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STUFT JOURNALISM.

The sky is the limit when a certain type of newspaper is out to increase its circulation. Veracity, dignity, and the canons of good taste are all thrown into the back annex when it becomes a matter of organizing some stunt for exciting the interest of the reader. When this sort of thing is confined to the exposure of some political scandal, or publication of the details of some unsavoury divorce case, little harm is done, and even a certain amount of good may result; but when it develops into an attack upon the industry and the character of the men who have fought and died at Gallipoli, the whole thing is not only a crime but a sacrilege.

The "Eaten in his blindness" who was responsible for the mangling of the cables was apparently ignorant of the fact that the proofs of the Official History had been submitted to the Australian Military Headquarters for any necessary amendment or correction. Captain C. E. W. Bean, Australia's official historian, assures us that the only amendments he made were of a very minor character; possibly names of places, dates, numbers, rank, initials and names of individuals; the type of amendments that were occurring every day in the gazette notices during the war. It is extremely gratifying to note that the allegations evoked prompt disclaimers, not only from Sir John Monash and Captain Bean, but from Brigadier General C. F. Aspinall, who served on Sir Ian Hamilton's staff, and who has written the British Official History of the Gallipoli Campaign, and from Sir Ian Hamilton himself. The whole thing, therefore, looks extremely like a journalistic stunt to involve senior general officers on both sides of the ocean in an unseemly wrangle for the edification of Footscray and Woolloomooloo. The ignominy responsible failed to realize that, whatever their faults, senior military officers have the saving grace of being gentlemen. Moderation and suspended judgement characterized the comments uttered on this side, prompt and courteous disclaimer those cabled from England.

Unfortunately, until we can devise a new system of logic, allegations must precede denial, and a week-end intervening, strong resentment had been provoked before the public had an opportunity of reading the disclaimers. The alleged aspersions were cabled back and forth, and will be seized upon avidly by those readers of the yellow press who, themselves, were yellow between 1914 and 1918, and who eagerly welcome any opportunity for causing ill-feeling between Australia and the Old Land. This sort of thing makes one sigh for a return of that censorship which curbed the dangerous activities of the injudicious journalist during the war years. The yellow press would be better advised to stick to its beauty competitions, its chorus girls' legs, and its divorce details. The soldierman is quite capable of defending his own honour, assuming it has been attacked, and when he does, he does not require the vocal assistance of the "singe pack", which is the only kind of assistance he is ever likely to receive, at any time, from such a quarter.

DIARY OF A DELEGATE DURING SHOW WEEK.


Wednesday.—Out of the line for recuperation and re-organization.

Thursday.—11th Battalion, then 44th Battalion; 11th plus 114th. "Good ole Forty-frothflowers."

Friday.—51st Battalion. Same chaps seem to go to all these shows. Never mind. "The more we are together . . ."

Saturday.—12th Battalion—"Last night the moon had a golden ring to-night, four moons I see."

Sunday.—Thought for to-day: "Now, have I promised to see the 11th again on the 16th, or do I go to the 16th on the 11th?"
STATE EXECUTIVE MEETING.
12/10/27.


Mental Cases.—In accordance with the recommendation of the previous Executive, a Committee was appointed to enquire into and ascertain the number of non-Australians in Mental Institutions. Messrs. Freedman, Nye, and Lennon were appointed.

Busselton Art Union.—The Secretary explained that he had given approval to the President of the Busselton Sub-Branch to conduct an Art Union. His action was confirmed.

Burton’s Information Bureau.—The Federal Executive forwarded a copy of a communication received from the Development and Migration Commission dealing with the complaint lodged by the W.A. Branch concerning the method employed by this Bureau in inducing ex-Imperial soldiers to migrate to Australia.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Nye: That the New Settlers’ League delegates, Messrs. Watt and Longmore, be instructed to interview Colonel Manning, the recently appointed Director of Migration, regarding this matter.—Carried.

Travelling Concessions.—The Federal President advised by wire that he had been successful in obtaining special travelling concessions for spinal and double amputation cases, whose means of locomotion was restricted to cot or a wheelchair. He requested approval of this State-Branch. The President had taken the necessary action and forwarded a wire to Capt. Dyett approving of his action. The action of Colonel Collett was confirmed.

Conference of State Secretaries.—The Federal Executive forwarded a copy of a communication from the State Secretary of the South Australian Branch concerning that Branch’s suggestion for a Conference of State Secretaries, and intimating that, after further consideration had been given to the matter, it was decided that as far as the South Australian Branch was concerned no further action should be taken at present.

The letter was received.

Sailors and Soldiers’ War Widows’ Association.—A letter had been received from Mrs. D. Smith, the Hon. Secretary of this Association in Victoria, requesting that this State Branch call a meeting of widows of sailors and soldiers to form a kindred Association in this State with the object of stabilising pensions, etc.

The Secretary had communicated with the Federal Executive concerning the status of this Association, and a favourable reply was received.

Moved by Mr. Longmore, seconded by Mr. Lennon: That the request to inaugurate a kindred association in this State be complied with, and that the Friendly Union of Soldiers’ Wives be asked to co-operate.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Philp: That the State Secretary make further enquiries concerning the position in this State and report to a further meeting of the Executive.—Carried.

3rd Biennial Conference, B.E.S.L.—The Federal Executive forwarded copy of a communication from the B.E.S.L., which stated that delegates to this Conference had laid a wreath on the Cenotaph on Whit Monday last.

The letter was received.

11th Annual Report and Balance Sheet.—The 11th Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Federal Executive was laid on the table for the information of members.

Quorum.—It was decided that the quorum for the Executive be nine delegates.

Meeting Night.—It was agreed that the Executive meet alternate Wednesdays.

Invitations.—The Secretary gave details of the proposed tour by the State President, Rev. Nye, Mr. Yeates, and himself, commencing on October 18th, returning to Perth on the 23rd. Sub-Branches in the South-West were to be visited.

WUBIN: The Wubin Sub-Branch stated that their Smoke Social was fixed for Saturday, 29th October, and requested the State President, State Secretary, and Colonel Fitzgerald to be present. The matter was left in the hands of the State President to try and arrange for the sub-branch to postpone their Social one day to allow the State Secretary, who would be in Goomalling on the 29th, to visit them on the following day.

CALINGIRI: The Calingiri Sub-Branch wrote requesting representation at one of two functions to be held in November. The matter was left in the hands of the President to arrange, if possible.

KELLERBERRIN: The Kellerberrin Sub-Branch extended an invitation for their Re-Union Smoke Social on the 24th October. Mr. Watt was appointed.

PREMANTLE: The Fremantle Sub-Branch advised that their Annual Re-Union would take place on the 11th November next. Messrs. Tyler and Sadlier were appointed to represent the Executive.

NORTHAM: The Northam Sub-Branch Annual Dinner takes place on November 11th. Mr. Nye was appointed to represent the Executive.

Mr. A. O. A. Wilkinson, of Needilup, wrote thanking the Executive for assistance rendered in connection with land settlement. The letter was received and it was decided that it be published in the “Listening Post.”

Mrs. T. Thorpe wrote on behalf of her husband thanking the Executive for securing a pension for her husband.

Mrs. G. N. B. Smith expressed her appreciation of the action of the Executive in obtaining a pension for her widowed mother in South Australia.

The following Committees were appointed:—

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Financial Committee.—It was decided that the number of the Financial Committee be increased to five. Messrs. Tyler, Tozer, Pady, Margolin, and Wells were appointed.

House Committee.—Messrs. Longmore, Sadlier, and Lennon were appointed.

Art Union Committee.—It was decided that this Committee consist of five members. Messrs. Tyler, Meadham, Bader, Lennon, and Sadlier were appointed.

Land Committee.—This Committee was increased to four members. Messrs. Shaw, Yeates, Logie, and Meadham were appointed.

Pensions Sub-Committee.—Messrs. Nye Tyler, and Longmore were appointed.

Mental Patients Visiting Committee.—Messrs. Freedman, Nye, and Lennon were appointed.

Sub-Normal and Derelict Cases.—It was decided that the cases dealt with by the Sub-Normal and Derelict Sub-Committee be referred to the Pensions Sub-Committee.

Migration.—Mr. Pady was re-appointed to meet incoming vessels containing migrants, to interview them with a view to pointing out the advantage of becoming members of the R.S.L.

New Settlers’ League.—Messrs. Watt and Longmore were re-appointed as New Settlers’ League delegates.

Justice of Peace, Calligiri.—The Calingiri Sub-Branch reported, stating that a J.P. was necessary in their district, and that one of their members was a candidate. They requested the State Executive to use its influence towards his appointment.

Moved by Mr. Meadham, seconded by Mr. Wells: That the letter be received, and that the sub-committee be informed of the correct procedure in such cases; that is, that the matter be referred to the Member for the District.—Carried.

Raising of Colours.—The State Secretary explained that an Executive reception had been arranged for Colonel Amery at 12 noon on Saturday, but subsequent advice had been received which necessitated the postponement of the reception until 5 p.m. on Saturday. All delegates were asked to be present.

Moved by Mr. Philip, seconded by Mr. Watt: That the preparation of the matters to be submitted to Colonel Amery be left in the hands of the President.—Carried.

Arts’ Association.—The State Secretary read a communication from Mr. Guppy, Secretary of the Lumper’s Union at Bunbury, in which it was stated that soldiers’ relatives in that districts were being exploited by a firm known as the Artists’ Association.

This firm had canvassed out endeavouring to sell an Honor Roll with names of soldiers enlisted from the district, at a cost of 17/6. It was considered by him and members of the Bunbury Sub-Branch that the Roll was not worth the money and that the whole thing was an imposition.

Moved by Mr. Longmore, seconded by Mr. Wells: That the Secretary be instructed to give the facts of the case publicity with the object of preventing further exploitation.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Philip, seconded by Mr.

