



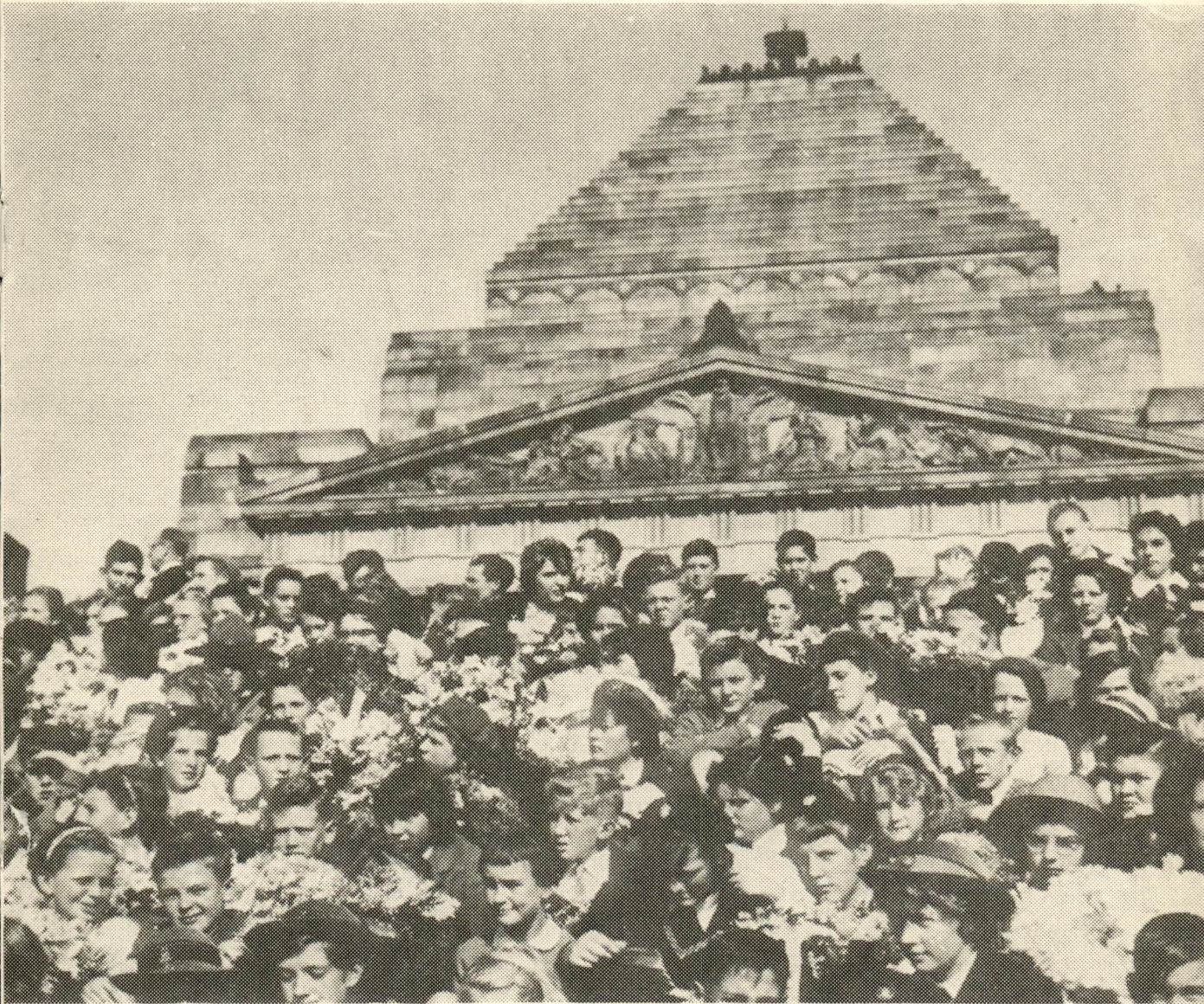
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"Sun" photo, 25th April.

School children on the Forecourt of the Shrine of Remembrance, prior to Legacy's Anzac Eve Ceremony.



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MELBOURNE LEGACY

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A Message from the President

Junior Legatees,

I should like to take this opportunity to let you all know that I and my fellow Legatees are very proud of all our Legacy families. We want you and your Mother to feel that whenever a problem arises, we are always available and will endeavour to find a solution to that problem.

