

## Dallas Rotary Exchange Student Writes Of Life In The Philippines

A resident of New Goss Manor, Dallas, Donna Anthony chose the Pacific Island of the Philippines as her favorite country to visit. In the following paragraphs below, she describes the activities and her friends in her new home in letters to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Anthony.

Tuesday, July 2, 1963

Dear Mom and Dad,  
Arrived in Manila at 7:40 a.m. yesterday morning, and after I went through customs and saw the health officer, I finally met Dr. and Mrs. Macagba (Donna's hosts in the Philippines). They are just about the nicest people (except for you guys) that I have ever met! They told me that I am to call them uncle and aunt. We went to their daughter Lillian's home in a suburb outside of Quezon City, then at noon Dr. Macagba and I went to the meeting of the Quezon City Rotary Club. This morning we left by train at 6:25 a.m. for San Fernando, and we arrived at 11:45. On arriving we were met by Rotarians and Rotary Ann. At 12:45 we went to the Rotary Luncheon.

The Macagba's home is really nice. It is built entirely above the water in the fishpond. Right now I can hear about fifty different kinds of frogs, lizards and bugs chirping outside my window. I can also hear the fish splashing around in the water - Oh brother!!!

The hospital is about 100 feet from the house. It is real modern and Dr. Macagba is letting me work there on Saturdays and after school. Tomorrow I am going to the school to figure out what courses I should take. School has already started here, all this week there is registration. Classes really begin on Monday, so that's when I'm going to start.

Saturday, July 13

Last Friday I started school. I was going to go to Union Christian College in the morning and Union High School in the afternoon, but I changed my schedule so that I have all my classes at Union Christian College (most Philippine schools have eight or ten grades). Thus some of the courses offered in college compare to courses offered in eleventh and twelfth year high. I am taking Spanish I, Philippine government, Religious Education, Political Science, English grammar and composition and Philippine History.

Last Saturday I started helping out in the hospital. I helped in the supply room making cotton swabs and bandages.  
Boy - they do really eat a lot here. Not only do they have fish and meat for dinner, but also potatoes, rice, vegetables and different kinds of casseroles! They say they eat a lot because it's so hot and they sweat a lot. Everybody thinks I eat like a bird, but you should see me try to eat even a little bit of everything. Oh brother! July 28

Last night I went to the movies with Dr. Macagba's daughter Mg. Florence (who is a doctor), her husband, Mg. Fred (who is a judge), and Lorla Lorenzana, a girl who lives here and also goes to Union Christian College. In case you are wondering about the "Mg." in front of the names, it stands for Manang and Manung. Here it is very impolite to call a person older than yourself by his or her first name. So if you want to call a woman you say Manang and a man Manung. Sometimes older ladies are usually called "Nana" or "Auntie". Even if you are just one year younger than a person you have to be respectful and say Manung. So I'm trying to get used to that now.  
Every Friday at the college there is a program from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

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(This week a load of nice old furniture was brought in by Mrs. Fred Minter's grandchildren. This sort of thoughtful makes us proud of our community.)

## Linda Davies, Rotary Exchange Student Finds Australian Schools Interesting



LINDA DAVIES

Mrs. Carlton Davies, Machel Avenue, whose daughter Linda is, a Rotary Exchange student in Australia, is sharing some of her letters with readers of the Dallas Post, beginning with airmail letters written on the trip. Linda, only sixteen, is expected home again this summer, after completing her circuit of the world by landing in Italy, taking a twelve-day tour of the Continent by bus, and sailing for home from London, in plenty of time to enjoy a vacation with the family at the log cabin near Mehoopany.

Linda writes from the plane, a letter mailed August 17 in Honolulu. The countryside is so absolutely marvelous, miles and miles of land spread out below like a patchwork quilt. Everything looks like a jigsaw puzzle, each piece fitting beautifully into the other. Great Salt Lake desert has such extensive deposits of salt that you can see them clearly from the plane 39,000 feet above.

(more to follow)

### Cub Pack 200 Stages Blue And Gold Banquet

Pack 200, Prince of Peace Church held its first Blue and Gold Banquet, February 24, with about 60 persons attending. Cubmaster Philip Walter presided, with Rev. Prater pronouncing invocation and benediction.

Cub Scouts receiving awards: Den 1, Harry Swepston III, Roy Walter, David Payne, Mark Arcuri, George Brody and Joie Gilroy.  
Den 2, Robert Stephenson, Robert Saffian, Wayne Long, John Jensen, Ricky Pritchard, Billy Parry and David Quare.

Mrs. Stephenson's Den 2 conducted opening and closing ceremonies and Mrs. Swepston's Den 1 gave a puppet show.

Cub scouts mothers and den mothers prepared and served the food.

### Plenty Of Ashtrays

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Ashtrays are a must if you have smokers in your house.  
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One additional thought: empty ashtrays often and be sure that all fire is extinguished before they are emptied.

### Spencer Child Is Ill

Little Elizabeth Spencer, 18 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Lehman Country Club, was rushed to Nesbitt Hospital Tuesday afternoon, when she became seriously ill.

Christmas vacation - that's our summer. School hours 9 to 4. Not as much emphasis on interscholastic sports. Sports are played within the school on a set day. Everyone wears a school uniform.

The older people are proud of their ties with England and aren't afraid to show that they depend on England. The younger generation thinks it is time for Australia to have its own national anthem in place of God Save the Queen. They want a new independent Australia. They hate the Russians, have no leanings toward communism. They want their country to be itself, not part of England or America.

