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Waste Spaces and Waste Products

While it is generally urged that Australia's development is dependent upon increased population, there are many divergent views as to what type of immigrant or whether immigration at all should be encouraged. Those who oppose immigration do so on the grounds that it is futile to bring people to Australia while so much unemployment exists within the country, and that a glut in the labour market would necessarily decrease wages and lower our Australian standards of living. They are not opposed to immigration as such, for many of the leaders of this school of thought were themselves born overseas; they merely consider that in view of the present industrial situation it should be discontinued for a number of years.

It is the sympathy that high wages and good standards of living are excellent things in themselves, but is cessation of immigration the best way of tackling the unemployed problem? Surely among our plethora of legislative houses—thirteen for six and a half million people—and a sufficient ability to deal with this question and fill our waste spaces at the same time! We agree that it is idle to bring people here unless there is some inducement for them to settle in this country, but surely, among our host of governments, such an inducement can be provided.

Probably the greatest unemployment problem that ever faced the country was the repatriation of returned soldiers, yet the governments of the day provided the machinery whereby approximately 300,000 men, many of whom knew no trade other than life. Of course, mistakes were made and money wasted, but mistakes and wastage are only to be expected under a democracy, that of soldiering, were absorbed into civil that peculiar system whereby ignoramuses are elected by asses to do the work of experts. A start has certainly been made with regard to land settlement, but that, after all, is only one and the further development of secondary industries would attract yet another and equally desirable type of immigrant. Provide the immigration and the population will come. Places like Kalgoorlie, Mount Morgan, and Cobar were hardly gardens of Eden, but the discovery of mineral wealth soon turned them into populous cities. It is the job of the statesman to provide the inducement for immigrants to settle in this country and the means for absorbing them into the life of the community without economic injury to our own workers; but pseudo-philanthropists and omniscient globe-trotters notwithstanding, such immigrants should be people of our own Nordic stock.

The type of Englishman who must have his nigger to boss, the absentee capitalist who aspires to swell his dividends by means of coloured labour, the sentimentalist who loves his fellow man, especially if he be coloured, or shandy-guts, to a degree, that the negro North and tell us we will never develop it with white labour. In every case this advice, if not loaded, is based on lack of knowledge. The main answer to such criticism is that North Queensland, which is contiguous, has been developed, but, apart from this, black labour is provided—•

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aim of Mussolini to make Italy self-contained economically as well as geographically, so that that market will soon be closed to us. Sentimentalists allude to the fact that Italy fought on our side during the war years. So she did—with such excellent results that Plumer's army had to be sent to stem the rout in Italy at the very time when every available man was needed to face the expected German offensive on the western front.

The Southern European, when and where he has been induced to settle in the tropics, has not proved an unmixed blessing to his neighbours. We should be very wary about flooding our country with representatives of countries who know no law except that of the knife and gun, and that, for centuries, have been used to setting private justice above the law of the land. America, in importing the Italian navy, imported also the Camorra and the Mafia. An American police official who visited this country recently assured an interviewer that rum-running, high-jacking and other social amenities brought into vogue by the Volstead Act are carried on almost exclusively by foreigners. If this man is correct, next year more than the twenty-four people to be arraigned before the Perth Quarter Sessions next month, five are Southern Europeans, four of whom are charged with unlawfully wounding. To say the least of it, this is more than a fair proportion. Even were the Southern European a compendium of all the virtues, we fail to see what special use he is to Australia. Racially we cannot assimilate him. He is too prone to live in isolated communities to become a state within the State. Industrially he has no special technical knowledge, and after a period of navvying or some other form of unskilled labour, he drifts to the cities, where the height of his ambition is to run a pub or some low-grade and more or less ignominious eating-house. He is unskilled and non-productive, and from this point of view alone, one Yorkshire textile worker, one Scandinavian iron-worker, or one German chemist, would be a greater asset to Australia than a hundred shandycigs. We must have immigration, and such immigration should be confined to members of the Nordic races; and sufficient inducement should be provided to attract that is the job of the politician. But, on the whole, the writer is inclined to agree with a former premier of New South Wales, who asserted that Australia's most desirable immigrant is the Australian born. That is your job, dear Reader—and mine.

The whole question bristles with difficulties—political, economic and social—but with the example of the United States before us, we should be doing a foolish and fatal thing if we attempted to fill our waste spaces with humanity's waste products.

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for the formation of a Wiluna Sub-Branch, and the necessary receipt books, badges, etc., had been forwarded, but no further advice had been received, despite repeated requests. It was decided to recall all books, badges, etc., and cancel the approval.

Returned Soldiers' Sports Week.—The Nedlands Park Sub-Branch wrote suggesting that the Executive consider the advisability of holding a Returned Soldiers' Sports Week in Perth. Moved by Mr. Longmore, seconded by Mr. Philip, that Metropolitan Sub-Branches be circularised and their opinions be obtained concerning this suggestion.—Carried.

Art Union, Boulder Sub-Branch.—The Boulder Sub-Branch forwarded the names of responsible persons appointed to conduct their forthcoming art union, and requested the necessary permission of the Executive. Moved by Mr. Sadlier, seconded by Mr. Watt, that permission be granted.—Carried.

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

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House Committee.—The report of the meetings of the House Committee held on the 18th December and 16th January was received. The report dealt mainly with an application to the State Gardens Board for permission to remove the tree in the centre of the building. This permission had been definitively refused by the Chairman of the Board.

After discussion it was moved by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Cornell, that the State President be asked to wait upon the State Premier, and request the object of securing the necessary permission for the removal of the tree.—Carried.

Trustees.—Mr. Philip reported on the R.S.I. Relief Funds for the month of December. The report was received.

Art Union.—Moved by Mr. Philip, seconded by Mr. Sadlier, that the necessary permission of the Commissioner of Police be sought for the conduct of an R.S.I. Art Union be drawn in June, and profits to be allocated to general funds.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Tyler, McAdam, Pady and Lovell had already been appointed by the Management Committee. Mr. Tyler stated that he did not desire to act on the committee. The appointment of a substitute was left in the hands of the Management Committee.

Centenary Ball.—A suggestion was made that the League hold an R.S.I. Centenary Ball. Mr. Cooke submitted figures as a basis to work upon. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Watt, that a Centenary Ball be held. Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Col. Margolin, that the House Committee be appointed to take this matter in hand, with power to act.—Carried.

6th February, 1929.


Apologies were received from Messrs. Cornell and Smith.

New Delegate.—Mr. W. J. Hunt was welcomed by the President, vice Mr. G. D. Shaw, resigned.

Poppy Day.—The President recommended on behalf of the Management Committee that the order for this year's supplies for Poppy Day be as follows—40,000 small poppies and 150 wreaths. The recommendation was adopted.

Employment Officer.—The President stated on behalf of the Management Committee that applications had been called for this position, and, after due consideration, it had been decided to appoint Mr. Waddington. Action was endorsed.

Federal Correspondence.—Appeal Boards.—Concerning the constitution of a Pensions Appeal Board, the Federal President wired stating that, subject to the approval of State Branches, he had agreed to the creation of an Entitlement Board consisting of laymen. Also he had successfully urged the appointment of an Assessment Board to act in each State, the Chairman to be a barrister or solicitor, one member of the Entitlement Board and also the Chairman of each Assessment Board to be nominated by the League.

Moved by Mr. Sadlier, seconded by Mr. Riley, that this Executive approves of the proposed constitution of the two boards, and desires to know how soon nominations for the appointment are expected.—Carried.

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"SWAN" BRAND MUSTARD PICKLES—Appetizing, Piquant
Deserted Wives: War Service Homes.—A letter was received from the Federal Executive showing copy of one from the Prime Minister’s Department concerning resolution 67, 13th Annual Congress, which, sought protection for the deserted wife and children of a soldier under the War Service Homes Act. The letter pointed out that no provision existed to give effect to the resolution.

Moved by Mr. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Yeates, that the State Secretary be instructed to reply to the letter, pointing out that the resolution referred to asked for an amendment to the Act to protect the rights of deserted wives.—Carried.

Trade within the Empire.—A letter was read and received from the Federal President in which he stated that he had cabled the B.E.S.L. suggesting that August 4th be established as the “Trade Within the Empire” day. The 13th Annual Congress of the League had decided to establish such a day, and had left the date to Capt. Dyett.

Mr. St. B. reported having attended a meeting of the Empire Trading and Shopping Council as the League’s representative, and reported that the council had decided to hold a Shopping Week to encourage shopping of Empire goods this year.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Rabbi Freedman, that this branch approves of this idea of promoting Empire trade, and considers that the Federal President should be informed of the work of the Empire Trade and Shopping Council in W.A., on which the State Executive of the League is represented, and also that it has been decided by the Council to hold a Shopping Week to embrace Empire Day, May 24th.—Carried.

 Moved by Mr. Yeates, seconded by Mr. Watt, that the sum of £55 be subscribed by the Executive towards the Empire Trade Council’s funds.—Carried.

