



TIP FOR THE MONTH *Woollens that have become yellow can be whitened by soaking them for an hour in one part tepid water and ten parts of peroxide to which a few drops of ammonia have been added. Use blue for rinsing.*

► **From Deniliquin** welfare officer D. J. Hall reports that baby Gail Smith (pictured at Christmas), of Moulamein, had her first birthday on 8 May, and Olive Welsh of Swan Hill and Maurice Day of Deniliquin were married late in May at Deniliquin. Mrs Hall continued her report to *Dawn* with the saddening news of the death of two Aboriginal people in the area in the past few months. Mrs Merlene Smith, mother of six, died early in May. She was the daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Sampson of Moulamein. Mrs Mary Hamilton, 56, resident of Deniliquin, died in April after a long heart illness. Many friends and relatives, some from Victoria, attended



the funeral service at the Presbyterian Church and Moonacullah Cemetery. Mrs Hamilton's husband Angus ("Dick") was a former well-known footballer of Deniliquin. Mrs Hamilton had nine children and ten grand-children.

► A 20-year-old Aborigine who was initiated into the Galah totem of the Bundjimai tribe last Christmas has enrolled at university medical school in Western Australia and hopes to become a doctor. He is Tony Hicks, the first Aborigine to study medicine in Western Australia. His primary school education at the Church of Christ Mission at Carnarvon was followed by matriculation from high school 5 years ago in South Australia. Tony has kept in touch with his tribe, and is using his savings for university fees—with assistance from the W.A. Department of Native Welfare.

► **Eating from the mantleself department.** On the eve of her 17th birthday a few months ago a girl from Corrimal boarded the Sydney-Nowra express at Thirroul—mistaking it for a local train which would have stopped at Corrimal. When the train did not slow down at her station, she jumped off, at 60 miles an hour, and skidded on her bottom for 47 feet. Then she walked home. Later, after an ambulance trip to Bulli Hospital, a doctor said she was in fair condition with cuts and bruises.

► When the drought broke on the Southern Tablelands in May the people of Dalton (near Yass) saw so many mushrooms shooting up that the ground looked more white than green. One man picked a 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ -lb, 14-inch wide mushroom and used it as an umbrella through heavy rain to the local hotel.