



## Smoke Signals

**TIP FOR THE MONTH.** Keep lettuce fresh for two to three weeks by standing the stalk in water in a closed container in the refrigerator.

▶ **Where's Betty?** Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Betty Charlton (daughter of the late Richard William Murray, of Karuah) should tell her that it would be in her interest to contact the N.S.W. Aborigines Welfare Board, or the Director of Native Affairs, Queensland.

▶ An Aboriginal girl from Quirindi has been awarded the third John F. Kennedy Memorial School Grant. The fund was established as a gesture by the people in the northwest region of the State after the death of President Kennedy. Each year three Aboriginal children receive \$50 grants for 3 years, to pay for school fees, books, sports fees and other education expenses.

▶ The first Aboriginal debutante in Condobolin will be presented to the Chief Secretary, Mr E. A. Willis, at the Church of England Ball on 3 May. *Dawn* next month hopes to print pictures and stories of the event.

▶ In February issue *Dawn* was pleased to print the story of the honour Moree people had bestowed on their fellow citizen Mr Alexander Stanley. Almost before the ink had dried it was learnt that Mr Stanley had died. Moree people were considerably pleased that he laid the foundation stone of the new \$500,000 Services Club, and equally saddened that he only lived with the honour for a few short months.



▶ A few months ago Harry Miles and Mrs M. Donovan, of Eungai, organized a barbecue dance at Macksville Showground. Drizzling rain during the afternoon must have worried the organizers, but it certainly didn't deter the 400 Aborigines who came from all parts of the north coast and tablelands. Profit from the night went to a fund to rebuild the Eungai Memorial Hall.

▶ Sort of man-bites-dog department: A runaway piano crashed into a parked car at Stanmore early in March. The piano fell from the back of a passing utility truck and slid across the road, hitting the car.

▶ Mr W. C. Wentworth, newly appointed Minister for Social Services and Aboriginal Affairs, knows a great deal about the people for whom he is now responsible. For years, on holidays, Mr and Mrs Wentworth flew to remote parts of Australia, hired a four-wheel-drive car and spent up to a month sleeping on the ground, exploring and finding out about the Aborigines. Mr Wentworth made 10 such trips—25,000 miles of travelling to Arnhem Land, Cape York, the Birdsville Track, the Kimberleys and the Roper River.

▶ Twelve-year-old Richard Donovan, of St Marys, started high school as a boarder at Waverley College early in March as the first Aboriginal boy to receive a scholarship under Operation Boomerang. The scheme began when Ald. Milton Jolly of Waverley suggested that the council should follow up the referendum on Aborigines with something concrete. The Waverley people raised \$1,200—the cost of Richard's first year at the college. Grace Bros provided him with a uniform, shoes, case, and even a brush and comb. Waverley Council hopes to send at least one Aboriginal boy and girl to a boarding school each year.

▶ Six-year-old twins Mary and Margaret Walford cooled off in Wallgett pool then played on the lawn as Welfare Officer Follan snapped this delightful duo. The picture gained for Miss Follan third prize in a camera club competition.

