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LLEWELLYN HUGHES
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The late Lew Hughes was one of the best known men in the town of Condobolin. He was also one of the most respected, for his character was such as to richly deserve it. Born on the 22nd September, 1873, at Britannia Terrace, Anglesey, North Wales, he set sail for Australia when but 14 years of age. Later, he arrived in Condobolin, in November of 1888. With him was his younger brother so popularly known as "Taffy" and who died some years ago. Their respective ages were then fifteen and ten years. They travelled to Condobolin by way of Cowra, then the rail head, and then by Cobb and Co. coach via Forbes. They took up residence at the Family Hotel, their mother then being the licensee. When the war with South Africa broke out in 1899, he was one of quite a number of Condobolin men who volunteered and went to the battlefield. There, he and the late Dave Tasker were much together. The hardships during those strenuous three years took toll, for Lew returned a very much reduced man in weight and general strength. Indeed, it may be said that he never fully recovered from it. He was an alderman of the Municipality for very many years and was never defeated at an aldermanic election. Before retiring he rose to the position of Deputy Mayor for two terms and finally to Mayor. Health reasons compelled his retirement from the position of Mayor after a short term. Honesty in the fullest sense of the word was a characteristic of the man in both public and private life. He was a lover of sport and particularly interested in bowls, a game which he followed to the last. Failing health compelled him to be cautious and to go to Sydney rather often. Indeed, he had spent the most part of the last twelve months, staying with his nephew, Lloyd, at Glebe. It was there that he passed peacefully away on the 25th May and his age 75 years

and 8 months. The body was brought on to Condobolin and laid to rest in Church of England portion of the cemetery, very many being at the graveside to thus show their last mark of esteem for the one who had made many friends but not a single enemy.