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**MENIN GATE AT MIDNIGHT**

If W. Longstaff were in Perth at present he could not help feeling gratified at the public interest aroused by his undoubted masterpiece. Thousands have viewed it; Diggers and Britons from far and near have come to see the picture. It was noticed that when approaching the picture, men removed their hats, a little respectfully, perhaps, and with a sideways look as if afraid of being detected in some act of wrong doing. It was while smiling, somewhat cynically, at the foibles of his fellow men, the writer realised that his own hat had been in his hand several minutes. The Curator of the local gallery is to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which the picture is hung. It strikes the eye as one enters the hall. And the picture looks like a picture, men removed their hats, a little respectfully, perhaps, and with a sideways look as if afraid of being detected in some act of wrong doing. It was while smiling, somewhat cynically, at the foibles of his fellow men, the writer realised that his own hat had been in his hand several minutes.

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**RE-MARRIAGE OF WAR WIDOWS.**

The Repatriation Minister received the following resolution from the last Federal Congress:

"That this Conference views with alarm the fact that war widows who re-marry and subsequently revert to widowhood only receive a living allowance from the Federal Government of a maximum of 30/- weekly, including income, such amount not to exceed 20/- per week, and recommends that a pension scale be evolved to enable them to live in reasonable comfort."

The Minister replied: "The policy of granting a living allowance to widows who re-marry and who again become widows is a concession granted by no British Dominion other than Australia. The allowance was decided on as a means of assisting such widows in their time of need, has to come closer to get the detail. A mediocrity would have represented the deathless army athwart the sky, in a smugly fashion, somewhat after the style of the "Valkyries" Ride. An Orpen would have given us something bizarre, something macabre and gangrenous, or else insinuatingly flippant, like his Black Cap," which reminds us of the prancing of the Lord Chancellor in "Volante."

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and was not looked upon as a re-statement of pension. In making this provision the Government did not feel justified in making any higher rate available."

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**MEDICAL TREATMENT AND PENSIONS.**

Federal Congress passed the following motion, which was submitted to the Repatriation Minister:

"That any application for medical treatment shall be considered as an automatic application for pension also." To which the Minister replied:

"I have to advise that where first application for treatment in respect to a war service disability, or a disability which after investigation is accepted as due to war service is lodged, the general practice of the Repatriation Commission is to advise the patient to apply for war pension, if any incapacity remains on termination of treatment."

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**THE LISTENING POST**

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HONOR OR DOLLARS

America's attitude to her war debts is a source of anxiety to more than her debtors. Many of her own citizens are uneasy in conscience. One expression of that uneasiness is embodied in a recently published brochure, "Honor or Dollars?" It is the production of Frederick W. Peabody, an American lawyer.

In his desire that his country should put itself right with the rest of the world, Mr. Peabody views the existing position from every possible angle. His judgment is that America should surrender her alleged claim to the war debts and gain in exchange her self-respect. He writes vehemently, scathingly, in order presumably to help his countrymen to see themselves as others see them.

The substance of the brochure is included in fifty questions addressed to an imaginary American young man. The polemical essence of these interrogations is that, by their sacrifices, the European nations made America safe from German dominance. Yet, for reward, these nations find they will be in a position of economic servitude to the American people for fifty years. Over £80,000,000 will be drawn for two generations from the European nations that have already impoverished themselves in the cause of liberty. Can America continue to exact that money without a sense of shame?

The nation which, in a fighting sense did least has emerged the only financial gainer. But if she persists in her present attitude to these debts her honor is bound to depreciate. For more than a year after America's formal entry into the war she sent not a single soldier to the front. When at last she began to send her men more than half of them were in 1918 taken over to Europe in British vessels, conveyed by British warships. That was a service worth a good deal in dollars.

General Pershing is quoted as saying that: "If it had not been that the Allies were able to hold the line for fifteen months after we had entered the war, with the support of the loans we made, the war might well have been lost. We gave the money well knowing that it would be used to hold the Germans until we could prepare." The American forces fought only seven months in 1918, as against four years' battling by the French and British. For the other three years and a half America contented herself with lending money and selling goods. Now that all danger is over she has assumed the role of international debt collector. Mr. Peabody suggests that in that role he is ashamed of her. And, he hints, there are others.

America has "done well" out of the war. Her income has more than doubled; she owns half the world's entire wealth. But if man power is the real wealth of a nation, and if there is to be a strict debtor and creditor reckoning, should not America be debited with the contribution of human life which was spent so lavishly on her behalf by the Allied nations? Britain and her Dominions, France and Italy lost 3,500,000 men, against America's modest 100,000. Would it not be more fair that those nations which paid most in lives should pay least in dollars?

For the peace and betterment of Europe, Britain proposed to the American Government to cancel the $2,060,000,000 owed to her by the Allies if America would cancel Britain's debt to her of $935,000,000. America refused. Yet since 1920 the public debt of America has been reduced by £1,168,400,000. In view of the tremendous sacrifices of the Allied nations, is it a moral act to lighten the comparatively light taxes of the American people by bleeding the oppressed European taxpayer?

The following are a few extracts taken from the book:

"As a substitute for men, we advanced England something more than four billions, under the law authorising its payment for our security and defence. While her young men were dying by the hundreds and thousands in the trenches, fighting as much as their own for more than a year, the war was not costing us a man. We did what we could. We helped England to keep her soldiers in fighting trim by furnishing money for supplies, produced in America. England asks nothing for her dead. We demand repayment of our money with interest.

"We are the richest nation the world has ever known. England is embarrassed as never before. With a million unemployed, she carries a huge burden of debt, and has resorted to a taxation almost confiscatory. America taxes an income of £1,000 only 7½ ½:— England taxes it 157 ½:— She is dependent for her revenue upon her trade, and our tariff wall practically excludes her trade from us.

"Nothing is undamaged but her honor; nothing is unshaken but the unsurpassable steadiness of her soul. And yet we, the Cretus-nation, demand of struggling England not only the four billions we let her have, but an additional seven billions, because she must have time in which to pay.

"Because she is in trouble we charge her seven billion dollars for interest. We have no moral right to a farthing from England, but she signed, and we hold her to her signature."

In the "Addenda" it states: "We have often claimed that we saved Europe; with the help of Germany Europe saved America. Practically every dollar was spent here for grain, munitions of war, etc., and we in the main charged exorbitant prices, and in many cases unconsciously and exorbitantly high."

Australia's external war debt is owed directly to Britain. Nevertheless, if an argument can be raised in claim for partial cancellation of the Allied debts it would be well for Australia to raise her voice in support.
STATE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

4th July, 1928.

Present.—Messrs. Riley, Philip Watt, Longmore, Yeates, Logie, Tyler, Saddler, Wells, Bader, Lovell, Margolin, Tozer, and Hunt.

Apologies were received from Messrs. McAdam, Pady and Wedd.

Federal Correspondence.—Resolution 61—War Service Homes for Ex-Imperial Soldiers.—This resolution asked that the provisions of the War Service Homes Act be extended to Ex-Imperial Service men. The Prime Minister’s Department had replied stating that it would not be possible to accede to this request.

Repatriation State Boards.—The Federal Executive advised that the appointment to the various State Repatriation Boards had been finalised, that for Western Australia being Mr. Watt.

Monument to Marshal Foch.—The Federal Executive forwarded copies of letters from the B.E.S.L. concerning the erection of a monument to Marshal Foch at Cassel. The letter contained the suggestion that Empire organisations should assist in this monument. The Federal President had replied suggesting that the British Government request Dominion Governments to give consideration to the matter of contributing towards the cost. It was decided to inform the Federal Executive that this Executive agrees with the opinion of the Federal President.

Resolution 63: Permanent Employees, C.P.S.—A letter was received from the Federal Executive concerning the maximum age limit for appointment in the C.P.S., and it was decided to send a copy of this to the West Perth Sub-Branch.

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Employment Bureaux.—The report of the various Employment Bureaux throughout the Commonwealth for the months of April and May was received.

Australian War Memorial.—The Secretary advised that a request had been received from the Federal Executive asking if a Service Homes is to lay the foundation stone of the Australian War Memorial on next Armistice Day. It was decided to wire the Federal Executive endorsing this proposed action.

War Pensions Appeal Board.—A letter was received from the Federal Executive dealing with the controversy existing between the N.S.W. Branch and the Federal President concerning the Branch’s action in circularising Members of Parliament. The letter was referred to the Pensions Committee.

Federal Executive.—A discussion ensued on the constitution of the Federal Executive, and it was decided that this matter be placed on the agenda paper for the next meeting.

Ex-Imperial Association.—A letter was received from the Federal President in connection with the formation of a separate ex-Imperial organisation as proposed by the Rev. Hayes, who had recently gone to England. It was stated that the late Grand President of the B.E.S.L. had advised against this procedure. As an ex-Imperial Association had been formed in Western Australia on the lines of a Unit Association, it was decided to advise the Federal Executive accordingly, and to express the opinion that the position was met by the formation of this organisation.

Invitations.—Midland Junction Sub-Branch requested the presence of the State President and two members of the Executive to attend their half-yearly smoke social, to be held on the 27th July. The matter was left in the hands of the President.

Perth Sub-Branch extended an invitation to two members of the Executive to attend their half-yearly smoke social, to be held on the 17th July. The Acting President and Mr. Watt accepted the invitation.

Belmont Sub-Branch.—The Belmont Sub-Branch sought permission to change their name to Poultry and Dairy Producers’ Sub-Branch. This was referred to the Committee already appointed to deal with community-of-interest sub-branches.

Children’s Protection Society.—The Secretary of the Children’s Protection Society requested the assistance of the League on their Wattle and Boronia Day, to be held on August 17th. It was decided to refer this to the meeting of the Ladies’ Auxiliaries called for Monday night next.

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Unemployed Motor Mechanics, etc.—Mr. P. J. Clegg requested permission of the Executive to form an association to include unemployed motor mechanics, drivers and cleaners. It was decided to inform Mr. Clegg that there was nothing in the constitution of the Association which allowed for the formation of such an association.

