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### GIRLS' GROUPS

Senior Girls' Group (16 and over) Club Rooms,  
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p.m., 7.30 p.m.

### BOYS' GROUPS

Junior Legacy Boys' Club, Club Rooms, Wed-  
nesday, 7.30 p.m.  
Swimming, Y.M.C.A. Pool, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

### PHYSICAL TRAINING GROUPS

**Auburn:** Hawthorn Boys' Club Hall, cr. Auburn  
Road and Caroline Street, Auburn, Friday,  
7.30 p.m.  
**East Brighton:** Drill Hall, Landcox Street,  
Brighton, Friday, 7.30 p.m.  
**Central:** Drill Hall, Sturt Street, Sth. Melbourne,  
Friday, 7.30 p.m.  
**Coburg:** Drill Hall, Reynard's Road, Coburg,  
Friday, 7.30 p.m.  
**Fitzroy:** Cr. Brunswick and Reid Streets, Fitz-  
roy, Friday, 7.30 p.m.  
**Footscray:** Drill Hall, cr. Gordon and Barkly  
Streets, Footscray, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.  
**Kew:** Drill Hall, Cr. High Street and Highbury  
Grove, Kew, Friday, 7.30 p.m.  
**Malvern:** Drill Hall, Maben Place, Armadale,  
Friday, 7.30 p.m.

PRICE: 3d.

## Christmas-time

AND numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a brief season of happiness and enjoyment. How many families whose members have been dispersed and scattered far and wide, in the restless struggle of life, are then re-united, and meet once again in that happy state of companionship and mutual good-will, which is a source of such pure and unalloyed delight, and one so incompatible with the cares and sorrows of the world, that the religious belief of the most civilised nations, and the rude traditions of the roughest savages, alike number it among the first days of a future state of existence, provided for the blest and happy! How many old recollections and how many dormant sympathies Christmas-time awakens!

WE write these words now, many miles distant from the spot at which, year after year, we met on that day a merry and joyous circle. Many of the hearts that throbbed so gaily then have ceased to beat; many of the looks that shone so brightly then, have ceased to glow; the hands we grasped, have grown cold; the eyes we sought, have hid their lustre in the grave; and yet the old house, the room, the merry voices and smiling faces, the jest, the laugh, the most minute and trivial circumstance connected with those happy meetings, crowd upon our mind at each recurrence of the season, as if the last assemblage had been but yesterday. Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days, recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the traveller back to his own fireside and quiet home.

—CHARLES DICKENS.



## Enthusiasm!

ENTHUSIASM is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money and power and influence. Single-handed the enthusiast convinces and dominates where the wealth accumulated by a small army of workers would scarcely raise a tremor of interest. Enthusiasm tramples over prejudice and opposition, spurns inaction, storms the citadel of its object and like an avalanche overwhelms and engulfs all obstacles. It is nothing more or less than faith in action. Faith and initiative rightly combined remove mountainous barriers and achieve the unheard of and miraculous.

Set the germ of enthusiasm afloat in your plant, in your office or on your farm; carry it in your attitude and manner; it spreads like contagion and influences every fibre of your industry before you realise it; it means increase in production and decrease in costs; it means joy, and pleasure, and satisfaction to your workers; it means life, real, virile; it means spontaneous bedrock results—the vital things that pay dividends.

—HENRY CHESTER.

## A Merry Christmas

GOOD FUN ON HOLIDAYS  
AND A SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR

—From The Newsletter

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## 1952 Demonstration



Behind the scenes, Father Christmas shows two Soldiers some of the good things in his bag.



A helping hand by one Indian maiden for another —final touches before the big moment.



Golliwogs and Soldiers. How they can kick!—say the Golliwogs. Their display was first-class, too.

—Photographs Courtesy "Sun," Melbourne.

TO describe the Demonstration adequately would require a lavish use of superlatives. It was a marvellous show. From the moment the curtain rose to reveal the Band of the Royal Melbourne Regiment in the glory of scarlet and gold, until the curtain descended on the Grand Finale of massed classes, each of the fifteen items of the programme gripped the attention of everyone in the packed Town Hall.

