League To Protest On Building-block Lack

The State Executive is to lodge a protest with the State Government on the inadequacy of the building blocks available under the War Service Homes scheme.

This was decided at its meeting on November 3.

The decision followed a survey of the position by Housing Committee chairman R. J. Stoddart indicating a great scarcity of building-blocks.

The number of suitable blocks available was put at 37.

When it was pointed out during discussion, that the Director of War Service Homes, Mr. K. D. A. Medbury, would be visiting this State in January Mr. Stoddart said that would be too late.

He said that for some time he had been advocating the acquisition of land for war-service homes on a large scale.

"We want land in broad acres," he said.

Mr. H. G. Holder said it was competent for the executive to take what steps it could to see that land was made available in some of the more popular areas.

It must not be overlooked that there would be men returning from South-East Asia eligible for the benefits of the scheme, he said.

It had been promised in 1939 that land would be made available for returned ex-servicemen. It was for the League to see that this was done, and done at a moderate price.

Mr. W. Evans agreed that there was not much land available and said that at present the State Housing Commission was building at Coolbellup and Nollamara.

A few years ago the commission had resumed an area of land at Bibra Lake.

Mr. J. G. Rankin said that at Balga and beyond there must be hundreds of acres of land available about nine miles from the city.

Slogan Pinpoints Jubilee Year

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To all who served the call is clear
Join the League in its Golden Year

This is the prize-winning League slogan in Western Australia for 1966, submitted by Mr. Paddy Scannell of Maylands.

Mr. Scannell is a member of the Workshops sub-branch.

In a report to the State Executive this month on the competition, Membership Committee chairman H. Holland said this was the only slogan of the many submitted making reference to the League's 50th anniversary in the coming year.

Its merits seemed obvious, he said, and the judges had had no hesitation in placing it first.

The competition, conducted annually, carries a cash prize of £5. This is believed to be the first time Mr. Scannell has won it.

Naval Mark

All R.A.N. members are to wear "Australia" shoulder flashes as a permanent distinguishing feature from December 1.

Navy Office says that with increasing numbers serving abroad it is desirable that they should be readily distinguishable as Australians.

The uniform is basically identical with that of the R.N.

Officers are to wear white metal flashes on the summer uniform and embroidered gold ones on the winter uniform.

Sailors will wear blue flashes on the summer and gold or red on the winter uniform.

Maylands Girl Has Veterans' Support

Miss Marjorie Clark (above), of 72 Central Avenue, Maylands, has the sponsorship of the War Veterans' Home in this year's Miss Crowning Glory quest.

Along with the 24 or more other candidates she will face the judges in the Anzac House ballroom on Saturday, December 4 (2.30 p.m.).

The winner will be crowned during the concert in the ballroom the following evening (8 o'clock).

The Premier, the Hon. David Brand, has agreed to perform the crowning.

The same hair-style must be worn for both the judging and the concert.

Candidates are warned against using hairspray as this is likely to count against them.

(Other pictures, Page 9.)
R.N. Ships To Call At Four W.A. Ports

Ships of the Royal Navy will be seen at four West Australian ports for some days during the Christmas period this year.

H.M.S. Ark Royal, Devonshire and Whitby and fleet auxiliary Tidenech will be at Fremantle from December 21 to 28 inclusive.

The destroyer H.M.S. Euryalus will be at Geraldton between December 22 and 29, and H.M.S. Barrosa at Albany between December 20 and 27.

The fleet auxiliaries Fort Langley and Port Duguay will be at Carnarvon between December 23 and 27.

It is most desirable that the R.S.L., through its sub-branches, does everything possible to entertain the visiting sailors, and as there are to be over 3,000 of them there is plenty of scope for everybody to help.

Sub-branches desirous of organising a dance, barbecue, or any form of entertainment at all for the sailors, are requested to advise Mr. George Sherrington at Anzac House (23 2271).

This is a first-class opportunity for sub-branches to provide fun for the visitors as well as for their own members, and at the same time to fulfil one of the main objects of the League.

This is to perpetuate the close and kindly tie of friendship made by mutual service in the British Commonwealth of Nations.

44th Battalion

The quarterly 44th Battalion Association committee meeting, held on October 26, was presided over by Mr. Tal. Secretary Harry Brown gained plaudits for his work.

Treasurer Merv Kidd's report indicated that the financial situation was well under control.

Interest was evoked by a trophy donated by the battalion's old C.O.—the late Col. Mansbridge.

It is an exquisite highly-polished wooden casket containing a book which records the names of the 44th departed.

Thus is remembrance kept alive.

A change of date was suggested for the next annual reunion, but no decision was reached.

A Life-membership Certificate to Mr. Bowell for hitting the right stride.

Previous recipients were Stan Powell, Merv Kidd and W. Winton.

West Leederville Sub-branch Has Another Good Reunion

The West Leederville-Wembley-Floreat Park sub-branch held another enjoyable annual reunion (its 48th) on October 22 and has supplied the following account of it.

In response to the toast of the State Executive by Charlie Laming, Dr Hanrahan—deputising for the State President—in an excellent speech extolled the virtues of the War Veterans' Home.