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Agenda Paper, Federal Congress.—It was resolved that the State President and State Secretary, together with Messrs. Riley, Nye, and Longmore, be appointed an Agenda Committee to consider items for the forthcoming Federal Congress.

Various Acts of Parliament.—The State Secretary was instructed to obtain a copy of all Acts dealing with the Soldier Settlement Scheme and Land Settlement, and that the Premier's Department be communicated with and asked if the League could be supplied with all Acts passed in Parliament in future, a copy of Hansard and also the Government Gazette.

A GRATEFUL SOLDIER SETTLER.

State Secretary Benson recently received the following interesting letter from a settler who was up against a brick wall. He writes—

"Dear Sir,—I feel it my duty to write to you thanking you for the valuable work you did for me while I was in Perth trying to induce the Agricultural Bank to grant me assistance. I have called to see you and I have had a copy of your letter and have been instructed by the President of the League to write to you. I have taken this letter to the Agricultural Bank, and they have agreed to grant me assistance. I have also taken this letter to the State Secretary, and he has promised to see me on the subject and to assist me in any way he can. I hope I have made some compensation for the years of idleness which I have neglected my duties."

THIS CONGRESS NUMBER.

Owing to the report of Congress exacting pressure on our letterpress in this issue, we have been forced to delete some and prune many of our usual features. We also regret having to disappoint a few of our correspondents. We advise sub-branch officials to file this paper, which should prove useful during the year for reference purposes.

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Report of Proceedings of Eleventh Annual Congress

The Eleventh Annual Congress of the W.A. Branch of the League was opened at the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, with delegates standing in respect to fallen comrades, at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, 29th September, 1927, Colonel H. B. Collett, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., presiding.

The following delegates attended.—Albany, J. R. Butler; Broome, E. D. Norman; Brunswick Junction, R. Gill; Boulder, V. O'Grady and E. Lennell; Balingup, C. Russell; Boyanup, F. C. Gaines; Bridgetown, H. M. Whittell; Busselton, A. Wilson and H. Morris; Beverley, G. L. Brown; Bunbury, C. W. K. Sadlier, V.C.; Cardifl, Rev. D. E. Freedman; Claremont, S. V. Barnwood; Carilla, G. D. Shaw; Collie, D. Simpson; A. F. Watkins; J. S. Morrison; Coolup, E. S. Watt; Carnamah, A. Cummings; Corrigin, E. L. Margolin; Darling Range, T. Halse; East Fremantle, W. C. Sweet; Fremantle, A. E. Pady and P. S. Jane; Gosnells, H. V. Hocken; Harvey, H. J. Blowfeld; Glenoran, C. J. Townshend; Herne Hill, H. D. Andrew; Kalgoorlie, J. M. Anderson; T. C. Fairley; Kojonup, J. G. Finley; Karratha, H. A. Flides; Leederville, C. W. R. Beechey; Midland Junction, E. Gray; Merredin, W. H. Logie; Maylands, R. Cook; J. Maguire; Mt. Marshall, W. M. Williams; Mt. Barker, H. V. Jenkins; Mt. Lawley, A. M. McDonald; Murray, Rev. C. L. Riley; Narembeen, H. A. Boys; Northam, P. L. Ross; North Perth, S. Halse; Nedlands Park, J. H. Tozer; Northampton, Rev. E. H. O. Nye; Nungarin, P. E. Wedd; Northcliffe, C. I. Harvey; Perth, T. P. Lennon, C. Longmore; G. B. Todd; W. J. Hunt; J. Mulqueen, O. B. Fitzpatrick; Pilbara, W. Lynam, D.S.O., M.C.; Quairading, D. McRae; Railway Workshops, W. J. Lovell; P. Connolly; R. Gibson; Ravensthorpe, J. Cornell, M.L.C.; Spearwood, O. Daley; Subiaco, J. Harvey; Trayning, T. Thompson; Upper Swan, A. Yeates; Victoria Park, H. E. Wells; West Perth, F. J. McAdam, R. E. Tyler, G. H. Philip; G. F. McKenna, J. Kinsella; West Swan, E. C. Francis; Waroona; G. Seager; West Guildford, G. H. Gardiner; Wubin, R. F. Fitzgerald; Wagin, C. Bader; Yarloop, W. A. S. Hill.

Also the following representatives of Women's Auxiliaries.—Frankland, Mrs. G. Kirby; West Swan, Mrs. T. C. Wilson; Subiaco, Mrs. W. Richardson; Maylands, Mrs. Rogers.

**President’s Address.**—The President delivered his annual address to Congress, which is published elsewhere in this issue.

Moved Mr. Riley (Murray), seconded Mr. Wells (Victoria Park), that Congress thanks the President for his most excellent address and instructs the incoming Executive to have it printed for circulation, and further the Congress asks the President to make an addendum of his address of welcome to their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of York, in May last and the Duke’s reply thereto.

**Agenda Committee.**—The provisional agenda committee, Messrs. Riley and Cornell, submitted their reports which were adopted without amendment. It was then decided to appoint these gentlemen as the Congress Agenda Committee.

**Annual Report and Balance Sheet Adopted.**—Moved Mr. McAdam (West Perth), seconded Mr. Pady (Fremantle), that the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted.—Carried.

Moved Mr. Halse (Darling Range), seconded Mr. Shaw (Carilla), that the amount lying to the credit of the late Kalamunda Sub-Branch be transferred to the credit of the Darling Range Sub-Branch.—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Lennon (Perth), seconded Mr. Mulqueen (Perth), that the Darling Range Sub-Branch be asked to make application to the incoming Finance Committee for the amount in question.—Lost.

**Newgate Cup.**—The Report of the Newgate Cup Committee as follows was read, and His Excellency the Governor presented the Cup to the delegate from Mt. Barker, the winning Sub-Branch.

“Your Committee met at the Soldiers’ Institute, Perth, on Tuesday, 13th September, at 4 p.m. There were present the President, Col. H. B. Collett, Lt. Gen. Sir J. Talbot Hobbs, and Padre Riley.

Six sub-branches had entered for the cup this year and the first comment of the Committee was on the very high standard attained by the applicants. The Newgate Cup would have been in good hands in the custody of any one of the sub-branches concerned, and while this fact was particularly gratifying to the Committee it at the same time very greatly added to the difficulty of adjudicating. In one district, it is reported that 88 out of a possible 90 are members—and financial members too. Elsewhere 23 meetings were held in a year with an average attendance of 40. Enthusiasm has carried one area from a membership of 4 to 101, while another sub-branch has found work for 46 men.

“All applicants report on the excellence of their Anzac Day Services, one with an attendance of about 4,000. One district has expended £153 on amelioration and most have given much of their best in time and money for deserving works of charity in their neighbourhood.”

“Enthusiasm was carried to a point where the reports are uniformly excellent; the keeping together of the members by reunions being clearly stressed; while the public at large has not been allowed to forget the existence of the real punch of the R.S.L.

“Where a Secretary in a covering letter with his sub-branch application can speak of being in a one-eyed town where the soldier gets no assistance only what is shamed out of the public, the Committee were particularly pleased to read of the great success achieved in the ‘shaming’ process.”

“The unanimous decision of the Committee, after very careful weighing of all the factors, the growth or continued growth, the expansion of avenues of social intercourse or service, the importance ap-
Parently attached of keeping the aims and objects of the R.S.L., not only before returned men, but also before the public, and with these the factor of the proved or otherwise stability of the sub-branch, was that for the current year the Newdegate Cup should be awarded to the sub-branch at Mt. Barker. The Committee would like to add that the sub-branches at Collie, Boulder, and Fremantle, not necessarily in that order, are deserving of special mention.—(sgd.) H. B. COLLET, President and Chairman of Committee.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Qualified Ex-Soldiers (Item 5).—Moved Mr. Mulqueeny (Perth), seconded Mr. Lennon (Perth): That Congress stresses the urgent necessity for the Lands Department to settle qualified A.I.F. ex-soldiers on Crown Lands with full privileges under the Soldier Settlement Act.—Carried.

Experimental Grasses (Item 14).— Moved Mr. Blowfield (Harvey), seconded by Mr. Mulqueeny (Perth): That the Agricultural Department be asked to lease or borrow one of the farms abandoned by returned men in the Harvey district and use it as an experimental farm for five years, with a view to finding out the best grasses to grow, how to grow them, and the expense incurred in establishing same.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Cornell (Ravensthorpe), seconded by Mr. Shaw (Carrel): That the Agricultural Department be asked to make a series of experiments in the growth of grass in the Harvey districts and to secure suitable varieties for growth in that district, and to the Committee of three be appointed to interview the Agricultural Department in this direction.

Messrs. Blowfield, Hill and Shaw were appointed.

Bull-Dairying Districts (Item 16).—It was also decided to refer the following item to this Committee:—"Harvey: That the Agricultural Department be asked to evolve a scheme whereby the services of a proved bull be available in all dairying districts, where ten or more men are settled."—Carried.

Subsequently the Committee reported as follows:—"Your Committee desires to report that it has been impossible to get in touch with the Director of the Agricultural Department with a view to finalising items 14 and 16, and we hereby recommend that the Executive request the Land Committee to take up this matter with Mr. Sutton, and, failing a satisfactory reply, that the Minister for Agriculture be approached."—Carried.

Tobacco Growing (Item 18).—Moved Mr. Halse (Darling Range), seconded by Mr. Jane (Fremantle): That it be a suggestion to the Executive that it offers a prize over a period of years for competition amongst Soldier Settlers for tobacco growing.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Pady (Fremantle): That in order to stimulate the growth of tobacco and cotton in Western Australia, the incoming Executive take such action as may induce the Federal and State Governments, also the Australian Tobacco and Cotton Manufacturing Interests, to offer prizes over a period of years for competition amongst soldier settlers.—Carried.

