



TIP FOR THE MONTH When your straw broom wears down on one side, soak it in hot water for about 10 minutes and while it is soft and wet trim evenly with kitchen shears. When it dries out the broom will be as even as new.

► Twenty-four-years-old Dubbo mechanic John Dickerson attended a St John Ambulance first-aid course last year, and saved his own life because of it. Late last year his left arm was dragged into a tyre-stripping machine, which ripped out part of a main artery. Mr Dickerson was working alone and would have bled to death had he not known how to apply pressure to stop the flow of blood until medical aid was available.

► Australia's Aboriginal population totalled 79,620 in the 1966 Census, reports Mr J. P. O'Neill, the Acting Commonwealth Statistician. This figure was 4,311 more than in the 1961 Census. The following State figures cover people with 50 per cent or more of Aboriginal blood: Northern Territory, 21,119; Queensland, 19,003; Western Australia, 18,439; N.S.W., 13,613; South Australia, 5,505; Victoria, 1,790; A.C.T., 96; and Tasmania, 55.

► Harry Carpenter, from Northern Territory, is another Aboriginal to appear in an Australian-made film. Harry and 12 other fullbloods of the Gobaboingu tribe are members of a group of interpretive dancers and musicians, which will tour the United States and Europe this year. During a six-days stopover in Sydney, Harry played the part of a tribal chief in the TV production of "Skippy, the Bush Kangaroo". "Skippy" is being filmed in colour for Australian and world distribution; it has been sold in North America, Europe and Asia.

► Mrs Francis (pictured) grows some whopper vegetables in her Weilmoringle garden. That spinach is 2 ft high, and carrots, cabbages, tomatoes and turnips do just as well. Boggabilla welfare officer Bruce Wilson says that since water was piped to the settlement from the town bore, the Weilmoringle people have been busy in their gardens. The picture of Mrs Francis' garden tells the story best.



► A group of Arnhem Land Aborigines have paid \$2,000 for a 26-ft fishing boat which they plan to use on a commercial basis at Maningrida settlement, at the mouth of the Liverpool River. Northern Territory Administrator, Mr C. L. Dean, said in November that this was an example of the growing interest in private enterprise among Aborigines.