Membership Drive.—A letter from the Federal President, together with copies of his correspondence with Sir Neville Smythe concerning the proposed federation, was read and received; also the Federal President’s suggestion circular to non-members.

Employment Bureau.—The report of the operation of the Employment Bureau throughout the Commonwealth for the month of December was received.

Inmates to Repatriation Hospitals.—The Federal Executive forwarded copy of a communication received from the Victorian State Branch concerning the suspension of pensions under the 5th and 2nd schedules. The matter was referred to the Pensions Committee.

B.E.S.L. Conference.—At the last meeting of the Executive, Messrs. W. F. J. McCann and Jas. Martin had been nominated by this State Branch as delegates to the B.E.S.L. Conference. A reply had been received pointing out that only one nomination was required.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Sadlier, that Mr. Jas. Martin, of Victoria, be nominated.—Carried.

An amendment moved by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Tyler, that the State Secretary, wire to Mr. Martin, asking if he will accept nomination. If not, Mr. McCann (S.A.) to be nominated.—Lost.

Victoria, May 6th: resolution referred to asked for a meeting of the Empire Homes Committee to be held on the 22nd instant. The matter was left in the hands of the State President.

The South Perth Sub-Branch extended an invitation to the President and members of the Executive to their annual smoke social, to be held on the 22nd February. The matter was left in the hands of the State President.

The Northington Sub-Branch advised that a smoke social would be held on the 22nd February. The matter was left in the hands of the State President.

The Herne Hill Sub-Branch desired Executive members to attend their annual smoke social to be held on the 18th February. Messrs. Yeates and Logie were appointed.

The Nedlands Park Sub-Branch.—Messrs. Wells and Phiped were appointed to represent the Executive at the Nedlands Park smoke social on 8th February.

The Cowaramup Sub-Branch advised that the Branch would be officially opened on Saturday, 9th February, and requested Executive representation. The matter was left in the hands of the President.

Manjimup Sub-Branch.—The State Secretary advised that he had found it impossible to attend at Manjimup on the 8th inst. The matter was left in the hands of the President.

Capitalised Group Settlement.—The Cowaramup Sub-Branch requested the Executive to press for a capitalised representative on the Group Settlement Capitalisation Board. The matter was referred to the Lands Committee for investigation.

Deputation, Victoria Park Sub-Branch.—This Sub-Branch requested the Executive to receive a deputation at its next meeting to discuss certain matters. It was decided to request the Sub-Branch to submit details of the subjects it is desired to bring forward.

Expulsion.—The Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch wrote recommending the expulsion of a member who had been guilty of insult and injury to the Secretary of the Sub-Branch. In view of this man’s medical history, the State Secretary was instructed to reply suggesting that no good purpose would be served by expelling this man.

Bickford Soldiers’ Memorial Hall Sweep.—The Victoria Park Sub-Branch advised that this sweep is being run by a committee of residents to raise money to complete the Bickford Memorial Hall, and was in no way connected with the League. It was decided that the State Secretary take action through the press explaining the League’s position in connection with such ventures.

Quelling Sub-Branch.—The Secretary reported that, despite repeated ef-
The Merredin Centenary Re-union.
The Merredin Sub-Branch stated that it had been decided to hold a Centenary Re-union for sub-branches in the Eastern Wheatbelt. They desired to be supplied with the names and addresses of secretaries of neighbouring sub-branches, for the purpose of organisation.

Moved by Mr. Philp, seconded by Mr. Watt, that it be suggested to the Merredin Sub-Branch that their proposed Re-union be referred to the Executive after the State-wide Re-union to be held at Bunbury. Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. McDadam, that the Merredin Sub-Branch's request be acceded to, and that they be advised to refrain from publicity until after the Bunbury Centenary Re-union. Carried.

Anzac Day.
A reply was received from the Secretary to the Premier advising that the time had not yet permitted further consideration being given to the subject of the upkeep of Anzac Day.

The Geraldton Sub-Branch wrote concerning Anzac Day as affording certain Government employees in their district, and asking if any information had been received from the Government.

Moved by Mr. Yeates, seconded by Mr. Watt, that the Sub-Branch be advised that the matter had already been taken up with the Premier and that we are awaiting his reply. Carried.

Merredin Sub-Branch. This Sub-Branch requested the Executive to send the services of an army chaplain of any denomination to conduct their Anzac Day service. After explanation by Padre Riley, the Secretary was instructed to reply to the Merredin Sub-Branch that there were no padres available.

Condolence. Reference was made to the recent accidental death of Mr. R. McQueen, former Wyalkata Secretaries and Secretary of the local branch. Moved by Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Logie, that a letter of condolence be sent to the relatives and that the Executive place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. McQueen in the interests of the League. Carried.

Art Union Committee. It was reported that the Management Committee had appointed Messrs. Sadlier and Cooke to the vacancies on the Art Union Committee. Action was endorsed.

Federal and State Congresses. It was recommended by the Management Committee that the State Congress commence on the 25th September, being ten days prior to the opening of the Royal Show, also that the Federal Congress commence on Armistice Day, November 11th, that the delegates arriving by that morning's Trans. Union. The recommendations were adopted.

Reports. The State Secretary read his report for the preceding fortnight. The report dealt with the Visiting Committee's inspection of "Lemnos" recently. In connection, Rabbi Friedman and Mr. Tozer supplemented the State Secretary's remarks. The report was received.

Land Committee. Mr. Yeates delivered a report on behalf of the Land Committee, held on the 4th February. In this report a letter from the Cameron-Gecklakin Sub-Branch was referred to the Executive for direction. The letter requested that the Government be approached for the relief of soldier settlers in their district. It was decided to advise the sub-branch that the Executive is unable to assist as indicated by the sub-branch, but would be pleased to deal with any individual cases that may be submitted. The report was adopted.

Finance Committee. The report of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 5th February was submitted by Mr. Tyler. The report stated that in the opinion of the committee it would be economical for the State Secretary to travel by train when visiting country sub-branches by himself. After discussion, it was decided to refer this item back to the Committee. The report was then adopted.

Notice of Motion. Mr. Wells gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting as follows: "That in future when it is desired to send delegates to any function in this State, where it is necessary to pay such delegates' expenses, the maximum number of such delegates shall be two, inclusive of Secretary when his attendance is considered necessary."

Geraldton Sub-Branch. Mr. C. P. Smith submitted a report on his visit to Geraldton.

Relief Funds. The report of the R.S.L. Relief Fund for the month of January was received.

Employment Bureau. The report of the operations of the R.S.L. Employment Bureau for the month of January was received.

W.A. Digger Book. Mr. E. S. Watt submitted an interim report from the Press Sub-Branch concerning the publication of the "W.A. Digger Book." It was decided that the report be received and referred to the Management Committee for its information.

Geraldton Sub-Branch. The Rev. C. L. Riley reported having represented the Executive, with Mr. Watt, at the Leederville Sub-Branch smoke social. Report received.

Mt. Lawley Sub-Branch. The Rev. C. L. Riley reported having represented the Executive at the Mt. Lawley Sub-Branch smoke social, in company with the State President and Messrs. McDadam and Sadlier.

One of the most interesting little magazines that reaches this office is the "Outlook," official organ of the New Settlers' League. Devoting itself to the task of popularising the migration movement and at the same time recording the doings of the League, it is serving a most useful purpose in the life of the community. Apart from its mission, the "Outlook" is interesting and instructive of itself, for it contains information gathered from all parts of the Commonwealth and from Great Britain. Among its claims on the goodwill of Western Australians is the distinction it holds of being the only publication of its kind in the Commonwealth.

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"SWAN" BRAND PRODUCTS are made in W.A.
A few well-known digger writers contributed to "The W.A. Digger Book." Mr. Smith represented the State Executive at the Geraldton Week functions. The League is fortunate in having a worker of such keen intellect and of such driving force.

The Grand Old Man of Western Australia, Archbishop Riley, has, owing to failing health, been forced to resign from his high church office. There is no man more highly respected or deeply loved by diggers than the Archbishop, who we all hope will, as a result of being relieved from responsibility, soon be restored to health.

We are pleased to learn that Padre Eric Nye is once again in harness and feeling fit as a result of his recent surgical operation.

Lt.-Colonel L. E. Tilney, D.S.O., V.D., is at time of writing paying an official visit to this State. The Colonel has been a member of the Mt. Lawley Sub-Branch almost since its inception. He has been the League's representative on the Repatriation Commission for about six years. The Colonel's term of appointment recently expired and the League was asked for its nominee. As an indication of the standing of the Colonel and the regard with which he is held by diggers throughout the Commonwealth is the fact that he received the nomination of every State.

A recent visitor to Perth was Harold A. Kingsbury, the president of the Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch. Harold is also a councillor of his home town.

