

# SCHOOL LIFE IN US AS SEEN BY WOMEN

Pictures of American school life given in THE ARGUS yesterday by Theo Moody, special correspondent in New York, under the heading "Swing and Lipstick in US Schools," interested two American women in Melbourne.

"His description of conditions in US schools is the opinion of one man with an extremely limited subject matter. He based his story on conditions in two classrooms of one school, judged over too short a period." Mrs Wessells, director of the US Information Library, said.

"My two children, Walter, who is 10, and Mickey June, who is 14, have adapted themselves easily to conditions in their Melbourne schools though we have been in Australia only five months, after most of their schooldays being spent in Des Moines, Iowa. If conditions in America were so different from Australian conditions, how could my children settle down in your schools as quickly as they have done?" was the argument of Mrs W. W. Killough, of Des Moines, Iowa, USA.

"At Jamaica Public School, in Queen's County, New York City, the day is begun by the assembled children singing the musical comedy hit 'Oh, What a Beautiful Morning' and Bing Crosby's number 'Swing on a Star,' our correspondent wrote.

"At my children's American school they began the day with the national anthem and the Lord's Prayer — but what's wrong with swing, anyway," Mrs Killough said.

home together—they might live in the same street. Through co-education they learned to take each other for granted.

The Moody children found their fellow classmates wearing special waterproof jackets, which were autographed with the names of celebrities, among them Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra.

"That's just another school fashion," Mrs Killough said. "When we left America the fashion was for woollen cowboy shirts, the louder the check the better, worn with the tails out. 'Brilliant' hats were another fad. Boys used to decorate their corduroy hats, upturned all round, with all the brilliants they could salvage from their mother's jewel-case. Old brooches, clasps, and dress clips were mounted until their hats were a blaze of glitter."

American school children did not wear uniforms, so their dressing could be as original as they wanted it to be, or as their parents would allow. It was not necessarily a criticism of the American education system that children wore autographed jackets to school, Mrs Wessells said.

# MOE PIN-UP GIRL CONTEST



These members of Moe branch of the Country Women's Association Younger Set have raised £550 in four weeks for servicemen's comforts and Christmas hampers. From left: Misses Marjorie Saxon, Con Varcoe, and Norma Wright (winner of Pin-Up Girl contest), Mrs Eileen Mitchell, Misses Shirley Phelley and Peggy Austin.

# Married at Black Rock "Crusade" for Family Life

The marriage of Barbara Kathleen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Fenton Woodburn, Bay View crescent, Black Rock, and Flight-Sgt. William Brodick Irvine, RAAF, elder son of Mr and Mrs F. A. Irvine, Edward st, Sandringham, was quietly celebrated yesterday at St Agnes', Black Rock. Rev G. Kitchen officiated.

A suggestion that interested women begin a crusade for the rehabilitation of family life was made by Sir Herbert Olney at the annual meeting of the Victorian Association of Creches yesterday.

Unless we set ourselves definitely to see that family life was maintained as first priority in the nation Australia would not progress as we desired, Sir Herbert Olney said. Large numbers of women were going into industry, and their children were left alone for part of the day. As a result they were free to run about the streets, and a great increase in delinquency followed.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white French cloque gown embellished with satin, with a tulle veil held in place with a halo of pearl roses. She was attended by Miss Eve Shaw. Best man was ACI David Irvine.

At St John's Church, Toorak, yesterday the marriage was celebrated of Captain Ian Oliver Stahlie, AIF, younger son of Lieut-Colonel L. R. D. Stahlie (POW), and Mrs Stahlie, Bruce st, Toorak, and Lieut Beatrice Phillimore Gray, AANS, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C. A. Gray, Ubobo, Queensland. Rev Dr A Law officiated. The bride, who was given away by Mr McEwen, MP, wore a gown of ivory French crepe embroidered with crystal beads and a bodicamer veil with true lovers' knots of seed pearls.

# WOMEN SEE PARIS FASHIONS, MEN FIGHT...

From Our Own Correspondent in New York  
American correspondents reporting the first fashion show in Paris, offer their own comments. Sonia Tomara, of the Herald-Tribune, says: "Some thousand women, apparently oblivious of men fighting at the gates of Germany, pressed their ways to the salon of Maggy Rouff, on the Avenue of the Champs Elysees. It was amazing to see the mad rush of Parisians to admire new dress models. Extremely high prices do not seem to frighten buyers, perhaps because there is little faith in currency."

"It is said here, though possibly wrongly, that Maggy Rouff's was the favourite house with German buyers under the occupation." The Times correspondent writes: "To those Allied correspondents who returned yesterday from the trip with de Gaulle into the industrial region of Lille, Lens, and Arras, the most striking fact that emerged from the show was that the average price of a frock was 10,000 francs or \$200, while the average wage of miners in Northern France who work three days a week is 800 francs, or \$16 a fortnight."

# LCM MEDALS PRESENTED

Eight medals were presented last night at the 38th annual concert of the London College of Music at the Town Hall.

