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# STATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

## BOWLS COMPETITION.

### Holder Eliminated Early.

Two elimination rounds and one round of the concurrent plate competition in the State singles championship of the WA Bowling Association were played on Saturday. The competitions will be continued today.

The title-holder, Gorst, of Victoria Park, was eliminated in the opening round of the major event, but won his engagement in the plate series. Some wide margins were secured on Saturday, but for the most part contests were sufficiently keen to maintain interest till the last end. Several players of whom much was expected failed to survive Saturday's rounds but a number who have been prominent in bowls for years are left in the competition, including Gustafson, former Australian titles winner; Snook, the first State champion of champions; and Ford, a former singles champion. Three country players nominated; one withdrew, one was defeated in the first round, and the third, Currie, of Geraldton, is still in the competition. Scores:

East Fremantle green: Gustafson (Fremantle) d Dimmock (Mosman Park), 21-11; Attwood (Cottesloe), w.o.; Heald (King's Park) d Miller (South Perth), 21-19; Hunter (Subiaco) d Bennington (Victoria Park), 21-19; Crouch (Cottesloe) d Langdon (Fremantle), 21-10; Dean (Subiaco) d Jones (Mosman Park), 21-12.

Fremantle green: Taylor (Cottesloe) d Anderson (East Fremantle), 21-16; Clarke (Nedlands) d Edwards (King's Park), 22-20; Harvey (Claremont) d Quinton (Mosman Park), 22-12; Turvey (Subiaco) w.o.; Bailey (East Fremantle) d Fieldgate (Cottesloe), 21-19; Bosisto (King's Park) d McDonald (Claremont), 22-4.

Cottesloe green: Miller (M and L), w.o.; Moignard (Kitchener Park) d Downing (Subiaco), 21-17; Phillips (Leederville) d Ward (King's Park), 21-10; Truscott (East Fremantle) d Neely (Fremantle), 22-19; Clement (Mosman Park) d Bankin (Nedlands), 21-10; Baxter (Perth) w.o.

Claremont green: Lang (Mosman Park) d Nuttall (Subiaco), 21-10; Williams (Fremantle) d O'Loughlin (Mt Lawley), 23-8; Hedgeland (East Fremantle) d Brown (Cottesloe), 21-10; Oliver (Loton Park) d Clarke (Perth), 22-20; Dean (Nedlands) d Learmonth (Kitchener Park), 21-8; Snook (North Perth) d Ferguson (Leederville), 22-19.

Swan green: Cruttenden (Bassendean) d Lovelock (Bayswater), 21-11; Hare (Maylands) d Holmes (Mt Lawley), 22-10; Hazell (Victoria Park) d Newman (Loton Park), 22-20; Wilson (Mt Lawley) d Coltham (Bassendean), 21-17.

Maylands green: Preedy (Bassendean) d Horn (Swan), 21-18; Willinston (Mt Lawley) d Carroll (Loton Park), 21-13; Cato (King's Park) d Levine (Perth), 22-10; Ball (Royal Park) d Knox (North Perth), 22-19.

Perth green: Menzies (Perth) d Mazzuchelli (Gosnells), 21-16; Pow (Swan) d Gorst (Victoria Park), 21-12; Hewson (Bassendean) d Castles (Gosnells), 22-19; Taylor (Swan) d Hill (Cottesloe), 21-13; Ritchie (King's Park) d Legge (Kitchener Park), 21-16; Caporn (South Perth), w.o.; Hanson (M and L) d Conochie (Nedlands), 21-8; Bennett (King's Park) d Carson (Gosnells), 21-17; Clayton (South Perth) d Walker (Cottesloe), 22-18; Wyatt (Mt Lawley), w.o.

Royal Park green: Bradbury (North Perth), w.o.; McDonald (Perth) d Levy (Mt Lawley), 21-14.

Kitchener Park green: Eade (M and L) d Boas (Subiaco), 21-15; Wilks (Royal Park) d Buckingham (Cottesloe), 21-20.

M and L green: Wright (Subiaco) d Greenhill (South Perth), 21-15; Fox (King's Park) d Reed (Victoria Park), 21-8.

