

MIGRANT AND GIRL FROM HOME WED

There was a happy gathering in Scots Church, Cootamundra, one Saturday afternoon recently, when a large crowd attended to see the pretty wedding of "dinky di" Aussie Tessa Kirby and migrant Australian Dezo Donaczy.

Tessa came to the Girls' Training Home, conducted by the aborigines' Welfare Board, as a baby and spent all her life there, about 20 years, until she left to work as a domestic at Gundagai, Illabo and Bethungra.

Tessa looked charming in pink nylon with a tulle veil, carrying a bouquet of mauve and yellow pastel shades.

Her bridesmaid was Beatrice Green, a student of the Cootamundra High School, who lives at the Home. She was frocked in blue, with a matching bouquet.

The groom was attended by Chatza Balind, a fellow Hungarian, who resides at Juneec.

There was a large crowd outside the Church when Tessa arrived in Mr. Ernie Gardiner's beautifully decorated car.

She entered the Church with Mr. I. Potts, maintenance officer from the headquarters of the Board, who has been in Cootamundra supervising the construction of the new dining hall.

There were only one or two seats left in the Church as Rev. Ray Walder conducted the service.

To Dezo, Rev. Walder said, "You, who have come to Australia all the way from Hungary, have shown us something and provided a great example, together with your young wife.

"It is a fine thing you have both done, in showing that the colour of a person's skin makes no real difference."

He presented the young couple with a New Testament on behalf of his wife and himself, and urged them to build their marriage on God's word.

While the register was being signed the girls of the Home sang Psalm 23 to the tune of Crimond, made famous by the choirboys of Westminster Abbey at the wedding of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Miss Marge McClintock was at the organ.

The Church was beautifully decorated by Mrs. Frank Dickson and her daughter Mrs. Keith Armour.

At the reception later Rev. Walder chaired the large gathering, made all the brighter for the very many gifts received from the people of the town and district.

Ideal Fruit Shop, G. Goodwin and G. Murphy provided fruit, while Mr. Arthur Ward supplied cream.

Mr. Resch donated the soft drinks for the reception and Cohens and Mrs. Walkom provided the sweets.

Many people sent cakes, while matron and the girls of the home prepared a beautiful three-tiered wedding cake, which was iced by Mrs. Potts.

The new dining room looked lovely for the occasion, and Matron Hiscock, who is a mother to the girls, must have felt as proud as any mother.

Walgett News

Congratulations go out to May Doolan, of Walgett, on the birth of a daughter.

Lucy Murphy, of Walgett, has had a period of hospitalisation, also young Veronica Murray. They are both looking and feeling much better.

Walgett Station has been saddened by the passing of young Timothy Sullivan in the Walgett District Hospital. Since being in hospital from April last with pneumonia, Timothy had been sick on and off. The sympathy of all residents of the Station goes out to the parents and relatives in their sad bereavement.

The houses on Walgett Station are taking on a "gay" look. Some are painted cream and red, some cream and yellow, others blue and white. However, it will be some time before all of the twenty-two houses are completely "gay".

Children nominated for the Summer Camp are already anticipating the pleasures in store. It is really an event for the children from these Western Stations, as some of them have never been to Sydney.



Meet Dennis Ritchie, of Kyogle

Congratulations to Margaret Mercy, of Coff's Harbour Public School, who won the Senior Championship for High Jumping in the Bellinger River Zone sports recently.

She has been selected to represent Coff's Harbour in the P.S.A.A.A. Sports in Sydney during the middle week in December next.