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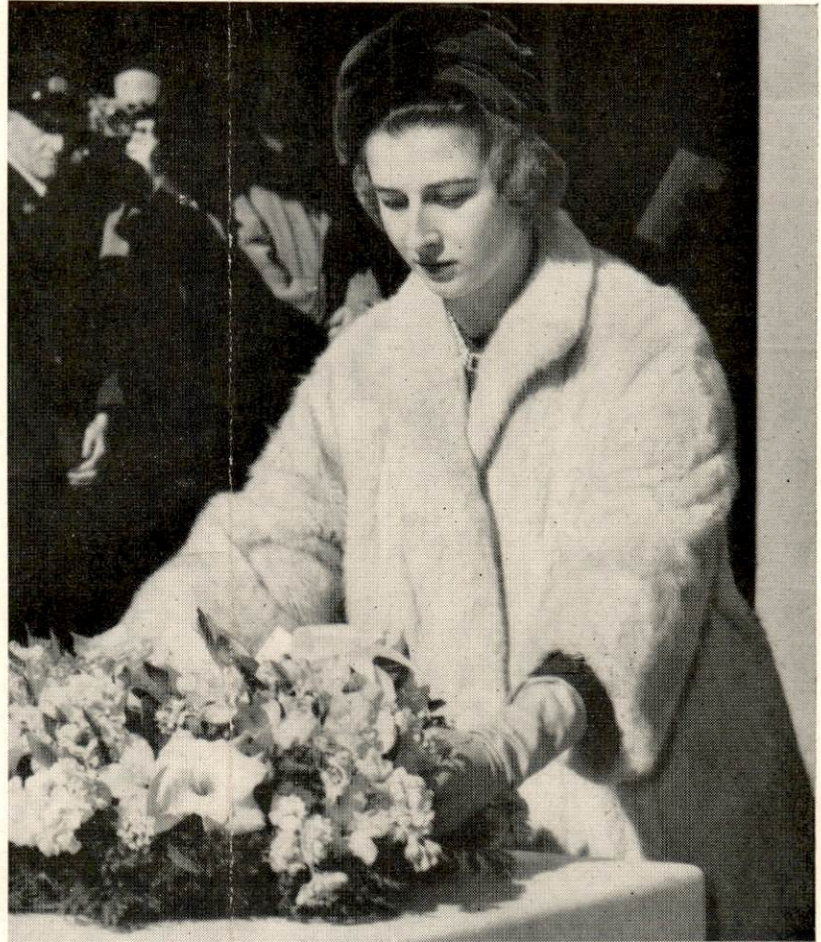
Our Royal Visitor

This month Victoria had the honour of a visit from a Royal Princess — the youngest member of the Royal Family who has yet come to Australia. We know her as Princess Alexandra; her full title is Her Royal Highness, Princess Alexandra Helen Elizabeth Olga Christabel. Her last name is unusual, and was given to her at her christening at Buckingham Palace because she was born on Christmas Day, 1936.

She has two brothers, and is the only daughter of the late Duke and the Duchess of Kent. Junior Legatees may not perhaps know that when the Princess was only five years old, her father was killed in a flying accident on active service in the Second World War. It would not be surprising, therefore, if she has a specially "soft spot" for them on that account.

The Princess is tall and slim and remarkably like her beautiful mother. She is very active, and is particularly fond of riding, swimming and dancing. Like her cousin, Queen Elizabeth, she is keenly interested in horses. She was brought up very simply and was the first British Princess to go to boarding school — at "Heathfield," near Ascot. After that she had training in nursing, and studied music and art in Paris.

Princess Alexandra spends most of her time with her mother at the family home, "Coppins," in Buckinghamshire. She is beloved by the villagers of Iver, nearby, and when she was ap-



Melbourne "Age" Photo.

proaching her 21st birthday, the old people of the village each put in a penny a fortnight so they could give her a present. No doubt, that present is one of her prized possessions. When in London she lives at Kensington Palace, the official home of the Duchess of Kent.

