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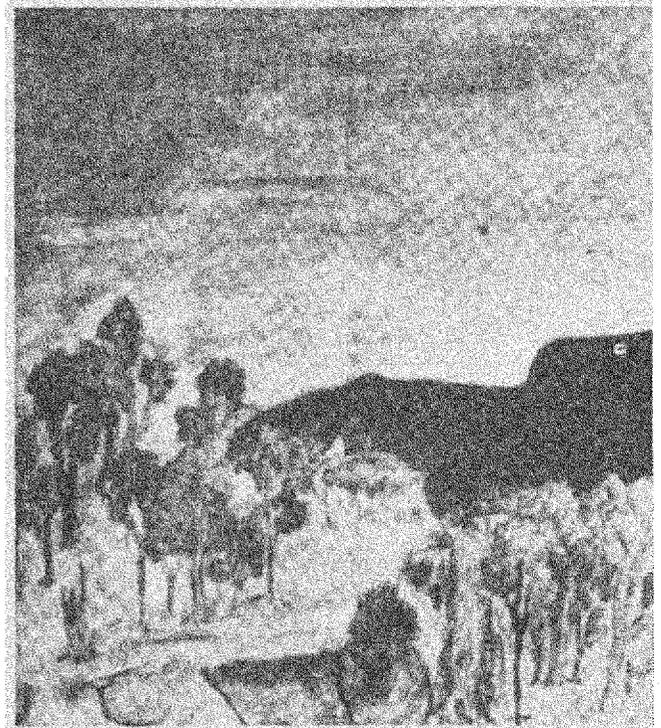
Well how are we all now? Chilblains and sneezes seem to be the order of the day, I suppose, but never mind it won't be long before we're back with the Summer again. Did you know that June 21st is the shortest day in the year, and from there on we start to get back into the long summer days again.

Yesterday I had a nice letter from Noeline Briggs (sorry I've been calling you Marlene, Noeline, but that's a nice name too, you know).

A nice pencil sketch in the mail from Albert Dennison of Moree. No prize this time Albert, but have another try will you?

I also had a long and interesting letter from my Pal Valerie Wenberg of Cootamundra. Valerie, who sent along a nice painting with her letter, said "When I first took my job here with Mrs. Kingston at The Grove, Cootamundra, I was very homesick but now I am quite happy, with my lambs and cats and dogs. I often go down and milk the cows and sometimes watch Mr. Kingston ploughing the fields or sowing the seed. Mr. Kingston has hundreds of little lambs and I think they are beautiful.

I often go up to the home to see the girls and I have very pleasant memories of the place where I spent so many years".



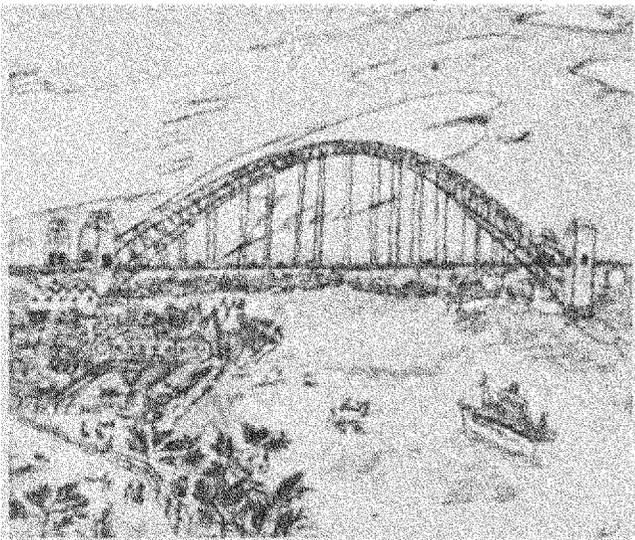
A delightful study by Betty Black of Murrin Bridge.

Well Valerie, thanks for your letter (it wins you a prize too). I'm surely pleased to hear you are enjoying yourself at The Grove and I hope you save plenty of money. Perhaps one of these days you may have enough to take a nice long trip. Travelling is a marvellous means of education.

I'm afraid a lot of my young pals have been very lazy lately. I don't get nearly as many letters or drawings as I used to, and I can't remember when I last received some poems. Come on Kids, how about it. Get those pens out and do the right thing.

Well that's about all the news for June, so see you next July.

Cheerio,
Your sincere Pal



A fine black and white sketch by Les Franks.