N.S.W. Leader Points To Big Task Ahead

The New South Wales State President, Sir William Yeo, in an editorial in the September issue of “Reveille,” calls for some serious thought by League members on responsibilities of the future. He states:

“During Congress quite a number of speakers referred to actuarial figures in support of the argument that the R.S.L. will be facing ever-increasing responsibilities in the care of the less fortunate ex-service men and women.

“I think it would be as well if these figures were briefly analysed so that we may all be aware of just how serious this challenge is.

“In the case of WW1 ex-servicemen, 330,733 departed for overseas service. The total casualties were 226,075, of which 39,258 were listed as killed, dead or missing. Of the 330,733 approximately 100,000 are still living.

“Without the enormous increase in membership many WW1 Diggers would by now be finding their lot much harder, but increased revenue from WW1 ex-servicemen has enabled the R.S.L. to help them, as is no less than their due, as their age advances and as effects of war service become more apparent.

“For the WW11 ex-servicemen to take care of their own, statistical information provides some sobering figures starting from the fact that about 1,000,000 enlisted.

“Estimates reveal that in 1964 88,000 ex-servicemen are in their 30’s, 483,000 are in their 40’s, 227,000 in the 50-60 group, and the balance are over 70.

“Thirteen years hence—in 1977—only 4,000 will be under 50, 387,000 will be between 50 and 60, 232,000 between 60 and 70 and the rest over 70.

“Ten years on again—in 1987—and only 2,750 will be under 60, 297,000 will be in their 60’s, 178,000 in their 70’s, with the balance over 80.

“The figure giving most food for thought is that in 1987 500,000 ex-servicemen will still be alive and only 2,750 under the age of 60.

“Currently it is conservatively estimated that at all levels of welfare work the R.S.L. is spending over £500,000 per year. What astronomical figure will be necessary in 1987—just to maintain our present level—requires real imagination or a reliable crystal ball.

“R.S.L. funds certainly are being built up to cater for these ‘years of need’, but just as certainly not at a rate fast enough to cater for the demands of the 1980’s. This is a challenge we must accept with solid resolution.

“Every member, every sub-branch—and every R.S.L. club—should do well to dwell on these figures so that the full impact will be fully understood.”
Following is the text of an address given by His Excellency the Governor, Major-General Sir Douglas Kendrew, as guest-of-honour at a dinner held by Legacy in the Government House Ballroom on September 21 to celebrate 40 years of service by Legacy throughout Australia. There was an attendance of 200 people.

More than 40 years have passed since Legacy was formed, and it is part of history. Rather like the Ashes it is part of our tradition, and a mighty fine tradition.

I would like to say something about the beginning of this Legacy movement. It all started just some time after the first world war in a hotel in Melbourne when some ex-servicemen got together. History doesn’t really say what the menu was, but I bet it was steak with eggs on top, washed down with beer!

All those men were officers on the staff of Sir John Gellibrand and he had inculcated into them the spirit of “stand by your mates,” and those particular ties applied equally in peace as in war.

They formed, at this luncheon party, the idea of an association whereby the strong would help the weak.

Meetings were called, office bearers were elected and after a certain amount of time they decided they must look after the responsibilities of those who did not come back, and they called their movement Legacy.

They succeeded in getting a few of the final acts of World War II and the message to those Legatees was quite clear. Only by the Grace of God did I come home to my children, and I have something that I never thank God enough for today.

Those conditions still survive, but the Charter has been changed slightly and I found that those conditions did logically give considerable problems.

They were these chaps who went overseas and were killed and those who went overseas and were left, those whose health was affected and they have since died.

How can one distinguish between these two cases?

For myself I do not think you can say there is any difference between the two cases, and nor does Legacy.

It is not terribly easy. If you are working on a tribunal you have to prove the latter case died from war service, and those who administer the Repatriation Act in order to carry out their Statutory duty. Legacy answers only to its own Charter.

A feeling did develop that the needs of children whose fathers did come back from war but have since died was probably the greatest.

NOT ACCEPTED

And this of course means that the death could not be directly connected with war service in the true sense of the word. This came back and it was not plain straight away that their death was a result of war service.

They were termed non-accepted cases.

There was at the early days a quite a lot of debate about these cases amongst Legacy as to what it was at one time we were not widening the sphere too much and so weakening their case instead of realizing that it was enough to have paid generous tribute.

It is only those who have paid fully and those who are now left without their husband who know what it is to bear the loneliness is what the problems are in a family without a father.

Luckily, that died down and then it was definitely accepted that children of every ex-serviceman serve in the armed forces abroad and later died—whether from war service or not—were wards of Legacy.

This decision was taken over 20 years ago and has increased the work of Legacy.

The public asks sometimes whether the work of Legacy is still necessary. They say, with the war over 20 years ago, surely this need is not still with us.

Well, there are lots of chaps who can answer that very fully. They are alive, they have a job, they have a family, and they can hear and see the work, and the wards themselves. They know the need for Legacy only too well.