Assisting Harold in the good work as sub-branch secretary is L. Colonel T. C. Fairley, who, although a busy man, is never too busy to do a good turn for a needy digger. "Clarrie" was one of the shortest, but one of the games, men who fought in the A.I.F.

Hearty congratulations to Jack Garth, of the local Repatriation being presented by Mrs. Jack with a son and heir. His splendid work for the children of fallen comrades is well known. Jack comes from real fighting stock and was badly wounded at the war. He is a prominent member of the Legacy Club, and perhaps one reason why his heart is in his work for orphan children is because he is a war orphan himself, his father having been killed in action in the Great War.

The State lost a fine citizen and the League a splendid worker when Bob McQueen, of Wyalka, lost his life during the month as a result of a hit on the head with a cricket ball during a match played at Korrellock. Bob was secretary of the local sub-Branch of the League, the Primary Producers' Association, and the Agricultural Society. Our sympathy is for the sorrowing widow and four children.

Mr. A. G. Rickson has left Bolgart and taken up residence at North Perth, where he purchased a bakery business, known as the Goldfields Bakery. Prior to leaving Bolgart, he was presented by Mr. Lambert, on behalf of the League members, with a handsome silver tray and a box of xylolite brushes. He said they would miss their comrade very much, as he was untrammled in his efforts for the good of the R.S.I. Diggers living in the North Perth district have an opportunity of showing a little practical preference.

Owing to pressure of private business, Major George Shaw has resigned as delegate to the State Executive, much to the regret of his colleagues on that body. George has done yeoman service for ex-service men in the State, particularly as a member of the Land Committee. His war service was very creditable, he having won the Military Cross, and was also mentioned in despatches on two or three occasions.

Perhaps Colonel Collett would have wished for no higher honour than that recently conferred upon him by his appointment as Honorary Colonel to his old unit—the 28th Battalion. We congratulate the Colonel and also the young men of the unit.

Jack H. Mann's (42nd Batt.) particular hobby is the training of pressed wild flowers, which are made up into beautiful designs, the picture being worthy to be hung in anyone's home. Jack is particularly good to his sub-branch (Railway Workshops) in donating pictures, which are usually raffled in aid of the amelioration fund.

A recent visitor to the capital was Jim M'Gill, of Calingiri, the new president of the local sub-branch of the League. Jim, who served with the 32nd, has always been a staunch worker for the League, and we will be disappointed if Calingiri-Bolgat does not substantially increase its membership and its influence this year.

Harold Lambert (10th Batt.), was recently, at Bolgart, presented with a past president's certificate, he having been in the chair of the Calingiri-Bolgat Sub-Branch for a number of years, and had done good work. Harold and Jim M'Gill are both foundation members of the branch.

Percy Gillam, the secretary of the Mt. Barker Sub-Branch, has been laid up for a fortnight with a touch of pleurisy, but is just about fit again now. For two years Percy had been trying to get a special visit to his district from the Minister for Agriculture, and the visit eventuated during his illness. Stiff luck, Percy.

At a recent committee meeting of the 32nd Battalion Association a surprise was sprung on the popular secretary, "Bob" Alexander, by the presentation to him of a gold-mounted fountain pen, suitably inscribed. The gift was subscribed for by members of the association as a slight token of the valuable work done by the ever busy "Bob" throughout the year.

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of the League. “Every sub-branch could then decorate its walls with faces to inspire states Fred. It is a good idea and something might be done later. Fred, in addition to fighting in the Great War, served his country at South Africa. He was a delegate at the State Executive for several years, where his counsel was valued.

The enthusiastic secretary of the Katanning Sub-Branch, H. A. Fuller, has been far from well lately, and is at present in Perth undergoing medical overhaul.

That good pal of the digger, Mary Meares, is already organising her motor car section, which transports incapacitated inmates of Repatriation institutions to the service on the Esplanade on Anzac Day. All those who will assist with cars are urged to write to Mary at Venner Avenue, West Perth.

Frank Langridge, the energetic secretary of the Nedlands Park Sub-Branch, had the misfortune, during the month, of a nasty motor accident. Frank was travelling along the Bunbury Road with his family, when the car fell over the side of a culvert, a distance of about 10 feet. Although the occupants were badly shaken and the car badly smashed, no one was seriously hurt. Frank will, no doubt, take an extra ticket in the R.S.L. Art Union.

A recent visitor to the Capital was Farmer Ted. Hardy, of Kojobup. Ted, who has just suffered from a serious illness, necessitating a job for the surgeon, is rapidly overtaking his former weight of about 15 stone. For years after the war he was officer-in-charge of employment at the local Repatriation.

Wielding the willow to some purpose with the country cricketers, during Country Week in Perth, was the ever-green Jack Mulqueeney, of Lake Brown.

Lieutenant R. McKenzie, M.M., is the most recent addition to the strength at Swan Barracks. Lieutenant McKenzie was an original 6th Battalion man, and has been transferred to this State from Tasmania, to take up duty as instructor in Physical Training.

Gunnerys and others will be pleased to learn that Brigadier-General Bertie Lloyd, one of the outstanding artillerymen of the A.I.F., has received the Nationalist Selection for the Parramatta seat, rendered vacant by the death of the late A. Brunet, who, by the way, was once a Salvation Army Brigadier.

General Lloyd can make a good speech, sing a good song, and tell a good yarn (incidentally he knows quite a lot of the other variety, too), and bids fair to have as distinguished a career in the forum as he had in the fighting line.

Appreciation by Ex-Imperials

The following pleasing letter was received by Colonel Collett from the British Empire Services Association:

“In view of the approaching 1929 Congress of the British Empire Service League, my Executive have instructed me to convey to that Congress, through you and our Australian delegates, the assurance of our unalienable allegiance to the Head of the House of Windsor, our hearty good wishes for a successful session, our unshakable faith in the B.E.S.L. in all matters pertaining to our well being as ex-service men and women, and that in our opinion, the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L. has proved, and is proving to-day to be guide, councillor and friend to all who come to them. Our faith in its leaders is absolute, and the administration on our behalf is beyond praise and all that could be desired.”

The Big Centenary Re-union at Bunbury

As the day draws nearer to the Re-Union, so the interest grows, and already success seems assured.

The Bunbury Sub-Branch is leaving no avenue unexplored which might add to the comfort and enjoyment of visitors. Bunbury has many attractions for tourists in normal times. When to these is added the special programme of entertainment arranged by the Committee, one can understand the heart-burnings of those diggers who can’t possibly attend.

Those who intend to be present, and have not yet secured accommodation, are counselled to get into touch with organiser J. E. Taylor immediately, as it is obvious that will be more difficult to be suitably placed as the time draws nearer.

Most of the senior officers of the A.I.F. in the State will be ‘there, and some unit organisations are endeavouring to have as many representatives as possible present. Ex-Imperial men will be as welcome as A.I.F. men. The (50 per cent) concession fares allowed by the Railway Department will be available for one month, but it is essential that application for warrants be made to the organiser to secure same.

The only equipment supplied with military camps is one ground sheet and two blankets per man. Those applying for accommodation for beach camps are advised that these contain from 6 to 8 bunks, at 10/6 per head per week, and although water, wood, lighting and cooking facilities are provided, blankets and bed linen are not supplied.

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Canada Refuses to Slip.

First among the British dominions, Canada, immediately after the war, registered a protest against the practice of conferring titles upon all and sundry, except for personal service in battle. Some time ago a Listening Post article traced the origin of knighthood, and indicated how a noble institution can be debased by political preference. We also endeavoured to show how honours can be bought, either directly or indirectly.

The habit of a political coterie to recommend for knighthood nonentities of military age, who have waved flags from platforms during war years, has, in the past poured such refuse on its own head that the London Punch once referred to the civilian section of the C.M.G. as "colonials made gentlemen." The wartime inauguration of the Order of the British Empire relieved the C.M.G. of this dubious distinction. (An Australian paper, by the way, translated O.B.E., as "Other Blokes, etc."

Canada wisely repudiated this pernicious practice, yet a recent cable indicated that a piece of the original apple still sticks in the old Adam's gullet. A motion proposed in the Dominion Parliament suggested that the question of granting honours and awards be referred to a parliamentary committee. Fortunately the motion was lost.

We are also pleased to note that, owing to the King's illness, the New Year Honour List will be very short. This may not be a matter of cause and effect. It may be merely a pleasing coincidence—pleasing—because in the words of the immortal Gilbert:

"If everybody's somebody, Then no one's anybody."

Military Officers; of the Unattached, Reserve and Retired Lists

Officers as above are reminded of the necessity of reporting their addresses in writing to Headquarters, Francis Street, Perth, during the present month. Failure to do this renders officer's name liable for removal from the list.

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R.S.L. LAUNCH ANOTHER ART UNION

The League has launched an Art Union to be drawn on June 29th next, the profits to augment the general funds. 50,000 subscriptions at 2/- each provided for, with prizes totalling £3,200, including a British Motor Car, valued £375.

