

hopeful that efforts will be made to ensure that this important amenity is enjoyed by more people in country areas.

Mr. Hall: And a bit of security with it, too.

Mr. MITCHELL: There is a reference in His Excellency's Speech to native affairs. I am hopeful that this matter will receive serious consideration from the House this session. Last year I stated that the problem of native affairs could never be solved by ministerial direction or by the efforts of those people working under the control of the Native Welfare Department, but by a wholehearted co-operation of everyone in the State. I reiterate that remark and say that we have to do all we can in a wholehearted manner to solve a problem that is yet far from being solved.

Time does not permit me to comment on many other matters on which I would like to comment. But I want to say it has been a privilege to me to move this motion, and I thank the Acting Premier and his Cabinet for giving me the opportunity.

Along with the great development that has taken place in agriculture over the past few years we have fortunately had the same expansion in the industrial field. As the man who has been interested in the agricultural side of the State all my life, I have always maintained that we cannot possibly have a successful and prosperous country unless we have the two types of development marching side by side. It is useless to think of this State, or of any country, being prosperous and successful unless all sections of the community are successful and happy in what they are doing. I pay a tribute to the Government for what it is doing towards industrial expansion, as well as agricultural expansion, in this State. I have much pleasure in moving the motion.

DR. HENN (Wembley) [4.12 p.m.]: I formally second the motion.

Debate adjourned, on motion by Mr. Hawke (Leader of the Opposition.)

ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE; SPECIAL

MR. NALDER (Katanning—Deputy Premier) [4.11 p.m.]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 6th August.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 4.12 p.m.

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The PRESIDENT (The Hon. L. C. Diver) took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Fiftieth Anniversary: Address of Loyalty

THE PRESIDENT (The Hon. L. C. Diver) [4.34 p.m.]: I desire to inform the House that on Tuesday, the 8th July, 1963, the Chancellor of the University of Western Australia, Sir Alex Reid, C.M.G., I.S.O., accompanied by the Acting Vice Chancellor, Professor C. J. Birkett Clews; the Chairman of the Professorial Board, Professor M. N. Austin; the Registrar, Mr. A. J. Williams; and the Administrative Officer, Mr. H. F. Willcock, visited the House; and, in the presence of the Minister for Mines, The Hon. A. F. Griffith; The Hon. F. J. S. Wise, and several other

members, the Chancellor, to mark the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the University of Western Australia and to express assurances of loyalty to the Legislature of this State, presented the following address:—

The Honourable The President of The Legislative Council of the State of Western Australia:

On the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the University of Western Australia which is being celebrated in this year, 1963, the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Members of the Senate, Warden of Convocation, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professors and the whole community of staff, students and officers of the University beg leave to present their respectful assurances of loyalty to the Legislature of this State of Western Australia.

The University was inaugurated by the passage of an Act to Establish, Incorporate and Endow the University of Western Australia, which was assented to on the sixteenth of February, 1911. Following the appointment of members of the first Senate, the selection of the foundation Professors and Lecturers and the constituting of Convocation in 1912, the University began the instruction of its first students on the thirty-first of March, 1913.

The University records with appreciation and gratitude the vision and energy of those leaders who laid the foundations of higher education in this community and the generous statesmanship shown by successive governments in fostering the growth and expansion of the institution from its humble but hardy beginnings to its present dignity and beauty.

The University has always envisaged and interpreted its function as the performance of a double but undivided duty: the pursuit and communication of knowledge, as a member of the world-wide commonwealth of learning, and, as the University of this State, the provision of "instruction in those practical arts and liberal studies which are needed to advance the prosperity and welfare of the people". All Faculties and Schools have contributed something indispensable to the quality of this distinctive Western Australian Community, both those first established and those added later; those bearing on the peculiar characteristics and genius of the region no less and no more than those that link it with the civilised mind of all times and places.

Already graduates of the University of Western Australia have achieved distinction throughout the world and

have enriched and stimulated in many significant ways the spiritual, intellectual, artistic and material life of the fellow-citizens. It is to be hoped that as the opportunities and demands for higher education grow with the growth of our dynamic and happy society, may the mutual relations of service, respect and concord between Government and University continue in the future as in the past to confer blessings both on the individual and the common life.

Thus with sober pride and sanguine hope we invite you, Sir, and the members of our august legislature, to share with us the celebration of our University Jubilee and to accept this sincere testimony of our continuing and grateful loyalty.

I replied in the following terms:—

Mr. Chancellor and Gentlemen of the University:

On behalf of the Legislative Council of Western Australia, I thank you for your expressions of loyalty to the Legislature of this State on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the University of Western Australia.

We desire to offer our congratulations on the celebration of your Golden Jubilee, and to advise you that the recognition of the statesmanship shown by successive Governments to the University is deeply appreciated.

The Presentation of this Address will be reported to the House at the earliest opportunity.

LES C. DIVER,
President

I now place upon the Table of the House the Chancellor's address and my reply.

The papers were tabled.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

DEEP-WATER PORT AT BROOME

Decision on Building

1. The Hon. W. F. WILLESEE asked the Minister for Mines:

- (1) Has the Government given consideration to the building of a deep-water port at Broome?
- (2) If so, has a favourable decision been arrived at?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (1) A submission for financial assistance for the building of this port has been made to the Commonwealth Government but as yet decision has been received.
- (2) Answered by No. (1).

MINISTERIAL TOURS*Extension to all Parliamentarians*

2. The Hon. G. BENNETTS asked the Minister for Mines:

In view of the number of inter-state and overseas trips made by Ministers of the Crown, departmental heads and others in recent years, will the Government give consideration to all members of Parliament participating in trips of this nature?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

Assistance is already provided through rail concessions for members of Parliament to visit inter-state. Official visits overseas by Ministers and departmental officers are directed to specific missions or tasks on behalf of the State. This procedure could not apply to overseas visits by all members of Parliament.