Partially Blinded Soldiers' Association.—A letter was received from the Hon. Secretary of this Association in Adelaide. He requested that steps be taken to form a similar organisation in Western Australia. This matter was referred to the Pensions Committee, and they were requested to report at the next meeting.

Reports.—State Secretary read a report of the operations of the office for the preceding fortnight. Report received.

Finance Committee.—The report of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 20th instant was received and adopted.

House Committee.—The report of the House Committee in connection with their recent activities was received and adopted:

Pensions Committee.—The State Secretary read the report of the meeting of the Pensions Committee held on the 26th June, and in connection therewith a letter was read from Mr. Gregory, M.H.R., dealing with the War Pensions Appeal Board. The letter was received and the report adopted.

Enquiry Committee.—Mr. Watt delivered an interim report on behalf of the Enquiry Committee.

It was decided to increase the committee by two, and Messrs. Hunt and Margolin were appointed.

Carnamah.—Mr. Hunt reported on his visit to Carnamah. The report was received.

Geraldton.—Mr. Hunt also reported on a visit to Geraldton. The report was received.

Lake Grace.—Mr. McAdam forwarded a report on his visit to Lake Grace. This letter was laid on the table for the information of members.

Employment Bureau.—The report of the Employment Bureau for the month of June was received.

New Settlers' League.—Mr. Watt reported as delegate to the New Settlers' League. Report received.

Mt. Hawthorn.—Mr. Philip reported on a visit to Mt. Hawthorn. Report received.

State President.—The Secretary was instructed to express by letter to the State President the gratification of the Executive on his recovery, and the wish that he would soon be able to actively resume in League office; also it was the unanimous wish of the Executive that he would again accept nomination for the position of State President.

Prime Minister's Visit.—In connection with the Prime Minister's visit, it was decided to congratulate Colonel Collett on his conduct of the meeting.

Arrangements, Supper, etc.—A hearty vote of thanks and appreciation was accorded to the ladies who assisted in the preparation of the supper.

Federal Congress.—Moved by Mr. Tozer, seconded by Mr. Longmore, that strong representations be made to the Federal Executive to ensure that the Annual Federal Congress for 1929 be held in Perth, in view of the fact that W.A. is celebrating its centenary that year.—Carried.

Airways Contract.—Moved by Mr. Philip, seconded by Mr. Yeates, that Major Breamley, of the W.A. Airways, be written to and congratulated on being the successful tenderer for the East-West Airway contract.—Carried.

Club Premises.—The Secretary was instructed to bring forward at the next meeting of the Executive the replies received from sub-branches in this connection.

Legacy Club.—It was decided to forward a letter to the Legacy Club congratulating them on their formation.


Federal Correspondence.—Australian Performing Rights Assn.: The Federal Executive forwarded a pamphlet received from the Attorney General showing copy of his speech in Parliament on the 17th May, dealing with the Performing Rights Association. It was decided that publicity be given the pamphlet.

Invitations.—Midland Junction: An invitation was received to attend the Midland Junction Smoke Social, to be held on the 29th July. Rev. Riley, Messrs. Pady and Wells from the State Executive accepted.

South Perth.—The South Perth Sub-Branch extended an invitation to the President, State Secretary and two members to attend their Smoke Social on August 6th. Messrs. Tyler and Shaw accepted.

North Perth.—North Perth Sub-Branch advised they were holding their Annual Smoke Social on the 20th July, and requested Executive representation. Messrs. Tozer and Wedd accepted.

West Perth.—The West Perth Sub-Branch extended an invitation to their Smoke Social, to be held on the 20th July. Messrs. Riley and Shaw accepted.

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Gnowangerup.—The Gnowangerup Sub-Branch advised that their Re-Union would take place on August 23rd. They requested Executive representation. The matter was left in the hands of the President.

Complimentary.—Legacy Club: The Legacy Club wrote acknowledging congratulations.

W.A. Airways.—Major Norman Brearley acknowledged receipt of congratulations conveyed by the Executive.

Pensions Committee.—Mr. Lawley Sub-Branch conveyed appreciation of the work being done by the Executive Pensions Sub-Committee.

Blackboy Hill Camp Reserve.—Mr. Lawley Sub-Branch forwarded copy of resolution carried at their last meeting in which it was requested that the Department be communicated with, with the object of giving some tangible recognition in the form of a memorial, or otherwise recognising the site of the old Blackboy Hill Camp. It was decided to advise the Sub-Branch to include this as a motion for Congress.

New Sub-Branch.—An application was received for permission to form a sub-branch at Margaret River. This was approved.

"Listening Post".—The Perth Sub-Branch conveyed copy of a resolution carried at their last meeting which called the attention of the Executive to the article entitled "The Overmighty Subject," which appeared in the June issue of the "Listening Post." In the opinion of the Sub-Branch the publication of this article was not in the best interests of the R.S.L. and they request that the question of control of the "Listening Post" be fully discussed.

The Editor of the "Listening Post" had also been advised of this resolution, and had communicated with the Executive, enclosing copy of his reply to the Perth Sub-Branch. It was moved by Mr. Cornell, and seconded by Mr. Wedd, that the attention of the Editor of the "Listening Post" be called to the article in question, and that he be advised that as it is a contributed article, this Executive suggests that the same amount of space be made available to any other contributor who desires to criticise it.—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Rabbi Freedman, and seconded by Mr. Pady, that it is in the interests of the Returned Soldiers' League, and of our Australian citizenship that the Soldiers' Organ should be open for the free expression of views by ex-soldiers, provided such views are written within the limits of decorum and good taste.—Lost.

War Service Homes.—The Queensland Branch forwarded a communication drawing attention to an article which appeared in the "Queensland Digger," their official organ, concerning the case of a deserted wife in the acquisition of a War Service Home. The article dealt with a specific case where the wife after desertion continued the monthly instalments on the home, but could never obtain the title to the home, and if the husband reappeared he could claim the entire equity. The Queensland Branch sought co-operation to improve the position. Moved by Mr. Cornell, seconded by Mr.

Watt, that the Queensland Branch be advised that this Executive is in full accord with the views expressed, and suggests that the subject be made an item for inclusion on the agenda paper for the next Federal Congress, and that as the W.A. delegates invariably have a free hand in all matters other than items from their own branch, the Queensland Branch can be assured that the proposition will be supported.—Carried.

Imperial Service Men.—A letter was received from the Queensland Branch concerning ex-Imperial Service men. It traced the history of the formation of a sub-branch of the League, consisting of ex-Imperial men, and its subsequent withdrawal from the League. The Queensland Branch desired to know the position in this State. The matter was left in the hands of the Secretary.

Newspaper Reports: Court Proceedings.—The Subiaco Sub-Branch forwarded a letter received by them from their Women's Auxiliary, dealing with a report which appeared in the "Daily News" recently of an offender, and who was referred to as a "Returned Soldier." Moved by Rabbi D. I. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Watt, that the attention of the Editor of the "Daily News" be called to the report and that the Executive's objection be recorded to the use of the words "Returned Soldier" in such cases unless they are connected with the particular offence for which any charge is made.—Carried.

Women's Auxiliaries: Kulin.—The Kulin Women's Auxiliary wrote requesting their status in relation to the Kulin Sub-Branch of the League. The matter was left in the hands of the Editor.—Carried.

Discussion then ensued concerning the desirability of Women's Auxiliary being represented at Conference. It was moved by Mr. Cornell, seconded by Mr. Lovell, that a Sub-Committee consisting of the President, Rev. Riley, Rabbi Freedman, Mr. Longmore, and Mr. Corncll, be appointed to consider ways and means of instituting an Annual Conference for Women's Auxiliaries.—Carried.

Victorian Capitation Fees.—Secretary reported that a wire had been received from the Victorian Branch, which called attention to a resolution passed by the Executive supporting the Federal Executive in its endeavour to obtain arrears of
fees from Victoria, and which resolution appeared in a previous copy of the "Listening Post," but which had not been officially conveyed to Federal Executive, out of consideration of a wire received requesting the Executive to withhold its decision until a statement had been received from Victoria concerning their position. This statement had not yet come to hand. The Victorian Branch had been replied to and the facts had been stated. Copies of the wires had also been sent to Federal Executive. Action was endorsed.

Club Premises.—Concerning the circular forwarded to sub-branches re the proposed Club, a summary of replies was tabled and referred to the House Committee for report.

Reports.—State Secretary: The State Secretary read a report of the operations of the office for the preceding fortnight. The report was received and adopted.

Finance Committee.—The report of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 4th July was received and adopted.

House Committee.—A report of the meeting of the House Committee, together with representatives of metropolitan Women's Auxiliaries, which was held on the 9th July, was submitted. The report dealt with the re-opening of the Reading Room. It was agreed that the minutes of that meeting be made available to the Committee already appointed to consider a Women's Auxiliary Conference.

Art Union Committee.—The Secretary read a report of the Art Union Committee meeting held on the 16th July. The report was received and adopted.

Relief Fund.—A report of the relief granted for the month of June was received and adopted.

Visitor.—At this stage the State President welcomed Mr. Enright, Vice-President of Kulin Sub-Branch, Mr. Enright suitably responded.

Preference to Returned Soldiers.—The question of preference to returned soldiers was then brought forward. It had been dealt with by the State President in his report to Congress in 1926. A committee had been formed and certain information had been obtained. The President asked that the committee again function.

Agenda Committee: Congress.—Rev. Riley and Mr. Cornell were appointed the provisional Agenda Committee for the forthcoming State Congress.

Programme and Entertainments Committee.—The Committee already appointed to consider the Women's Auxiliary Conference was appointed to arrange the programme and entertainments for Congress.

Railway Workshops.—The Rev. Riley reported on his visit to the Railway Workshops Sub-branch smoke social.

Bunbury Branch Incorporation.—Rev. Riley, to whom this matter had been referred, delivered an interim report thereon.

