


Pete's Page

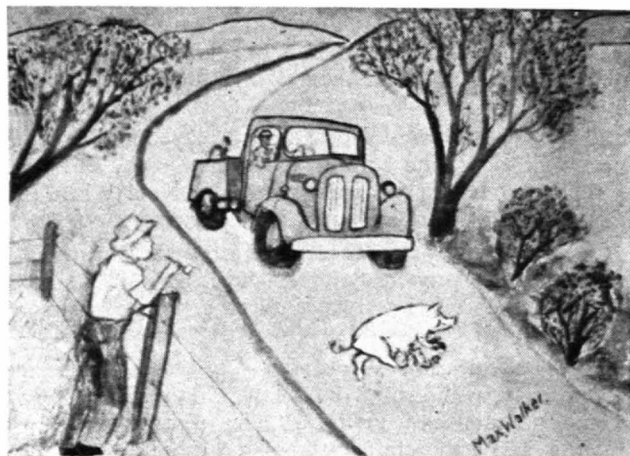
A black and white illustration of a man wearing a hat and a light-colored shirt, sitting on a horse. He is holding an open book and looking at it. The horse is facing left. The background is simple, with some lines suggesting a ground surface.

Hello, Kids,

Well the holidays are gone once again and now we have to wait until Xmas time for some more . . . but what a long time we have then. It's worth waiting for, isn't it. I hope though, that when the Xmas holidays come along many of you will decide to continue on at school next year.

You know, there is nothing more important, particularly to boys, than a first-class education. It may seem a bit hard going to school now, but later on I am sure you will realise just how your education helps you to get a good job . . . a job far better than the one which the uneducated boy must take.

When I was up in New Guinea recently, I spent some time inspecting a very interesting native school at Sogeri.



A fine pen and ink sketch by Max Walker of Nambucca Heads.

Here hundreds of small native boys and girls were being trained to eventually take jobs all over the island.

The Headmaster mentioned that he would like his youngsters to correspond with some of you, so how about writing some letters to the Headmaster and ask him to find some pen friends for you? Address your letters to—The Headmaster, Special Training School, Sogeri, Papua. I am sure you will be delighted with the replies you receive.

All the boys down here in Sydney are getting very excited about the anticipated arrival of Hopalong Cassidy from America. Hopalong, who is well known to all picture goers, is coming to the Sydney Showground to put on a big show to help raise funds for the crippled children. I suppose a great number of you will see him.

The Summer Holiday is not far off now so any of you who are thinking about coming down had better remind your parents to make all the necessary arrangements with the local Welfare Officer, or the Station Manager. If you have been down before, you will know what a wonderful time everyone has.

I'm really very disappointed with most of you boys and girls. Every month thousands of you get copies of *Dawn* and yet only the same old few send me stories, poems, letters, drawings, etc. How about some of you people who haven't contributed before, doing something about it now.

Well, boys and girls, that's about all the news for the time being, so a big cheerio until next month.

Your Sincere Pal,

A stylized, cursive signature of the name 'Pete'.