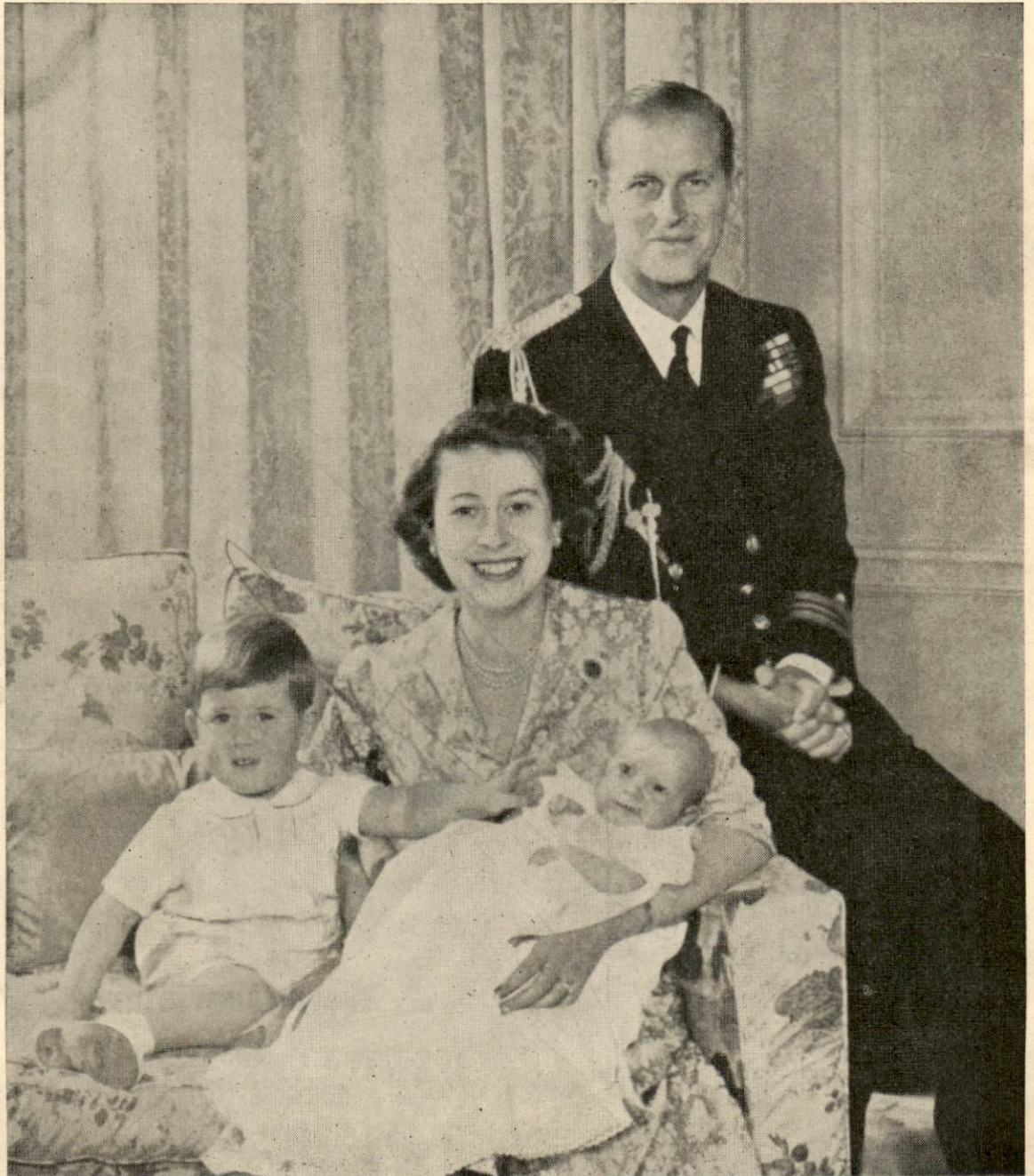


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BOYS' GROUPS

Junior Legacy Boys' Club, Club Rooms, Wed-
nesday, 7.30 p.m.
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PHYSICAL TRAINING GROUPS

Auburn: Hawthorn Boys' Club Hall, cr. Auburn
Road and Caroline Street, Auburn, Friday,
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Friday, 7.30 p.m.

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A Christmas Message

FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

OUR first Christmas thought is of Santa Claus, that old man with the white beard who comes every year at Christmastide with a sackful of toys for the children, and gifts of charity, laughter and good fellowship for men and women who still have the spirit of childhood in their hearts.