In a performance of such uniform excellence it would be invidious to select any one item for special praise—each in its own style was so perfectly presented. The girls had, perhaps, an advantage over the boys in having such attractive costumes, which transformed the stage into a riot of colour during their ensembles. Here once again we must record our thanks and appreciation of the wonderful work of the Mothers' Club and the Senior Girls for the costumes—undoubtedly one of the main delightful features of the show, and particularly so in the items "Totem Tom Tom," "Toymaker's Dream," and the Fantasy on the Grieg Concerto.

For the lovers of classical ballet the latter was the "piece de resistance," and was beautifully performed—the grace and ability of the principal and other dancers being a delight to the eye, as was the music to the ear.

"Totem Tom Tom" was a very striking item, and the natural dignity of the "noble savage" was clearly portrayed—the effect being greatly enhanced by the singing of "Pale Moon" by Mr. William Laird.

"Toymaker's Dream" was a joyous affair with toy soldiers in shakos and red tunics, dancing dolls, Chinese dolls with shiny hats, and black-faced golliwogs with red or blue and white striped trousers, and culminating in the "littlest" being carried off by Father Christmas and looking more like a doll than the most expensive shop variety.

For those interested in physical education, the model lesson and free-arm exercises by the Senior girls were supremely well done and showed the excellence of the training.

The Juniors and Intermediates in "Anchors Aweigh" provided a bright show in "Mopping the Decks," with trousers rolled up and looking very workmanlike; "Flag Dance," with each girl holding two Union Jacks and looking much more decorative than any Service Flag-wagging signaller. Figure Marching and Sailors' Hornpipe completed a turn notable for its perfect drill and smooth performance.

What a wealth of dancing talent there is among the Juniors and Intermediates awaiting development when they become Seniors.

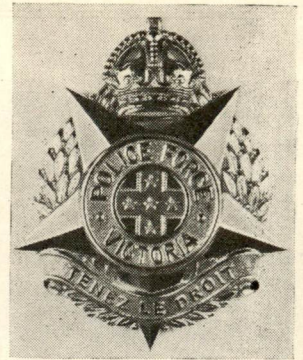
Now for the boys, all looking very smart in their Gym. Kit, and very good displays they gave, ranging from ball games by Kew, vaulting by East Brighton and Coburg, parallel bars by Footscray, tumbling by Auburn, with a team of three clowns to provide comic relief as well as clever tumbling by themselves. An interesting feature was provided by Central boys in free-arm exercises very well done, and perfect drill. This Group includes some ex-servicemen Junior Legatees.

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# YOUNG MEN . . .

## THOUGHT OF A POLICE CAREER ?

During a recent broadcast of the popular radio programme, "D.24," Mr. Alex. M. Duncan, Chief Commissioner of the Victoria Police Force, said: "If I were a young fellow again, and had my career to choose, I can think of no other service that I would choose, than that of being a member of the Police Service. You would go a long way to find such an exciting career, and I know of no other which offers the individual the same opportunity to render service to those who find themselves in difficulties and distress."



**W**HAT better, or more knowledgeable, advice could be given to any young man who stands, undecided, on the threshold of his career

### Mind Going to School Again?

When you become a police constable, you start a new and fascinating life. But how does one go about it? Right, here are the qualifications . . . you must be of good character, and good physique (minimum height, 5 ft. 9 ins., minimum weight, 10 st. 8 lbs.). It is necessary to produce a doctor's certificate of health, too. You will have to be over the age of nineteen, and possess the Merit Certificate, an approved equivalent, or a higher qualification.

You will be required to pass an entrance examination, consisting of . . .

- (a) a group intelligence test,
- (b) a written examination in: practical English, composition, spelling, hand-writing, reading, punctuation, elementary arithmetic, and general knowledge.

