"SURFING IN ILLAWARRA 1900-1962":

Published by the Illawarra Branch of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia and prepared by Messrs. Ron Middleton and Allen S. Figtree.

Subtitled "The History of the Growth of Surf Life Saving Clubs on the Illawarra Coast of N.S.W. and the Development and Official History of the Illawarra Branch S.L.S.A. of Australia" this is indeed a valuable addition to the written history of the district.

Comprising 64 pages, 8½" x 10¾", with hard covers, closely packed and lavishly illustrated it shows evidence of careful research and joy in a labour of love faithfully performed. The authors have provided a source book of local data which will earn the gratitude of future students and are worthy of commendation.

Priced at one pound (£1) from book stores and the Branch we consider it a bargain at the price.

NEW POST OFFICE AT CORRIMAL:

A new Post Office valued at some £78,000 was opened by the Director of Posts & Telegraphs, Mr. Hutchinson, on Monday, 18th March.

In connection with the opening the Postmaster General's Department produced a ronned 9 page brochure, a copy of which was kindly made available by our Member, Mr. V. D. Kearney, M.H.R. Endeavours will be made to obtain additional copies.

MILLBROOK POST OFFICE:

The P.M.G. has announced that as from 1st May next a non-official Post Office will be opened at premises situated 43 Yellagong Street, West Wollongong, to be known as "Millbrook".

The choice of Millbrook, out of the various names suggested, was strongly supported by the Society, which made representations through Mr. Kearney and also supplied historical data to the Department. The Society appreciates the helpful co-operation of Mr. Kearney, the local Press and the Carberry Park Progress Association in securing its adoption.

The name is an alternative for Byarong Creek, which is shown as "The Mill Brook" on the "Mount Keera" Estate plan of 1842, and was derived from two water-mills constructed by James Stores Spearing on the creek. Spearing settled on his "Paulsgrove" Estate (later "Mount Keera" Estate) in the late 1820's and his mills are mentioned in the 1832 Itinerary of Roads in N.S.W. The site of his house appears from the 1842 plan to have been near the upper end of Yellagong Street.

THE EARLIEST INNS:

The following is taken from the R.A.H.S. "Newsletter" for January, 1963, in response to a query to that body with particular reference to Wiseman's Inn.

According to "The Australian Encyclopaedia" (1958), Vol. 5, p. 84 [a] "The oldest continuous licence in Sydney appears to be that held for the Barley Mow at the corner of Castlereagh and Park Streets; it had a licence as early as 1830, and probably earlier, but of course the present hotel structure is a modern building"; [b] "The oldest continuously-held country licence in New South Wales appears to be that of the Surveyor-General at Berrima, which was first licensed in 1835 and is still conducted in the original building."

Solomon Wiseman, who had held a licence for an inn in Blight Street, Sydney, from 1813 till about 1817, was granted 200 acres at the Hawkesbury in 1817 and settled there about 1819. In 1826 he applied for a licence for a house he