Thinking back to my boyhood, I recall stories told by my grand-
parents, and marvel at the uncomplaining spirit with which these
pioneers faced hardships, which you never have to suffer, and poverty
compared with which your own way of life—even in these times—is
unimaginable luxury. Those were rough days—times worse than
now. But there was never a lack of faith in the spirit. Those great-
grandfathers of yours were sure that somehow happiness might be
achieved, and they remembered how, at Christmas long ago, a Babe
was born on a litter of straw—like some of theirs.

You have the same chance of happiness as your forefathers, if
you will be contented, as they were, with less than all you want,
with simple pleasures, which they made themselves, with loyalty to
a code from which despair was banned.

Travelling this State of ours, I have found that love is a great
sense of happiness. This happiness is found wherever there are lovers
of life itself, amused by the call of a bird, the antics of a lamb or
the scuffle of a small beast, worshipful of the sun's glory and the
white magic of the moon or the milky way on a bright night, thrilled
with the sense of being one with life, and, above all, among people
forgetful of their own cares, having dedicated their souls, with a fire
of love, to some work they do for love's sake.

Boys and girls, when you are on your holidays in the country or
at the seaside this season, have a real look at life as nature places
it before you, and your lives will be greatly enriched.

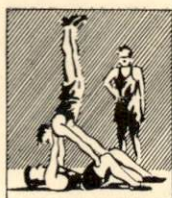
The world just now is much haunted by anxieties—fear of the
future—fear of war. Face your life with confidence and a spirit of
fellowship to all.

Forget your cares and be merry, so that both you and the children
may laugh. You will find happiness in their delight, so a Merry
Christmas to all—why not?

A Merry Christmas

GOOD FUN ON HOLIDAYS
AND A SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR

—From The Newsletter



Fitzroy Group

The demonstration proved a great show, and congratulations to all the other classes for their fine efforts. One of our stalwarts, Vin Smyth, had

a nasty accident a few days before the display, breaking a big toe. However, his brother, Leo, recently recovered from a cracked elbow, filled the gap very ably under the coaching of Vin.

Norm Ridgwell is another one on the sick list. He has to take things very quietly for a while. We hope that it is not too long before both Vin and Norm are both back with us, fit and well.

We are now approaching the close of yet another happy and successful year at this class.

All the boys are now looking forward to the break-up party and the Christmas holidays. Once again, many thanks to the mothers who have helped during the year.



Central Group

Great disappointment has been expressed by many of the boys that there will not be any Xmas camp this year. However, there has been competition

to be selected to visit farms in the Western District of Victoria for two weeks in January. Those boys chosen are looking forward to a very happy holiday.

Central class has had a very happy year since returning to their old quarters, the R.A.A.S.C. Drill Hall, Sturt St., South Melbourne. Our thanks are offered to the R.A.A.S.C. personnel who make this possible by giving up their Friday evenings.

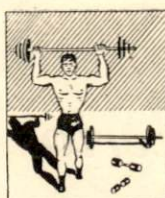
To all the mothers who attend on Friday evenings, the Legatees say "thank you" for the supper always provided.

A special welcome is tendered to all boys who have joined the class this year.

As this is a Xmas issue, Central boys send greetings and good cheer to Legatees Carleton and Bedford. It is the first year for a long period that these two Legatees have not been with the class.

We are all very glad to have our popular instructor, Mr. Wells, back with us again. We missed him whilst he was ill, and everybody is glad he made such a complete recovery. "Sarge" Brown is like the proverbial brook, he just goes on forever. We all say, "Thanks, Sarge," for all the work you have put in during the year.

Our Xmas party on 7th December will be at the Sturt St. Drill Hall for the first time and we are sure it will be a cracker night.



Auburn Group

Since the Annual Demonstration when the Auburn Boys turned on their Speedway Tumbling Act, group activities have been rather restricted.

The State Health authorities have required the Auburn Recreation Hall for public T.B. X-ray examination on no less than two occasions, when we have been guests of the Kew Group.

These combined class nights have proved a great success and, while thanking our hosts for their very generous hospitality, it is pleasing to note that our group has upheld its reputation in the informal competitions which have been conducted, as well as showing this virile young group a few things on the basketball court. Talking of basketball, since the conclusion of the annual competition several visiting teams have come along as guests of the group and enjoyed some exciting matches.

