (Waroona - R.S.L.), and BRADBURY, John (R.S.L. Club, West Perth)
- GODMAN, Elizabeth (Cannington R.S.L.), and WHEELER, Ann (R.S.L. War Veterans Home)
- HALL, Leslie (Central Div. R.S. L. Women's Aux.), NAGAR, Queen (Western Districts R.S.L. Women's Aux.), and LINDSAY, Mary (R.S.L. Women's Aux.)
- LOCHING, Cheryl (Torchbearers for Legacy), and GOODWIN, Sheila (Torchbearers for Legacy)
- SHAW, Connie (Anzac Club)
- GRAHAM, Mrs. F. (Free intimate Social Club), JENNINGS, Elsie (Bassendean R.S.L.), and MUIR, Margaret (Manjimup R.S. L)
- MILLIS, Laurel (Bellevue R.S.L.), and COLLINS, June (Boons, Moana)
- KARR, Eliza (Albany R.S.L. and Torchbearers)
- TEASDALE, Judy (Busselton R.S.L. Women's Aux.), and MALTA, Elizabeth (Freemantle Torchbearers and R.S.L.)

This procedure is covered in the War Presidents and other pamphlets, copies of which have been distributed to State branch officers of the W.A. R.S.L.

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Goesg-on At Geraldton

Here, in brief, are some highlights from the 1928 Geraldton R.S.L. meeting in September.

- A past-president of the sub-branch, Dr Beaumont, who is now secretary of Legacy, gave an enlightening talk on his organisation.
- Mr W. Heath, on behalf of the women's auxiliary, thanked the sub-branch for his good work at the baby show held during the Sunshine Festival.
- A note of thanks was passed to all members who helped with the various events held by the R.S.L. during the festival, including the competitions for parade marshal Jim McCarr and Mr John Spindlove.
- The Birdwood House Voices, performed by Mr and Mrs Neece, was welcomed back from hospital.
- Auxiliary Asplinth was thanked for mowing the lawns during Mr McNeice's absence.

- It was decided to hold the Christmas-tree party on December 14. Mr Clive Beardsley and Mr Beaumont, former presidents of the R.S.L. Geraldton, will again be invited to show the tree.
- Assistant-secretary Bob Duncan has been kept busy as chairman of Mr Hal Jones's committee.

£156 Made At Festival

As a result of its activities during the festival, the Geraldton sub-branch realised a profit of £156. Twenty-five per cent of this (£39) was given to the festival committees, while the remaining £117 retained for the general and building account of the sub-branch.

The sub-branch conducted the festival's main attractions, which followed a grandiose style, including the recreation ground. Its director, Mr R. Leake, gave an indication of the branch's future policies of defence—-or lack thereof—when the medallists were commended by the judges.

Medal Handled In At Anzac House

A 1939-45 medal inscribed WXX815, H. F. Weston, has been presented to Anzac House by L Smith Ltd. for the return to its rightful owner. The medal should be directed to Assistant State Secretary G. Sherrington.
Mt. Hawthorn Win Shield, Swanbourne In Finals

The honours in this year's competition for the Archbishop Riley Memorial Games Shield went to Mt. Hawthorn, with City of Perth runners-up.

Mt. Hawthorn last won the shield in 1955, though they have been in the running for it on several occasions since then.

One of the most memorable performances this year was that of Swanbourne, who reached the final four for the first time.

This effort was all the more meritorious for having been driven hard by the preceeding two seasons without recording a single win.

The outcome shows what can be done with a little bit of hard work and a sincere band of enthusiasts behind them. Although they didn't win the shield they look like being a force to be reckoned with next year.

PHILIPHOFF TROPHY

This year's Philipoff Trophy for the champion rifle shot saw 20 members from each club firing sub-Sandusky rifles down to a point of steady shooting and 12 of them managed to get through to the second round with a possible.

There were only two less after that round but that was all. The pressure was really on and in the fourth round there were three left to battle it out—Jack Lister of Nollamara, Ron Miller of Wembley/W. Leederville and George Bayliss of Nollamara.

It was only after three further nerve-breaking rounds that eventually Jack Lister was the only one left to win. It was a great show of consistency and he deserves the fullest congratulations on such a wonderful effort.

The plate trophy, run in conjunction with the main event, saw another marathon effort when Alan Bowden of Swanbourne and Stan Griffiths of Nollamara shot well for the whole round and the former gained a “points” decision.

Geraldton Man Follows Civil Defence

Geraldton sub-branch member John Walton attended a one-week course at the Civil Defence school at Mt. Macedon (near Melbourne) late last month.

Mr. Walton, a solicitor, had previously attended a civil defence school at Geraldton after having been chosen as the R.S.L. representative on the Geraldton committee of the State Emergency Service.

