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## YOUR WEEK —need for Helpers!

Tens of thousands of Legacy's friends in Melbourne will want to contribute on our Badge Day, but they can only do so with the help of you Mothers, Senior Widows and Intermediate Legatees. Hundreds of you will be needed to approach the people who live around you before the actual day, or to sell badges on Friday, 4th September, in your own suburbs or in the city.

**O**N Sunday, 30th August, all church denominations will join in supporting your Legacy Week. The following day, His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Legatee Sir Dallas Brooks, will officially open the Appeal at a luncheon in Legacy House.

The reason for Legacy Week and the Badge Day on Friday, 4th September is twofold: to make the name of Legacy known to many families that have not joined; and to raise funds for the great work that is always growing. Though the direction of Legacy and personal contact with families are given without cost by Legatees, much has to be provided through builders, teachers, tradesmen and others outside Legacy.

On Badge Day the best time to be working for Legacy will be the morning as people are going to work. But your services will be valued at any other time in Legacy Week.

An easy job of selling and a pleasant one, because Legacy is an organisation of which this country is proud. Fill out the special form you will receive by post and return it to Legacy Office. Friends and neighbours can join in the work, too.



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### MELBOURNE LEGACY

Founded 1923 by The Late  
Lieut.-General Sir STANLEY SAVIGE,  
K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., K.St.J.

### PATRON AND MEMBER:

His Excellency the Governor of Victoria,  
GENERAL SIR DALLAS BROOKS,  
K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., K.St.J.

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Legatee J. E. McKEDDIE

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Office, Clubrooms and Dental Clinic:  
"Legacy House," 293 Swanston Street,  
Melbourne. Phone: FB 3564

## EDITORIAL

### A Message from Sydney.

You should know, as Junior Legatees and mothers, that Legacy is Australian in origin and nature. But do you realise how far Legacy extends?

This short article was written on the friendly premises of Sydney Legacy at 144 Castlereagh Street, as near to the centre of that city as our own headquarters building is to the centre of Melbourne. Not only was I made most welcome by the staff and given a room to work in, but it was made quite clear that you would be welcome, too.

The time will come when you will visit a city outside Victoria, perhaps as a member of a school team or party, or to stay with relatives or friends. One of the first things to do on arrival — or even before you leave Melbourne — is to find where Legacy has its home; our own office in Swans. Street or the telephone directory will tell you. And then call Legacy House, announce you are and the Legacy Club you come from. While finding much to interest you and to compare with Melbourne Legacy, you will also feel the comradeship that membership of a common organisation gives you.

Those other Clubs have other ways of going about their Legacy work, because the conditions of climate, geography, employment, etc., vary greatly from State to State. But you will certainly find the same spirit of service, which is at the heart of Legacy, and the same warm welcome everywhere — as I have always.

# Your Contactor and YOU

**Contactors are human. If there is a Legatee who imagines that he has sufficient wisdom or time or resources to be a perfect adviser to his families, all the other Legatees would like to hear from him. In fact, of course, that perfect Legatee does not exist.**

To make up for our deficiencies, we pool our resources under twenty-three different headings with a committee responsible for each activity. Every one of these committees is an extension of the service available to you through the one man who is your Visiting Contactor. He has a lot more confidence in his ability to give you the right advice or the right degree of assistance, because he has specialist teams backing him in all the ways that have been found necessary through three decades and more of Legacy's work.

Some problems do not have quick answers; perhaps there are plenty that Legacy does not have much of an answer to at all. We find, though, that there is practically no problem that a family cannot beat when there is the fullest teamwork between it and Legacy. Wherever there is that full measure of friendship, complete frankness, mutual trust and understanding between mother and children, on the one hand, and the Legatee who visits them, problems are generally beaten before they start.

### LEGACY'S TARGET

Legatees are pledged to do their utmost to assist the Club in its work. Their ultimate success is to see their Legacy families fully in control of their own destinies, resourceful, secure and independent.

Perhaps that happy state is yours, in which case the bonds between us are deep and abiding indeed.

If there is still some of the way to go, help us to continue to help you.

We think that the available Legatees have been allocated as Visiting Contactors to pretty well all the families where their services are likely to be most useful. Generally, that would be where children are still being educated, or where there is an equally good reason for us to keep in close touch.