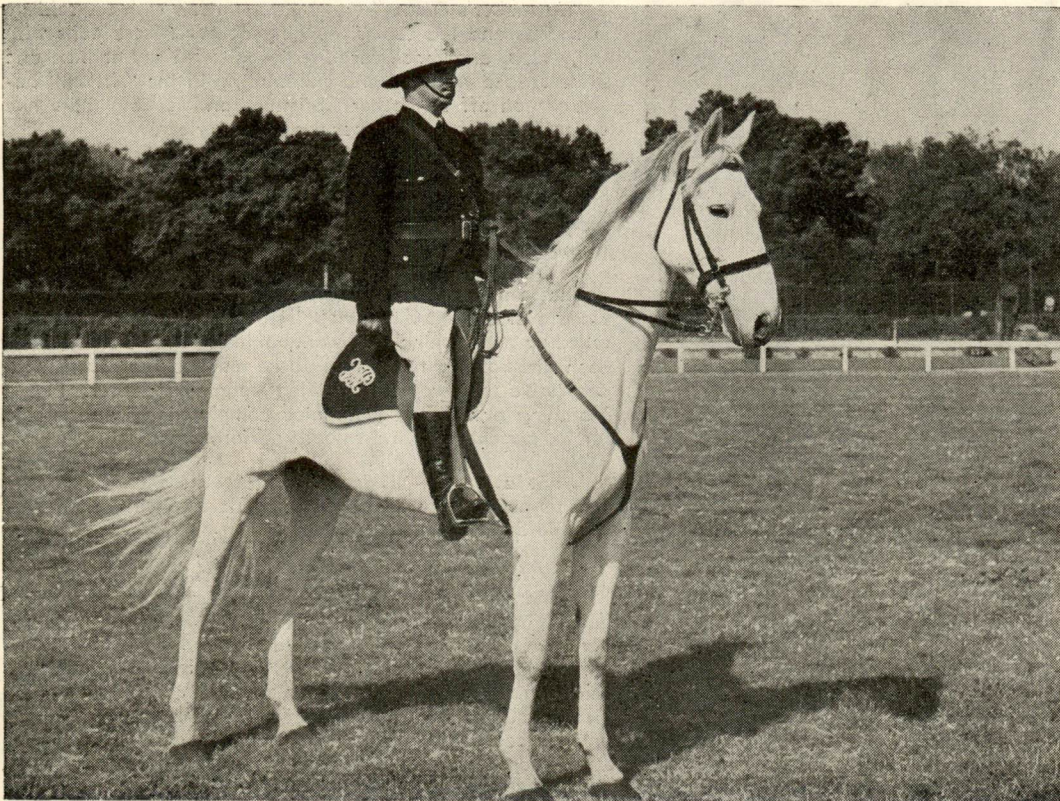
Next you go before a Board of Selectors, for your personal interview. And then, if you have made the grade, it is "back to school" for a while, but . . . school, with a difference . . . school you will enjoy.

You will be taught all there is to know about pistols and rifles. With practice you will graduate as a marksman of a really high standard. You will also learn to swim like a champion, and the art of lifesaving . . . so that you will be prepared, in an emergency, to render help in rescue work, and be able to apply artificial respiration.

First aid, too, is an important part of the curriculum . . . how to strap a fractured limb, stop serious bleeding, diagnose symptoms, and know the antidotes for various poisons.

Next comes unarmed combat, boxing and wrestling. You will even learn to row. Apart from the exercise and fun of learning, it is essential that you know how to handle a

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### MOUNTED PATROL

*fine horses . . .  
. . . fine men.*

rowing boat in emergencies such as rescue work on rivers, and saving marooned people during floods.

And you will learn to know the law, about Court procedure, and how to apply the Law to different circumstances and cases. There is also a little drill . . . *but not much.*

You have graduated from the training school. Now what?

### Later on, perhaps . . .

If you like horses, you might fill a saddle with the Mounted Police. Everyone admires these fine-looking men, proudly riding their handsome mounts . . . there is such wonderful understanding between man and horse.

Or you might join the Wireless Patrol, cruising in a modern car . . . experiencing all the thrills of the chase, under radio instructions from D.24. If you are keen on motor-cycles, there may be a place for you in the Motor-Cycle Patrol.