The R.S.L. has accepted the responsibility of any of the manpower side of the emergency service, which means that Mr. Walton is in charge of that particular section.

The course which Mr. Walton attended at Mt. Macedon was called a warden’s service course.—S.J.B.

Most enjoyable Saturdays can be spent at

Perth's Ascot Racecourse

Opening Day October 19—and every Saturday.
VISITING EX-SERVICEMEN IN NORTHERN AREAS

By R.S.L. State Secretary Bill Webb

A recent tour of Northern sub-branches, under the auspices of the Repatriation Department proved an outstanding success if we exclude a rather disappointing experience at Carnarvon. Reference will be made to the one blemish in its correct sequence.

"By courtesy of the department I was invited to accompany the Assistant Deputy-Commissioner of Repatriation, and for this welcome gesture an appreciation. The third member of the tour was driver Bob Middleton who, because he was called upon to play a major role, must be included in this saga of travel in the Never-Never.

"On the evening of Saturday 1st, in a very resplendent Porsche car and kicked ourselves that we really were V.I.P.s. The fact that the car returned in a rather less salubrious state, was attributable to circumstances over which we had no control - quite simply not due to negligence on the part of the driver.

Warm Welcome

Our first port-of-call was Geraldton where we were welcomed by Mr. D. F. Wright, Acting Secretary, State Executive member, and Arthur Milford, President.

We found this enthusiastic reception in good heart and were encouraged by an excellent attendance at the first meeting on the itinerary, President Bill Cummins being here and the Secretary then had to hand over to Jack and myself.

Annuities and items of General League interest were presented and a masterly question answered, and the meeting concluded by the showing of films which were carried with us.

A very pleasant finale to the first day was due to the kindness of Bob and Mora Duncan who invited us to the home of our friends with them.

The next stop was Northampton at the Duncan's (acting secretary, State Executive member) and Arthur Milford. We were delighted indeed to meet a good number of our members led by President Magee and secretary Charles Tonkin.

The meeting was held in the very fine hall owned by the sub-branch and was a most enjoyable occasion, a happy occasion-and, we hope, informative-discussion ensued. Jack and I were a bit low on the tanks but we did manage to sample a couple before leaving.

The last stop was our first and only disappointment. Although accommodation had been arranged a friendly welcome was apparently considered a superfluity and were greeted with an insatiable hungry species of mozzies.

We were, however, compensated at Onslow where we were greeted by the very welcome and appreciative Miss Nan Mowbray, President, and Mrs. Neilham, wife of the sub-branch chairman.

I was agreeably surprised to find later in the evening to learn we were among the illustrious 2/32 Battalion (for those in ignorance). The War Veterans' Home film created quite an impression among members, some of whom had apparently never heard of the tour.

As at Geraldton, and in fact throughout the tour, the sub-branches were able to do their stuff by noting details of members

Baffled Town

One firm impression gained from this cyclone-battered town was the obvious desire of the residents to stay put. They are appalled at the thought of being moved.

Having reached this stage of our travels we had become acclimatised and Jack and I had been persuaded to discard his long wolfskin in favour of shorts.

When the dust had acquired an acceptable familiarity, and we were quite accustomed to the condition of dust-distilling fluid, I whilst it was amber in colour, being blow-dried, the dust in a most satisfactory manner.

Before there was time to get properly fed (there was some delay here due to Jack's reluctance to eat at all) we adjourned to a local roadhouse owned by Garth Carrick, the local secretary, who under pressure was prevailed upon to have a hoggin, and we sat there yawning until twelve.

Later on we were pleased to note that the pubs are now open on Sundays. A true clash of cultures.

By adjournment we participated in the recent-day-concerted and in the very popular silent film. We thoroughly enjoyed the film and the complimentary refreshments, and offer our congratulations to the Port Hedland folk not only for efficient organization but also clear evidence of an encouraging business.

Before leaving the town we adjourned to the Rock Bar to enjoy a cup of tea with Syd and Mrs. Keyser who, incidentally, have now taken residence at Hedland. We wish them well in their new venture and hope to see them again in the not too distant future.

No place on the itinerary could compare with the attractive visit to Marble Bar. Although the tour of the Marble Bar Hotel was rather frustrating to Mora, we adjourned to the Rock Bar, complete with cop!- Robson, the evening's main attraction as did Mr. Smith (almost certainly the highest-ranking sub-branch secretary in Australia) whom we joined.

A delightful afternoon tea was shared by Syd Halje (2/28th) who later took us to the magnificent pool, a veritable oasis in the wilderness.

