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By LORI TAYLOR

Herald Staff Writer No one would blame Rotary Exchange student Jenny Inglis if she regretted leaving her home in Nyngan, Australia. where the temperature the day she left was 112 degrees Fahrenheit, for the slightly cooler climes of Georgetown. but Jenny says she is excited about spending a year in

Canada, cold weather and all. Jenny, 18, has just completed Grade 12, her last year in high school, and is Georgetown's second Rotary exchange student from Australia. Jacinta Sedl, who was also from Australia, was here last year as part of the exchange program.

Jenny arrived at the airport Sunday after a 24-hour trip from Australia.

Jenny's home is 15 miles

outside the small town of Nyngan, in the state of New South Wales in southeastern Australia, Nyngan, about 365 miles northwest of Sydney, the Australian capital, has a population of 2,600 people, about 900 of whom live on ranches outside of the town, she said.

SERVE RANCHES

Nyngan is a town where most people are employed in commercial establishments which serve the ranches surrounding the town. Jenny told The Herald Monday, Her father owns a ranch of 6,500 acres on which he raises sheep, some cattle and wheat to sell. Jenny said the ranch has about 1,000 sheep.

Although a ranch of 6,500 acres would seem huge to most Ontarians, Jenny's father runs it alone, hiring helpers to do the specialized Jobs such as

shearing and clearing bush, which would require spending too much money on the equipment necessary to do the job

Jenny explained that the dryer the country is, the larger the ranches become, because more land is needed in order to make the ranch profitable. She said in some areas of Australia, there are ranches of one million acres, owned by one

The climate in Georgetown is quite a change from what Jenny is used to.

"I called my father at home before I left Nyngan, and he said it was 112 degrees in the shade," Jenny said, When asked how people adjusted to the Australian climate, she replied, "You just sort of suffer. We have heat waves that last one or two weeks. when the temperature is between 115 and 120 degrees each day. And our house has no air conditioning."

In the winter, which falls during Canada's summer months, the temperature ranges from about 34 degrees. Fahrenheit to 70 degrees, Jenny said.

"When it falls below 65 degrees, everyone puts their cardigans on," she said. FIRST TRIP

This is Jenny's first trip overseas, and she said she hasn't done much travelling in Australia. Travel within the country is expensive, she said, and the school holidays fall during the hottest time of the year when travelling is most uncomfortable.

In Australia, school starts at the end of January and ends in mid-December. Because the

temperature gets so high in the area where Jenny lives, the students are given an extra week's holiday.

Jenny said that when her year in Canada is up and she returns to Australia, she intends to go to university for three years to obtain a Bachefor of Arts degree, and then continue on with a two-year course in learning to teach, which is offered by a "church army", something along the lines of the Salvation Army, SPARE TIME

Jenny said she spent most of her spare time after school ended this year making sure she could answer any questions people asked her about Australia. Otherwise, she said, she would have spent her time going for walks with one of the family dogs, or inside, reading or cooking,

"You have to try to keep out of the sun as much as possible during the summer," she commented.

Before she left, Jenny helped her father round up sheep, working on foot, while her sister rode a motorbike.

nuisance, and there are bounties available for any

traffic hazard in Australia, they are menace on the roads, hit a kangaroo at one time or

JENNY INGLIS

another, and deliberately, but

because at night, they just

von," Jenny said.

Ranchers in Australia have pests to contend with, just as Canadian farmers do. Feral pigs, which sport huge tusks, run wild and frequently break 13 to mate with domestic sows, Jenny said. The pigs are a real

Kangaroos are a serious and every vehicle is equipped with a kangaron bar. The kangaroos are so thick that and "everyone in Nyngan has

remarked. "This opportunity while you're young is really beautiful." Jenny said she was familiar

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with some things about Canada, and when she was told where she would be going, did some research to find out a little more about the country. FALLS AND FORESTS "I knew about Niagara Falls and about all the forests here

in Canada," Jenny said. "When I looked at Canada, I thought 'cold' and 'snow', and I was interested in learning how people's houses are adapted to the cold. I'm also interested in seeing paper mills and industries, because we don't have much industry at all in Nyngan."

suddenly jump out in front of Jenny said the only foods she "I think I'll gain so much is familiar with that might be more this year, than I would if considered "Canadian" are pancakes with maple syrup I stayed in Australia," she

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and salmon, and she is looking forward tossampling them.

Jenny will be staying with four different families for most of her visit and will stay overnight with other Rotarian families towards the end of the year. She is now living with Bob and Marie Simpson. Later, she'll stay with Barry and Sandy Timleck, Dr. Harry Greig and his wife, Sandy, and with Rev. Peter Barrow and his family

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