It is good to see that Albert Skelton finds time to come and enjoy a night at his old J.L.C. group.

Several new boys have joined us, including Max Dahlgren and Lenny Morvell, and our old friends the Bartons, from Tecoma, have renewed their regular attendances.



Footscray Group

Several of our boys are leaving school this year and starting work. We are glad at Legacy that they have all chosen trades, so that in after life,

when they have become tradesmen, they will be well equipped to carry on life's work.

There is a possibility that we may have to change our Thursday night meeting, as the training depot is very busy administering to the wants of the expanding Army. The Army authorities have promised us a night if we have to change, for which we are grateful. We wish to thank Mr. Collins, the caretaker of the Drill Hall, for his co-operation with us; also the president and sergeants of the Sergeants' Mess for allowing our mothers to use their mess during our class nights.

We are sure that the new idea of boys going to private homes in the country instead of to camp will be a great success.

George Simonson, an energetic worker at our class, and a Junior Legatee of long standing, has become engaged. Congratulations to George and the future Mrs. George.

We trust that all Junior Legatees, Legatees and mothers have had a happy Christmas, and that the New Year will grant all of their good wishes.

AUSTRALIA NEEDS INTERIOR DESIGNERS

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again. It is surely a career for both boys and girls who enjoy doing things as well as dreaming up wonderful furniture shapes and colour schemes.

A Part-time Course

So far, only the full-time day course has been mentioned. Should this be inconvenient, there is a part-time or evening course which takes five years. This course covers practically all theory the day students have and, in a condensed form, nearly all the practical work.

The classes are held three nights a week. People in the evening course work during the day in furniture departments of stores, architect's offices or furniture design offices, where

they may eventually work as trained designers. They gain practical experience in a different way to the full-time day students, but when they complete the course they are as capable as the day students.

The Art School of Melbourne Technical College is where the classes are held and, before starting the course, the Leaving Certificate standard must have been reached. It is not an easy career in the learning or practising stage, but for people who are interested in houses and furniture, and who are prepared to work hard, it is one of the most satisfying and useful ways of life.

More information is obtainable from Melbourne Technical College or from The Interior Designer's Association, c/o. Royal Victorian Institute of Architects, Kelvin House, Collins Place, Melbourne, C.I.

AUSTRALIA NEEDS

Interior DESIGNERS

There is a career for the boy or girl who has a creative mind and a flair for colour and originality. It requires study and perseverance, but there are many achievements to be gained.

FOR many years there have been interior designers and decorators in Europe and the United States. Their work was costly and used mainly in homes. During the last few years, changes have taken place and people have realised that an interior designer is very useful in planning functional design in commercial fields.

In the United States designers now plan the colour schemes and arrangement of factories, hospitals, schools and stores. Also, in the smaller homes where furnishings must be economical, the interior designer is proving his worth.

Australia is now following the overseas trend and is quickly becoming design conscious. Realisation that functional design in industry provides better working conditions, is economical and gives greater productivity, is helping to establish the interior designer.

Large departmental stores have, on their staffs, interior decorators who advise customers of the fabric and furnishing combinations most suited to their needs.

Some architects have trained interior designers who plan colours, fittings and furniture for buildings. There are also some consultant interior designers who conduct their own business.

Australia Lacks Designers

At the present time, there are not as many interior designers in relation to the population in Australia as in other countries. In the future, we may produce more first class interior designers than other parts of the world, when Australian people become fully design conscious, and it will not be long before all will be interested in simple and attractive homes, cheerful factories, schools and hospitals.

Since 1946, the Interior Design course at Melbourne Technical College has been conducted. Prior to this course interior decorators studied a different course at the College and learnt by experience what to do and what not to do

when designing furniture or choosing fabrics, carpets and colour schemes. Now one is able to learn the principles of design from a comprehensive four years study, named the Certificate Course of Interior Design.

In the first year of this course, the students of Interior Design, Industrial Design, Dress Design or Advertising Art, all do the same general art subjects—the ground work for later study—these are: General knowledge of Art; Imaginative composition; Object drawing; Lettering; Instrumental Drawing; Design for a Purpose.