Perth.—Mr. Watt reported on his visit to the "Something Different" smoke social, given by the Perth Sub-branch.

Beverley.—Mr. Philp reported on his visit to the Beverley Sub-branch.

Guildford-Bassendean.—Mr. Cornell reported on his visit to Guildford-Bassendean Sub-branch.

32nd Battalion.—The matter of a representative to attend the 32nd Battalion Re-union was left in the hands of the President.

Photograph of the Executive.—The Secretary instructed to make arrangements to have a group photograph taken of the Executive.

WIDOWS' WAR PENSIONS.

The last Federal Congress passed the following motion, which was forwarded to the Repatriation Minister:

"That Congress recommend a flat rate for widows' pensions, and suggests that the Commission take action to see that her earnings are not taken into consideration when computing the amount of pension to be paid to her."

In reply, the Minister stated:—"I have to inform you that the whole question of widows' war pensions was considered by Cabinet in September last, but it was not found possible, in view of all the circumstances, to make a flat rate. In regard to earnings, I have to say that the practice now is to disregard the first 20/- (per fortnight) of income which a widow may have apart from her fortnightly pension. This, I think, is liberal, and I do not feel that there is any justification for doing anything further."

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CORRIGIN.

Corrigin Sub-Branch held its Annual Re-Union on Thursday, July 5th, Mr. Harry Brankstone presiding, and welcoming on behalf of the meeting, the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. T. Venn), and Mr. W. H. Logie, an Executive delegate. Before the social proceedings commenced, the Secretary, Mr. G. A. White, presented his report for the year, which showed a membership of 72 and assets amounting to about £700. Against this they had an overdraft at the bank of £357, and the Hon. Secretary, incidentally, asked why the members personally could not wipe out this over-draft, and thus save the Branch interest payments of about £21 per annum. From encouraging remarks heard, and as most of the Corrigin soldier settlers are fairly well-to-do, it looks as if the Secretary's suggestion will be acted upon.

Mr. H. Brankstone was again elected President, and satisfied that they could not do better, Mr. George White was unanimously re-elected Honorary Secretary. The meeting agreed to elect a committee representative of all neighbouring districts, and the following members were appointed to represent the districts named: Messrs. W. Hill, Nornalakin; Jack Christie, Corrigin; Jim Darrock, Kunjin; Jack Lovett, Darrock; B. Culley, Buluaring; J. M. Taylor, Gorge Rock; B. Turner, Bending; and C. Peterson, Bilbarin.

Amongst the Corrigin diggers was Rev. A. S. J. Fry, at one time prominent in one of the big City churches, and who, engaged with his son in the League proposition. A suggestion was made that Mr. Fry relieve George White as Honorary Secretary, but the meeting eventually endorsed Mr. Fry's opinion that, providing Mr. White carried on, they could not find a better man. Corrigin Annual Re-Union is looked forward to by the local diggers, and this year's event lost nothing in composition with past gatherings. The visitors from League Headquarters were given an excellent hearing, and were thus enabled to impart much valuable information as to the R.S.L. affairs generally. The enthusiasm of the evening was enhanced by showers scattering on the roof. These showers brought the general rain which relieved a little anxiety as to the season's prospects.

KONDIWIN.

On Saturday, July 6th, Kondinin-Karlgarin Sub-Branch held its first Re-Union, with Mr. W. Andrews (President), in the chair. Some 60 diggers responded to the organising efforts of Mr. Ken Young, H. P. Venn, secretary, and the social gathering went with a swing, helped along by a local jazz band. After the toast of the King, Padre McEvoy, in a few solemn words, proposed fallen comrades. This was followed, proposed by the President, and responded to by the State Secretary and Mr. W. H. Logie.

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Around the festive board there were many prominent soldiers of the A.I.F.: including Mr. J. West, J.P., the uncrowned king of Kondinin; Major Phillips, of the 11th Battalion; and Captains H. J. Sykes, of the 16th Battalion. Captain Sykes proposed the toast of the Navy, Army and Air Forces; his address being quite original and characteristic of his own breezy personality. Diggers' gatherings are usually governed by splendid good-will and comradeship, but at most social functions of this sort there happens to be a "blow-in," who requires all sorts of information on demand, and has little regard for the programme as arranged, then perhaps after considerable thought by the officials concerned. Such an individual was found at Kondinin, and had not a few unseemly spirits inveigled him outside at intervals, for a few minutes, some of the best items of the night may have been spoilt.

KULIN.

On Saturday, July 7th, Kulin diggers foregathered in the local hall, where President W. Dick, on behalf of the Sub-Branch, welcomed Mr. Logie and the State Secretary, and amongst other items of a very excellently arranged programme Mr. W. B. Enright, ex-officer of the Tank Corps, proposed the R.S.L., and with obvious sincerity told of its good work. Quite a number of Kondinin members came down for the occasion, including President W. Andrews, Captain Sykes, and Ken Young, honorary secretary.

At Kulin quite a volume of personal matters were represented to the visiting League officials, and it is a pity that soldier settlers when faced with problems do not sit down and write straight away. Apparently there is reluctance amongst many men to place their soldier settlement affairs before the local R.S.L. officials, but the Land Committee of the League find themselves in a much stronger position when backed with the opinion of the local sub-committee.

Talking of land matters, by the way, at the Kulin gathering Captain Sykes, in his own familiar style, and that soldier settlement was nothing new, probably old Julius Caesar himself being amongst the first to try his hand at the settlement of returned soldiers, many of whom he placed on the vine lands of Italy. "The same old Julius knew something about main roads," continued Captain Sykes, "for we saw some of his construction still existing in England, and, unlike other main roads that we know of, were still quite good for traffic."

At all the functions attended by the League officials from Perth, great delight was expressed at the announcement that Colonel Collett, the State President, was rapidly recovering his health and had again expressed his intention of carrying on the affairs of the League for another year.

R.S.L. ART UNION

Country members are once more reminded that the R.S.L. Art Union now being conducted, is partly for the benefit of country sub-branch amelioration funds, 25 per cent. of the profits going to these purposes, while 75 per cent. is to go to meet the needs of country hospitals. Several hospital committees are assisting in ticket sales, and it is up to every country digger to bring his book of tickets to the notice of friends disposed for a little speculation, and to help a worthy cause. The Committee reported at the last Executive meeting that progress in sales had been good, and there was every indication of the venture again being fully or over subscribed.
THE MONTH

Blowinski and His Club

A certain "blow-in," who calls himself "Marlen," is the prime mover in an arrangement to spend £22,000 on a new clubhouse for marine transport workers in Sydney. There is no reason why any body of men should not found a social club, or even a political one, provided that, in the conduct of such an organisation, there is no infringement of the country's laws; but it looks as though the soi-disant Marlen's venture is a camouflage for the dissemination of revolutionary propaganda. The organiser, in a statement furnished to the Eastern Press, is delightfully naive. He admits he was born in Russia, and that Marlen is a nom-de-guerre, compounded of Marx and Lenin. He owns up to several foreign-sounding aliases, one of which he claims to have born while serving in the A.I.F. Judged by his own statement, his "war" service was far from creditable. He went away, so he states, with the 19th Reinforcements of the 14th Battalion, but the officers did not like him on account of his Semitic appearance. This in the brigade originally commanded by Sir John Monash! He admits deserting in England, without waiting to see the firing line, and assuming the name, identity and papers of a compatriot which enabled him to return to Australia. In Australia, he asserts, he gave himself up to the military authorities, and was discharged from the A.I.F. unpunished, although Australian born soldiers who had been under fire got five years for a great deal less.

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The Jervis Bay Incident

Probably we shall never ascertain why the master of the Jervis Bay found it necessary to wireless for naval assistance in quelling the insubordination of a few truculent stowaways. Most of the press comments on the incident were hysterical, exaggerated, and altogether uncalled for. No doubt, at the time, the Captain had, what appeared to him, good reasons for the line of action taken, and amid the welter of recrimination and adverse criticism, he has maintained a dignified silence. In commenting on the affair, that apostle of torism, The Morning Post, could not let the occasion pass without casting a slur on what it calls "the Australian type of discipline." Nevertheless, the facts are these. There was not one Australian among the hoodlums who caused the trouble, which was quelled by a skipper and crew sailing under Australian articles. The late Earl Haig, Lord Rawlinson, and other army commanders who came into contact with the Australian soldier, had a high regard for his fighting qualities, and for the type of discipline that enabled the A.I.F. to do all that was asked of it, and more. The Tory mind, on the contrary, is incapable of differentiating between discipline and repression.

FINALISATION OF PENSION CLAIMS.

The following resolution was sent to the Repatriation Minister:

"Congress protests against the delay in the finalisation of new applications for pensions, and requests that machinery be provided to overcome this delay."

The Minister replied:—"Every endeavour is made to have the determination of new claims expedited. It has to be borne in mind, however, that in all these belated claims very many years have elapsed since the applicant was discharged from the Forces, and it, therefore, becomes increasingly difficult to collate data which must necessarily be obtained before it is possible to determine the claim.

"The apparent delays which occur in these cases are purely due to the efforts of the Repatriation Commission and its officers in the difficult task of connecting present disability with the ex-soldier's war service. In the endeavour to make the connection the Commission and its officers get into communication with the ex-soldier's medical attendants (if any), his employers, and relatives and friends, and these parties, in many cases, fail to reply to queries, even after many reminders are sent.

"The point which has to be borne in mind is that the principal delay which takes place is owing to the desire of the Repatriation Commission to establish the justice of the ex-soldier's claim. Where this is easy, because of the information readily obtainable from the Defence Department, etc., the delay is minimal, but you will realise that at this late stage full enquiry and investigation must be made in endeavouring to assist the claimant to support his claim."

"However, to safeguard the intention of a soldier, where he does not express it clearly at the time of application, the Repatriation Commission proposes to issue appropriate instructions, which will have the effect of determining eligibility for war pension where a first application for medical treatment only is lodged, and the applicant's intention is to obtain a war pension also, if eligible."
PERTH SUB-BRANCH FINDS FAULT WITH THE "LISTENING POST."