Throughout the year there are various Legacy activities in which Junior Legatees may participate; but, naturally, because there are so many of you, we have to make certain rules re age in respect of each activity, because there would not be enough room to have you all at every function. To mention just a few, there was, firstly, our wonderful Christmas Party in the beautiful grounds of Government House on 13th December last; then on 22nd March this year, thanks to our grand friends of the Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club, the Royal Yacht Clubs and others, about one thousand of our large Junior Legacy family were entertained at "Operation Float." Following this outing, the Management of Luna Park very kindly and generously entertained a similar number of our Junior Legatees at Luna Park on 4th April last. Of course, we must not forget the wonderful holiday enjoyed by hundreds of our Junior Legatees who were guests of country Legatees and their many kind friends in the country areas.

None of us must ever forget all those kind and generous friends of Legacy in both country and metropolitan areas. Without their willing co-operation and support in many ways, Legacy would not be able to render to you and all members of our Legacy families the same service as is now possible.

Take a keen interest in your school work, your apprenticeship or any other employment wherever it may be, and you will grow up to be useful citizens in the community.

Whenever the Legatee who looks after your family calls, ask him any questions about things which may be worrying you, and he will do his best to let you have an answer. The same goes for Mum, too. Tell her to let your Visiting Legatee help her to solve her problems, because if mothers have too many worries, they often become ill, and we don't want that to happen in your family, do we?

I am sure it is not necessary for me to tell you, however, boys and

girls, that we can't do everything, and you yourselves must help Mum or your guardian as much as possible. There are lots of little jobs you can do to help in and around the house; so don't wait to be asked, just hop in and do any of those jobs you can see want doing which you know you can do. Also, whenever Mum asks you to do something, do it smartly and don't grumble about it, because the task of rearing a family alone is a big one for any mother, so by helping her at home you are also helping Legacy to help all your family. Mum will always appreciate all you do for her, too.

We have Physical Culture Training Classes for both boys and girls, and the times of these classes are published in this "Newsletter." Your Visiting Legatee can tell you all about them when he calls.

If you haven't a Legatee calling regularly, enquiries about any matters may be made at the Legacy Office personally or by telephone. Remember also that at "Legacy House" we have a Gymnasium, Library and a Dental Clinic for Junior Legatees, as well as a lounge for mothers and senior Legacy widows, who may care to have a rest after a busy day of shopping in the city.

If you feel Legacy can be of assistance in any way at all, don't hesitate to call upon us, because it is our privilege to serve the widows and children of any of our departed comrades who served overseas during wartime.

Good luck, and our best wishes to you all, as always.

Yours very sincerely,

J. E. McKeddie
President.

GIRLS' GROUP

WEEKLY CLASS TIMES AT LEGACY HOUSE

TUESDAY — 4.30 p.m.; 5.30 p.m.; 5.45 p.m.; and 7.45 p.m. Classes in PHYSICAL CULTURE for Junior and Senior Girls.

FRIDAY — 4.30 p.m.; 5.30 p.m.; 6.30 p.m.; and 7.30 p.m. Classes in PHYSICAL CULTURE for Junior Girls (9 to 16 years). 6 p.m. and 6.50 p.m. Classes in SPEECH-TRAINING.

Legacy's 1959 Anzac Observance

Anzac Day — April 25th — is Australia's day of remembrance for the men and women who fought and died for her in two world wars and, more recently, in Korea and Malaya. Melbourne Legacy has always been keenly interested in encouraging the proper observance of this day, especially by the school children of Victoria, and for many years past with the co-operation of the Education Department, and the A.B.C., it has been largely responsible for the organization of the ceremonies for school children, which are such an important part of the Anzac observance in this State.

THE SHRINE

In Melbourne, the Shrine of Remembrance, one of the world's finest war memorials, is the location of the main Anzac ceremonies; and it is worth recording that Melbourne Legacy, more than 30 years ago, played a prominent part in securing the erection of this noble monument.

HISTORY OF CEREMONY

Legacy's first Anzac Eve Ceremony for school children took place in 1929 at a temporary Cenotaph erected at the head of Bourke Street. Shortly after the Shrine was dedicated, in 1934, the Anzac Eve Ceremony was transferred to the eastern steps of the Shrine. For many years this Ceremony was broadcast by the A.B.C., and country schools were invited to tune in and conduct their local ceremony of wreath-laying to coincide with that of the Shrine. Nowadays the A.B.C. broadcast is in the form of a studio presentation.

TO-DAY'S OBSERVANCE

The main Anzac observances in which Legacy is interested are as follows:

1. The Anzac Eve Shrine Ceremony for metropolitan schools and colleges.
2. The A.B.C. Broadcast to schools on Anzac Eve.
3. The Anzac Day wreath-laying for Legatees, Intermediates and Junior Legatees and their mothers.

