A former High School student in the Murray River town of Swan Hill, is daily winning new friends for her people as an assistant in the chemist's shop of Mr. Alan Wilson, at Nyahwest, in Victoria.

The girl is Ivy Wise (18), who is being provided with every opportunity for advancement by her employer.

Mr. Wilson, in a letter to Dawn, from Nyahwest, which is 18 miles across the N.S.W. border, said Ivy had been a member of his pharmacy staff for the past nine months.

She had come highly recommended from the Swan Hill Children's Recreation Centre, which was established several years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Feldtmann. Mr. Feldtmann was a former sergeant in the Victorian police.

"Ivy loves her job," says Mr. Wilson, "and what is more she is well-liked by her fellow employees as well as the general public, who treat her with great respect.

"She is making steady progress in all her jobs and I find her very trustworthy and conscientious. Her jobs include price listing, serving customers, the banking, typing letters and labels as well as assisting in the annual stock taking.

"As she lives 18 miles away (at Swan Hill), we give her a midday meal and my wife thinks she possesses beautiful table manners and has a dainty way in serving eatables. We are very happy with Ivy."

Another tribute came from Mr. Feldtmann, who described Ivy as "our oldest child—now a young lady of 18 years."

Mr. Feldtmann said that the objective of the Swan Hill District Native Children's Recreation Centre, was to educate the children thoroughly and endeavour to obtain suitable employment for them.

"The fact that Ivy is gainfully employed in this fine position, proves that at least in one instance, the ultimate aim of the centre project has come to fruition," he said.

"Now Ivy's sister, Irene, is in her second year at High School and is following the lead which Ivy has given. Irene has already assisted Mr. Wilson in his chemist's shop on a few busy occasions and it is hoped to obtain full employment for her when she has completed her High School education.

"The centre is indebted to Mr. Wilson for all he has done for the cause and also Mr. Bert Worner, of Swan Hill, who drives Ivy to and from Nyahwest each day."

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