First Prize, £1,000, with 153 other cash prizes, ranging from £5 to £50. Art Unions promoted by the State Executive are usually over-subscribed, due to the excellent prize money and the knowledge that the subscribers get a "fair go." Last Art Union drawing proceedings finished about 5.30 p.m., and printed results were delivered to Theatre in Perth and Fremantle before 8 p.m. The League reminds unclaimed prize winners of their luck, and altogether leaves nothing undone, nor spares expense to keep the promise made with the subscribing public. Try for the £25 by selling the winning ticket. The best ticket sales amongst Hon. Secretaries is between Bill Lovell (Railway Workshops) and Percy Gilliam (Main Roads) Executive has entrusted the conduct of this Art Union to Messrs. F. J. McAdam, Cliff Sadler, V.C., R. Cook, A. E. Pady and W. J. Lovell, with the State Secretary as Organiser.

War Service Homes

ARRAVERS OF PAYMENTS

At the recent Federal Congress the following resolution was passed:—

"That the War Service Homes Act be amended to provide that no action shall be taken to eject an ex-member from possession until his equity shall have been exhausted, and that his heir shall be entitled to the remainder of the equity, and shall be registered on the Land Titles Register until the excess of the member's power to control."

The following reply has been received from the Minister controlling:

"The policy which is observed in connection with the handling of arrears cases is as under:

"If an account shows arrears equaling three monthly instalments, and the purchaser has not submitted a satisfactory explanation or made an arrangement in regard thereto, or has not been granted further time for payment, then action is taken to enforce the contract. The purchaser, however, has the opportunity to make further representations, and these are always sympathetically considered in the light of the facts available. The arrears must be controlled and it is considered that where a purchaser is in position to do so he should carry out his obligations. If a different policy were followed, grave injustice would be done to the large majority of purchasers, who number 32,485, and who pay their way, not always without a struggle on their part. When a purchaser meets with adverse circumstances, full opportunity is given him to get on his feet again, but even in such cases there must either be a limitation upon the extension granted or the purchaser permitted occupation rent free. This latter the Act does not allow. "I regret that the proposal submitted cannot be accepted, as it overlooks the following points:"

(a) Depreciation in security.
(b) Repairs required.
(c) Rates unpaid.

"The Commission assists each applicant as much as possible, and in a number of instances has instrumental in obtaining employment for applicants, as well as increased pensions."

FIRE INSURANCE

The following resolution was carried at the Federal Congress:—

"That subscribers of War Service Homes be allowed to continue in Queensland with insurance under the Act, even after their liability to the Commonwealth cesses, for as long a period as he or his estate own the house, and he or they are prepared to continue payments to such insurance."

The Minister controlling has replied as follows:

"When an applicant repays his loan the property ceases to be subject to the War Service Homes Act, and the insurance under the Commission's scheme is automatically cancelled. Whilst I realise that your members would like to have available for all time the liberal provisions of the Commission's Insurance Scheme, I regret that the insurance must terminate when a loan is repaid and the property ceases to be subject to the War Service Homes Act. To do what is requested would require the Commonwealth commencing the insurance of homes apart from the War Service Homes Act—a proposal which the Constitution apparently bars."

Exploiting the Sacrifices of the Fallen

Some action should be undertaken to give a form of activity which has become both an abuse and an impropriety. We refer to the practice of certain districts which, when erecting dance halls, run sweeps or art unions in aid of the funds, and call them Soldiers' Memorial Halls.

Personally, we do not like the idea of the utility memorial, such as a hall which caters for amusement of a township's residents more than it perpetuates the memory of the fallen. To us, this savours of the economical parent who gives his youngest a school text book for a birthday present. But we do consider that when a district decides to erect such a memorial, the funds should be raised locally, and not by selling tickets in the streets of Perth.

John Citizen parts up, thinking he is having a good laugh for the digger, and does not stop to think how the principle of preferment to returned soldiers is callously ignored by the employment of women ticket-sellers, or the appointment of promoters, who are non-soldiers.

A recent libel action showed that after the deductions of promotion expenses and organisers' commissions, only a small percentage of the money raised is available for the purpose for which it was subscribed. Such things are an imposition on the general public, and a cynical exploitation of the soldier's name and memory.

He was being discharged after serving his full seven years, and didn't care what happened.

"Now, my man," snarled the sergeant-major, "answer my questions. What did you do for a living before you joined the army?"

"I was a clerk in an office," replied the private happily.

"Washing out the ink-pots, I s'pose?" sneered the autocrat.

"No sir!" replied the private sweetly.

"We employed a retired sergeant-major for that sort of work."

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OPPOSITE WAREY CHURCH
In recognition of this great achievement of the Imperial Commission, The Times has published a Special Number, which is indeed a worthy effort. The opening article is by the Prince of Wales, who surveys the work of the Commission and plead, in characteristic fashion, that in remembering the Dead, we should not forget the living. In the name and in memory of Earl Haig, who so devoted himself to the welfare of the men who fought with him, he beg the peoples of the Empire to see to it that the survivors of the War are not neglected. Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, testifies from a recent trip to the Cemeteries in France and Belgium to the success and beauty of the Commission’s work. The story of the actual labours of the Commission is told at length by Sir Fabian Ware, the Commission’s Vice-Chairman.

The illustrations in the Number are worthy of the letterpress, and include many photographs of Cemeteries and Monuments in all parts of the world to which the Imperial Commission’s labours have extended.

The LISTENING Post has secured 500 copies of this splendid production in order that all those diggers who desire a copy shall not be disappointed. A copy will be sent post free for 3d. Sub-branches will be sent bulk lots for 3d. per copy.

Said the emu to the laughing hyena:
"Your laughter might be much serena,
But it’s nasty and vile—
I mean your men’s meana and meana!"

A Cooee from an Old Friend at Durban

Petty-Officer J. G. Mackey, of H.M.A.S. "Canberra," who signed himself "One of the Mob," had an interesting message to his "old coobers, the diggers." Here it is as he wrote it—

"On our way back home from England with the new cruisers, we called at Durban, and, as we passed between the breakwaters, a familiar figure was seen on North Pier—familiar to those of us who had been to Durban during the Big Argument—Ettie Campbell. "The Diggers' Sweetheart," The Angel of Durban; and, as of old, she had her flags. The signal was the same: welcome to Durban, Aussies! She was the first on board, as the first gangway was put out, and soon had a crowd of the lads around her, trying to shake hands with her. She had written a welcome to us, in verse. During our stay she was uniting in her efforts to entertain us, and it was due to her efforts that we had such a wonderful time at Durban. As of old, her home was open to us all, and each one was welcomed as a personal friend. You know her way, don't you? It was just that that made as all love her in the old days. When we were leaving, again she stood on North Pier, and sent the same old signal. "Good-bye, a safe journey, and give my love to the Diggers." And she asked me personally to pass that message on to you: "Give my love to the Diggers, and now I am passing it on to you."
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Varia

Again the eternal fitness of things. The secretary of the local Prohibition League is a gentleman named Butter.

This reminds us of the fact that one of the most prominent “dry” speakers in a recent Queensland anti-liquor campaign was a returned soldier named Fred Shiek. Secretary Vic. O’Grady, of the Boulder Stu-Branch, recently motored through the Saloon Gums and Esperance districts. There are no sub-branches of the League in this area, and the trip being a hurried one, little organisational work was done, but it is Vic’s intention, in the company of his president (Ted Lennell) and other members, to organise this district for the League at an early date.

Reference to “Billy.” Hughes’ knowledge of French in last month’s “L.P.” recalls an incident that occurred when he took over the portfolio of Minister for Territories in the first Labour Ministry. A file dealing with the Condominium of the New Hebrides was placed before him, and as it was written in French, the public servant in charge of the correspondence, rather superciliously, offered to translate.

“I can manage, thank you,” Billy told him. Some days later the same official brought Billy another file.

“What’s it in this time? French or English?” Billy inquired.

“English,” he was informed.

“Oh,” said Billy. “Then you’ll be able to deal with it yourself.”

We are in receipt of a letter from a Japanese officer who visited Perth recently, and the writer expresses gratitude for the hospitality he received when here. He writes:

“Expensive Sir—I hope you exist well, and take opportunity to wish the Post that Listens all merry Easter. When my ship was in Perth, I met many ringleaders of the Conspiracy of Soldiers, who came back, and they prescribed for me well. Recollect me to Honourable Benson, and relate to him I remove my boots in his honourable presence (no doubt Honourable Benson will be overcome)—Ed.” I.P. I am well, except that I possess slight influenza. Yours untracterously.—O HARA SAN.

Two diggers were discussing a mutual friend who has been going the pace a bit lately.

“Poor old Bill’s slipping a bit, what’s the trouble with him? Horses,” one asked.

“No,” was the reply. “Birds—Swan and Emu.”