Awards were: ALCM silver medal, Patricia Norman (pianoforte); advanced senior silver medal, Olwyn McMullan (pianoforte); senior silver medal, Mary Green (pianoforte); senior bronze medal, Hannah Shearer (theory); advanced intermediate silver medal, Pamela Smith (pianoforte); intermediate silver medal, Joyce Dunstan (pianoforte); Elva Organ (singing).

# FELLOWSHIP OF CLERGY WIVES

The annual reunion of members of the Fellowship of Clergy wives took place yesterday at Bishops Court, East Melbourne, by courtesy of Archbishop and Mrs J. J. Booth. More than 100 members attended, and were received by Mrs C. W. Wood, retiring president; Mrs A. S. Falconer, vice-president; and Mrs A. N. S. Wilson, honorary secretary.

# Current Ration Coupons

TEA (2oz each), 9 to 20 (9 to 12 until October 22, 13 to 16 till November 19, 17 to 20 till December 17).  
SUGAR (2lb each), 1 to 10. May be accumulated for bulk purchase.  
BUTTER (8oz each), 13 to 15, available until October 22.  
MEAT, 33 to 36, available until Sunday.  
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PETROL RATION TICKETS: October issue closes October 25 at metropolitan post-offices; October 28 at country post-offices and board's city offices. November tickets available October 30.

# APPROACHING MARRIAGES

REDDEN-GUNN. — The marriage of Kathleen, daughter of the late Mr. Richard Redden, Langley, Bucks, England, and the late Mrs. Redden, Bunbury, Western Australia, to Keith, son of the late Mr. John Gunn, Dunbeth, Korol, and Mrs. Gunn, will be quietly celebrated today, at 12.30 p.m., at Scots Church, Korol.

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# Red Cross Aims For Peace

The Red Cross now had an active department, the main object of which was to cover the welfare of men of the 8th Division, Dr Newman Morris said yesterday at the conference of chairmen of Red Cross councils for divisions throughout Australia. Red Cross had not forgotten those 20,000 men or their families. Capt. A. Brown and Mr George Caro had been sent to Washington, and they would examine how amenities could be provided for prisoners.

# TRAVELLERS' AID IN PERTH

Realising the necessity for a branch of the Travellers' Aid Society in Western Australia, the Melbourne Society sent Mrs W. E. Sargood, a member of its committee, to Perth to organise a drive for funds for a branch there.

# NEW WRANS APPOINTMENT

Third-Officer Dorothy Hill, WRANS, has been appointed to the inter-service demobilisation planning staff, as representative of all women's services. She also acts as secretary to the inter-service demobilisation committee.

# MISS J. HYSLOP RESIGNS

Miss J. Hyslop, Director of Social Studies at Melbourne University, has resigned as from the end of February, 1945. Miss Hyslop pioneered this branch of university work when she became director of the department four years ago. The appointment of her successor has not yet been considered by the University Council.

# ENGAGEMENTS

ASHLEY-KUX. — Nan, only child of the late Mr. W. H. Ashley and Mrs. Ashley, of Merchiston Hill, Garden street, Geelong, to Victor G. Kux, only child of Mr. G. Kux and Mrs. Kux, 628 St. Kilda road, Melbourne.  
COCKERELL-SMITH. — Adelaide Myrie Cockerell, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Cockerell, 129 Prospect Hill rd., E. Camberwell, to Craftsman Kenneth Frank Smith (A.I.F.), only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Smith, 21 Moorhouse st., East Camberwell, E.6.  
LANCASTER-DIXON. — Capt. Margaret Mary Lancaster, A.A.M.C., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lancaster, Ardethan, Ivanhoe, to Sgt. Allison James Percival Dixon, A.I.F., youngest son of Mrs. V. Dixon, Bondi, NSW, and the late Mr. J. Dixon.  
LESLIE-JONES. — Eva, younger daughter of Mrs. B. G. and the late G. W. Leslie, Box Hill, to James, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones, North Williamstown.  
LLOYD-CAMPBELL. — Pamela Mary Tenison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Lloyd, of Whitty Lodge, 9 Lawless avenue, Toorak, and London, to Lieut. William Francis, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. William F. Campbell, of Chertsey, New York.  
MATTHEWS-MARX. — Pte. Nancy Matthews, A.A.M.W.S., second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Matthews, Jona, Port Campbell, to Pte. Geoffrey Edward Marx, A.A.M.C., only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Marx, of Rundle st., Ararat.  
SMITH-McCARTHY. — Nancy Clyde, younger daughter of Mr. F. Smith, 107 Asling rd., Gardenvale, to Laurence N. McCarthy, only child of Mr. L. D. McCarthy, VC, and Mrs. McCarthy, of Collins st., Melbourne.  
WILMOT-GRAHAM. — Cpl. Claire (W.A.A.F.), twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Wilmot, Stanthorpe, Queensland, to Cpl. Sydney George Elliott (A.I.F.), elder son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Graham, Bendigo, Victoria.

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