The Princess made her first public appearance when she was only ten years old. She was one of the eight bridesmaids at the Queen's wedding. She has remained a close friend of Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh and frequently visits them.

Already she has travelled extensively. In 1954 she accompanied her mother to Canada. This was her first official overseas tour. Earlier this year she accompanied the Duchess again, this time on a visit to Latin America, and travelled through Mexico, Peru, Chile and Brazil. And now Australia has been given the honour of welcoming her on her first Commonwealth Tour alone. Lady Moira Hamilton, who accompanies her as Lady-in-Waiting, is the daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn.

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Our Royal Visitor (Continued)

The Princess has come to this country at the invitation of the people of Queensland, which State is celebrating its 100th birthday. She likes to be informal, and is anxious to see as many of the young people of Australia as she can, and also as much of their country as it is possible for her to visit.

This Official Tour is something which might well be frightening to any young woman of 22. Think of all the ceremonial, the important people she has to meet, the speeches she is expected to make. How many of us could do it? And yet, with her mother's wise up-bringing and guidance to aid her, she carries it through with grace and charm, and has already won all hearts wherever she has gone.

Princess Alexandra, young as she is, is doing her full share of the huge task which confronts the Royal Family. Think of her as one who is fulfilling her duty to the British Commonwealth, a duty which, if that Commonwealth is to hold its proud place in the world today, we must all, each in his or her own small way, perform.

At home, the Princess has many other responsibilities, mainly connected with the work and assistance of young people. She is, for example, Patron of the British Junior Red Cross, and, since her arrival in this country, also of the Junior Red Cross of Australia. She is Patron of the Children's Country Holiday Fund and of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. There are others, too, but this will suffice to show that those who seek her interest and support must themselves be workers for a praiseworthy cause.

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The Premier to Junior Legatees

A Message to Legacy, from the Hon. H. E. Bolte, M.L.A.

I have been asked to write a message to the youth of Legacy, and it gives me great pleasure to do so, for I have always been keenly interested in the wonderful work that this great organisation is doing for young people.

I should like all Legacy children to take particular notice of what I have to say, because later in life I am sure they will realise the wisdom of my words.

ADVENTURE OF THE FUTURE

You boys and girls are living in a great country, and one that has won for itself a high and honoured place among the top nations of the world mainly through the sacrifices of your fathers.

You are also living in thrilling times, because you are still seeing your country in the throes of great development, and a country which faces a future which will be exciting for each and everyone of you. Australia is a land of opportunity, and the door to success is open to everyone who energetically applies himself to his chosen task.

KNOWLEDGE THE GUIDE

The future security and development of our country will depend entirely on the youth of today, who will be the citizens of tomorrow; and because of this it is imperative for you to obtain all the knowledge that will assist you when you leave school and enter the business, professional or technical world.

Knowledge is a wonderful thing, and as you grow older you will realise that a sound basic education

helps you tremendously in your adult life. Stay at school as long as you can. Absorb all the information and learning that it is possible for you to do. You will be given every assistance in your schooling by Legacy and the Education Department.

Never be satisfied with minimum educational requirements. Always aspire to the highest forms of learning, and you will realise later that this pays excellent dividends.

THE BEST JOB POSSIBLE

When you leave school be wise in the selection of a calling. Don't look for the jobs with the highest pay. They're not always the positions which provide the most security. Take stock of the position and make sure that the position or calling which you select will make you feel happy — that it provides scope for initiative — and that it allows you to make full use of the knowledge that you have acquired during your school-days.

Finally, let me say this. Face the future with a spirit of adventure and don't be afraid of setbacks; all of us get them. But if you face up to any obstacles that may be in your path, I am sure you will find a way of overcoming them.

Good luck and success to you all.

NEWS FROM THE BOYS GROUP

GENERAL

We are pleased to report that the Oakleigh class is rapidly overhauling the leeway caused by lack of a suitable hall and is now at full strength.

