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Dear Kim,

After what must seem quite a long delay, here are a few names, together with a few details, and I must admit that it is a rather scratchy sort of an affair.

These things happened such a long time ago and the old memory is not what it used to be but, if the notes are of any use for you to build your story on, then that's all that matters.

Looking back over those years, recalling old times, old faces and places, we as Junior Legaters, have a lot to be thankful for and I, for one, have always been exceedingly grateful to you, and those like you in Legacy, who helped us so much.

Can't imagine your expression so I'll say letters for now and I hope I have been of some small service.

Sincerely Yours
Norman A. Dyer

KENNEDY.

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Of the names that come readily to mind that of the Kennedys comes to the fore.

There were three boys and a girl, of whom Ted and Jack were "first nighters"

Ted was a tall rangy lad with fiery red hair, and a temper to match, when upset.

He began his working life as a Junior Clerk with the company now known as United Distillers Ltd., where he was encouraged and assisted by a Mr Bruikshank who was later a very good friend to Melbourne Legacy in many ways.

Under Mr Bruikshank's guidance Ted became a Traveller and subsequently was promoted to Manager of the company's Queensland operations,

a position from which he retired only a couple of years ago, after having served them for over 40 years.

Jed was always a most active Junior Legate and, as well as taking a keen interest in the Literary and Debating group, he also took part in the work of the Dramatic Group, which was quite a vital and useful part of the J.L.C. scene.

It was in this group that he was to meet his wife to be, a Florence Pittard, and their wedding was the first ever between two Junior Legates.

As a youth Jed was a Naval Cadet in the old pre 1928 Compulsory Training days and, after this was abolished, he joined the C.M.F. where he was to become ~~more~~ closely connected with our founder, the late Stanley Savage.

The training he received ^{with} the C.M.F. at Surrey Hills was to be of great benefit at a later stage

when, like so many others, he was to join the AIF and eventually go overseas.

Rising to the rank of Major, he served with distinction, particularly in New Guinea.

In 1927 when the Junior Legacy Lacrosse team was formed, under the sponsorship and guidance of the late Gae Jimmy Downing, (himself a former interstate player of note,) Ted became a member and eventually captained the team during its two premiership seasons.

When Intermediate Legacy was formed in 1929 Ted was its first President and he served the faithfully and well for a number of years.

After the war years Ted was sent to Brisbane by his company and he then joined Brisbane Legacy and was active in that club until his business commitments forced him to resign.

Jack's two brothers, Jack and Tom, were both active members of J.L.C., who later became members of I.L.C., and both played in the Lacrosse team.

Unfortunately they have both since passed away.

Their sister Molly was an active member of J.L.C. Girls club for many years.

BILKIBT G.

Another first nighter but, as you know all the facts on this one, I won't go any further.

JOHNSTON, BILL

Bill Johnston was another "first night" but one of the more studious type and, after completing his schooling at M.H.S. and University, began working in a Solicitor's office, from which he was to later join the Crown Solicitor's Office in Melbourne.

Subsequently Bill was transferred to Canberra and only recently retired from a senior position in the Solicitor General's Department.

Bill also joined I.L.C. and was later to serve his country in the R.A.A.F. where he held the rank of Flight. Lieut.

Bill had a younger brother, "Wally", who in the early years was an active Junior League member.

during the depression years, circumstances caused him
to seek work down at Foster in Gypsland and he was
lost to J.L.C.

Wally later joined the A.I.F. and saw service
in the Middle East.

CORRIE FRANK

Possibly one of the better known Junior Legates, Frank became a quite prominent member of the Literary and Debating group and, along with others, was a contestant at the South I competition in a section open only to members of Junior Legacy.

A Junior Fitter by trade, Frank was also a member of the I.L.O. Cricket and Lacross teams and he also became an Intermediate Legate.

Again, like so many others, Frank joined the A.I.F. and served overseas.

He recently retired from the position of Property Officer with the Dept of Works and Housing.

Frank had a younger brother who was also a Junior Legate who was particularly active with the Lacross club.

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HOLLINGSWORTH FRED

Another active Junior Ligate who also became a member of I.L.C.

A motor mechanic by trade he joined C.I.G. in its early years at West Melbourne and rose to the position of Garage Foreman at the huge Prestia Plant, a position from which he recently retired.

Fred joined the AIF and saw service in the Middle East when subsequently became one of the "Buds of Tobruk", having risen to the rank of Sergeant.

Fred has a brother Bert who was also an active Junior Ligate and he too, joined the AIF, rose to the rank of Lieut. and saw service overseas.

Bert has been connected with Containers Pty Ltd.

for a number of years and is currently Manager of that company's packaging plant at Berri in South Aust. where he takes an active interest in local affairs.

Bert was also a member of ILC and is a Past President.