There are probably many of you here tonight with sons and daughters in the same teens and I think you should be pleased and grieved if you thought of those sons and daughters deprived of parental care and advice.

Legacy never claims to take the place of the dead ex-army father. Legacy only tries to soften the blow.

STANDING-UP

I know, as a father, that in the early days of a child’s life and in the very circumstances of life they are and I think you should be pleased and grieved if you thought of those sons and daughters deprived of parental care and advice.

I know this personally. I lost my father, and he died from the effects of the 1914/18 war. I was left on my own to make my own career, to make my own decisions.

I had no-one to lean on, and certainly didn’t have Legacy. Nineteen years is a long time, but if we have not suffered this loss ourselves, perhaps it is brought home to us.

It is only those who have paid fully and those who are now left without their husband who know what it is to bear the loneliness is what the problems are in a family without a father.

It would be tempting to say 19 years is long enough, let close the account, but Legacy says no. There is no end and it will see it through. I believe it is the finest tribute: Legacy knows no limits, and its members are not sure every boy and girl has been given the job in life and is properly started in life.

Many ex-servicemen are now in their forties and fifties, and I think we expect these days that those between forty and fifty will live out the three-score-years—and perhaps with the medical knowledge and drugs.

Last year in Perth we enrolled 107 families whose fathers (ex-servicemen) died before they were 50.

Some of these people were able to make provision for their families, but of course the demands on Legacy are extremely small.

THE BURDEN

With the bulk of the cases the father has not been able to make adequate financial provision and therefore the load falls on Legacy. It makes no means-test as it helps those who are in need at the moment.

Ten per cent of those helped by Legacy have children under the age of ten.

Since Legacy was formed it has increased its demands. It is impossible to say that it certainly not reduced it.

We expect goodwill and a great deal of cooperation from the public.

You gentlemen who are present, your children have present been most generous and kind to Legacy. In fact, played your full part, otherwise you would not be sitting here tonight.

I would like to give you a message to try and put it over to you. I would also like to take the time to mention organisations with which you gentlemen have considerable contacts in many different organisations throughout the State.

Have you thought of adopting a ward? Now adopting is not a very exciting word, but (Continued, Page 4)
Voyager’ Money Is Mostly Paid Out

The distribution of moneys collected by the R.S.L. to assist dependants of those who were lost in the sinking of H.M.A.S. Voyager on February 10 is now almost complete.

Announcing this recently the National President, Mr. A. J. Lee, said that a total of £43,852 had been collected and except for a small reserve of £2,000 to cope with emergencies had been distributed to dependents.

Mr. Lee said the money had been distributed in two allocations. In making the second distribution an R.S.L. representative had met the next-of-kin, discussed their problems with them and reported back to the National Executive.

On the basis of those reports a second distribution was now being made. By this means personal contact had been made with the families of the victims and help and guidance in family and personal problems had been possible, in addition to financial assistance.

In all, a total of 71 families had been assisted, the only ones excluded being those who had indicated that they did not require assistance.

Mr. Lee said the whole undertaking had been a heartwarming experience. The families visited had received great personal comfort not only from the practical aid offered but from the knowledge that the people of Australia, by their contributions, had demonstrated a desire to share in the tragedy of great personal loss suffered by the next-of-kin.

Party Night At Club
Members and their wives (and friends) are cordially invited to a party night at the Anzac Club on Friday, October 23. An excellent night’s entertainment is planned, the artists including the Prankstars and Faye Lawrence (yodeller).

The League Is Made Up Of All Kinds

It is a truism to say that in wartime the services were made up of all kinds of people in all walks of life.

Today, the R.S.L. is much the same except that the man who thought only of himself — the man who would raise a hand to help a pal unless he could get something out of it for himself — is gone.

That type has never been attracted to the R.S.L., nor the R.S.L. to them.

Other than this type the R.S.L. can be said to have had the membership of almost everybody who was eligible, all coming together for comradeship and service to the community, for youth and welfare work among those less fortunate than themselves.

Some men have come in for a year or two and then dropped out only to return later. Others have remained for a long period and are still out, but they will come back eventually because the fundamental principles of the R.S.L. are sound and good, and appeal to all right-thinking men.

The membership position is buoyant but all members are reminded that a small effort could help to make this the year the best in ten.

If you know of an ex-service woman who could be eligible, take her along to your sub-branch meeting or get her to call in at your local House.

You will be doing her a favour.

Contest: 1965 Slogan

Members are invited to submit entries for the League’s 1965 Slogan contest, which carries the usual £2 prizet.

But note: this year’s competition closes on October 31 — a few weeks earlier than usual. Slogans should be short and to the point, and the following lines:

For greater Strength and Unity
Join the League in ’65.
Keep Strength and Service as the core
by wearing the Badge in ’65.