The following is a copy of correspondence which has passed between the Perth Sub-branch and this journal, it needs no further comment, being self-explanatory.

July 11th, 1929.
The Editor, "Listening Post."
King Street, Perth.

Dear Sir,—
I desire to bring under your notice the following resolution, which was carried unanimously at the general meeting of the Perth Sub-branch, held in the Soldiers' Institute last night, the 10th inst.:

"That the Perth Sub-branch disapproves of the article entitled 'The Overmighty Subject,' as printed in the 'Listening Post,' June 22nd, 1928, and consider that the said article is indiscreet."

I might add that this matter caused a great deal of discussion, and condemnatory remarks were made by several members concerning the introduction of politics in any article published by the official journal of the League. It is contended by many members that, although people closely associated with the League are fully aware that contributed articles do not express the League's opinion, there are many individual members not so closely associated with the League who are not aware of this fact, and consequently their political feelings may be injured, with the probable result that they would withdraw their membership from the League.

A resolution has been forwarded to the Executive dealing with this matter, and also a resolution has been sent on for the Conference agenda.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) GEO. S. MELLOR,
Secretary.

Geo. S. Mellor, Esq.,
Secretary, Perth Sub-Branch R.S.L.,
Government Gardens, Perth.

Dear Sir,—
We are in receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., and note with astonishment your Sub-branch's objection to the article "The Overmighty Subject," which appeared in our issue of the 22nd June, and regret our inability to fall in with the wishes of your members by refraining from printing any matter of a political nature.

It is, and always has been, our aim to respect the policy of the League by refraining from becoming partisans in a party political sense, and not by any stretch of the imagination could the article in question be considered an offending one in this respect.

The article dealt from a national standpoint with the present day tendency of small coteries to set themselves above the laws of the land. Anyone who has really read the article should see at a glance that in criticising this tendency no recognised political party has been attacked. Our contributor merely deplored a weakness common to all parties.

We would remind your members that it would be an impossibility to state any viewpoint or subject, which would coincide with the individual ideas of the 20,000 or more ex-service men in this State, but to assume that a difference of opinion from ours would result in anyone's feelings being hurt, to the extent of withdrawing from the League, is certainly not a tribute to the intelligence of returned men. In any case, we doubt if there is a person in the State who can read, who is not aware of the fact that a contributed article does not necessarily express the policy or ideas of the paper in which it is published. In the case in point, a further hurdle would have to be leaped before the reader could assume that the article was inspired from official League circles. He would also have to fail to notice the following paragraph which is printed in bold type in the most conspicuous portion of the journal:

"The only official League matter contained in this journal is embodied in the published minutes of Executive meetings, and other items which are acknowledged as such in their text."

We desire your members to know that we would willingly publish and welcome any reply or comments on the offending, or any article appearing in our columns.

We also note that in your item 11, for inclusion in the Congress agenda, you use the words, "That in view of continual complaints". As no previous complaint, as suggested, has been made to us, or ever reached our ears, we think that in fairness we would not be asking too much by requesting you to state cases to us.

In view of the fact that your Congress item will be distributed throughout the Branches, it is our intention to publish in our current issue a copy of your letter and this reply thereto.

Yours faithfully,
E. S. WATT,
Managing Editor of the "Listening Post."

Mr. C. Longmore, President of Perth Sub-Branch, writes under date 19/7/28—

The paragraph taken exception to by the Perth Sub-Branch at its last meeting read as follows:

"The Government only need to take a firm stand, insist on the boats being manned by workmen or volunteer if necessary, insist on that volunteer labour being adequately protected from interference, and it will have the nation behind it; and should the worst come to the worst should the police be unable to cope with the task, there are thousands of trained men in the country who once defended the constitution overseas, and would willingly do it again in their own country."

"The matter was brought up by members of the railway section of the Perth
Sub-Branch, who considered that in a paper published under the patronage of the League, comment suggesting the use of black-legs in an industrial dispute, and the use of ex-soldiers as policemen to protect them, was not made with a due sense of responsibility to the League. The policy of the R.S.L. is non-political, non-industrial and non-sectarian.

"For your information I, personally, had not read the article in question until the protest was made by the railway representatives. Having read it I think their protest was justified, as would be that of every returned soldier unionist in the R.S.L."

"Pipe Tok's" main offence would appear to be that he refuses to view modern life through red-coloured spectacles. The basis of his article is this: no individual coterie, cult nor faction should be allowed to over-ride the law. Even the unionist is theoretically amenable to the law. When a few persons irregularly "blackleg" on unionism (we are adopting C. Longmore's sociological aspect of anatomy), they inconvenience the public and fellow unionists. After all, the country is larger than the coterie, and the matter resolves itself into a choice of alternatives, whether to "blackleg" on a section or "blackleg" on the country.

The League, while not being partisan in politics, must of its very essence be political, for politics is the practical aspect of patriotism, and when the League ceases to be patriotic it no longer has any adequate reason for existing; but, fortunately, the League has a political policy which is national.

Whilst every subversive element in the community is shrieking for freedom of utterance, what useful purpose would be served by prohibiting freedom of controversy in this official organ of the League? — Editor, "L.P."

TRIBUTE TO DIGGERS
Yankee General's Praise

This extract is taken from "Story of 37th Division (U.S.A.)," by Major-General John F. O'Regan.

"The Australian soldier was a distinctive type. Much misinformation concerning him exists in the minds of our American public, who, while acclaiming his martial valour and individual skill, seem to assume that in the mass he was lacking in discipline. This view, if it exists, is not correct. The Australian army was solely a volunteer force. Not a man in it was present except by his voluntary action. This naturally affected his physical fitness and its morale. There were no troops in the war which equalled the physical standards of the Australians. The American army had thousands, perhaps some hundreds of thousands, of men who measured up to the very best physical specimens to be found among the Australians, but we also had many thousands of men drafted into the army who were not fighting men, and who knew they were not. The Australians had none of this class. It is true that the Australian soldier was lacking in 'smartness' of appearance and manner, and good humorously took a seeming pride in the cold astonishing he created among others by his indifference to formality and his blunt attitude towards superior officers. But if by discipline we mean experienced and skilled team work in battle, then it must be said that the Australian troops were highly disciplined. Their Platoons and Companies possessed, as did ours, a highly developed gang spirit which prompted the members of the gang to work together in mutual support, but in addition to this and by virtue of their long experience in the war, they had come to realise the essential importance of military technique. They knew, from harsh lessons they had received in earlier battles from the harsh Enemy instructor, that the shooting and bombing of the individual man at the front may be fruitless unless his group maintains contact with other groups on right and left, and at the same time sends a constant and reliable stream of information to the rear, so that the great auxiliary power of the division may be intelligently employed to aid them. The operations and the supply technique of the Australian divisions were of the very best, and so it was that the rough-and-ready fighting spirit of the Australians had become refined by an experienced battle technique supported by staff work of the highest order. Their record demonstrated that for Australian troops at least, the refinements of peace-time precision in drill and military courtesy and formality were unnecessary in the attainment of battle efficiency."

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George Cattermole, the secretary of the newly-formed British United Services Association, is a keen worker for the League, having been vice-president of the Perth Sub-branch for four successive years. He has had a wide and varied experience of life and as a "pommy" can say too much for the treatment he received as a raw immigrant. George served in the navy prior to the war, and as a warrant officer in the army during the war. He won the Military Cross and was mentioned in dispatches.

Harry May, of Collie, is a successful applicant for land at Narembeen, and intends to take up residence on his holding at an early date. Lucky Narembeen!

Mr. Harry Dean, the father of three soldiers, two of whom paid the supreme sacrifice, delivered a fine oration at the Railway Workshops smoke social. There was a wealth of knowledge and sincerity in his speech. Heaven help the man who dared to disturb the digger down within "Old Harry's" hearing!

"Terry" Morrison, the genial heavy-weight, who served with the Gordon Highlanders during the war, and who now, between fights, is a member of the Perth Fire Brigade, has recently added to his ring experiences. On this auspicious occasion the ring was placed on the matrimonial finger of a charming young lady, and the Rev. George Tulloch officiated as "third man." Terry has now devised a course of physical culture for the home. The chief features of which are:

1. Waiting at the church, or marking time to take the blood away from the head.
2. Hanging pictures, an exercise for the pectorals and shoulder-blades.
3. Laying the lines; an exercise for the dorsal muscles.
4. Diving under the bed after collar studs; an abdominal exercise.
5. Cutting the fire-wood; a general activity exercise.
6. Jumping to it when madame speaks; a quickener.

In town for medical treatment, after sustaining a double fracture of the leg, Capt. Norman Aldridge, M.C., late 14th Battalion. After the accident Norman was for 12 weeks in the Goonalling Hospital, and he cannot speak too highly of the care and attention he received there.

Diggers will be pleased to know that Col. Collett will again stand for President there, and in the parlance of the digger, a man would be "gammer than Ned Kelly" to oppose him.

Following some remarks made by Rabbi Freeman at the last State Executive meeting, Jimmy Cornell referred to the Rabbi's motion as purely a pious wish, and "Piety," he said, "will get you nowhere." "How do you know anything about that?" came the gruff voice from the President. Col. Collett, who was that night resuming the Chair after a long absence due to illness.

OBITUARY.

Since we last went to press there has passed away Mrs. Vic. O'Grady, the wife of the secretary of the Boulder Sub-Branch, at the early age of 33 years. Mrs. O'Grady was a great helpmate to her husband in all his activities, and her unexpected death was a great shock to the members of the sub-branch and the Women's Auxiliary, of which she was treasurer. The esteem in which she was held was exemplified by the large number assembled at the graveside at Boulder to pay their last respects. Vic. is left with five young children, and we speak for his host of friends in the League when we offer Vic. sincere sympathy in his great trial.