A further amendment was moved by Mr. McAdam (Perth), seconded by Mr. Harvey (Northcliffe): That the word "cotton" be deleted from the motion.—Lost.

Appreciation Land Committee (Item 19).—Moved Mr. Francis (West Swan), seconded by Mr. Lennon (Perth): Congress expresses its appreciation of the work of the State Executive and Land Settlement Subcommittee in connection with Soldier Settlers' problems and trusts that the continuation of this work may end in a complete solution of all problems.—Carried.

Mr. Yeates thanked delegates on behalf of the Land Committee.

Productivity of South-West (Item 8).—This item was withdrawn and the following motion was substituted on the motion of Mr. Jenkins (Mt. Barker), seconded by Mr. Finlay (Kojonup): This Branch proposes to bring before Congress, on account of the unsatisfactory position of returned soldier settlers, the wonderful possibilities which the district and other districts in the South-West offer for growing export varieties of apples and pears and for laying down of pastures with a view to development of the wool-growing and dairying industries, all of which are profitable lines with assured markets. This Branch asks Congress to use its influence in having an enquiry made by competent authority into the possibility of the South-West part of the State, believing such enquiry would reveal ways and means of remedying the present unsatisfactory conditions, both financial and developmental.—Carried.

Report of Land Committee.—Mr. Yeates then delivered the report of the Land Committee appointed under para. 6 (1) of the Final Report. The Report, which read as follows, was received and adopted:

Special Report of the Land Committee as directed by Congress in accordance with Final Report 6 (1).

The following delegates were present: E. C. Andrews (Herne Hill); J. Mul...
The result of the Committee’s deliberations is as follows:

1 Items 1, 3, 9, 10, and 12 reading as follows:

1 BRUNSWICK: Congress is of the opinion that the relief extended to soldier settlers is inadequate.

2 PERTH: Congress investigate the matter of the writing down of debts on soldier settlements.

3 WAGIN: Congress considers that action should be taken to arrive at a basis of values of soldier settlers’ properties in the Waguin district, such basis of values to be estimated on the actual products and returns of each holding.

4 BALINGUP: That Re-purchased Estates in the South West be placed on a similar footing to the Swan Viticulturists in regard to wiping off interest up to 1927.

5 SPEARWOOD: That the cases of dissatisfied soldier settlers in Frankland districts be reviewed

(1) This Committee recommends that it be an instruction to the incoming Land Committee that the land settlement questions as covered by the above items be investigated at the earliest convenience, with the object of placing them on a similar basis to other districts which have already been revalued.

(2) Herne Hill and Waroona Sub-Branch delegates were granted permission to withdraw Items 2 and 11, reading as follows:

2 Herne Hill: Congress urges upon the State and Federal Governments the necessity for more sympathetic treatment towards soldier settlers.

11 WAROONA: Congress is of opinion that all properties in the South West be conveyed to the household properties.

(3) Items 4 and 7—It was agreed that Item 4 be deleted and Item 7 be referred to Congress.

4 PERTH: That any soldier settler forced by circumstances to abandon a viticultural or dairying property should, if he so desires, and is approved of by the Department, be allotted and further assisted in the development of Crown Wheat and Sheep lands.

7 HERNE HILL: Congress supports the claims of soldier settlers for Crown Wheat Lands or any other land where there is a reasonable prospect of success in the event of such settlers being forced to withdraw from unsuitable properties.

(4) Your Committee considers that Item 6 is covered by the State Secretary’s Annual Report (see Pages 8 and 9).

6 DARLING RANGE: That Returned Soldiers ruled ineligible under the Soldier Settlement Scheme on account of ill-health at the date of closing of the Scheme, be permitted to continue under the Scheme if now physically fit.

5 Item 13:—It was agreed that this item be referred to Congress for discussion.

13 MT. MARSHALL: Congress is of the opinion that the interests of soldier settlers operating on Industries Assistance Board are not adequately protected.

(6) It was agreed that item 15 be discussed with Mr. McLarty by Mr. Blowfield and Mr. Shaw at a suitable date to be fixed, and that they report to the Executive and sub-branch concerned.

(5) Item 18:—Referred to Congress.

15 HARVEY: That the Agricultural Department be asked to grant short loans to superphosphate for top-dressing in dairying districts.

(7) Item 17:—Amended as follows:

That while netting grants be made to soldier settlers even if their debt is higher than their security, owing to the fact that the netting will give the extra security necessary to cover the future mortgage, and that the Land Committee be instructed to place this aspect before the authority concerned

Land Committee’s Supplementary Report:—At a later stage the following supplementary report of the Land Committee was submitted by Mr. Shaw and adopted.

Your Committee has considered the following notices of motion submitted and recommends as follows:

(1) “That in the opinion of Congress the amount of 9/- per day sustenance allowance paid to the soldier settler by the I.A.B. is not sufficient to maintain a fair standard of living and that the incoming Executive be instructed to approach the Minister for Lands and Agriculture with representations to have a more equitable scale introduced.” It was decided to refer this item to Congress for discussion.

(2) “That is be a recommendation to the Trustees of the Agricultural Bank and I.A.B. that soldier settlers be allowed to fund their debt to the mutual satisfaction of the settler and the Bank.” This item was also referred to Congress.

(3) “That, in the event of the Trustees of the I.A.B. refusing to pass on to the settler all commissions obtained by them from machinery firms, the Executive be instructed to take necessary legal action.” It was decided to recommend that this motion be deleted.

(4) “That, in the case of a man taking
over a deceased soldier settler's block, an account be rendered as to where the previous expenditure has been used." It was decided to refer this item to Mr. McLarty.

(5) "That where a soldier settler is compelled by over-capitalisation to vacate his holding and same is put up for tender, if the original owner wishes to remain on the property and tenders for same, he should be acquainted with the highest tender and given the opportunity of retaining the property at that price." Your Committee decided that this item should be considered by Congress.

Unsuitable Properties (Item 7).—This item was considered by the Land Committee and referred back to Congress for discussion.

Moved by Mr. Andrews (Herne Hill), seconded by Mr. Mulqueeney (Perth), and amended to read—Congress supports the claims of soldier settlers for Commonwealth War Service Homes' Scheme or any other State Government Scheme of Insurance in the event of such settlers being forced to withdraw through no fault of their own from unsuitable properties.—Carried.

Insurance (Notice of Motion 22).—Moved by Mr. Francis (West Swan), seconded by Mr. Cornell (Ravensthorpe): That the following notice of motion be referred to the incoming Executive.—Carried.

In view of the fact that War Service Homes are insured by the Commonwealth Government against fire, damage by hail or storms, for approximately 1/6 per £100, and that soldier settlers are called upon by the Agricultural Bank to insure their premises, which can only be done through a Private Insurance Company, at a rate of approximately 12/- per £100, Congress should endeavour to have the insurance of soldier settlers' premises brought under the Commonwealth War Service Homes' Scheme or any other State Government Scheme of Insurance that may be brought into being.

Industries Assistance Board (Item 13).—This item was withdrawn and re-submitted as follows:

Moved by Mr. Williams (Mt. Marshall), seconded by Mr. Mulqueeney (Perth):

That Congress is of the opinion that soldier settlers should be granted discount rebates at present received by the I.A.B.—Carried.

S.S. Conference (Item 79).—Moved by Mr. Simpson (Collie), seconded by Mr. Watkins (Collie): That the next Soldier Settlers' Conference be held at Collie.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Tyler (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Mulqueeney (Perth): That the matter be left in the hands of the incoming Executive to circularise sub-branches and ascertain their views as to the place of holding the Soldier Settlers' Conference and the date thereof, and that the Collie Branch be thanked for their invitation.—Carried.

Herb Testing (Item 80).—Moved by Mr. Gill (Brunswick), seconded by Mr. Blowfield (Harvey): That the Government be asked to make herb testing compulsory and free of charge to the owners.—Carried.

Jam Factory (Item 81).—Darling Range: Congress affirms the desirability of a cooperative jam factory with the object of assisting soldier settlers in disposing of their fruit.—Withdrawn.

Substituted by the following motion—Moved by Mr. Halse (Darling Range), seconded by Mr. Logie (Merredin): That Congress affirms the desirability of the Commonwealth Government subsidising the W.A. Jam Industry with the object of assisting soldier settlers in disposing of their fruit.—Carried.

Brunswick Water Supply (N. of M. 1).—Moved by Mr. Gill (Brunswick), seconded by Mr. Blowfield (Harvey): That the Executive be instructed to assist the Brunswick Sub-Branch in securing a water scheme for soldier settlers on the Brunswick Re-purchased Estate.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Cornell (Ravensthorpe), seconded by Mr. Sadlier (Bunbury): That the matter be referred to the Member for the District (Mr. W. J. George, M.L.A.)—Carried.

I.A.B. Sustenance (N. of M. 11).—Moved by Mr. Logie (Merredin), seconded by Mr. Shaw (Carilla): That in the opinion of Congress the amount of 9/- per day sustenance allowance paid to the soldier settlers by the I.A.B. is not sufficient to maintain a fair standard of living, and that the incoming Executive be instructed to approach the Minister for Lands and Agriculture with representations to have a more equitable scale introduced.—Carried.

I.A.B. (N. of M. 13).—Moved by Mr. Williams (Mt. Marshall), seconded by Mr. Mulqueeney (Perth): That it be recommended to the Trustees of the Agricultural Bank and I.A.B. that soldier settlers be allowed to fund their debt over a period of years to their mutual satisfaction at their own discretion.—Lost.

Deceased Soldier Settlers' Blocks (N. of M. 16).—This matter was referred to

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Mr. McLarty in accordance with the report of the Land Committee: "That, in the case of a man taking over a deceased soldier's block, an account be rendered as to where the previous expenditure has been used."