I can appreciate the honourable member's anxiety to get to London in view of all the activity that is taking place there at the moment, but I regret I cannot accede to his request.

MENZIES-LEONORA ROAD*Proposed Route*

3. The Hon. D. P. DELLAR asked the Minister for Mines:

With regard to the proposed route of the bitumen road from Menzies to Leonora, will the Minister inform the House—

- (a) (i) if it is going through Jeedamya Station property; or
- (ii) will it follow the present railway line; and
- (b) what advantages will decide the route?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (a) (i) The existing road from Menzies to Leonora is located through Jeedamya. Except for minor deviations where alignment is not satisfactory it is proposed to adopt the existing road which goes direct to Leonora over the bridge crossing of Lake Raeside.
- (ii) Answered by (a) (i).
- (b) There are advantages in taking into account the salvage value of the existing road and its condition of compaction, and there would be advantage also in that it would be the shortest route.

SINGLE-UNIT FLATS FOR PENSIONERS*Provision in Fremantle.*

4. The Hon. R. THOMPSON asked the Minister for Housing:

- (1) Has the Minister considered construction of single-unit pensioner flat accommodation in the Fremantle area?
- (2) If the answer to No. (1) is "Yes"—
 - (a) when will construction begin;
 - (b) what is the number of flats to be constructed; and
 - (c) where will they be situated?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) (a) The commission is seeking suitable land for this purpose.
- (b) The number of flats will be determined by the site and other circumstances.
- (c) Not able to state at present.

5. *This question was postponed.*

METROPOLITAN REGION TOWN PLANNING SCHEME*Private Land Affected*

6. The Hon. H. C. STRICKLAND asked the Minister for Town Planning:

What is the estimated total number of privately-owned lots of land involved in implementing the undermentioned phases of the Metropolitan Region Town Planning Scheme—

- (a) regional open space;
- (b) regional roads;
- (c) road improvements — Fremantle Harbour extensions;
- (d) First stage, Western Switch Road; and
- (e) Second stage, Western Switch Road?

The Hon. L. A. LOGAN replied:

- (a) and (b) No estimate of the number of lots involved can be made until detailed plans are prepared. This work is continuing, but will be spread over some years.
- (c) 186 (harbours and roads).
- (d) 77.
- (e) 45.

ESPERANCE FIVE-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL*Provision, and Hostel Accommodation*

7. The Hon. R. H. C. STUBBS asked the Minister for Mines:

- (1) Does the Government contemplate providing a five-year high school to serve Esperance?

- (2) If the answer to No. (1) is "Yes", will consideration be given to providing a hostel to allow the children from the surrounding districts to benefit from such high school?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (1) Consideration will be given to the establishment of a five-year high school at Esperance when the numbers of post primary students warrant it. At present the numbers do not justify even a three-year high school.
- (2) When a senior high school is established in Esperance the Country High School Hostels Authority will consider the need for establishing a hostel.

SOUTH BEACH

Construction of Groyne and Reclamation Work

8. The Hon. R. THOMPSON asked the Minister for Local Government:

In view of the eroded condition of South Beach, and the decision by the Fremantle City Council to contribute £7,000 towards the construction of a groyne to rehabilitate the beach, when is the Government going to accept this offer and proceed with the reclamation work in order to provide a suitable beach for the people of that area?

The Hon. L. A. LOGAN replied:

A decision regarding this matter is held in abeyance while consideration is being given to proposals in connection with the siting of railway installations in this area.

DIANELLA

Dryden Street: Pumping of Water from Woodrow Avenue

9. The Hon. R. F. HUTCHISON asked the Minister for Housing:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that water is being pumped from the roadway in Woodrow Avenue onto adjacent land in Dryden Street, Dianella, and is creating a hazard to surrounding property?
- (2) As the water is offensive by its odour and could cause a health nuisance to the nearby residents, will the Minister instruct the Health Department to investigate the nuisance with the view of abating it before the health of the people is impaired?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (1) I am aware that water is being pumped from a trench in Woodrow Avenue. The water is being pumped out in order to allow a drainage pipe to be laid.

- (2) An inspection has been carried out by the Health Department and no health hazard from the operation is apparent.

SONS OF GWALIA MINE: CONTINUANCE

Government's View and Policy

10. The Hon. E. M. HEENAN asked the Minister for Mines:

In view of the concern and anxiety which is felt by the people in the Leonora-Gwalia district regarding the future life of the Sons of Gwalia Mine at Gwalia, will the Minister outline the Government's view and policy as to the mine's position and likely continuance?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

Sons of Gwalia have received the following assistance from the State Governments:—

- (1) £100,000 in 1955 to rehabilitate the mine.
- (2) £125,000 in 1957 to liquidate a bank overdraft.
- (3) £100,000 in 1958 for purchase of new plant and payment of outstanding accounts.
- (4) £41,000 in 1962 to cover excess of operating costs over income.
- (5) £50,581 in 1962 for same purpose as (4) above.

This mine has been operating in Western Australia since 1898, and its ore-bodies have been greatly depleted over the years and it is undoubtedly nearing the end of its useful life.

It has, as the above details show, had to rely greatly on governmental aid for a long time to continue operations.

In addition to this aid, it has received subsidies from the Commonwealth Government under its Act which authorises assistance to marginal mines.

In 1962, the directors wrote requesting that the Government should appoint a receiver to wind up operations.

I did not want to agree that such action should be taken by the Government and, subsequently, further assistance was granted at the company's request, following geological and engineering examination, to enable the company to undertake development which might extend the mine's life.

Some ore of a slightly improved grade has since been produced but this would appear to be of limited quantity.

Mines are, of course, wasting assets and, unless reasonably payable ore remains available for production, any further assistance could only be granted after evidence is produced that such assistance is warranted and would, in effect, further prolong the life of the mine, taking into consideration that there is very little likelihood of recovering any of the £416,000 already advanced.