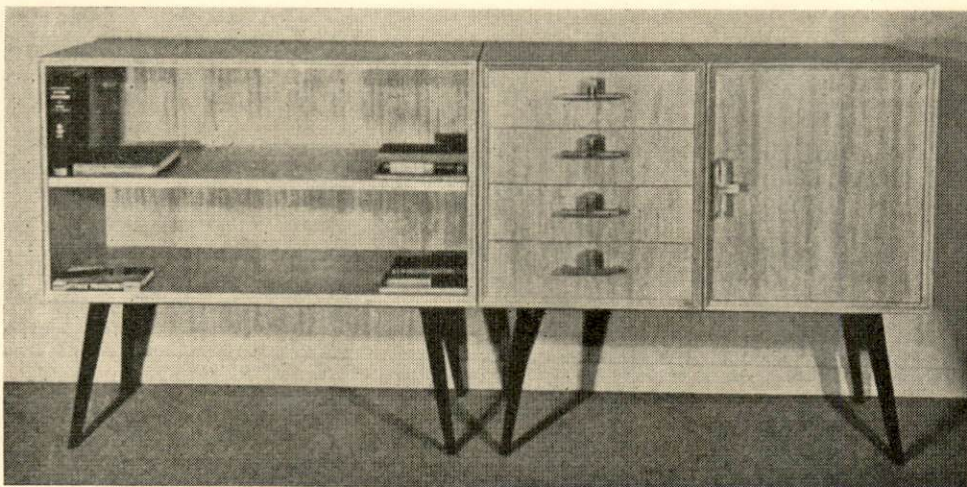
In the second, third and fourth years, students have subjects applying directly to their particular course: Perspective; Presentation and Rendering; which means being able to draw up and colour with water-colour a sketch of a room in its most attractive form.

Interior Design, Furniture Design, Painting and Decorating, Building Construction and many other subjects. These all make it possible for a student to know how to remove and replace interior architectural features—fireplaces, windows and doors—to alter electric wiring, to design furniture, to paint and paper walls and ceilings. Practical work in the last two subjects is carried out. This gives students the knowledge of judging paper hanging, painting and kalsomining. It also teaches students the limitations of paint pigments and wood, which helps them to design practical work.

Later in the course, students are taught how to write specifications and to estimate costs. They also have a project given them. This may be a set of rooms in a house or school or hospital. In their various classes they will work on that part of their project which applies to that particular class.

At the end of the four years, the students are then people who have upholstered chairs, made simple furniture, painted walls and, in theory, pulled down walls and built them up

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A bookcase and cabinet designed and made in America. Korina wood veneer, imported from the Belgian Congo, was used in the construction.

NOTES FROM RESIDENCES

HOLMBUSH

SINCE our last letter, the scene at *Holmbush* has changed somewhat. Many of our old stalwarts have left us: namely, Lorraine Claydon, Grace Cameron, Gordon Wheeler, Don McGregor and Bobby Rotheram. And on their departure, a number of younger children arrived, among them John Haywood, a fine violinist, and Phillip Nixon. From *Blamey House*, Molly and Avril Wheeler stayed with us for several weeks. They then left for England. Richard Morris left some months previously for Scotland.

The *Holmbush* girls, with their usual efficiency (?) managed a cake stall at the Huntingdale Golf Gymkana and the day was a great success. For two months we had Miss Freeman with us and had a very happy time with her. We all appreciate the work Miss Freeman did for us, especially her very capable direction of this large household.

Earlier this year mumps and influenza descended upon us. Several amongst our merry midst went down with either of them, but, we are glad to say, soon recovered. Two representatives from *Holmbush* had the great fortune to attend the R.S.L. Festival of Empire and Remembrance. Indeed, it was a very inspiring ceremony, and impressed upon us the great tie that Australia has with the Mother Country. Also, the great debt we owe the men of Gallipoli and Tobruk—those men who fought and died in order to preserve our traditions, freedoms and ideals.

Finally, those of us at *Holmbush* are, indeed, very happy to have our chief back with us. After her illness, Miss Farmer has returned full of vigour, ready to help us. Well, that is all for now. Toodle-pip.



An impromptu pyramid on the lawns at "Stanhope."

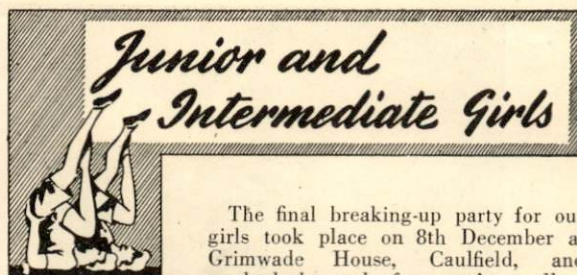
BLAMEY HOUSE

WITH the coming of the warmer weather the swimming pool will soon be in great demand, but it has been causing our gardener, Mr. Reeche, a great deal of concern. He had it ready the day before Melbourne Cup, when along came the red-rain storm which undid all his efforts. It has been a very difficult job cleaning it again, but Mr. Reeche is quite used to overcoming difficulties.