**Tenders for Vacated Properties (N. of M. 17).**—Moved by Mr. Francis (West Swan), seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick (Perth): That the following item be referred to the incoming Executive for their earnest consideration.—Carried.

"That where a soldier settler is compelled by over-capitalisation to vacate his holding and same is put up for tender, if the original owner wishes to remain on the property and tenders for same, he should be acquiesced with the highest tender and given the opportunity of retaining the property at that price."

**Soldier Settler Cases (N. of M. 20).**—Moved by Mr. Francis (West Swan), seconded by Mr. Longmore (Perth): That where a doubt exists in any soldier settler's cases and before the Land Committee finalises same, the sub-branches concerned be written to and asked for further particulars.—Carried.

**Dairying (N. of M. 32).**—Moved by Mr. Williams (Mt. Marshall), seconded by Mr. Jenkins (Mt. Barker): That this Congress investigate the possibilities of a scheme for the partial substitution of sheep for dairying in the Group Settlements during the first few years, with a view to materially assisting towards a solution of the present difficulties.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Lennon (Perth): That this item be referred to the next Soldier Settlers' Conference.—Carried.

**REPATRIATION AND PENSIONS.**

**Repat. Act (Item 20).**—Perth: Congress considers the Repatriation Act inadequate for present requirements, and directs the State Executive to initiate such action as may secure amendments to allow League officials to deal more expeditiously with problems that come before them.—Withdrawn.

**Incapacitated Soldiers (Item 21).**—Congress take into consideration the position of partially incapacitated soldiers, with a view to evolving some satisfactory method of enabling an incapacitated soldier to obtain the standard of living as if he were 100 per cent. efficient, and that this matter be made an item for the Federal Congress.—Carried.

**Pension Claims (Item 23).**—This item was withdrawn and the following substituted:

Moved by Mr. Hunt (Perth), seconded by Mr. Tyler (West Perth), and amended to read: As many soldiers and dependants of deceased soldiers have difficulty in obtaining pensions adequate to their present disabilities, Congress considers that the actual fact of War Service should influence the Repatriation Department in the consideration of pension claims, and further, is of the opinion that service in the forward areas should carry more weight when dealing with pension claims.—Carried.

**Removal from Repat. Wards (Item 25).**—Moved by Mr. Hunt (Perth), seconded by Mr. Francis (West Swan), and altered to read as follows: Congress considers that the present practice of issuing removal notices to ex-soldiers in the Repatriation Wards of the Perth Hospital, when the case in question has been rejected as non-war caused, is too drastic and instructs the incoming Executive to continue its negotiations with the Repatriation Commission towards a more satisfactory adjustment.—Carried.
(Item 26).—Perth: That any ex-soldier admitted to Ward 10 or 11 be not required to refund sustenance granted to him, in the event of his disability being found to be "not due to war causes."—Withdrew.

Hospital Treatment Soldiers' Dependents (Item 28).—Moved by Mr. Todd (Perth), seconded by Mr. Watt (Coolup): Congress re-affirms the decision of the last Congress, namely, that hospital treatment should be extended to deceased soldiers' dependants, additional to the present arrangement with the Friendly Societies.—Carried.

Discretionary Power (Item 29).—As the Repatriation Act contains no provision for discretionary power where a doubt exists in any pension claim, Congress resolves that the necessary action be taken to bring the omission before the Minister for Repatriation, with a view to amending the Act accordingly.—Lost.

Sub-Normal and Derelict Ex-Soldiers (Item 31).—Moved by Mr. Nye (Northampton), seconded by Mr. Sadlier (Bunbury), and amended to read: That in the opinion of Congress ex-soldiers who have become derelict or sub-normal through conditions indirectly attributable to shock of war be made a Federal and not a State responsibility.—Carried.

(Item 32).—Fremantle: That pensions be raised in accord with any rise in basic wage.—Withdrawn.

(Item 34).—Narembeen: That prior to the reduction of any pension, suitable reference be made to the earning capacity of the pensioner and to his previous medical examination.—Lapsed.

Pension Applications (Item 35).—Moved by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Harvey (Northcliffe), and amended to read as follows: Congress protests against the delay in the finalisation of new applications for pensions and requests that machinery be provided to overcome this delay.—Carried.

(Item 36).—Spörwood: That a rail warrant be forwarded with notification to attend the Medical Board.—Withdrawn.

Pensions of Aged Parents (Item 38).—Moved by Mr. Anderson (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Lennon (Perth): That a more liberal rate of pensions be granted to aged parents of deceased soldiers, and Congress views with alarm the recent reductions in pensions to aged parents.—Carried.

Imperial Pensions Time Limit (Item 40).—Moved by Mr. Lennon (Perth), seconded by Mr. Todd (Perth): That the Federal Executive negotiate with the British Empire Service League with a view to approaching the Imperial Authorities for the purpose of abolishing the time limit imposed on ex-Imperial Soldiers domiciled in Australia for pension applications or reviews.—Carried.

Mov’d by Mr. White (Bridgetown), seconded by Mr. Beechey (Leederville): That the Executive be asked to obtain the opinion of the British Empire Service League on the question of the time limit imposed on ex-Imperial soldiers for pension applications or reviews.—Lost.

Hodgkin's Disease (Item 30).—Moved by Mr. Lennon (Perth), seconded by Mr. Sadlier (Bunbury), and amended to read as follows: That owing to the demise of Messrs. C. Glenny and E. C. Lawrence through Hodgkin's disease, Congress considers that, in view of the fact that the origin of Hodgkin's Disease is unknown, ex-service men who may suffer with this complaint be given the benefit of the doubt, and have their disability accepted as war-caused.—Carried.

(Henry).—Harvey: That all pensions be made permanent.—Withdrawn.

(Item 33).—Harvey: That the following items were withdrawn:

Imperial Pensions (Item 37 and 38).—The following items

Albany—Congress objects to the manner in which pensions are reviewed, and suggests that in any review the pensioner concerned have the option of being accompanied by an accredited representative of the League.—Withdrawn.

Albany—Congress protests against the action of the Pensions Department in reducing the pensions of war widows.—Withdrawn.

Inc. Men and Employment (Item 42).—Moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick (Perth): Congress is of the opinion that the Commonwealth and State Governments should introduce legislation to enforce the compulsory employment in industry of incapacitated men, on a basis proportional to the amount of labour employed.—Carried.

Mov’d by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Philip (West Perth): That this item be included on the Agenda for the forthcoming Federal Congress.—Carried.

Dependants Imperial Soldiers (Item 45).—This item was submitted in the following altered form. Moved by Mr. Whittell (Bridgetown), seconded by Mr. Andrews (Herne Hill): That the Federal Executive be asked to endeavour to obtain for the widows and children of deceased Imperial soldiers who have migrated to Australia.

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the same benefits from the Imperial Government that they would have been entitled to had they continued to reside in the British Isles; and further that the Federal Congress be asked to endeavour to set up in Australia some organisation with discretionary power to act for ex-Imperial soldiers and their dependents on behalf of the British Government. — Carried.

Hospital Charges (Item 27).—Moved by Mr. Lennon (Perth), seconded by Mr. Hunt (Perth): That ex-soldiers admitted to Perth Hospital for treatment should, subject to accommodation being available, be admitted to the Repatriation Wards irrespective of whether the condition is war-caused, and that the maintenance charges should be adjusted between the patient and the hospital authorities under the latter’s usual method of settlement of hospital fees, in the cases of non-soldier patients. — Carried.

Medical Reviews (N. of M. 25).—Moved by Mr. Finlay (Kojonup), seconded by Mr. Watt (Coolup), and amended to read: That all ex-soldiers be advised to avail themselves of the arrangement whereby they may be periodically examined, primarily, to prevent and detect the increase of affictions caused or aggravated by gas and war service, and incidentally any other defects of health which may tend to weaken them. — Carried.

Repatriation, Widowed Mothers (N. of M. 9).—Moved by Mr. Watt (Coolup), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie): That Congress re-affirms the motion adopted at last Congress that the definition of a “widowed mother” under the 3rd Schedule of the Australian Soldiers’ Repatriation Act 1920-22 be amended by the deletion of the requirement that widowhood must have occurred either prior to or within three years of the son’s death. — Carried.

Trafficking War Pensions (N. of M. 10).—Moved by Mr. Watt (Coolup), seconded by Mr. Tyler (West Perth): That Congress, being of the opinion that trafficking in war pensions is becoming more prevalent, deprecates the fact and supports the Repatriation Commission in its efforts to punish offenders. — Carried.

Pension Reviews (N. of M. 27).—That in the event of a man losing time and money from work through attending a pension board, that money should be made up by the Repatriation Department. — Withdrawn.

Pension Rate (N. of M. 28).—That in the opinion of Congress the amount of £2 2/- per week allowed by the Commonwealth Government as being 100 per cent. pension is inadequate. — Withdrawn.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

State President.—Nominations for the office of State President resulted in Colonel H. B. Collett being the only nominee and he was duly elected.

Vice-Presidents.—Revs. C. L. Riley and E. H. O. Nye elected unopposed.

Trustees.—Messrs. Philip, Watt, and McAdam elected unopposed.

Auditor.—Mr. J. J. Prendegast elected unopposed.


Messrs. Cornell, Philip and Nye were appointed Scrutineers.


Allocation of Districts.—Mr. Cornell submitted the report of the Agenda Committee on the allocation of districts to the newly elected Executive, which was received and adopted.