Some of them liked us after all. According to the cables, an English lecturer told his audience that never, had he seen such perfect physical beauty as among the first 100,000 of the A.I.F. Others have lauded our physique, but this authority stated that the digger’s facial characteristics, conforming to the canons of beauty. This is a welcome change from the vibes at our discipline, accent and manners, which we have been heeding lately.

“They were discussing a certain man-about-town who, while ever ready to join a team and remain while anyone else is buying, fades away when his own turn is indicated.”

“Does he ever shout?” someone asked.


A Lisbon correspondent is of the opinion that even without the aid of the United States the Portuguese would have beaten the Germans in the long run.

We were discussing the question of preference to returned soldiers, and Cliff Sadler, rather pessimistically, remarked: “The only time the returned soldier will get preference will be in the next war.”

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"If millions of brave and tenacious men could fight for over four years, we ought at least to have the decency to read with interest what they write concerning their experiences. If I could do it by persuasion and not by compulsion, I would have every man who was safe at school in 1918 read every good book that appears about the War. Good books about the War are the finest possible propaganda for commonsense methods of settling international differences."

—Arnold Bennett

**Inquiries**

As many of us know, the State President in civil life is second-in-command of the Public Library, Museum and Art Gallery of W.A. That the taxpayers have their own ideas as to the functions of this useful institution, the following rhyme illustrates of a phase of the daily life of a librarian will show—

**REFERENCE LIBRARIAN**

At times behind a desk he sits,
At times about the room he fits.
Folks interrupt his perfect ease
By asking questions such as these:
"How tall was prehistoric man?"
"How old, I pray, was Sister Ann?"
"What should you do if cats have fits?"
"What woman first invented mitts?"
"Who said, 'To labor is to pray?'"
"How much did Daniel Lambert weigh?"
"Should you spell it 'woe' or 'woe'?"
"What is the fare to Kokomo?"
"What duration is float a postage-stamp?"
"Can you recite the rhymes of Edward Lear?"
"What wages do they give you here?"
"What dictionary is the best?"
"Did Brummel wear a satin vest?"
"How do you spell 'anemic,' please?"
"What is a Gorgonzola cheese?"
"Who ferried souls across the Styx?"
"What is the square of ninety-six?"
"Are oysters good to eat in March?"
"Are green bananas full of starch?"
"Where shall I put this apple peel?"
"Ou est, m'sieu, la grande Larooulouse?"
"Do you say 'two-spot' or the 'deuce'?"
"Say, mister, where's the telephone?"
"How, which is right, to lend or to loan?"
"How do you use this catalogue?"
"Oh, hear that noise! Is that my dog?"
"Have you a book called 'Shapes of Fear'?"
"You mind if I leave baby here?"

—Boston Transcript.

**Father:** "So you want to marry my daughter?"

**Romeo (who has been reading Health Notes in the press):** "Yes; but first I want to know if there's any insanity in your family."

**Father:** "No; and there's not going to be any—get out!"

**Fair Customer:** "I want a pencil."

**Shopman:** "Hard or soft?"

**Fair Customer:** "Soft; it's for writing a love-letter."

"In the old music hall days there used to be a chairman to announce the turns. Sometimes he was not too tactful. One night a certain music hall chairman announced: "Ladies and gents, to-night we have with us Mr. — the greatest comedian in the world; but next week we are having an ever greater one."

The movie actress had been playing cards and losing heavily. "Broke!" she exclaimed in disgust. "Nothing left but my husband!"

"Isn't that too bad, dear?" answered her sympathetic friend. "If you only had two of them, now, I might play you my Airedale against the pair."

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28th Battalion Notes
The Grand Old Man of the Battalion has been made its Honorary Colonel, and all ranks of both old and new battalions are delighted that the honor has been conferred on him. No C.O. of the A.I.F. was better loved or more respected by his men than was Colonel Collett, and so it is very fitting that this latest honor be added to those already his.

That the weather still is not an enemy of the Battalion may be taken as a fact, else he would have issued us with a more summary evening on the spot. It is what we have helped to make our river trip a financial success. It was a failure from the treasurer's point of view only. The attendance was not up to standard and, in fact, did not warrant all the effort and worry to which the committee had been put. The Band of the Young 28th, under the able baton of Bob Morgan, gave of their best, and their efforts were gladly received by those on board.

Lieu.-Col. Dunkley has returned to his first love and is now commanding the 28th Battalion.

By the way, Digger, you know that the young 28th will be in camp in April, and as you are naturally keen to know how the young chaps are shaping, you will be glad of the opportunity of visiting them on the night appointed for the purpose.

They will be pleased to see as many as possible of those in whose footsteps they follow and whose traditions they keep alive.

Bunbury has many links with the Battalion, and another link will be forged during "Diggers' Week." Several parties are planning to motor down for the weekend and mingle for a while with those lucky devils who can persuade their bosses to do without them for a whole week. The Secretary will be pleased to hear from any member desirous of joining a party, and asks that he be notified at once.

The February luncheon will be held in the Forrest Tea Rooms, Forrest Place, on the 28th, between 1 and 2. Friend Melklejohn (Sec. A.A.M.C. Association) manages these tearooms, and we wonder if he will manage to feed the multitude which will answer the roll on that day.

32nd Battalion
All members of the 32nd-Battalion Association who intend visiting Bunbury for the great R.S.I. Carnival during March are requested to communicate with R. A. Geddes, Wellington Mills.

It is intended to hold a 32nd re-union at Bunbury and Major Geddes has kindly undertaken to make all necessary arrange-ments for that function, as well as looking after the welfare of all 32nd comrades and members of their families during their stay.

Crude Oil Tractor Model
(By "Progress")

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Probably what is the most advanced sectioned model of tractor that has yet been on view to the public is that of the Lanz Crude Oil Tractor.

Mounted on a raised platform and driven in slow motion by a small electric motor, the functions of the principal parts, which all have been cut away, can readily be followed.

Special consideration has been paid to the radiator which represents a distinct advance on any yet devised, and which is remarkable for its low consumption of water.

Also, the air filter embodies several features which ensure a supply of pure air free from all grit, etc., to reach the engine.

The model is handsomely finished, the interior body work being white enamelled, as are all bearings, etc., polished, and it should prove an educational factor to all interested in cheaper fuel possibilities.

As the model will be in Western Australia for approximately one month only, the management of the Crude Oil Tractor Traders Limited extend to all primary producers and others interested a cordial invitation to call and inspect the model at their Demonstration Yard, 5 Smythe Road, West Subiaco, near Station.

Sea Breezes
(By "Hungry")

Inspired, no doubt, by their digger friends' rally at Bunbury and its back-to-the-army appeal, the W.A. Branch of the Ex-Naval Men's Association intends going back to the sea in ships for one day only on 16th March. Thanks to the Aquatic Carnival Committee, a cutter race has been included in the programme of events, and it is expected that of the three competing crews, two will be provided by the ex-matekots, butchers, bakers, and euchre varia, who make up this healthy association. At the last couple of meetings the air has been full of boasts and proud statements of regatta victories in the past and the spokesmen's parts in the winning thereof, so that, if all one hears can be believed, the W.A. King's Cup crew, with its fragile craft, will be superseded by a lumbering old naval cutter with its indubitable "old hands" crew when that trophy is next competed for.

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Lanz 15/26 H.P.

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and his offside, Perrin, have set a good example by commencing training. It is said
that the latter's road work is pretty to
watch, whilst Coxswain Brady is taking
voice training exercises under an eminent
singing teacher in order to get the right
tone to his forceful 'Give way all' and
'Belay.'

For the benefit of those who wish to
enjoy this race in the time honoured Navy
fashion, arrangements are being made for
the attendance of several well-known book-
makers.

Secretary Crowther—he of that heart-
rending treatise on 'The Nigger in the
Wood Pile,' or 'Only a Marine'—will be
glad to hear from any readers who have
serviced under the old White Ensign and
would like to join one of the gallant
crews, one or other of which will be design-
nated the trainer's crew, on 16th March.
Communications addressed to the Amateur
Sports Club will reach him safely and will
be heartily welcome.

The usual monthly meeting will be held
at that address on Thursday, 26th Febru-
ary.

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SUB-BRANCH NOTES

OSBORNE PARK

A Military Picnic.

The Osborne Park Sub-Branch has or-
ganised some startling stunts in the past,
but no one ever suspected that on Feb-
ruary 10th they would invade a new beach,
miles from civilisation, and as it happened,
unprotected. A fatigue party had pre-
viously erected the usual sheds and in a
hollow, christened Benson's Dug-out, the
wet canteen was established. An early
start was made, six heavily armoured
lorries and six light cars conveying the
troops and the staff. It was an enjoyable
journey, no mishaps, and Whitting's
Beach, about 20 miles up the coast and
cold thing about 3,400 acres, was easily
captured by the Osborne Park troops, as-
sisted by units from the other neigh-
bourhoods. During the morning the own-
er of the area appeared to defend his pro-
perty, one dose (a new explosive)
effecting his capitulation and on
parole he was allowed to return to the
city. In the meantime, the troops cele-
brated the victory and appointed the fol-
lowing officers in the captured area:—
C.O., Harold Nagert; Quarter-
master, J. Godfrey; Adjutant, J. Craw-
ford; Ordery Officer, R. Corlett; Mess
Orderly, M. Lewis; Bugler, C. Morey;
Officer in Charge, Amm. and Dead
Marines, W. Anderson; M.O., Andy Glass;
M.P., H. Daymond; Matron of the
V.A.D.'s, Mrs. H. Cooper; Matron of the
W.A.A.C.'s, Miss Isinglass; Officer of the
Guard, H. Por.