### WITHOUT A CONTACTOR?

In other circumstances we hope that mothers will never hesitate to ring Legacy Office and let us know of any way that we might be able to help.

There may be some mothers who have no Legatee as a Visiting Contactor at present but who think they could do with one. If that is so, please give us the opportunity to discuss things with you.

Just ring or call or write to Legacy House, 293 Swanston Street, Melbourne (telephone FB 3564).

Yours very sincerely,

R. J. A. FOSKETT,

Chairman,

Junior Legacy Committee.

## EDUCATION GRANTS

### MOTHERS.

The Services Canteens Trust Fund stands ready to provide financial assistance for the education of your boys and girls. Your part is to apply as soon as possible on the special forms provided through your Visiting Legatee or Class Leader.

Grants will be made, from £5 to £200, for the 1960 school year in appropriate circumstances.

### CONDITIONS

1. The child's father needs to have served in the recent war, between 3/9/1939 and 30/6/1947, in the Australian Forces.
2. The child should turn 12 years of age or older during 1960, and be continuing his/her education.
3. There should be a definite need for financial assistance — but we have always found the S.C.T.F. both generous and anxious to assist.

### OBJECT OF THE FUND

Eligible children of ex-servicemen are assisted to remain at school, technical

college and University in order to carry their education on as far as their ability can take them.

**This is Legacy's purpose as well, and the S.C.T.F. is our greatest helper in this regard.**

### ITEMS COVERED

Essential books. Fees in specially approved cases, where a course is not available at a Government school. Fares. Equipment and materials required. Maintenance in special cases. Allowance towards cost of school uniform, where necessary.

### ADDRESS

Application forms can also be obtained in writing to:—

The Secretary,

Victorian Regional Education Committee,

Services Canteen Trust Fund,

'L' Block, Victoria Barracks,

MELBOURNE, S.C.I.



# ROAD SAFETY

**Can anyone doubt today that safety on the roads is an issue of the greatest national importance?**

Having amongst its objectives "to establish a high ethical standard of citizenship and a spirit of responsibility in national development," Legacy has, quite naturally, decided to play its full part in dealing with this grave problem.

## DEATH AND INJURY

Figures of almost 600 dead last year and over 13,700 maimed and injured on Victorian roads alone — and by far the greater part of these in and near the city of Melbourne — are dreadful enough. What is truly appalling is the high percentage of these casualties — 10% of the deaths and 13% of the injuries — suffered by children under 17 years of age.

If reasons were wanted, here would be a strong one for the concern of Melbourne Legacy with so many thousands of boys and girls entrusted to its care!

## LEGACY'S PROGRAMME

In order to bring home the lesson of road safety to every one of its families, Legacy has adopted a four-fold programme.

### 1. Girls' Classes.

During each Assembly on the Friday nights, 7th and 21st August, and 4th and 18th September, the National Road Safety Council will deliver a message on road safety. Similar arrangements are soon to be announced for classes held on Tuesday nights.

This instruction will be followed up, some three weeks after the Demonstration in October, by an evening of films and talks designed to give a thorough coverage of the subject to all girls attending classes.

### 2. Boys' Classes.

The main event will be a visit by the whole Group on Friday night, 21st August, to Police Headquarters in Russell Street. A programme of films, talks and demonstrations dealing with all aspects of road safety is being prepared to suit Legacy's needs.

Also, after the Annual Demonstration in October, arrangements are in hand for the film unit of the National Road Safety Council to spend half a Friday evening in each of the 10 classes.

