Another Crowning Glory Success

Another Miss Crowning Glory contest—the fifth—was decided last month with a very successful gross return of £3,290 to its credit.

Since its inception the competition has raised a total of £27,950, which has been shared evenly between the R.S.L. Veterans' Home and the work of Legacy in W.A.

The outright winner this year was Miss Genevieve Townsend, whose candidate was sponsored by the R.S.L. sub-branch of the R.S.L. Her win entitles her to an all-expense paid trip to the Eastern States with a two-week stay in Sydney, and £50 in spending-money. As well she received a $5 wardrobe of clothes donated by Bonds Ltd, and prizes for a modelling course at the Joyce Spiller Model School.

The cash value of her prizes has been put at £507. The other candidates faced the judges, who spoke highly of the particularly homely and attractive entrants and said how difficult their task of selecting an outright winner had been.

The crowning ceremony and concert was held at Anzac House on the night of October 26. The Deputy-Premier, the Hon. C. D. Nelder, crowed the winner (the remaining place-getters, with the sponsoring body in each instance, were in parenthesis).

Second: Esther Forsyth (R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary State Executive);
Third: Gwenn Nallard (War Veterans' R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary);
Fifth: Rosemary Blay (R.S.L. and R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary);
Fifth: Elsabe Barrett (Albany R.S.L. and Torchbearers for Legacy);
Ninth: Lorraine Gleneine (Arthur River R.S.L.);
Seventh: Shirley Grant (S.E.C. sub-branch, R.S.L.);
Eighth: Margaret Muir (Manjimup R.S.L.);

This year's winner—Genevieve Townsend

Each of these candidates received a wardrobe of clothes. Special prizes valued at £50 each were awarded to the metropolitan, and the country candidate who raised the greatest amount of money.

The principal reason for the conducting of this competition is of course the raising of money, and this was again something that the Joint Committee was extremely pleased with.

The Anzac Club, with Mrs. Conolly Shaw as candidate, topped the list for money raised by a single candidate with $872/11/11. This was a wonderful effort and deserves great credit and praise.

The country candidate raising most money was Miss Judy Teasdale, sponsored by Bruce Rock R.S.L. women's auxiliary. Her tally was $516.

Another good performance in the country was that of the Cunderdin R.S.L. sub-branch, which raised a total of $300 for two candidates in the area Boans Ltd, who nominated a candidate from each store. Each of these candidates received a wardrobe of clothes.

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As well the candidates of organisations raising $250 or more were each presented with a marquise wrist-watch valued at 20 guineas (donated by Mr. D. A. Freeborn). The organisations concerned were the Anzac Club, the S.E.C. sub-branch, the Cunderdin R.S.L. sub-branch, the Bruce Rock R.S.L. sub-branch, the Moony, the Waroona sub-branch, the Cunderdin R.S.L. sub-branch, and the Freelance Social Club.

Of the 29 candidates who qualified for judging 12 were sponsored by R.S.L. sub-branches, 11 by Legacy groups, and six by commercial interests.

League's International Outlook Commanded

Praise for the League's international outlook came from His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, Sir Eric Woodward, when he was opening the 48th National Congress of the Returned Servicemen's League in Sydney on October 28. He said:

May I congratulate you on the truly international outlook the League displays, and on its keen interest in Australia's relations with its neighbours and particularly with those countries—especially those countries to our more immediate east—such as Malaysia (Malaysia now) and Indonesia.

This is an area with which Australia's interests must, in the years to come, increasingly be involved, and an involvement that is likely to move our diplomatic and economic policies in important new directions.

This year's outlook is one of growth and expansion, and I am sure that every member of the League's international outlook will contribute to the establishment of an Australian Broadcasting Union.

And we should not forget that, as the world's home to peace, the League can only do that as part of the family of nations that provide the means of maintaining peace.

I am sure that, with the encouragement and support of the League, the world will be able to move towards the goal of peace.
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R.S.L. Leader Praises
B.C.E.L. Conference

At the R.S.L. National Congress in Sydney the National President Mr. Lee reported on the 16th biennial conference of the British Commonwealth Ex-service League (held in Ottawa recently) at which he and Victorian State President Sir Charles McKay represented the R.S.L. Mr. Lee said:

Representatives of 28 members attended the conference, which was held in an atmosphere of friendliness and a strong mutual desire to make a worthwhile contribution to the cause of our fellow-men and to the development of our respective countries.

The organisation by the Canadian Legion was outstanding and throughout our stay in Ottawa every possible courtesy and assistance was extended to visitors and fully expressed the genuine desire of our Canadian hosts to promote the objectives of the B.C.E.L.

We bring back with us greetings to the R.S.L. from the organisation.

The conference debates themselves went very smoothly and points that could have been somewhat difficult were quickly concluded by the skilful direction of the Grand President. It is our firm conviction that the Assembly achieved the best results of any meeting since the World War.

There are probably two reasons for this: first every delegate was impressed that the B.C.E.L. should play a more vigorous role in the affairs of ex-servicemen through the Commonwealth; second was the great influence and the skilful leadership of the Secretary-General through his ability and personality. From the results of his welfare missions,

The amendments to the B.C.E.L. constitution, which were circulated to State representatives to all branches some months ago, were adopted in full.

In line with this decision there was also the need to review B.C.E.L. finances. After preliminary deliberations and very detailed discussion at the conference itself it was resolved that member organisations should consider increasing the capitation fees by approximately 20 per cent.

This principally affected the Big Five—Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa—and would mean an increase in our own affiliation fees from £1,000 to £1,200 stk.