Those who were prepared to concede an ignorance of the place name origins will be referred to earn, as we were, that the town derives its name from a marvellous type of quartz that surrounds the pool. (Dick Collins may care to include the information in the next edition of Did You Know.)

A very informal chit-chat took place over dinner at the Hotel after dinner, and what we lacked in numbers was up-kept by our compensating for it by an abundance of good fellowship.

A "Good Show"

The meeting here was attended by members of the women's auxiliaries and was a really good show. Unfortunately President Joe Woods had left for a conference, and in his absence, having decided to seek pastures new.

Unfortunately, President Jack Rose had also left for a conference, and in his absence the proceedings were continued by the good-natured Mrs. Halje.

The formalities were, however, made to show some films. Unfortunately the projector we were carrying developed the "olly-wobbles." Later diagnosed as primary excitement and in spite of misfortunes by one Geoff Parker it required much patient with a really quiet project.

As a last resort I supplied a very nice tape with the result that we thoroughly enjoyed the film and the film appreciated the evening's proceedings and our congratulations to the Port Hedland folk not only for efficient organization but also clear evidence of an encouraging business.

The tour was completed with a quite an enthusiastic welcome of ex-servicemen and women's auxiliaries (a) - walking down the road, (b) - being offered a lift by a fellow motorist, (c) - being offered a lift by a fellow motorist, and (d) - being offered a lift by a fellow motorist.

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Who's Fault?

For instance, it was clear that the sub-branch was being bugged in a dry creek bed and this catastrophe was not due to the fault of Jack Rose. He had been bungled for his tenacity to maintain a continuous patter (even during sleeping hours) throughout the whole of the tour.

It happened like this: we were on the way from the last sub-branch to the Port Hedland Hotel after the meeting, Gorge (via Hillside and Woodstock) and had safely crossed the creek-crossings when we reached one which appeared to have a menacing potential.

A few yards before we reached the Bridge, we decided to set off steam about how lucky we had been to escape the trap. Bob, being the polite type, slowed down to listen with the report of an Assistant Deputy-Commissioner, and in so doing committed a Robson-inflicted error.

Hard and Fast

The car slid gently into two feet of sand in a matter of seconds the difference between a safe stop and a flat tire. The sub-branch was restored firmly and obstinately on the crown of the alleged road, and with a smile, the luxury car deftly settled back to roost.

Yvon's efforts on the part of Jack and Bob, under our expert guidance, were quite futile other than to stir up large clouds of unappeasable dust into the rear wheels which by this time had nothing to do with us.

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THE DEFENCE OF W.A.

Case prepared for the West Australian branch of the Returned Servicemen's League by the State President.

Mr. W. S. Lonnie, C.B.E., M.C.

INTRODUCTORY

The R.S.L. shares with many responsible organisations the widespread and justifiable concern over the present state of defence preparations in this State, including particularly the area of the North-West.

This does not in any way detract from our interest in the defence of Australia as a whole, but emphasises the considered view that national security involves the stationing of adequate resources of manpower and materials in the West, as well as in the East.

This relates not only to the comparative isolation of Western Australia from the main forces and big defence centres of the nation. It refers to the absence of vital scientific and technical equipment essential to the operation of centralised defence units which may be required for active service in this State.

CONCEPT OF MOBILITY

We are aware that mobility is basic to modern war and that the concept of fixed installations does not hold when required by the action of the future launched simultaneous attacks against Australia's major centres it is considered that mobility to be effective must have an Australian wide application. In the words naval, army and air force units can be moved quickly and easily from New South Wales to W.A. why cannot similar forces be stationed in W.A. and moved to the East if necessary.

EXERCISE HIGH HAWK

The recent Exercise High Hawk, held at Darwin, has done little to reassure West Australians that all is well with our defences. It has been reported that the exercise could not be held in this State because essential radar facilities are available only at Darwin and Sydney.

DEFICIENCIES IN PRESENT DEFENCE

For these and other reasons the R.S.L. considers that there are serious deficiencies in the defences of W.A. and requests that urgent attention be given to the following matters:

1. The provision of radar control and reporting units. In a Press statement of April 4, 1957, it was stated that such a unit would be available in W.A.

2. The provision of fighter bombers and reconnaissance aircraft in Western Australia.

3. The provision of naval and army training facilities capable of servicing mobile fleet trains in W.A.

4. The provision of submarine patrol and attack facilities in W.A.

The presence of such a group in this State would do much to restore public faith in the State's defences.

Mr. T. E. Eadon-Clarke, to share the salute next Anzac Day with two "Anzacs."

At a recent meeting, sub-branch president W. Cunningham said it would be fitting, on such an historic occasion, for the salute to be given by two members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps as well as the leader of the town.