Nedlands green: Hogarth (Cottesloe) d Sumpton (East Fremantle), 22-6; Maher (Mt Lawley) d Kershaw (Claremont), 22-18; Fitzgerald (M and L) d Holland (King's Park), 22-12; Hatton (Kitchener Park) d Moore (Perth), 22-6; Harwood (South Perth) d Fryer (Subiaco), 21-13; Gibson (Mosman Park) d Green (Royal Park), 23-4; Frame (Leederville) d Wilson (Cottesloe), 21-17; Barrett (Fremantle) d Groves (Claremont), 21-13; Ford (King's Park) d Ashworth (Wagin), 21-11; Hall (North Perth) d Dobson (Loton Park), 21-4; D'Arcy (South Perth) d Hancock (Victoria Park), 23-18; Counsel (Mosman Park) d Darcey (Mt Lawley), 22-16.

Subiaco green: Hammond (Victoria Park) d Rocke (Cottesloe), 21-18; Lawrence (King's Park) d Whiting (M and L), 22-16; Currie (Geraldton) d Parsons (Claremont), 21-15; Gordon (South Perth) d Bennett (Celtic), 21-17; Adams (Perth) d Rhodes (Mosman Park), 21-3; Warden (Leederville) d Ball (Nedlands), 21-10; Game (Kitchener Park) d Colyer (Royal Park), 21-18; Reid (Cottesloe) d McDonald (Fremantle), 21-18.

King's Park green: Christie (Subiaco) d Cocker (Royal Park), 21-16; McBride (Victoria Park) d Williams (Kitchener Park), 23-4; Debnam (M and L) d Dunkerton (Fremantle), 22-2; Hincheliffe (Leederville) d Jones (Cottesloe), 21-10; Walker (Mosman Park) d Facius (Nedlands), 21-20; Clayton (Perth) d Barrett (Subiaco), 21-11.

Mt Lawley green: Rolfe (Swan) d Bray (South Perth), 21-15; Coatham (Subiaco) d Nicholl (Kitchener Park), 22-9; Friday (Victoria Park) d Coleman (King's Park), 21-13; Priestly (Perth) d Ujcich (Loton Park), 21-14; Phillips (M and L) d Smith (Cottesloe), 22-19; Price (Gosnells) d George (Bassendean), 21-19; Mathieson (Nedlands) d Bell (South Perth), 21-8; Willoughby (Royal Park) d G. Johnson (Maylands), 21-17.

North Perth green: Merritt (Subiaco) d Green (King's Park), 21-12; Pepper (Nedlands) d Lowe (Perth), 21-7; Morgan (Loton Park) d Dale (Leederville), 21-18; Sharp (South Perth) d Cain (Kitchener Park), 21-12; Hussey (King's Park) d Rees (Mt Lawley), 22-13; Shepherd (Nedlands) d Axford (Perth), 22-19.

Leederville green: Trenaman (King's Park) d Wilson (Loton Park), 21-8; Montefiore (Mt Lawley) d Leonard (Subiaco), 21-10; Massey (Royal Park) d Pittelkow (North Perth), 21-15; Phippard (Kitchener Park) d P. McDonald (Perth), 22-5; Heyrate (King's Park) d Pass (Perth), 21-18; Scaddan (Royal Park) d Gleadell (South Perth), 21-19; Spencer (North Perth) d Hall (Loton Park), 21-12; Nicholls (Freemasons) d Rolfe (Nedlands), 23-15.

Loton Park green: Hill (Bassendean) d Corpaccioli (Perth), 22-10; Moody (Swan) d Sinclair (Leederville), 21-15; Quatt (South Perth) d Brear (Maylands), 22-17; Williams (Nedlands) d Pearce (Royal Park), 22-15.

Mosman Park green: Davison (East Fremantle) d Darrash (Cottesloe), 24-8; Garvey (Claremont) d Shepherd (Fremantle), 21-13; Paddick (Subiaco) d Nelson (Nedlands), 21-17; Dockery (Cottesloe) d Beisley (Fremantle), 21-10.

Bassendean green: Robinson (Bayswater) d Tomlinson (Mt Lawley), 22-6; Watterson (Swan) d McEvoy (Maylands), 23-8; McGregor (M and L) d Wilcock (Loton Park), 23-11; Grogan (Swan) d Todd (Celtic), 21-15.

Bayswater green: Freer (Bassendean) d K. Johnson (Maylands), 21-16; McCracken (Loton Park), w/o.

South Perth green: Allen (Mt Lawley) d Ruffle (Victoria Park), 21-19; Reid (Perth) d O'Brien (Leederville), 21-10; Morrell (King's Park) d Standing (Royal Park), 21-19; E. Clough (North Perth) d Stringer (Leederville), 22-8.