Entries should be addressed to the R.S.L. State Secretary, Anzac House, Perth, and envelopes marked “Slogan.”
Repatriation Peak Is Still Some Years Away

Repatriation services were expected to reach their peak in ten or 16 years, Repatriation Minister Swartz said in Parliament recently.

He had been asked:
- Was the increase in age of ex-service personnel altering the pattern of medical treatment at repatriation hospitals?
- Was it anticipated that advancing age would result, at least for a time, in increasing the number of patients being treated?
- Were any steps being taken to keep repatriation hospitals up to date and to cope with any anticipated alteration in the frequency of various diseases?

In reply Mr Swartz said there was a very definite change in the pattern of repatriation medical treatment.

There was also a clear indication that there would be an increase in demand for expanded medical services for another decade at least.

Mr Swartz said the peak of repatriation services would not be reached until about 1975 or 1980.

It was expected that from that time the demand would taper off on only gradually, so that additional hospital facilities would be needed in all States. That was very much in mind at the present time. It was aimed to provide the best medical services available not only in Australia but in any country in the world with a repatriation system.

He believed that that standard had already been achieved and would be maintained in the future.

To that end regular visits overseas were made by departmental medical officers to keep abreast of the latest developments. By so doing they were able to maintain the high standards already achieved.

Asked whether the Australian Repatriation Department was assisting ex-service from British countries to receive repatriation benefits equal to the extent of the main provisions that their own Government at the time had provided, Mr Swartz replied:

"The Repatriation Act does permit the Repatriation Commission to act as agent for a number of other British countries. Under these arrangements, the commission is able to provide benefits here in Australia on exactly the same basis as they would be provided to the ex-servicemen in the British countries concerned."

"The services provided include the investigation of claims, medical treatment and the payment of benefits. The two principal countries concerned are the United Kingdom and New Zealand."

"As a matter of interest the total amount paid for pensions under this system during the last financial year was just a little over £2,000,000."

TREAT IN STORE FOR VETERANS

By arrangement with the Belmont sub-branch a concert party from that district will entertain residents of the War Veterans' Home on October 30.

Among the entertainers are likely to be children from Royal Park's dancing school, Miss Gaye Spillman and her father, the R.S.L. auxiliary's youth group, the Belmont Men's Choir, which has had many engagements this year.

The concert party was arranged last month during a visit to the home by Belmont members accompanying some Murray sub-branch members who were entertaining for the weekend.

THE LEGACY STORY (from Page 2)

really means is that you supply a certain sum of money and that sum of money goes to Legacy to look after a ward.

It doesn't mean that you know the name of that particular boy or girl. You supply sufficient money. Legacy gets on with the work so urgently and badly needed in Perth.

It is worked out that it costs about £25 a year to do the work that Legacy does. It supplies medical and dental care, helps with educational assistance, helps with scholarships and so joining, helping boys and girls join different clubs, assists with the costs of scholarships and so on. In the use of Craig House residential accommodation, legal aid, as well as a welfare officer with all the administrative set-up, and a whole lot of people.
Manjimup Reunion—Encouraging Comment

The strength of any sub-branch of the R.S.L. depends not only on the numbers attending the meetings but on how the committees work and on their ability to carry out their duties.

Those attending the annual reunion dinner of the Manjimup sub-branch were told by the South-West country representative of the State Executive, Mr Len Nisbett, who responded to a toast to the State Executive.

Mr. Nisbett, who is also president of the Bunbury sub-branch, said the Manjimup sub-branch was the first he had joined since his appointment to the State Executive.

A personal message from State President W. S. Lonnie (read by Mr. Nisbett) said that the Miss Crowning Glory competition had raised over £26,000, which had been divided equally between Legacy and the War Veterans’ Home.

The current competition was proving most successful and there were 35 entrants. Its success seemed certain but the pressure must be maintained.

Mr. McBeatty, organiser of the local Miss Crowning Glory effort, introduced the gathering Manjimup’s entrant for this year, Miss Pat Morrow, and her chaperone Mrs. Rose.

He said he hoped the branch would continue to give its support to their candidate with a stall to be held in October, and with a raffle which would be drawn in November.

After Miss Morrow had expressed her thanks for the invitation to the dinner a presentation was made to her by Mr. Nisbett.

Sub-branch president M. Dunn thanked the committee for their help during the year.

He said they had given much time towards keeping the branch functioning as a viable force in the district.

He invited all present to attend the monthly meetings held on the third Thursday each month. These were not confined to business but included entertainment.

Mr. Dunn stressed the need for a women’s auxiliary and said he hoped it would not be too long before the town had one. Mr. Joe Rowberry, M.L.A., proposed a toast to the visitors who included members from Bunbury, Nyamup, Perth and Quinupin.

After Mr. W. Forrest had thanked the president for his work during the year Mr. A. Blackwell led members in toasting the women who had catered for the dinner.

It was his intention to visit as many branches as possible in his area.