NAVAL BASE SCHOOL

Site of New Buildings and Transport of Children

11. The Hon. F. R. H. LAVERY asked the Minister for Mines:

As there are now over 70 children attending the recently erected Naval Base School and as the school will have to be removed in the very near future—

- (a) (i) has a site been finally decided on; and
- (ii) if so, where is the school to be rebuilt?
- (b) As the parents and citizens' association branch has been informed that an area in Wattleup Road in the Cockburn Shire may be reserved for the new school—2½ miles north of the existing school—
 - (i) has any consideration been given to obtaining the ten acres of land ½-mile east of the present school in McLaren Avenue?
 - (ii) if not, will this area be investigated?
- (c) As the M.T.T. buses from Medina are crowded each morning, what provision is to be made for the transport of the children now living in the Naval Base area and attending the present school to the proposed new school?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (a) (i) Yes.
- (ii) In Wattleup Road on the south side.
- (b) (i) and (ii) All possible suitable sites in the area were inspected by the Education and Public Works Departments. The subsequent reports plus the zoning plans of the Town Planning Board resulted in Wattleup Road site being selected as this is a settlement area.

- (c) As M.T.T. bus services are controlled by the Western Australian Transport Board the matter is outside the province of the Education Department.

PERTH-KWINANA-MANDURAH ROAD

Establishment of Final Route

12. The Hon. F. R. H. LAVERY asked the Minister for Mines:

With reference to the proposed controlled access road Perth-Kwinana-Mandurah—

- (a) (i) Has the route of the road been finally established; and
- (ii) if so, will the Minister arrange for the plans of such route to be laid on the Table of the House?

Plans for Construction

- (b) Are there any immediate plans for all or any specific section to be built, if so, what sections?
- (c) If the answer to (b) is "No," when is it proposed that any section, or all, of this road is expected to be commenced?
- (d) Was it economical to build the deviation just completed at this point of time, instead of building on the route of the originally planned freeway?

Fate of Resumed Land in Naval Base Area

- (e) (i) Have plans been dropped for the originally planned freeway through the Naval Base area?
- (ii) if so, what is to happen to the already resumed land?

Access for Hope Valley Residents

- (f) What access will be available to the Hope Valley Road residents?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (a) (i) No. Amendments are being considered.
- (ii) Answered by (a) (i).
- (b) There are no immediate plans for any sections to be built.
- (c) Dates for commencement of work have not been determined.
- (d) Yes. It was not only economical but necessary in order to obtain an adequate route by extending the Naval Base Road southwards.

- (e) (i) Yes, as a freeway.
- (ii) This matter is in abeyance.
- (f) In the planning of the amended freeway route, provision will be made to link the route with Hope Valley Road.

ROCKINGHAM ROAD DEVIATION

Access from Medina Streets, etc.

13. The Hon. F. R. H. LAVERY asked the Minister for Mines:

With reference to the new deviation of Rockingham Road from its junction with Naval Base Road through to Thomas Street, Medina, where the new section crosses Lionel, Dooley, Frederick, Burlington, Macedonia, and Weston Streets—

- (a) (i) will any of these streets have access to the new section; and
- (ii) if so, which streets?
- (b) Will any of these streets have a crossing to the shopping centre at Macedonia Street and the Rockingham Road, and to the Naval Base Beach area?
- (c) As Burlington and Macedonia Streets have almost blind corners at their intersection with the new section, what plans are proposed to alleviate this dangerous situation?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (a) (i) All of the streets mentioned will have access to the new deviation of Rockingham Road except the eastern side of Weston Street where the topography is such that entry is physically undesirable.
- (ii) Answered by (a) (i).
- (b) Because of railway operations, it is only possible to provide one railway level crossing and this has been constructed approximately on the alignment of Burlington Street on a road deviation connecting Frederick Street with Macedonia Street. This new deviation, coupled with the existing street system and access points provided into the new Rockingham Road diversion, provides full connection to the shopping centre and to the Naval Base Beach area.
- (c) "STOP" signs have been erected at the intersections of Burlington Street and

Macedonia Street with the new Rockingham Road diversion. Because of the effect on adjoining properties and access to them, it is not possible to modify ground levels substantially to improve visibility.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

Election

THE HON. A. F. GRIFFITH (Suburban—Minister for Mines) [5.6 p.m.]: I move—

That The Hon. N. E. Baxter be elected Chairman of Committees.

Question put and passed.

CONDOLENCE

The Late Hon. E. M. Davies, M.L.C.

THE HON. A. F. GRIFFITH (Suburban—Minister for Mines) [5.7 p.m.]: I move—

That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of The Honourable Evan Morris Davies, a former member for the West Province and Deputy Chairman of Committees in the Legislative Council of Western Australia, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and the members of his family in their bereavement.

There are members in this House who have been here much longer than I, and I do not think those members, or anybody else for that matter, can remember an occasion in the history of this House when three of our members passed away in such a short space of time. After the moving of this motion it will be my sorrowful duty to move two further motions in respect of the passing of two others of our members.

It is with sincere and profound regret that I find it necessary to move this motion in respect of the late Mr. Davies. Mr Davies was a member of the Legislative Council for 16 years. He was elected to represent the West Province on the 21st June, 1947, succeeding The Hon. W. H. Kitson, who resigned.

The late Mr. Davies was Deputy Chairman of Committees for some years in this House, and as such he carried out those duties with credit both to himself and to the House. As we all know, he was very prominent in local government and sometimes was Acting Mayor of the Municipality of Fremantle. Not only was he a great worker in the sphere of local government, but he was also a great parliamentary worker.

Although Mr. Davies was politically opposed to me, I always regarded him as one of my personal friends; and to my knowledge he always went out of his way to

endeavour to help electors who came to him with their troubles, and he always gave guidance in this House to the younger members, including myself, who were not so experienced as he was; and I feel, that is the way in which we will all remember Mr. Davies.

As you know, Mr. President, he was a great worker for the port area, and whilst he was a man of quiet countenance and character, he never hesitated to raise his voice in support of those things in which he believed, and in the cause of the people he represented. Because of that we had the greatest admiration for him.