Victoria Park green: Purslowe (Swan) d Taylor (Subiaco); G. Clough (Leederville) d Nicol (King's Park), 22-16; Arnup (Cottesloe) d Russel (Gosnells), 21-11; Stubbs (South Perth) d Iles (Loton Park), 22-11.

**Second Round.**

Gustafson d Attwood, 22-10; Hunter d Heald, 21-11; Crouch d Dean, 23-12; Clark d Taylor, 21-15; Harvey d Turvey, 21-14; Bosisto d Bailey, 22-17; Davison d Garvey, 21-12; Paddick d Dockery, 21-18; Moignard d Miller, 22-17; Truscott d Phillips, 21-20; Clement d Baxter, 21-6; Williams d Lang, 22-18; Oliver d Hedgeland, 21-12; Snook d Dean, 22-16; Hare d Cruttenden, 23-20; Hazell d Wilson, 22-17; Robinson d Watterson, 21-20; McGregor d Grogan, 21-19; Freer d McCracken, 21-18; Preedy d Willinston, 21-7; Cato d Ball, 21-14; Menzies d Pow, 21-8; Bradbury d McDonald, 21-7; Wilks d Eade, 21-18; Fox d Wright, 22-17; Hogarth d Maher, 21-14; Hatton d Fitzgerald, 21-18; Harwood d Gibson, 22-15; Frame d Barnett, 23-17; Ford d Hall, 21-3; D'Arcy d Counsel, 21-15; Lawrence d Hammond, 21-10; Currie d Gordon, 23-14; Warden d Adams, 21-11; Reid d Game, 23-11; McBride d Christie, 21-11; Hinchcliff d Debnam, 21-19; Clayton d Walker, 21-19; Hewson d Taylor, 21-16; Ritchie d Caporn, 21-18; Hanson d Bennett, 21-7; Clayton d Wyatt, 21-13; Coatham d Rolfe, 21-16; Priestley d Friday, 21-20; Price d Phillips, 21-13; Mathieson d Willoughby, 22-16; Merritt d Pepper, 21-14; Sharp d Morgan, 21-20; Hussey d Shepherd, 21-6; Montefiore d Trenaman, 21-12; Massey d Phippard, 22-16; Heyrate d Scaddan, 21-17; Nichols d Spencer, 22-18; Allen d Reid, 21-9; E. Clough d Morrell, 23-19; G. Clough d Purslowe, 22-15; Arnup d Stubbs, 21-18; Hill d Moody, 21-13; Williams d Quatt, 21-8.

**Plate.**

First round.—Dimmock, w/a; Bennington d Miller, 21-18; Langdon d Jones, 21-20; Anderson d Edwards, 21-12; Quinton, w/o; MacDonald d Fieldgate, 21-15; Shepherd d Darrash, 21-18; Beisley d Nelson, 21-14; Downing, w/o; Neely d Ward, 22-13; Rankin, w/o; O'Loughlin d Nuttall, 21-5; Brown, w/o; Learmonth d Ferguson, 21-9; Holmes d Lovelock, 21-10; Newman d Coltham, 21-10; McEvoy d Tomlinson, 21-4; Todd d Wilcock, 22-13; K. Johnson, w/o; Carroll d Horn, 21-4; Levine d Knox, 22-17; Gorst d Mazzuchelli, 21-3; Levy, w/o; Buckingham d Boas, 21-8; Greenhill d Reid, 21-13; Sumpton d Kershaw, 21-10; Holland d Moore, 22-5; Fryer d Green, 21-18; Groves d Wilson, 22-10; Ashworth d Dobson, 21-10; Darcey d Hancock, 22-10; Whiting d Rocke, 21-18; Parsons, w/o; Ball de Rhodes, 21-11; Colyer d McDonald, 21-20; Williams d Cocker, 21-19; Dunkerton d Jones, 21-20; Barrett d Facius, 21-19; Castles d Hill, 21-13; Legge, w/o; Carson d Conochie, 21-7; Walker, w/o; Bray d Nicholl, 21-16; Ujcich d Coleman, 22-9; Smith d George, 21-18; Bell d C. Johnson, 23-5; Green d Lowe, 21-9; Dale d Cain, 22-8; Axford d Reed, 24-16; Wilson d Leonard, 21-17; Pittelkow d Rolfe d Hall, 23-12; O'Brien d Ruffle, 21-3; Stringer d Standing, 21-19; Taylor d Nicol, 21-15; Iles, w/o; Sinclair, w/o; d McDonald, 21-3; Pass d Giradell, 22-13; Brear d Pearce, 21-19.

