



Tom Winters

### ►CHANGES FOR BREWARRINA

In the February edition of *New Dawn* it was reported that Steve Gordon had been appointed field officer for the Foundation at Brewarrina. In March Steve took up a position as liaison officer with the Directorate of Aboriginal Welfare. Tom Winters was appointed to replace Steve as field officer. Tom lives at West Bre, or Dodge City as it is known. After a couple of months based in Sydney with the Directorate, Steve returned to Bre to work as a liaison officer from there. Tom Winters, whose picture appears on this page, continues as field officer for the Foundation.

### ►SOME RECENT APPOINTMENTS

Bob Smith began work as a vocational officer in March. Formerly Bob had worked as an employment officer at the Burwood office of the Commonwealth Employment Service. Now he is involved in the Department's special Aboriginal Employment

Section. He is the first Aborigine to become a vocational officer in New South Wales. Shortly after Bob took up his new job Terry Widders came from Armidale to Sydney to take up his position as secretary to the Aboriginal Development Commission of the Australian Council of Churches. Terry was formerly a trainee teacher and has been involved with the University of New England's Human Relations Workshops. His position is a newly created one and his appointment for 3 years.

### ►DEVELOPING COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT

In the United States a special scheme to develop tribal government on Indian reserves has been set up. Under the scheme funds are allocated for such local projects as training in parliamentary procedure for community leaders at the school decided upon by the tribe; development of ordinances and laws for reserves governed by tribal councils; development of a constitution for a tribe; and development of budgetary processes by the tribal government. The idea behind the scheme is to develop the Indian's sense of independence without threatening his sense of community. It is believed that strong tribal government is necessary for self-determination. The tribes will be given funds to accomplish goals they set themselves. Perhaps such a scheme might be applicable in Australia. Any suggestions?

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### PENFRIEND

Dear Sir,

I would like to correspond with an Aboriginal male around the 17 to 23 age group.

This request might sound strange but I have a great respect for the Aboriginal people and am in full agreement with their struggle for equality. Also I am all for the community set-up they are fighting for.

I am looking for someone who is interested in movies, music, theatre, social activities, and having a good time.

Yours faithfully,  
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