1. The Shrine Ceremony

At 2.45 p.m. on Friday, April 24th a total of 2400 children from 254 metropolitan schools and colleges were assembled on the Great Forecourt of the Shrine. The parties

averaged ten, accompanied by a teacher, and each party brought one or more wreaths. The massed wreath-bearers on the steps facing the assembly provided a brilliant floral spectacle. His Excellency The Governor of Victoria, General Sir Dallas Brooks, and Lady Brooks were present, together with 60 distinguished guests. Sir Dallas is, of course, Patron of Melbourne Legacy and a member of the Club.

A guard of honour was supplied by cadets from Melbourne Boys' High School; and this, with the H.Q. Military Band, Southern Command, provided the ceremonial touch for the Governor's arrival, the lowering and raising of flags, and the sounding of Last Post and Reveille.

After an address by Mr. J. E. McKeddie, M.C., Legacy President, the wreath bearers (2 per school) entered the Inner Shrine, where the solemn Ceremony of Remembrance was conducted and the wreaths laid at the Stone of Remembrance. To conclude the Ceremony, the Governor led the guests and the children on the pilgrimage through the Shrine.

2. The A.B.C. Broadcasts to Schools

At precisely the same hour as the Shrine Ceremony — 2.45 p.m. on April 24th — 3AR and 3 country stations broadcast from the studio a programme similar in many respects to that at the Shrine.

The broadcast was conducted by Legatee Professor G. S. Browne, M.C., M.A., and a recorded address by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria was included. A feature of the session was a dramatic interlude which told an epic story of the devotion to duty of Squadron Leader Jackson and 75 Squadron R.A.A.F. in New Guinea. The programme closed with the Ceremony of Remembrance, the laying of wreaths, and the sounding of Last Post and Reveille.

Many hundreds of schools throughout Victoria took part, and in many areas this is now recognized as THE Anzac Ceremony and is attended by adults as well school children.

3. The Anzac Day Wreath-Laying

Our party assembled at 10 a.m. on Anzac Day — Legatees, Intermediates and Junior Legatees, boys and girls and mothers. It totalled about, 300 and again provided the largest group amongst Unit and other

Associations which laid wreaths at the Inner Shrine.

Preceded by our President's party the remainder formed into six groups carrying many floral tributes. A short ceremony in the Inner Shrine — "Lest we forget" — the laying of wreaths — bowed heads at the Stone of Remembrance — and we quietly filed out . . . a simple but memorable occasion.

EDITORIAL

New brooms are said to sweep clean, but this one does not. Your present Editor is happy to continue the traditions of his predecessor, which are just the traditions of the great Club to which we all belong.

My aim was to produce this issue of your Newsletter as near as possible to Anzac Day, which is its main, and inspiring, theme. Four trips to New South Wales in three weeks have brought an unwelcome postponement to those plans.

Let me say a word on Intermediate Legacy, which I know through close association in the course of many duties as a Legatee. The work that both the men's I.L.C. and the Intermediate Legacy Ladies' Club are doing is not only valuable in itself, for its wisely planned and well achieved results; it is also a source of deep gratification and justifiable pride for the Senior Club, especially for those Legatees who visited the homes of Intermediate Legatees when they were young and organised the Boys' and Girls' Groups of those days. Those are the men and women that Melbourne Legacy, right from its inception, aimed and worked to produce.

Elsewhere in this issue, Boys' and Girls' Groups announce that they have room for many new recruits. Let me recommend to those young men and women who graduate from these two Groups the warm comradeship and sense of achievement found in the two Intermediate Clubs. There you will be able to do a Legacy job yourselves.

Intermediate Legacy Ladies' Club

A NEW year under the leadership of the newly-elected President, Ena Jordan, has just started for this energetic body of former Junior Legatees. This is a branch where the spirit of comradeship is very strong; a friendly atmosphere is felt at the meetings, which are still being held on the third Wednesday in the month.

GARDEN WEEK

The first big effort for the year has once again been the catering for Garden Week, done in conjunction with Red Cross. This is a week at which all members work very hard, some of them spending all and every day in at the new Olympic Pool, others coming in as often as they can. Many of the Senior Widows also helped on this occasion, and the thanks of the President, Committee and members go to these ladies.