Concluding, the sub-branch requested the consideration of the following matters:

1. The provision of radar control and reporting units.

2. The provision of fighter bombers and reconnaissance aircraft.

3. The provision of naval and army training facilities.

4. The provision of submarine patrol and attack facilities.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing submissions represent the considered views of the R.S.L. of Western Australia, fortified by a strong public opinion on the need to strengthen the defences of this State.

It is appreciated that between States the defence of Australia is indivisible, but a stronger Western Australia would give the concept of mobility a more balanced application and provide a firm base for the protection of the western third of our continent.

To Support Quest Entrant Fashion Show

The dining-hall of the War Veterans' Home, transformed for the occasion with masses of flowers and shrubs and with white table-cloths, provided a pleasing setting for the cabaret-style "La Scala Fashion Parade" held in support of the candidates of Miss War Veterans' Home (Miss Annette Wheeler) in the Miss Crowning Glory Quest.

Jewellery from Caris Bros., frocks from Clarke and Co., make-up from La Boutique, furs from Balleys and hairstyling bit by the famous La Scala hair fashion exhibiters by the Mercia Alva Salon, were displayed to the 250 guests by charming models who voluntarily gave their services under the guiding hand of Miss E. C. Townsend whose quiet enthusiasm contributed greatly to the success of the evening.

A rather pleasing effect to the presentation of the models by the comperes—Mesdames O'Donohue and Daws-kins—was the soft background music provided by the accomplished pianist Doreen Sheridan.

The small committee, which consisted of some of the residents of the home, was greatly assisted in offering hospitality to the guests by eight delightful debutante-hostesses, friends of Miss Annette Wheeler.

Anzac Day Move At Geraldton

The Geraldton sub-branch is hopeful of persuading the Mayor, Mr. C. S. Eadon-Clarke, to share the salute next Anzac Day with two "Anzacs."

It has been suggested that the metropolitan and country sub-branches should arrange exchange-visits.

The idea is excellent and has been brought about by a few sub-branches already.

Make it a weekend outing, and help each other in the way of transport!
Laying-up Of Famous Colours

Prolonged negotiations have resulted in the acceptance, by all concerned, of the proposal to house the Regimental Colours of the 11th, 2/11th, 16th, 2/16th, 25th, 2/25th and 44th Battalions in the undercroft of the State War Memorial.

During the early part of 1962 preparations were made to the League by the Council of Unit Associations for the transfer of the Colours from the latter to the former. These preparations involved the relinquishment of the Colours until the completion of the undercroft, and the undercroft was handed over to the Department of Housing on an under-lease agreement for this purpose. This transfer was to be subject to the approval of the Minister for Housing and Works, and in the event of the Minister refusing to approve the transfer, the Colours would be returned to the undercroft of the State War Memorial.

A meeting of the Council of Unit Associations was held on 11th November, 1962, to discuss the matter, and a decision was reached to proceed with the transfer. The undercroft was officially opened on 7th December, 1962, and the Colours were transferred to the undercroft on that date.

The new undercroft is a spacious and well-appointed facility for the preservation of the Colours and their associated items. The undercroft is equipped with all the necessary facilities for the preservation and safekeeping of the Colours and their associated items.

Minister At Congress Of A.C.T. Branch

Repatriation Minister Swartz recently urged the Returned Servicemen's League to move to increase its influence in the Australian community and to maintain its membership.

Mr Swartz was making the opening address at the annual congress of the Australian Returned Servicemen's League, one of the branches of the R.S.L. He suggested that the League might form study groups to discuss various subjects of vital interest to the community, and that medical treatment was increased.

He said the growth also depended on increased medical treatment and maintenance.
"Miss Crowning Glory" Competition Candidates

- Pictured below, and at foot of facing page, are some of the “Miss Crowning Glory” candidates who will face the judges later this month. (Story, Page 3.)

HEATHER MacLEAN
(Torchbearers for Legacy)

LESLEY HALL
(RSL Women's Auxil.—Central)

ANNA BLASY
(Bussendean RSL)

GWEN NAILARD
(RSL Auxil.—Western Dist.)

Mrs CONNIE SHAW
(The Anzac Club)

ANNETTE WHEELER
(RSL Veterans’ Home)

CHERYLIN LOCHTING
(Legacy Women's Auxil.)

LORENAE GMEINER
(Allan River RSL)

JOHANNA TONEMAN
(Boans, Waverley)
Official Line On Quality Of Migrants Admitted

To League representations based on allegations that Australia has been receiving migrants with criminal records the Department of Immigration has replied as follows:

As is well known to the League Australia has a proud record in helping refugees. Since the end of World War II we have given permanent asylum to some 300,000 refugees of European origin, including over 800 handicapped refugees and accompanying family members.

