



Smoke Signals

TIP FOR THE MONTH Loosen rusted screws by striking the head slot at one end with the point of a nail. The hammer-driven nail will break the rust seal and start the screw in a counter-clockwise direction.

► Mr Walter Stallworthy, stock and station agent of Collarenebri, reports that the Aboriginal people on the Reserve have created an emergency fund. Each family pays 25c a week, and since May over \$1,000 has been lodged with the Bank of New South Wales branch in the town. Families without finance can draw on the fund to pay for a funeral and for finance in emergencies. So far \$129 has

been paid out for funerals. Officials of the fund are Isabelle Flick (president), Mrs T. Ryan (secretary) and Mr Stallworthy (treasurer).

► It won't be long before these three little cuties are leaving a trail of broken hearts down Deniliquin way. Welfare Officer D. J. Hall sent the photo of (left to right) Deborah Jackson (3), Moya Whyman (2) and Kerry Jackson (2).

► Borroloola's (N.T.) first race meeting in 40 years must have been quite a turn. Some of the 400 crowd chartered aircraft from Darwin (500 miles away) and others travelled hundreds of miles by road to the August meeting. There were a few punch-ups and quite a bit of gambling and drinking, but police made no arrests. In fact, some of the visitors were allowed to camp overnight in the police cells.

► A Railways Department officer revealed in August that an average of 195,790 people travelled by train to Sydney's city stations each day. But the average number to leave the city was 190,790. "Nobody knows what happens to the other 5,000," he said. One theory is that many of the lost passengers are men who meet up with friends in hotels after work and are later driven to their homes by car.

► A valley rich in cave paintings and other Aboriginal relics has been discovered near Laura, about 70 miles west of Cooktown (Qld). Captain Percy Trezise, an Ansett-A.N.A. pilot first saw the valley from the air several years ago, and recently explored the area from the ground. He believes some of the paintings date back thousands of years while others were painted last century. "There are six big cave galleries, most of them painted in a very old style," Mr Trezise said. "The major

