

'Learn to Relax' Australian Guests Advise Americans

By ALICE E. MORGAN

"Australia is very much like America. About the greatest difference is that Australia is a much happier country." Thus spoke Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Culpán of Sydney, who are spending some time with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jamison Williams and family at their Yarmouth road home.

"You Americans are so serious," the couple continued. "You are always so busy and intent and your noses are so close to the grindstone. Back home there is a more relaxed feeling. People are not as serious about their work or their play as you are."

The visitors softened any hint of criticism with broad smiles and a declaration of a deep liking for this country, also a hint that, were Australians permitted to take their financial holdings out of the country, they might well consider making the United States their home.

"We come under a Number Two priority," Culpán explained. "That is the classification of parents wishing to join children who have become American citizens. The only group above us is composed of skilled workers in any field which might have a marked shortage here."

AT THE present time only 100 persons are permitted to enter this country from either Australia or New Zealand within a year, the lowest quota of any English-speaking countries.

This current trip the Culpáns described as their most interesting.

They made the trip on a Swedish freighter carrying only a dozen passengers. An added attraction was the fact that the trip was made around the northern boundaries of Australia, rather than

the southern tip. "This kept us in the equatorial area for twenty-one days," Mrs. Culpán remarked, "and was unbearably hot. The ship had wonderful accommodations but no air conditioning. Any fat on a person was literally melted off."

Both were impressed by the quality of American meats, as compared to what they can buy. Choice cuts, they explained, are exported, with only second grade meat available to the general public. In the case of a lamb chop, the shopper buys a chop cut from the whole side, without the benefit of trimming.

"YOU AMERICANS," Mrs. Culpán said, "get the chop with the flap cut off. We get it with the flap left on. One can eat it if one likes fat, which I do not. Or, it can be used for stew. The pound price is below your American charges, but actually, we get less usable meat than you do."

"The same applies to restaurant meals. The chop is served and it is up to the consumer to trim to suit his or her taste."

Clothing, according to Mrs. Culpán, is not comparable to what American women are able to buy. "We meet someone with a close contact in American fashions to work through our Sydney papers and keep a constant stream of style information coming to us."

"MOST OF our fashions come

from the States, very few from Europe. It is simply that we do not have the right connections to keep our Australian manufacturers abreast with style changes."

The Culpáns said that, while some uranium deposits were being found there, Australia does not believe in natural resources as being stopped now.

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"SOME YEARS ago a wage agreement was reached whereby they were adjusted every three months to meet increased living costs. Thus, after a wage increase,

commodities went up, so that the next quarter saw another wage increase necessary."

This went on and on until the unions, themselves, became afraid. Wages became ridiculously high to meet the cost of living and living became ridiculously high to assure the manufacturer his due profits. The vicious circle has been stopped now."

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Meet in Des Moines

The National convention of Supreme lodge Knights of Pythias and Supreme Temple Pythian Sisters will be held Aug. 2-14 in Des Moines, Iowa. Birmingham members of temple 94 attending will be Mrs. Hazel Lawler, past grand chief of Michigan, and Mrs. Ilau Matice, delegate.

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"Wendy loves Grandma!" (Eccentric Photo)

Seton Guild Plans Dessert-Bridge

New officers and board members of Seton guild, St. Vincent-Sarah Fisher Home For Children, are sponsoring a dessert bridge Aug. 11 at the Leisure lounge, 12 Miss and Inkster.

Guild president, Mrs. Burnett Eganer, is being assisted by Mrs. Frederick Henley, Mrs. William F. Dowley, Mrs. Joseph J. Sulner and Mrs. Frank Hattie as the refreshment committee.

Mrs. Edward Charon and Mrs. Richard Mrowczynski, vice presidents, with Mrs. Albert E. Roeding, are in charge of special gifts. Mrs. Harold Taylor and Mrs. Joseph Cowner, table arrangements; Mrs. Edward H. Kelly and Mrs. E. Paul Bowman, publicity.

Reservations are in charge of Mesdames Harry Rendell, William A. Hill, Sylvester Theisen and Joseph Brook, who will proceed to the party would be used to supply further comforts for the 50

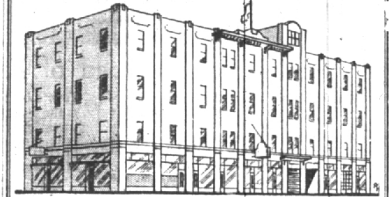
babies in the Home nursery. Also serving as committees are Mrs. Leo Webber and Mrs. Jerry T. Flanigan.

Robert W. O'Briens Fly to California

Robert W. (Tabby) O'Brien and his wife, the former Marilyn Smith, visited their parents in Birmingham last week. O'Brien is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien, 291 Townsend. Mrs. O'Brien is the daughter of Mrs. Millard Smith of Abbey.

The couple flew to San Francisco to visit with O'Brien's sister, Ginny O'Brien's sister, Joanne Smith, Ginny and Joanne will spend two or three weeks in San Francisco with Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien.

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