**TODAY'S DRAW.**

The State singles championship will be continued today. Four rounds will be played—10 and 11.30 am and 2.15 and 4 pm. Following is the draw:

**Major.**

Perth green (umpire, Mr F. Miller): Gustafson v Hunter, Crouch v Clark (N); Harvey v Bosisto, Davison v Paddick, Moignard v Truscott, Clement v Williams (F), Oliver v Snook, Hare v Hazell.

Nedlands (umpires, Messrs A. J. Hames and O. P. Fry): Robinson v McGregor, Freer v Preedy, Cato v Menzies, Bradbury v Wilks, Fox v Hogarth, Hatton v Harwood, Frame v Ford, D'Arcy v Lawrence.

Mt Lawley (umpire, Mr R. H. Hall): Currie v Warden, Reid (C) v McBride, Hinchcliffe v Clayton (P), Hewson v Ritchie, Hanson v Clayton (SP), Coatham v Priestley, Price v Mathieson, Merritt v Sharp.

Subiaco (umpires, Messrs T. Treweek and A. Arcus): Hussey v Montefiore, Massey (RP) v Heyrate, Nichols v Allen. At 11.30: E. Clough (NP) v winner Nichols-Allen, G. Clough v Arnup, Till v Williams (N).

**Plate.**

Cottesloe green (umpire, Mr C. Angel): Dimmock v Bennington, Lang v Anderson, Quinton v MacDonald (C), Shepherd v Beisley.

Claremont (umpire, Mr C. Treadgold): Downing v Neely, Rankin v O'Loughlin, Brown v Learmonth, Holmes v Newman. Survivors after the second round will transfer to Cottesloe to continue at 2.15 pm.

North Perth (umpire, Mr C. Donald): McEvoy v Todd, K. Johnson v Carroll, Levine v Gorst, Levy v Buckingham.

Loton Park (umpire, Mr V. Harrold): Greenhill v Sumpton, Holland v Fryer, Groves v Ashworth, Darcey v Whiting, Survivors after the second round will transfer to North Perth to continue at 2.15 pm.

King's Park (umpire, Mr P. Crosbie-McDonnell): Parsons v Ball (N), Colyer v Williams (Kit P), Dunkerton v Barrett, Castles v Legge.

Subiaco (umpires, Messrs Treweek and Arcus): Carson v Walker (Cot), Bray v Ujcich, Smith (Cot) v Bell, Green v Dale. Survivors will transfer to King's Park to continue at 2.15 pm.

South Perth (umpire, Mr J. C. Angel): Axford v Wilson, Pittelkow v Pass, Rolfe v O'Brien. At 11.30: Stringer v winner Rolfe-O'Brien, G. Taylor v Iles, Sinclair v Brear.

Umpires are requested to prepare their own charts and to telephone results to headquarters. Luncheon will be available at the Mt Lawley green.

**LEEDERVILLE CARNIVAL.**

An electric light carnival promoted by Leederville Bowling Club will commence tomorrow night. Following is the draw for the first round:

Tuesday.—Sinclair (L) v McCracken (LP); Coatham (S) v Hazell (VP); Dunn (L) v Hopkins (RP); Macdonald (Cl) v Snook (NP); Morgan (L) v A. Hare (May); Major (ML) v Fitzgerald (M and L); Bant (Sub) v Liebenow (KP); Warden (L) v Donald (NP); Facius (N) v Mather (KP).

Wednesday.—Nell (P) v Mathieson (N); Harrison (L) v Scaddan (RP); McKie (P) v Bentley (NP); Adams (M and L) v Dale (L); Hatton (KP) v Paddick (S); Counsel (Mos) v Moore (L); Wilson (ML) v Bradbury (NP); John (Cot) v Simper (L); MacBride (VP) v Vincent (RP).

Wednesday at Perth green.—Cato (KP) v Nichols (Fr); J. Reid (NP) v Fryer (Sub); Stephenson (M and L) v Atherton (L); Collier (RP) v Pow (Sw); Howard (L) v A. Hall (LP); Bradley (Mos) v Mackay (LP).

Thursday, Leederville green.—Bird (M and L) v Clough (L); Reynolds (Mos) v Taylor (NP); Ball (N) v Ferguson (L); Hewson (Cot) v Turvey (Sub); Purslowe (P) v Buckingham (Cot); Phillips (L) v J. Hall (NP); Smith (L) v Johnson (May); Green (L) v Thomas (RP).