The admission of such large numbers has been possible because the Australian people as a whole have encouraged and supported the Government in its efforts to do more for those who are still in need of assistance and compassion.

This country has, however, benefited in a variety of ways from the culture, industry and techniques brought out by many of these refugees.

At the invitation of the Minister for Immigration the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. F. S. Snyder, was guest-speaker at the recent Australian Citizenship Convention.

TRAGIC PROBLEM

In response to Mr. Snyder’s expressed hope that Australia might be able to help him further in resolving the residual problem of handicapped refugees in Europe, the Minister announced that it had been decided to consider the cases of a number of handicapped refugees with a view to helping finally to resolve this tragic human problem.

The department is presently examining the docket of 100 handicapped refugees. The majority of these refugees are physically handicapped.

Some are socially handicapped in the sense that their records reveal early misconduct or committed usually in an environment of refugee camp life and in circumstances far removed from the controls imposed by normal living.

No one with any knowledge of the circumstances of the time could regard these transgressions as necessarily criminal.

The League may be assured that the welfare of the Australian community will not be endangered by the admission of any of these refugees.

THOROUGH CHECK

There is no question of accepting people who would be a hazard to public health as are criminals in the usual sense.

Individuals will be subjected to thorough medical examination and interview, and careful assessment of their case histories.

Only those who are considered capable of adjusting to the Australian environment and likely to benefit from re-settlement here will be approved for immigration.

The Commonwealth Department of Health and Social Services is being closely consulted in deciding each case.

In almost every case admission will depend also on field which will undertake responsibility for the migrant’s rehabilitation and integration into the community.

The department is grateful for the League’s interest in this matter. Any action taken to inform members generally of the true position in regard to the admission of handicapped refugees is appreciated by one of the voluntary organisations working in the refugee field.

A Sub-branch’s Double Loss

The death of Captain A. G. Cook on September 5 and the passing of his wife a few days previously represents a double loss to the Cotlesloe sub-branch.

Capt. Cook served as secretary of the sub-branch during the difficult depression years from 1931 to 1941, and Mrs. Cook was a wonderful supporter of the Cotlesloe women’s auxiliary.

As sub-branch secretary Capt. Cook showed himself adept at fund-raising in difficult circumstances, and also in keeping up the spirit of members.

Formerly of the Sussex Regiment he saw service in both the Boer War and the Great War.

The sub-branch will remember this fine couple with regret and admiration and offers its condolences to their daughter, Mrs. Fry, of Becon-road, Mt. Claremont.

League Takes Helm In Police Boys’ Dilemma

When arrangements by the Corrigin Police Boys and Youth Club for billeting about 60 boys and girls in the metropolitan area for five days in August fell through the League came to the rescue in a big way.

On receiving the club’s SOS the State President called on State Executive member B. J. Flanagan to do his best to assist, and Mr. Barney, assisted ably by Mr. J. J. Flanagan, did in no mean fashion.

The approval of the Royal Agricultural Society to the use offacilities at the showgrounds was readily granted and 60 mattresses were borrowed and transported there without delay.

All work was done free of cost, and cooking utensils and cutlery were obtained without expense.

For good measure the firm of E. and L. Baker supplied a refrigerator (large two-door type), and Ron Shaw’s Pty. Ltd provided a 2V set.

As it turned out the Corrigin boys and girls received a lucky break because on top of all these last minute arrangements Mr Ken Miller, senior vice-president of the W.A. Football League, approved of their admission (free) to a league match, and as well a visit was arranged to H.M.A. Diamentiana.

On the eve of the party’s return to Corrigin Mr. M. Larke, who was in charge of the group, invited Mr. and Mrs. Flood of the Perth Football Club to an evening at the Strathalbyn Hall at the showgrounds to entertain the boys, through Mr. Larke, made a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan.

This happy episode wound up a really wonderful effort, which shows that a busy man can sometimes find a little extra time to help those in difficulties.

In a letter to thanks to Barney Flanagan the district’s parliamentary representative, Mr. A. W. (Mich) Gayler, said:

“May I express my thanks for the wonderful job you did recently in organizing the billeting of the Corrigin Police Boys’ Club, and their instructors at the Royal Show Grounds; also for the extra amusements, but mainly for the personal interest you took in the whole operation. You made a lot of people—children and adults—very happy, and I congratulate you on the success of the task you carried out.”

This is an instance of League co-operation.

A New Magazine At Geraldton

A magazine to be known as the Birdwood House Bulletin is to be issued by the Geraldton sub-branch—starting this month.

There will be two issues a year.

The magazine will feature a colour picture of Birdwood House on the front cover.

Messrs. Bob Duncan, John Spendlove and B. J. Barden were appointed to arrange the editorial content of the magazine.

