



Hello, Kids,

This year is certainly getting away from us again, isn't it? It will only be a matter of weeks before we have Easter with us, and, of course, more holidays.

Isn't it lovely to see everything so nice and green again after the awful drought.

I suppose many of you have seen Her Majesty the Queen Mother. She is a lovely gracious lady and I am sure we are all proud to see her come back here again.

I have just had a nice letter from Joan Smith, of 9 Neville Everson Street, West Kempsey, and it wins her a special prize.

Joan said, "We are at last home with our mother after 5 years at the Cootamundra Training Home. My second eldest sister, Katherine, passed her Intermediate last year and that pleased Mum more than anything. I will be going for my Intermediate in two years time. I go to Kempsey High School now and am in First Year."

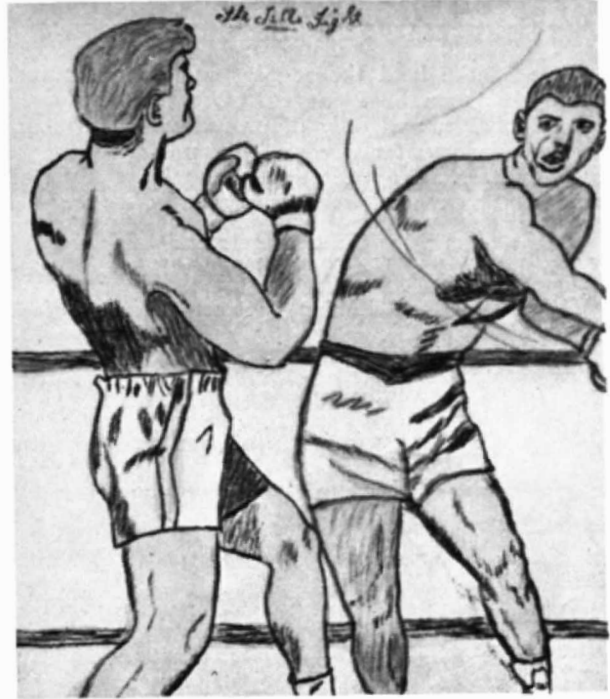
Well, thanks a lot, Joan, for that nice little letter which was so well written.

Also had another nice letter and a sketch from Brian Irving, of Armidale Road, South Guyra. Brian is also in High School and has some great hopes for the future. Congratulations, Brian, keep up the good work.

I was very pleased to see so many entries in our colour-in competition last month. The standard, too, was very high and it was exceptionally difficult to pick the winners. However, at last we decided to award three prizes to: Michael Bryant, of Bellwood, Nambucca Heads; Leila Penrith, of the Cootamundra Girls' Home; and Charlotte King, c.o. Tuncester Post Office, via Lismore. Congratulations, kids. Your prizes will be posted to you very shortly.

This month, as you see, we have another competition . . . a Find the Fish Colour-in, and I'm sure we'll have a lot of entries again.

Valerie Wenberg, c.o. Mrs. Hardie, Stirling, Wallendean, wrote me a nice long letter enclosing some nice sketches and telling me all about her new job and the tame kangaroo. Valerie said she often goes into Cootamundra to see the girls there and she is delighted



with the nice new appearance of the Home since it was painted. Thanks for your nice letter, Val.

Also another nice letter from John Crowe, of 39 Gundagai Road, Cootamundra. John is in Fifth Class at school and likes school very much. He is a very good runner. All the best in the school sports, John.

Also a letter from Jean Flanders, c.o. Racecourse, Bowraville. Jean wants some pen friends about 16 or 17 years of age. How about some letters, kids?

A special prize this month to Charlotte Nicholson, c.o. Post Office, Moulamein, for a beautifully written letter. Congratulations, Charlotte. Let's hear from you again.

Well, Kids, that's all the news for now, so with all the best,

Your sincere pal,

Pete