Legislative Assembly members Mr. Hugh Guthrie and Dr. G.enn, representing the State Parliament, and Councillors Keith Frame and W. Inwood, the Perth City Council, were warmly welcomed along with Lieut.-Col. J. Frichard, representing the Armed Forces.

The Mt. Hawthorn and Shenton Park sub-branches were represented.

Songs by Eric Elsegood and Eric Fraser were loudly applauded and kept the party bright between official items.

Clarrle Cadd and Alec Hood received framed R.S.L. Certificates of Service from the sub-branch president, and Dr Hanrahan presented Certificates of Merit to Ron Miller and Charlie Parker for outstanding performances in the A.R.M.S. Games series this year.

The ladies as usual kept the tables well supplied and thus again more than merited the grateful thanks of the sub-branch.

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Flag Kept Flying In North-West

In a way characteristic of the region, the North-West sub-branches continue to keep the R.S.L. flag flying.

Country Vice-President Dr. Harry Hanrahan said this at the State Executive meeting on October 6.

He was reporting on recent activities he had made to sub-branches in the area.

Dr. Hanrahan said he had attended a meeting of the Port Hedland sub-branch, where the gathering of 35 (including two doctors) had been a little smaller than usual.

After the dispatch of minutes the meeting had adjourned to the local "goldilocks" where a delightful supper was served.

Mrs. Macbride Bar he had discussed affairs with six members.

At that time the President of the local city, and the secretary (Mr. P. Smith) was doing a mighty job.

Mr. Smith, and another member living 40 miles out of town, were very keen on civil defence.

Dr. Hanrahan said he had had a good discussion at Onslow with the secretary and other members. The president of that sub-branch, also, was on a holiday—in the Eastern States.

The sub-branch had had a very successful picnic and would be sending down a report.

At Roebourne there had been lots of dogs and cats but few men about. Dr. Hanrahan said.

Both the president and the secretary had not been absent and had not succeeded in contacting any sub-branch member.

The project at King Bay was going all-out, and conditions at Roebourne itself seemed rather confused.

The sub-branch there normally held one or two meetings a year, at which all were very happy. They intended to keep things going. Dr. Hanrahan said that although he could not report any very considerable activity, at least the sub-branches were holding together.

Rare Toast

An unscheduled toast at the recent annual reunion at Dumbleyung—honouring "Americans and First President"—was the cause of some concern.

This was said by Mr. G. Chell at the State Executive meeting on October 6.

He said the proposer, having obtained presidential sanction to introduce an additional toast, had come out with the hope that Western Australia would soon become the 52nd State in the Union.

Mr. Chell said the gathering had been otherwise enthusiastic, with an attendance of about 40 despite two other reunions the same night in nearby districts.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's State Executive Christmas party for friends and supporters of the League will be held in the Anzac Day Hall, as usual, on Friday, December 17 from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

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Goodwill Gifts for Korean War Veterans

At the Repatriation General Hospital, Hollywood, on October 6, gift-dolls from the people of South Korea were presented to selected Australian veterans of the Korean War by the president of the Korean Veterans' Association of W.A., Mr. M. H. Filer.

The Koreans had arranged, through the Australian Embassy in their country, for gifts to be made to Korean veterans in Australian repatriation hospitals on a given day—that on which a request was made for the names of Australians who had served in Korea. The local ceremony was arranged by the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation, Mr. A. H. Panton. Below are depicted some of those present.


Korean Veterans' Association president Filer (right) makes presentation to Mr. A. Fleming.

(From left) Messrs. Chipper, Filer, Leunig, McKee, Assistant-Matron Dodd and Mr. Fleming.
Origin of Term "Anzac"

In the September "Listening Post" was an interesting account of Mr. Frank Gomm's visit to New Zealand for the Anzac Day anniversary celebrations.

The item was of interest to many readers who were familiar with the story of the Anzac cruiser Assyndia. She had been the first ship to arrive in Auckland after the Gallipoli landings, and had played a prominent role in the evacuation of the troops from the Gallipoli Peninsula.

He finished the item with a reminder that the name Anzac originated while the convoy was in Albany, and he added that he had been living at the time when the convoy was in Albany. He related the story of how the name Anzac had been chosen for the cruiser, and how it had come to be used for the troops who had served in the Gallipoli campaign.

The item was well received by listeners, and it was later republished in several newspapers. It was also later used as a basis for a series of articles on the history of the Anzac movement.

The item ended with a request for more information about the history of the Anzac movement, and readers were encouraged to contact the author with any further information they might have.

W.A.'s New Spokesman At National Level

At the National Executive meeting in Adelaide following the 50th National Congress of the League last month W.A. was represented by State Country Vice-President Dr. H. Hanrahan.

He took the place of State President Pearson, who was on leave in the U.S. during the meeting. The 45 items dealt with covered the full gamut of League activities in the State over the past month's activities. The League was pushing hard for remedial action. The Papua-New Guinea problems had been spoken of, and the problems facing war-service settlers in the Crystal Brook area. The League was pushing hard for remedial action.