Training for the Demonstration has speeded up. It has been found necessary to increase trampoline training to two nights a week, and this is taking place at the Heidelberg class under the guidance of Mr. Cheffers. In addition, a training class for vaulting and tumbling is taking place on each Wednesday night at 5.30 under the instruction of Mr. Hart, and it is expected that these extra training sessions will bring the boys to a pitch of performance that we have not been able to achieve in previous years.

VISIT TO POLICE H.Q.

The group as a whole visited the Police Headquarters last month. There were 360 boys present, and they had a most enjoyable evening as

the guests of the Victorian Police, who gave lectures on road safety and other subjects, and showed some interesting and very amusing shorts that were highly appreciated. A number of mothers accompanied their sons, and the evening was a tremendous success. The Police Department provided soft drinks and sweets, and they were very much appreciated.

ORGANISATION FOR OLDER BOYS

For some time past Boys' Group have been concerned with the lack of contact we are able to maintain with boys after they reach the age when they do not attend the Friday classes. The Legacy Basketball Team has been one avenue to interest these boys, but now, under the instruction of the Board, a separate committee has been formed, including a representative of Boys' Group to investigate this question and co-operation with Intermediate Legacy Club.

IS EMPLOYMENT YOUR PROBLEM?

Boys, girls and widows, seeking work, or wishing to change their jobs, are looked after by members of the Employment Committee. All types of jobs, full-time or part-time, manual or professional, are considered and sought for the applicant.

SUITING THE JOB

It is the Committee's aim to find the right job for the person concerned. Each applicant is interviewed by a member of the Committee. Discussions are informal and attempt to bring out the interviewee's interests, capabilities and ambitions. With this information as a guide, a committee member can then contact employers, knowing that the work in question is suitable for the applicant and that the applicant is ideal for the employer's needs.

Before the actual contacting is done, however, the Committee considers carefully the prospects a job offers, the opportunities there are for advancement, remuneration, etc. They encourage apprenticeships rather than well-paid, dead-end jobs, and see to it that the type of job suggested will be satisfactory to the applicant.

Interviews with applicants are held at times suitable or convenient to the applicants. During these interviews it

is attempted to iron out difficulties experienced by the applicant in his job, or to help him decide the type of work he may find more suitable. Should his choice of employment involve extra studies or further training, the Committee will see to it that these are made available to him.

A personal relationship is established between the members of the Employment Committee and the applicants. The Committee keeps in touch with the applicant, checking up from time to time on his advancement and the general success of the placement.

NOVEMBER INTERVIEWS

During the first or second week in November, night interviews with Junior Legatees leaving school will be conducted at Legacy House. If any Junior Legatee wishes to attend he should approach his Class Leader, Visiting Contactor or write in to the Executive Officer at Legacy House, 293 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Hospital Beds and Outpatient Treatment

In a letter to the Chairman of Legacy's Co-ordinating Council, the Minister for Repatriation, Sir Walter Cooper, had good news to give concerning the treatment of eligible war widows and their dependent children in Repatriation General Hospitals.

The following is an extract from this important letter:

"This further extension of Repatriation benefits will now mean that treatment at the expense of my Department in a non-departmental institution for an acute or sub-acute condition or for an acute or sub-acute exacerbation of a chronic or incurable disease may be provided when —

- (a) in country cases —
 - (i) there is no suitable bed available in a Repatriation General Hospital;
 - (ii) the treatment is urgent or it is medically unwise to move the patient to a Repatriation General Hospital.
 - (iii) the treatment required and period of hospitalisation is such that the cost of transport would not justify sending the patient to the capital city, or,
 - (iv) in the opinion of the Deputy Commissioner admission to a Repatriation General Hos-

pital would cause unreasonable domestic hardship to the patient.

- (b) metropolitan cases, but only with the consent of the Repatriation Department if a suitable bed in Repatriation General Hospital is not available.