### 3. Residences.

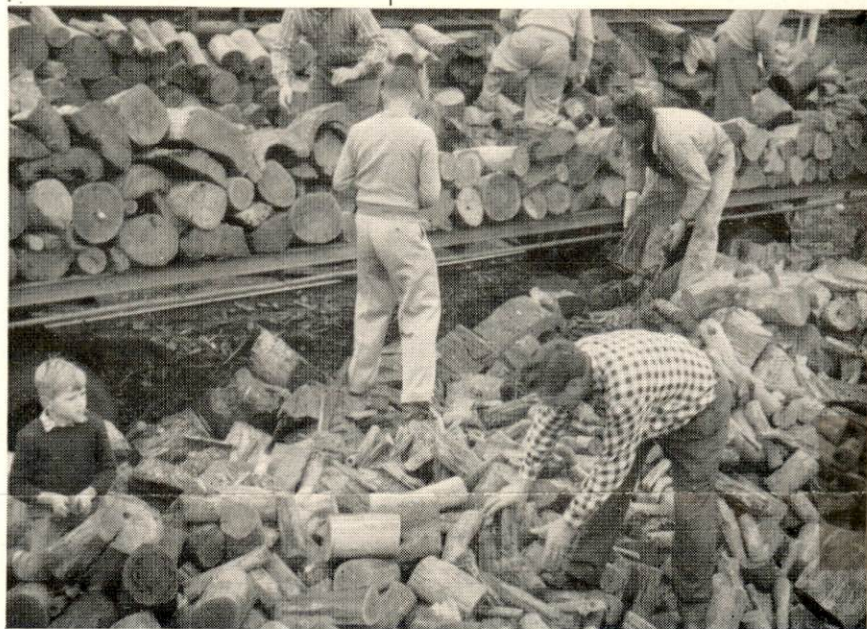
Apart from their participation in the programmes arranged for Boys' and Girls' Classes, members of Residences will have the opportunity of seeing road-safety films and taking part in a course of Practical Mechanics—what makes a motor car work—that is currently being planned.

### 4. Private Homes.

All Legatees visiting homes are being asked to ensure that the basic principles of road safety are learnt and practised by the Junior Legatees in their direct care. Appropriate information is being supplied regularly to all Legatees for this purpose.

## FIREWOOD COMMITTEE

**... nearing the end of this year's work.**



A typical scene on Sunday morning at Northcote siding.

## Thanks from Darwin

Dear Sir,

I would like to send my personal thanks for Legacy's assistance to my widowed mother. She was so happy to receive the ton of grey box wood the other week.

As a Chaplain, but now far distant from her, I am aware of what helpful work Legacy performs, and I am grateful for your remembrance of her.

Yours sincerely,

(The writer is in the Armed Services.)

## Intermediate Legacy

Although still small in numbers, I.L.C. Men's Club has been able to continue its part in the activities of certain Legacy committees — especially Firewood and Housing and Accommodation committees.

As the I.L.C. Fete on 15th August approaches, the activity of both the Ladies' and Men's I.L.C. Clubs is reaching a very high pitch. Once again the Fete will be held in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall and the proceeds will go to Junior Legacy funds.

## SOCIAL EVENINGS

The remainder of the year following the Fete will provide a series of several social evenings, including a semi-annual dinner and a screening of "Diggers in Blighty," featuring our own Legatee Pat Hanna.

NEW RECRUITS are always welcome from the ranks of the older Junior Legatees, especially those in boys' classes. Our club meetings are always open to them, held on alternate Wednesday nights at 7.30 p.m. in Legacy House — the next one is on August 19th.

## Children in 6th Grade

If you have a boy or girl in 6th Grade you will soon be asked by the School to say what kind of school you want them to go to next year.

If you are in doubt, we suggest that you discuss the matter with the Head Teacher of the school. Please don't leave it to your son or daughter. If you want any further help, we shall arrange for a member of our Education Committee to talk it over with you.



# Doctors in Legacy ...

While Legatee doctors seek to help families in the same way as other Legatees, and to share every-day problems, their special interest is the health of boys and girls under 16 years of age in both the city and the country.

In cases, however, of special difficulty of a medical nature they are always ready to advise children over 16 years of age and mothers of Legacy families.

The Medical Committee has been given by the Board of Management the job of advising Legacy on all matters affecting the health of Junior Legatees. However, the individual Legatee doctor cannot interfere between the Legacy family and their family doctor or Repatriation Medical Officer — that would only lead to confusion in any treatment. But if a family is not quite happy or satisfied about any medical matter, they can always tell the Legatee who visits their home or else the Executive Officer at Legacy Headquarters; and arrangements will be made for their problem to be dealt with by a Legatee doctor.

## SPECIALISTS AND HOSPITALS

In much the same way, an interview with a specialist can be arranged through the Medical Committee, although surgical operations and most special investigations must be provided by reference to public hospitals, if the patients do not wish to meet the expense themselves.

It must always be borne in mind by mothers of Legacy families that they should approach the Committee, either through the Legatee who visits the family or else through the Exe-

cutive Officer at Legacy House, when there is any question of calling in or visiting a specialist of any kind.