Australian Gum-trees In Turkey

A forest of gum-trees will be planted in Southern Turkey to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Anzac Landing. The forestry area will be known as 'Anzac.'

The seeds were taken from Australia by Sir Raymond Huish, leader of the R.S.L. pilgrimage, and presented to the Turkish general-in-charge. Advice has now been received from the R.S.L. that the trees will be grown in an area in Southern Turkey that has suitable soil and climatic conditions.

"No" For The Present

The League was informed by Repatriation Minister Dr. Forbes recently that a request stemming from the 48th National Congress (two congresses ago) would not be acceded to this year but would receive further consideration when the facts were available. The request - in respect of ex-servicemen who die during treatment at repatriation hospitals - is for the department to meet the cost of transport of body to the hometown. The request was supported by a large number of delegates to the Congress.
Looking Back On The Ex-P.O.W. Reunion

With a sense of ambition fulfilled the members of the 1965 ex-P.O.W. Reunion committee held their wind-up meeting at Anzac House on Monday, October 18.

Although the financial statement is incomplete and has yet to be audited, it is evident that a credit balance will be shown.

Position At Mt. Yokine

"A small sub-branch with a big set-up" was Mr. J. Rankin's description of Mt. Yokine at the October executive meeting.

The financial position of the sub-branch was sound.

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New Guinea As Field For Big Investors

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The corporation's initiative emphasised the strengthening confidence of investors in the future of the Territory, said Mr. Barnes.

The £500,000 building, due for completion in 1967, would help satisfy a growing demand for modern commercial facilities in Port Moresby.

The Territory today was bustling with enterprise, with established organisations expanding their activities and new investment from Australi and overseas already an important factor in the Territory's economic structure.

The Commonwealth Government's decision to accept the World Bank report on the economic development of the Territory would involve massive investment programmes, which would in turn generate greater private enterprise, interest and participation in the progress of Papua and New Guinea.

Recent tax-incentive legislation for pioneer and secondary and tertiary industries was giving an extra fillip to national and international investment in Papua and New Guinea.

These and other new Government measures, together with the continuing programme of educational, social and welfare development, were providing the climate of confidence needed to attract essential large-scale private investment.

The committee is pictured below:

Back row (from left): H. Brown (Hon. Sec.), A. Bancroft, A. Westley (Chairman) and M. Dodd.

Centre (from left): J. Serisier, C. Gilbert, W. Peek, W. White, W. Bee.

Front row (from left): G. Thomson, W. Hood and E. Fraser.
Death of Fred Stahl

Fred Stahl, D.C.M., former member of the State Executive (1946-51) and Country Vice-President, died at the Repatriation General Hospital, Hollywood, on October 27.

He was known far and wide in R.S.L. circles for his forthright and uncompromising stand on issues vital to ex-service personnel and the nation.

He was a fighter for justice and decent treatment of all people, and was prepared to battle all the way for his principles and ideals.

Fred Stahl was also a great community man. He was a former president of the Denmark Shire Council, on which he served for over ten years.

He had been president of the Denmark R.S.L. sub-branch and a member of the Albany Zone Development Committee, and was a staunch worker for a number of other community organisations.

He was a veteran of the Gallipoli landing and was the Distinguished Conduct Medal, while serving with the 11th Battalion, A.I.F., in France.

The funeral was conducted in the Denmark cemetery following a service in the Methodist church.

In a large gathering of mourners the State Executive was represented by Mr. Frank Conn of Albany.

Mr. Jack Watson, of Denmark, gave a very fine address in which he extolled the splendid spirit that Fred Stahl had shown all his life.

The condolences of all League members go to Mrs. Stahl and family—three sons and a daughter.

Lest we forget!

16th Battalion

The association, through its amelioration committee, distributes Christmas parcels to sick and invalid members.

Parcels are left at the War Veterans' Home, Eventide, Sunset Home, Nazareth House (Fremantle) and private homes, and are much appreciated.

Please notify secretary O. C. Young (39 2934) of any deserving cases.

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Mr. P. O'Mara recently presented Mr. R. Marsh with a Life-membership Certificate of the Blackboy R.S.L. sub-branch.

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History: State Secretary Webb reported at this month's executive meeting that the League History being published with the approval of national headquarters was expected to be on sale early next year.

Glen Forrest Affairs

The Glen Forrest publicity officer reports as follows:

The meeting on October 21 went off well with the usual large dozen plus three apologies.

The sub-branch Memorial Plaque has now, thanks to the generosity of R. Tolmie, been placed permanently on the wall of the new hall.

The December meeting will be held on the second instead of the third Thursday, i.e. 9th December, and will be a Ladies' Night.

We hope to have Jim Longworth at the piano, Dick Field with his accordion and all the usual fun and games.

It is hoped that Ted Durie, Dick Langley and Ross Ward, who are not always able to appear, will be able to make it this time.

Members of other Hills' sub-branches and their wives are invited, and ladies are asked to bring a plate.

The Townshend Shield games night in November will be held on Fri-day the 26th, at Mt. Helena.

The following encounter will be on the last Friday in January at Glen Forrest—the week after the sub-branch meeting on the third Thursday.