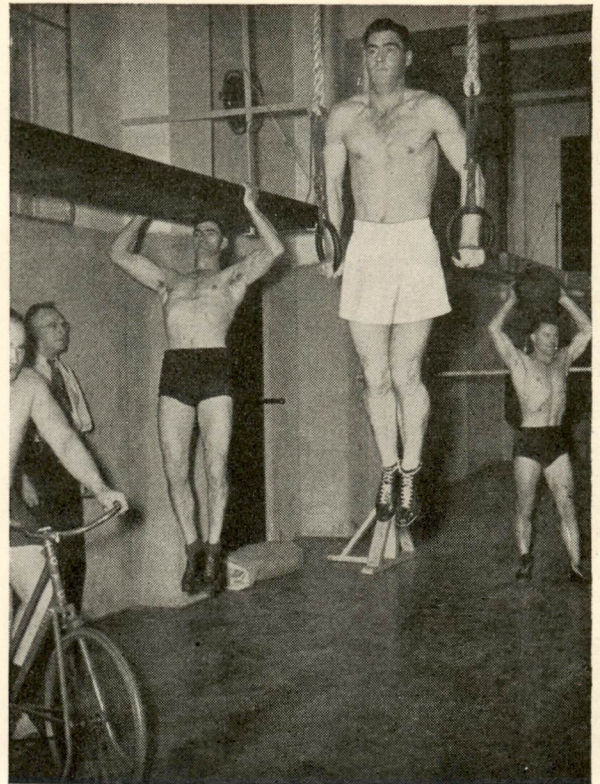
How does the River Patrol appeal to you? There is not much time for fishing, but it is interesting work, controlling traffic on regatta occasions, or cruising around the ships.

If you have an enquiring mind, you may be interested in the section which deals with scientific crime detection. You could well be the man who, with the aid of the latest scientific equipment, may solve some baffling mystery of the future.

You may be a traffic policeman. His is a responsible job, too, for he must ensure, not only the smooth flow of vehicles, but the safety of the general public. The aged, the blind, and also kiddies . . . are all his responsibility, when on traffic duty.

Or you might transfer to the C.I.B. (Criminal Investigation Bureau). This could be work you will enjoy, if you have a good memory for faces. Wherever large crowds gather, you will be there . . . ready to pick out your man. You will have to carry with you a mental picture of his height, his colouring, all of his distinguishing features, to enable you to pin-point him in an instant. It is really not as hard as looking for needles in haystacks, but you have got to be on your toes.

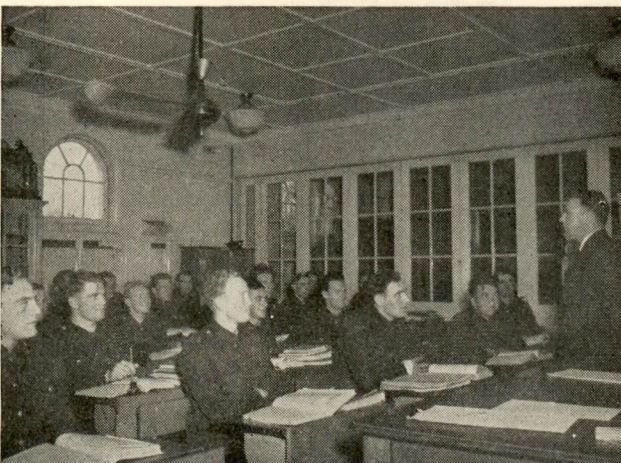
In the C.I.B. you will join detectives in their investigations, searching for clues, thinking out all the whys and wherefores, and reconstructing crimes. Keeness of mind, and a watchful eye, will get you a long way in the C.I.B.



The Force places great store on physical fitness. A typical gymnasium scene.

The progress you make, in whichever section suits you best, is entirely up to you. Your future can be just as bright as you want to make it. So . . . if you want a good, interesting and secure job, with excellent working conditions, and prospects of advancement . . . then, young man, there will be one waiting for you with the Victoria Police Force.

You can get full details of a career in the Victoria Police Force, either from your local police station, or from the Police Dept., St. Kilda Road, Melbourne.



Recruits in class—part of a special training course.



"D.24—calling all cars."

## 1952 Demonstration

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Pyramids by Fitzroy and the quaint Animal Walks and Ox Dance by Malvern. The latter turn was most unusual and aroused much interest.

The Grand Finale included a tableau of Queen Elizabeth I with Sir Walter Raleigh, Sir Francis Drake and Shakespeare (Raleigh spread his cloak for the Queen in traditional fashion), and culminated with the portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II illuminated over the massed classes on the stage, to the strains of the National Anthem stirring played by the Band of the Royal Melbourne Regiment, so ending a very notable and splendidly performed Demonstration.