"In addition to the provisions of out-patient treatment through the Department's scheme, the facilities of the Department's Out-patient Clinics have been extended to eligible widows and dependants.

"In future, if a doctor desires that a specialist's opinion be obtained to assist in the treatment of a war widow, etc., or if examination or treatment of a specialised nature such as physiotherapy, X-rays, etc., is necessary, these may be arranged on the same basis as for eligible ex-service-men.

"Fares and travelling expenses may now be made available when an eligible widow or dependant is required to attend for purposes of medical treatment."

EDITORIAL

An attempt has been made in the last two issues of Newsletter to improve its printing, lay-out and illustration, and to publish it quickly enough for the news to be fresh. But the contents are what count, and they are on any reckoning far too thin.

Now there is something you can do about it as Junior Legatees. It is your newspaper, and you should know what you want it to be — how often it should appear, what it should look like, how much and what kind of thing it should contain. Please tell the editorial staff how the Newsletter can play a more important part in your Legacy activities.

To help concentrate your ideas a competition may be useful. The subject: What Legacy Newsletter should be. The form: A letter of no more than 300 words, addressed to the Editor at Legacy House. The closing date: 31st October, 1959, just three weeks after the Demonstration. All entries must be in the Junior Legatee's own hand and show his or her name and age.

Prize-winners will be announced in the next Newsletter, in late November or early December — not long before Christmas. The prizes will be: in the junior section, for boys and girls under 12 years, £1/1/-; for the intermediate group, 12 years and over, but less than 15 years, £2/2/-; and £3/3/- for those aged 15 to 17 years.

The Cultural & Library Committee, of which your Editor is Chairman, will judge the entries. The prizes will be awarded on ideas as well as their expression in good English; for those ideas are wanted, your ideas, to make your Legacy journal more effective.

DEMONSTRATION TICKETS

Dates: 9th and 10th October, 1959.

Time: 7.45 p.m.

Place: New Olympic Pool Stadium.

TICKET ARRANGEMENTS

Reserved seat tickets will be on sale at the ticket office, located on the First Floor of "Legacy House," between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, commencing Tuesday, 22nd September.

Admission Prices: Adults 5/-. Children 2/6.

Note: No telephone bookings will be taken and all tickets must be paid for on collection.

EMERGENCY ENQUIRY CLINIC

Much public interest and concern has been expressed in the apparent need in the Community for "on the spot" advice and support to people in distress of mind.

In the lives of so many people crises arise which seem beyond their power to handle. They feel helpless, sometimes desperate, and need someone to whom they can turn who will accept their problem uncritically and with understanding.

The Mental Hygiene Authority, with the support of religious and other voluntary organisations within the community, has, therefore, decided to set up an Enquiry Clinic to be situated in a central position and maintaining a 24-hour service. By simply dialling a telephone number the distressed person, while remaining entirely anonymous, can obtain

immediate support and, if desired, be referred for relevant help and assistance from properly trained and accredited personnel.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

To provide this service both volunteer and trained helpers will be required. Two meetings will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Bouverie Street Clinic, 233 Bouverie Street, Carlton, when the requirements for volunteer helpers will be more fully interpreted. Any who are interested and able to volunteer their services for a few hours weekly or fortnightly are invited to attend whichever meeting is most convenient.

Residences in the News . . .

BLAMEY HOUSE

The girls are all very thrilled with their newly-painted rooms upstairs, whilst the boys are at present taking it in turns to camp in the Study room while their rooms are being re-decorated.

Last month, all at Blamey House, including Mr. and Mrs. Sedgman and their children, spent an enjoyable Sunday at the country house of the Melbourne Newsboys Society, where we had a barbecue lunch. All the Blamey House Legatees, and some of their children, were there as well.

The day being fine but cold, after lunch the whole party drove up Mount Donna Buang in search of snow, which many of the girls and boys had never seen. Anxious eyes peered out of the cars at the bare earth as we got higher and higher; but to the delight of all, snow lay on the mountain top. When we left, there was considerably less snow.