W. J. Lovell, Albany-Katanah and Wagin; C. Longmore: Cue, Mt. Magnet, Murchison; H. E. Wells, Brownhill-Ivanhoe, Menzies, Mt. Leonora, Hannans, Mt. Margaret; G. D. Shaw: Beverley, York, and Northam; J. Cornell: Bunbury, Nel-

R.S.L. Co-op. Director.—Mr. F. J. McAdam was appointed Director of the R.S.L. Co-operative Company Ltd.

ANZAC DAY.

Moved by Mr. Shaw (Carilla), seconded by Mr. Watt (Coolup), that in accordance with the recommendation of the Agenda Committee, Congress confirm the decisions carried at the four previous Congresses, reading as follows:

1. That the government be urged to declare Anzac Day as a sacred holiday, ranking equally with Christmas and Good Friday.
2. That failing statutory enactment being given to Congress decision in respect to the observance of Anzac Day, Congress is of the opinion that such day should be proclaimed a fully paid statutory holiday applicable to all workers.—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Connolly (Railway Workshops), seconded by Mr. Longmore (Perth) that in respect to the observance of Anzac Day, Congress is of the opinion that such day should be proclaimed a fully paid statutory holiday applicable to all workers.—Lost.

Items 61, 62 and 64.—In accordance with a further recommendation of the Agenda Committee, Items 61, 62 and 64, reading as follows, were discharged from the Agenda Paper:

Leeerville.—Congress reaffirms its previous decision, namely, to have Anzac Day legally enacted as a 35th Sunday.

Railway Workshops.—That Anzac Day be declared a statutory paid holiday for all workers.

Kojonup.—Congress is of the opinion that Anzac Day should be a close holiday in every way.

Anzac Day (Item 63).—Narembeen: That an appeal be made to all employers in the country to give permission to any Digger they may employ to attend Anzac Day commemoration services arranged by the country sub-branches, and that no deductions in pay be made for time lost.

—Withdrawn.

Anzac Day (Item 65).—Moved by Mr. Watkins (Collie), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie): That sons of deceased soldiers wearing their father's decorations be allowed to parade with ex-service men in all Anzac Day observances.—Carried.

Anzac Day Parade (N. of M. 3).—Moved Mr. Lennon (Perth), seconded Mr. Tyler (W. Perth) and amended to read as follows: "Congress recommends to the Minister for Defence that if it can be arranged without prejudice to the Citizen Force training, a compulsory parade be made in connection with Anzac Day celebrations annually, in addition to the ordinary training parade."—Lost.

(N. of M. 7).—Moved Mr. Wedd (Nunngarin), seconded Mr. Pady (Fremantle), that Congress expresses its keen disappointment at the reply of the Premier to our request for the observance of Anzac Day as a sacred day, commemorating the sacrifices made by our fallen comrades and deplores the unnecessary delay in giving consideration to the very reasonable request.—Carried.

An amendment was moved Mr. Cornell (Ravensthorpe), seconded Mr. Connolly (Railway Workshops), that Congress expresses its keen disappointment at the reply of the Premier embodying the decision of Cabinet concerning our request for the observance of Anzac Day.—Lost.

CONSTITUTION AND ADMINISTRATION.

Item 48.—Moved Mr. Lovell (Railway Workshops), seconded Mr. Finlay (Kojonup), alteration to Federal Rule 16, page 12: Delete figure "5/-" in the second last line and insert the figure "4/-."—Carried.

Nominations for Executive (Item 50).—Moved Mr. Tyler (W. Perth), seconded Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), that the Constitution be so amended as to provide that nominations for office-holders and the new executive should be forwarded by all sub-branches to the State secretary not earlier than two or later than one month prior to the date fixed for the opening of Congress, and that no nominations shall be deemed to be valid without the written consent of the nominee to act if elected. Upon the close of nominations the State secretary shall despatch to each sub-branch a complete list of all

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Sub-Branch Furniture Repairs (Item 60).—Moved Mr. Lennon (Perth), seconded Mr. Jenkins (Mount Barker), that the following item be referred to the incoming executive for its consideration:—Congress is of the opinion that the W.A. Branch should (a) defray the expenses of the repair of sub-branch furniture and effects, (b) pay insurance of sub-branch furniture as all assets of any sub-branch become the property of the W.A. Branch in the event of such sub-branch becoming defunct.—Carried.

(Items 49).—Claremont-Cottesloe: Delete Rule 6, paragraph 1, and insert: "The Executive shall consist of the President, the immediate past president, two vice-presidents, and three trustees, and one representative from each sub-branch in the metropolitan area (within 12 miles radius of the Soldiers' Institute), who shall be nominated by their sub-branch, together with ten members to be elected by the delegates representing each sub-branch; which are not in the metropolitan area."—Lapsed.

Certificate of Merit (Item 73).—Moved Mr. McDonald, seconded Mr. Lennon (Perth), that sub-branches desiring to nominate a person for the League's certificate of merit shall submit such nomination, accompanied by a full report, to the State Executive, at least six weeks prior to the annual Congress, and that such application be investigated by a committee consisting of the State president and the two vice-presidents, who shall submit their recommendation to Congress.—Carried.

Certificate of Service (Item 74).—Moved Mr. O'Grady (Boulder), seconded Mr. Morrisson (Collie), that Congress recognises and appreciates the good work of the Women's Auxiliaries and recommends that individual recognition be shown to such auxiliaries in the form of a certificate of service, and that recommendations for such certificates of service be forwarded to the State Executive for resolulions from sub-branches.—Carried.

Moved Mr. Cornell (Ravenstorpe), seconded Mr. Lennon (Perth) that the Executive be empowered to give effect to resolution 74.—Carried.

Newdegate Cup (Item 71).—Moved Mr. Morrison (Collie), seconded Mr. Watkings (Collie), that it is a recommendation to the incoming executive to donate each year a small monetary consideration to the sub-branch winning the Newdegate Cup.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Tyler (W. Perth), seconded Mr. Wedd (Nungarin), that all sub-branches donate 5/- to the Newdegate Cup competition.—Lost.

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Congress Agenda (N. 2f M. 12).—Moved Mr. Williams (Mt. Marshall), seconded Mr. Gibson (Railway Workshops), that Congress is of the opinion that it would facilitate the opportunities of country sub-branches if agenda papers could be forwarded at an earlier period than specified in the Constitution; that is, one month before the opening of Congress.—Carried.

Annual Gathering Returned Soldiers (Notice of Motion 26).—Moved Mr. Harvey (Subiaco), seconded Mr. McKenna (W. Perth), that Congress recommends that the incoming Executive arrange a gathering of all returned soldiers once a year, the nature of such gathering and the time of holding same be left in the hands of the Executive.—Lost.

An amendment was moved Mr. Cooke (Maylands), seconded Mr. Fitzpatrick (Perth), that Congress recommends to the incoming Executive to arrange a drive, preferably through metropolitan areas, to expound the principles of the League, thereby stimulating interest in the objectives of the League, among all returned soldiers and sailors.—Carried.

Employment Bureau (Item 41).—Nar- embeen: That a different method be adopted by the R.S.I. Employment Bureau relative to sending men to jobs in the country.—Withdrawn.

Tasmanian Insurance Scheme (Item 78).—Moved Mr. Morrison (Collie), seconded Mr. Watkins (Collie), that this branch of the League co-operate with the Tasmanian Branch in the matter of the insurance scheme propounded at its last conference.—Carried.

Amelioration Funds (Item 68).—Trayning: That country sub-branches be allowed a greater participation in the League's amelioration funds—raised through art unions or otherwise, provided Congress can agree on an equitable method of distribution.—Lapsed.

Item 69.—Moved by Mr. Anderson (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Lennon (Perth), that, owing to the floating population continually seeking assistance, and with a view to checking unwarranted or duplicated distribution of distress funds, the State Executive appoint a committee to consider and report upon the necessity for a Sub-branch distributing distress funds, forwarding a fortnightly or monthly return to the State Executive, giving name and particulars of each soldier or dependant assisted, together with the extent of assistance, and a brief resume of the case; (b) the State Executive similarly circularising sub-branches.—Carried.

Local Industries (Item 76).—Moved by Mr. Francis (West Swan), seconded by Mr. Williams (Mt. Marshall) and amended to read as follows:—Congress stresses the necessity for the Executive to affirm the principle of supporting local industries, and further, that the principle of inter-Empire trade be also given prominence on every possible occasion.—Carried.

Associate Members (Item 87).—Moved by Mr. Gibson (Railway Workshops), seconded by Mr. Lovell (Railway Workshops), that the incoming Executive be instructed to circularise all sub-branches in reference to admitting associate members into the R.S.S.I.A., as agreed to at the last Federal Congress.—Lost.

Item 88 (Railway Workshops).—Congress instructs the incoming Executive to keep a record of the number and names of returned soldiers dying each year, and to have same announced at the Anzac Service, and also placed on the Anzac Service Sheet.—Withdrawn.
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moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Pady (Fremantle): That this item be adopted.—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Sadlier (Bunbury), to substitute the words "alien immigration" for "Southern Europeans."—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Lennon (Perth): That this item be included on the Agenda Paper for the forthcoming Federal Congress.—Carried.

Art Unions.—Mr. Boyes, of Narembeen, asked a question contained on the Agenda Paper concerning Art Unions, which was replied to by the State Secretary, giving the attitude of the outgoing Executive regarding sub-branch ventures.

Moved by Mr. Watt (Coolup), seconded by Mr. Findlay (Kojonup): That the incoming Executive in its control of sub-branch Art Unions, and instructs the incoming Executive to similarly act.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Fieldes (Katanning): That the incoming Executive be instructed to endeavour to obtain permission to run an additional Art Union, the proceeds to go to sub-branches on an equitable basis.—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Jenkins (Mt. Barker), seconded by Mr. Wedd (Nungarin): That the incoming Executive be instructed to obtain the opinion of sub-branches in regard to obtaining permission to run an additional Art Union, the proceeds to go to sub-branches on an equitable basis.—Lost.