For November 11 Glen Forrest has ordered 200 poppies and the committee is hopeful that there will not be a single return.

Remember Hills' members, to bring your wives along to the Glen Forrest Ladies' Night on December 9. Keep that night free!

Christmas Grant To Be Doubled

Grants under the Aged Soldiers' Fund are to be doubled at Christmas this year as usual.

This was reported at this month's executive meeting by Welfare and Relief Committee chairman S. A. Macnamara. He said grants were being made to 82 people at present.

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Canteens Trust Sets Term To Educational Grants

Educational assistance from the Services Canteens Trust Fund is to cease in 1977, which means that grants will not be made in respect of children born after 1965.

If assistance of the kind is to be provided in the future the funds for it will have to be provided from other sources.

This was stated in the trustees' annual report for 1964, recently released by the Federal Treasurer, Mr Holt.

The account kept in 1964 in providing welfare relief for World War ex-servicemen and their dependants and educational assistance for their children was £31,595.

This is the largest amount spent in any year since the inception of the fund in 1947 due to the increased number of children granted educational assistance.

The total expenditure during the year was £4,603,472, and the balance in the fund was £3,809,856.

Benefits from the fund absorb all the income earned from investment in 1964 £230,000 of the capital fund.

ASSISTANCE TO EDUCATION: In view of changing conditions the trustees in 1964 examined the distribution of benefits from the Education Fund to assess the amount of money which could be provided for education and the best use that could be made of it.

As a result a number of improvements were introduced including a simplification of assessing educational assistance, a change in the means-test for orphans and some improvements in benefits to other groups particularly desert children.

These improvements will involve greater expenditure but this will be raised from earnings from investments and transfers of funds as required from the Welfare Fund.

Higher-training education assistance is to be granted for postgraduate study in services ancillary to medicine, welfare and science.

The trustees are extending these awards to give selected craftsmen an opportunity to gain overseas experience in their trade.

In 1964 the trustees spent £32,000 on education in assisting 7,342 children. Since the inception of the fund and £8,424 education awards have been granted to 44,264 children.

Welfare. The amount spent on welfare relief during the year was £119,738. This is a decrease of £8,000 compared with the previous year due to a drop in the number of applications received and a drop in the number of widows during the year exceeded that given to widows.

The trustees report considerable progress in all States during the year in developing co-operative effort by organisations concerned in helping ex-servicemen and their families in need.

Many families were being re-established by the work of several organisations.

The trustees say that in 1964 there will be over 500,000 ex-servicemen still surviving and of these 3,000 will be under 60 years of age.

The fund is planned to terminate in that year as it is not sufficient to extend beyond that date.

Widows and Orphans continued to receive a portion of the assistance granted from the fund.

Most of the welfare relief granted to widows is to assist them in the period immediately following the death of the ex-servicemen. This has been rising each year as the number of widows increases.

The total assistance granted to widows and orphans last year was £747,091, and since the inception of the fund comes to £1,777,519.

Afflicted Children. An important aspect of the work of the fund is the granting of assistance to alleviate the situation of afflicted children.

A total of 2,479 children have been assisted and the amount spent on this scheme to the end of last year was £212,515.

S. Korean Gesture

Eighteen Australians were recipients of gifts from the South Korean public recently. They were being honoured as veterans of the Allied Forces in the Korean campaign under date this year were undergoing hospital treatment.

During the evening sub-branch executive meeting Mr L. Phemra said: "Koreans have been among the poorest people in the world. But out of the blue comes this thought of presenting a gift to a veteran and are still requiring hospital treatment."

Mr Webb said that unlike this year's Gallipoli Pilgrimage which had proceeded from League's national headquarters, the proposed tour was entirely an outside-venture.

Tour With A Difference

Arrangements for a proposed tour of Middle East battlefields next year were discussed in the preliminary stages by the State Secretary at this month's executive meeting.

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Perth, The Venue For National Congress

An Eastern States proposal for holding next year's National Congress in Canberra was dropped at this year's national meeting in Adelaide last month.

Next year's meeting will be held in Perth during October as scheduled.

The move for a change of venue was based on the view that the national capital would be a more appropriate meetings-place in the League's 50th anniversary year.

Mr Pearson, who had attended the national meeting in Adelaide, in his capacity of W.A. State President for the first time, was giving a resume of it.

He said the W.A. delegation, under instructions from the State Executive, had taken a firm stand on the venue issue which had been dropped finally in favour of Perth.

Competitive Sports At War Veterans' Home

A competitive-games series between residents of the War Veterans' Home and Belmont sub-branch members and their wives had its debut recently in the Townshend recreation centre at the home.

During the evening sub-branch executive meeting Mr. L. Phemra presented a shield for annual competition.

This covers bridge, billiards, bowls, cribbage, draughts and quoits.

The result for the night saw the veterans victorious with 37 points to 18. This means that the shield will remain in the possession of the home for the next 12 months.

During this period quarterly competitions will be held.

FASHION SHOW

Fantasy of Fashion is the title for a fashion parade to be held at the War Veterans' Home on Wednesday, November 24 (8 p.m.).

