Hullo, Kids,

Well, here we are again, and how are all my young pals this month? Brrr! It's a cold time of the year, isn't it? I don't know about the towns where you may live, but it is certainly cold down here. Do you know, last night I had a candle burning by my bed and it was so cold that when I went to blow it out I found the flame had frozen! Do you believe that?

Well, I'm very pleased at all the letters I'm getting, although I am disappointed not receiving more photographs. By the way, if you have had a photograph published in *Dawn* and have not been paid for it yet, will you write and let me know? Please tell me what the photograph was, and which month it was published.

Still haven't had any short stories from my pals yet. How about it?

Next month, I have a special competition for you all, and a very interesting feature called "Now you Know."

This month, I have had drawings from the following Boggabilla youngsters: Ian McIntosh, Allen Stacey, Jack Orcher, Hayden Haines, Lewis Orcher, Donald McIntosh, Fred Binge, Alex Hippi, Douglas McGrady, Henry Binge, Cyril Knox, Barry Stacey, Neville Binge, Neil Armstrong, Ron McGrady, Jeffery Prince, Stan McIntosh (I believe Stan won third prize in the Group 3 for over 13 and under 17 years in Farmer's 27th Annual Children's Hobbies Competition last Christmas. Nice work, Stan!), Margaret McGrady, Isabel McGrady.

PRIZES

This month, prizes were awarded to Stan McIntosh, Stan Stacey, Kevin Binge, Nellie Davis (Mungindi), Patricia Chapman (Falls Creek, via Nowra), Leila Foster (Wreck Bay).

How are all the gardens going? If your school wants to be considered in this competition for the Silver Cup, will you please get your teacher to send along a photograph of your garden at the end of this month.

If you write to me and I do not answer, please don't be disappointed. You see, I have so many letters in the mail each day it's almost impossible to answer them all, but I do want to hear from you all.

In this month's issue we have an appeal from young people in Australia and Africa for pen-friends. How about writing to some of them! It's lots of fun and you can learn so much about other people!

How did you like old Biffo's cart? It's certainly a beauty, isn't it? Well, until next month, all the best for the time being,

Your friend,

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