The approximate gross earnings banked for this week are about £734, but from this will be deducted about £200 expenses. There is a drop of over £100 from last year; but as the nurserymen's gate takings were considerably smaller than last year, this drop is not high.

REGULAR MEETINGS

During February an enjoyable Sports Night was held under the guidance of Legatee Hanna. Mrs. Cobby is going to speak at the April meeting on her trip to Japan. And during May a Policewoman is expected to give a talk to the Club.

TOWN HALL FETE

On the 15th August a Fete is again being held in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall in conjunction with the Intermediate Legacy Club. Also at this Fete the Senior Widows run a stall on which a variety of goods is displayed.

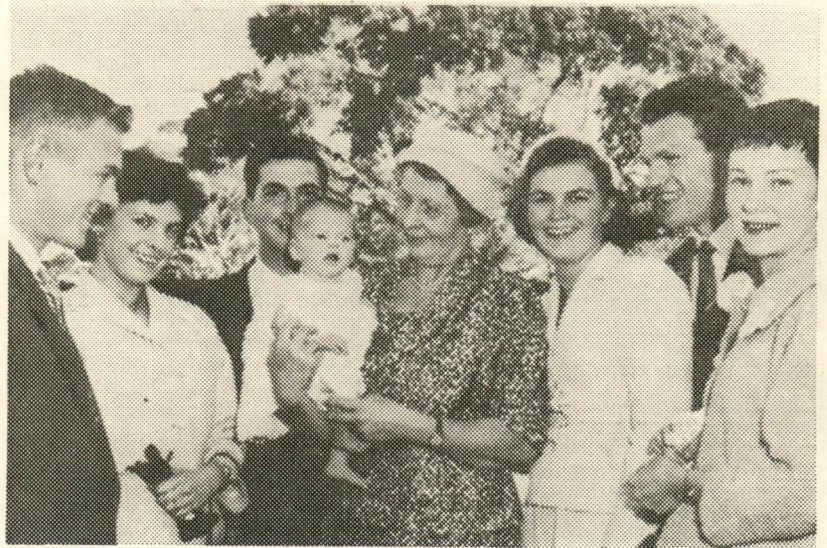
Slowly and surely the membership of the Club is increasing, and several new members were inducted during the past year. Contacts come in by the chance meeting of former Junior Legatees with present members. Once or twice notices have appeared in the newspapers, but the response from this direction has been very poor.

YOUR LIBRARY

Within the next fortnight all members of the Girls' Group will be asked to give Library Committee the names of books that they would like to see upon the bookshelves in Legacy House, for purposes of borrowing. State your needs clearly on the question slips that are handed out at classes, and your Committee will do its best to procure them.

So keep your eyes well open and do a little thinking for everybody's benefit.

Many Attend Stanhope Residences Re-union



"Age" photo, 13th April.

The number of boys and girls in residence is now 70. Of these, 27 are in "Blamey House" at 1267 Burke Road, Kew, which holds boys and girls up to 14 years of age. 23 older girls are staying in "Stanhope" at 1245 Burke Road, Kew, and we have 20 boys, 14 years old and upwards, in "Harelands" residence at 5 Willsmere Road, Kew.

Welcome:

Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds, who have just taken over the running of our "Harelands" residence, are warmly welcomed to our midst. Mr. Simmonds served with the R.A.F., and he and his wife have had wide experience with children's welfare. It will interest our boys at "Harelands" to know that Mr. Simmonds is also a television technician!

"Stanhope" Reunion:

More than 200 people gathered on the lawns at our "Stanhope" Legacy Residence in Kew on Sunday afternoon, 12th April, in brilliant sunshine for a reunion of past residents. Approximately 70 ex-Junior Legatees, from as far afield as Mildura, Sale and Hamilton, many of them accompanied by their wives, husbands and children, obviously enjoyed the opportunity of renewing old friendships and chatting about the "old days." The photograph

shows three couples of ex-Junior Legatees, with Matron Vines nursing one of their children, who all met when they were living in our residences.

Two past Assistant Matrons, Miss Howard and Mrs. Mackie (formerly Mrs. Gunn), were warmly welcomed, as were several past Chairmen of the "Stanhope" Committee and our President, Legatee J. McKeddie. There were also some Legatees present who had served on the Committee in previous years, although not as many as we could have wished to see.

The present residents acted as hostesses for the party, and made a good job of serving afternoon tea and caring for the large number of small children who were present.

The party concluded with members of the "Stanhope Stompers" — boys who formed a "Stanhope" Dance Band some three or four years ago — holding an impromptu "Jam Session" in the lounge.