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Recently down in Perth on business with the I.A.B. was Vice-President Enright, of Kulbin. He has a definite manner of expressing his needs which is very helpful to League officials when endeavouring to further a digger's interest with the authorities. Mr. Enright, by the way, was very courteously and considerably received by Mr. McLarty and his colleagues, and is well satisfied with his trip to Perth.

Our readers will be pleased to know that Col. Collett is steadily improving in health, and, much to the delight of all those in touch with his activities, Soldiers' League affairs, has expressed his intention of again carrying on for another term as State President. It is to be hoped that this year's Federal Conference, which will be held in Sydney, will include amongst its delegates this own State President, who, by his unselﬁshness and ability, can set a splendid example to many senior officers of the A.I.F., who for some reason or other are inactive in Eastern R.S.I. affairs.

OBITUARY.

At the annual meeting held recently, Mr. A. E. Bates was elected president, Messrs. L. K. Perrin, H. Meldrum, and G. Howarth, vice-presidents, Mr. T. Brady, hon. secretary, and Mr. D. Byers, hon. treasurer. Monthly meetings are held at the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, on the last Friday in each month. The Association will welcome within their ranks all ex-naval men. Further information may be obtained from Mr. T. Brady, 87 Townsend Road, Subiaco.
SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

The Perth Sub-Branch invited a large number of guests to join them at their half-yearly “night out” on Tuesday, 17th July. It was to be “something different,” and it proved true to label. According to a cleverly compiled programme, “The Barrage will be of Smoke, frequent Cheer and Beers,” and the realisation exceeded the anticipation. “Syd” Longmore presided over a full house, despite the miserable weather which prevailed, and a very competent host be made of “Syd” was ably assisted by “Adjutant” George Mellor and “Quarter Bloke” Snowey Coleman. It was a real digger night, reminding and recalling all that was best in the old A.I.F.—tin hats, rum jars, trey bentoos, stories of heroism and of humour, the old songs sung by all, good comrades, short and witty speeches, tasty beer and good cheer. It was indeed a night of nights. The best of its type, the writer’s experience. The entertainers were the best procurable. Where in the city could be found sweeter singers than “Driver” Alf. Fisher, “Gunner” Neate or “Lance Jack” McDiamond, who all warbled songs of the good old days, or finer humorous entertainers than “Jock” Inch and “Jewey” Cook? The toast “Fallen Comrades” was most impressive. All lights were extinguished, and three candles which were placed on tin hats, each of which crowned a rum jar, were lighted, and then in the dim light, silence reigned, to be broken by the touching laments of the “Last Post.”

BEVERLEY RE-UNION.

The Annual Re-Union of the Beverley Sub-Branch took place on Saturday, the 14th July, at the Railway Hotel, Beverley. About sixty members were present, and were presided over by the President, Mr. G. L. Broun. Prior to the Smoke Social, the annual general meeting was held, and Mr. Broun was re-elected President for another term. Tom Sten continues in his job as Secretary. Since Tom took over the job, the Sub-Branch has made wonderful strides. It has grown from a membership of about a dozen, to its present strength of sixty odd. The organisation is a force in the town of Beverley, and this is without doubt due to the energetic and active interest displayed by the Secretary and his band of capable officers.

The Smoke Social was an unequalled success. The toast of the League was proposed by the President, and responded to by Mr. G. H. Philp, an Executive member, and supported by Mr. G. Ferguson, the Assistant State Secretary. There were representatives from the Mount Lawley Sub-Branch—Messrs. A. N. McDonald and H. Brown. The former delivered a somewhat bright and witty speech in response to the toast of kindred associations. The delegation from Perth was extremely pleased with the arrangements made, and desire to congratulate the officers and the Sub-Branch on its excellent social and financial position.

LATE SUB-BRANCH NOTES

LAKE GRACE.

This Sub-Branch held a very successful smoke social on the 25th June, with Executive Member Mr. F. J. McAdam and his fellow members of the Land Board as guests of the evening. There was plenty of refreshment, and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. Songs were hard to get at first, but were too numerous later in the evening. The Lake Grace Orchestra was in attendance, and gave some splendid selections. The usual toasts were capably dealt with by Messrs. R. West, D. Fry, J. Donohue, C. Robinson, and H. Greaves. In responding, the Chairman of the Land Board mentioned that it was the first occasion the Land Board had been welcomed by any official body.

The address of Mr. McAdam to the diggers was most interesting regarding the work accomplished by the League. Imperial members present were particularly interested, for although the necessity is to be regretted, it is good to know that there is someone to whom the sick and stranded ex-soldier can turn to, knowing he will get a fair spin. Many interesting phases of the League’s activities were touched upon by Mr. McAdam, and his talk was greatly appreciated by all present. Mr. Bostock and the Chairman of the Land Board gave some interesting speeches.

Vocal items were given by Messrs. R. West, A. Pourte, J. Turner, H. Greaves, G. Pelham, Sandy Dower, Scotty Rooney, and President J. Collinson rendered the company a song after a little encouragement. During the evening appreciation of the good work put in by the Sub-Branch Secretary, Mr. H. H. Pelham, was expressed to the members, who are undoubtedly fortunate in having such a sterling and persistent worker in office. He has been the means of keeping the Branch alive and kicking, it being to his credit that there is not one unfinancial member on the books.

NEDLANDS PARK.

This Sub-Branch has been making steady progress since its inception in August last year, but there are still a number of returned diggers resident in Hollywood and Nedlands who have not yet associated themselves with the local body. Meetings are held regularly on the second Tuesday in each month in the Lesser Hall, Picture Theatre, Broadway. The next regular meeting will be on the 14th August, which will be the occasion of the first annual general meeting, and it is hoped that a number of returned diggers who have recently come to reside in this growing suburb will take the opportunity of attending. On the 10th inst. Dr. J. S. Battye attended and gave a very interesting address on his recent visit to the Far East and Japan. The lecture was so much appreciated by those present that Dr. Battye kindly offered to come down again on some future occasion to continue the address, dealing particularly with Japan. It is the intention to hold a series of these addresses during the winter months, and the next will take place in the Lesser Hall, on Monday, 6th August, when Mr. L. S. Glauert, of the Public Museum, will deliver an illustrated lecture on “Bird Life in W.A.” This meeting will be open to civilians as well as returned soldiers, and ladies are also specially invited.

A Women’s Auxiliary of the Sub-Branch has recently been formed, its first president being Mrs. Margolin, wife of the popular president of the Sub-Branch, Col. Margolin, whilst Mrs. D. M. Benson, wife of the State Secretary, is Hon. Secretary. Considerable enthusiasm is evident in this new auxiliary, and it is confidently felt that it will materially assist the activities of the Branch in the future.

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3—SPORT IN THE MIDDLE AGES.

One of the principal changes brought about in England by the Norman Conquest was that hunting became the monopoly of the ruling classes. As society becomes stabilised the individual is no longer confronted with the necessity of undertaking the chase, either to procure food and clothing for himself, or, as an active defence against savage animals; consequently hunting becomes the pastime of the leisure class. In feudal England, however, all classes of the community had a far greater amount of leisure than is the case in our modern and more complex society. Each manor, as the individual feudal holding came to be called, aimed at being economically self-contained. There were few towns of any importance; a considerable portion of rural England still consisted of forest lands, in which game, especially deer, abounded; and the poor man had as much leisure for hunting as the lord. To prevent any such infringement of what they claimed as their privileges, the Normans introduced the continental principle that all the game on an estate is the property of the lord of the manor, a principle that is still embodied in the English game laws.

As there were not sufficient forest lands already available, William the Conqueror caused a wholesale destruction of villages and even churches in the process of making the New Forest as an appendage to his royal seat at Winchester. By a curious irony, or perhaps dramatic justice, his son and successor was killed while hunting in this very forest. The forest laws of the Conqueror, especially those that applied to the unauthorised killing of game were extremely drastic. "He loved the wild deer," a contemporary chronicler informs us, "as though he had been his father. Whosoever should slay hart or hind man should blind him." Mutilation was the penalty, though it was left to his successor to make the killing of deer a hanging matter. Naturally the rigid enforcement of such law caused much human suffering, though possibly, little more than those of a more enlightened age, which, less than a hundred years ago, sent mere lads to Botany Bay and Port Arthur for poaching hares. Their operation drove culprits to the greenwood, and the old English ballads enthrone over the exploits of men like Robin Hood, champions of a downtrodden race, who took to the forest and killed deer in defiance of the Norman oppressors.

As hunting became more of a sport and less a vocation there grew up round it a regular ritual, with even a language of its own, which is embodied in a host of contemporary writings upon the science of venery. The more sober-minded churchmen, then as now, deplored the general devotion to this and other forms of sport, and did not neglect to inveigh against those "whom no decree of Popes and Councils can wean from their passion for the mimic warfare of the tournament; who delight in all the ritual of venery, and cannot brisk a stag without florishes from an orchestra of trumpets." (Davis: England Under the Normans and Angevins.)

It must be remembered that life throughout the middle ages was mainly an outdoor life. There were few cities, fewer schools, no theatres, no newspapers. Life was simpler and healthier. Men had more leisure for amusement and recreation. Every saint's day was a holiday. The puritan attitude towards Sabbath Day observance had not yet come into being. On Sundays and holy days folk's went to church in the morning and participated in sports in the afternoon. The castle tilting-ground, the forest, the archery butts, and the village green were the sports grounds and all took part in some form of athletic exercise. Mystery and morality plays were staged in the churchyard by the clergy for the masses. At night, in the baronial hall, the long hours were whiled away by the minstrel's ballads and the songs and tricks of the jongleurs. Like the Saxons the Norman jongleurs were acrobats and jugglers as well as singers, though, at a later period, excessive skill in legerdemain was liable to provoke the suspicion of witchcraft. As a consequence of the curfew law villagers and townsmen went to bed and rose in the morning at an early hour. The mediaeval Englishman was fond of shows and pageants, and above all, he loved his sports.