To aid the home-candidate, Miss Marjorie, Clark, of Miss Crowning Glory quizzed the parade, as in past years is being arranged by Mrs Thelma Townshend, who will feature Chic Colfures and Forecasts in Fashion.

The evening is regarded as an outstanding social occasion.

Tables may be reserved by phoning the War Veterans' Home on 71 61 18. Tickets are available at 6/1 each.

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Some of the Aspirants in this year's Crowning Glory Quest

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BEVERLEY HUNT
(Bayswater R.S.L.)

HELEN BLACK
(Bunbury Legacy)

MAUREEN O'BRYAN
(Boans S. and S. Club)

MARLINE MITCHELL
(Narrogin R.S.L.)

PATRICIA KING
(R.S.L. Women's Auxil.)

BARBARA REID
(Boans, Morley)

JANET NEWMAN
(Albany R.S.L.)

LORNA HISLOP
(Fremantle Legacy)
Albany Pays A Tribute

By LES JOHNSON

Frederick Howard Holt, of South Stirling, who died at the age of 59 and was buried at Albany recently, liked to say he was an ordinary man. He was wrong.

The death of this farmer, goldminer, old soldier and former prisoner-of-war left his many friends bemoaning they were lesser people because of his passing. History may not place his name very high on the list of great Australians...his name was one for the warm hearts of men, not books...he was a War Service farmer, not landed gentility. He was a volunteer private in the 2/11th Battalion, A.I.F., not a general; and his capture in Cret and four years as a prisoner of the Germans was never dramatised in print or film.

Physically he was a small man, but in character he was part of the fabric of the Australian legend. Fred - he rarely answered to Frederick - was born in England and shipped out to Western Australia when he was 14 years of age. He grew to manhood working for tuck and keep around the Bruce Rock and Merredin farming areas.

A Hive Of Activity At Port Hedland

The last meeting of the Port Hedland sub-branch was like a back-to-home week. In town were old members Bob Faulds, John Whitby and Brian Joy, and among the visitors State Country Vice-President Dr Harry Hanrahan.

After the meeting the gathering adjourned to the Esplanade Hotel for a beer, general round of the waters, a cup of coffee, and finished up with a surprise chicken supper.

Alan Tabbott and his amenities team organised the usual Caulfield Cup sweep, which added $27 to the fund for the children's Christmas tree.

Meantime the Melbourne Cup sweep will also have provided another good boost.

Last year the sub-branch received a donation from auxiliary and various other organisations catered for their children.

This year's committee includes all welfare organisations in the town as a large increase is expected.

[Well done, Port Hedland! This sub-branch fully deserves the support of all members.]

Honor For Former Scoutmaster

'Former scoutmaster of Mount Mill Point Scouts, Neil Benporath of Claremont has been awarded the League's highest honour for non-members - the Certificate of Appreciation.

The certificate is only presented to applicants who have given outstanding service to the community.

Mr Benporath was recommended for the award by the South Perth sub-branch in recognition of his 14 years' work for Boy Scouts in the district.

It was Mr Benporath who suggested the all-night vigil by Scouts at the South Perth War Memorial on the eve of Anzac Day.

While he was scoutmaster nine members of the troop won the highest merit badges - the Queen's Scout Badge and one became the only Scout to take up the reg.

The garden, in beautiful grounds, was surrounded by a wall bearing name plaques in memory of the ex-servicemen who had died.

Dr Hanrahan said the divisional director of the South Western Commission, Brig. A E. Brown, had informed plucky. In presenting the certificate sub-branch president J. W. Irmsch said the K.S.L. was proud to make the award to such an outstanding citizen.

Darlington Was Venue In Games Encounter

Darlington was the venue for the first round of the Townshend Shield games last month.

At the conclusion of the two rounds a buffet supper was served, during which Mr Clements announced the progressive points scores, which were: Chidlow, 15; Glen Forrest, 12; Darlington, 8; Mundaring, 6; Wooroloo, 6 and Mt. Helena. 3.

Mr Clements congratulated Darlington on its come-back and was ably supported by Mr Frank Ball.

It was hoped to see a good attendance at the next game in Mt. Helena on Friday. Visitors from city sub-branches will be made welcome.
Devoted Women Undeterred By Viet Cong Presence

The following on-the-spot account of a Vietnam hospital controlled and run by a team of dedicated women is taken from "The Army" newspapers.

It would seem reasonable to say that the 40-bed Rila, Catholic mission hospital at Kontum in South Vietnam, is unique in this troubled world. It is the Minh-Quy (bright and precious) hospital.

It is conducted by a hospital staff that there was a girl from Ballarat, Victoria, among them—within shooting distance of a very active Viet Cong battleground. It charges no fees, but when a patient, or the family concerned, can afford it the hospital accepts food—any food from an egg to a handful of bananas.

It has a restless leopard—care for since a cub—pro-wling, head and tail down, a few yards from the front door.

MEMORIAL ASPECT

The hospital also serves as a memorial to a gallant priest who was murdered by Viet Cong when he refused to abandon his service to the mountain folk in the Kontum high plateau area well to the north of Salavan, Viet Cong battleground.