At noon there was the "table d'hote," a
common table for all guests, where
everything was served "a la mode," dur-
ing which our respected commissioner
for taking oaths and other things (A.
Glass) gave a peroration on "Robert
Burns" and his declamatory effort was
loudly applauded when he gave—
"O wad some power the gittie gie us
To see oursel's as others see us.
It wad frae mony a blunder free us,
And foolish notion."

Then during the al fresco function the
beautiful strains of "Have a Marie"
were heard from Mademoiselle de Nous
Verrons, with a mouth organ obligato by
Senor Pro Nobis. The ice cream section
and the dry canteen were crowded at
times, but the supply equalled the de-
mand.

The interval was devoted to "bobbin' 
up in the briny," and the wonderful feats
displayed in the water were worth 're-
production' only the "movie" man was
absent. The return journey was made at
twilight, and unfortunately there were a
few minor mishaps. A motor car ran
short of water in the radiator, and as the
guest beer and other drinks had also
evaporated, the car was attached to a
lorry and towed to its garage. The pre-
sident was also a casualty, he having
come into contact with a sergeant ant,
and although he claimed the use of his
ocular faculties in trying to locate the schnapper
beds. However, all's well that ends well,
and the general opinion was that the
Osborne Park Branch of the R.S.L. had
added another memento of its hospitality,
Is it Dinkum?

That at the Agricultural Society's social "The Soldiers' Chorus" (not from "Faust" opera), was trebly encored.

That the artists had to be assisted from the piano, being A.L.F. Canteen men.


That President Robinson announced a vote by returned soldiers, and nine appeared on the stage.

That "Moss and Roses" rendered by "Floating" was a gigantic success.

That our Jimmy, being a big family man, was placed in charge of the local boy sprouts, and the infantilie girl guides at our picnic.

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That it is said the branch is practically a railway branch.

That probably is the reason its membership is increasing at "express speed".

That at the annual meeting of the Agricultural Society, soldier residents were all re-elected.

That only two members of the original committee of the Agricultural Society were present at the annual gathering, viz., Anderson and Volkma.

RAILWAY WORKSHOPS

The Annual General Meeting of this sub-branch was held at the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, on Friday, 5th January, and was attended by a good percentage of members. The President (Mr. R. Gibson) was in the chair.

The Secretary read his report for the year of 1928, which showed an increase of membership of 21. There were actually 43 members enrolled, but owing to two deaths (F. Rowland, 1st Pioneer; and J. M. Hellenrich, 10th Light Horse), seven transfers to other sub-branches, and unfortunately, three resignations, there was only an increase of 21.

The branch sent representatives to each funeral and a tablet of memory was placed on each grave from the members of the branch.

There is a reserve fund in the branch (now standing at £15, and increased annually by £5) which is for tablets on deceased members' graves, to be used only when the branch funds are too small to pay for same.

The report also showed that £26 16s. 2d. was spent in comforts for sick members, and also £3 9s. 6d. was paid for members' contributions.

The Amelioration Fund now stands at £21, but it is hoped that the disposal of a few tickets for West Australian wild flowers, framed in jarrah and banksia, will bring in a few more pounds.

These pictures were kindly donated by one of the members.

Thanks are due to the Pensions' Sub-Committee of the State Executive for their successful efforts in connection with appeals for different members of the branch. These men, in their letters of thanks stated that, "had they fought alone, they must have failed, but as the League fought as a body, they won." And yet there are some who still say "What does the League do? and what will I get out of it?"

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year—Mr. R. B. Gibson (unopposed, second year); Vice-Presidents, Mr. H. Turner (second year), and W. B. Langdon; Treasurer, Mr. F. W. Langdon (unopposed, second year); Auditors, Messrs. G. Brackenridge and W. M. Reid (re-elected); Finance Committee, Messrs. L. Tichbon, W. R. Bungman, W. A. Langdon; Floor Members for Branch Executive, Messrs. R. Weatherill and T. Summerton; Secretary, Mr. W. J. Lovell (unopposed, fifth year).

The President, in reply, said that he did the work for the love of the game, and not with any idea of getting anything out of it.

The Secretary said he had a job to do and he tried to do it to the best of his ability.

Annual Picnic

Saturday, 2nd February, was a red letter day for members, their wives and families, when, in two launches, they went to the picnic ground at Point Walter, over 400 making the trip. There were races for adults and children for prizes worth well over the winning. The children, when not eating their smartly plummed or apple, were drinking ginger beer or packing up with ice cream and water melon. All children under six years received a prize, and the winners of the girls' and boys' championships received wristlet watches, each being donated by the father of a deceased soldier.

Everything went with a swing and without a hitch, and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

During the trip down, an appeal was made for ladies to join up with the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Branch, and about 50 ladies promised their assistance. More will follow.

On the return trip the President and Secretary thanked all for their presence, and also for their assistance in helping the Committee to run everything so smoothly.

The Committee consisted of the President (Mr. R. Gibson); and Messrs. T. Greer, W. M. Reid, C. A. Wells, W. R. Hughes, H. Turner, J. B. Hilton, G. Brackenridge, W. B. Langdon, T. Summerton, R. Weatherill, J. Warn, and L. Lichbon, and the Secretary (W. J. Lovell). Messrs. T. Young and F. W. Thorn, two other members of the Committee, could not attend the picnic on account of illness.

KOORDA

This Sub-Branch held its annual meeting on the 10th January, the proceedings taking the form of a smoke social.

The efforts of the social committee were well repaid, judging from the lack of complaints from the participants. The attendance, although not as large as anticipated, was nevertheless of a very enthusiastic degree, which augurs well for the future success of the Sub-Branch. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows—President, Mr. F. G. McCormick, re-elected; Vice-Presidents, Mr. A. Whiteford, and Mr. W. Chappell; Treasurer, Mr. MacMillan, re-elected; Secretary, Mr. L. J. Carter, re-elected; Auditor, Mr. Slater. Members re-elected to the committee were Messrs. Cole, Wilson, Keay, Elty, Daly, Gray, Armstrong, and George.

During the interludes from the annual business, various social items were rendered by the Sub-Branch's own artists. Messrs. Daly, Etty, Armstrong, and Cole were mainly responsible for the vocal part of the programme.

The reminiscences of the gathering were
an entertainment in themselves, the President having to exercise order by only allowing each member his turn to relate the nearly forgotten humorous incidents of warfare. A lengthy toast was proposed, proceeding from the Loyalty toast to the one of the Sister Sub-Branches, which was well responded to by Mr. H. A. Boyes, Secretary of the Narembeen Sub-Branch, Mr. Boyes being present by invitation, in order to give the members a real insight into the successful conducting of sub-branch methods, in assisting the local affairs of the community generally.

The meeting earned its name—the Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League be represented by all branches of the Service.


KALGOORLIE

One of the best activities of the Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch, which shows true digger spirit, is the visiting of comrades in the various hotels of the district. We are in receipt of a report submitted to the Sub-Branch by Messrs. Johns and Ward, who do most of the visiting, which discloses that visits to sick comrades are made at last twice a week, when, in addition to words of good cheer, patients are given comfort so that the result is worth while. If there is any branch which has not got its hospital visiting committee, our advice follows the excellent example of Kalgoorlie, which is a most humane work.

MT. BARKER

Holidays over again and weather keeping dry. Some local growers have received wool prices which have been very good. Apples will soon be ready for export, and a record shipment is estimated from this branch of the State, so things generally must look up. Re wood, "Merry-up," held by our President and his two brothers, realised top price in January sales, 11 bales of their clip bringing 25 pence per lb. This alone is a good ad. for Mt. Barker. Why, there will be wool to burn next year. Good prices are offering for apples, many thousand of cases being sold at top rates to agents for overseas.

The Tambellup Re-Union has been talked over a number of times and there is little needed here to say the success it was in every way. The delegation from Perth was the largest that ever attended a sub-branch social. Thanks to the ladies, the catering was equal to Harry Greveille & Co.'s best, when doing for the big opera, in the Metropolitan. The Tambellupites have some good strong backers in Col. Birt, Glen Payne, and Wally Cadd, to help the Branch along.

Local diggers are doing better lately in the warm weather. Monty German still has his bad turns, which puts him down for a few days each week. Two members, John Goldsmith and Frank Clarke, have suffered, bereavements this last few weeks, and the sympathy of all members has been extended to them.