**WOMEN'S PAIRS.**

Following is the draw for the women's championship pairs, play to commence at 12.30 pm—four bowls, 17 ends. Plate 13 ends. Subiaco green (umpire Mrs Neill)—Clarke (Mdl) v Dodgshun, Chester v McComish; Neill v Peters; Barber v Packwood; Thomas v Counsell; Robertson v Cartwright. Cottesloe green (umpire Mrs Darcey)—Horn v Deery; Howie v Crowther; Darcey v Bartlett; Hood v Warricker. Mosman Park green (Mrs Merritt)—Hill v Hudson; Merritt v McGovern. Loton Park green (umpire Miss Adam)—Adam v Gates; Abbott v Ellery. Maimed and Limbless Aux green (umpire Mrs Dockery)—Knapp v Breeze; Wilcock v Carr, 2 pm. Dockery v Clarke (S).

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# RURAL EDUCATION.

## AREA SCHOOL SYSTEM.

### Its Operation in Tasmania.

Area schools in country centres, with the work of the students related to the particular locality and at which specialised training is given to suit the interests and occupations of the district, have been operating in Tasmania since 1936, when they were established on the suggestion of the Director of Education (Mr G. V. Brooks).

Keen interest in the scheme has been shown in Western Australia. At a recent meeting of the Margaret River Educational Committee it was unanimously agreed that the area school which it was aimed to establish in the district should be on similar lines. This followed the reading of a paper received from the Tasmanian Government giving the history of the scheme and describing how it had been expanded to meet the many new demands made upon it.

"Courses of study at area schools are based on the requirements and interests of rural life," states the official account. "Around the pivotal centres of soil and home the various school activities cluster. Boys are interested in crop-growing, stock-keeping, fruit culture, bee-keeping, poultry farming, woodwork, shed building, leather-working, tinsmithing, blacksmithing, cement works, etc. Girls are interested in cookery, needlework, dressmaking, millinery, housewifery, room decoration, household budgeting, home crafts, farmer-wife occupations, and social entertaining. The needlework course is a comprehensive one, planned to give not only practice in the making and mending of every normal household, but also an appreciation of design and colour which the girls learn to express in the creation of a variety of attractive and decorative articles.

**Encouraging Self-Reliance.**

"Two to three days of each week are spent by the pupils in these and allied subjects. Never is the purpose to make tradesmen, but to provide the lads with sufficient practical knowledge to enable them to be generally resourceful and independent. With the girls the aim is not to develop dressmakers or laundresses, but homemakers.

"Some schools may be located in prosperous and well-developed settlements. In others, the conditions of the people may be less fortunate and the standards of efficiency lower. In each case the school has a unique job. Occupations vary—orcharding, dairying, potato-growing, grazing, mixed farming. Most of the schools have pasture plots, some bee hives, fowl or pig pens, others horticultural sections or landscape gardening. But all schools are alike in relating the schoolwork to the locality. The practical quality of the work followed may be typified by the woodwork courses. Skill is required in shaping and joining, and that skill is applied to meet real needs. Opportunity for work abounds on the school properties—fences to erect and renew, railings to make, gates to build and fit, seats to repair—and these projects the lads carry out with material supplied by the Education Department.

"The same applies in other branches. The saddlery course involves the making and repairing of harness parts. In tinsmithing roofing and repairs to spouting and home utensils have to be done, and in blacksmithing the making and mending of hooks, handles and hinges.

"Each school is equipped with a dining-room, bedroom, kitchen and laundry. A canteen may be operating for the benefit of the pupils in some schools every day, and in others several days a week. In managing these canteens the girls obtain practice in cooking, serving, laundry work, budgeting and housewifery. Farm operations such as pruning are also demonstrated.

**Preparing Citizens.**

"Courses for neither boys nor girls are vocational. The whole of rural life is coloured by the occupation of the people. The culture of the countryside is framed on country experiences and the expression of that culture is made largely through rural crafts and occupations. It matters little for the justification of the school courses whether the boy who has spent his time at workbench and anvil becomes a farmer or not. What does matter is that, if he is to live in a rural community, he must know something of the experiences that make up life in that community. When the area school is teaching craft it is preparing citizens.

"Every school must prepare for citizenship. But the best preparation for citizenship is found in the actual practice of citizen responsibilities and duties during school life. Successful attempts have been made in the area schools to substitute for the usual autocratic form of teacher government some types of community government by the scholars themselves. The pupils have their own councils, boards of inquiry and regular meetings in which they confer on questions of school routine and discipline as a corporate body. Such children's councils may be seen in operation frequently; in them is developed a sense of responsibility, a desire for co-operation, and an executive attack not usually present. There is also an advisory council, in which the pupils' parents or representatives from contributory school centres meet as part and parcel of the area school movements."

