



Hello Kids,

You know, I hardly seem to finish writing one letter to you all before its time to write again, and another month has flown past. The time certainly does go quickly.

I just had a very nice letter from Margaret Newman, of Condobolin. Margaret sends greetings to all our aboriginal readers wherever they might be in any part of Australia.

Also had another nice letter from three young girls who would like some pen friends.

They say, "We are three young girls and we would like some pen friends about the same age as ourselves, 17 or 18. We are Susan Munro, Ruth Connors and Bertha Brown. Our hobbies are swimming, singing, drawing and shooting. (Look out, you fellows, these lasses are quick on the draw!) We live in a town called Guyra. It's a nice little place but gets very cold sometimes, like last week when we had some snow. All we could do then was to sit around the fire all day. We do hope we get some pen friends."

Well there you are, send your letters along to these girls, c.o. Post Office, Guyra, and I'm sure you'll get some interesting replies.



This sketch is by Valda Toomey, Queen Street, Pilliga



Esther Nicholls, of Pilliga

Christmas is certainly getting close, isn't it? I suppose many of you have already made up your minds what you would like for Christmas or what you are going to give for presents.

We have already started getting the Christmas issue of *Dawn* ready and I am sure you will all be thrilled when you see it. We are really producing something special this year.

Incidentally, we are going to give some very special prizes for the best drawings sent in during the next few weeks for this Christmas issue. All these drawings must be about something to do with Xmas. How about having a try, Kids, to see what you can produce? Remember they must be neat, preferably in ink, and be sure and put your name and address on the back.

Well, Kids, I guess that's about all the news once again for another month, so looking forward to lots and lots of letters and drawings from you all.

All the best for now.

Your sincere Pal,

Pete