Knowing what a valuable contribution the realising of B.C.E.L. could make to Commonwealth affairs I strongly recommend that we endorse this increase in capitation fees.

All R.S.L. resolutions were carried, with an amendment to item 14.

The Grand President Earl Mountbatten, indicated that he was prepared to stand for re-election and was willing to continue in office for a further term, but would not be available for reappointment after this term.

Earl Mountbatten was unanimously re-elected to office.

I believe the conference was a great success. I also believe it made a very real and valuable contribution towards strengthening the fibre of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

On behalf of Sir Charles McKay and myself I thank you for entrusting R.S.L. to both.

The Sub-branch Sec. and—St. Peter

A man knocked at the Heavenly Gate;
His face was scarred and old;
He stood before the Man of Fate
For admission to the Fold.

"Sir," the man said, "let me in.
I believe in B.C.E.L."

"To gain admission here?
"Oh, I’ve been a Sub-Branch Sec.
For many and many a year.
But a secretary job’s a big mistake,
My duties are for the members’ sake.
To give perfect service is always tried,
But it broke my heart so I simply died.”

The pearly gates swung open wide.
St. Peter rang the bell.
"Come in, and choose your harp,” he cried;
“You’ve had your share of Hell!”
RAPATRITION NEEDS

The following introductory remarks from a long address at National Congress last month by Repatriation Minister G. J. Hall, are the joint effort of his department and the League—and other ex-service organisations—to cope with the growing incidence and changing demands on repatriation services over the years. He said:

"RAPATRITION, today, of the Repatriation system, which is the, most vital element of other ex-service benefits, is being established because at all levels of the community, there is a high proportion of administrative and medical officers, who are themselves ex-servicemen. This community of interest will need to be continually fostered."

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The effective discharge of these obligations of the Government, the League and the Repatriation department, and the Australian community, will depend on the response of the individual, who, in turn, is a product of the system of which he is a part.

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

- HISTORY has taken a cruel revenge on Guy Fawkes by making him figure of fun to be burnt in effigy every Fifth of November. The real Guy Fawkes, who helped a good soldier, proved himself a man of honour and fortitude. A Catholic and a Protestant, he served in the Spanish forces in the Netherlands and helped the rank of Captain. He was an expert in the handling of gunpowder, which gave him a stature like that of a nuclear scientist today and commanded him to the English conspirators. When he was brought before James 1 after his capture, he tried to make the King believe that the plot was directed against James's Scottish courtesans, who had come to London with the King. Even the severest tortures could not wring from him the name of any of his accomplices, or any member of the real objects of the plot.

- WHEN Indonesian President Sukarno fulminated against what he called Brutalities committed by the Dutch, he should be reminded of an incident in the history of his own land. The Dutch, after Holland had been forced into alliance with Napoleon, bridled at the presence of the French force, which many preferred to the Dutch and hence the occupation by the French forces was disastrously repulsed and General Talleyrand, who commanded the land forces, was mortally wounded. Marlborough was accused by his enemies of being instrumental in the betrayal. His motive was said to have been a desire to be rewarded by a general as already rivalled that of Marlborough.

- DURING Wellington's career, although he received several substantial grants of money from the British Government as rewards for his services, he was a marshal in both the Spanish and Portuguese Armies long before he made a British field marshal. That situation remained unaltered until after Wellington routs the French at Vitoria in 1813. The victors captured booty valued at £1,000,000. Most of this consisted of plunder the French were trying to take out of Spain with an expedition. The victors included the baton of the French commander, Marshal Lefebvre. This man is said to have sent this to the French regent, who took the hint and offered promotion to the rank of field marshal very soon afterwards.

Victoria Park Scribe
Wants Big Meeting

The Victoria Park sub-branch scribe begins his notes for this issue with an appeal to members to turn up in force for the general meeting on November 15.

“Please come along,” he writes. “I want the attendance book look respectable.”

He continues: The October meeting saw the return from New Zealand of Bert Jolliffe. It was good to see this stalwart around again. It may be that we can talk him into turning us a little piece of New Zealand when we have a spare half-hour.

Welcomed along too was Andy Todd, a new member who hails from up North. We also heard of the very fine work of Frank Waterman and hope he can spare us a sight here and there in the future.

The annual raffle is well under way and due for a climax in the last week of the month. Eddy O'Kane will preside. Tickets are on sale, and there is a prize for first and second. Tickets are 10s., and you must be in the hall to make the draw.

There is also a combined competition, with prizes for the best essay and the best article. The winner will be announced in the December issue.

Cakes are on offer as well, and there is a prize for the best one. The winner will receive a prize and a certificate of merit.

This should be a good night. It is not intended to make a profit; in fact this meeting is to take the place of the annual social, as held in previous years.

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THE LISTENING POST
November, 1962.
What The League Has Been Doing About Communism

Following is a statement on the League's attitude on communism, made at a recently-concluded R.S.L. National Congress in Sydney by president A. J. Lee.

Since our last National Congress, the League has continued its campaign on communism by the distribution of the booklet, "Subversion" and by circulating other material that would be useful in the education programme of the League besides being necessary.

The criticism of our policies on communism have been an interesting and somewhat motley collection. On the one hand, they have been either supported by camp-followers of the communist party, or they have been says that group of people who believe that in the midst of it all, this struggle will be all that is necessary to control the advance of communism.

In view of the degree of public comment that our policy has evoked it is important that our position should be re-stated and where necessary, qualified.

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In the last 12 months there has been an interesting and extremely helpful report to us on the ranks of the communist groups, both in Soviet Union and Red China. This must not be permitted to dull us into a sense of false security. There are free men throughout the world springs from international communism, and we think we can expect no serious opposition to this view.