WOOD, BERT.

One of the quieter, more unobtrusive members, Bert joined the Victorian Railways as a lad and subsequently became an Electrical Fitter.

His prowess in this field resulted in him becoming a crew member of the "Spirit of Progress" when that train was in its hey day.

It was in this position that Bert was able to assist a lot of his Legacy contacts,

particularly those unable to get seats during the war years

Bert, who is also a Past President of T.C. is currently living at Coolangatta, on the Queensland Gold Coast, where he owns a block of flats and where he occasionally plays host to those Legacy contacts that call in on him

FITZGERALD Dan

Dan was a most active and useful member of the Dramatic Group and it was largely through his efforts that Legacy was able to obtain the services of Miss Sylvia Mc'Dair who led this group so successfully for so many years.

During the early days of Radio, Dan was an announcer with the ABC when they operated in their old Russell St studios

DAVIDSON.

ALAN + ROY

Again two brothers, each of whom was to feature in his own particular sphere.

Alan, a keen Gymnast, was actively associated with the late Lie Baron Beattie and, although keen on all forms of Gymnastics, he concentrated on Wrestling: a field in which he had his fair share of success.

Alan unfortunately passed away at an early age.

Roy, as well as being interested in the Literary and debating groups, also played a prominent part in the Football club.

He too joined the A.I.F. and served overseas and, following his discharge, joined the M.M.T.B. as a driver.

Roy was another who married a Junior League girl
It is worthy of note that both Alan and Roy were
founded members of I.C.C..

They had a younger brother Arthur who, as well
as being an active member of the Literary and Debating
group, was also a really valuable member of the
Lacrosse team.

GILBERT ROY

Another active member of the Literary and Debating
group, he also interested himself in the Dramatic Group
and was an active member of the Lacrosse club.

Roy joined the old Vacuum Oil Co. as a Junior
and, rising through the ranks, became Sales Manager

firstly of Victoria, and later N. S. W.

He was a Foundation member of ILC and served a year as its President & he too married a Junior Legatee, formerly a Miss L. Edmunds and they are now living at Caulfield.

Ray joined the A.I.F. gained promotion to the rank of Lieut. and saw service in the Middle East

Mr. Greer, 'Jimmy'

Possibly one of the most colorful of all Junior Legates, if not the most handsome.

Born and bred in Collingwood and raised, fatherless, during the depression years, he had to learn to look after himself, and it is to his everlasting credit that he did just that.

One of the late Stanley Savidge's original Legacy contacts, he joined the Red, Golden Woolen Mill at Galong when he was to gain a valuable and lasting insight of that part of the Wool Industry.

No longer with the R.S.L. Mill, Jim is now operating a successful Wool By-product company of his own at Galong and, in spite of the fluctuation in this industry, he still manages to operate successfully.

A keen J.L.C. Gymnast and member of the Football team, Jim was a member of the C.M.F. for a number of years and, originally a member of Melbourne I.L.C., he is now, and has been since its inception, a very valuable member of Galong I.L.C. and is one of its Past Presidents.

HOLIDAY FRANK

Began his working life in the Motor Cycle
 business of Milleggs Bros. in Elizabeth Street, and
 stayed with them until the late Gordon Fable
 found him a position in his Printing works at
 Port Melbourne

After more than 40 years with that firm he
 holds what is now a responsible position with them.

Was an active member of the Launceston Society,
 a Foundation member of I.L.C. and is a Past Pres.

During the War he served with the
 R.A.A.F. as an air-frame fitter.

Aursey Howard

Always a pen Junior Legate, Howard's main interests were the club's Library and its Savings Bank

(Remember the old 3rd a week day of 1925-26?)

He joined the State Savings Bank as a Junior Clerk and later enlisted with the R.A.A.F.

Unfortunately, because of ill-health, he had to be invalided from the R.A.A.F. from which he returned to the Bank.

Here again his health played up and he was subsequently transferred to the Bank's Property Dept. and after several years there, decided to retire.

He is now living at Warranwood where he takes an active interest in his purchased local affairs.

SMITH, NORMAN.

Was working as an apprentice with the M.M.T.B. when I.L.C. was formed in 1925

(That makes you sound old. Gen. Old Reg.)

Took an active interest in Literary and Debating Group and also member of Lacrosse Team.

Was a Foundation member of I.L.C. and served for short while as its Hon Sec.

Was President in 1946

Enlisted in R.A.A.F. and served as Airframe

Technician and was at a Northern Bombardier Depot when the Japs found it and decided to quit.

Retired from M.M.T.B. in November last year after serving just on 50 years and, at the time of retirement,

was Body Section Foreman in the Pass Branch.

Happily married for 40 years to daughter of original Anger and who has been an active member of Ladies I.L.C. for many years.