

Dear Editor,

In the recent issues of *Dawn* one gathers quite a lot of information regarding our people. Some have a great interest in life and the way they live, others are rather disappointing when we take into consideration how the Board is trying to make us comfortable and contented.

The average home costs about £1,500 and if the person who occupies it pays his rent regularly it becomes an asset to our people, but otherwise it becomes a loss.

If this view could be taken by all, then we would be on the road to success.

I would like to make a suggestion to the men responsible for the welfare of our people.

I would say there are a lot of honest intelligent people among us and if given the opportunity could prove themselves worthy citizens. I would suggest that a survey be taken to find out how many would be interested in farming and if they would be prepared to work on a share basis or buy a farm outright.

There is always a demand for primary produce and a farm would not lose its value as a house might.

It would really be an asset to the people, not only commercially but it would also create an incentive for the younger generation to try and do something for themselves.

—Robert Brown (Wreck Bay)

. . . Thanks, Mr. Brown. It will be interesting now to see how many readers come forward with replies to your letter.

—Ed.

Send your letters to

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Dear Editor,

I think your gardening competition an excellent opportunity to arouse a little interest among aboriginal people in bettering their own lives. On many stations there is an absolute apathy towards gardening, etc. Congratulations on your magazine *Dawn*.

D. Gunter,
Teacher in Charge,
Aboriginal School, Nanima.

. . . Thank you, Mr. Gunter. Judging by the enquiries we have had, I think our garden competition for aboriginal children is going to be most successful. Any school will be very proud to win the lovely trophy.

—Ed.

The Editors Mail



A Level-headed Little Lady

Girls serve as hotel porters in towns of North Portugal. Balancing heavy bundles of baggage on their heads, they trot up hills and climb stairs without even touching their hands to their burdens. This young girl is from the Villa do Conde.