The modern hospital is a one-storey building with tile-roofed wings set on the edge of the town of Kontum. It was built to serve the highland district but, built for 40 patients, the hospital now cares for up to 400.

These days the Viet Cong guns, mortars and grenades are aimed at the hospital through the flood of patients.

The hospital is beautifully designed and set among greenery. It has a modern operating theatre and pathology laboratory. The wards are large and airy, but here and there a gaunt out-sapling serves to keep a limb in traction.

The surgeon and physician, administrator and secretary, is Dr Pat Smith, from the U.S.A.

She showed Army newspaper representatives through the wards and told the story of this and devotion; but they are short-handed and Dr. Smith hopes that Joan Donohue, from Ballarat, who has served with them, will rejoin their staff.

The leopard was a gift to them from a grateful mountain family. He came to them as a cub but now, playfully, a nip at the ankle or a swipe with a closed claw, paw can put a sting in the joke.

All in the wards receive the same devoted attention. The sick, the ageing and the wounded, and possibly most of all while war pensions were there, the two-born morganard baby fighting for life in the humidicrib.

(To the montagnard tribe sometimes wear G-string and carry crossbows.)

"He'll win," said Dr. Smith confidently.

Good Job Done For League

"The young chaps are doing a very good job: I don't think we were any better." With these words Mr. W. Matthews summed up his impressions of the State Executive meeting on October 6, which he attended as a visitor. He was speaking at the invitation of the State President.

Mr. Matthews was a member of the executive some years ago.

VICEREGAL VISITOR

The Governor-General, Lord Casey, is to attend a reception to be held by the State Executive in the Anzac House ballroom on Thursday, December 2, at 5.30 p.m. The reception is announced by State President Pearson at the November executive meeting.

A Busy Year In The Repatriation Field

The annual report of the Repatriation Commission for 1964-65 continues to reflect a high level of departmental activity.

The report was recently tabled in Parliament. The year covered by it saw the anniversaries of three events of major significance in the history of Australia. They were the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of war in August 1914, the 50th anniversary of the landing of Australian troops at Gallipoli on 25th April, 1915, and the 25th anniversary of the outbreak of the World War in September, 1939.

War pensions of all types totalled more than 600,000 in 1964-65.

Pensions in respect of the 1914 war had declined from almost 180,000 in 1944-45 to less than 106,000 because of the dwindling numbers of first-war veterans.

However, pensions in respect of the World War had increased from less than 102,000 to more than 541,000 over the same period.

There was no major extension of eligibility for treatment-benefits during the year.

Additional medical attention required by the ageing ex-service population together with the rising number of persons becoming eligible for treatment continued to impose heavy demands on the department's medical services.

LAND TRANSFER AT NORSEMAN

The State Executive this month agreed to the transfer of the Norseman sub-branch hall and building to the Shire of Dundas.

The sub-branch will receive the agreed payment and will have the use of its old rooms.

State Vice-President and former League trustee R. J. Stoddart said he had discussed the matter with sub-branch officials on the spot a few months ago, and was convinced that the move was in the best interests of the sub-branch.

Reference was made to the negotiation of a somewhat similar arrangement at Denmark.

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During the stay at Fremantle over the Christmas period of four Royal Navy ships the League will extend hospitality to the visiting personnel.

Plans include:

* A State Executive reception for officers.
* A naval concert in the Anzac House ballroom, with the proceeds reserved for the War Veterans' Home.
* A Naval Band concert at the Veterans' Home on Christmas Eve.

The Riverton sub-branch plans to entertain some of the sailors at the Anglican Church Hall in Tribute Street at 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

City of Perth In Good Position

City of Perth, one of the big sub-branches, is more than maintaining its membership position this year, reports secretary Wilf Ferrier. He goes on:

The financial position is still in a very sound state.

Point Peron Caravan Park is looking at its best and 47 caravans are now occupying the site. The laws are decided on a green, for which we can tender thanks to Mr. Jack Hodgson.

The sub-branch itself has two caravans completely furnished—which are already booked to members of the R.S.L. Particulars can be supplied at the sub-branch office in the basement of Anzac House.

Members are invited to attend a Cabaret Social Night on Thursday, November 25 (8 p.m.) with their ladies, who are asked to bring a plate.

The president and committee would like to see more members at general meetings. It is realised that T.V. has been a big factor in the decreasing numbers, but surely for one night a month a leave pass could be arranged.

The second Tuesday each month is meeting night, and there are always many items of interest.

The Saturday-night dances at the R.S.L. Hall are still popular. For a good night's old-time dancing to a good orchestra, and popular M.C., come along and bring your friends.

Yampi Sub-branch Has Something To Say

After a long period of silence the Yampi sub-branch has come forward with the following report of a social function it conducted with great effect.

Cockatoo Island has a population of about 400 and it was decided to hold a dance, mainly for the teenagers of whom there are, at the moment, about 25.

Unfortunately the younger set are unable to enjoy the benefits of the recreation club on the Island, as this is a licensed club and they are all under 21 years of age.

So under the guidance of sub-branch president R. V. Lind (ex-R.A.A.F.) and his committee, the dance was duly held with an attendance of about 100—young and old.

