Enquiries and applications can also be made to any office of the Department of Child Welfare and Social Welfare; to the local school principal; or to your local vocational officer.

Applications should be made as soon as possible.

PEN FRIEND—

The above photo is that of Kathy Wickey of Narrandera.

She is a nurse at the Narrandra District Hospital. Her hobbies are dancing, swimming, listening to music and following her favourite football team.

She is 21 and would like an Aboriginal of either sex and of about the same age to write to.

Kathy’s postal address is:

Post Office,
Darlington Point, N.S.W. 2706.

A TALE OF PROBLEMS AND SUCCESS

The story of Garnett Brennan and his family provides an illustration of the successes and problems of many people living in Moree today.

As a young man Garnett supported his 12 brothers and sisters, working at shearing and ring-barking around Caroona where he grew up.

At the age of 23, 38 years ago, he moved to Moree where he set up home on the river-bank.

He lived there for 20 years until he was able to move his family into a house on the mission near town. Soon afterwards he started work on the railways where he has been employed ever since.

The Brennan family of eight children lived at Warajarai till 18 months ago when he finally obtained a house in town.

Today he lives there with his wife, two of his sons and a daughter. Three of his daughters and one son are married and another son, Norman, is living in Sydney where he is apprenticed as a motor mechanic with General Motors-Holden.

When the family first moved into town, says Garnett, there were objections from white families living in the street. “Now”, he says, “those people are eating their words. We all get on well together these days”.

Asked how he found living in town compared with life at Warajarai, Garnett says, “It’s a lot better living here. There are no problems at all.”

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