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Congress Calls For Referendum On Australian "Reds"

At National Congress this month the R.S.L. decided to ask the Federal Government to introduce another referendum to declare the Communist Party an illegal organisation.

The congress 'also called for a Government White Paper on Communist activity in Australia and urged an investigation to uncover any communist teachers in schools.

It unanimously passed the seven anti-Communist resolutions and the vote. Delegates also expressed concern about a "Communist infiltration" report which they decided should be declared illegal. The congress has become a political one and we believe that the Government should keep up this campaign.

"We are deeply disappointed that the party's hope people did not favour banning the Communist party. The referendum in 1951 to punish the party had failed because people did not favour banning the Communist party."

The deputy national president, Sir Raymond Huish, said the people were asked in a simple yes or no referendum if they would favour banning the Communist party. Because of the tragedy of countries taken over by communism, people would vote differently now, he said.

The South Australian state president, Mr T. C. Eastick, said an all-out effort should

Innovation At Remembrance Day Ceremony

As well as the handing over of the keys by outgoing warden David Frewin to his successor, Sir Frank Ledger, this year's arrangements for the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the State War Memorial introduced a new feature.

This was the assembling at the memorial of as many as possible of the 1,119 surviving former wardens and the investiture of each with a warden's armband indistinguishable from his particular period of service.

The procedure was authorized by the State Executive at the suggestion of Mr Frewin, who agreed to perform this task. The recipients were as follows:

Mr H. R. Doig, C.V.O., M.B.E.; Sir Thomas Meagher, K.B., K.S.; Sir Charles Latham; the Hon. Mr Justice L. W. Jackson; Mr J. E. Watson, M.M.; Mr Keith Eastwick, R.A.; Mr A. H. Davis, R.N.; Mr W. F. Brown, R.A.; Mr T. L. Eastick, R.A.; Sir Alexander Reid, K.B.

Geraldton Girl Congratulated

At the October meeting of the Geraldton sub-branch of the League, Miss Jean Lilley—through her efforts as Geraldton representative in the Remembrance Day Ceremonies—was congratulated on her standing for Miss Lilley's candidacy in the competition.

Distributing Tin Hats In The Metropolis

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Mr. W. Wood, who attended the meeting as a visitor, said he thought the present colour scheme was not a substitute for black eyes. "And two collection boxes in each hotel would be better," he said.

Referring to R.S.L. activities at Port Hedland, Mr. W. Wood said the sub-branch now had about 50 members and was fairly financially sound.

"The work at the War Veterans' Home and had recently imposed a levy on members to raise sufficient funds for furnishing another.
League In No New Role On National Defence

Text of president A. J. Lee's statement on defence, made at National Congress last month.

During the year the League has continued with increasing vigour for a radical expansion and overhaul of Australia's defence policy.

A move in the right direction was made by the Government in the revised defence programme submitted to the Commonwealth Parliament in 1956. The Minister on 22nd May last.

I can only repeat a statement I made then that while this was an improvement (it still did not go nearly far enough).

I believe, and I feel sure this view is supported by the vast bulk of our members, that international events daily provide further justification for this view.

The League has been criticised most severely at meetings for its policy on defence. We have been accused of being militarist and expansionist.

I want to reply to this charge. I think I can here do that by referring to a statement by an Australian Minister for Defence. The statement was made in reply to the League's request for the introduction of National Service Training in the present defence developmental programme.

"Whilst the adoption of such a scheme as that envisaged might be a desirable step in the development of Australia's national defence, it is not possible for financial reasons to include it in the Defence Programme at the present time." This was the statement made by a Minister for Defence in 1938. This statement was made by a Minister for Defence in 1938.

It provides dramatic evidence of the similarity of the League's role in the 1930's and the Minister's role in the 1950's and 1960's.

From 1932 onwards the League was the one voice crying out for national preparedness. Congress after Congress year after year and requests were made to the Government to expand defence measures.

Year after year the requests were formally known and thence ignored.

At the 1937-38 Congress the first world war National Congress carried resolutions which made the following requests:

1. Adequate effective national service training.
2. Further development of essential strategic reserves.
3. The supply of more training aeroplanes and increased training for pilots.
4. A Naval Base at Darwin.
5. A Seaplane base in North Queensland.

These requests received replies stating that the Government had noted the views but felt that it was going ahead as required by the circumstances. This almost equates the League's role as the present time in requesting defence measures, and who doubts that the Minister's request would be equally urgent now as they were in 1937.

This organisation does not seek to be alarmist. We believe that the assessment be made of the situation and the prospective cost of the Government to safeguard Australia's interests.

THE LESSON

How many times must history provide us with these lessons of the rewards of unpreparedness?

Australian people must be told in simple and direct terms that if we are to have a future and privileged life we must be prepared to make sacrifices consistent with retaining all that we have.

N.S. TRAINING

I mentioned earlier that in the years preceding the second world war the League had called for a National Service Training Scheme. Today we make the same request, and as international events pile up on each other for this measure acquire an ever increasing urgency.

We have stated the reasons for our policy on National Service Training, and I am sure that the membership will agree with me in many times. They are self-evident.

It is expanded. Regular Army is to be brought up to strength. If effective C.M.F. numbers are to be maintained, and most importantly, if Australia is to be able to contribute its manpower in the event of an emergency, we must have National Service Training.

New Zealand has re-introduced a scheme that has proved most effective.

The United States of America could not operate the armed forces without the service of their countries and at the same time provide for the moral and spiritual welfare of the future leaders of the Australian Army.