The slide donated by the members of Caulfield Central R.S.L. is now set up in the garden and provides a lot of entertainment for Junior Legatees.

All the boys and girls are now looking forward to the Christmas Party at Government House on 15th December, and then soon after that they break up from school and they scatter all over the State for their Christmas holidays.

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The final breaking-up party for our girls took place on 8th December at Grimwade House, Caulfield, and marked the end of a year's excellent

work (as well as play) for our girls.

The keenness and enthusiasm of the majority of the children at their Friday night classes speaks volumes for the great efforts of Miss Domec Carre and her assistants, and for Miss Williams with her speech training class, and clearly demonstrates the affection in which they are held by one and all.

With over 200 girls on our rolls, it is only to be expected that some are keener than others, that some are a little shy or strange when they first enrol; but it is most pleasing to note as time passes the real comradeship of Legacy becoming evident, and we are sure that at the end of the year each and everyone feels that she is a welcome member of a real and first-class team.

The awards given at the close of the year by the President of Legacy to the girls who were outstanding in their work and attendance during the year past provides a great thrill to all. Those who receive the prizes are sincerely cheered and congratulated by those who have missed, perhaps by only a small margin. They will have their chance next time and it is perhaps as well to remember that, although we cannot all be winners, we can lose gracefully and without malice or meanness: after all, "the game's the thing."

Speech Training

One of the most important departments of our classes is speech training, under the capable direction of Miss Williams. It fits our girls for their lives after they leave us and go out into the world to mix with people either in business or socially.

What is more noticed and appreciated than a nice, pleasant speaking voice? It soothes and pleases and is an asset well worth cultivating. Appearance and deportment are important, but without a pleasant speaking voice the whole effect can be spoilt.

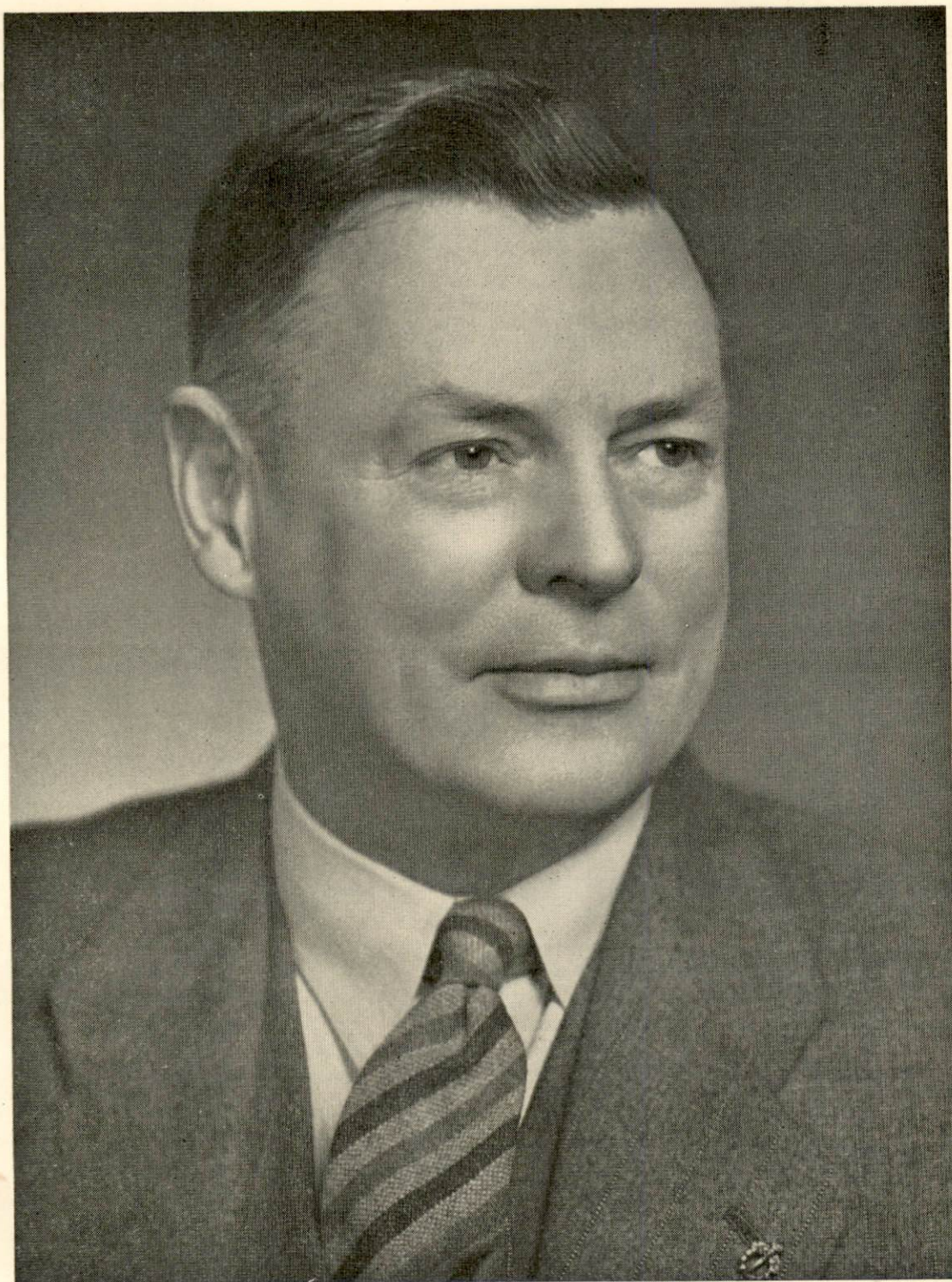
After our demonstration a great number of people commented on the pleasure they received at hearing our girls deliver their poems pleasantly and with clear enunciation. Every girl should make a point of learning to speak correctly and pleasantly.