The State Executive did a great deal of work for members and was the only body that had direct representation with the Federal Cabinet.

Mr. Nisbett said he felt that any branch, to be successful, must include in its programme of entertainment the wives and families.

£52,000 To Pay For Dunroon Chapel

“Operation Christian Soldier,” the building-fund appeal for an all-denominational chapel at the Royal Military College, Dunroon, has raised £34,951.

State totals are: New South Wales, £10,321; Victoria, £8,349; Queensland, £5,156; South Australia, £4,383; Western Australia, £5,105; Tasmania, £1,655; A.C.T., £2,392.

A further grant of £17,000 by the Federal Government brought the overall figure to £51,951.

The college commandant, Major-General C. H. Finlay, announced this in Canberra recently.

The appeal—under the national chairmanship of Lieutenant-General Sir Sydney Rowell, former Chief of the General Staff—had been launched in October, 1963, and outstanding support from Australians everywhere had brought it to a successful conclusion, General Finlay said.

Since the original appeal—made in 1959—the design and estimated size of the chapel had been changed to meet the needs of expansion in the Corps of Staff Cadets.

Work should commence on the chapel as soon as the final working-drawing approved by the Department of Works should be circulated.

On Anzac Day next year a special service would be held to mark the 50th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli and the progress made on the new chapel.

Excellent Shooting By L. Ward

Marksman Laurie Ward of Western Australia has won the Queen’s Prize in South Australia.

He is the first West Australian to win the Sovereign’s Prize in that State and the second to carry off the prize since Federation.

This 25-year-old champion is a son of Jack Ward who served in the R.A.A.F. in the 1939-45 war.

The League’s congratulations to Laurie for a splendid and sustained effort!

The competition was fierce and he only scored 339 on the last shot—a bullseye, which gave him victory by one point.

Laurie’s score was 339 out of 355 over eight distances, which is excellent shooting.
Training Of Nurses For Repatriation

Schools for training of nurses now being conducted by the Repatriation Department in three States, Repatriation Minister Swartz said recently.

The schools were at the Repatriation General Hospitals at Concord (Sydney), Heidelberg (Melbourne) and Greenslopes (Brisbane).

In addition schools for the training of nursing aides were being run in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth.

Training was provided in 12 nursing fields: general medical, general surgical, neuro-surgical, orthopaedic, ear nose and throat, gynaecological, psychiatric, urological, ophthalmological, thoracic surgical, radiological and theatre.

Training in pediatrics and midwifery was arranged at other leading hospitals.

The General Nursing Certificate on successful completion of the training course—four years at Concord, three at both Heidelberg and Greenslopes—enabled the holder to practise throughout Australia, in the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth countries and in the United States of America.

For girls who sought a hospital career but were not qualified to undertake the full nursing course the department was offering employment as nursing aides.

Girls were given a 12-month course in basic nursing and on successful completion of the paid-tuition plan, received State registration as nursing aides.

Northampton

The Northampton sub-branch is to support Geraldton Sub-Branch in raising funds for Miss Crownin Glory entrant Miss L. McKeon who, though working in Geraldton comes from Northampton.

Two raffles and a dance were arranged for October with a presentation to be made at the dance to Mrs J. D. Rob, who has for many years supported the sub-branch by selling all Remembrance Day poppies allotted to the sub-branch.

The Northampton annual reunion dinner will be held on Saturday, November 14.

The annual Diggers Golf day was held on September 4. A good attendance included three visitors from the Chapman Valley sub-branch.

Don Reynolds proved to be the "Champ" while Tom Cream from Nana B. Davis, having his first attempt at golf, came a long last.

Barbeque steak and sausages followed to wind up the day, which will be long remembered.

Sub-branch Disbursements From Festival Takings

It was disclosed at the September meeting of the Geraldton sub-branch that the Sunshine Festival Committee would receive about £44 as a result of R.S.L. participation in the festival on the opening day.

That amount represented 25 per cent of the profits.

Festival Committee chairman John Wesley thanked the R.S.L. for its contribution to the outstanding success of the sixth Sunshine Festival.

Messrs. H. Jones and J. Spendlove were appointed by the R.S.L. to attend a public meeting to assess the results of the festival.

The sub-branch is also to make a donation of over £100 to the Anglican Mission on Groote Eylandt. (Gulf of Carpentaria).

The money was raised by charging for admission to the exhibition of native art displayed by the R.S.L. as a feature of the festival.

It was the first time that a display from Groote Eylandt had been staged in Western Australia.

Most of the back paintings, ornamental canoes and other works of art displayed have already been sold, as a result of which the Native Mission will receive about £200 in addition to the sub-branch donation.

The exhibition organiser, Mr John Spendlove, reported to the September R.S.L. meeting that £193 worth had been sold during the festival and that an American in Perth had bought £20 worth of remaining pieces valued at £43.