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That feeling of exhilaration which outdoor exercise engenders, and the cultivation of which is an essentially foreign to the modern Swedih system, had its effect upon the national temperament. England was indeed "Merrie England," and Englishmen were proud of the term. "Nowhere," writes a Monk of St. Alban"s, "are faces more joyous at the board or hosts more eager to please, or entertainments more sumptuous." (Quoted by Davis in "England under the Normans and Angevins." There were not wanting foreign critics, however, who deplored the Englishman for his boisterous gaiety, calling it frivolity, and contrasting it unfavourably with the gravity of the Frenchman; quite a reversal, in fact, of the modern Frenchman s gibe against the Englishman for taking his pleasures sadly.

Boys were taught all forms of exercises, especially those which, like swimming, wrestling, running and leaping, develop strength, agility and power of endurance. William FitzStephen, the lawyer and politician, leaves us a curious pastime of the period. "He glows with pleasure," says Davis, "in describing the sports of the Londoners: the cock-fights and the football matches of the schoolboys: the archery matches, the foot-races and the water tournaments of the young men: the skating for which the whole city turned out in hard weather. All these things are to him and to the Londoners as he knows them, far more important and interesting than the knotty questions of politics." (Davis: "England under the Normans and Angevins." ) According to FitzStephen the youths of the time held nothing in higher esteem than the exercise which engaged their dignity to engage in tilting contests with the Londoners, an attitude quite in contrast to that prevailing on the Continent, where members of the knightly class scorned the townsman as emancipated serfs.

Football has already been mentioned. Other games which have their roots deep in our past are club ball, hockey and tennis. The last-mentioned was played with a heavier racquet than the modern lawn tennis racquet and the balls were solid. Herein lies the explanation of the death of Frederick, Prince of Wales, eldest son of George II, who was killed by a blow from a tennis ball, though some historians, misled by their acquaintance with the lawn tennis ball, persist in maintaining that a cricket ball caused the fatality. As a matter of fact, lawn tennis was an invention of the mid-Victorian era, and the original form of the game has its survival in what is now called royal tennis. Probably the first time the game achieved an international importance was when the French King sent Henry V of England a barrel of tennis balls in derision of the latter's formal claim to the French throne.

This would have been the mediaeval equivalent of telling him to run away and play," though possibly something more insulting still, was implied.

Club ball was the common ancestor of both cricket and base ball. It is curious to note how environment has caused it to differentiate into two distinct games with the two main branches of the English-speaking race.

But while most sports and athletic exercises of the masses were matters of private interest, special official encouragement was given to the practice of archery. Archery had not had a very great vogue in pre-Norman England. Spears for throwing, sword and axe for close combat were the traditional weapons of the Anglo-Saxons and Hastings the arrows of the Norman bowmen, rather than the lances of the knights, finally beat down the English shieldwall. The crossbow introduced into the country by Norman and Angevin mercenaries, never became acclimatised. It was the long-bow, with its six feet of yew and its clothyard shaft, that the English yeoman adopted as his very own. At Cressy he demonstrated its tactical superiority not only to the crossbow, but even to the lance of the mail-clad knight.

In every village two acres of ground, generally in the immediate vicinity of the church, were set apart for archery practice, and even in the fifteenth century it was considered, by custom, unlawful for the lord of the manor to plough this ground or to encroach on it in any other way. Every able-bodied man below the rank of knight was expected to make himself proficient in the use of the bow, while one of the duties of magistrates was to superintend the practices on the village green or at the town butts on Sundays and holy days. Part of the training consisted in holding out the bow at arm's length for certain periods of time to inculcate steadiness when aiming and there were other movements analogous to the muscle exercises employed in modern Musketry training.

However, the more purely recreational sports had a greater appeal to the community. For in 1363, less than twenty years after Cressy, Edward III found it...
necessary to write to the Lord Lieutenant of Kent—

"Whereas the people of our realm, gentle and simple alike, were wont formerly in their games to practise skill in archery—whence, by the help of God, it is well known that high honour and advantage came into our realm, and no mean advantage to ourselves in our feats of war—and that now, the said skill in archery having fallen almost wholly into disrepute, our people give themselves up to the throwing of stones and of wood and iron; and some to handball and football and hockey; and to coursing and cock-fighting; and some even to other unseemly sports that be less useful and manly; whereby our realm—which God forbid—will soon, as it appeareth, be stripped of archers:

"We, wishing that a fitting remedy be found in this matter, do hereby command you that, in all places in your county, and in all your manors, castles, boroughs, towns, villages, and hamlets, every able-bodied man, when called to serve your Lordship, after he be able-bodied, shall, upon some appointed day, make use in his games, of bows and arrows, and learn and practise archery:

"Moreover, that you prohibit all and sundry in our name from such stone, wood, and iron throwing; handball, foot ball, or hockey; coursing and cock-fighting; and other idle games under the penalty of imprisonment." (Rymer: "Fuedera," iii. 704, quoted in Robinson's "English History from Original Sources," 1307-1399, Part II, pp. 10-11.)

The quotation is given in full to illustrate not only the royal point of view, but the antiquity of some of our well known sports. In the following reign (1388) it was enacted that "Servants and labourers shall have bows and arrows, and use the same the Sundays and Holydays, and leave all playing at tennis and foot-ball and other games called coits, dice, casting of the stone, skittles and other such importune games."

Edward IV, Henry VII and various Scottish kings made statutes penalising footballers on account of the game's interference with archery practice. The result was that archery persisted as a sport long after the invention of firearms had rendered the bow obsolete for military use.

In the Middle Ages, physical training, where it was not a mere recreation, was frankly a training for war. Mediaeval thought did not recognise the unity of the mental and physical life, as the Greeks did; it did not, like the modern public school system, aim at character building through athletics; there was no recognition, as in the modern Swedish system, of the value of exercise in the correction of bodily deformity and the promotion of all-round health of mind and body. But then the soul was the business of the Church, and the social, economic and industrial conditions, that militate against public health and cause physical degeneration, had not yet come into existence.

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Lance Batman.—I was intensely
interested in the argument on "Is war accord­
ing to God's plan?" which has been ap­
ppearing in the "L.P.," and only wish I
was well enough to reply to enter the
lists. I am sorry that it appears to be
fizzling out, and I would like someone
to challenge some of Mr. J. J. Walsh's
historical references. For instance, he is
very hard on Alexander the Great. I was
taught at school that Alexander was a generous
conqueror and that wonderful cities and
general prosperity always followed in his
wake. Perhaps Mr. Walsh can be in­
duced to give his authority for calling
Alexander "a plunderer of nations."
Evidently historians, like all other hu­
mans, differ. "Greatness" is an abstract
term to which Einstein's theory of rela­
tivity can also be applied—"It depends
on the observer." I am not convinced
either way as to whether or not war fits
in the plan of the Almighty, but I feel
that the germs of strife are em­
bedded in human nature, and that it is
only through suffering that depth of
character is gained. Perhaps Mr. Watt,
who has the habit of replying, will close
the debate in an early issue of your paper.

The State Executive of the League in
N.S.W. has made arrangements to hold
a monster diggers' dinner on the night of
August 8th, which is the anniversary of
the big A.I.F. "Hop over from Villers
Bretonneux." It is expected that about
2,000 ex-Service men will attend and that
sub-branches and ex-Service unit or­
ganisations will reserve blocks of seats.
The price of tickets will be in the vicinity of
5/-, and already, some sub-branches are
collecting a small weekly sum from mem­
bers, so that by the time of the dinner
all the tickets will have been paid for.
A special musical programme is being
arranged and invitations have been sent
out to the Governor-General, the State
Governor, Sir John Monash, the Prime
Minister, the Premier, and the leaders of
the Federal and State oppositions.

This scheme is an excellent one and
should commend itself to our own State
Branch.

Sometimes it happens that visitors from
League Headquarters find themselves
speaking when the night's gathering is
far spent, and of course, as the evening
winds down, so does the enthusiasm and re­
sultant noise. It is then found that per­
haps a visitor with some good information
to impart finds it difficult to get a hear­
ing.

Honorary secretaries of Sub-branches
are reminded that items for the approaching
Annual State Conference are now due,
and it is hoped that the delegates will not find it necessary this year to place important matters affecting their sub-branch amongst the Notices of Motion, which, it will be remembered, last year covered three pages. Members and Sub-Branch Officials should realize that the Conference held each year offers a splendid opportunity for ventilating grievances, and the publicity given Conference proceedings has no equal in bringing the needs of individuals or a district before the

Arrangements have already commenced
for this year's Annual R.S.L. Congress in
October, and at the last Executive meeting
a committee was appointed to take charge
of the programme of entertainments to
delegates. Items for Congress, by the way,
are now due, and of course the State Secre­
tary is looking for returns showing the
sub-branch membership strength at the end
of June.

Deserted by her husband, a soldier's wife,
in occupation of a War Service Home, finds
herself with no standing, and if she desires
attempts to purchase what she has regarded as
her own home, she finds herself classed
as a civilian by the War Service Homes
Commissioner. Such a case has been
reported from Queensland in a com­

munication to the State Executive, and
at the last meeting of the Execu­
tive, the State Secretary mentioned that
similar instances had occurred in Western
Australia, and in his varied experience,
particularly with people in trouble, he found
the saddest cases amongst deserted wives.
It was agreed that this W.A. Branch sup­
port the Queensland Branch in any efforts
it may make at the Federal Congress this
year, to obtain amendments to the War
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The Mtr. Lawley Sub-Branch desires to see Blackboy Hill Camp reserved in commemoration of the soldiers who received their first training there, before proceeding overseas. The suggestion will be discussed at this year's Congress.

The Nedlands Sub-Branch now possesses a live Women's Auxiliary, over which Mrs. E. L. Margolin presides, with Mrs. D. M. Benson as Hon. Secretary. The ladies are keen on their work, and are training at the leash to help the sterner sex banded together under the leadership of Col. Margolin. There is much work that the Nedlands Sub-Branch could perform, particularly when one of its office bearers, in Cliff. Sadlier, V.C., is at the head of affairs in the Claremont Road Board, and when not dispensing three per cents. is calling "Terry" and others to order.