We wish all our girls and their mothers a jolly Christmas and a very happy New Year. May you, one and all, enjoy yourselves thoroughly and we look forward to seeing you when classes open next year. As a thought to take with you, we quote lines from our Australian poet, Adam Lindsay Gordon:

*Life is mostly froth and bubble,
Two things stand like stone,
Kindness in another's trouble,
Courage in our own.*

BLAMEY HOUSE—continued

This does not mean that *Blamey House* is going to be empty; far from it, because the Camp Committee, from 4th January to 19th January, are running a week's camp each for boys and girls. It is hoped that they will enjoy their sojourn at *Blamey House*, and the Committee is glad to know that it is going to be so well utilised.



Legatee M. J. G. (MORRIE) TONKIN
THE PRESIDENT OF MELBOURNE LEGACY, 1952



Junior Boys

WEDNESDAY NIGHT



Since the last *Newsletter* the class has had many activities, including two visits to the stadium and, as well, a picture night.

Firstly, we visited the Police boxing and wrestling display where Sam Wheeler astounded the audience with his powerful lungs and even the wrestlers became nervous.

Our second visit was on the occasion of the Navy boxing exhibition. Fortunately, we have some very good friends of Legacy who provided cars and vans, thus solving our transport difficulty. It is amazing when one thinks of the number who scrambled into a small panel van and arrived safely.

We were delighted to see Mrs. Wheeler present and were thankful to note that Sam put the soft pedal on his lung effort. Our third night was a pleasant surprise given to us by two past Junior Legatees, viz., Bob and John Conley, who produced their projector and colour slides of Suva and gave us a pleasant and instructive description of each slide.

Captains and Houses

Since our last letter, again by popular vote, George Goodland and Bob Taylor have been elected class captains in their turns and each has done an excellent job.

We have now divided into three houses, viz., the Bombers, Bears and Stars, in which every boy has a part to play.

The interest in these competitions is very keen under the leadership of the various captains—Laurie Hudson, Laurie Maher, Bob Spendlove, Bill Waldron and Ray Cooper.

Every boy must attend to help his team, otherwise the house loses points, unless, of course, illness prevents attendance or some reasonable excuse is provided.

Swimming

The swimmers are doing particularly well and very soon we hope an instructor will be in attendance. The best attendance was 17 boys, and the water was good and warm.

Denis Kirby and Keith Lynn ("Pin Head") are new members since last *Newsletter* and are swimming well, particularly Denis, who couldn't swim two months ago.

The only non-swimmers are the McLean twins, Charles and John. They cannot swim now but will be able to do so by Christmas if they continue to try as they have done during their few lessons.