The cost of the chapel has been estimated at $60,000. Of this amount $50,000 has been donated by Duntrarro graduates, their families, churches, and various organisations. The remainder will be raised by the New Zealand Government.

Each of these requests, independently justified, would have been successful if this following citizens will form a committee:


The proposed chapel embodied the new concept of one chapel under the roof - one for Protestant denominations and one for Roman Catholics - with a common entrance hall.

At the present college there are two temporary chapels housed in converted war-time wooden huts.

These huts have been improved to the best possible standard. They lack the dignity and inspiration which the League views on defence in the past.

Interest in events at the present time so closely parallel the circumstances existing in 1915 that I am sure that the Government will be justified in re-opening these temporary buildings.

And so to those critics of our defence policy who call us phoneys, who accuse us of being militarists, I have only this to say: history has proved that the League's views on defence in the past.

Entitlement Cards To Be Endorsed

Reparation Minister view on agreement to the following resolution, at the Queensland State Congress last week.

That reparation, entitlement cards, as issued to medical officers be endorsed ex O.W. where applicable.

The Minister has advised National Headquarters as follows:

"You will be pleased to hear that the system of endorsement will be applied immediately the system in respect of all current entitlement cases is now in operation.

As indicated to the Congress, it is not proposed to immediately implement the system in respect of all current entitlement cases. However, as a means of initially replacing current entitlement cards in a case of a Japanese prisoner-of-war comes into operation, the existing card will be replaced with one suitably endorsed."
Darlington Drive-In Issue
(To The Editor)

Sir,—how an endeavour such as the modest open-air theatre or drive-in, as has been planned and put into such welcome effect by the Darlington sub-branch, could cause such a torrent of type-metal in protest in the various Press outlets is amazing.

That this emulates from a very restricted source is most evident, and one only assumes that this source is either greatly mis-informed or completely uninterested in the subject (so lengthily discussed) of this recorded in titles connected with the project.

That Mr. Buxton should resign from the Mundaring Shire Council as he has, is beyond our comprehension. His argument that the Shire has not been over-ridden by Government departments and that he had resigned in protest at the futility of trying to make a profit by the drives in the model village is in itself descriptive of the very thoughtless conduct.

We would ask whose model? We would also remind the gentleman that the Social Service of the Darlington sub-branch are also ratepayers of that community and in no way do they, whom they have served, and continue to serve, without titles affecting their rights, extort from any other source, to the project.

During this period it was planned to show a total of six screenings.

The Shire Council, along with every other authority, was contacted regarding the screening, and the Shire Clerk informed the sub-branch that an objection had been received, and that this would have to be discussed at the next Shire meeting on October 10.

He was therefore unable to sanction the opening the screen on the 5th of that month. He also advised verbally that the Shire had been informed of the sub-branch's intention, and that they had been over-ridden by Government departments in the way of the above.

The Shire Council chairman was contacted and advised that the Public Health Department had approved of the provision made and that the local authority agreed, and was also sympathetic towards temporary facilities for the opening screening.

AN ASSURANCE

He was requested to grant approval for the opening the screen on the 5th of that month, and his council was assured in writing by the sub-branch that it would be installed before the second screening (the only screening) had been completed.

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Upon this advice the Public Health Department conformed that this was a type of this installation.

To inform the Shire Council meeting on October 10, in connection with the meeting by the writer, who was attending with the sub-branch, was not an invitation of the chairman.

We fail to see in this that the Public Health Department had over-ridden the Shire Council. Nor do we consider that the council has insufficient reason in granting the three month lease, did so against the wishes of the department concerned, as no department received any objection—from that or any other source—to the project.

If the small, discreet drive in offenders Mr. Buxton was referring to existed, it is certainly not one of the most evident it offender very few.

In deliberately seeking objections the sub-branch has yet to find one, and we are only too pleased to consider them.

If nothing else has been gained through the attempts of the sub-branch the fact that they converted a parking area, derelict, deserted and deranged eyesore into an amenity by one section of the ratepaying community is sufficient justification for the work.

It is merely sufficient to point out that the Darling branch will continue its efforts and that the fortuitous programme of one of a very high standard and consistent nature will be continued.

It is hoped to install in-put speakers before the screening on November 16.

A. J. Collins
Secretary, Cinema Committee
DARLINGTON

Legacy Places Great Store On Health

Legacy's prime concern is the welfare of children of deceased ex-servicemen, and the health of its wards is placed high on the list of priorities.

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Upon enrolment and at least two other occasions during the year Legacy boys and girls are medically examined by panel of experts.

If any treatment is thought to be necessary it is immediately arranged.

If, on the other hand, mothers of children are deluged with requests for treatment outside the normal surveys, this too is readily carried out.

Medical surveys are also carried out by all country Legacy groups.

DENTAL CLINIC

At Legacy House there is a dental clinic in whose own staff, whose patience and attention to children is well appreciated.

The surgery is well appointed and all children receive a charge on early appointments.

If specialist dental treatment is required it can be arranged through Legacy's honorarium account.

In country areas Legacy usually obtains local dentists at very reasonable rates, wherever possible, and every endeavours made at the camp to ensure that every child's teeth are inspected, and subsequently given treatment.

HOLIDAY CAMPS

The Legacy story continues. Legacy provides holidays for its boys and girls windows at its camp situated on Geographe Bay five miles South of Busselton.

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During the Christmas holidays—for a duration of eight days—vaguely staffs are held for children between the ages of 10 and 15 at Christmas, and August and September holidays 40 widows with children under the age of 10 are accommodated in the camp for a period of one week.