The late Mr. Davies was a returned soldier; he served in the 16th Battalion in the first world war. As you know, Mr. President, he had a breakdown in health in 1961, and we did not see him for a little while after that illness. However, his tenacity of purpose brought him to the point where he recovered sufficiently to come back to this House, and he was here right through the period of the last session. He died quite suddenly on the 10th April, 1963.

I do not want to relate the private life of Mr. Davies except to say that even on the night he died it was quite evident from his manner that his consideration and feelings for other people were to the fore. Therefore, it is with profound regret that I move this motion; and I feel sure all members in this Chamber will join with me in expressing our deep regret to his widow, his family, and his friends.

THE HON. F. J. S. WISE (North—Leader of the Opposition) [5.12 p.m.]: In supporting this motion and supplementing the remarks of the Leader of the House, I wish to say on my own behalf and on behalf of those associated with me how deeply we felt the passing of such a comrade and mate. The late Evan Davies was possessed of many attributes belonging to the great—the attributes of humility and sincerity. He was possessed of the greatest courage in his own ill-health on the occasions when it seriously impaired his ability to move, to work, and to act as freely as he would have wished.

All of us appreciated his great work as a man, and we know full well the many contributions he made towards the betterment of lawmaking and to the laws on our statute book—laws passed in this Parliament. Outside of Parliament, of course, his acts and his works will live long. The late Mr. Davies by his unselfish attitude to all civic matters became a man who was highly respected and highly regarded; and his life in all the particular spheres in which he acted can only be pronounced as having been one of great success.

I join with the Leader of the House in supporting this motion to tender to the widow of Mr. Davies our feeling of sympathy in the loss of this great man.

THE HON. W. F. WILLESEE (North) [5.13 p.m.]: I desire to support this motion, sad though it may be, with respect to the death of the late Evan Davies. After many years of public service within his own party he became Chairman of the State Parliamentary Labor Party, a position of honour, and one which he obtained by sheer ability.

He was also Deputy Chairman of Committees in this Chamber; and, as our Leader in the House has already paid tribute to the manner in which Mr. Davies carried out this position, I will pass on and say that he gave great service in public life over a long period, and at times had the distinction of being Acting Mayor of Fremantle. It is a great pity that life must be cut short so suddenly, drastically, and deliberately by a means over which we have no control.

As Mr. Wise has said, the late Evan Davies knew his time was limited. Possibly he could have compromised to the extent of not giving so much of his time to the responsibilities of public life, and perhaps had he taken things a little easier he might have lived a little longer; but he was not that type of man, and he followed his destiny as it was ordained for him. I offer my greatest sympathy to his widow, and I wholeheartedly support the motion.

THE HON. F. R. H. LAVERY (West) [5.16 p.m.]: There would be no-one in this House who would have known Mr. Davies as well as did I and my two colleagues. No words of mine could improve on what has already been expressed by the Minister and by Mr. Wise; however, I would like to make two or three small observations on his life in the community at Fremantle, outside of Parliament. Mr. Davies was a member of the Fremantle Hospital Board for a considerable number of years, and, according to a very fine citizen of this State—Dr. Rowe—he did everything he could to assist in the rebuilding and the administration of the Fremantle Hospital. The planning and the rebuilding has been done in a very efficient manner; and Mr. Davies, when asked by the Fremantle Hospital Board to do a job, was never found wanting. The Fremantle Hospital Board, if it were here, would endorse what I have said about him.

Mr. Davies was also on the Town Planning Committee of the Fremantle City Council, and he was seconded to the Town Planning Board in Perth to represent the City of Fremantle. He was also on the Health Committee of the Fremantle City Council and played a very important part in that capacity. He was President of the St. John Ambulance Association in Fremantle, and that organisation has reached a very high standard. In addition, he was Chairman of the Aged People's Centre in

Fremantle, and four years ago plans were introduced for a very fine building in Norfolk Street. Mr. Davies was chairman of that committee up to the time of his death.

Mr. Davies also had the distinction—as I told him many times, and as he was told at many functions—of seeing his own memorial erected before he passed away. In 1924 he proposed, at a meeting of the Fremantle City Council, the erection of a public library in Fremantle, but he could not get a seconder. A few years later there came into being the Evan Davies Library. When speaking to the Mayor of Fremantle a few weeks ago, I suggested that when a new building was erected it should be called the Evan Davies Memorial Library. The mayor disagreed with me, and I agree with what he said. He said, "Why should we call it a memorial library when Mr. Davies was its founder and was himself a memorial by the manner in which he lived?"

I am sure that Mr. Dolan will agree with what I am about to say. A group was formed in Fremantle during the war years to raise funds for a youth centre. When the hall at the John Curtin High School was being erected, Mr. Davies suggested to Mr. Tonkin in another place that the sum of approximately £8,000 which had been collected at that time would not go very far towards the youth committee hall project on account of rising building costs, and he asked whether assistance would be given by the Education Department. The result was that the hall of the John Curtin High School was built partly by the Government for and on behalf of the youth of Fremantle—and I would say there is nothing in the Commonwealth to equal that magnificent hall. The hall is used six days a week by all types of organisations. Mr. Davies was himself very proud of the way in which the hall was used by the youth of Fremantle.

I know that Mrs. Davies and her daughter will be very happy to know that Mr. Davies was held in such high esteem by the members of this House. They already know of the high esteem in which he was held in the district in which he lived.

THE HON. J. DOLAN (West) [5.21 p.m.]: As Mr. Davies's successor in this House I would like to be associated with this motion of sympathy. I knew Mr. Davies over a very long stretch of years and I knew him to be a citizen who was a great humanitarian. He was a man of whom my party was very proud because of those qualities which he possessed. It is my task to follow in his footsteps and to continue the great work which he did for the province. I hope I will be worthy of that task and that I will fill his place capably. I am happy to be associated with this motion of sympathy to Mrs. Davies and her daughter.