Mothers

We were very pleased to see Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Westerman at the club rooms taking keen interest in the welfare of their sons. Mrs. Johnson is a regular visitor with her son, Kevin, who is improving in his swimming.

We are particularly sorry to hear of Barry Yeoman's unfortunate accident and sincerely hope he will soon be with us again. If we do not see you before Christmas, Barry, keep your chin up, and we send you the best wishes of the class.

Holidays

Sam Wheeler is going to Legacy friends in the country to spend Christmas holidays. He represents this class, and we do hope he will keep up our good name. Good luck to Sam and we ask him to extend to those generous Legatees our best wishes for Christmas.

Christmas Greetings.

The Junior Boys Wednesday Night Class extends best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all other classes, and a special good cheer to all our mothers.

We promise to do better next year.



Kew Group

Our class has grown every week and we are looking forward to more boys next year when *Harelands* opens up.

We have 60 boys on strength, with an average attendance of 45. On 16th November we had a record attendance of 54 boys. This is a very good sign, and our next job is to win the basketball competition next year. With the demo. over, we are really settling down to hard basketball practice; so look out Junior Legacy classes, Kew are right on the job!

During November we have had pleasure in accommodating the Auburn class, who have had to vacate their hall to allow the "free X-ray" to operate for two weeks. We are well up with their basketball tricks and I'm sure we would have no trouble in tossing them. Also, on 16th November, Legatee Vice-President W. Vines was present at our class with the Chairman of Boys' Group, Legatee K. C. Clarke, to present badges and certificates to the boys whom we considered were qualified to enter Junior Legacy. Legatee Vines spoke to each boy and did a very fine job in presenting the badges and certificates. His few words were much appreciated by the boys, who will show that they have really earned their badges. The following received certificates and badges:—J. Searle, T. Olsen, R. and J. Callow, W. Darragh, F. De Vere, K. Heath, J. Heywood, M. McJohnson, E. Robertson, D. Rotheram, M. Wright, D. Jefferies.

Holidays and Party

Kew were allotted five Xmas holiday vacancies this year and the following five boys have been chosen:—John and Teddy Callow, Michael Johnson, David Jefferies and Michael Wood. They are off to Wangaratta by train on 5th January for 14 days. We hope they have a good time and benefit from their holiday.

Kew closes this year on 14th December with a Xmas spread kindly organised by members of the Victorian Scottish Regt., to whom we are most grateful. We resume again next year on the first Friday in February. We would welcome any Legacy boys to our group and guarantee to give them an enjoyable evening weekly.



Coburg Group

We have welcomed back Doug Stewart from his labours at Pucka—fit, but from what he tells us the food wasn't too good—was it quality or

quantity, Doug? Those stalwarts of Coburg classes, the Sullivans, are to be reinforced in the New Year. Perhaps one will be the new dancing champ? Basketball in the last year did not reach the heights of the previous year, but with the new season we are looking forward to a renewal of the rivalry with Footscray for the cup, with better results, we hope.

This is exam time and there are worried looks in plenty, but the holidays are near and judging by the enthusiasm for the trip to Terang district, amongst the Juniors, it looks as if the horses and cows in that area will need to be worried.

The demonstration was even more successful than last year—the sailors team looked well after an initial error in how the cap was to be worn, but H.M.A.S. Legacy was launched successfully. Andrew Craig excelled himself over the box, and there were many enquiries as to his telephone number. Perhaps the attention given to some of the senior girls was continuing the seamen's role?

✓ *Answer to Virginia*

Late in the last century, the Editor of the New York "Sun" received a letter. It was written in a round, childish hand by a little girl named Virginia. Some of her smarter young friends had been taunting her that there was no Santa Claus. Was this—could this—be true? Virginia asked. The "Sun" felt so strongly about this that it answered Virginia in an editorial which has been quoted down the years. Frequently it is recalled in American papers at Christmas time. Somehow it seems to have even more point in the face of the false values of these war-torn days.

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong; they have been infected by the scepticism of a sceptical eye. They do not believe except what they see. They think nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect in intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of the truth.

Oh, yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know how they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Oh, alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood

fills the world would be extinguished not to believe in Santa Claus. You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your Daddy to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that does not prove that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in this world are those which neither children nor men can see. You tear apart your rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest men who ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, love, poetry, romance, can push aside that curtain and view the eternal beauty beyond. Is it all real? Oh, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Oh, thank God, he lives and lives for ever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.