"STANHOPE"

Twenty-two girls, aged between 14 and 20 years, are at present in residence; of whom 4 are in employment, 7 are at school, 6 are training for various branches of the teaching profession, 3 are learning dressmaking at the Emily McPherson School of Domestic Economy, 1 is training as an Occupational Therapist, and another is in the second year of the Medical Laboratory Technician's Course.

Two dances were held during the second term, at which the girls entertained their friends. The second of these was a St. Trinian's Night, at which £11 was raised for Legacy's Badge Day Appeal.

During Legacy Week, "Stanhope" was well in the news. Doreen Devlin and Betty Henderson, both from Wimmera, were interviewed by ex-Junior Legatee Geoff McComas on

radio station 3DB/3LK. Estelle Flower and Anne Righetti acquitted themselves well on the A.B.C.'s television panel programme, "Come in on this"; and an interview with the Matron, Miss Dorothy Vines, was reported in the "Age."

Two ex-residents have recently announced their engagement — both to former residents of "Harelands." Margaret Gregory and Terry Osmand expect to marry in February, and Heather Poulton and Neville Trevena a little later next year. Heather is in the second year of her nursing training, and has recently transferred from the Hamilton Base Hospital to the Austin at Heidelberg.

"HARELANDS"

The development of auxiliary accommodation in private homes for Junior Legatees, which has been pushed ahead by the Residences Committee this year, has reduced the number of boys at "Harelands" below our normal strength for the time being. Most of the boys in residence now are students at school, technical college or University, and annual examinations are looming up.

Special activities in the recent past included a picnic at Emerald Lake, where the Junior Legatees were entertained by the House Legatees, and a television quiz programme, at which "Harelands" was represented by Julian Hyde and Graeme Ponsford.

On the sporting side, Alan Harman is our star performer. Alan is preparing rigorously for the Victorian Junior Swimming Championships early next year, and the House wish him every success at that meeting.

Mr. Simmonds, the Superintendent, has started a Photographic Club, which is proving very popular; and many of the boys are improving their social graces by taking dancing lessons once a week.

DEMONSTRATION REHEARSALS

Girls, as Chairman of Girls' Group I wish to remind you and your mothers to read **most carefully** the list you have received of all rehearsals and when and where they are to be held —

Seven important points to remember:—

1. Please be sure that you are not late for rehearsals.
2. You should bring with you something to eat — cake, fruit, and so on — for the afternoons are very tiring.
3. Bring your lunch to all rehearsals at the Olympic Pool.
4. You will not be on the floor throughout the entire afternoon — bring books, knitting, comics — to entertain yourself and your friends.
5. Rubbish boxes will be available; make certain you use them.
6. Obey quickly and quietly every command from your Instructors and Legatees.
7. Your behaviour will be noticed by everybody. Please set a high example for others.

Legatee Kingsley Spicer.
—Chairman, Girls' Group.

Intermediate Legacy Ladies' Club

Activities of the Club during the last month have been confined to the combined I.L.C. Fete and the fourth birthday dinner.

The Fete was held in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall on the 15th August, and represented the combined efforts of the two I.L.C. Clubs and the Senior Widows. The stalls were all well stocked, for all sections had worked hard during the year and especially over the last few weeks. Rain marred the day, but in spite of this stall-holders were kept busy and a steady flow of people moved in and around the hall.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

On the 19th August the fourth Annual Birthday Dinner of the Club was held in the Club Rooms, and it proved to be a very pleasant and happy night. The guests of the evening were Mrs. J. McKeddie, Mrs. R. M. Hall, Mrs. McCutchan, President, and Mrs. Blomley, Secretary of the Senior Widows' Club, Mrs. Chandler of Red Cross and Mrs. Norm Smith.

During the evening the President, Intermediate Legatee Ena Jordan, handed a cheque for £215/18/1 to the President of Legacy, this being the Club's share of the Garden Week catering. An equal sum of money went to Red Cross as their share.