THE HON. A. R. JONES (Midland) [5.22 p.m.]: I, too, wish to be associated with the remarks already expressed. I feel that I speak for my colleagues when I say that I have always held the late Mr. Davies in very high regard. He always struck me as being a man who gave very lengthy consideration to any proposal which came before him, and gave very sound judgment upon any proposition. He was a man in whom one could place the utmost reliance. I often held the opinion that if I were in trouble and needed someone to adjudicate, then Mr. Davies would be a good, proper, and true man to go to. No-one could feel more proud than he of the way he did his job, not only in this House but also, apparently, outside the House. I have much pleasure in associating myself with the motion.

THE HON. R. THOMPSON (West) [5.24 p.m.]: I also wish to be associated with the motion concerning the passing of the late Mr. Evan Davies. I knew Mr. Davies from a very early age. I grew up with his children and went to school with them, and I was closely associated with the Davies family during my school life.

Mr. Davies possessed many qualities. Only those people who had dealings with him, from a humanitarian aspect, could express their deep and sincere appreciation of the work that he did. He was a quiet fellow. He did not say very much. He went about his work quietly and he did his job thoroughly. There was no task given to Evan Davies which he did not undertake with 100 per cent. efficiency until the job reached its final conclusion.

On the evening of his death I spoke to him in the street. He was doing a job at one end of the street, and I was doing a job at the other end. I remarked how well he looked, never thinking that a few hours later he would be taken from us. I am pleased to be associated with the message of condolence being forwarded to his wife and daughter.

THE PRESIDENT (The Hon. L. C. Diver) [5.26 p.m.]: Before asking the House to carry this motion, I, too, would like to observe that this House has suffered a great loss by the passing of Mr. Evan Davies. It has been well said by the Minister for Mines, by Mr. Wise, and by other members, that Mr. Davies faced up to his tasks in a solid manner, not only in this House but also outside. He brought to our deliberations long and mature experience. In addition, he had the mental capacity to keep abreast of progress, and was able to apply a modern concept to our times. He was, indeed, an asset to this House. I join with other members in expressing my deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

Question passed; members standing.

The Late Hon. W. R. Hall, M.L.C.

THE HON. A. F. GRIFFITH (Suburban—Minister for Mines) [5.27 p.m.]: I move—

That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of The Honourable William Reaper Hall, a former member for the North-East Province and Chairman of Committees in the Legislative Council of Western Australia, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and the members of his family in their bereavement.

As I pointed out when moving a similar motion in respect of the late Mr. Davies, it is an unusual occurrence when three of our members pass on within such a short space of time. Members will remember Mr. Hall, the Chairman of Committees, as a rotund man with a jovial and cheerful personality. I personally remember the assistance he gave me when I was a Deputy Chairman of Committees, and I am sure that members who have served in that capacity will also recognise the guiding hand that Bill Hall, as we knew him, was always anxious to show to anyone.

The late Mr. Hall was a member of this House for 25 years. He was elected to represent the North-East Province in May, 1938. He was elected Chairman of Committees, and served from the 11th August, 1953, until the date of his death. The last time I saw him was on the day we adjourned at the conclusion of the last session of Parliament. As I did with all members, I wished him a merry Christmas and I said, as we have a habit of saying, "I will see you later, Bill." I did not realise that the malady from which he suffered would come upon him so suddenly, and would take him away as quickly as it did. Apparently he became very ill and died within a relatively short space of time.

I think that as most members of Parliament, if not all of them, seem to be actuated by the spirit to serve the public in some way, we will find that almost without exception members of Parliament, apart from their parliamentary duties, do serve on local authorities, or in some other civic form in the districts in which they live; and so did the late Mr. Hall, who was Chairman of the Kalgoorlie Road Board for a period of time.

He died on the 1st May, 1963; and I repeat that my recollections of Mr. Hall will be his cheerful personality and the excellent way he conducted the affairs of this Chamber whilst he was Chairman of Committees; and I think it will be appreciated by every member here if I say that he was a very excellent Chairman of Committees. He carried out his duties without fear of, or favour to, any one of us: he treated us all alike in the most fair and proper manner. I personally remember that he saw fit to take me to task on more

than one occasion, and when he did that I always knew it was for the benefit of his electorate, or the people he represented, or because of some matter in which he believed; and we do not deny any member the right to do that. It is a responsibility that each and everyone of us has.

I move this motion with profound regret; and the House will join with me, I feel sure, in conveying to Mr. Hall's widow, his family, and friends, our deepest sympathy in his untimely passing.

THE HON. F. J. S. WISE (North—Leader of the Opposition) [5.32 p.m.]: I support the motion with regret. One could say of the late Hon. W. R. Hall that at all times one found him jovial, ready to either whistle or sing a song without provocation, and ready on all occasions to make sure that, when his was the authority, his authority was obeyed.

As the Minister has said, Mr. Hall represented his province for 25 years, and I would say quite emphatically that no man can represent a district for 25 years by accident. One might represent a district for one or two terms and not reach the heights in service—either in duration or in achievement—that Mr. Hall was able to accomplish. His was no accidental representation either in civic or public life, or in his work in the House.

All of us recall his keen sense of responsibility when in the Chair—not the work done alone during the moments he was in the Chair, but the many hours of work on Bills, simple and difficult, prior to his entering the Chamber ready to deal with matters in Committee. He always applied himself to the task, and very rarely could one find fault in our late member for being in the wrong spot in any Bill; he was right on top of all of us in giving guidance in respect of very difficult matters.

I deplore his passing and support sincerely and earnestly the motion moved by the Leader of the House.

THE HON. W. F. WILLESEE (North) [5.35 p.m.]: If the people of Kalgoorlie had the opportunity of listening to the eulogies of the late Mr. Hall this afternoon, they would be very proud of his memory; as indeed they must be without hearing those eulogies. The features that distinguished him, as mentioned by Mr. Griffith, obviously lay in two factors: one, his great capacity as Chairman of Committees; and, two, his jovial nature. It must be a wonderful thing to be able to combine such capabilities and to leave behind such pleasant memories in an association like this whereby we meet as members of the Legislature.