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The Silent Challenge of the Wall

Whatever the future may hold, historians, in retrospect, will remain convinced that Soviet strategy over Berlin was the most significant single tactical miscalculation in a post-war Communist expansionist program that was to embrace all Europe.

Along a road littered with diplomatic defeats and wasted opportunities, the Berlin Airlift of 1948-1949 stands clear and decisive as a warning and a promise in the long struggle between the Free World and the Communists.

Here, for the first time, the West stood firm. To the demand that Britain, France and the United States surrender their Berlin sectors, the Western Allies replied with the greatest air operation of all time.

When 11 months later the Russians pulled off their blockade and permitted the trains, the automobiles, the canal barges, to pass again through their zone into Berlin, the Western world had undergone a complete transformation.

Allied unity which had shown signs of crumbling had revived. Under pressure of events, inaction and timidity had given place to firmness and resolve.

RESOLUTE

With world attention focused on Berlin, all Western political parties approved a no-surrender policy, a marked change from Soviet designs and activities.

In Britain, Labour Government's Foreign Minister, Ernest Bevin, won support both from his own party and from the Conservative Opposition for his pledge: "We intend to stay in Berlin."

President Truman denied the Russians a right to get out of Berlin by either direct or indirect pressure. We are going to stay. By way of Berlin and the world that he meant what he said, the President ordered 31 squadrons of B-29 bombers to Germany.

Australia's Labor Prime Minister, a special personal on-the-spot investigation convinced that the interests of free people everywhere were so bound up with those of men and women in West Berlin as to be indistinguishable.

Yet, there can be no doubt that the air-lift could not have been possible if the people it served had not come to rely on its existence.

"No Berliner," to quote Rebecca West, "was staking his personal fate on the success of the operation. She was believed in London or New York." The blockade and the Allied response to it aligned the entire political leadership of West Germany on the side of the West. It brought into being a West German state, with Berlin a West German outpost and a Western orientation, economic and ultimate-

ly the military weight of the new Germany gravitated towards the Western democracies.

The Russians waited another 10 years before creating a second crisis.

On November 27, 1961, Khrushchev sent a note to the United States stating that the Berlin question must be settled on Russian terms. It was during this period of time that the peace treaty was not signed, the Soviet Union would sign one with East Germany and "terminate" the rights of all the four powers in Germany.

From the United States came an immediate blunt reply that the Allies were "most solemnly committed to hold West Berlin and need be, by force."

The crisis fizzled out, On Khrushchev's own admission, "too much fuss" had been made about the whole matter.

There the matter rested, until June 1961 when, in Vienna, Khrushchev handed President Kennedy a note giving the Allies another six months to get out of Berlin. The alternatives were Soviet rockets, Soviet missiles and a third world war.

Following the precepts of his Nazi predecessor, the Russian leader, this time, set about terrorizing other Western leaders.

"In a nuclear war, Russian rockets will wipe out Italy," he warned the Italian Premier. "The roar of the British lion does not terrify anyone any more," he taunted Britain. To the Greeks he promised the return of the Acropolis. The Western nations were "my hostages." Six Russian Hemispheres and "annihilate" the British Isles. Another nine would "destroy" France.

The Russian campaign alarmed the world. It did not, however, produce the results for which Khrushchev hoped.

Faced again with a common danger, the Allies came closer together, convinced that Berlin must be defended at all costs.

"We do not want to fight," declared President Kennedy on July 25, 1961, in a dramatic appeal to the American people, "but we have fought before, and would be a mistake for others to look upon Berlin because of its location, as a tempting target.

The Gallup Poll taken immediately after the President's speech revealed that 42 per cent of the people of the United States agreed with him on Berlin.

Not since the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour had the American people been so angry and so united as on the Berlin crisis.

The most unexpected results of Khrushchev's terror campaign, however, were found in East Germany. From across the border there now streamed "flood of refugees," which, as it reached flood proportions, changed the whole picture.

In May, the normal monthly flow of East Germans through the West Berlin "escape area" numbered 17,791. In July it reached 30,145. By August, every 24 hours over 2,000 were registered at the Marienfeld Refu-

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Aspirants In This Year's Crowning Glory Quest

PICTURED on this and the facing page are 15 of the entrants in this year's Miss Crowning Glory competition for the hair-style judged the best.

Now in its sixth year the series has hitherto raised a total of over £25,000 which has been shared evenly by the League and Torchbearers for Legacy.

The first prize, valued at over £500, includes a return air passage for two to Sydney by Ansett-A.N.A. Golden Jet service, a two-week stay at a leading Sydney hotel, a wardrobe valued at £75, a modelling course and £50 in cash.

The second and third place-getters are both presented with wardrobes, and as well there are special prizes of value for the candidate raising most money in the metropolitan and country areas respectively, and a marcasite wrist-watch for all entrants who raise £250 or more.

Nominations for entrance this year close on Monday, November 2. Judging takes place at Anzac House on Saturday, December 5 (2 p.m.) and the crowning of the winner at the grand-final concert at Anzac House on December 6 (8 p.m.).

