

PENZANCE BRITISH LEGION
REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Penzance British Legion Club, Ltd., was held at the club premises on Friday evening, the chairman of the club (Mr. Jack Hill) presiding.

Mr. F. G. Turner (hon. treasurer), in his report, said that they had managed to clear their heels, which he doubted if they would be able to do when war broke out.

The net profit for the past year had been £3 4s. 4d.—2d. more than the previous year. Expenses, however, had been less than the previous year, only £45 having been spent on repairs as compared with £170.

War had had its effects on the revenue and profits, notably in the taxation on beers and cigarettes. Nevertheless, they had maintained the ratio of profits for the bar. He thanked the club steward, Mr. G. Read, for his services.

They had purchased a certain quantity of spirits before the imposition of the tax, and consequently the price for these articles had not yet been raised, as it would have to be when the supply was exhausted.

Gross profit from the bar had been £606 7s 9d; subscriptions had realised £57 10s 11d; profits from sales of tobacco, £36 18s 0d; and profits from billiards, £24 17s 9d.

The Sick Fund Service had worked very satisfactorily, and he thanked the visitors Messrs. Joe Hill and Sid Drew. The expenditure had been £14 19s 4d. Though not quite so good as in the previous year, the Savings Bank had also worked well, and they had paid out £437 at Christmas. Over £606 had been paid in and out of the bank.

The mortgage on the club premises now stood at £700. In the past, it had been their custom to pay off £100 per annum, but they were not doing that this year, as they had a central heating scheme in contemplation, and they thought it as well to keep a sum in hand at the present time.

Mr. Turner ended on a note of warning that they must be prepared for leaner days ahead.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. C. Goddard), in his annual report, said their actual profits amounted to £153 19s. 7d. Of this they had to allow £150 15s. 3d. for delapidations. In view of the unsettled state of the country during 1939, he thought they had done remarkably well. All through this period quite a large proportion of their members were in training for national service, which was bound to make a good deal of difference to the club. Then came the war and the black-out, and this made a vast difference to their class of trade. On behalf of the Club he thanked all the members who had joined up for national service, at the same time not forgetting the members who had joined H.M. Forces, including the President, Lieut.-Col. W. Leslie, and he wished them all a speedy return. The committee had passed a bye-law that all men on active service should pay a nominal subscription of 2s. 6d. per annum to keep them in compliance. Periodically they would receive a parcel from the Club, and this had been made possible by members foregoing their free drinks. He thanked the committee and officials for their valuable help.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Lt.-Col. W. Leslie; all vice-presidents re-elected; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. G. Turner; hon. secretary, Mr. A. C. Goddard; hon. subscription secretary, Mr. C. Delabertouche; and committee (elected by ballot), Messrs. S. Drew, Jack Hill, G. Ford, M. J. Kenna, W. L. Prowse, Phil Symons, and J. Wallis.

The following grants were voted: West Cornwall Hospital, £5; St. John Ambulance Brigade, £4 4s 0d.; and Penzance Silver Band, £2 2s 0d.

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