Information about the early history of Birdwood House will be appreciated by the committee.

JENNIFER SABRECK (Banos, Morley)

MARGARET MUIR (Manjimup RSL)

SHIRLEY GRANT (B.E.C., RSL)
Diggers' Golf Carnival
In N.S.W.
This year's annual golf
Carnival of the New South
Wales branch of the League
will be held at the Bombay
Doon golf course at Page
wood later this month.

The events comprise the
Sir Leslie Morehead Mem-
orial Trophy competition
(October 22) for teams of
two over 18 holes, and a
Stableford competition and
cost for the State Presi-
dent's trophy the following
day.

Any West Australians in-
terested in making a late
entry should inquire at
Anzac House, Perth, with
out delay.

Did You Know...?

- Football, now a na-
tional pastime in many
countries, was once a crime
punishable by imprisonment.
Along with cricket, hockey
and other games, it was
banned by statute in
Edward II in 1328 because
it interfered with the
practice of archery on
military payday; archery
practice was made com-
nulsory for all able-bodied
men.

- The prominent part
played by English archers
in winning the Battle of
Flodden delayed the gen-
eral adoption of firearms
in England. Henry VIII prid-
himself on his skill in
archery and - habitually
wore an archer's suit of
Lincoln green. Later in his
reign, when he accepted
the command of the newly
formed Honourable
Crown Company, he with-
drew his opposition to fire-
arms by purchasing the
fuel used by British troops
in action during the
Pendlebury Powder
Insurrection. He then
prominently antagonized against
prohibitions by the
employment of the
formulations, uncharacteristic
and contrary to the rules of
tax, and threatened res-
traints. The National Rifle
Association, which has long
had its counterpart in every
British country, was
formed in England in 1860 to en-
courage the popular prac-
tice of national pastime
throughout the
United Kingdom.

- During the campaigns
of Crecy and Poictiers
in the 14th century, it
was widely believed in
France that English
archers had a single
arrow containing ten
arrows, each
loaded with a bullet.

- The result not of propa-
anda but of imperfect
observation. When on the
March, the English archer
carried his quiver full of
arrows slung from the left
side of his body. The
arrow was usually carried.
The arch-
er's sword was
slinged from the middle of the rear
of the horse, swinging
along with the rhythm of
the horse and viewed from
a distance, bore a certain re-
ssemblance to the wagging
tails.

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Executive Newsletter
At Kenwick
A pleasant afternoon social was held by the Kenwick
Auxiliary in the R.S.L. hall on Wednesday, September
18, with representatives of several of other auxili-
aries present. Prize-winners in the annual raffle
were all from other districts, first prize going to
Mrs. Palmer (Mount-pleasant), second to T. Kilgall
(Park Street, Rockingham) and third to S. D.
Phillips (Fremantle, High Wycombe).

Congratulations to the win-
ers!
Mrs. Boyle, an old friend of the auxiliary, supplied
the musical part of the enter-
tainment which included
prominently listing Music
in Quiz and dancing.

The highlight of the after-
noon's proceedings was a
presentation of the faithful
worker and member of the
auxiliary, Mrs. Potter, who
left for overseas leave on
holiday in England and
takes with her the good
wishes of her colleagues.

visited the Anzac Club Lateley?

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Individual’s Answer To Criticism of League

A letter written by Mr John M. Turner to a Melbourne daily paper recently in reply to a League critic puts the R.S.L. case very clearly. Mr Turner made the following points:

In saying that "the R.S.L. was not formed to indulge in party politics or to fight for any small cause," the critic should know, as every R.S.L. member knows, that the founders of the League insisted that the R.S.L. should stand aloof from politics or any taint of sectarianism.

How wise and how far-seeing these men were, and how soundly they built that foundation. However, in the quarter-million-strong League most members would automatically identify themselves with the national interest. "Party politics" as such would always be rigidly eschewed but matters of national importance—such as the defence of Australia, reasonable tax acts by bodies or organisations, and "isms" such as communism—were acceptable to debate and were pronounced upon officially.

Members of the League regarded it as their right and duty to criticise any government which they considered to be falling down in defence planning, and did not hesitate to say so straightforwardly.

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NORTH-WEST CORNER

ACTIVITIES AT PORT HEDLAND

This Port Hedland report from "Bowannah" discloses a spate of activities benefitting a sub-branch which for some time now has been displaying a very active spirit.

Resuming duty as secretary for the Port Hedland sub-branch it must report the necessary arrangements of the "faithful few." The sub-branch is well represented, with the help of the League's publicity officers and individual members, this journal provides you with an opportunity of addressing League members throughout the State.