Boronia Perfume (Notice of Motion 8).—Moved by Mr. Sadlier (Bunbury), seconded by Mr. Harvey (Subiaco): That Congress draws the attention of the State Government to the advertisement appearing in Pacific Coast Trade and Commerce Journal, June 18th, 1927, page 7, in regard to Boronia Perfume, with a view to securing legislation for protecting and cultivating the flora of W.A., which should be a commercial asset to this State.—Carried.

Certificate of Merit (Item 72).—Moved by Mr. Lennon (Perth), seconded by Mr. Tyler (West Perth): That the League’s Certificate of Merit be presented to Hon. H. Gregory, M.H.R.—Carried.

Notices of motion were tabled submitting the names of Charles McMurtrie, T. C. Cotter, H. W. Farquhar (Perth), and J. S. Clark (Mt. Barker), to the Senate of the Commonwealth, to consider the question of the Certificate of Merit being awarded to the above named persons.—Carried.

R.S.L. Club (Item 77).—Moved by Mr. Tyler (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Williams (Mt. Margaret): That Congress affirms its previous decision, namely, the formation of an R.S.L. Club.—Carried.

War Service Homes (Item 70).—Moved by Mr. Wells (Victoria Park), seconded by Mr. Sadlier (Bunbury): That, in view of the glaring anomalies existing in respect to the purchase price of war service homes, Congress recommends that efforts be made to induce the Commission to re-value all war service homes procured prior to 1923.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Cornell (Ravensthorpe), seconded by Mr. Mulqueen (Perth): That, in view of the existing anomalies in respect to certain War Service Homes built or procured prior to 1923, Congress recommends that negotiations be entered into with the Commission in order to obtain the writing down of the purchase price.—Carried.

School Medical Officer (Item 82).—Moved by Mr. Blowfield (Harvey), seconded by Mr. Jenkins (Mt. Barker): That the Government be asked to assist in defraying expenses and costs of school children advised by the School Medical Officer to proceed to Perth for treatment. Further, the Government be urged to expedite provision for travelling dental, eye, and ear clinics.—Carried.

State War Memorial (Notice of Motion 4).—Moved by Mr. Watt (Coolup), seconded by Mr. Riley (Murray): That
Congress supports the State War Memorial Committee in their efforts to commemorate the sacrifices of our fallen comrades by the erection of a memorial in monumental form, and further requests sub-branches to assist towards this objective in every possible way. —Carried.

Glenoran Roads (Item 83).—Moved by Mr. Townshend (Glenoran), seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald (Perth): That, owing to the deplorable state of the roads in the Glenoran District, the incoming State Executive make representation to the Main Roads Board with a view to their reconditioning.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Sadlier (Bunbury): That this item be referred to the Member for the District (Mr. J. Smith, M.L.A.).—Carried.

R.S.L. Song (Item 84).—Moved by Mr. Francis (West Swan), seconded by Mr. Watt (Coolup): That Congress recommends the Federal Executive to consider the advisability of having an R.S.L. song or anthem composed, same to be copyright, and to be used solely for R.S.L. gatherings.—Lost.

Honor Avenue.—Moved by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Williams (Mt. Marshall): That sub-branches be asked to subscribe 2d. per member per annum, such amount to be paid to the Honor Avenue Committee of the West Perth Sub-Branch.

After the delegates for West Perth had explained the position of the collection of money for this purpose, the motion was withdrawn.

Appreciation S.W.C. and Red Cross.—Moved by Mr. Riley (Murray), seconded by Mr. Nyce (Northampton): That Congress records its gratitude to the Soldiers' Welcome Committee and the W.A. Branch of the Red Cross Society for their work on behalf of Returned Sailors and Soldiers, and especially for the landing over of the Soldiers' Institute to the R.S.L. —Carried.

Unit Associations (Notice of Motion 30).—Moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Tozer (Nedlands): That this Congress recognises the value to the League of the Unit Associations, and recommends to the incoming Executive that a keen interest be taken in their welfare. Further, that a sub-committee be appointed to encourage and assist this branch of the work and from time to time make recommendations to the Executive for their better and more complete organisation.—Carried.

Railway Gauge (Notice of Motion 31).—Moved by Mr. Wadd (Nungarin), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie): That in order to enhance our national safety tracts be let only to British employers of British labour at schedule rates.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Watt (Coolup), seconded by Mr. Cornell (Ravenstorpe), that this item be referred to the incoming Executive for consideration. —Carried.

Development (Notice of Motion 2).—Moved by Mr. Wadd (Nungarin), seconded by Mr. Tyler (West Perth), and amended to read as follows: That the Development and Migration Commission be advised that it is the studied opinion of this Congress that the development of this country should be advanced at a much greater rate in order to make it economically sound to bring in the thousands of Britshers awaiting our shore and thereby prompting our efficiency and assisting to secure our national safety.—Lost.

An amendment moved by Mr. Cornell (Ravenstorpe), seconded by Mr. Longmore (Perth): With proper economical safeguards and careful selection, Congress affirms the principle of increasing the Australian population by encouraging the
immigration of people of British stock and Nordic descent to Australia—Carried.

Thanks to Dr. Bentley.—Moved by Mr. Philip (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie): That the thanks of the Congress be tendered to the Inspector General for the Insane, Dr. Bentley, for his courtesy in attending and giving advice to one of the Committees of Congress.—Carried.

Greetings, Capt. G. J. C. Dyett.—The Chairman read a wire received from the Federal President (Capt. Dyett) conveying his best wishes for a successful Congress.

Moved by Mr. Tyler (West Perth), seconded by Mr. McAdam (West Perth): That the following wire be sent to Capt. Dyett in reply to his message: "Your message received with great pleasure by Congress—stop—Unanimous in the knowledge of best efforts always at the service of this Branch—stop—Congress desires thank you and reciprocates good wishes. Collect."—Carried.

His Excellency the Governor.—His Excellency the Governor addressed Congress, a vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Hunt (Perth), seconded by Mr. Tozer (Nedlands), and carried with acclamation.

Archbishop Riley.—Archbishop Riley attended Congress and addressed delegates. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Jenkins (Mt. Barker), seconded by Mr. Mulqueeney (Perth), and carried, by acclamation.

Controller of Soldier Settlement.—Mr. McLarty (Controller of Soldier Settlement) attended Congress, was welcomed by the State President, and addressed the delegates.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Mulqueeney (Perth), seconded by Mr. Shaw (Carriola), and carried with acclamation.

Sympathy, Colonel Battye.—Moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Nye (Northampton): That a message of sympathy be conveyed to Colonel Battye with the wish that he be speedily restored to health.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Legnon (Perth), seconded by Mr. Jenkins (Mt. Barker): That the message he conveyed by Rev. E. H. O. Nye and Mr. E. S. Watt—Carried.

Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation.—The Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation (Mr. Chas. Tanimor), together with Messrs. James and Hocking, attended Congress. Mr. Taylor addressed delegates, and a vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Lennon (Perth), seconded by Mr. O'Grady (Boulder), and carried with acclamation.

Final Report Agenda Committee.—The Agenda Committee presented its final report as follows, which was received and adopted on the motion of Messrs. Gibson and Jane.

The thanks of Congress be extended to:
(a) The President, Senior Vice-President, and various Committees, the State and Assistant Secretaries, Office and Institute Staff for services rendered.
(b) The Mayor and Councillors, City of Perth, Sir Thomas Coombe, W.A. Football League, W.A. Trotting Association, for hospitality extended.
(c) The Press for courtesy extended and publicity given.

Congress concluded with the singing of the National Anthem at 12.15 p.m. on Saturday, October 1st, 1927.

POPPY DAY.

On November 11th next we will once again observe Armistice Day, the day on which activities were suspended in 1918 and spelt victory for the Allied Forces. In the past endeavours have been made to fittingly commemorate this day by asking the public to observe it as a day of remembrance. Right throughout the British Empire the Soldiers' Organisations sell little silk poppies, symbolic of the poppy fields of Flanders, where many of our dead comrades lie.

This year endeavours are being made by the League to eclipse all previous records in the sales of these silk poppies, and the whole-hearted co-operation and support of the sub-branches, both of the metropolitan area and the country, is sought. A Committee appointed by the Executive has the preliminary organisation well in hand, and meetings of representatives of the metropolitan sub-branches have taken place. The main blocks in the city have been allotted to various sub-branches, and with the indications are that an increased interest on previous years will ensure the success of the appeal.

The money derived from this source is used for the alleviation of distress amongst returned soldiers and dependents, and it is earnestly desired that every member of the public will wear a silk poppy on the 11th November. Poppy wreaths are also obtainable from the Executive, and efforts should be made by League representatives to place these with firms for the purpose of hanging on Honour Boards.

The Executive, has also instituted a fresh idea this year by having made a number of "stickers" with a replica of the Poppy Wreath displayed. These, it is hoped, will be purchased by shopkeepers and car-owners, and displayed on their windows and wind-screens.
SUB-BRANCH NOTES

MORAWA.

This sub-branch has just been in operation twelve months, and has already proved itself as being a pretty hale and hearty infant. Morawa has been trying hard to get a hospital and, as a result of its efforts in conducting a Ball and Dances, the branch handed over to the Hospital Committee the sum of £121/14/1. Well done, Morawa! Great efforts are being made by the sub-branch to make Poppy Day a great success. It is hoped that all the returned men of the district will realise the excellent work being done by the branch and join up.

MT. BARKER.

