



Hello, kids,

Well, it won't be long now before we're well out of the winter again. Aren't you glad! Some more holidays this month too for some lucky kids!

Just had a nicely written note from ten years old Doug Riley, Railway Station, Denman. Doug tells me he is very fond of horses, gardening, football and school (just fancy that!) and he would like some pen pals. How about it, kids?

And a very nice letter from Doug's 6½ years old sister, Lorraine. She said: "I am only 6½ years old. I am getting a friend to write this for me, as I have only started school this year, cannot print much.

Each month my mother reads *Dawn* to us kiddies. I enjoy every bit of it, I also like the photos which are printed in *Dawn*.

Although I am a white girl, I think *Dawn* is a wonderful magazine for both coloured and white people. I am sure many people will agree with me.

I would like some pen-pals 6 to 9 years old. I have fair complexion, fair hair, blue eyes. I have two brothers, Den and Doug. I like helping Mum, playing with dolls, coloring in pictures, gardening. We all like hill-billy songs. We live close to the railway lines, see the trains as they go past."

Also had a little note from Terry Springheel (11) of Crescent Head Road, via Kempsey and a nice sketch. More letters, Terry, but please write in ink, will you?

Isabelle Johnson of Three Ways Bridge, Griffith, also sent me some black and white sketches. Let us have some more, Isabelle.

Nine years old Larry Goolagong also wrote and sent a sketch. Thanks, Larry, pleased to hear from you.

Beverley Hynch, care Post Office, Boggabilla, tells me in her letter she feels rather lonely and would like some pen friends. She is 18 years of age and her main hobbies are playing the guitar and basket ball. Some letters please for Beverley.

Trevor Ballangarry, care Post Office, Auburn, wrote me a nice newsy letter and sent some sketches. Trevor is doing his Primary Final this year and hopes to pass. He goes to Auburn Marist Brothers and he too would like some pen friends.

I always look forward to hearing from my young pals, so be sure and keep those letters coming in. I also want some really good sketches to print in *Dawn* and, of course, we are always pleased to receive photographs.

Wells, kids, I guess that's about all for now, so wishing you all Happy Holidays.

Your sincere Pal,
Pete.

