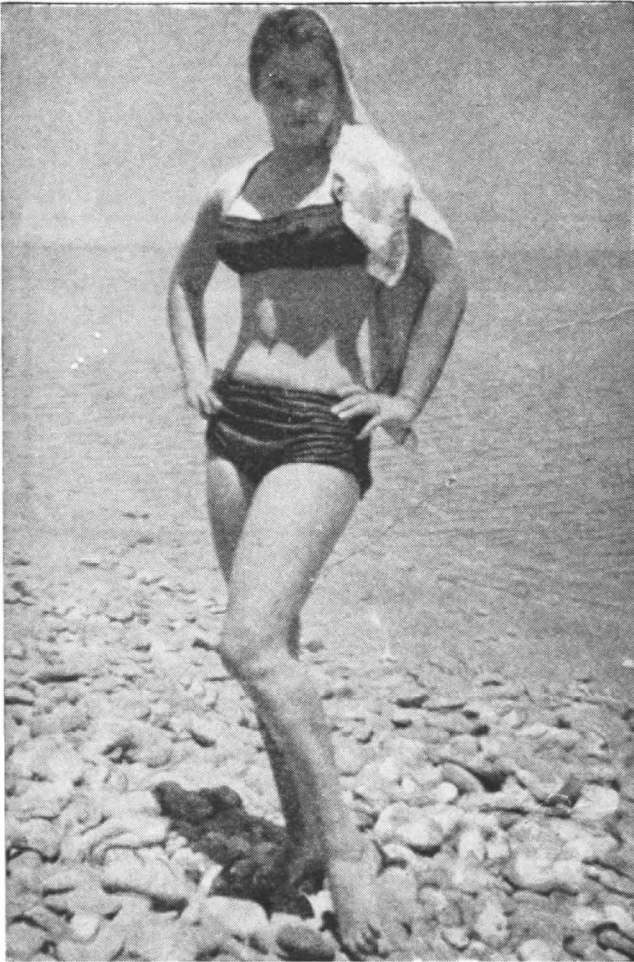


SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR ABORIGINES

The Australian Aboriginal Council has several scholarships vacant for Aborigines or part Aborigines in this State, or any other. Already one of these scholarships has been taken up by Mr. Victor Lovett, Western District of Victoria. This was at first at the Conservatorium and now at Mr. Roy Sparks' College. Mr. Lovett sang recently over the air on Mr. Sparks' programme and is destined to make a name for himself in show business. Another scholarship is available at the "Con", and also one at the Melbourne Technical College.

Also a very fine course is open to any young Aborigine lad to learn tractor driving and maintenance in all its various phases.

Parents are asked to communicate with the secretary, AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL COUNCIL, 165 Gertrude St., Fitzroy, N.6 (Melbourne), Victoria, for particulars.



This siren of the surf is lovely Jan Ridgeway, of Purfleet

NEWS SERVICE FOR THE BLIND

The entire editorial content of *Newsweek Magazine* is being made available on records to the more than 350,000 blind persons throughout America, according to William C. Dabney, president of the 100-year-old American Printing House for the Blind. As a result, the blind for the first time will have access to the story of the news while it is still news.

The inauguration of this non-profit news service, the *Newsweek Talking Magazine*, marks the first time that the contents of a news magazine have been recorded for the blind.

By means of a high-speed recording and shipping operation, blind persons will be able to play and hear recordings of each issue two days after it is available on the newsstands.

Four professional readers immediately record on tape the entire editorial content. It is then proofread and re-recorded on acetate to produce a set of master records.

Each issue consists of four long-playing, unbreakable 12-inch records, a total of eight sides. The records carry a regular printed label on one side and a label in braille on the other. They are shipped each Thursday to blind individuals and to schools and circulating libraries.

OUR PEOPLE

In 1788 there were about 300,000 aborigines in Australia. Now there are about 74,000, comparatively few of whom live in the tribal state. Queensland has an estimated 9,800 aborigines, some 7,000 half-blood aborigines (and 5,700 Torres Strait Islanders); New South Wales has only about 230 full aborigines and about 12,150 mixed-bloods; in Victoria there are about 20 full bloods and a little over a thousand of aboriginal descent; South Australia has just over 5,000 aborigines and part-aborigines, the latter probably slightly outnumbering the former; in Western Australia there are about 21,300 aborigines or part-aborigines classified as natives, about 6,000 of whom are nomads; in the Northern Territory there are about 16,000 full aborigines and 1,900 of mixed race.



The nonchalant cyclist, without a care in the world, is Trevor Ballangarry, of Bowraville