(Newdegate Cup Holders)

Not only sub-branch members but all residents of the district appear to be delighted at the branch winning the Newdegate Cup. One civilian expressed himself thus: "The best honour yet brought to M. Barker." Delegates H. V. Jenkins was no doubt a "happy Jack" when he had to parade before "His Ex." to receive the coveted prize. Congratulations have been freely expressed to Secretary Percy Gillam, whom all honour as being the man responsible. Percy thanks all for kind remarks and states that it was only through the backing of good members that success was made possible. Mt. Barker will continue to live up to its reputation of being the "best."

Talk about "Tin Hare." A few days ago Bill "Omrah" was going home in his Baby Austin. When passing a crossroad where a couple of Diggers live who do a bit of hunting, both their "poo dogs set off after the Baby, but Bill put his foot on the nozzle and did 60, which is the Tin Hare speed, and outclassed the "chasers." Since then Quincy and Bert have educated their dogs to stay at home. Local Toc H, which includes several Diggers, has been cleaning up corners of the town to do tree planting.

Padre Pat Leonard (Toc H organiser for Australasia) arrived on Thursday, 6th October, and was met by Padre Penistan, Jimmy Morgan and other Toc H members. By the way, he also travelled down with "Jinky," who is also a Toc H enthusiast. Had a look around during the morning between showers, and in the evening was "sociated" by Toc H members and a few guests—a very enjoyable evening. Next evening he was the guest of the R.S.L. at the unveiling of the Cup.

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He gave the boys a very nice address on Toc H Ideas, which was an eye-opener to many who attended the "smoko." Pat made many friends here by his genial way and will, we think, always remember his visit to Appleville.

During Colonel Pottenger's visit to Mt. Barker he was motored round by always willing President T. G. Sommers, down to the golf links on Saturday afternoon in charge of Billy Mellons, and gave his "Travels through India" to a good audience.

Tom has also been busy this week on the motoring of Col. Amery and Sir Neville Howsen on their visit to Mt. Barker. Engineer Stanley, of the Cool Stores, was also to the front showing the various members of this celebrated party through the Cool Store workings. A case of Granny Smiths, the best from the Estate in which Alick Martin (10 L. H.) plays a prominent part to produce, was soon made short work of by the visitors, who were much impressed by the glowing reports and sight-seeing in the little time they had at their disposal.

The Secretary also had an interview with Sir Neville, who kindly inquired as to the welfare of all Diggers and the R.S.L. branch generally. Col. Amery conveyed his best wishes on behalf of St. Francis Newdegate (a personal friend of his) when Sir Neville informed him the Cup had been won by this branch.

Correspondence received from "Scotty" Rutherford, who seems to be enjoying himself down Nabbagup way. Scotty has a sneaking regard for Barker, so hope to see him when the Annual Roll is called.

Bill Cooper was up at the Royal, also O.A.K.S. and Tom Harbutt. The former on the "look-out" for a good time, the two latter for better sheep to stock up.

"Dad" Fanning

Late 46th Batt. & Dingup Sub-Branch has purchased a Fruit Barrow

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"Warder" Jones of Pindalup (Old 11th Bn., also 51st Bn. later on) has settled down to his new home, and now has his better three-quarters keeping him company. Percy expects to collect 10/- this quarter. Another new arrival was C. Bloomfield, from Kununurra, who also has promised to join up this month. Any member who is aware of a new arrival kindly communicate with P.R.G., Railways, Mt. Barker.

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PILBARRA.
Annual Meeting.

There was a fair gathering at the Annual Meeting of the Branch, held in the Mechanics’ Institute a few weeks back. Those gathered came with the determination that, if possible, something was going to be done to stop the drift towards oblivion. The balance sheet showed that, while the branch funds were not entirely defunct, the circulating library had been the sole factor that had kept the branch afloat or not. Messrs. W. W. Goode, of Pilga Station, and E. J. Jeffries, of Lalla Rookh Station, were again elected as Trustees for the branch, and the thanks of the members are due to these gentlemen for carrying on in this responsible office.

As it was recognised that the Library had become the chief factor in the life of the branch, considerable time was devoted to the future dealings of this section, and it was decided that it should become entirely self-supporting, and that both the Port Hedland and Marble Bar Sections should put all monies realised back into the branch. The thanks of the members should be given to all of the members who had attended Congress. A lengthy report was submitted by the President of the Branch, Mr. Albert Hansen, at Marble Bar, for one or a quantity of books. While on the library subject the opportunity was taken to show, with the support of country members, be able to prove if it is possible to keep the branch afloat or not. Messrs. W. E. (Bert) Taplin, V. Watson, and F. G. Wroth, and the thanks of the members are due to these gentlemen for carrying on in this responsible office.

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accord Mr. Clark a vote of thanks for his work with this Section during the past eight months, it being practically due to his efforts alone that the Library had been such a success. In spite of the added duties of Secretary and Treasurer, Bert will continue in his old job as Librarian. After the discussion of other matters incidental to the future welfare of the branch, and the decision to issue an appeal to all ex-service men in the District to become financial members, the meeting was closed with the usual payment, by those in attendance, of two “bob” to see who should become the owner of the mystical horse and also the honour of providing the boys with a pot.

BOULDER.

A special general meeting of the branch was called on Wednesday, the 12th inst., to receive the reports of the two Delegates who had attended Congress. A lengthy report was submitted by the President and Secretary, and was listened to with interest by the members present.

President Ted Lennell is loud in his praise of the amount of good work accomplished at Congress, and is more than ever impressed with the importance of the League. It was Ted’s first Congress and he stated that it had certainly been an eye-opener to him. Ted and the Secretary, both are loud in their praise of the splendid manner in which the country delegates were entertained during their stay in Perth, and sincerely trust that they will have the pleasure of reciprocating should any of the Executive visit Boulder.
The membership of the branch is steadily increasing, no fewer than seven new members having been enrolled during the past week, making a total of eighteen since the end of August. The Secretary hopes to have every ex-soldier in the District enrolled in before the end of the year. The Back to the Goldfields Carnival, which took place last month, was a great success, and this branch certainly did its share towards making it so. A huge procession was held in Boulder on September 19th, and for days previous to that event the boys were busy in the backyard, filling sandbags, making bombs, tin hats, etc. A motor lorry and trailer was commissioned, and the boys turned out to give the public a representation of "The Better 'Ole." To see Old Bill and Alf in their shell holes, as the bombs burst around them, was certainly worth while. Just as the lorry passed under the judge's stand, a very light fell into the shell hole occupied by Alf, and caused confusion by setting alight the seat of his trousers. The boys had no difficulty in gaining first prize for the best tableau, and some unkind person remarked that the judges had to give them the prize to keep them quiet. Certainly all must have made a noise, as they all had sore throats for days after. The tableau was repeated in Kalgoorlie a week later, when they were again successful in securing first prize.

Snapshots.

Many old ex-goldfielders returned to the Fields for the Carnival. Genial Dave James, President of the North Perth Sub-Branch, was up and was a big factor in the success of the Better 'Ole. Dave is full of enthusiasm and all were sorry when he had to return to Perth.

Frank Banks, the live Secretary of the Laverton Sub-Branch, was down for a few days. Who said Frank was a ladies' man?

Branch Executive Member Tom Alderson is in Perth on long service leave. Jack Reid and his wife have gone to live at Wyrmington on the Trans line. The best wishes of the boys go with him.

All are indeed sorry to hear that good old friend and supporter, Charlie Stevens, is far from well these days. We sincerely trust that he will be speedily restored to health.

Gone West—one of the best in J. Atkinson, of Wembley Park, Leederville, late 1st F. Engrs. Jack was present at the first Branch N.A.R.E.M.B.E.N. Social on September 8th, and his death took place ten days later. Deepest sympathy is extended to his bereaved ones in their sorrow.

Off to the bush for a picnic next Sunday, all the members, their wives and children, per motor trucks and cars. The bush is at its best just now and a most enjoyable time should result. It is the intention of the branch to hold these picnics at regular intervals in the future.

NAREMBEEN.

The general meeting held on Friday, 23rd September, did not start at the usual time owing to H. Pollett, Deputy Sheriff, making a few arrests. After the deed was done the meeting carried on as usual.

The members endorsed the action of F. S. Ward with regard to his granting train fare to C. A. Wilson to enable this Digger to return to Perth and report to the Repat. Ward.

Agreed that Secretary write letter of appreciation to H. F. L. Hancock for the good work he had done for the branch.

Secretary arranged a meeting of the Art Union Committee for Tuesday, 6th October, and will report accordingly at the next general meeting, to be held Friday, 26th October. Further donations towards the Building Fund are from President Latham, M. I. A., £5; Vice-President A. S. Webb, £5; and H. J. Webb, £5.

Agreed to send a donation of one guinea to West Perth Branch in connection with the Honor Avenue Appeal.

Secretary, when he returned, observed an old soldier in the person of Captain Berryman studying form in Hay Street. The Captain is still imbued with the Krschen feeling.

Secretary went along to Mt. Lawley to clinch a business deal with George Wall, but the principle business was of the business being done until an adjournment was made to have a spot in honour of the occasion.

All Digger farmers should note that this sub-branch has formed an Employment Bureau and, when wanting a good man, ring Phone 12 Narembeen.

Next general meeting to be held on Friday, October 28th.

DONNYBROOK.

The annual meeting was held in the Club Room on September 28th, when the President's report and the balance sheet were read and election of officials for the ensuing twelve months resulted—

The President, Mr. J. E. W. Hardie, was re-elected; Mr. J. Mellor elected Vice-President; Mr. G. F. Palmer, Treasurer, vice Mr. J. H. Joel, resigned; Mr. H. T. Gigg re-elected Secretary; and Mr. J. Mellor and Mr. F. Dollow, auditors.

The music was provided by the local branch, while in the supper room was the dinner and the bills of the dinner table, and it was decided to sell same with all accessories. The final arrangements for the Third Annual Ball were also made. The Misses Wits, Queen Alexandra's Nursing Staff, have kindly offered to take charge of the Poppies on November 11th.