To a large extent food for the camp is provided voluntarily by local organisations, not the least to the latter being the bowls branches, which have always been most ready to supply any only in providing food but also in lending a hand in maintaining the camps.

Camps are supervised by Legacy-advisers and volunteer trainee schoolteachers. Enquiries are made to introduce discipline and promoting by means of lectures and teaching without interfering too closely, are entirely devoted to the children's enjoyment.

Every effort is made to see that the children fit in with the conditions that they will experience once they go into the world.

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To provide some relief for hard-working mothers—($00 Legacy widows.

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Apart from being a shop with a cause, the R.S.L. Shop, you will find, can supply most of your requirements.

The variety will please you, the store is to supply quality and value in men's wear, manufacturer, hats, shoes and accessories.

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Your visit and purchase will do no harm, will matter how small, will be appreciated by those who have played your part in furthering the future of the shop.
At its September meeting the Como sub-branch, formed in July, 1946, entertained a number of its former office-bearers, including the past-presidents shown here—from left Messrs. C. D. Cribb, A. H. Panton (1946), A. J. Nutt, R. B. Marris and R. W. Keesing.

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The Governor Comes To Anzac House

The League reception at Anzac House in honour of the new State Governor, Sir Douglas Kendrew, will be held on Saturday, November 18, commencing at 10.30 a.m.,

Before entering the ballroom Sir Douglas will inspect a guard of honour comprising sub-branch representatives who will be lined-up on the footpath in front of Anzac House.

Arrangements made for the reception were reported on by the State Secretary at last month's executive meeting.

They include the conferment of honorary life-membership of the league upon Sir Douglas by Mr W. J. Hunt, a former State President.

Mr. Hunt will carry out his role by attaching a gold R.S.L. Badge to His Excellency's uniform, gold badges being reserved exclusively for vice-regal members.

Sir Douglas arrived in this State in the Graciosa on Friday, October 25, and was received at Fremantle by the State Premier, Mr David Brand.

On his way to Government House His Excellency stopped at the State War Memorial to lay a wreath.

He was sworn in as Governor that afternoon by the Chief Justice, Sir Albert Wolff.

SIR DOUGLAS KENDREW, the new State Governor, is shown here on the day of his arrival in Perth, laying a wreath on the steps of the State War Memorial—his first official duty.

League Membership Is Still On Up-and-up

"Last year it was my great-pleasure to be able to announce that there had been an increase in membership during the 12-month period up to 30th September of approximately 7,000."

This was announced at the National Congress last month by Mr. A. J. Lee. He continued:

"I am again delighted to be able to tell you that our membership for the period up to 30th September of this year has continued to increase, with the result that the total of our available members, that this must be accepted as a truly remarkable state of affairs. "It is a matter for considerable satisfaction, but at the same time we must always remind ourselves that the greater our membership the greater our responsibilities."

"We are inevitably involved in many subjects of far-reaching importance to the national life of Australia. It is vital that we should pursue these matters with the clear knowledge that we have a duty to Australia just as binding as the duty accepted when this country was involved in war."

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UNIT ASSOCIATIONS

16th Battalion

2/2 Commandoes

A convention of the 2/2 Commando Association was held in Geraldton from November 9 to 12. Members of this unit who served in Normandy, New Guinea, New Britain during the World War gathered at Geraldton from as far away as Perth and agricultural areas northwards to Northampton.

The Geraldton sub-branch of the R.S.L. unanimously agreed at its October meeting to make Birdwood House available free of charge for the main part of the convention on Saturday, November 9.

Two Northampton members of the association — Messrs. Bill Drage and "Brus" Page — arranged for members attending the convention to be guests at a dinner on the evening of their arrival in Northampton, sub-branch on Saturday, November 9.

The following morning the visiting members made a pilgrimage to the war cemetery at Utahka.

A round of entertainment during the period of the Convention was arranged by a Geraldton committee consisting of Messrs. Jack Lawley, Eric Symond and Peter Barden.

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More Thrills Than Spills
At Broome's 1963 Rodeo

About 800 people made their way to the John Knox Arena, about four miles out of Broome, for the R.S.I.L. Rodeo held on September 21 under ideal weather conditions.

The spectators and competitors alike were most enthusiastic.

The rodeo yards and arena are a great credit to their designer, Mr John Knox, who is vice-president of the sub-branch.

The arena and holding yards have been solidly constructed and should serve the rodeo requirements of the sub-branch for many years to come.

The arena has been named in honour of its designer.

The events proved very exciting, particularly the buck-jumping competitions, while the competitors themselves, classified as novices in some quarters, proved themselves equal to the job.

One mirth-provoking event was the bucking of a wild pig. Another was the greasy pig contest, in which the greasy pig had a wonderful time.

All members of the sub-branch certainly pulled their weight on the day, doing the various official and unofficial jobs.

President Peter Haynes was there all day on the organising side, assisted by another stalwart, Ray Baine.

ALL HELPED
Bert Shorter ably assisted the ladies at the refreshment stalls, which were well patronised, and also dealt with all requests for more than the usual amounts of sausages, drinks and loaves. Bert looked after the hotplate ovens and the hot water for tea, and was constantly going into the bush to cut down trees for firewood.

Mr Harmon was the director inside the arena, while Mr J. D. Farrell kindly gave his services as judge, and Mr G. Ockerby was timekeeper.

In the bar—provided by the Chieftain's Hotel—Mrs H. M. O'Brien, who was chief bar manager, was ably helped by many members of the sub-branch throughout the day.

They found that dealing with the rush of custom during icy-cold refreshments was no sinecure.