From the number of requests received it would seem that this reunion will become an annual event, and there is now a move afoot, among those who were present, to form an "Old Stanhopians" Association.

GIRLS, GIRLS & STILL MORE GIRLS

WITH a record number of more than 500 girls taking part in 14 classes, Girls' Group still has plenty of room for more. Any and every Legacy girl not yet with us is invited to join in our activities on Tuesday or Friday evening.

Already we have nine girls from Werribee, one of Melbourne Legacy's District Branches, taking part in Friday classes. It is hoped that the nearer Country Groups — Peninsula, Yarra Valley and Dandenong — may also bring their girls in.

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PLAY

Working hard with an interesting programme of health exercises, figure marching, ballet and speech-training, the girls are using and appreciating to the full the wonderful facilities of Legacy House.

Junior Girls have enjoyed the two special outings of this time of the Legacy Year, the visit to Luna Park on 4th April, and "Operation Float" on 22nd March. There was also a visit to the Club Rooms by Miss Bunty Turner of "My Fair Lady" fame, which was a great thrill for our Junior Girls.

SENIOR GIRLS

The office-bearers elected for 1959 are:—

PRESIDENT: Lorraine Simpson.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Pam Mel-drum.

HON. SECRETARY: Nonie Oppie.

HON. TREASURER: Mavis Coote.

From overseas, Teresa Fletcher has received a warm welcome back from Senior Girls. Congratulations are offered to Mrs. Collier (Ann Turner) on the birth of a daughter, and to Nita Turner on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Bruce Watts.

During March Senior Girls had a theatre night to see "Auntie Mame."

DEMONSTRATION AT THE OLYMPIC POOL

The time of year, October, is the same, but the site has been changed to the new Olympic Pool, a magnificent setting for the Legacy Demonstration. Our girls will be performing on a huge stage laid above the Pool, and 500 or more will be able to appear — Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors together!

11,000 SEATS

As 5,500 spectators can be seated at the one time about the Pool, and the performance will be given on both the Friday and the Saturday night, as usual, eleven thousand people in all will be able to see the Demonstration. For the first time

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STAR OF LEGACY

Miss Bunty Turner of "My Fair Lady" fame, visited the Junior Girls, Class on Friday, February 6.



"Sun" photo, 7th February.

everyone connected with Legacy will be able to come, all families, relatives and friends, and there will still be tickets to spare.

Legacy can make sure that all those seats are filled, but only by enlisting the help of all class members and their mothers. Remember, this is Legacy's great opportunity of demonstrating to its thousands of supporters and admirers what it has done and can do.

REMEDIAL TRAINING

In the course of examination by the Legatee doctor on Tuesday or Friday night, a number of girls are found to be in need of corrective physical training. As soon as this need has been recognised by her mother and treatment authorized by the doctor, immediate arrangements are made for the child to receive remedial training from Miss Domec-Carre, our Chief Instructress, who is a Fellow of the Institute of Physical Culture Teachers of Victoria.

Treatment is given either individually or in small classes every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at Legacy House. The attendance of mothers at these sessions is specially requested, if business or home duties do not make it impossible, because it is very important for them to know exactly what exercises their daughters

have to do and how they should be done. A typed list of exercises is, of course, given to each child, to remind her of routine to follow.

FOLLOW-UP — A JOB FOR MOTHERS

Even the most expert remedial treatment, however, will be useless if the child does not loyally perform the exercises taught by her Instructress. Not many minutes of exercise are needed, either once a day or both night and morning, but that short daily period is vital. Only mother can make quite certain, by her interest and constant attention, that her child is doing her exercises, and doing them correctly.

The result is worth striving for, the beautiful health and strength that can be seen in all our Girls' Classes.

EARLY TREATMENT ESSENTIAL

Delay in dealing with physical defects is dangerous, because it is young bones that can most easily be treated and quickly corrected. As soon, therefore, as the Legatee doctor has diagnosed the trouble and authorized treatment, bring your daughter in for training. Defects not treated early can become permanent handicaps.

Operation Float — a Great Success

“THOSE who bring happiness to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves” — so the old saying goes, and we could not help but notice how happy were all those grand friends of Legacy, the members of the Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club, the Royal Brighton Yacht Club and the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, at the conclusion of “Operation Float” on Sunday, 22nd March. They had all thoroughly enjoyed playing host to nearly 1,000 of our Junior Legatees.

Most of the party comprised Junior Legatees from our Boys' and Girls' Classes in the metropolitan area, but quite a number of girls and boys from our nearer Country Groups also took part.