If you have anything of interest to do with your sub-branch and its activities, or by way of personal reminiscences, send it in. But note the deadline for any issue—the 28th day of the previous month. Submissions must be in the hands of the Editor, "The Listening Post," Anzac House, Perth, by that time.

Veteran Of 3 Wars

A man who served in the Boer War and both world wars was welcomed to the Geraldton sub-branch by President Bill Cunningham.

The visitor, Mr. W. V. Hagan, is a member of the Bassendean Sub-Branch where he is affectionately known as "Gobby." He is staying with his son Len, who works for the Civil Aviation Department at Geraldton.

Another of his sons is Detective-Inspector Pat Hagan of the Police Force.

Mr. Bill Hagan, who is a sprightly 83, served as a private in the Lincolnshire Regiment in the Boer War and was mentioned in despatches in both World Wars. He was wounded in action in the Boer War and in World War I.

Mr. Hagan said at the meeting that he visited Geraldton last year about that time and that he liked the town so much that he might eventually settle there.

Quiet Times At Marble Bar

From Marble Bar sub-branch secretary P. Smith comes the following resume of recent local events:

We of the North-West must be quick if we want to get the most out of the visit, but even if it can only be for one or two days, the visit is well worthwhile. We are the only one of the three branches in the North that has an office in the town. We have a splendid location in the heart of the town and the visitors will be greeted with open arms.

We plan to hold some special events during the visit, such as a Burns Night celebration and a dance. We also plan to have a display of the history of Marble Bar and its surroundings.

We hope that the visitors will enjoy themselves and will leave with a better understanding of the history and culture of the North-West.
courageous assistance rendered by one John (now in New Guinea) Alexander, who happened to be a friend of Jack's. Before leaving, next morning, we were taken on an inspection of the mine. It was discovered that the cause of the early morning curtain was due to the fact that the oil filter was clogged. By keeping the engine running, the oil flow was restored and the curtain soon disappeared. It was a case of "get out and get under" to remove the problem, which had plagued the company.

Skilful attention by Bob and Jack assisted in the traditional social gathering of friends, including Bob, who was keen to continue the camaraderie. The meeting was decided to be an accurate representation of the League's most important event of the year. The purpose of the event was to raise funds for the League, and to bring together friends and supporters from all over the country.

"All Was Well?"

"Rather shame-facedly we reported that all was well when we got back later, over the course of the rest of the day's travel."

"Only the fact that this is intended to be an accurate report prevents me from declaring it all over, and re-tracing the outward journey to see how the city slickers were getting on."
New Defence Plan
Given Support

At the August meeting of the National Executive of the Australian Labor Party, a new defence plan was announced. The plan includes the introduction of guided-missile destroyers to the Australian Navy. The Minister for Defence, Mr. Gregory Blain, stated that the new plan is aimed at enhancing Australia's military capabilities and ensuring security in the region.

At Geraldon

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The most important were dehydrated foods. Dehydrating foods removed water, preserved rations of reasonable stability, acceptability and nutrition; and disposed of a fractional demand on transport when compared with food preserved by other means.

Spectacular claims had been made for accelerated freeze-dried foods, but this process had not been developed beyond the laboratory stage. Consequently, in 1947, an annual defence-food research program was initiated. In 1954 a sub-committee of the Defence Research and Development Policy Committee was formed with the following terms of reference:

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Launching The First
Of The Latest

The first of the Royal Australian Navy's new guided-missile destroyers will be launched in the United States this month.

The Minister for the Navy, Senator Gorton, has announced that the Charles F. Adams missile-destroyer, which will be launched on September 26 by Lady Bessie, will be the first to reach Australia. The Charles F. Adams is named after the famous American naval commander who died in action in World War II.

Two Big Enterprises
At Nollamara

The Nollamara sub-branch has made a start with two big enterprises—publishing its own journal and building its own hall.

The Nollamara Sub-Branch is to be congratulated on its new publication "The Nollamara R.S.L. Newsletteer." It has been given the go-ahead by the G.P.O. Perth for transmission, and is mailed monthly to 200 addresses.

A start has been made on the Sub-Branch Memorial Hall in Sylvia Street, next to the St. John's Church. Already, all members are looking forward to the day when the hall will be completed. Getting the land, the necessary permits, finance, etc., has taken a lot of time especially when there are so many members who have excellent work to do. The Committee Members have been kept busy with these formalities and deserve the thanks of all members for their excellent work.

The hall, when completed, will be the first and only one of its type in the state. Members feel it will be the civic Centre for the area and will provide a boon for the Sub-Branch and for the Women's Auxiliary.