The aim was not merely a night's entertainment but also the raising of funds for the sub-branch, and the War Veterans' Home.

The sub-branch, with only 16 members, does a comparatively good job in recruiting a bigger membership.

The sub-branch secretary Jackson (ex-British Army). The small amount involved will not doubt give some of the residents a little comfort in their declining years.

Mr. Lionel Clarke, who was in the area, flew out from Derby for the fund-raising effort with a friend from neighbouring Koolan Island and Mr. A. Brodie.

They provided an excellent night of music. [Cheque for £7/7/ received.—Ed.]

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ARMY MAN WANTS TO MIGRATE

Major J. H. Wightwick, late of the Suffolk Regiment and the British regulars just retired, is eager to migrate to Western Australia and is seeking a sponsor.

His family consists of three boys and one girl whose ages range from 14 to 18 years.

He lives and lives in 16 South View Avenue, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire, England.

Any League member who would like to sponsor Major Wightwick should write direct to him at the address shown.

Good Job At Quinlup

Quinlup, a small sub-branch with only 13 members, is to be congratulated on its consistent effort.

Meetings are well attended and enjoyed and there is no trouble in electing representatives for other sub-branch reunions.

The annual meeting was held on October 1 and all officials were returned to office—Mr. J. Firth as president, Mr. A. Lyons as secretary and Mr. A. Headley as treasurer.

Arrangements are well in hand for a children's Christmas party and, knowing the capabilities of this small sub-branch, the children can expect a first-class show.

New Clock At Geraldton

An electric clock is to be donated by a Geraldton business house for installation in Birdwood House.

However, the sub-branch will place in safe-keeping in the boardroom—the existing ancient clock which Mr. Bert Lock believes was made available by Mr. Arthur Green some 35 years ago.

Mr. Lock says the mechanism includes a chain like a small bicycle chain which, he understands, has not been included in clocks for about a century—B.J.B.
THE LAST POST
(Deceased Ex-servicemen)

Eastern States Tour For Boys (12 to 18)

The Young Australia League will be conducting a Christmas-holiday tour to the Eastern States as usual—this time for boys between the ages of 12 and 18 years.

The tour is of a month's duration and the party will fly direct from Perth to Melbourne to be joined by a group of boys from South Australia.

The full party will spend six days in the Victorian capital and from there will visit Ballarat and the Dandenong Ranges.

Other tours include a visit to Luna Park. From Melbourne the contingent will travel by rail to the Snowy Mountains to see Tumut 1 and II power stations and Guthega Dam, Lake Eucumbene. Happy Jack's Pondage, Tantangara Dam, Island Bend, Geelhi, Kcnanboon and Mt. Kosciusko.

The next stop is at Canberra where the boys will visit Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, Government House

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Those Wiltshire Badges

Cut into the chalk downs near the South Wiltshire villages of Fovant and Sutton Manderville, in southern England, are 11 huge military badge devices.

Nine are those of British regiments; one is a "rising sun" and the other a replica of the map of Australia. Others have been obliterated due to the passage of time and the lack of maintenance.

For nearly 40 years those that remain have been a landmark and item of interest not only for local folk but for the many travellers along the main road which skirts the base of the hills into which the badges have been carved. These unique emblems were originally constructed by English and Australian soldiers during the 1914-18 war.

The first badge was cut in 1916 by men of the London Rifle Brigade. Others soon followed and eventually it became a matter of pride for regiments to "cut a badge" before sailing across the English Channel preparatory to going into action on the western fronts.

It is a matter of concern that these emblems, created by soldiers out of a sense of pride and esprit-de-corps, should be allowed to deteriorate. But such is the sad state of affairs, and some of these valued relics are beyond redemption.

Public-spirited local citizens have made significant attempts to preserve the badges, the most notable effort being the formation of a Fovant Badge Society whose purpose is to see that the remaining badges are preserved.

This, of course, takes money. Some United Kingdom regimental associations have subscribed, and the Commonwealth Government also makes a small contribution. However, these subscriptions do not completely meet the expense of maintaining the badges.

During October the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, gave practical assistance when about 100 officer-cadets worked for a weekend on the physical — reconstitution and maintenance of the badges.

A Drumhead Service is conducted at Fovant in connection with the badges each year. At the last service — held on June 27, the League was represented by members from Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia, and Victoria.

Also present were local dignitaries, Brigadier D. R. Jackson, the Australian Army representative in the United Kingdom, who represented the High Commissioner for Australia.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Blachett, M.A., and an inspiring address given by the Bishop of Sherborne, the Right Rev. Victor Pike who paid a great tribute to the Australian services in both world wars.

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER

First of all, the State Executive raffle — this was won by Mr D. Barrett-Lenard of Middle Swan with ticket number 2769.

Second prize went to R. Grundy, 199 Wittenoom Street, Boulder, with ticket number 14.

Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to the auxiliaries for their support!

The Executive is now getting ready to pack Christmas parcels and deliver them at hospitals, and homes. It is planned to start delivering early in December to avoid clashes with other organisations and to spread out the recipients so that they are not swamped in the last week before Christmas.