The whole Movement Order from the Legacy end had been worked out by the President, Legatee Jack McKeddie, while the “Operation” at the Williamstown end was in the capable hands of Mr. Alan Curtis, Commodore of the Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club.

THE CONVOY

The long convoy of 125 cars, driven by Legatees and headed by the Police bus transporting 40 Junior Legatees, left “Legacy House” at 10.30 a.m. and was escorted all the way to Williamstown by Police outriders and the Police Courtesy Car. This convoy in itself was a wonderful sight as it moved its precious cargo of happy, carefree youngsters.

EMBARKATION

On arrival at the Club House of the Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club near Gem Pier, Williamstown, it did not take many seconds before the “kids” and their attendant Legatees were aboard one or another of the 70 motor craft to which they had been allocated ready for their morning voyage around the bay. Even the huge Harbour Trust Yacht, “Commissioner,” which had also been made available for the day, was a seething mass of Junior Legatees from stem to stern.

After the flotilla had returned to the lawns at Gem Pier, cut lunches were soon devoured, and 1,000 bottles of Coca Cola, plus the 2,000 dixies of ice cream so generously donated by Mr. G. Malouf, of the R.V.M.Y.C., disappeared as if by magic.

TO SEA AGAIN

At 1.30 p.m. it was all aboard again; and it was a spectacular sight indeed as the great “armada,” led by Commodore Alan Curtis, moved away from the Pier for another two hours' cruise across the bay and up the Yarra, where there was quite a deal of shipping to add to the day's excitement. To add to the colourful



“Age” photo, 23rd March.

scene, Olympic yachtsman, Jock Sturrock, and five of his fellow Olympic yachtsmen from the Royal Brighton Yacht Club, each sailed his own “Dragon” class yacht (complete with its gaily coloured spinnaker) over from Brighton for the day. A very nice gesture, boys!

We were blessed with glorious weather all day. This, plus the sea air, combined with boundless energy, gave those children unlimited appetites, which were soothed, in addition to all they ate ashore, by the refreshments provided aboard each craft by its skipper.

APPRECIATION

Before the homeward journey in the cars began about 4 p.m., our President, Legatee McKeddie, thanked Commodore Curtis and all members of the other Royal Clubs for their kindness and generosity in providing our Junior Legatees with such a wonderful day's outing, which will live long in their memory. The children themselves endorsed Legatee McKeddie's remarks with three deafening and resounding cheers.

Commodore Curtis in reply said all members of the Clubs concerned had enjoyed the “Operation” quite as

much as the children, and were now so enthusiastic about it that they were already talking about “Operation Float 1960.”

Legacy Pensions Committee

The Committee continues to meet each Friday to review the activities during the week of the Pensions Officer, who deals with all matters relating to benefits, particularly pensions, which may be derived by widows or their children from the Repatriation and Social Services Departments. Requests for advice and assistance continue to flow in.

The Pensions Officer is available at Legacy House for consultation during normal hours of business, except when he is engaged appearing as an advocate before the Tribunal. As this frequently occurs, it is desirable that an appointment should be made by telephone when an interview is desired: ring Mr. Simcocks at FB 3564.

If any reader is concerned with a claim, we cannot too strongly emphasize that the success of the case and the work of the Committee is entirely dependent on the facts brought to us. No fact or point of medical history is too unimportant to mention. Only when the complete story is in our file is your advocate before the Tribunal able to present your case most favourably.

Annual Badge Day

While our first successful Badge Day Appeal for funds last September is still fresh in our minds, the Subcommittee of Finance Committee, which is responsible for this very important and necessary function, is now hard at work planning for an even more successful Badge Day, which this year will be held throughout the whole of Victoria on Friday, 4th September.

We were extremely grateful to the large number of Legacy Widows, of all ages, who rounded up their friends and neighbours and recruited them for the Legacy Sales Force last year, and we are hopeful that these supporters — and others — will again join with us.

If you know of any adults who would like to assist either in the pre-selling or on the actual Badge Day — 4th September — then our Club Finance Officer, Mr. K. E. Wilkinson, at “Legacy House,” 293 Swanston Street, Melbourne (FB 3564), would be pleased to hear of them.

Boys' Group Has Vacancies

Mothers, there is ample room for your boys at our Friday and Wednesday classes. Here are the answers to a number of questions you may wish to ask.

When? and Where?

FRIDAY — 7.30 P.M.