Col. Collett was in his best form at the Diggers' Reception to the Prime Minister (Mr. Bruce), and his short introductory address contained some real gems, particularly that referring to Mr. Bruce's illustrious ancestor and the spider. In the Prime Minister's rejoinder to his, told of the old lady who doubted any descendency of Robert Bruce of Scotland, affirming that he was a blameless bachelor.

Comrade Blake, of the Soldiers' Institute, Geraldton, provided the "crazies," which formed such a dainty item at the supper given to the Prime Minister at the Soldiers' Institute. The wives of the Executive members, organised by the President's wife, Mrs. H. B. Collett, did splendid work for this function, afterwards so highly spoken of by some of the guests. The informality of the proceedings greatly pleased the Prime Minister, whose joviality and good humour were expressed when, finding that he was without a plate, exclaimed to the State Secretary, "What about plates for this table? There are all those other blighters with forks and plates and our table with none." The ladies, in their anxiety over the President's table, had left his guests plateless.

All sub-branch secretaries are urged to expedite returns for the month of June, many of which still missing. The League tallies its strength from the membership reported on June 30th. It would help the staff of head office if returns were forwarded early in order to insure inclusion in this year's annual report.

In spite of frequently published warnings, soldier settlers still continue to come to Perth on business without giving the head office a chance to get their files from the District office concerned. The result is that days are spent walking the city streets waiting for a file to come down, when a short note a week before their departure would in most cases insure the correspondence file being at the Bank when the settler hits the Soldiers' Institute.

Those who journeyed from Perth to the Beverley Returned Soldiers' League re-union held on the 14th instant are still talking of the splendid organizing ability of the local hon. secretary, Tom Sten, and of the many memorable incidents in connection with the trip. The party from Perth is still wondering why one of their members decided after midnight to return to the city. Some say that as he had not been married long, possibly the Beverley atmosphere suffered by contrast with the warmth of his own home, and therefore he braved the terrors of Hills, Bridges and cold, and humming "Mother, I am coming Home," departed in the morning's chilly air. Another member of the party, with longings towards the necromantic, is reported to have been seen after the closure of the evening with a towel round his head for a turban, a small toy snake in front of him, and attempting to charm this life-less thing by the playing of a tin whistle.

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' To bully Nicaragua."

Ye Scots who hae to Scotia sped,

In ae braw delegation.

Why wast ye aye sleep twa-abed?

What was this altercation

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There are perhaps some ex-members of the 28th Battalion who are as yet unaware that the first volume of the Battalion history is now available. There are others who have heard of its existence but have neglected to purchase a copy. Their negligence may be readily remedied.

In his foreword to the book, Archbishop Riley says that it contains no long dissertations on military tactics nor clear proofs of how the writer could have concluded the Great War in half the time it really did take, if only the High Command had carried out suggestions made by one who knew all about it. Rather is the book a simply-told, yet dignified account of the genesis, the voyagings and the fortunes of the 28th Battalion. Its simplicity is the simplicity of good work and the narrative is worthy of its writer. Those who know Colonel Collett only as a soldier and as a man may now know him as an historian, and in this field he rings as true as ever. It is just characteristic of the Old Man that there is not a capital "I" in the whole book. The volume is well illustrated and is provided with maps, nominal, honour and casualty rolls, together with other appendices.

The monthly luncheon for July will be held at the Cabin (Murray St., opposite Boans'), on Monday, 30th inst. Those whose bakers do not call in time to allow wifie to cut fresh bread for sandwiches can avoid eating Saturday's bread on Monday by lunching with the boys on that day. Of course, it is not essential that this be your reason for going along. The August luncheon will be held on Tuesday, 28th of that month.

**BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSOCIATION**

On Monday, June 25th, the successful foundation of the above was brought about, nearly 100 Imperials of both sexes joining up as foundation members. Major R. Ferguson, O.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., is the first president, while the secretarial post is filled by the appointment of Geo. E. Cattermole, who, incidentally, is vice-president of Perth Sub-branch, R.S.L. Q.M.-Sgt. Ferris, D.C.M., is treasurer; while Capt. T. A. L. Davy, M.L.A., has agreed to act as auditor. A most enthusiastic meeting resulted in the election of a strong committee and officers.

The constitutional plank, "To support in its entirety the policy and ideals of the R.S.L. and of the B.E.S.L." was unanimously adopted with a chorus of "hear, hear." Mons Sunday Church Parade will be the Association’s annual memorial service, when an appeal will be made for a strong muster of Imperials. A smoke social will shortly be held; for details watch the press.

This Association has made arrangements to hold the 3rd Annual Mons Memorial Service on Sunday, August 12th at 3 p.m. in St. George’s Cathedral. Archbishop Riley will give the address.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Campion, D.S.O., will be present. All British ex-Service men and women are asked to parade in Forrest Place at 2.30 p.m. and march to the Cathedral.

As on previous occasions, all kindred associations, Scouts, Guides, etc., are expected to assist on this annual memorial day.

Eight days later, on Monday, August 20th, at the R.S.L. Institute, at 8 p.m., they are holding their first smoke social. All who have served in the British Forces are invited to come along. Tickets of admission will be 2/-, obtainable from the hon. secretary, Geo. Cattermole, 229 Charles Street, North Perth, who will answer any enquiries.

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**SUB-BRANCH NOTES**

**MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDERVILLE.**

(Contributed.)

A most excellent Smoke Social was held by this Branch at the old Council Chambers, Oxford Street, Leederville, on Thursday, 21st June, Mr. G. Charles being in the Chair. Proceedings began by the Chairman welcoming Mr. D. M. Benson, State Secretary of the R.S.L., Mr. Philp, member of and
Trustee on the State Executive, Mr. E. Caddy, and visitors from the neighbouring sub-branches of West Perth, South Perth, Osborne Park, and Mr. Carter from the Healesville Branch, Victoria.

After the loyal toast was honoured, Mr. Caddy obliged with a well rendered song. Members and friends then made themselves thoroughly acquainted whilst light refreshments were served. Several other toasts and musical items were interspersed with speeches by Mr. Benson, who gave an admirable address with touches of humour on the League's great and ever expanding duties of the Executive. Mention was also made of the gratifying improvement in the health of the much esteemed State President (Col. H. B. Collett).

Unfortunately our half-yearly meeting clashed with the local Bachelors' Ball. As invitations were extended to a number of "immediate past" bachelors, the Ball got more patronage than our meeting. "To be a Bachelor Gay" was the slogan, but only for a night with some of our married members. Nevertheless, business was brisk, at least while the corks were being drawn.

The Secretary produced a balance sheet on the Children's Sports, which showed a credit balance of £3 10s. As the expenditure was £30, the vote of thanks accorded the Committee was warranted.

We congratulate W. Corker on his appointment as telephone lineman (permanent), but grieve his departure for Bruce Rock. Bill has always been a good Leagueite.

We have decided to hold a series of Bridge Drives, which should prove a source of revenue and good entertainment. We might even find the State Champion out of our little circle.

At the close of the meeting, the Secretary had the unpleasant duty of returning a certain number of bottles undrawn, because the other fellows' pockets could hold no more.

MIDLAND JUNCTION.

This Sub-Branch has been making great strides of late, and Secretary Ted Gray reports that membership is just under the century mark. There has been a lot of unemployment at Midland this winter, causing a big drain on the Distress Fund, but at time of writing the position has improved, there being not one member out of employment.

A Re-Union Smoke Social is to be held on the 27th inst., when a big muster and an enjoyable evening is anticipated.

RAILWAY WORKSHOPS.

On Friday, 6th July, the members of the Railway Workshops Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. held their Annual Smoke Social in the Railway Institute, Perth, when about 200 attended, including the "Dads."

President Gibson kept control of a very orderly gathering, and the function was voted the best ever. Apologies were received from Colonel Collett and Mr. Chas. Taylor. The Rev. C. L. Riley in reply to the toast of the State Executive, said that he was very pleased to be at this function again, and then pleaded with all ex-service men not to forget their obligations to the dependants of our fallen comrades. One way to do this was to join the R.S.L.. When we went abroad we did not trouble about what we were going to get out of it, we only thought of the other person, therefore, we should continue to do so at home, and by belonging to the League we would probably be helping to assist someone who is more unfortunate than ourselves. He also eulogised at length the work of the Lands Committee and Pensions Committee of the State Executive.

Mr. G. H. Philp, in response to "Kindred Sub-Branches," said that this branch was supposed to be unconstitutional, but if this function was any indication of what an unconstitutional body could do, then he was all for it.

Mr. Stewart, the Editor of the "Railway Gazette," responded to the toast of the Bress, and said that the Press on the whole would support the returned soldier and his association, and he would certainly see that this Sub-Branch would get their issue of publicity through his paper, which was read all over the world.

Mr. Cuthbert Pope, of the Ways and Works Branch of the Railways (who is a digger), and to whom many thanks are due for the decorating of the hall with flags, after giving thanks on behalf of the visitors, closed his rather witty speech by saying that he didn't attend to speechify, but to enjoy himself.

Those who contributed to the programme,
either in speech or song, are sincerely thanked for their efforts to help to make the evening the success that it was.

The Committee, consisting of Messrs. R. Gibson (President), A. Hynam, H. Ford, L. Tichbon, W. F. Langdon, W. R. Hughes, W. Reid, G. Brackenbridge, J. Hilton, and the Secretary (W. J. Lovell), are to be congratulated on the absolute outstanding success of the re-union. Thanks are also due to many who assisted in different ways, some with donations and others by buying tickets.

NAREMBEEN.

All business of the meeting held on Friday, 8th June, was held over until the general meeting held on Friday, 29th June. It was agreed to leave the forming of a Ladies’ Auxiliary Branch of the League over till next meeting.