KERRY BURROWS
(Highgate Sub-branch)

MARIAN ABEELEN
(Boans-Morley)

JUDITH JOHNSTONE
(Torchbearers for Legacy)

THERESE BRADY
(P.M.G. Sub-branch)

MARGARET GILCHRIST
(Albany R.S.L. Sub-branch)

FELICITY BEARDMAN
(Austral. State Executive)
THE LAST POST

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NOTES

Relief Fund Supported

Donations by the various auxiliaries to the Flood Relief Appeal up to September 28 amounted to £164/8/0, made up as follows:

- Bilton-Palmyra £3/3/0
- Armadale £1/1/0
- Narembeen £2/2/0
- Belmont £5/5/0
- Cunderdin £1/0
- Blackboy Hill £2/2/0
- Waconnia £10/0
- Millen and Bunbury £5/5/0
- Mt. Barker £10/0
- Chidlow £1/0
- Swanbourne £2/2/0
- Pemberton £5
- Bullbrook and North Perth £2/2/0
- Murchurh $20/5/0
- Murray Districts £5/5/0
- Victoria Park £2/2/0
- Hamilton Hill £10
- City of Perth, Kenwick and Merredin £5 each
- Esperance £5/5/0
- Mt. Hawthorn £5
- Harvey £1/1/0
- Blackboy Hill £2/2/0
- Kojonup and Balingup £5 each
- Cottesloe £5/5/0
- Mt. Helena £2/2/0
- Nungarin £10
- Gnowangerup £2/2/0

CORRECTION

Last month's "Last Post" reference to the late C. F. Walkerden (regimental number 2259) erroneously gave his unit as 3rd Tunnellers and his sub-branch as Wiluza. The particulars, as corrected, are: 10th Light Horse, Sunset, Nedlands.

BOULDER OCCASION

The Boulder women's auxiliary celebrated its 50th anniversary on August 12. During the celebration the State President, Mrs. E. Ames (photographed below in dark dress immediately to left of birthday cake), presented the auxiliary treasurer, Mrs. A. Welland, with a Certificate of Service.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NOTES

Official Visits

Official visits made on behalf of the R.S.I. Women's Auxiliary recently were as follows:

AUGUST

Friday 28th: Mrs. L. Young and Mrs. Rowe visited Claremont Mental Hospital.

SEPTEMBER

Friday 4th: McKinlay Shield sports meeting attended by Mesdames Ames, Rowe and Yeomans (sports secretaries) and members of the sports-controlling committee and sports directors of the auxiliary teams.

Thursday 10th: Mesdames Ames, Rowe and Mortimer attended the birthday party of N.E. Fremantle auxiliary.

Saturday 12th: Belmont's birthday party attended by the State President and State Secretary and members of executive. Mrs. Ames presented Certificates of Service to Mesdames Hawker and Thornton.

WEDNESDAY 23rd: Victoria Park birthday party attended by Mrs. Brown represented Mrs. Rowe; other members of the State Executive also attended.

NAVAL BALL

The seventh annual Naval Ball will be held in Anzac House ballroom on Friday, October 23. This is a night of fun and games—come along and enjoy yourself.

Tickets at £1/1/0 cover an excellent supper; the Roy Jenkins Band and a wonderful night's dancing.

Phone 3335-3451—87 2303.
Hall Open To Youth

The Bedford-Morley Park sub-branch has been making its hall available for dancing classes conducted by the Bedford Park Youth Club.

In a letter to League headquarters, the club secretary, Mrs McMahon, says the classes are attended by 80 of the teenagers and are regarded as a "must" in the club curriculum.

"We are grateful indeed," she writes, "that through the generosity of the R.S.L., the hall is available to encourage good social behaviour between boys and girls at our weekly dances.

"A big thank-you to all who have supported the club and kept it open for those needing its benefits."

The club, which has been in existence for 17 years, now has a membership of 500 boys and girls participating in competitive sport and other activities.

Among the club's many supporters are local trades people and parents and friends—not to mention the sub-branch.

Legacy Luncheon For Past Presidents

At the third annual Legacy Past Presidents' Luncheon held late last month 20 past presidents were seated at the top table.

They included Legatee Edmondson, Pocklington, Miller, Lamb, Chapell, Hayes, Guthrie, Partridge, Weldon, Dumas, Lutz, Brine, Wallace, McKellar Hall, Reilly, Masel, Flinton, Hopkinson, Dewar and Cornish.

Apologies were received from Legatee Elphick and Crossing.

Legatee Frank Edmondson was chairman for the day and Legatee Jack Pocklington acted as Sergeant-at-Arms.

In his address to those present, Legatee Edmondson, a foundation member, told how in 1928 the late Sir Stanley Savidge founded the R.S.L. Legacy.

The late Legatee C.H. Lamb was the first president and had the club off on the right road.

