
Smoke Signals

► Pictured is Colleen Page, 18, of Coffs Harbour, at work in the offices of the Coffs Harbour Hospital. Colleen, who left school after third year, did a year's secretarial course at Tech. and started work as a junior clerk at the hospital last November. That she enjoys her job is evident from the photograph.

Women sweetly (?) together: Colleen is proud of Coffs Harbour. When I interviewed her, she asked me whether I had had a swim at Coffs yet. I said I hadn't, because I didn't like the look of the beaches. Colleen swallowed that one, then promptly turned to see my dog Andrew coming towards us. Says Colleen: "What an ugly dog!" Score even.

► "I was the in-between" It is easy for half-caste Aborigines, who never knew their father, to hate whites. But what about those who did know and love their fathers? Recently Ella Simon of Taree told me: "I was fond of my father, and he of me. He never let me down." She remembers how her divided loyalties caused her much uncertainty as a youngster. Always, she said, "the white in me sticks up for whites and the Aboriginal in me sticks up for Aborigines. It caused me much unhappiness as a teenager. . . ."

► Ella Simon has written in about: *The passing of a grand old lady known to the Macleay people as Auntie Ena.*

Loved and respected by all who knew her—
Georgina Russell.

Born at Forster to George and Susan Russell,
She married Victor Mosley who passed on after a brief married life.