But what of the organisation behind all this? The training for months past, up to the stage management on the nights of the Demonstration itself?

The result showed the excellence of that training, and once more we record our deep appreciation of the efforts of Miss Domec-Carre and her assistants, and of the boys' instructors and their assistants. They must all have experienced that thrill of satisfaction which comes to those who see the results of a splendid job well done.

Many others helped to make the show the success it was—the pianists not the least, Mr. William Laird for his singing of "Pale Moon" and "Land of Hope and Glory," and many others, including L/tee W. V. (Bill) Scott at the microphone, whose running commentary was one of the features of the display.

The Demonstration Committee must be congratulated on what must surely be one of the best Demonstrations ever presented by Melbourne Legacy.

## SILVER JUBILEE OF GIRLS' CLASS

L/TEE Aaron Beattie writes:

"I did not realise when I made the suggestion to our President that we should hold a re-union of the girls and staff to celebrate 25 years of the Class work, that I would get such a thrill as I did last Tuesday at the Club Rooms. It certainly was a wonderful night to me and I think to all those present. Mrs. Gillies was present and received a wonderful welcome. Mrs. Brown, President of the Mothers' Club, presented her with a lovely bouquet and one of the girls with a box of chocolates. Others of the original 1927 staff present were Mrs. Tassie, Miss Elsa Perrin, Miss Edna Cromack (Pianiste). Also, Miss A. M. Wheeler who was Asst. Secretary in those early days.

Mr. Jim Tierney, who was the original paid Instructor for the boys (1926), and dozens of the original girls, were present. It was wonderful to see them all again and how they enjoyed it! L/tee Jim Black conducted a most impressive Remembrance Ceremony, after which I introduced the special guests—then L/tee Stan Savige told the story of how the Class started, as only our Founder can. L/tee Bill Russell welcomed Mrs. Gillies and the old Staff in a wonderful and eloquent address and he delved into the early history of Physical Education in the Education Dept. when Mrs. Gillies was in charge of that work. Notable absentees were Mrs. Perrin (original Pianiste), Duncan Gillies and George Knocks, all of whom have passed on.

I would like to thank our President for his kind co-operation (he had to leave early on account of a very sore throat). Also Mrs. Brown and her members for the lovely supper provided. The last scene I saw at the Club Rooms was Cyril Smith kissing Mrs. Gillies good-night!"

(Space did not permit publication in last issue.—Ed.)



A group of Senior Girls dressed ready for the final tableau. Their enactment of the days of "Good Queen Bess" was a highlight of the Demonstration.



## Footscray Group

Since the demonstration we have been inundated with letters of congratulations referring to the good show that was put on by our group. We appreciate this, and tender our congratulations to the other groups who all did a good job. Our advice to those concerned is to keep up the good work and one day you will reach Footscray's standard.

Our junior boys have won the basketball premiership, due to hard and constant practice. We thank Mr. Bell, our instructor, who has been so painstaking in this regard.

Apart from the Christmas Party at Government House, which is to be held on Saturday, 13th December, our Mothers Club is getting busy with our own little party which will be held in the drill hall on Friday, 19th December.

We have had two pie nights during the year, which were greatly enjoyed by all.

We thank Malvern for asking us out to see a demonstration of wrestling by Chief Little Wolf. We were unfortunate in that Little Wolf had left when we arrived. Still, we had a good get together and a very nice supper.

Our thanks also go to Mr. Stan Rowe, of Williamstown, who put a bus and driver at our service on this occasion.



## Brighton Group

New members we are very pleased to welcome are Norman Corrie, Allan Dennis and Robert Haley, and Peter Harris has come back to the fold. All are excellent class members and showing very good progress.

P.T. activities have now been placed in the capable hands of Mr. Kevin Soulsby and the introduction of competitive games has been enthusiastically received by our chaps.

