

Hello, Kids,

And how are all my young friends, this time? You know, I think Spring must be getting close because the birds all seem to be getting more chirpy and new flowers are making their appearance.

My mail has improved quite a lot lately, but I still think there are many more of you who could send along some drawings and stories. In this month's mail I had a couple of very nice emu drawings from Betty Black and Irene Clark, of Murrin Bridge. Thanks, girls.

Another nice drawing I had was Old Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer, and it came from twelve-yearold Ruth Bryant, of Bellwood.

From Richard Ballangarry (c/o. Auburn Post Office) I had a very nice newsy letter and a drawing of Scrooge McDuck. (He's a mean old character, isn't he?)

Margaret Cruse, who is now working at the Australian Hotel, Lake Cargelligo, sent me one of her usual friendly letters, full of news. Margaret says she has made a lot of friends in Lake Cargelligo but is still "very much a Cootamundra girl." She said she was pleased to see the photographs of all the Cootamundra girls in *Dawn* recently.

Margaret would like some pen-friends, either boys or girls, about 17 or 18 years of age.

Another interesting letter came from Larry Kelly, of Bowraville Racecourse. Larry also sent me a drawing.

The poor old postman just staggered in with a really BIG mail from Boggabilla. This mail included letters from Stan McIntosh, Gloria Haines, Bertram Prince, Joybell Duncan, Don McIntosh (a prize to you, Don!), Margaret McGrady, Albert Dennison, Beverley Kynch, an McIntosh, Neville Binge, and Isabell McGrady.

Another interesting letter came from Amy Wemberg, of "Hillview," Cootamundra. Amy, who told me all about her recent holiday at Narooma, wants some pen friends about 17 or 18 years of age. Get out those pads now, Kids, and write some letters.

Well, Kids, I think that's about all the news this time, so hoping you'll keep the postman busy.

Your Sincere Pal,



A pretty little pencil drawing by Lily Taylor, of Murrin Bridge.