## MEDICAL OFFICERS

Each Legacy Residence has a Legatee Medical Officer attached to it, and a general practitioner service is provided.

Likewise, each girls' class and boys' class has its own Medical Officer, who arranges for annual examinations to be carried out and who treats any minor cuts and bruises that may need attention on the spot. These Medical Officers are always ready and glad to advise mothers or Junior Legatees on any problem they may have, especially medical problems.

Attention is also given every year to the eyesight of all Junior Legatees attending classes or living in Residences. A Legatee optometrist is made available to conduct any tests that may be necessary.

## X-RAYS AND MANTOUX TESTS

Protection against tuberculosis is organised by the Government health authorities throughout the suburbs of Melbourne and in all country districts of Victoria. In those few cases, however, where a Junior Legatee has missed the normal examination and test, the Medical Committee makes alternative arrangements; this applies especially to those members of our Residences who are not attending schools.

## Intermediate Legacy Ladies' Club

Activities of the Club since the last Newsletter have been confined mainly to Speakers at the monthly meetings.

Mrs. Cobby gave a very interesting chat on her trip to Japan. The slides shown were most enjoyable, and the girls were very grateful to Mrs. Cobby for giving up some of her valuable time to come along and show the films.

## WOMEN POLICE

Miss Porter of the Women's branch of the Victoria Police gave a very interesting talk to the girls at the May meeting. It was unfortunate that this meeting occurred during the school vacation. However, there was a good muster of girls, and our President has since met Policewoman Porter when she came to visit her school. She thoroughly enjoyed her visit to the

Club; there was such an air of informality and friendliness, and the girls all gave her a very warm welcome.

## COMBINED FETE

The day—Saturday, 15th August—is drawing close when we shall join forces with the I.L.C. Men's Club once again in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall. Purchases can cover a wide variety of articles, all of which are of a high standard.

## NEW MEMBERS

If anyone knows the whereabouts of any ex-Junior Legatee, our Secretary will be only too pleased to give them any information about the Club and its activities on the third Wednesday of each month. They will be made to feel very much at home at all our meetings.

**EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEWS.** In future, mothers, children and Visiting Contactors wishing to arrange an interview in regard to employment should ring the Information Officer at Melbourne Legacy (telephone FB 3564), and advise the particulars of interview required.

The Information officer will then select a suitable member of Employment Committee to conduct the interview. The Legatee so selected will then arrange an appointment for interview at a time and place suitable to all concerned.

## CAMPS — and HOLIDAYS

One of the highlights of Junior Legacy activities is the arrangements for New Year camps and holidays, which in 1960 will be held from 9th to 23rd January. In all it is expected that more than 650 boys and girls will leave Melbourne for country centres as guests of other Legacy clubs or of country groups belonging to Melbourne Legacy.

The camps next January will be held in the following areas:—

Ararat — 16 girls.

Albury — 26 boys, at Bandiana Camp.

Warrnambool — 6 boys and 6 girls, at the Beach Camp.

Geelong — 6 boys and 6 girls, at the Ocean Grove Camp.

Mildura — 3 boys and 3 girls.

**Note:** The camps at Warrnambool, Geelong and Mildura receive Junior Legatees from all over Victoria.

## OUR VISITORS

In return Melbourne Legacy expects to accommodate some 130 Junior Legatees from country clubs and groups, the girls at "Stanhope" and the boys at "Blamey House." These children are given the chance to see all the sights of Melbourne and to take part in many interesting activities.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Mothers of children going to the country can help the Camps and Holidays Committee by completing carefully the forms that have already been received and by sending them to Legacy House as soon as possible.

## GIRLS GROUP

**CORRECTIVE EXERCISES** have already proved their worth: four of our girls no longer need special instruction, though, of course, they will continue to apply what they have learnt. A new group of girls will commence receiving instruction on 13th August.

Mothers also have found some of the exercises of benefit to themselves. What better encouragement could they give their girls at home than to set an active example?

## DEMONSTRATION

This is the last appeal your Newsletter can make for assistance in selling tickets — eleven thousand of them. For the first time, enough seats will be available — 5,500 each night — for all the friends of Legacy to be invited to attend.

It will be easy to sell those tickets, because every single seat will command a perfect view of the stage laid over the Olympic Pool. And all the items have been specially designed for the new conditions—a view from all angles and from above.