

Letters From Our Readers! . . .

In her long and interesting letter, Lexie Ellis of Jellingroo, Tumblong, said:

Dear Sir,

Thanks very much for my monthly copy of *Dawn* which I get and read with great interest. I'm always looking forward to it, and when I do read it I always think that the next copy seems to take ages to come.

During the last two weeks we've had some very hot weather here, and I can guess it's the same everywhere else in Australia.

Last Saturday I went to Wagga for a swim (Wagga is forty miles from here) and being new and only just opened, the pool was crowded with people.

I would be very pleased if you could get me *pen friends* between the ages of seventeen and nineteen who are interested in swimming, tennis and reading. I would like letters from both sexes. All letters will be answered and photographs would be accepted.

When the Queen visits Australia, she will visit Wagga, and the people are going to decorate the town. Many people will come here from all over the Riverina District.

This is my second letter I've written in, but I promise to write again. Until then I'll say cheerio and best wishes.

Yours faithfully,
Lexie Ellis.

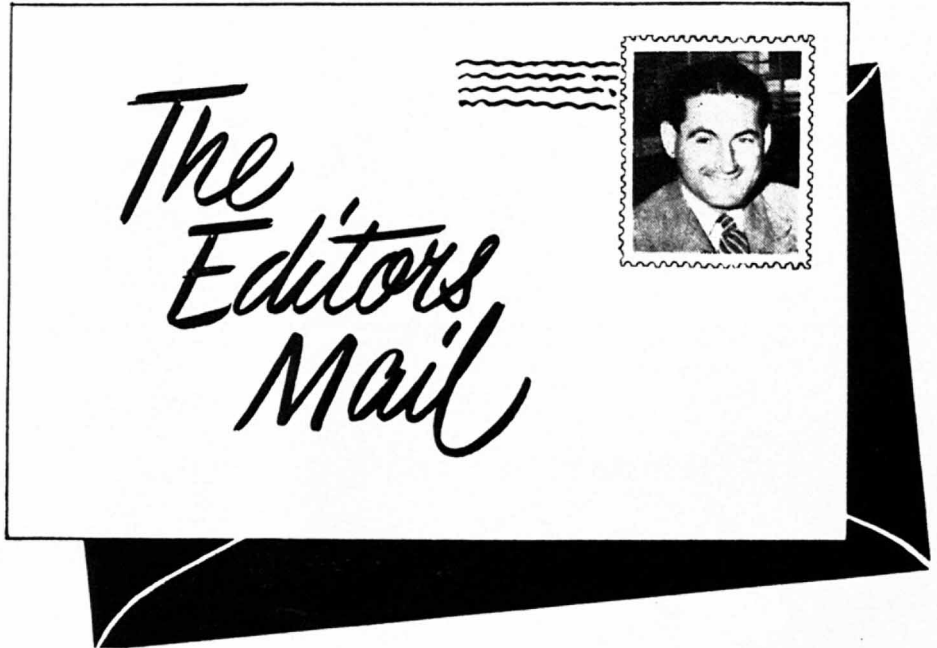
Another interesting letter was from Margaret Cruse, of Wave Hill, Muttama. Margaret said:

Dear Sir,

We are all looking forward to seeing our beautiful young Queen in February. I suppose Sydney will be too crowded to move.

We have nearly fifty little turkeys to look after now, and, my word, they take a lot of looking after too. (I'd like to look after just one—on a plate!)

We have been busy shearing, dipping, footrotting the sheep. (My word, isn't there lots to be done on the land!)



Dear Editor,

It is with pleasure that I write to *Dawn* again. I was very interested recently to read the article in *Dawn* about Swan Hill and its new aboriginal centre.

It thrilled my heart to know that someone like the police sergeant at Swan Hill takes an interest in our people. As he said, it needs someone with vision to do this because, as it says in the Bible, "Where there is no vision the people perish." That is very true. I am glad someone like this sergeant has seen this because he can exert such a good influence. I am a very fair caste aboriginal and live off the La Perouse reserve, but I live for my people. I love to help all I can to see they are better cared for. There is so much to be done and our allotted spans are very short.

We have a wonderful lady doctor at Armidale, Dr. Kent Hughes, who is doing a great work among the coloured people. I served under her tuition for some years and I know just how much she is esteemed among our people.

Another very lovable person, a person so kind and gentle is Mrs. Inspector English. Words really fail me in trying to express my gratitude to her for the way she manages our girls and irons out our many troubles.

Her Majesty the Queen will be here shortly and when she arrives I hope there will be a great spirit of unity among our people. I hope she will be able to see us as we want her to see us.

Emma J. Cook,
Yarra Bay.