



TIP FOR THE MONTH Add the grated rind of an orange to rhubarb before cooking. When cool, add the juice of the orange. This gives a delicious flavour.

► Charles Perkins, manager of the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs, this month became the first Aboriginal to graduate from a university. Congratulations from all quarters are well-deserved because Charles obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree only after years of studying under a stringent financial handicap. "The greatest benefits of my obtaining a degree will not come from those Aborigines who follow my lead—they would have come anyway—but will be the feeling of pride among Aborigines that nothing is beyond them, that they are not inferior in any way", Charles said.

► Evonne Goolagong won her 10th successive State age tennis title this month by defeating Jeanine Murdoch after a 3½-hour marathon match. Playing in the under-15 hardcourt title, Evonne was hampered by a painful three-inch blister on the sole of her right foot, but more than warranted the efforts of her coach, Mr Victor Edwards.

► It took only 17 days for the Christian Youth Council to construct two houses in Gunnedah (see report in December *Dawn*), and already the houses have been dedicated and occupied. Mr A. L. Thomas, area welfare officer at Moree, said at the dedication ceremony this month that members of the families who now occupy the houses were a credit to their race and had earned the opportunity to move into such houses. Other speakers at the ceremony commented on the fine workmanship in the houses, and the excellent efforts of the C.Y.C.

► Robin Bryant, 18, holder of an Aborigines Welfare Board bursary, who last year attended St Joseph's College, Woodlawn, Lismore, gained an A pass and three passes in the Leaving Certificate. Robin

will go back to school in Sydney this year to further his education.

► Paul Coe is the first Aboriginal boy to pass the Intermediate Certificate in Cowra, and has justified the trust placed in him by his headmaster, who recommended Paul for a scholarship three years ago. The scholarship was awarded by a group of women's organisations, which comprises 14 C.W.A. branches., the Methodist Night Guild, W.C.T.U. and the Quota Club. Their aim was to encourage children at Erambie Aboriginal Station to stay at school after the minimum leaving age of 15 years. And Paul made it pay off.

► Fourteen-year-old Lyall Munro, of Moree Aboriginal Station, this month gained his instructor's badge in lifesaving. Lyall was examined by Mr Fred Frame, of Tamworth, who is physical education administrator for play centres in the region. Lyall attends De La Salle College, Armidale, and has taken a great interest in swimming and lifesaving. Last year he gained his bronze medallion for lifesaving. This season he helped train 12 children who were awarded intermediate stars for lifesaving. The children were taught mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, first aid, rescues and releases, and had to swim at least 330 yards to gain their awards.

► Archaeological studies by a University of Sydney scientific team prove that Aborigines had occupied a cave in the Royal National Park from 5,000 B.C. to the 18th century. The cave is a 30-ft long outcrop of rock overhanging a strip of hillside about 12 ft wide at Curracurrang, 30 yards from the sea, south of Wattamolla. The University team was led by Mr J. V. S. Megaw, who has been excavating the cave for four years. Stone axes and other ancient implements and bones of fish, whales, dingoes and wallabies have been uncovered.