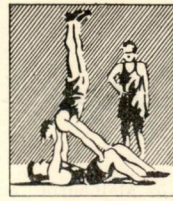
Owing to other engagements, Mrs. Lancaster has given up the job of catering for the Mothers Club which she carried out in such a friendly and efficient spirit. However, Mrs. Watson has capably stepped into the breach. Incidentally, it is nice to see so many of the boys mothers drop in for a cup of tea and a chat with each other on Friday nights. Among the regulars are Mesdames Carr, Haley, Endean, Hosie, Watson, Carnie, Nicholds, Orr, and we also have the pleasure occasionally of a call from Mesdames Hubbard, Minogue, Larkan, Holmes, Luck and Paulsen.

By the time this is published the 1952 Demonstration will have come and gone and, as we have been working hard to put on a good turn, we all hope our effort will be a success.

This class meets for gymnasium each Friday night at the Landcox Street, East Brighton Drill Hall (Gardiner-Brighton bus stops at the door). Our members range from 7 years up, and all your boy has to do to join is to come along there any Friday night at 7.45.

## LIBRARY

LARGELY through the generosity of friends of Legacy who have donated their children's libraries, some 250 additional books have been added this year, and two new sections begun—one for girls under 12 years, and one for the older members of either girls' or boys' groups. Subscriptions have been made to periodicals dealing with hobbies for boys and crafts for girls. Suggestions for future developments will be welcomed.



## Fitzroy Group

The present small numbers of the Fitzroy class are more than made up for by the quality of the boys. However, we would like to see again more of the familiar faces which have been missing lately. A few weeks ago we rather sadly farewelled our instructor, Legatee Waters. He is now in Darwin reportedly teaching wallabies "longhorse." Best wishes from all go to Cec. Waters.

We all extend a hearty welcome to our new instructor, Mr. Harvey Cox, and to the two Legatees who have recently been posted to Fitzroy and look forward to many enjoyable times with them. We refer to L/tees Leggo and Barcham.

Our basketball team is having its fair share of success and intends to defeat all teams in the finals. They played this year in an M.B.A. comp. and finished fourth in their grade, with Neil Ferguson and Neil Davies coming third and fourth in the best and fairest.

## INCREASED REPATRIATION ALLOWANCES FOR CHILDREN IN RECEIPT OF PENSIONS

The new increased Pension Rates for children receiving Repatriation Pensions were paid on Thursday, the 9th October, but the new Education Allowances were not paid till the 23rd October. In each case, of course, the payments were made retrospectively from the 2nd October, 1952.

The new rates are printed hereunder, with the old rates shown in brackets in each case:—

### Pension Rates (Fortnightly):—

- (a) Double Orphan—(£4) £4/16/-.
- (b) 1st child under 16 years—(£2/4/-) £2/13/-.
- (c) 2nd and each other child under 16 years—  
(£1/11/-) £1/17/-.

### Education Allowances for Children still at School:—

(Weekly)

- (a) Aged 12 to 14 years:
  - (i) Living at home—(9/-) 11/6, with allowed income (40/-) 50/-.
  - (ii) Living away—(30/-) 40/-, with allowed income (55/-) 75/-.
- (b) Aged 14 to 16 years:
  - (i) Living at home—(12/-) 15/-, with allowed income (40/-) 50/-.
  - (ii) Living away—(30/-), 40/-, with allowed income (55/-) 75/-.
- (c) Aged 16 to 18 years (or until completing education):
  - (i) Living at home—(33/-) 40/-, with allowed income (45/-) 60/-.
  - (ii) Living away—(50/-) 65/-, with allowed income (60/) 80/-.
- (d) Doing University or Diploma studies:
  - (i) Living at home—(45/-) 52/6, with allowed income (55/-) 75/-.
  - (ii) Living away—(65/-) 82/6, with allowed income (75/-) 105/-.
- (e) Doing Agricultural Courses (Dookie, etc.):
  - (i) Living away—15/- per week (unchanged) with allowed income of 25/-.

Note: There will be no increases in the Pensions paid to War Widows themselves.



# INTERMEDIATE Legacy

Cec. Waters unexpectedly arrived back in Melbourne, and, of course, Cec presented himself to the Club on Monday, 20th October. We are all very pleased to see you back in town, Cec.

Right out of the blue Cec. was asked to give us his impressions of Darwin.