Math is harder here because it is a mixture of algebra, geometry, and trig, and I'm behind in both geometry and trig. Everything else is on a par with our work. I am in Form 4 for this last term. Next year I'll be in Form 5 for the first two semesters. Form 5 is equivalent to our senior year.

I still can't quite milk a cow dry in ten minutes. I'm bound and determined to learn. I really like milk. Even the first few times I managed to get a little bit out. I was quite proud of myself.

I think you would be interested in the architecture, mostly red brick and red tiles. They don't seem to know what shingles are, and I've had quite a time explaining. None of the houses have attics or cellars or central heating. They lack many of the modern conveniences, dishwashers, dryers, etc. Almost none has hi-fi or record players. I don't think people at home realize the many conveniences they take for granted, that others know nothing of. Australia is much like America, and does have many modern things, but differences do remain. America is much more advanced, especially for the common people.

A good wage here is \$40 a week. It's even less for teachers, which I think is a little shocking.

Schools here are about on a par with ours, though the Science department is a little behind. Schools are much stricter and there is little extra-curricular activity. A headmistress supervises dress and conduct.

There was a Highland gathering in Dalesford. They said it was the largest Scottish gathering held outside of Scotland. I saw the world champion throw the hammer. Everyone was dressed up in kilts and sporrans. I saw the children do the sword dance and saw a folk dance which contained most of the basic steps of the square dance. I was introduced to Sir Delacombe, the Governor of Victoria. Appointed by the Queen, he is more a social figure than anything else. He isn't allowed to express any political opinion.

The only thing he can do is to close Parliament if he thinks it is doing anything out of order. The real head is the elected Premier, Mr. Bolte.

Dalesford is in the Dividing Ranges, where all rivers on one side flow in one direction, and those on the other side flow in another.

Cars here are much smaller, and driving is done on the left. Very few car parks. Geelong doesn't have any at all. Melbourne has one. Sometimes a car is parked a mile or two from the place of work, a taxi covering the rest of the distance. There are trams in Melbourne, a few of them horse-drawn. No sky-scrapers, because the land was taken from the ocean and the foundations are not firm enough.

A college here is a high school, a university a college. Things are much the same as at home, but vacations at home are longer and our hours shorter. Seven weeks here, (I've forgotten the direction!)

From Torquay: We had a wonderful weekend, 600 miles, all flat dry country, mostly wheat. Not a mountain or hill in any direction along the Murray River Valley. We visited a big stud farm, 200,000 acres. It employed about thirty men. Terrible living quarters for the men. In Ballranald, a real out-back Aussie town, we stayed at the only hotel, the pub. Shocking! It was clean. Victoria has a 6 p.m. closing. You should see the mad rush for the bar! In New South Wales, it's 10 p.m.

We had a good time on our excursion today. We started in the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, where we saw them making brooms, paint brushes, door mats, baskets, and we watched a blind man type part of a book in Braille. Then he read it to us just as quickly as any of us could have read ordinary print. We saw the library of records, over 60,000. Each set is a complete book. They are now putting the books on tape instead of records.

We visited the Mint, where we saw the metal melted down and poured into molds to make long narrow strips. These are cut to the size of a coin and the coin punched out, weighed, and the mold adjusted so all coins weigh exactly the same. The stamped out coins are fed to a machine that puts the face on. We all got to hold a gold brick worth 7,000 pounds sterling. Gold there is worth 15 pounds an ounce. Coins are weighed and then bagged.

On Boxing Day, December 26, I moved again. I'm with the Venters family now, on a farm of 3,000 acres with millions of sheep and cows, five dogs, and three horses. Today I went on the truck to help bring in the oats.

I had a wonderful Christmas. The best part was the telephone calls.

We had driven about 300 miles today enroute to Canberra. Saw a bush fire on the way. Everything is terribly dry. We are now in Gundagai at a hotel. Gundagai is famous because of a song about an old dog. The dog's master died, and the dog sat on his tucker box, not moving even to eat, and finally died. There is a statue of the dog in the heart of Gundagai.

Canberra is beautiful. Yesterday we went to Parliament House and the War Memorial, drove past all the embassy buildings. The American embassy is in Colonial style. We are staying at the home of Mr. Newberry's relatives. They are on vacation, so we have the house to ourselves.

Tomorrow at 9 a.m. we catch our plane to Sydney. The day I get back to Geelong I'll be going to Point Lonsdale where Venters are vacationing.

A thirty minute airplane trip landed us in Sydney, where Mr. Hauptlieb (a real big-wig!) met us. The house here is like a museum.

### In Case Of Fire

At home - -  
Quickly get everybody out of the house.  
Call the fire department immediately.  
(Be sure everyone in your family knows how to call the fire department.)  
At public gatherings - -  
Walk, do not run, to the nearest exit. Call the fire department immediately. Keep calm.  
--National Board of Fire Underwriters

### Sincere Thanks

Mrs. Harvey Kitchen, Idetown, wishes to thank all those who sent flowers and cards to her husband during his recent hospital stay. She also extends their utmost appreciation to Lehman Ambulance crew, Pete Hospodor and Lee Wentzel; James Casterline and the road crew and all those neighbors who assisted in the emergency to get Mr. Kitchen to Nesbitt Hospital during the recent storm.

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