Mr Ken Archer, the sub-branch secretary, was also kept busy at the gates, checking receipts constantly, while in the car park Steele's staff were keeping all the time for cars.

The ladies auxiliary did a d'ovely job as always, with the catering. (What would the sub-branch do without their help which is always there for their asking?)

Between the events a clown, who was very popular, kept the crowd with antics.

The compere on the judge's stand was "Brother Bob," who always does his bit in a wonderful manner over the public-address system.

The sub-branch takes this opportunity to express its deep appreciation and gratitude to the many people who assisted, including many who were not members of the R.S.I.L.

It extends its sincerest thanks also to the station owners who lent their stock for the rodeo, and in some instances, for the money as well, and who assisted generally in every way before, during and after the show.

EXPERT ADVICE
In this respect mention must be made of Mr Frank Hamlett, Mr N. Harmon, Mr G. Ockerby, Mr Fred Wright and also of Mr Grant Smith for expert advice at the judge's stand.

At the close of the very exciting day a free barbecue was provided for the riders.

GUNNERS' DAY HELD AGAIN
Gunnery Day (Sunday, November 3) was commemorated in the usual manner at Guildford with a church service at St. Matthew's Church.

The parade marched via James and Main streets, and through Stratford Gardens.

Colonel A. Rodgers took the salute at the Mandjar, opposite the host office. The ladies of the Guildford Red Cross provided afternoon tea at the town hall after the ceremony.

Seeking Restoration Of Pension Values

The League must press next year for full restoration of the 1953 pension values, National President A. J. Lee said at National Congress this year.

The R.S.I.L, Pension Plan for 1963, he said, had been presented to the Federal Cabinet on March 28.

The Federal Budget brought down in August had in general terms been disappointing.

There were a number of benefits which were extremely valuable—particularly those affecting civilians in widows' and war widows', and especially the fact that once again dependants' allowances remained unaltered.

During the Budget debate in the House of Representatives many speakers had made the point that the League and its members were extremely reasonable.

That was the principle feature of the whole Pension Plan. The League did not even seek to complete restoration of the pension values that had existed ten years ago.

It recognised that certain other benefits had been introduced in the intervening period and again sought increases that represented a reasonable compromise.

The League had used as the basis of its arguments the economic union known as the average weekly earnings for employed male unit.

"In our presentation for 1964 I suggest we do not rely entirely on this standard but utilise all economic statistics that will in any way demonstrate our point of view," Mr Lee said.

War and service pensions had lost value over the last decade. The League should present its case in such a way that those values were restored.

Liaison With The Services

At its October meeting the State Executive approved the appointment by State President Lorrie of a Services Liaison Officer.

The member selected for the role is Mr E. A. Dodd, who is also president of the Golden Sydneys sub-branch.

Mr Lorrie said it might be possible for the Liaison Officer to arrange for occasional visits by R.S.I.L representatives to see some of the training activities of the various serving units.

MISSING PERSONS

Would any ex-servicemen who served with SX112 Ctl. C. Harvey or WXX18 Sgt. J. Moore, or who knows the present whereabouts of Sgt. Moore, please communicate with Anzac House.

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Rehabilitating Men Of Malaya And Korea

At the recent National Executive meeting there was discussion on the rehabilitation training scheme and repatriation benefits as they affected those who have served in Korea and Malaya.

This resulted from an inquiry—raised by the West Australian State branch—which had been suggested that an anomaly existed between the re-establishment training benefits for Korean and Malayan war-service. Basically, the position relating to service in the Korean and Malayan areas in this period of 1950, repatriation and certain re-establishment benefits were extended to cover in Korea, members of the Navy, Army and Air Force only. The Air Force only were covered. The two areas operations varied considerably in the two areas.

IN KOREA

Hostilities ceased on the signing of the truce in 1955, but servicemen in Korea had been called upon to engage in operations in the event of a recurrence of hostilities following a breakdown in peace negotiations. Subsequently the Government reviewed the situation and after April 19, 1956, further service in Korea did not qualify the members for special benefits.

IN MALAYA

Those members serving in Malaya from 1950 on were eligible for repatriation and certain re-establishment benefits. However in 1956, as the nature of the operations had not substantially changed although they had become far less extensive, benefits were continued there pending a review of eligibility vested.

Eligibility under the Repatriation Act had ceased with the coming into operation of the Repatriation (Far East and Strategic Reserve) Act on September 1, 1957.

The general effect of this legislation was that the benefits were continued but on the more restricted basis of being available to Australian servicemen who were part of the Strategic Reserve in the Far East.

This situation continued until it was replaced by the Repatriation (Far East and Pacific Areas) Act earlier this year.

It would have been impracticable at the time to have provided for service eligibility for re-establishment benefits for those who served in Malaya, and this explains why there was a common cutoff date at the end of the Malaya service.

The difference in the cutoff date between the two areas therefore has been conditioned rather by the re-establishment training benefits.

A Representative Gathering At Sub-branch Reunion

Members of Parliament and of local government and representatives of the three armed services participated in the 46th annual reunion of the West Leederville-Wembley-Floreat Park sub-branch on October 25.

The State Executive was represented by Messrs. Jim Elsegood, W. White and Michael J. Dixon extended a welcome to representatives of the services—Lieut. McGeach, R.A.N., Capt. C. Ellis, R.A.A.F., and Lieut. White, R.A.A.F., Mr. Dixon extended a welcome to representatives of the services.

In the returned servicemen's report, Mr. Dixon said that the members had been represented by Messrs. Jim Elsegood, R.A.A.F., Capt. C. Ellis, R.A.N., and Lieut. White, R.A.A.F.,—the three service representatives.