Third Annual Ball.

A large crowd attended the R.S.I. Ball held on September 28th. There were visitors from Karridup, Dardanup, Bunbury, and Preston. The hall was decorated with garlands and gold streamers and various flags, while the supper room was the same colour effect carried out in flowers. Mrs. H. Taylor was responsible for the dainty floral table decorations, which were admired by everyone. Much previous thought had been expended on the dainty supper provided, and one could choose from toothsome savouries and cake with jellies, trifles, and fruit salad to follow. The ladies supper committee were Mesdames Harding, Field, Palmer, Dollow, Gigg, and the Misses Harding. Members of the local branch, seen at work were the President (Mr. J. E. W. Harding), C. Field, G. Palmer, W. T. Gigg, W. Wood, F. Dollow, V. Lyons, J. Peck, E. E. Miller.

The music was supplied by the Bunbury Entertainers' Orchestra, which was second to none.

"Ma, can I go over and play with Billy Kelly?"

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RE-UNION OF THE "EGGS-A-COOK" BATTALION.

The Annual Re-union of the 44th Battalion Association was held on October 6th in the Soldiers' Institute, and proved a huge success.

In the absence of the President (Col. Lamb) in New Zealand, the chair was occupied by Capt. Sid "Longmore, who carried out the duties entrusted to him in a very capable manner.

The Returned Soldiers' League was represented by Col. Collett, State President, and Mr. D. M. Benson, State Secretary, both of whom, when responding to the toast of the R.S.L., which was so ably proposed by Jim Everett, stressed many of the advantages that the League had conferred upon returned soldiers and the dependants of those we left "over there."

Many prominent members of the old "Batt" were present, and apologies were received from many others, including a wire from "Old Bill" (Col. Mansbridge), who never forgets the boys on occasions such as these.

The evening passed all too quickly with the many toasts so ably proposed and so ably responded to, also the musical programme was appreciated by all present.

A fitting conclusion to a night's good fellowship was a raid from the 11th Batt., the members of which were most cordially received by the "Eggs-a-cook" crowd.

Shrapnell, who was evidently a delegate to Congress, rises on a "point of information": Mr. Editor,—Please tell me who were (a) the two delegates during Congress week observed on several mornings strolling "form" (Bapper) in Hay Street; (b) the trinity who visited the "dug out" with unerring regularity; and (c) what the delegate at the Trots intended to do had Lily Whips got home? (Sit down, Mr. Shrapnell, you're out of order. (a) and (b) might fit any delegate except myself, who happened to be present, and c—perhaps—Peter Wedd.—Ed. L.P.)

TEN LIES WHICH ARE OFTEN HEARD.

Yes, we're out, but we've just ordered a lot of it.
I didn't care anything for the money. It was the principle of the thing.
I'd just like to have been in his place.
I'd have showed them.
If I had that woman for a little while.
I'd teach her a few things.
If I'd catch a kid of mine at anything like that.
If I had just a little money I know where I could go out and make a pile.
I never would care to be rich, just comfortably fixed.
My wife and I have never exchanged a cross word.
If you don't think it's a good thing for you, I don't want you to do it.
I've never seen such weather before.

There once was a King's Trustee.
He was also a Folks said, "My word! You are One big radiant star!"
He said, "No, I'm the whole galaxy."
Honkle, honkle, little car.
We can hear you from afar.
But if we don't skip away,
Doctors' bills there'll be to pay.

At the first meeting of the new State Executive, President Collett welcomed three new delegates in Messrs. Sadlier, V.C., Wells, and Tozer. Cliff Sadlier was at one time the State organiser for the League; Mr. Wells is President of the Victoria Park Sub-Branch and a Perth City Councillor; and Mr. Tozer is the Vice-President of the Nedlands Park Sub-Branch. All three are energetic and able delegates, and are a decided acquisition to the Central Executive.

Every member of the Mt. Barker Sub-Branch will agree when we say that the winning of the Newdegate Cup for Mt. Barker was a personal triumph for Secretary Percy Gilham, who has left no stone unturned in his zeal to advance the cause of the ex-service men. Percy was a stretcher bearer in C Company, 11th Battalion, where he states he had some rough, and at other periods, glorious times. He found it rough at harmless places like Lagnicourt, Bullecourt, La Barque, Ligny, and Bapaume. The glorious times were at Merrie, when he was let loose among the German prisoners. Percy, although quite a successful "souvenir," considers that he was quite an amateur in comparison with Sergeant "Moocher" Waters, now of Balinga, who was the master hunter of those days.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrie Zeffer have just returned from a month's holiday jaunt to the Eastern States, which was undertaken for health reasons, with pleasing results.

"Ex-Service Man" writes us an interesting letter, complimenting the "Listening Post", and asking other things, suggesting that the townspeople of Perth should co-operate with the War Memorial Committee to ensure that the National Memorial is situated in the heart of the city.

We regret that lack of space prevents us from publishing Ex-Service Man's letter in full. His suggestion regarding the War Memorial site, while interesting, is a little belated. The matter has already been dealt with by the committee of soldiers and citizens to whom the work of the War Memorial has been entrusted. The design of the Memorial has been decided upon and the site already chosen. The main factor governing the choice of the King's Park site is this: King's Park is national property and it is preferable to have a national memorial erected upon national ground.

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PENSIONS AND REPATRIATION.

Important Concessions.

The following are extracts taken from Dr. Earle Page's budget speech delivered at Canberra on 28th September. It will be noted that two important concessions, which the League has been striving for, have been approved.

War Pensions.

The experience of the past year shows that we have not yet reached the peak of the expenditure in respect of war pensions. The pension list increased by 7212 pensions, and the total number of pensions in force at 30th June, 1927, was 259,821. The estimated increase in the expenditure for the current year is £216,904, and is due to further additions to the pension list, and to the fact that the Government proposes to increase war pensions by making the pension for the third child and subsequent children free of charge instead of 5/- per week as at present.

General Repatriation.

Although there is a reduction in the expenditure on certain phases of repatriation, such as vocational training and sustenance to soldier settlers, there is a marked increase in medical treatment and living allowances. My forecast last year that certain factors in the progress of war disabilities would prevent any decrease in this form of repatriation has been fully borne out, as the numbers receiving medical treatment showed a definite increase. During last financial year, 26,180 applications for medical treatment were approved, and at the 30th June, 1927, there were 6443 cases undergoing treatment.

The Government has decided to provide suitable transport—or to arrange for suitable transport at a cost not exceeding £10 per soldier per month—for recreation for certain classes of soldiers. Provision of this nature will be made under departmental medical advice, and will be limited to soldiers totally and permanently incapacitated as the result of spinal, head, pelvic or hip injury, organic, cerebral, or spinal disease, and double amputation cases above or at the knee, whose means of locomotion, because of war disablement, is permanently restricted to wheel chairs or cots.

The number of applications under the soldiers' children's education scheme is still increasing. At 30th June, 1927, nearly 5000 children were in training, and 2183 had completed their training.

War Service Homes.

At the 30th June, 1927, 30,856 war service homes had been provided, made up as follows:

Homes built 16,610
Homes purchased 12,213
Mortgages discharged 2033
Total 30,856

The activities of the commission in 1926-27 resulted in a surplus of £25,753.

The commission is now on a sound financial basis, and the complaints by applicants are negligible.

GENTLEMEN, OURSELVES!

The Eleventh Annual Congress marked the completion of the first decade of the League's existence, and we may be excused if we evince a little pride, not only on account of what has been described as the most successful Congress yet held in this State, but in the general work of the League throughout Australia since its inception. We may also be excused a little glow of pride when we remember that Western Australia took the initiative in forming the League. The first Returned Soldiers' Association was formed in this State. Eastern States followed suit, and eventually the various State Associations were merged into what is now the League. Formed at first for the purpose of social reunion, and of settling discharged soldiers into peace time avocations, the League gradually extended its activities, and assumed new functions. Not only has it assisted the Digger who is down on his luck, but it has ever been of assistance to Government Departments, with advice and suggestion. In far-off bush localities its badge of membership is at once a certificate of character, and an entree into the social life of the place. Not only has it over ten years extended the activities of the League, but its membership and its prestige have increased, and are continuing to increase. Gratifying, too, it is to note that many of our most active members are our brethren from overseas. The League did not remain a mere flash in the pan; a flashing of post war enthusiasm, dying almost as soon as it was kindled. Quite the contrary. The increasing recognition of the character and of the activities of the League has resulted in the League being received into the fold of official departments, and having its activities encouraged by the Federal and State Governments.

Perhaps the secret of the League's strength, and, genuineness of its influence is due to the fact that it has been kept clear of the mire of party politics. All the existing political parties in turn have had their turn in the past to enlist the League under their respective banners, but the League is now a body independent of party, and the appreciation of its activities by the public is due chiefly to its neutrality to political parties, to the public opinion, and to the support given by the public to the League when it is independent of party politics.

It is the spirit of the League that all men can become Diggers, can all become Diggers; it is the spirit of the League which conquers the mire of party politics.

Its members are world wide, and are part of the League's strength, and are entitled to a voice in the affairs of the League.

The efforts of the League have been directed towards the occupation of the Digger by the Occupation of Australia, and no less has been the League's efforts towards the Occupation of that man. The League has been in a very real sense the Digger's school, and the League has been the refuge of lost men. The League has been the true society, where the Digger could be himself, and where he could be himself, without any fear of being 'politically dangerous,' and without any fear of being 'politically safe.' The League has been the true school, where the Digger could be himself, and where he could be himself, without any fear of being 'politically dangerous,' and without any fear of being 'politically safe.' The League has been the true school, where the Digger could be himself, and where he could be himself, without any fear of being 'politically dangerous,' and without any fear of being 'politically safe.'

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