The founders, of course, had not envisaged that for Legacy much pride as Sir Talbot Tomkins felt he had a duty to his fallen comrades to wear his R.S.L. badge and, when this was learned, a special provision was made to exempt Sir Talbot from wearing his Rotary badge.

Legatee Edmondson suggested that as the League and Legacy were such good friends all Legatees should wear the R.S.L. badge with pride.

Legatee Edmondson's final words to those present were: "Do not weary; carry on; Legacy is worth it."

THE BERLIN WALL (from Page 7)

machine guns and rifles with fixed bayonets.

The refugees continued to reach West Berlin, not-withstanding.

They used tunnels and rivers. They leaped the barbed wire barricades. They crashed through the checkpoints regardless of the fire of the armed East German troops.

It became obvious that barbed-wire and armed sentries were not enough.

A wall of stone and concrete arose—a revolting, ugly, crude relic of medieval barbarism. It is longer and higher, topped with barbed-wire or jagged razor-sharp broken glass. Ultimately it stretched the full length of the border running between East and West Berlin.

The refugees still got through—for a time by means of "underground" functioning through innumerable tunnels scraped out beneath the wall.

When these were discovered and blocked "Operation Travel Bureau came into being. That clandestine organisation can tell of extraordinary ingenuity, of simple heroism, of self-sacrifice, of the aching human desire to be free.

In "The Berlin Wall" Deane and David Heller have made an invaluable contribution to the literature of international understanding.

Not only have they placed their story in its historical perspective, they have also told it in a way that must appeal to the general reader and enable him to understand an issue with which he is intimately concerned.

The authors have collected and preserved dramatically human episodes which deserve to be recorded and honored.

To some people Berlin has become the symbol of a new Germany, with its place in the whole free world. It is not merely a question of a half-city or of a country. It is the future of all freedom-loving men and women.

To protect this no sacrifice is too large and no difficulty too great.

The Western powers are dependent on the Berliners just as the Berliners are dependent on the Western powers. That is something free people might well think about.

Some day the wall will come down. Until then it remains a witness to what the International Commission of Jurists has described as "a violation of the most elementary of human rights," erected "with a brutality and a defies exaggeration."

• "The Berlin Wall" by Deane and David Heller (Frederick Muller Ltd., London), Australian price 32.
**Education In Army**

The Australian Army is achieving good results with its own education scheme, which is aimed at sharpening the intellectual powers of soldiers.

Announcing this recently the Minister for the Army, Dr A. J. Forbes, said that those in charge of army education realised that the individual soldier, as the basic element of defence, was capable of continuing mental development throughout his service life.

Like all big organisations the Army was faced with the problem of developing its human resources, he said.

The object was to ensure that every soldier could communicate effectively, competently handle military calculations and appreciate the values he might be called on to defend.

There was evidence that the education of recruits was effective.

From a level of 18 per cent educated to a reasonable standard on entering the Army, about 90 per cent of all recruits had reached this standard upon leaving the Recruit Training Battalion at Kapooka.

In addition many young soldiers were encouraged to continue voluntary studies through their Army life.

Of those to undertake voluntary studies beyond Army Certificate courses of secondary standard, the pass rate was an exceptionally high 70-75 per cent. Over 1,220 soldiers had undertaken voluntary courses in 1963.

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**Millen Men Note This**

The Millen sub-branch has for the past few years been holding its monthly meetings at the Victoria Park Hotel.

However, starting on October 8 for a trial period of three months, the sub-branch will be holding its meetings on the second Thursday in the month in the Carisse R.S.L. Hall. Visitors are welcome.

During the recent visit of the Royal Navy, Millen entertained a large group of the sailors by means of a trip to the hills by car followed by a barbecue.

Practically the same kind of trip is being organised for a group of junior ratings from the HMAS Leeuwin.

If this venture is successful, it is intended to make it a regular engagement.

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**Games Shield Won By Perth—At Last**

For the first time since the commencement of the Archbishop Rielley Memorial Shield games in 1931 the City of Perth sub-branch has won the shield.

Success came after a great grand-final tussle with West Leederville/Wembley/Floreat on Sept. 16.

The enthusiastic crowd which gathered at Anzac House for the engagement would have been pleased to see either team win as neither sub-branch had ever carried off the coveted shield.

City’s win, which completed a unique double (their ladies had also won the McKinley Shield) brought scenes reminiscent of District’s 1961 football premiership victory.

No single member could be singled out for special praise. All gave of their best and were pushed to the limit by their opponents.

West Leederville-Wembley, who had eliminated Swanbourne (first semifinal) and Mt. Hawthorn (preliminary final) had got into the big game, must also be proud of their efforts for 1964.

Among the “also rans” last year, they had been ably coached by sports director Eric Fraser and proved worthy runners-up. They looked as though they had a very good chance of winning.

Former grand-final veterans, Mt. Hawthorn runners-up, had appeared favourites for the title early in the season. They had the consolation, however, of finishing the season at the top of the ladder.