After the toasts to Her Majesty the Queen, and to fallen comrades who had been decorated with the D.S.O. and D.S.M., Mr. Dixon extended a welcome to representatives of the services.

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Entrance Arch At The Home

The State Executive has agreed to the erection of a memorial archway at the entrance of the Veterans' Home. Submitting the proposal last month the chairman of the Veterans' Home Board, Mr. P. Pearson, said the structure would clearly identify the home.

It would also incorporate a commemorative plaque in honour of the previous board chairman, the late Lieut.-Gen. W. H. G. White, 1st M.L.I.A. Reporting further on this the State Secretary said that the work had been completed and for three weeks at the rate of $3,000 an hour by the contractors who had the contract.

It seemed that the flood-damaged building was likely to recant.

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LIBRARY BOOKS FOR VETERANS AS MEMORIALS

Sub-branches are being asked to consider a proposal for donating books to the library of the War Veterans Memorial at Ballarat. The proposal is that instead of supplying wreaths at ex-service funerals the sub-branches should give memorial books to the library. The name of the deceased person to be thus remembered is to be shown on a memorial inset pasted to the inside-cover of the book. It is felt that books mark in this way would serve in some measure as living memorials. The insets may be obtained on application to Anzac House.


COMPANIONS OF LEGACY SERVE AT BLACKBOY

The Blackboy Hill Memorial Committee is pleased to accept a recent offer from the Companions of Legacy to assist in the beautification and maintenance of the memorial surroundings. The memorial was dedicated by Bishop C. L. Riley in last December, and the question of developing the surrounding grounds has posed a problem to the committee ever since.

Companions of Legacy are a group of girls and boys of 15 years and over who have been wards of Legacy and who now desire to give service in appreciation of the help that they and their mothers have received over the years. The initial effort will be a field day on Sunday, November 24, when the boys, girls, and other instruments of torture will be crowding the best of cars leaving Legacy House at 10.30 a.m. If you feel like giving these youngsters a helping hand put your picks and shovels down at Vetere, Homes, together with a picnic lunch, and join the cavalcade.

SINGER-PIANIST IS AVAILABLE

Sub-branches requiring a good pianist and singer for sub-branch reunions are advised that Mr Len Cusley is available for engagements (phone 60 4632).

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P.O.W. Seen As Strong Force For Security

Prisoners of-war, as a group, probably had a keener interest in their country's defence and basic security than almost any other group, Repatriation Minister Swartz said recently.

He was addressing the State Council of the Ex-Prisoners of War Association at Dalby, Queensland. Mr Swartz said that with the war over in its present phase of unrest and instability the memories of Australia's struggle for freedom were foremost in their minds and that while Australians wanted to live in peace they could not afford complacency or lose interest in their basic responsibilities to the nation—its defence and survival.

Prisoners of war took pride in their units and in themselves, and with great justification.

The membership, which motivated them, continued to help each other and their dependants.

They were of great assistance to the Repatriation Department.
**The Ted Townsend Games Story**

About this time each year notes on the progress of the Ted Townsend Shield games have been a prominent feature of this journal, and it should be of interest to many readers to know how they originated.

In 1954 a few of the Hills sub-branches, led by T.M. Hele, were trying to organise a series of inter-sub-branch games evening's and not having very much success.

One memorable night was held on the late Mr. E. C. Townsend happened to be paying a visit to Mt. Helena Hotel, and he thought it was a very good idea, and he donated a shield to help things along. Enthusiasm picked up immediately, and a committee of representatives from all Hills sub-branches was formed to decide on the nature and rules of the games and to work out a schedule.

It was decided to play quiet (30th), dart (31st), start straight (31st) and finish on a double, and bowls on a 30th a carpet.

The games season started in September each year, and each sub-branch took the role of host for a round of games.

The winning team then had the arrangements for a ladies night and the presentation of the Shield.

The sub-branches now taking part are: Munding, Chalwood (last year's winner), Glen Forrest, Darlington, Chalwood, Woolooloo and Mt. Helena.

The Townsend Shield was originally to be won by the sub-branch with the highest number of wins and the sub-branches who donated the shield, and then, with the full approval of the donor, Chalwood donated another magnificent score to do it just this year.

Then, with the full approval of the donor, Chalwood re-donated the shield and the "in perpetuity".

The Hills sub-branches will now be known as the Ted Townsend Memorial Shield and will continue their friendly rivalry to continue to attend the honour of winning it.

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NOTES**

**Fete A Disappointment**

The Veterans' Home Garden Fete has come and gone—and what a disappointing event it was! Support by auxiliaries and sub-branches was conspicuous by its absence, and the profits will be woefully short of last year's figures.

It was a beautiful day and grounds were in wonderful array—a credit to the gardener and his staff. There were plenty of well-stocked stalls, particularly the cake stall which had really sprouted! But it seemed that only the auxiliaries who were in charge of stalls supported the fete, and even they did not have full membership present.

With 32 auxiliaries averaging about 20 members, buyers should have been satisfied with the stalls three or four deep. The executive were also looking very sorry they did not have more auxiliaries to "sell" to the Belmont and Sorrento members for their help; they did a sterling job.

The auxiliaries also to Major House and his staff for their help and co-operation all through the fete. Lady Kendrew and Miss Fairfax attended during the afternoon, had afternoon tea with some of the executive and then inspected the stalls.

For the benefit of the auxiliaries who were not re-registered at the presidential and secretaries meeting, it has been suggested that the Hollywood visiting take a holiday.