AUBURN — Hawthorn Boys' Club Hall, cnr. Auburn Road and Caroline Street, Auburn.

BOX HILL — Box Hill Memorial Youth Centre (rear of Box Hill Town Hall).

CENTRAL — R.A.A.S.C. Drill Hall, Sturt Street, South Melbourne.

COBURG — Drill Hall, Reynard's Road, Coburg.

EAST BRIGHTON — Drill Hall, Landcox Street, East Brighton.

FITZROY — Cnr. Brunswick and Reid Streets, Fitzroy.

FOOTSCRAY — Drill Hall, Cnr. Gordon and Barkly Streets, Footscray.

HEIDELBERG — Drill Hall, Tate Street, Ivanhoe.

MALVERN — Drill Hall, Maben Place, Armadale.

OAKLEIGH — R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Drummond Street, Oakleigh.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

JUDO CLASS — 6 o'clock in Legacy House.

SWIMMING—7 o'clock at Y.M.C.A. Pool.

THURSDAY NIGHT

BASKETBALL — 7.30 p.m. at Engineers' Depot, Batman Avenue, Richmond.

What are our Objects?

To foster a national spirit, personal pride and sense of discipline, while attending to the physical and moral well-being of all our boys.

Under Whose Guidance?

Each class is administered by a small group of Legatees, who get to know thoroughly all the boys in their care, as well as their mothers who attend the class.

Instructors at the Friday night classes are all professional men, fully qualified in the science and techniques of Physical Education. A number of these youth-leaders, incidentally, are well-known League footballers.

What Goes on at Classes?

A wide variety of physical exercises is practised. The boys learn to tumble, balance, vault, do general gymnastics, and bounce on the trampoline. Organised games are played each evening, and after a light supper basketball commences.

A short ceremony of remembrance for departed parents and comrades is

conducted at about 9 o'clock by the Legatee Class Leader.

Clothing, Equipment, Fares?

Each boy is provided by Legacy with a gym. uniform of singlet, shorts, wind-cheater and sandshoes; and it is his duty to take good care of them until replacement is warranted by the lapse of time. Fares are also reimbursed where financial difficulty would otherwise exist.

Everything that the classes need — from vaulting horses and basketballs to tea-making equipment for the mothers attending — is supplied by Legacy.

Age of Entry?

Boys may join classes at 9 years of age, and even earlier, especially if they come with an older brother. At the other end of the scale, young men stay on until their twenties, with mutual benefit to themselves and their classes.

Medical Attention?

Each Boys' Class has a Legatee Medical Officer attached to give examinations and advice. Opticians, also Legatees, visit the classes every year to examine the children's eyes; and appropriate action is taken where any defect is discovered.

The Special Classes.

JUDO is not only a sport, but it also gives a thorough grounding in the art of self-defence. Our instructor is a "black belt," well qualified to train our boys — and girls also — to develop confidence in their own powers.

SWIMMING is an essential accomplishment for every boy, easily learnt when young and invaluable in later years. Legatees themselves instruct in the water at the Y.M.C.A. Pool each Wednesday evening.

BASKETBALL. Though all Friday night classes play basketball, the great demand for competition play necessitated the opening of a special Basketball Club, meeting for practice each Thursday evening.

Boys 16 years and over are invited to join. There are two teams only at present, playing in "A" and "D" Grade of the V.A.B.A. Olympic Competition, but Legacy is willing to form further teams as soon as the recruits arrive.

Matches are played in perfect conditions at the New Basketball Stadium at Albert Park. The Legacy "A" Grade team, in their first year, were runners-up in both the summer and winter competitions for 1958.

FOOTBALL, CRICKET, ROWING. As demand arises, Boys' Group intends to form teams in these and

other sports. Legacy will then have a fully-fledged Sporting Club for the 16-and-over group.

Facilities for Mothers

A strong group of mothers attending each Friday night is the backbone of any strong Boys' Class. Their presence is a great encouragement to the boys, who put their best foot forward when Mum is watching.

A room is set aside at each drill hall where the classes meet, for mothers to sit and talk and make their supper with the appropriate facilities. There also they can meet the Class Legatees, and discuss in private any problems that may be troubling them.

Full Membership

A boy must belong to one of these Classes to take a full part in the Legacy activities which are his birthright. There is far too much to Jose — in training, enjoyment and comradeship — for him to stay outside Boys' Group.

I. L. C.

Boys, Look Forward to Joining us

To all boys who are almost 18 years old, or who are older, there is a grand future for you in the male Intermediate Legacy Club. This is a Club expressly created for the purpose of keeping together those fellows who have grown out of Junior Legacy.