In Darwin, there is an acute housing shortage, and, unless you are in a Government home, accommodation is very expensive and hard to find. At one hotel the charge was £13/13/- per week for bed and breakfast. Not only are hotel charges high, but Cec. had to pay 12/- per dozen for oranges, and he told us that if you were a drinking man, beer was 4/5 per bottle.

The bomb damage in Darwin is tremendous—there are still many buildings shattered from bomb blast.

In Cec.'s opinion, if Darwin was developed, it could be the playground of Australia. Darwin has more natural tourist attractions than many places which are well known holiday resorts.

All members were sorry that Cec. had not time to prepare his thoughts on Darwin, but the little incidents which Cec. told us about were most interesting, and entertaining.

## Visit to Parliament House

Seventeen members and friends were escorted over the house by Mr. Merrifield, M.L.C., who showed them many places of interest such as the finely carved woodwork in the ceiling, the library with its octagonal table with each leg carved to the shape of a lion.

Members were also there to hear the Ex-Premier, Mr. McDonald, move the Notice of Motion of No Confidence in the Premier, Mr. Hollway.

## Don Esses Report

The classes are now keeping a steady average of twelve boys and twelve girls. Unfortunately, we have to report our first accident, John Martin broke his collar bone during the exercises.

## Christmas Camp

There is still a staff shortage for the girls' camp between the 2nd and 9th January. Wanted—members and wives to act as hosts and hostesses (or something).

Transport is required for the boys' camp on Boxing Day: if possible, would members make themselves transport drivers for the day.

Camp food. Any help in this direction will be greatly appreciated by the Camp Committee. Members with spare vegetables growing—well!

## WAR MEDALS

The procedure to obtain war medals is as follows:—  
Write to either—

Department of the Navy, Medal Section, Victoria Barracks;

Department of the Army, Medal Section, St. Kilda Road;

Department of Air, Medal Section, Melbourne;

stating the number, rank, name and the deceased's last unit and the address to which the medals should be sent. Next-of-kin should send any other relevant or supporting details considered necessary.

## MONTY TELLS YOUTH:

### "Be Bold"

Field Marshal Lord Montgomery recently gave this seven-point message to the youth of Britain when he opened a war memorial hostel in Manchester:—

*Seize your opportunities;*

*Be bold;*

*Be ambitious;*

*Get a fire in your bellies;*

*Don't be content just to chug along;*

*Go out into the world rather than stay in a rut at home;*

*Be adventurous and seek happiness through achievement.*

## SENIOR GIRLS GROUP

THE following were married:—Mildred (Bubby) Olsen, 19/4/52; Dorothy Cameron, 4/10/52.

The following had children:—Marguerite Rees (Mrs. Mullens) (Daughter); Lorna Webster (Twins); Val Hastings (Son); Pat Nichols (Son); Lorna Jamieson (Son).

The following engaged to be married:—Joan McLeod, Joan Spencer, Norma Tucker (old girl).

Eileen Mack contracted Chicken Pox just before Demo. and could not perform, and Margaret Wallace, recuperating from German Measles, managed to be present at Display.

Several girls were debutantes at Police Highland Ball, Collingwood Town Hall (22/8/52). Return Ball held at Recreation Hall, Police Headquarters.

Tommy Trinder Show. An enjoyable party attended to aid Social Funds and all voted the night a success. In October the "Old Girls" held a successful dance at Club Rooms, and ran spinning wheels, raffles, and what have you, to raise funds—another good night!

We congratulate Thelma Roberts, ex Senior Girls' Class, who has been awarded M.B.E. for services in teaching Deaf and Dumb children.

## A LEADING LADY

Further to the report already published, Junior Legatees will be interested to know that Junior Legatee Jeanette Dawson, who is the assistant pianiste with the Friday night Girls' Classes and one of the leading girls in the Senior Girls' Demonstration items, has had a very successful career in pianoforte and has gained a number of awards from the London College of Music, including the following:—

Silver Medal for highest marks in Australia (Senior Exam.).

Silver Medal for highest marks in Advanced Seniors.

Gold Medal for highest marks in Australia.

A.L.C.M. (Piano).

Jeanette has reached the ripe old age of 18 years!