The idea is for one or two branches to adopt a ward on the Saturday or Sunday, or even a week, and to visit patients, do small messages and help wherever possible in the hospitals, the War Memorial, and the nursing units. All branches of the Auxiliary will be welcomed.

A reception given at Air Force House was attended by Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Rowe. A reception at the Belmond Hotel was attended by the members of the sub-branch and Mrs. Ames presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Warden and McFly.

A reception given at the Ray Hotel was attended by Mrs. Ames and members of the executive, and Mrs. Ames presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Warden and McFly.
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Call For Re-introduction Of National Service Training

At the 48th National Congress of the League, held in Sydney late last month, submissions from all State branches urged the re-introduction of national-service training.

Commenting on this, National President A. J. Lee said there was evidence everywhere of an increasing demand for the re-introduction of national-service training and for an increase in defence preparations generally. The R.S.L. would be examining ways in which its views on national service could be more forcibly presented to the Australian people and to the Federal Government.

Mr Lee said that the New Zealand scheme had created great interest and a submission from the A.C.T. branch recommended that this might be used as a pattern for a similar scheme in Australia.

Mr Lee said that the New Zealand scheme had much to commend it. It was a three-month scheme with further training continuing over a period of three years. The enlistment age had been increased from 18 to 20 years and emphasis had been placed on the preparation of interesting training programmes and the development of espirit de corps.

The recruits were firing rifles three days after they entered camp, said Mr Lee. Other submissions asked for training periods varying from six months to two years.

A Queensland motion recommended six months of continuous training in north Australia or New Guinea. It was becoming increasingly evident, said Mr Lee, that the achievement of the R.A. and C.M.F. were to be satisfactorily maintained the source of manpower would have to be developed. In addition to this it was imperative for the whole nation to be made more conscious of the important urgency of the country's defence obligations.

Nothing could achieve this better than a training programme that would appeal to the community in Australia.

Delegates said that the term "national service" should be used rather than "compulsory military training".

They said an efficient method of training national servicemen was needed, but did not recommend any period of training.

DEFENCE SPENDING

The deputy national president of the R.S.L., Sir Raymond Huish, said the Australian people wanted something done quickly about defence.

The Government was not willing to allocate more money because it was frightened by some sections of the community.

The R.S.L. should carry out an educational campaign to enable the people to see that they must sacrifice more money through taxation for security.

West Australian delegate W. S. Lou Nie said the congress had shown a unanimous mood on the question of defence.

Our army strength must be at least, two divisions, and the R.S.L. must keep on trying to popularise the C.M.F.

The president of the N.S.W. branch, Mr W. Ye, said he believed that despite the recent increase, the final issue of a war would be decided by the man with the gun.

National service would be a great benefit to the youth of Australia, and a good thing for all-round security.

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Leaving Event On The Home Front

Undoubtedly the League's most striking achievement of the last 12 months in the purely domestic field was the erection in Canberra of the new national-headquarters building.

National President A. J. Lee said this in his annual report to the 48th National Congress at Sydney recently.

He said the Commemoration Stone in the entrance hall would have been brought from the Kokoda Trail and unveiled by the Prime Minister on May 15.

The building itself had been opened by His Excellency the Governor-General on August 7.

The new headquarters is sited on an aerodrome overlooking the new Canberra lakes and will be clear of identification points throughout the national capital.

It has a number of interesting features. The architecture is essentially in a modern vein but has certain traditional elements necessary in such a building.

KOKODA STONE

The foundation stone from the Kokoda Trail commemorates the service of the troops of the war in the Pacific—a campaign that was actually the first point at which the Japanese forces were held in their advance towards Australia, and at the same time symbolises the link between Australia and the Territory, a link which the League must be strengthened with the Territory's move towards independence.

The four entrance pillars symbolise the four principal services of the war, Navy, Army, Air Force and Women's Services. They are flanked by granite and, at the base of each, is a bronze tablet defining the service that the pillared represents.

Internally, great splendour has been given to the public rooms by extensive use of folding concertina-type doors.

Mr Lee said every State branch and quite a number of individuals associated with the building by a variety of presentations raising flags and the ornamentation of many articles of furniture.

Landscaping was a feature of the building, and trees were grown by the Branches that were so selected that they were natives of the various State branches.

He believed all members of the National Executive were pleased with the building.

From a functional point of view it had been very carefully planned and efficiently designed, from an aesthetic point of view it was extremely pleasing, with a number of unique features, and from a symbolic point of view it identified the R.S.L. more clearly at the national level.

It was representative of the League's status and a reminder of the great and expanding role that the League played in vital national affairs.

Unveiling Of Plaque In Temple David

During the dedication by the Liberal Jewish Committee of Perth on October 27 of their new Temple David the R.S.L. State President unveiled a plaque of remembrance in the 200,000 building.

Rabbi George W. Ruben conducted the service and speeches were made by Mr George McFarlane, President of the World Council of Churches (on behalf of Christian churchmen) and Members of W.A.J.E.X. (the West Australian Jewry Education Exchange Organisation) which has accepted the stewardship of the State War Memorial for the next two years, were well in attendance.

This new building, dedicated to Jewish servicemen who served in the two world wars. During the service R.S.L. President Ron Stone (president of the Federal sub-branch) and immediate past-president Harry Kriss (City of Perth president) spoke.

Here Mr. Lonie gave a short but inspiring address: "Mr. Stone, I am sure that whatever the plaque reads the inscription will also be a reminder of the sacrifices we have made in the two world wars."

Others present at the dedication were Federation and Departmental representatives of the armed forces and local shires, members of churches and honorary representatives of Jewish groups in Western Australia.