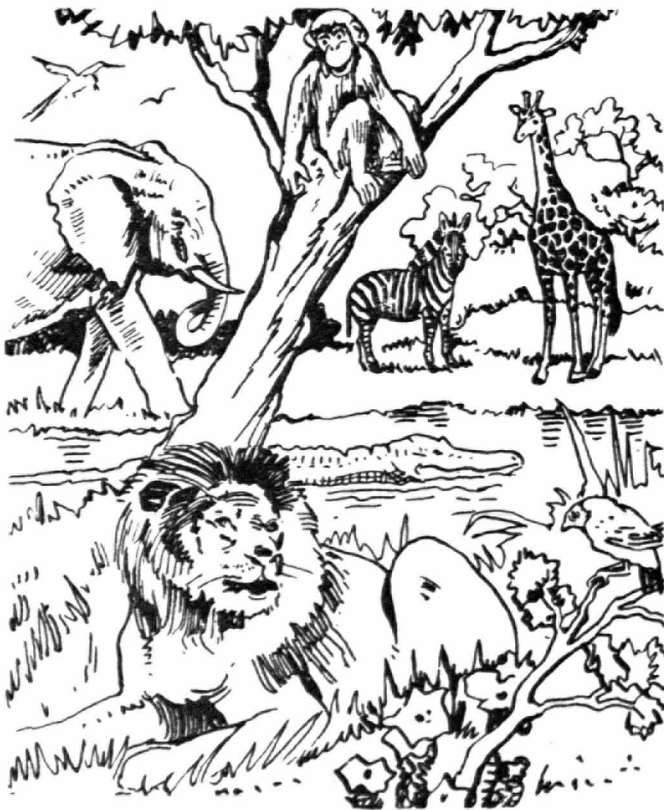


HELLO, BOYS AND GIRLS !

Well, we are really getting close to Christmas once again, aren't we ?

I suppose you are busy digging up the biggest stockings you can find to hang up for old Santa. I certainly hope they are all filled. This month, as you see, we have a very interesting colour-in competition. Colour this drawing in as neatly as possible, with crayon or paints, and send it along. There will be some good prizes and you may win one.



Name

Age

Address

The mailman just brought me a bag full of mail from Condobolin. In it were some splendid pen and ink drawings from Neville Goolagong, Alice Briar, Andrew Sloan, Pauline Newman, Anna Woolfe, Keith Dargin, Colin Sloan, Merle Cummings, and Robert Reid. Thanks a lot, Condobolin gang. Please send me some more. I also had a very nice Micky Mouse coloured painting from Marie Moore, c/o. Mrs. Copeland, Morecourt Station, Goondiwindi.

Fourteen-year-old Betty Black, of Murrin Bridge, sent along a number of coloured drawings and one of them won a prize. Congratulations Betty! I had a nice letter from Fay Davis (16), of Bellwood, and a drawing. Fay wants some pen friends about her own age. How about it Kids—some letters for Fay! Steve Hoskins, of Wallaga Lake, sent a fine drawing which just missed a prize. Better luck next time, Steve!

One of my most regular writers is Carol Donovan, of Bowraville; her letters are always very interesting and I look forward to them.

Another prize this month goes to Zetta Clarke, of Murrin Bridge, for a very fine country scene. Congratulations, Zetta! Maggie Taylor, of Murrin Bridge, just missed a prize for her painting.

I will be looking forward to meeting some of you shortly when you come down to Sydney for the Summer Camp.

Mr. Mullins tells me this year's Camp will be bigger and better than ever.

Well, Kids, that's about all the news for this time, so I'll sign off now until next month.

All the Best to You All,

Your sincere Pal,

Pete