# CHANNEL ISLANDS.

### Relief Ship Loads at Lisbon.

LONDON, Jan 28.—The International Red Cross ship Vega is now loading about 700 tons of supplies destined for the Channel Islands, says a Lisbon message.

The cargo consists chiefly of prisoner-of-war parcels, salt, and diesel oil to work the crane for unloading.

Eight tons of soap will also be loaded if the Portuguese Government grant permission.

The Vega will make a second voyage to the Channel Islands on February 1.

# OLD TYRES AND PAPER.

## SALVAGE NOW URGENT.

### Federal Officer's Visit.

"The fact that the war is moving farther away from Australia does not mean that the rubber and waste paper salvage effort may be relaxed," said the secretary of the Commonwealth Salvage Commission (Mr A. M. Walker) on Friday. "Indeed the effort should be intensified."

Mr Walker arrived in Perth on Thursday from Melbourne on a short visit and returned by air on Saturday. While here he investigated the stocks of salvage clothing on hand with a view to arranging for the most speedy classifications. This was necessary, he said, so that Government and charitable institutions could obtain a year's supplies that others would be able to avail themselves of the disposals and the balance be estimated for delivery to the United Nations' Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

"A hundred tons of waste paper a month, which was the quantity that WA had been sending forward until the recent shipping delays, was a good effort, said Mr Walker. It was evidence of co-operation between all those who were concerned in its salvage. There had been a decrease in the amount of waste paper needed for purely military purposes, but the amount required for the manufacture of cartons for the dispatch of foods to the services and civilians had greatly increased. Very little timber was available for cases for the foods to be packed in. Most of the material used to manufacture cartons was made from waste paper. Its collection and shipment was an essential service in the national interest. In all 75,000 tons of waste paper was collected last year.

**Local Director Complimented.**

Mr Walker complimented the local Director of Salvage Operations (Mr C. R. Knight) on his handling of old rubber tyres. One of the main difficulties in connection with salvaging tyres from a distant State like WA, he said, was shipping space. In shipping old tyres usually too much space was lost. Mr Knight had overcome this by having the tyres cut in half and stacked one inside the other. The inner cotton fabric was first removed for the purpose of making sleeves for repairable tyres.

Questioned regarding the delays by the authorities in gathering tyres in this State in some of the earlier drives, Mr Walker said that it was not thought safe, owing to fire risks, to put the old tyres into huge central dumps. When the available supplies had been ascertained it was considered advisable at the time to leave the tyres dispersed until they could be shipped and reclaimed. Most of the salvage rubber now came from the tyres which were handed in by purchasers on high priority when taking delivery of new tyres.

"The rubber obtained from old tyres when reclaimed," he said, "becomes as good as when in its original condition and it is urgently needed by the Commonwealth. For the maintenance of its war and essential services the Commission wants every old tyre that it can get. Anyone here with old tyres that are available for salvage should get in touch with Mr Knight at the Government Stores Department, Murray-street."

## SUCCESSFUL COMPETITORS.

On Saturday at the Bassendean Child Development Swimming Picnic at the Point reserve a team from the Cottesloe Surf Lifesaving Club gave a demonstration in the new "uni-grip" method of life-saving—a simple method taught to the forces. Mr N. R. Collins, secretary of the Royal Life-saving Society, presenting the certificates and medallions to the Cottesloe team—the first to gain the award in this State.

# SERVICE DRAFT.

## ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA.

### Many Branches Represented.

SYDNEY, Jan 28.—Service men and women in a dozen different uniforms arrived at an Australian port on Satuday. They were men for the Royal Navy Pacific Fleet and the Fleet Air Air Arm, WRENS, naval nursing sisters and VAD's, RAF Transport Command, key personnel of several British Army units, Australian and New Zealand airmen returning home. Officers aboard ship had three-tiered bunks in large dormitories and men four-tiered bunks, but all the service girls were given cabins. Several couples became engaged on board, although girls were not encouraged to mix with the men. A ship's officer smilingly recalled that church services, where this rule was relaxed, were the best patronised in his experience. VAD Jean Patterson, of Bristol, and Sub-Lieutenant Colin Drew, a naval fighter-pilot of Surrey, who met for the first time when the ship sailed, announced their engagement a few days before arriving. Like all the other arrivals from Britain they were delighted with the display of fruit and bought fruit as soon as they could get ashore.