It gives you the opportunity of mixing with fellows about your own age, enjoying the warmth of their comradeship, and indulging in more adult recreation than is available in Junior Legacy. A number of sporting activities are provided and more are being planned, so why not join I.L.C. now so that you may help to decide what these shall be?

In addition, Intermediate Legatees are not only enjoying the company of Legatees, with whom they mix and whom they help as much as possible, but they also obtain satisfaction from the thought that they are putting back into Legacy something which was given to them.

The Intermediate Legacy Club (I.L.C., as it is usually referred to) meets every second Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m. on the second floor of Legacy House. Why not attend these meetings? You'll be made really welcome, and you will come away with the knowledge that you can look forward to a happy future with I.L.C.

FIREWOOD ON THE WAY

THIS is provided by Legacy to families or Senior Widows in need of it. The Legatee who visits the home, or else our Welfare Officer, Mrs. Cobby, puts forward the request to our busy Firewood Committee, which then arranges for its delivery.

COUNTRY WORKING PARTIES

Where do these hundreds of tons of firewood come from for distribution in the metropolitan area of Melbourne? In the early part of the year, before the heavy rains set in, Legatees from the country Groups of Melbourne Legacy, and from other Legacy Clubs and kindred organisations in Victoria, cut wood in the paddocks, load it on to lorries, and load it again on to railway trucks at country sidings.

Our friends of R.S.L. country sub-branches and Apex Clubs often join in these working parties, which are a regular and arduous part of the ex-servicemen's year in many parts of Victoria.

CITY DISTRIBUTION

All this firewood is railed to Northcote siding, where it has to be quickly off-loaded to grass, later thrown on to lorries, and then delivered to hundreds of Legacy homes all over the metropolitan area. In this huge job our older Junior Legatees, both from Boys' Group and from "Harelands" Residence, assist the stalwarts of Intermediate Legacy Club and our own Legatees, who take their turn on the Firewood roster.

Also, the lorries and their drivers are provided by business houses, who are good friends of Melbourne Legacy; and we receive excellent co-operation — as well as preferential freight rates — from the Victorian Railways.

CO-OPERATION

Legatees! You can help both planning and execution by giving EXACT addresses for your families and EXPLICIT directions for getting there. Also, the sooner your requisitions come in, the better your Committee can co-ordinate them.

TIME OF DELIVERY

All families and Senior Widows will receive firewood in time for winter. The Committee has been dealing with the outer suburbs of Melbourne first, where the roads are, in many cases, unmade — when the season breaks our heavy lorries would find the going difficult or perhaps impossible.

So don't be disappointed if the distribution has not reached you yet, it will soon.

EIGHT

SPINES STRAIGHT! Girls on remedial bars in Legacy Gymnasium.



Mothers' Club has Big Programme

For an active share in many parts of Legacy life you cannot do better than join the Legacy Mothers' Club. It has a great deal to offer all mothers of Junior Legatees, of both boys and girls — useful Legacy work, companionship, and entertainment, too. Look at this:

PROGRAMME FOR 1959

18th May — Travel Pictures.
15th June — General Meeting.
20th July — Card Evening.
17th August — Talk by Mrs. Greation, "Guide Dog" — and so on, until the break-up and party on 15th December.

HOW TO JOIN?

On any Friday night at Legacy House you will find some member of the Committee, appointed last November for the current Legacy year. They are:

President: Mrs. M. Simpson.
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. E. Allen.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. M. Livingstone.

If you cannot attend Legacy House on Friday night, then the third Monday of any month is the time to enrol, when the monthly meeting is held. Many mothers attending our boys' classes are members and would

be happy to take you along and introduce you.

MAJOR EVENTS

The Sale of Work held last November was an outstanding success. More than £300 was netted as a result of the Club's efforts.

To the Picnic at Sylvan Reservoir three buses carried about 120 club members. It was a wonderful success, and we could only wish that more could have been there to enjoy it.

Uniforms and Costumes. Throughout the year members of the Mothers' Club make the gym tunics for our Junior Girls attending classes. Also, they lend a hand with preparing the huge variety of costumes needed for the Legacy Demonstration in October each year.

REMEMBER

1. ALL Mothers of Junior Legatees are welcome.
2. **MOTHERS** attending boys' classes on Friday nights in the suburbs should bring with them the other mothers who are not yet members of the Club.
3. **18th MAY** is the date of the next meeting — always the third Monday of the month.

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