It was a great disappointment to me, personally, to hear that Mr. Hall had died. I had no idea he was a sick man; and I suppose it is a shock to all of us when

death is so sudden. Probably only Mr. Hall's medical advisers knew how sick he was; and it is possibly some consolation to know that Bill Hall did not know how sick he was until death took him. He must have left his widow with many pleasant memories; and I offer, together with the previous speakers, my sincere consolation to her.

THE HON. N. E. BAXTER (Central) [5.37 p.m.]: I associate myself with the previous speakers in respect of the loss of the late Hon. W. R. Hall. I would describe him as a cheerful man with a bluff exterior, but a man who, like the late Evan Davies, had a very kindly heart; because it did not matter who went to the late Mr. Hall, he was always cheerful and kindly; and I believe he applied that same principle not only in this House but also outside; and I think that same kindly attitude endeared him to the people who knew him in his province.

As was said by Mr. Wise, he really made it his life's work, during the period he was Chairman of Committees in the House, to study very closely all the legislation that went through the Chamber; and, as Mr. Wise said, he did come here prepared to see that when he occupied the position of Chairman of Committees he would miss very little and that our proceedings would run sweetly. I can only say that as the one who is to follow him in that position I will try to emulate him; and if I can do that I will be very happy. I sincerely join with the others who have spoken, in passing on to his widow our sympathy.

THE HON. E. M. HEENAN (North-East) [5.38 p.m.]: I wish to say a few words in support of the motion. As has been very well said by the previous speakers, the late Mr. Hall excelled in the position of Chairman of Committees. I have been in the House for a long time—two years longer than the late Mr. Hall—and we have had a number of chairmen during that period, but I venture to express the view that there was no-one better at the job than the late honourable member.

Mr. Hall was born on the goldfields and represented a goldfields constituency; and, as Mr. Wise has said, he did not do it by accident. He did it because he was very popular and because he was assiduous in his duties; and he became known for those qualities.

When I first met Mr. Hall—long before he got into Parliament—he was working in the mines, and later he was working on the tramways at Kalgoorlie and Boulder. From there he graduated to be a member of the Kalgoorlie Road Board; and, although he was always a very jolly, happy character, there was another side to his character: he was assiduous in anything he took on. He had not been on the road

board for many years when he was elected chairman; and I still remember calling to see him in those early days, when he used to carry a copy of the Road Districts Act with him day and night. He always had it alongside his bed in the room he used to occupy, and he would read it and read it. In that way he made himself a most proficient and efficient chairman. Later when he became a member of Parliament and was elected Chairman of Committees he applied the same qualities to that task. We saw him as a very capable chairman, but he made himself capable by the work he did in his room beforehand, studying the various Bills and the amendments that were on the notice paper.

As I said, he was born on the goldfields and he represented a goldfields constituency; and I think his popularity, particularly on the goldfields, including that poor old place of Gwalia that was mentioned in a reply which the Minister gave me this afternoon, was due largely to the fact that he was a typical goldfields man, who seemed to possess all the likeable qualities that men in those parts admire. Nowhere more than on the goldfields was his passing lamented; and will be lamented for a long time to come.

THE HON. D. P. DELLAR (North-East) [5.43 p.m.]: I wish to associate myself with the motion. It is with a considerable amount of regret that I stand here this afternoon as the parliamentary successor to the late Hon. W. R. Hall. I knew Mr. Hall when he was a tram driver; and that is going back many years.

Mr. Heenan has spoken about Mr. Hall's work in the mines and as a tram driver until he took an interest in local government affairs and became a member of a local governing body. After a few years, I followed Mr. Hall into local government, but I did not expect to be here today occupying a seat in this Chamber. For Mr. Hall to have been Chairman of Committees and to have held his seat for 25 years left him nothing to desire in his parliamentary career. I hope I will be a worthy successor to Mr. Hall.

THE HON. A. R. JONES (Midland) [5.45 p.m.]: I would like to add my remarks to those already passed. Having been associated with Mr. Hall as one of his Deputy Chairmen of Committees, I wish to express how I appreciated his ability to get the best out of a debate whilst he was occupying the Chair. It is a great tribute to bestow on anyone if one can say that that person could interpret the rules of debate, keep order, and still get the best out of the debate; and that is what the late Mr. Hall did. He had a happy knack of allowing us to proceed so far during a discussion so that we could get the best out of the debate, but whenever we

reached the stage of becoming unruly he would warn us in a kindly manner and bring us within the rules of debate again.

Each one of us knows something about the late Bill Hall, and his kindly personality is something one cannot forget. There was something unique in his make-up. We will all miss his genial nature and his presence around this building. I am pleased to associate myself with this motion of condolence.

THE HON. G. C. MacKINNON (South-West) [5.47 p.m.]: I would particularly like to be associated with this sad motion. I am, nevertheless, extremely glad I knew the late Bill Hall, because he was a happy man. He was one of those types whose personality had a sort of impact, so that even now one finds it hard to believe that he is not going to burst around the next corner with his salutations and happy laughter. I am glad I knew him also because of the kindly way in which he taught me my duties as Deputy Chairman of Committees. He was generous in the way he was willing to impart and share his knowledge with anyone who showed interest in the arduous task that was set. I am extremely grateful to him for the kindness and encouragement he showed to me, because it is something of an ordeal to carry out that sort of job.

The late Mr. Hall always had an engaging personality as well as being a kind and extremely helpful person. The world is always a slightly sad place after the loss of a happy and friendly type of man such as our late colleague, the Hon. Bill Hall.

THE HON. G. BENNETTS (South-East) [5.49 p.m.]: I suppose I could say I knew the late Hon. W. R. Hall during the whole of his lifetime, or at least, during the whole of his history as a man. I would venture to say that the late Mr. Hall would be one of the best Chairmen of Committees I have seen acting in this House, and I have been a member of the Legislative Council for 18 years. Further, I feel sure that his successor will have a hard row to hoe in taking over the office from the late Bill Hall.