Disembarking arrangements were exceptionally well handled, although it took a number of hours for all personnel to be taken to their respective bases in fleets of buses. There was a minor controversy with wharf labourers over the priority of the ship and it was only after considerable discussion that labour was made available to unload heavy baggage.

The only Australian among the thousands of Royal Navy men was Lt Gordon Robin, RANVR, of Melbourne. Lt Robin was trained in the RAN and served for several years as an anti-submarine specialist in the corvettes based on Australia and New Guinea. He was sent to serve with the Royal Navy last year and on arrival in England transferred to the submarine service. After experience in the Atlantic he has been appointed to a British submarine operating in the Far East. He was pleased to be back in Australia, where his father died during his absence, but, like many Australians, prefers to serve with the RN than the RAN.

Men of the Fleet Air Arm are enthusiastic about their transfer to the Pacific. They will have huge quantities of equipment and will have all facilities to fly and maintain planes both from carriers and shore bases. They can also build their own airfields on captured islands when required.

Many of the WRENS will serve with the Air Arm in both administrative and technical branches. Some are entrusted with highly secret duties and others operate apparatus used for instructing air crews in tactics.

The annual gross value of Canadian manufactured products has more than doubled since 1939.

# U.S.A. SERVICEMEN.

## IMMIGRATION TERMS.

### Minister Answers Questions.

How does an American serviceman set about obtaining Australian citizenship? The answer has been provided by the Federal Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings) in a reply to representations by the Population and Migration Advisory Council of Western Australia. Taking up the position of an American serviceman who wished to settle in Australia, the council asked the Minister to advise the serviceman direct. The Minister replied that the answers to the serviceman's questions, as far as his department was able to supply them at present, were as follows:

Question: What is required to become a citizen?

Answer: Favourable consideration may be given to applications by members of the US Forces for permission to remain in Australia after discharge, subject to the intending applicant being of European race or descent and being able to furnish satisfactory evidence to a responsible Customs or immigration officer of the Commonwealth to show: That he holds an honourable discharge from the US Forces; that he is in sound health; that he is in a position to support himself and dependants (if any) in Australia; provided also that nothing is known to his detriment. As regards naturalisation it is necessary under the existing law to have five years' residence in British territory within the last eight years prior to the application and at least one year continuous residence in Australia at the time the application is lodged.

May I open a business?—This department is not aware of any objections to your opening a business. If it is your desire to do so in Western Australia you could obtain further information on the subject locally.

How much capital must one have in entering Australia?—Under the special concessions in favour of American servicemen who can comply with the conditions mentioned to become a citizen no specific amount of capital will be required.

May I own land?—In some of the States there are certain restrictions or conditions relating to the taking up of Crown land by aliens, but in most of the States it would be possible for an American citizen to take up land, and it is understood that there is no restriction in the Land Act of Western Australian forbidding the holding of land by aliens.

Question of special inducement to Allied servicemen to settle in Australia?—Consideration is being given to the question of extending certain benefits to Allied servicemen, but it is regretted that no definite information can be furnished at present. It may be ascertained from the American Legation here that an American soldier would not forfeit any direct monetary advantages (to which he was entitled for service in the US Army) by remaining in Australia and becoming an Australian citizen. Presumably the same advice would apply to a member of the US Navy.

Transportation?—It would be necessary for you to furnish your own transportation to Australia if you are discharged abroad. The question of granting assisted passages to other than British migrants is one that will be considered at a future date.

Duty on personal property?—It has been ascertained from the Department of Trade and Customs that the personal effects of passengers to Australia are duty free and that their furniture and household effects which have been in their actual use for at least one year are also allowed in duty free to the extent of their not exceeding £100 in value for each adult passenger.

# PRISONERS OF WAR.

## RELATIVES' MEETING.

### Repatriated Men Speak.

At the annual meeting of the Prisoner-of-War Relatives' Association on Thursday, when the Lord Mayor of Perth (Dr T. W. Meagher) presided, it was stated in a report on the past 14 months' activities that the association had gained numerous members, the number now being over 1,100. There was a credit balance of £555, most of which would be spent on parcels for service clothing to be sent soon to the prisoners of war.

A constitution recommended by the executive committee was adopted. Most of last year's officers were re-elected unopposed. Dr Meagher retained the presidency, and Messrs W. W. Abbett and R. A. Cameron were elected as vice-presidents. The executive committee was left to elect its chairman, secretary and treasurer.

