

Smoke Signals



TIPS FOR THE MONTH Clean an oven the quick way by placing a rag saturated with household ammonia inside the hot oven. Close the door and leave the oven to cool. Oven grease then can be wiped off easily.

Make tasty peel-flavouring for cake mixtures by removing pith from skins of oranges and lemons; then finely chop the skins and store in a screw-top jar with a little honey. The honey soon candies and a teaspoon of the peel added to the cake mixture gives an excellent flavour.

Stop snails damaging shrubs and seedlings by sprinkling sawdust around the plants. Snails cannot crawl over sawdust because it sticks to them.

Deterioration and leakage in cracked eggs can be stopped by sealing the crack with cellulose tape immediately. If repaired this way, the eggs will keep just as long as unbroken ones.

Remove mildew from coloured linen by rubbing the marks first with soft soap mixed with powdered chalk. Hang linen in the sun to dry, then brush well to remove powder, then wash in the usual way. If a plastic raincoat has become mildewed, rub the marks with dry soap powder, using steel wool.

► The Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs has awarded £1,200 scholarships to five Aboriginal children to enable them to complete their education from fifth class to matriculation. Four of the children who attended the Foundation's presentation ceremony in December are Peter Williams, of Green Valley (Sydney), Roslyn Davis, of Nambucca Heads, Stephen Gibson and Susan Lake, of North Dubbo. The money will be used for clothing, books, school fees, extra tuition if needed, and for payments to help parents. One of the scholarships was sponsored by Mrs M. Cornelius, wife of a prominent Sydney businessman. This financial support will encourage children and help parents to keep on pushing them in their studies.

► Members of service clubs in Wellington provided 210 gifts for Nanima School's Christmas party. The annual party, instituted about 10 years ago by Archdeacon H. Graham of the Wellington District Aboriginal Children's Aid Committee, attracted many guests, who, with the Namina people, contributed £207 to the Committee's appeal. Balance of the money will be used by the School's Parents and Citizens Association. Schoolmaster, Mr Jim Cahill, expressed deep gratitude for the help of the clubs.