Secretary Boyes reported that several pension cases had been successfully dealt with, also several appeals for loans on behalf of soldier settlers had been granted. He also reported that where cases were known and could be vouched for by this Sub-Branch, relative to holders or successful applicants for blocks of land who only took up as much business as speculation, and had no desire to improve the holding as far as them, that this matter had been taken up with Mr. Troy, Minister for Lands. The Minister is aware that land is being sold, and the purchaser accepting the responsibility of making the improvements required by the Act. Quite a number of cases have come under the Minister’s notice within the last few months, and in every instance, the transfer has been refused and the leases forfeited. At a time when such great competition for land exists, the conditions of residence and improvements might be tightened up with advantage to the State. This will be the subject for further consideration, and demands the attention of every member.

Mr. A. Wilson, M.L.A., and Mr. H. May, of Collie, notified this Branch that they would be visiting Narembeen on 14th July. Mr. May was a successful applicant for land east of Narembeen, and intends at an early date to take up residence on his holding. Agreed that committee be appointed to cater for the visitors.

The Kondinin R.S.L. sent along an invitation to President and Secretary of this Branch to attend their opening function on Friday, July 6. All members were also cordially invited. Messrs. Hedger, Marfleet, Smith, and the Secretary represented this Sub-Branch at Kondinin R.S.L. function. Mr. D. M. Benson and Mr. Logie represented the State Executive.

Mr. Benson ably instructed the new members of the good work that could be done by a country sub-branch, and gave a report on the purpose, power and attainment of the R.S.L. and of the great works done by the R.S.L.

Now that the local R.S.L. Club is complete, all diggers want to make same their rendezvous. Digger Stan. Godden has kindly consented to install the electric light in the local R.S.L. Club free of charge. It is the intention of the Branch to have a library, and all members are asked to assist in this matter.

Full reports on entertainments, etc., that this Sub-Branch intend to hold in the new Club, will be submitted at next meeting.

Circulars relative to next meeting will be sent out to all members, and all are reminded that there should be a good roll-up, as items for inclusion in the Congress agenda will be discussed at the next meeting.

Members who made inquiries for R.S.L. Art Union tickets are reminded that same can now be obtained from the local R.S.L.

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MT. BARKER.

This country Branch has begun the year with a membership of 112. The financial year ended on 30th June, and report of the annual general meeting will not be available for this July issue of the "Listening Post." We expect to lose a few members by transfers to other districts, but hope to fill their places as new-comers blow along.

Labour is fairly quiet in the district this year, which has not been improved by the “Thrill,” which destroyed practically the whole of the apple crop; the small growers having no apples left to realise on, have now to box on till shearing or stone fruit comes along. Prospects are good in both these products so far.

Diggers in other districts are still bringing in light tit-bits of the Re-union, and the latest is that Jack Finlay wants as many local members as possible to roll up to the Kojonup Re-Union, Monday, August 6th, and bring our song slides along. Members wishing to travel please communicate with P. G., who will endeavour to arrange transport; a good muster is all that is
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instead of decrease in returned men generally. The local M.O. is out to do his best for all ex-service men, besides citizens, and with one member in particular, whom he has attended lately, was only in the back of time, and Sid. Reeves has a very good word for the attention Dr. Barlow gave to him. Sid, who is an ex-Imperial, has now to take things easy for some considerable time.

Monty Gorman has also been down to New South Wales for the last eight weeks, and prospects are not too bright yet.

Seeing that this district is on the verge of hospital erection, members are reminded to be a starter in the next Art Union for the benefit of country hospitals and country sub-branches' Amelioration Fund. £1,000 for half a dollar. If you do draw a blank, remember you have helped in another good cause.

We also had a visit from Hug. Throssell, V.C., from Sweden, to Albany; he broke the journey at Mt. Barker, and Sam James, our Vice-President, who was attached to the Garrison's W.A. Light Horsemen, promptly got in touch with our esteemed members, Jack Martin, who placed himself and car at his disposal, and a good run round satisfied the V.C. of the possibilities of Mt. Barker.

PERTH.

The half-yearly meeting was held at the Soldiers' Institute on 10th July, 1928, Vice-President G. E. Cattermole being in the chair.

Letter from the R.S.L. Co-op., granting 5 per cent. discount to members of the Perth Sub-branch and shareholders.—Received.

The financial statement showed a balance of £2,452 16s.

The Auditor, Mr. J. J. Prendergast, presented the half-yearly report and balance sheet, which was received and adopted; and Mr. Prendergast was heartily thanked for his services.

Mr. Coleman reported having visited Mr. Findlay, who is at present very ill.

Mr. Cattermole reported that the Mons Memorial Service would be held on 12th August.

Nominations of committee-men received for vacancy on the committee, vice Mr. Todd, were Messrs. Brown, Cooper and Noake, Mr. Cooper being elected on the vacancy.

After much discussion, it was decided to forward the following resolutions for the agenda of 1928 Conference:

(1) Conference is of the opinion that the practice of deducting 19/- per week

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from the £2 allowed by the Imperial Government to their ex-service patients in the Repatriation Ward of the Perth Public Hospital should cease forthwith.

(2) That Conference discuss the practicability of having representatives of small country branches to Conference and thus eliminate proxy delegates.

(3) That Conference re-affirm motion No. 47 of 1927 Conference, curtailing the influx of foreigners, and instructs the incoming Executive to press for its fulfilment.

(4) That this Conference re-affirm their previous resolution re the dilution of labor by disabled soldiers, and the incoming Executive be instructed to proceed with the resolution from previous Conference at once in view of the large number of unemployed.

(5) That in view of the bad impression created, any firm of whom a member is sitting out from the Executive be debarred from all work in any way connected with the League.

(6) That the rule be enforced that any State which has not duly paid capitation fees to Federal Executive be debarred from sending delegates to Federal Congress.

(7) That the nominee for position of Federal President be endorsed at the Annual Conference in future, not as at present, by the State Executive.

(8) That in the opinion of Conference the cases of deserted wives should be treated by the Repatriation Department in the same manner as widows, providing sufficient evidence can be produced to satisfy the commission that the desertion is the direct result of the husband having served on active service.

(9) That the State Government be requested to declare its policy in regard to Anzac Day; and further, that the conferees on Anzac Day be made known to their employees at least one month prior to that date.

(10) That Conference press for the recognition of an appeal board to deal with pension appeals.

(11) That in view of continual complaints re the publishing in the official organ, the "Listening Post," of articles of a semi-political nature, that all matter be referred to the Executive before it is published.

Mr. Stockdale raised the question whether the Perth Sub-Branch approved of the article entitled "The Overmighty Subject," which was printed in the "Listening Post" of June 22nd, 1928. After lengthy discussion, it was moved by Mr. Sewell, seconded by Mr. Basto, "That the Perth Sub-branch disapproves the article entitled 'The Overmighty Subject,' as printed in the 'Listening Post' of June 22nd, 1928, and considers that the said article is indiscernible from the Sub-Branch trusts that the proprietor will in future refrain from printing any article of a political nature, which is likely to cause dissension among the members of the R.S.L."—Carried.

A further resolution, moved by Mr. Longmore, seconded by Mr. Cooper, "That the attention of the Executive be called to the article entitled 'The Overmighty Subject,' in the June issue of the 'Listening Post,' which, in the opinion of this Sub-Branch, is not written in the best interests of the R.S.L., and that the question of the control of the 'Listening Post' be discussed."—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Cooper, "That a hearty vote of thanks be recorded in the minutes for the good work which the Women's Auxiliary of the Perth Sub-Branch have performed in getting the Reading Room of the Soldiers' Institute re-opened."—Carried with acclamation.

OSBORNE PARK.

The election of officers for this branch took place in the Soldiers' Institute, Main Street, at the June meeting, Mr. H. Cooper presiding. Secretary J. Godfrey reported favourably on the membership and finances. The officers elected were: President, Mr. H. Nugent; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Corlett and J. Crawford; secretary, Mr. H. Float; assistant secretary, Mr. D. Miller; auditors, Messrs. G. Godfrey and Adams; committee, Messrs. A. Glass, J. Nicholls, D. Miller, M. Lewis, G. Gibson, D. Foreman, and H. Cooper.

An honourarium was given to the retiring secretary for services rendered during the last few years.

A musical evening was afterwards held, but owing to unforeseen circumstances, the "full orchestra" was unavoidably absent, and the items were rendered unaccompanied. The toasts "The King," "Fallen Comrades," "Success to Osborne Park," "The Retiring Officers," "The Incoming Officers," were drunk, the latter toast being proposed by Past-President Wm. Anderson, who referred to the successful installation of the Sub-Branch in 1919, and to the vicissitudes, experienced, until now it was one of the most successful in the metropolitan area. Mr. Bert Brown also spoke of the difficulties overcome and gave much of the credit to Secretary Godfrey, who rescued the Branch when it was almost lost a few years ago. Mr. H. Dayman represented the Mount Hawthorn Sub-Branch, and letters were received that owing to an Executive meeting, members could not attend, but would be glad to visit the Branch at some future date. Singing of soldiers' songs and solo items by members occupied the evening, and Mrs. H. Cooper and Mrs. J. Godfrey, retiring President and Secretary, also the Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Cornell and Crawford, were the recipients of oratorical bouquets.

Osborne Park members take an active interest in the affairs of the district, and on every public body there is a soldier representative. During the past three months the branch has organised a series of Saturday evening socials in aid of the Extension Fund of the Local Agricultural Hall, and there is now over £12 in hand towards that object.

A substantial kitchen has been added to the Soldiers' Institute, with the usual accessories for the brewing of tea and coffee, and also for the dispensing of other liquids favoured by diggers. Mr. A. Glass was the builder, and he has been complimented on the erection of such a useful adjunct for use at soldiers' socials.

Mr. Stork has had a busy time in the Park, especially visiting the soldier settlements. His appearance has been viewed with the usual equanimity of the digger. The list of new arrivals would occupy too much space.
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