

Miss Peters Comes to Town . . .

From WALGETT TO WOOLLAHRA

A holiday in Sydney for an aboriginal girl from "outback" was the recent generous offer of Mrs. Harp of Woollahra, a friend of Mr. Jeffrey, Supervisor at La Perouse.

The lucky lass was Lillian Peters of Walgett, and she has just returned home after a very happy holiday. She became very firm friends with Mrs. Harp's daughter, Miranda, who has written to the Superintendent (Mr. Saxby) saying how she enjoyed Lillian's company.

The Board appreciates Mrs. Harp's kindly interest very much and thanks her sincerely for what she did for Lillian.

Now here is Miranda's letter and an account of her holiday by Lillian. Miranda said:

"Dear Mr. Saxby. Thank you very much for sending me a new girl friend from Walgett. I have never had such a lovely holiday in my life or such a good friend and playmate. I hope she will be able to come down again for the Christmas holidays."

Lillian was just as enthusiastic in her letter. She wrote—

My First Holiday in Sydney.

It was one afternoon when I came home from school and my sister Marjorie said, "You are going to Sydney." I was so excited I started to tell everyone but they wouldn't believe me. A few days later Mr. Green came around with Mrs. Grant and made all the arrangements with my mother.

Eventually the day came and I set out by train. We travelled all night and all the places we passed through looked very nice from the window of the train. When morning came we were still travelling, and Mrs. Grant and I thought that the train was running late. At last we arrived at Central and Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey were waiting to meet us and take us out to La Perouse where we had breakfast. Later Mr. Jeffrey took me over to Mrs. Harp's place where I met



Lily and Miranda on the swing at Miranda's home.

Miranda, Aviva and Joe. That day we went to Bondi Junction. We went to different places every day and in the next two weeks we went to Koala Park and the Zoo. We played tennis in Cooper Park and went rowing on the Lane Cove River.

But I think the most exciting outing was the Jazz concert. Mrs. Harp took Miranda and I around to the stage door and we got the actor's autographs. I love Sydney and all the children I met.

Miss Bell took Miranda and I to Manly and other friends took us into the City. I had never seen such lovely shops. I do want to thank the Welfare Board for letting me come down and for paying my fare, and I also want to thank Mr. Harp for having me to stay with her. I have never had such a lovely holiday before."

This youngster's letter is ample evidence of the joy and happiness that had been brought into her life by the generous gesture of a Sydney business man and his wife. Surely there must be hundreds of other families in and around Sydney who would like to invite a real little Australian boy or girl to have a holiday with them.



A Letter of Thanks !

Dear Editor,

Many thanks and congratulations for your very good work and help in assisting the Aborigines to look at life in a different aspect.

We natives of Australia can take our place in any white community and can sincerely thank you for the past co-operation and hope that the future for both you and our coloured friends will be a bigger and brighter one. Once again "we all say" thank you and may God bless you.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

(Miss) Mary Graham,

Cherbourg Settlement, Queensland.