VISITS

Executive official visits for the month were as follows:

Monday, October 4: Medjames Ames and Brown visited Beverley, £6;

Tuesday, October 5: Mrs Ames attended the Lemos board meeting.

Wednesday, October 6: R.S.L. Shop was attended by Mrs Ames.

Thursday, October 7: North-East Fremantle Auxiliary birthday party was attended by the State President and members. Good work was done. Certificates of Service were presented to Medjames O'Donnell and Gilbertson by Mrs Ames.

Saturday, October 16: The State President and Secretary visited Brookton. Mrs Ames opened the auxiliary's auxiliary flower show and Mrs Rowe presented the trophies. This was a wonderful event with over 400 entries of a very high standard, especially the children's floral art section.

All entries were praised by the judges, who came from Perth. Congratulations to the members of this well-organised and unified auxiliary for a terrific amount of work.
ASSOCIATIONS OF EX-SERVICEMEN


SOUTH AFRICAN AND IMPERIAL WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION—Anzac House, 2nd floor, 91 Main-street, Osborne Park. President, W. A. Linke, Secretary, H. W. Carter.


ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION Of W.A.—Meets at Anzac House when called. President, C. L. Douglass, 105 Railway-road, Subiaco. Secretary, E. B. Lawley, 16A Clifton-street, South Bentley (76 2646).

16TH BATTALION and 4TH BRIGADE BRANCH—Meet second Tuesday at Railway Institute, President, W. Lilleyman, 52 Chamberlain-street, Floreat (87 4085). Secretary, C. O. Young, 28 Okahoor-street, East Fremantle 7936.


BRITISH EX-SERCIVEMEN ASSOCIATION INC.—Meet every third Thursday at Mr. W. F. Francis' Hall, cnr. Francis and Museum streets, Perth, 8.30 p.m. President, W. F. Francis, Secretary, D. Black (Box 51547, G.P.O., Perth).

11TH BATTALION A.I.F. ASSOCIATION—President: E. MacLeod, 64 Macleod-road, Appleyard-home (86 1005). Secretary: G. R. (Butch) Jenkins, Phone 60 4495 (Home), 87 2361 (Business). Welfare Officer: Phil Giff, 1A Clifton-avenue, Mt. Lawley—Phone 71 1110. Committee meets on 4th Tuesday each month. Annual Reunion, Anzac House Ballroom, 7 p.m., Oct. 8th, 1965.

4TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION—Meet first Monday of each month at 9.30 a.m. Secretary, T. T. T., 24 Daglish-street (8 3928). Wembley. Secretary, H. S. Brown, 122 Avenue-street, Mt. Lawley (71 1326). Meetings held each month except January.


2/5TH AUSTRALIAN COMMAND—President: C. A. Broome, 51 Collister-street, South Perth (67 2067). Committee meets first Friday of each month at Anzac House.

2/32ND BATTALION ASSOCIATION (W.A.)—President, E. F. McKenzie, 84 Clevedon-street, North Perth (86 1264). Secretary, Laurie E. Fogg, 14 Radiant-street, North Perth (76 2626). Meetings held monthly.

2ND BATTALION (1st A.I.F.) ASSOCIATION—President, F. R. McKenzie, 84 Clevedon-street, North Perth (24 1118). Secretary, C. J. Pope, 11 Clevedon-road, Mt. Lawley (71 3311). Committee meetings held first Thursday each month except January.


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Two senior League of Offici- scers are to visit Vietnam in connection with the distribution of Christ- mas parcels to the troops there.

They are State Presidents R. Bunting (Papua-New Guinea) and R. H. Hall (Victoria).

This was reported at this month's executive meeting of the State Secretary.

Mr Webb said each parcel would contain about $3/10 worth of goods and also a special Christmas message from the League.

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Name Of The League

A proposal at National Congress last month to change the name of the League was referred back to its sponsor, the National Executive.

This was reported to the State Executive this month.
The suggestion had been that the full title (The Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia) be dropped and its place taken by the present short title "The Returned Servicemen's League" or "The Returned Services League."

It had been felt at Congress, the State Executive was told, that a change of name would take 20 years to bring about.

Mr H. A. Leslie said he would oppose any change.
The League, he said, had been started by sub-branches which had later federated.
W.A. had the right to retain the present name.
At a previous meeting, Mr R. F. Stoddart said a change could only be brought about by constitutional process.

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The Editor,

Intact For 50 Years

Pictured above is a Christmas-box received by Private Sydney Thomas Elliott (No. 2284) on Gallipoli in 1915 from the Australian Comforts Fund Store in Cairo.

Pte. Elliott was later killed in action on March 20, 1917.
The box was found recently by his sister, Mrs G. Gourlay, of 106 Market Street, Fremantle, South Wales among their deceased mother's belongings.

Mrs Gourlay sent it to Major D. Patterson of the Australian Army staff in London. He has forwarded it to R.S.L. headquarters in Canberra.

It will not doubt find a place in the War Museum.
The contents of the box—a tin of Wills Tobacco, a packet of Navy Cut cigarettes, a packet of Encore Egyptian cigarettes, two cigars and a small box of matches—were never opened.

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