**The Shoot**

They were also winners of the Yellow Cab Cup for 1964 from Wembley-West Leederville and Swanbourne.

Four-place getters, Swanbourne, first made the “four” in 1963. Their repeat-effort this year reflects credit on their perseverance. Arch Tickle’s efforts were right in things again in 1965.

In accepting the shield from State President Lomme, a widely-exited sports director, Bill Good added further excitement to the evening by waving the heavy shield high in the air.

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**Darts Win For Anzac No. 1**

The Anzac No. 1 darts team, led by A. B. Jenkins, was successful in winning the A-reserve zone grand final on Sept. 19.

They defeated the strong Red Lion team by four games to two after having beaten, in turn, the Henley and Club teams in the other final-round games.

The grand final was a tense affair, victory finally coming to Anzac in the sixth game when Fred Cart scored a brilliant 105 to win the match.

Wally Lancaster and Ray Shaw were others to have made their mark. It was an excellent team effort, particularly as the most consistent player, Bob Fitzgerald, was unavailable.

He had been taken to hospital for an appendix operation. The win must have been a wonderful tonic to him.

The players were pleased to see club manager Norm Frazier in attendance. His support contributed greatly to their win.
Token Of Sub-Branch Supremacy

At Congress this year the Belmont sub-branch was presented with the Newdegate Cup, which is presented annually to the metropolitan sub-branch judged to have done most in League and community activities.

A weekend visit to the sub-branch last month by Murray sub-branch members was the occasion for this proud display of the cherished trophy by Belmont members — from left, Stan Brindley, Stan Thornton (president), Norm Lowe and Harold Haines (secretary).

The Murray visit represented a return of hospitality; earlier in the year Belmont members were guests of the Murray sub-branch at Pinjarra.

Old Foes Unite To Pay Tribute

R.S.L. National President A. J. Lee announced recently that the League would organise a special wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate the golden jubilee of the sinking of the German cruiser Emden by the Australian cruiser Sydney.

Mr Lee said that the anniversary of the famous Cocos Islands battle would be Monday, November 9.

The League considered the occasion to be of importance both to Australia and to Germany.

The encounter was Australia's first naval battle of the 1914-18 war and one which was a notable victory. However, it was of equal significance that the German crew of the Emden had displayed courage and resourcefulness both in the action and in the overland escape and return to Germany by a party of seamen.

The ceremony to commemorate the jubilee would be a tribute to the fighting qualities and standards of seamanship displayed by men of both countries.

It would be a joint Australian-German occasion, the principal wreath being laid by a representative of the survivors of the Emden and a member of the crew of the old Sydney.

Wreaths would also be laid by the Federal Government and Opposition, the German Ambassador, representatives of the Australian and German navies, the R.S.L., the Navalmen's Association, the H.M.A.S. Sydney Association, the Tingira Old Boys' Association and other appropriate bodies.

Following the ceremony guests would be entertained at a buffet luncheon at R.S.L. national headquarters in Canberra.

Mr Lee said the ceremony would not only pay a tribute to a famous historic event and to the men who made it famous, but would be an indication of the awareness of all Australians of the need for new relationships in a rapidly-changing world.

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27 New Members Gained
In One Month

A membership rise of 27—from 165 to 192—at Swanbourne last month reflects great credit on the sub-branch membership committee.

Bearing closely on the achievement were the efforts of A.R.M.S. Games, the sub-branch's regulars, who have faced over the years, and of being pushed from pillar to post to find some place in which to hold meetings.

The sub-branch was honoured by the attendance of its member at the September meeting—Bob Dewar, rising ninety.

The senior member was found to be much more alert than some of the younger members in various discussions, and the meeting turned out to be much more of a transpired.

But note the deadline for any issue—the 18th day of the previous month. Submissions must be in the hands of The Editor, "The Listening Post," Anzac House, Perth, by that time.

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37 Progressive Years
At Mt. Hawthorn

To mark its 37th anniversary the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch is holding a smoke-social on Friday, October 16, in the R.S.L. Hall, Oxford-street (next to squash courts).

The social will start at 8 p.m. and an excellent programme has been arranged.

The secretary would like to know the names of those who intend to be present, and he can be advised by telephone (24 1822).

The sub-branch has from its inception been one of the strong sub-branches of the League, and the anniversary calls to mind events of interest during its early days.

On October 12, 1927, a meeting was held in the hotel in the district was convoked by the late Ted Rodgers (first secretary of the sub-branch). This meeting was held in the R.S.L. Hall, Flinders-street.

At the meeting it was decided to form a sub-branch of the R.S.L. in the district, and to name it the Mt. Hawthorn North Leederville sub-branch.

It is today known as the Mt. Hawthorn sub-branch, and it is the result of the efforts of members, especially those in the early days of the sub-branch, a proud history which has been built up in all sections of the League's activities.

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