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boys have been connected with it in one way or another—in the A.T.C., E.P.S. Home Guard, and so on," the superintendent said. "They are all a healthy, happy and contented group and a credit to any community."

A Question Of Age

THE matron of a boarding school thought that it all turned on the age of children when they first arrived. "The younger they are, the more they imitate others," she said. "At first they are very homesick for Mummy and Daddy and very tearful when they hear them broadcasting, but after a time, they are so intent on living their own lives, they almost forget it was different before. Older children do not forget so easily, and never really take on the character of their schoolmates. They are much less self-reliant and practical than New Zealand children, having been kept in the nursery for much longer."

"A Great Asset"

FINALLY, we got in touch with one person who brought out a group of children, and now acts as official link between parents and foster-parents.

"Yes, I heard the BBC Brains Trust discussion you mention, and what struck me most was that no word was said suggesting that the foster-parents should

be taken into consideration. Yet they have had the children for over three years now, and have given them a great deal—good homes, good schooling, and encouragement to develop as far as possible according to their parents' wishes. And they have kept the parents regularly posted about their children's progress."

"Do you think New Zealand has started to get into their bones?"

"You know, I sometimes think they are becoming little New Zealanders, and then I change my mind. I know every one of them, and I've been in most of their homes. When they first came out, we noticed the difference between them and our own children. Now we don't notice it so much."

"What prospects are there of any of them staying, do you think?"

"The majority will return, but a few will remain. Several parents have expressed the hope of coming out here to live permanently. Some of the older children are more likely to stay, those who were, say, 15 when they came and are now 19 and beginning to make their own way. One girl is engaged to be married. One lad has joined the Air Force, and several others wish to join the Navy. For myself I wish they could all stay and that the parents could come here, for these foster-children of ours would be a great asset to New Zealand."



FOUR YEARS make a difference: Angela Marlowe was just a child when she was evacuated from England to the United States in 1940. She is now a young woman, and is acting in Hollywood. Here she is seen in her first role, that of a coquettish maid in "Gaslight."



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