The GOC for Western Area stressed the need for understanding and consideration for repatriated prisoners of war. He said that war left its mark on every soldier on active duty, and it was the responsibility of organisations such as this to make the public realise that fact.

Two repatriated men told of their experiences in prisoner-of-war camps. One who had spent over two years in Germany as a prisoner said that when repatriated he weighed a stone heavier than he had been earlier during his imprisonment. Conditions were bearable and the men's health was entirely due to the Red Cross parcels which arrived regularly each week.

The second man, who had been a prisoner in Japanese hands, said that conditions were not at all good at first but that there were reports that they were improving. He endorsed the GOC's remarks about understanding and consideration for ex-prisoners of war.

The meeting, which was well attended, was held in the Perth Town Hall. The association hopes to form branches soon in country districts.

# 109 TODAY.

### Oldest Person in Australia?

HOBART, Jan 28.—Mrs Mary Anne Crowe, of South Hobart, will be 109 years old tomorrow. She is believed to be the oldest living person in Australia. Her health is good, she has never worn glasses, and she can read and sew. She enjoys an occasional walk.

Born at Walthamstowe, Essex, Mrs Crowe came to Tasmania in the ss Pathan more than 50 years ago. She has had 11 children, four of whom are living. There are 28 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. Mrs Crowe's husband died in 1907, aged 69.

# EMERGENCY LANDING.

## USING UP PETROL LOAD.

### Aircraft Circles for 1½ Hours.

SYDNEY, Jan 28.—While firemen, ambulances and a doctor waited on the landing ground at Kingsford Smith airport today a Lockheed aircraft, carrying 10 passengers and a crew of four, circled for more than an hour to use up petrol and minimise the risk of fire after an emergency landing.

When the aircraft, which had developed a defect in the under carriage, came in for the landing the control officer shouted: "Stand by everybody."

The aircraft landed safely on the tarmac, but as it turned on to the grass the starboard wheel appeared to collapse and one wing and a propeller were damaged. None of the passengers or crew was injured.

The plane, under charter by Qantas Empire Airways, Ltd, left Mascot for Brisbane at 9.10 am with Capt Myers as chief pilot and J. Matson as second pilot. An air hostess was on the plane. Among the 10 passengers were two women and three Allied service officers. After travelling 100 miles from Sydney a serious defect was discovered in the starboard landing wheel. Believing that it would be unwise to continue Capt Myers radioed to the control tower at Mascot that he was returning.

Before the aircraft left Mascot 300 gallons of petrol was loaded into the tanks. Capt Myers radioed that to lessen the risk of fire he would remain in the air until most of the petrol was consumed.

For nearly an hour and a half the plane circled the aerodrome while the crew tried to remedy the defect in the hydraulic system which made the starboard wheel useless.

The control officer had given the alarm. Three fire engines with 25 firemen were sent to the aerodrome and 700ft of hose was run out. Some firemen put on asbestos suits so that they could attempt rescues if the plane caught fire when it landed. The special waggon equipped with carbon dioxide gas stood by with a doctor, ambulance waggons and first-aid equipment.

The passengers, some of whom were overwrought after the suspense before the landing was attempted, were lofted from their seats. None was injured. As they were helped out by firemen in asbestos suits and others they praised Capt Myers and the crew for landing them safely.

The aircraft was recently overhauled, and on Saturday it was taken on six test flights. Everything then appeared to be working satisfactorily.

# "CHEAP LABOUR."

## USE OF WAR PRISONERS.

### A.W.U. Convention Motion.

ADELAIDE, Jan 27.—The Federal convention of the Australian Workers' Union on Friday decided to call on its members to refuse to work on the same properties as prisoners of war while they were being made available to employers as "cheap labour." It urged that prisoners of war labour should be paid for by employers at award rates and that the balance above the payment prescribed by international law should go to patriotic funds.

Delegates strongly criticised the Minister for Labour (Mr Holloway) and the Minister for Agriculture (Mr Scully) for having failed to take action in the matter despite promises made to the union. The convention's decisions was reached by a unanimous vote. It was declared in the motion that "prisoner of war labour was being used as cheap labour by people who were known to be definitely hostile towards unionism and the Labour Government."

Moving the motion the general secretary (Mr T. Dougherty) said that subsidies were being paid to producers by the Federal Government and some were getting a double advantage by employing POW labour at cheap rates. In industries that carried awards up to £5 and £6 a week prisoners of war were engaged at £1 a week and their keep. There were about 13,000 prisoners of war in rural industries today. The union had used all constitutional means