The month of January saw our members' list total 116, and should increase as there are still a few in the Cranbrook district who are hard to get in touch with, so we would like to see the members of Cranbrook throw open the line and drag non-members in.

Members are reminded not to forget the Bunbury State Re-Union, March 10th to 17th. Concession fares are granted to all ex-service men. Full particulars from Secretary Gilliam. Inquire early as accommodation is limited at "The Birthplace."

NAREMBEEN

Members are reminded that Subs. are now due again. It has been decided to appoint a special committee to make arrangements for Anzac Day. A splendid programme has been arranged for the re-union, to be held towards the latter end of February. Invitation has been sent to the State President and other members of the State Executive. Special engagement of Digger Himes' orchestra has been arranged.

Members will regret to hear that Vice-President A. S. Webb is still in hospital. This worthy man is greatly missed, and it is to be hoped that sooner A. S. will be his usual self again. Diggers Web and Ward are enjoying a well deserved holiday.

A certain member called at the local R.S.L. Office, Narembeen, and is anxious that should these notes catch the eye of one who, during the Big Noise, was known as C. C. Pickles and Shovelers, to communicate with Secretary R.S.L., Box 50, G.P.O., Narembeen, where he will have something to hear about this advantage.

MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH LEEDERVILLE

The enthusiasm displayed by the large muster of members of the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. at the Annual Meeting, held last month, augurs well for the New Year.

The Secretary's Report showed that £60 had been paid off the purchase price of a block of land in Oxford Street, which the Sub-Branch is buying for the purpose of erecting a memorial hall. £20 was in hand for the Building Fund, and £23 13s. 6d. stood to the credit of the Amelioration Fund. Seeing that the Branch was only twelve months old, this result must be considered very satisfactory.

Keen interest was displayed in the election of officers for 1929, with the following result:—President, Mr. F. Ash; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. Rowles and E. Rogers; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. G. F. Charles; Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. Young. Building Fund Committee: Messrs. Ash, Demin, Morton, Brown, Rowles, Richardson, and Gordon. General Committee: Messrs. Croxford, Young, and Standing. Syllabus Committee: Messrs. Ridge- well, Bowler, Young, and Noble. Auditor, Mr. J. J. Prendergast.

After the business of the evening had been disposed of, a social hour was enjoyed by all. The singing of digger songs, under Fred Hayes' lead, the swopping of yarns,
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MIDLAND JUNCTION

At the Annual Meeting, held this month, the President (Mr. P. J. Jamieson), in his Annual Report, stated that he was proud to announce a 40 per cent increase in membership, but regretted that there was still a large number of eligibles in the district outside the fold. The year had proved fruitful of achievement; pension cases had been successfully advanced; amelioration granted in cases of distress, and the social side had been successful. Anzac Day and Poppy Day were suitably celebrated, and attendances at meetings were satisfactory. The Branch mourned the loss of one of its members, Mr. J. Morgan. A tribute was paid to the ladies who had helped so unsparingly during the year, also to Secretary Edward Gray for his untiring efforts.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, P. F. Jamieson; Vice-Presidents, J. Ravenscroft and G. Marsh; Secretary, Ed. Gray; Assistant Secretary, H. Morton; Treasurer, G. A. Jamieson; Auditors, J. Tipping and J. Sampson; Social Secretary, C. G. Priddle; Social Committee, Messrs. Shanahan, Marsh, O'Neil, Muir, Hornblow, W. Gray, Wills, Ravenscroft, Tipping.

PREMANTLE DISTRICT

The retiring Secretary (Mr. John W. Lynch), submitted the Sixth Annual Report to a recent meeting of his Branch, extracts of which are as follows:

"The year just passed has been one of the most successful years since the amalgamation, from a membership, social, and financial view point, due mainly to the splendid efforts put forward by the President and the willing band of committee-men of this Sub-Branch, not forgetting the very excellent work carried out by the Women’s Auxiliary, of this Sub-Branch."

"During the year, 77 new members were gained to the Branch, which is a record, and a remarkable achievement for this district. At the end of the present year the membership stood as follows: financial members, 259; unofficial, 123.

"Much good work in respect to amelioration was executed; assistance in all cases being granted to ex-service men, war widows, or returned men’s dependents, gift assistance totalling £41 4s., and loans £73 17s. This does not include the assistance granted by our splendid Women’s Auxiliary. The main source of revenue to the Amelioration Fund was the weekly euchre parties, which was instrumental in raising a good sum of money. Refund loans amounted to £84, which enabled the Branch to loan out further sums of money.

"I desire to thank the Organiser (Mr. G. Priddle) and other members of the Branch who assisted to run the euchre parties throughout the year.

"The main social held by the Branch, was the Annual-Smoke Social, held on November 12th, which was a great success, being attended by over 100 ex-service men, also about 20 guests.

"Anzac Day celebrations were held at the War Memorial, Monument Hill, the arrangements being carried out by this Branch, assisted by the Fremantle War Memorial Committee. The attendance was a record one.

"Many cases of Repatriation have gone through this Sub-Branch, and with a few exceptions, have been brought to a successful issue in favour of the soldier, sailor, or war widow concerned."

"During the past year we have been very unfortunate in losing three of our members, Messrs. J. Alfick, F. Roots, and A. Beesley, whose deaths can be put down to the effects of war service.

"During the year 26 fortnightly meetings were held, with an average attendance of 25 members, which is only fair, considering the large membership of the Branch, but it is my sincere wish that the meetings will be better attended during the year 1929, which may tend to create a further interest in League matters, and give the lie direct to the assertion that the R.S.L. has outlived its usefulness.

"In conclusion I wish to thank all the members who assisted me to carry out the good work of the Branch during my term of Secretariatehip, and it is with regret that I am compelled to resign from that office. I wish to thank all members who so ably assisted me to bring the year 1928 to a very successful conclusion.

KATANNING

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the local Branch of the R.S.L. was held in the Rechabite Hall, on Thursday evening, the 24th January.

The attendance was poor, a Holidays and other unavoidable matters may have been responsible for some members being away, but it was rather a pity to see such a poor attendance, especially as the Secretary had been to great pains to present to the meeting a full report of the Branch’s affairs during the past year.

It was very gratifying to note that the Branch has taken on a new lease of life. Last year’s report showed a financial membership of 38, this year it showed 119. This has necessitated consistent and hard work on the part of the Secretary, but he has been ably backed by the President and other officers.

The Receipts and Expenditure Account showed a gross income for the period covered by the report, of £147 2s. 10d., of which only £59 11s. was on account of members’ subscriptions. The total expenditure was £120 5s. 7d., leaving a net gain in cash of £26 17s. 3d. £25 has been transferred to the fixed deposit, making that amount now £225, while the cash in hand at the Government Savings Bank is £19 3s. 4d. The total funds, therefore, being £224 3s. 4d., the bulk of which has been set aside for the Club Building Fund.

The Secretary, in his report, made mention of the fact that the numerical strength of the Branch had received considerable support from ex-Imperial men, many of

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whom are taking a very active part in the Branch's affairs. This is very gratifying, and is in line with the experiences of many sub-branches throughout the State.

The usual report on the Branch's activities, such as arranging of services on Anzac Day, Armistice Day observance, socials, hospital visiting, and the various efforts of the Branch on behalf of those in need and trouble, was made.

With regard to hospital visiting, Mr. P. O. Williams has followed in the footsteps of Mr. E. St. Ives Bilton, and has regularly and faithfully visited returned soldiers patients in hospital. He had the Branch's thanks. So had also Mrs. Bunes and Mrs. Higman, for services rendered during the year.

The following officers were elected:—
President, W. J. Cobb; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. A. I. Meacham, E. Stubb, and P. G. Thomas; Trustees, W. J. Cobb and H. A. Fildes: Treasurer, P. W. Fyfe; Auditors, H. W. Tyler and A. V. McShane; Secretary, H. A. Fildes.

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The following members have left for other parts of the State during the year:—Messrs. Guy, Bilton, Gilbert, May, Hanna, and Cushon.

Secretary Fildes, in his desire to give the Bunbury Re-Union free run, has arranged with his Sub-Branch to hold the projected Great Southern Re-Union at Katanning later in the year.

BOULDER

The Annual Meeting of the Branch was held on Sunday, January 13th, President Ted Lennell, presiding over a record attendance: 57 members being present. The Secretary presented a lengthy report, which dealt with the activities of the Branch during the past twelve months.

The following matters were dealt with in the report:

He reported that 25 new members had been enrolled since last October, bringing the total number of new members for the year up to 63.

The finances of the Branch showed a slight improvement on last year's figures.

A large number of pension cases had been dealt with during the year, and the Secretary stated that the sincere thanks of the Sub-Branch was due to the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation for his unfailing courtesy and consideration.

About 32 positions have been filled by the Branch during the period under review.