A Memorable Occasion
At Gairdner River

September 8 was a memorable day in the life of the Gairdner River sub-branch for it brought together the district's most notable personalities to the district. They included the State President of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League, Mr. Jack Smith, Assistant-State Secretary George Sherrington, Country Vice-President Ray Messenger and Mrs Messenger and Albany sub-branch president Frank Gomm.

The visitors were greeted by sub-branch president Brian Eaton and his wife. The welcome was followed by a general greeting of friends during which time refreshments were served with cool drinks and fruit.

During the luncheon, there were speeches and toasts. The Loyal Toast was proposed by Ray Messenger, and the toast to absent friends by Frank Gomm, who had been present in the past.

Gomp and Messer were well-known personalities and had put the official reception in an informal mood. However, the hero of the occasion was the local hero—Mr. George Sherrington, who had just returned from a world trip, during which he visited the United States and other countries.

On this occasion, it was claimed that the Gairdner River sub-branch had the longest journey in the world, being the only one to have been to the United States and other countries.

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The basic objective of reducing bulk in essential foods would be required to undertake defence food research. It then investigated the proposal that a research station be established at the Defence Research Center. The only operative dehydrating plant was, and still is, located in Scottsdale.

The Cabinet Committee on Defence Preparations approved the expenditure of a 10,000 for the setting of a research station at Scottsdale, and building the necessary plant. In 1954 research work commenced at the station. In 1958, Canberra asked the Department of the Army responsible for defence-food research in what was then, only a lateral spread in activities has been necessary to fully purport the research.

For instance, a great deal of time and attention has already been paid to the development of high-energy, low-weight and smaller-in-volume than their British and American equivalents.

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True To The End
The sudden death of senior State Vice-President, E. C. Townsend (pictured, left) on September 21, has deprived the League of one of its most respected and devoted members.

The loss of a leg in the Great War did little to diminish his seemingly tireless energy, though doubled his disability played a part in hastening his end at the age of 66.
His selfless service was an inspiration to others.
Mr. Townsend had been a staunch member of the League since his return from the Great War about 1921. He came to this State from New South Wales in 1923 and was elected to the State Executive in 1924.
He became a League trustee in 1934 and a vice-president in 1935.
He had for long taken a leading part in the League's annual work for ageing veterans and had been chairman of the War Veterans' Home committee since 1933.
Until the opening of the veterans' home at Mt. Lawley "Ted" was a constant visitor of the building (York) and never spared himself in organising visits by entertainers and donations (in cash and kind) from sub-branches throughout the State.
He was an ardent exponent of the transfer of the home to the metropolitan area and since its establishment at Mt. Lawley in March, 1961, was tireless in advancing the welfare and happiness of its residents—about 150 in number, including some ex-service women and war-widows.

Edward Charles Townsend, M.B.E., saw service in the Great War with the 5th Battalion (N.S.W.) and later with the 51st Machine Gunon Company.
He took part in the Gallipoli landing and served with the Pioneers. He lost a leg in the fighting at Passchendaele in 1917.
At the time of his death he was chairman of the War Veterans' Home Board of Trustees, and of the Staff committee.
He was also Assistant-Warden of the State War Memorial, liaison officer for the State Women's Auxiliary, chairman of the Council of Social Services Committee, liaison officer between the League and the Red Cross, and president of the Asian People's Anti-Communist League.
He represented this State at the National Executive meeting in August.
His M.B.E. was conferred in the 1961 New Year Honours List in recognition of his work in the interests of ex-service men.
Mr. Townsend was a civil servant all his life and served as an officer with the State Housing Commission until his retirement earlier this year. He left a widow and one daughter.

Good Support For The League's Shop
Increased support from R.S.I.L. members at the "little shop" has been appreciated by the executive, which has decided to increase its opening hours.
Country "members" in particular have welcomed the move, which means that they can support the R.S.I.L. Shop.
Members from 25 country sub-branches postponed the shop last month.
It is very encouraging to see this support from the country branches, who go further by sending friends to the shop.

A Sub-branch Drive-in
The Darlington sub-branch is now operating a drive-in cinema, which claims to be the first sub-branch in this State to do so. The drive-in was officially opened by the State President on October 5.

The kiosk is operating well, trading in cool drinks and cigarettes.
Among the official guests were Mr. Hugh Lees, M.I.R., Mr. Len Warne (Carbery, Bellevue sub-branch) and Mr. Pat Varney of Twentyseventh Century Fox.
Mr. af "Mike" BAHLCOMMUNICATIONS chairman of the sub-branch, expressed the idea and said he considered it a project of considerable importance to his branch.
It was the first time that the former had been called on to operate a drive-in theatre.
For the present screenings will be once fortnightly—next on Thursday.
The films on that occasion will be "Sailor of the King" and "The Dolphin," on the Cinemascope.
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