As has already been stated by other members who have spoken to this motion, Mr. Hall, after working on both the mines and the Kalgoorlie tramways, was appointed as Chairman of the Kalgoorlie Road Board. As I was a member of the Kalgoorlie Municipal Council at the same time, we used to attend the meetings of the local governing bodies and Bill would always supply "Cousin Jack" pasties on the nights we entertained the various local bodies at those meetings.

The House has heard tonight from the late Mr. Hall's successor as a representative of the North-East Province. I have also known the new representative of

that district all his life, and I am sure he will be able to carry on the duties that are necessary for the welfare of the people in that area in a similar way to that in which they were performed by Mr. Hall. I feel certain that Bill Hall would be pleased to know that a man such as Mr. Dellar is carrying on in his stead, because the Dellar family is a splendid one. I am pleased indeed to associate myself with the remarks already expressed by other members on this sad motion.

THE PRESIDENT (The Hon. L. C. Diver) [5.51 p.m.]: Again, before putting this motion, I would like to make some observations on it. One of the first members I met when I walked into Parliament House after being elected a member of this Chamber, was the late Hon. W. R. Hall, and there and then a friendship sprang up between us which was to remain and become permanent as time went on. Right up to the time of his death we were on extremely friendly terms; and, in this Chamber, I used to admire the way the late Mr. Hall, as Chairman of Committees, allotted the Committee work to his Deputy-Chairmen of Committees so that they might be able to become better acquainted with the procedure and be permitted to share his labours.

We all mourn his loss, and in supporting the motion I would ask members to stand in silence.

Question passed; members standing.

The Late Hon. C. H. Simpson, M.L.C.

THE HON. A. F. GRIFFITH (Suburban—Minister for Mines) [5.53 p.m.]: I move—

That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of The Honourable Charles Herbert Simpson, a former member for the Midland Province in the Legislative Council of Western Australia, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and the members of his family in their bereavement.

It is my unhappy duty to offer this third motion to the House this afternoon; and, as with the other two which I have already moved, I move this one with profound regret. Mr. Simpson was an older man than the other two late members, and from the time he entered Parliament he gave himself, in a most assiduous manner, to the work of Parliament and his district. He was a member of this Chamber for 17 years, being first elected in May, 1946, to represent the Central Province, which is now the Midland Province.

He was a former Minister for Transport, Railways, and Mines in the McLarty-Watts Government, and he also served as Leader of the Opposition in this House from the

1st December, 1955, to the 1st March, 1958. In both that office and as Minister with the portfolios I have mentioned, the late Mr. Simpson, I repeat, was an assiduous and hard-working person. I often used to wonder how he possessed the physical ability to work at the pace he did, to travel around the State as he did, and to perform the various tasks he was called upon to do in the electorate he represented.

The late Mr. Simpson served in the British Army in the first World War. Significantly with the type of person that he was, he was not satisfied with giving that service, but at the stage when he was of mature age—I think it can be said—he gave further service in the Garrison Battalion in this State during the second World War. Mr. Simpson died on the 12th June, 1963, after an illness and as a patient in a country hospital.

Like most members of Parliament, he, too, gave of his best not only in his parliamentary work, but also in the work as representative of his district; and further, as many West Australians know, he was a very prominent Freemason. It is with profound regret, therefore, that I am obliged to move this motion of condolence in respect of Mr. Simpson. My feelings go out to Mrs. Simpson, his widow, whom I know very well, to the members of his family, his relatives, and his friends.

I believe that in passing this motion we will mourn a member who was not only hard-working but who was also quite prepared to give of his best towards the solution of any problem we had. I suppose it is as well that we are not all of similar character and make-up. The late Mr. Simpson was a man of quiet disposition, but with it he possessed a keen sense of humour. I bring to mind some of the humorous stories he used to tell me at various times, and in certain places I have been able to use quite a few of them to advantage. Mr. Simpson's passing, I am sure, is regretted by us all.

THE HON. F. J. S. WISE (North—Leader of the Opposition) [5.58 p.m.]: In supporting this motion, I do so with deep regret and sadness. It concerns a gentleman of great natural ability, of distinct charm, and a man who, although severe in the defence of a subject he believed in, was always ready to accede to an opponent the opponent's right to his point of view.

The late Mr. Simpson, I think, was a man who, in his advancing years, had the outstanding capacity and ability to study a subject thoroughly and completely before he made discourse upon it. All of us here who are about or above the half-century mark know how much more difficult it is in our advancing years to make a study of any subject and deal with it adequately. Mr Simpson had that great facility; and

indeed his ability was cloaked, and his natural demeanour was disarming when he presented his case with such fairness and thoroughness on so many occasions.

He, like many others, had a hobby horse which he rode from time to time, but he always commanded attention when dealing with the subjects he knew so well. I am sure all of us will miss his kindly advice, his generous nature, and his happy and pleasant disposition.

THE HON. L. A. LOGAN (Midland—Minister for Local Government) [6 p.m.]: As a colleague of the late Bert Simpson since 1947 I, too, with regret, support the motion moved by the Minister for Mines. It is only by working with a man such as the late Mr. Simpson that one can appreciate the fine type of person he was. He was a man of the highest integrity: his honesty and sincerity of purpose were outstanding, and he had plenty of courage.

At all times he gave his all. I am sure that his devotion to duty and his driving belief that he had to fulfil all obligations were responsible for his not being able to enjoy the results of his years of service in this House, and to Western Australia, by spending some of his lifetime in retirement. I repeat that this resulted from his driving force and from his attempt to do what he thought was the right thing.

Most of us here can visualise the late Bert Simpson touring around the vast Midland Province in a Volkswagen, at all times endeavouring to satisfy not only his own wishes but those of his constituents. I am sure we all regret the fact that he was not spared the time to enable him to complete his term in this House and to enjoy some time in retirement with his wife and family.

