Smoke Signals

TIP FOR THE MONTH

Keep flies away this summer

by wiping window sills and casings

with a rag dipped in parrafin oil

The Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs has decided to form a Younger Set. Mrs Butler, a member of the Foundation's entertainment committee, says that all young people will be welcome and should enjoy themselves. Members of the Younger Set will hold barbeques and picnics, learn dancing and organise other entertainment. One of their worthwhile activities will be to visit Aborigines from the country and help them to settle into city life, and to visit the sick in city hospitals.

The Taylor family of Lake Cargelligo thank through Dawn all their relatives and friends for kindness and sympathy shown after the death of their loving father, Mr Arthur Taylor. He died in Lake Cargelligo hospital on 9 September. The family especially thank the doctor, sisters and nurses of the hospital.

The Sunday Mirror newspaper brought four Aboriginal rainmakers to Sydney in September, in an attempt to put more water in the dams. Robin (Quartpot) Campbell, Bertie Powell, Jack O'Lantern and Shillin' Jackson came from Weilmoringle, in north-western New South Wales, and held a rain dance and ritual on the catchment area of Woronora Dam. Although the dance was followed by the hottest September day for 34 years, and record water consumption of 267 million gallons on several days after it, within a few weeks there was so much rain that people in Springwood, on the Blue Mountains, sent the men a telegram saying “Stop it”. Unfortunately, Weilmoringle missed out on the rain.

The Aborigines Inland Mission of Australia has had a birthday—its sixtieth. Evangel, the Mission's journal, in the latest issue gives a brief summary of the Australia-wide work of the Mission. As well as providing Christian training through its Bible colleges, training institutes and churches, the Mission has materially helped Aborigines through such things as childrens' homes and care of sick people. Many Aboriginal people in New South Wales have benefited from work of the A.I.M.

Evonne Goolagong, up-and-coming tennis star (see story in Dawn, April, 1965), helped the New South Wales girls' high schools team to defeat the Queensland girls 4-0 in Brisbane during September. Evonne won both her singles matches in straight sets, and teamed with Pam Arentz to win both doubles matches in straight sets too. As a 14-year-old, Evonne was the baby of the team. Her school is Barellan High.