

Hello Kids,

Well, we're really getting close to Christmas once again, aren't we? I suppose you are all looking forward to this grand occasion and all the nice things that come with it. I've had quite a lot of mail lately and some very nice drawings, but there are still a lot more young people who *should* write.

Dennis Cain sent me a nice pencil sketch of an old rooster and his offspring. Congratulations Dennis; this wins you a prize.

Now, what do you know about Urunga?

I have just had a letter from Kevin Degges, of Sydney, and he said he would like to see more in *Dawn* about this town. Kevin said, "I come from Sydney where I am a junior clerk with the Railways Department, but I am holidaying here in Urunga, a lovely seaside resort. I found here a fellow-aborigine, an ex-Alamein digger named Andrew Boney, who owns a lovely home in Nambucca Street. A few doors away his father-in-law, Mr. Harry Kelly, a wonderful man, and one of the pioneers of the district. Then next door again, Mr. Robert Avery and his family. Not to forget the three well-known boys Kevin Boney, Bruce Brown and Brian Kelly, all topline footballers. Then there is Ray Kelly whose tracking instinct has assisted the police on many occasions. The white folk here in Urunga do not object to the aboriginal children in the schools and the older generation attend local housie, card games, dances and many other activities. This Urunga is really a town!" Well thanks for that letter, Kevin. It sounds quite a place.

Brian Irving of Armidale Road, South Grafton, wrote me a nice letter and sent me a sketch of a racing car. I think Brian must have a few problems at school for he said in his letter, "Mr. Bell, our teacher, is sometimes good and sometimes bad". Well, Brian, aren't we all like that? Ismay Slater, whose address is c/- Post Office, Carroona, via Quirindi, wants some pen friends, boys and girls, 13 to 16 years, interested in all outdoor sports. Well, how about some letters, kids. Max Jarrett, c/- Post Office, Bowraville, wins a prize too, for his nice pen and ink sketch, "The Title Fight". Max also wants some pen friends about 15 or 16 years of age.

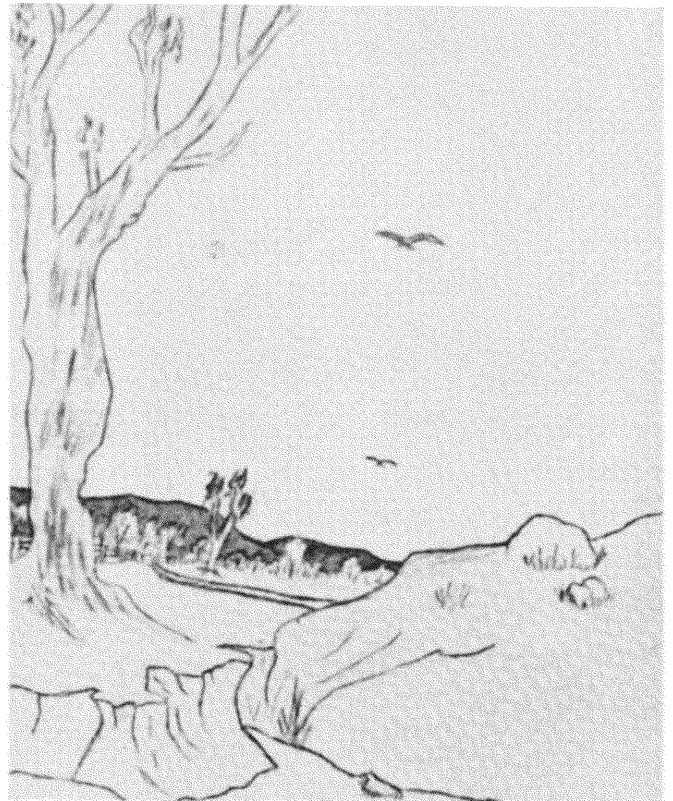
I also had a lovely painting from Pamela Hayns of 112 Palmer Street, East Sydney. It just missed a prize, Pam, but try again will you? My old pal Carol Donovan, of Bowraville, sent me three nice sketches and one of them, "Bringing in the Washing", wins a special prize.

Owen Morgan c/- Claude McDermott, of Tweed Heads South, wants some pen friends, 15 to 21 years of age. Owen said, "I am 20 years of age, 5 ft. 7 in., weigh 10 stone 5 lbs, have wavy hair, dimples in the cheeks and all my teeth, I will be glad to exchange photos." Well there you are, a full description, and I'm sure he'll get plenty of letters.

Also a nice black and white sketch, which wins a prize, came from Matilda Williams of Wrambie, West Cowra. Congratulations to you Matilda. Well, kids, that's all for this month, so all the best for now.

Your sincere pal,

Pete



A fine black and white sketch by Betty Black of Murrin Bridge.