The Relief Fund proved a boon indeed to many members in necessitous circumstances, as well as the widows and dependents of those who made the supreme sacrifice.

The Fund is administered by a strong committee, and no genuine case is ever turned down. During the past year the sum of £150 7s. 4d. had been distributed in relief. Other activities were dealt with in the report.

The Secretary, in conclusion, paid a tribute to the President, Mr. T. Lennell, who had proved a tower of strength in the interest of the Branch.

The President, in the course of a verbal report, stated that it was pleasing to note both the greatly increased membership during the year, as well as the greatly increased attendance at the meetings of late.

Mr. P. Cain reported on the work accomplished by the Hospital Welfare Committee during the year, and his interesting report was received with applause.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, E. Lennell; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. R. H. Alderson and P. Cain; Treasurer, Mr. W. Crump; Auditor, Mr. L. Sweetser; an Executive Committee of six was also elected.

At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served, and a most enjoyable time followed. Several supporters and visitors attended at harmony time, noticeable amongst whom was old friend Charlie Stevens.

Snapshots
Cliff. Sadlier, V.C., will not soon forget his recent visit to Boulder. A telegram was received stating that Cliff, would be able to spend a few hours with the members of
the Kalgoorlie and Boulder Sub-Branches on his return from the Federal Conference. The train arrived in the middle of one of the most terrific dust storms yet seen on the Goldfields, and as a large number of members were gathered at the Rest Rooms, Mr. H. Kingsbury, President of the Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch, set off for Boulder per motor car with Cliff. After running off the road on several occasions, they eventually arrived in Boulder, and the sight that met the eyes of all the boys as the travellers stepped from the car will never be forgotten. All that could be seen was a pair of eyes looking through a mask of red dust. A bee-line was made for the bathroom, and when the caretaker arrived home he wanted to know who was the blighter that rolled his clean towel in the mud. However, as our guest had to catch the express for Perth, time only permitted of a parting glass, after a formal welcome by the President.

They say that the Stork left Bill Deering a splendid Christmas box, and that there was much rejoicing.

Cyril Clarke is looking for the blighter who pinched his beer on Xmas Eve, suspicion points strongly to Percy, as the culprit.

Anyone requiring inside information at the dogs on Saturday is advised to consult whippet expert Frank Cahill, and get the dinkum oil.

No wonder Len Baker has been praising the fishing at Esperance. Since his return he has been composing poetry. It is rumoured that he caught a mermaid; Jerry Probert could tell.

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COLLIE
At a recent meeting of the Sub-Branch, a letter of thanks for the consideration shown him during his visit to Collie for the Annual General Meeting held recently, together with a donation, was received from Colonel Margolin.

The matter of a donation to the Bunbury Branch in their Centenary efforts was left in the hands of the Executive with power to act.

A committee, comprising Messrs. C. Francis, H. May, and A. Watkins, was appointed to represent the Branch at the public meeting called on the 11th inst. to further matters in regard to the local Centenary celebrations. Several suggestions were put forward for the delegates to submit to the meeting, including aquatic sports and a log-chopping competition. It was also suggested that Dr. Battye be asked to visit the district and deliver lectures on the early history of Australia, he being recognised as the greatest authority on the subject.

A request from the Committee controlling the Minninup Pool to work in conjunction with them for the holding of a sports meeting was favourably considered, and a committee comprising Messrs. A. W. Senior, C. Francis, H. May, and A. Beange, was appointed to assist in the work of the organisation. Mr. A. Beange remarked that the Minninup Pool Committee were to be complimented on their efforts to make this resort popular, and he regretted very much that the reserve was outside the jurisdiction of the Municipal Council.

It was resolved to send letters of condolence to Mr. H. Mowday, a member of the Branch, who recently sustained a bereavement in the loss of his father, and to Mrs. Mann, whose husband, also a returned soldier, died recently.

Members of the Branch and returned men generally, who are contemplating attending the P.S.I. Centenary celebrations at Bunbury, are advised to communicate with the local secretary (Mr. C. Francis) in order that arrangements for accommodation may be made at the port.

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THE TANK

In this article it is proposed to deal with the latest arm of the service, the Tank.

The development of the tank during the Great War will be familiar to all members of the A.I.F. It is by no means a new weapon, as its prototype will be recognised by students of the art of war in many instances during past centuries. Its introduction as a field weapon during the Great War was dictated by the necessity of exploring every possible means for breaking down conditions of static warfare which existed and thus once again restoring the mobility of the infantry in the hope of achieving a strategic advantage, by breaking through the enemy's defences and threatening his territory. Briefly stated, machine guns, wire and trench systems are any advantage by the infantry possible, only after very heavily artillery bombardment, which ploughed up the ground, and because of the long duration gave the enemy precise information as to the position of his defences, to which he despatched all available reserves.

Further, artillery did not always knock out the machine gun, which could be kept secure during the bombardment in strong concrete shelters, or blown up or out after the shelling had passed.

To meet the conditions existing in France in 1916-17 and 1918, called for a machine of considerable width, length and weight; the first so that the track made through wire entanglements would be broad enough to allow passage of infantry; the second to enable it to cross wide trenches; the third to break down enemy strong points containing nests of machine guns. These characteristics were embodied in the original tanks first employed on the Somme in 1916, and were later improved in the machine known to the A.I.F. as the Mark V tank. Owing to its weight it was able to cross five miles per hour being the maximum. This lack of speed was the greatest drawback of the tank, and it was an easy target for the resolute field gunner, who was instanced by the feats of a German artillery officer at Cambrai, who personally knocked out six tanks. However, it would be churlish to decry this machine which helped to bring the war in France to a successful conclusion. It was designed for particular conditions and it fulfilled these conditions with great credit to all connected with the Tank Corps. Like any new weapon, its tactical handling was not perfect when first employed as at Bullecourt and Passchendaele, but at Cambrai, in August, and at Amiens it restored confidence.

Post-war policy laid down that our training in peace must be for mobile warfare; it being rightly held that, so trained, an army could readily adapt itself to conditions of static warfare, which is only one phase of a campaign, but that the converse did not necessarily hold. The tank of 1918, with its speed of five miles per hour and small radius of action could obviously play no large part in such war, and research and design centred on production of a smaller, faster and handier machine. The medium type at present in use by the British Army was evolved, having a speed of twelve to fifteen miles per hour, and a circuit of action of 135 miles without refilling. Although an immense advance on the old model, it was found that by reducing its size and consequently its track base, its capacity for crossing obstacles was small, while the oscillation of the machine when in motion, and the speed made accurate shooting from it almost impossible. The experience of this machine indicated clearly that one type would not fulfil all requirements and it is proposed that development should be in the direction of producing three types, viz., heavy, medium and light, the classes being anagoung to the battleship, cruiser and destroyer of the Navy. The heavy tank will, no doubt, be suitable for all classes of warfare in a European theatre, and the above-mentioned defects of the medium type have indicated clearly the form which it should take. In fact, it approaches the size of the 1918 tank to give it greater obstacle crossing capacity and steadiness of gun platform, while its speed will be increased so as to enable it to take its place in mobile warfare. Considerations of cost will probably rule out the construction in peace of other than experimental models of the heavy tank, and production in any quantity will only take place during another war of some magnitude. Reverting to the medium tank, it must be at once admitted that, for the money, it would be difficult to beat, and there is no doubt that but it is the most efficient of its type in the world. Skillfully employed, and boldly handled, it can achieve striking results, while it is a very difficult target while in movement for even the most expert gunner with present field artillery weapons.

Concurrently with the development of the medium tank has been the introduction of the engineer tank, which carries the same task. The machine is small and inconspicuous, carries one or two men and an automatic weapon and can move along roads or across country, being fitted both with wheels and track.

Any discussion on tank tactics in an article of this nature must be limited, and what change there is in ideas of the last ten years is due almost entirely to the increased speed of the machine.

In France, the tank and the infantry had almost the same speed, and it was normal for the infantry to accompany the tanks on to their objective. To-day such an idea is out of the question, as to do so would be to sacrifice the principles of surprise and mobility. What now is aimed at is to bring the tanks on an objective a few minutes before the infantry are timed to reach it, moving them preferably from a flank. Such action has the advantages of surprise and of disorganising the enemy at the time when one's own infantry will be most heavily subjected to the enemy fire.

The next great point is one of ground, many types of country will be most suitable for tank action, while there are others where infantry alone can act. We have therefore to adapt our arms to the country, using each where it is most suitable and not condemning tanks because they are not ubiquitous.

Lastly, it should be remembered that tanks may well be decisive, and resources should not be thwarted away in driblets. They would be to a modern army what the "Old Guard" was to Napoleon's Grand Army, in the reserve to determine the fortunes of the battle whether in attack or counter attack.

There is no picture in the mind of the Army Authorities who are developing the tank and armoured cars, that the army of the future will consist of nothing else. The immense cost of production alone renders this impossible, and then tanks in future wars will be carefully conserved to attain decisive results.

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