I regret very much that we are forced this afternoon to pay our respects to his widow and daughters. It is most unusual—I trust this will not happen again—for one-tenth of the members of this House to die within the space of nine weeks. That is a pretty high rate, and I am sure none of us would like to experience a similar occasion again. On behalf of my colleagues and myself I wish to be associated with the motion.

THE HON. W. F. WILLESEE (North) [6.3 p.m.]: I feel I must support the motion before the House. The passing of the late Mr. Simpson has proved to be another great loss to Parliament, and it must follow that it has also been a great loss to Western Australia. At the time when I entered the House he was the Leader of the Opposition, and one of my first impressions of him was his great capacity to speak on so many subjects with such deep knowledge.

As time went on I learned, as the Minister for Mines has said, that the late Mr. Simpson devoted hours and hours to the study of his subjects, and so was able to master them. He was an example to young members of parliament, and the success that came his way did not come easily. It came because he was the type of man who did not give in, and I personally held him in high esteem. It was unfortunate that he did not see the end of his term in the House to enjoy some time in retirement, but I feel that he did go out in harness, so to speak, and that probably would be the way of his choice.

THE HON. E. M. HEENAN (North-East) [6.4 p.m.]: I am sorry to find myself in the position of having to speak on a further motion of this nature. However I would not like to let the opportunity pass without saying some words in support of it, because I knew the late Bert Simpson from the time he first entered this House.

We were always opposed politically, and in that respect there was a great gulf between us, but somehow or other over the years we became very friendly, and in recent years I counted him as one of my best friends in this House. I used to spend a lot of time with him, and often travelled home with him after the House rose; and he was a member whose friendship I was indeed proud to have. He has left a few examples which we can all follow.

Mr. Wise pointed out that although towards the end he became old, that did not dim his capacity or industry in any way. He never, as a member of Parliament, slackened off; he went on and on in his quiet, efficient and capable way. Further, he never became rattled in debate. I never heard him speak an unkind word about any member while he was in this House, while he was outside the House, or on the journey home after a late sitting.

As the Minister for Mines pointed out, he was a very capable man. He held ministerial office during a difficult time, but he did a lot over the years when he was a Minister to support and encourage the goldmining industry. In his travels throughout the farflung provinces of this State where most of the mines are situated he was always extremely kind, and invariably would invite all the members representing the particular province to accompany him on his official tours. It did not matter to him that some of them were opposed to him politically. He never left them out and he always encouraged them to attend. Of course, he was not unique in that regard, but I am sure the goldfields members will always remember him with gratitude in that respect. I feel very lonely at his passing, and sincerely associate myself with the sentiments expressed in this motion and tender my deepest sympathy to the members of his family.

THE HON. G. BENNETTS (South-East) [6.9 p.m.]: I support this motion and would like to point out that the late Mr. Simpson and I took the oath in this House on the same day. From then on he became a good friend of mine, and proved to possess a delightful personality. Both he and the late Mr. Davies were similar in type; they were very kind and gentlemanly.

On all occasions when the late Mr. Simpson, in the capacity of Minister for Railways or Minister for Mines, visited various districts in the State he invited the members of the province, although they were opposed politically, to be present.

I recall one occasion when he, in the Kalgoorlie Town Hall, gave credit to some of us in the same way as he would give credit to a member of his own political party. That was a fine gesture on his part. No matter to which political party a member belongs, he should always remember that we are all members of Parliament and it would be nice for each of us to recognise this irrespective of whether we are in the Liberal Party, the Country Party or the Labor Party. Of course, while we are in this House we may have difference of opinion, but we should recognise the fact that we are all trying to achieve something for our State. I would like to see all Ministers of the Crown—irrespective of the political party to which they belong—follow Mr. Simpson's example.

A few months ago I met the late Mr. Simpson in Adelaide. Although this Parliament was in recess he was over there working very hard for the betterment of the position of members of both Houses. He was a member of the Rights and Privileges Committee, and he was travelling over there to obtain information for our betterment. He travelled through Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra to get the information. One who gives his service and his life for the betterment of his fellowmen is a man to whom everyone can look up. It is a matter for deep regret that we have lost three members of this House since the last session.

THE HON. A. R. JONES (Midland) [6.12 p.m.]: Like Mr. Logan, I also worked with the late Mr. Simpson for a number of years. I was amazed at his capacity for work, as was pointed out by Mr. Wise and others, and at the thoroughness with which he studied any subject he was about to discuss in this House. I remember on occasion calling at his home, when I felt that though I was entering the office of a statistician, because he had all the facts and figures tabulated for easy reference in the same way as in a statistician's office. I was no wonder that he was able to come up with all the answers and give full information on any subject he had to discuss; this was as a result of having made certain he had the requisite information and knowledge.

In latter years, as Mr. Logan said, he drove himself, but he did not let up. Even when we asked him to take a spell and not accompany us on a long trip he declined to do so, and invariably he went along with us. What I heard said recently of the late Mr. Simpson summed up his character, that he was great, energetic, and gentlemanly. He has set an example which we could well follow.

THE HON. S. T. J. THOMPSON (South) [6.13 p.m.]: I wish to be associated with the motion before the House. During the past three sessions of Parliament it has been my privilege to occupy a seat beside the late Mr. Simpson, and I shall always be grateful for the kind words of wisdom and for the advice he was so ready to tender. In the passing of Mr. Simpson we have lost one of nature's gentlemen, and it is with great sorrow that I look at his vacant seat beside me.

THE PRESIDENT (The Hon. L. C. Diver) [6.14 p.m.]: Once again I must associate myself with this motion of condolence, and I support the remarks of all the members who have spoken. Mrs. Simpson and her family must derive a great deal of comfort from such remarks, for they establish the fact that Bert Simpson's life was one well spent. Therefore it is with sadness that I support the motion.

Question passed; members standing.

House adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

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