MUSEUM PROJECT:

Arising out of the above and the reference in the December, 1964, "Bulletin" it will be recalled that the Hon. Curator, Mr. E. Beale, was appointed Director of the Museum project.

Mr. Beale is ready to receive advice of articles for consideration as to the acquiring of them for placing in the museum.

It will be appreciated that discrimination of acquisition will be needed, but it cannot be stressed too much that ALL items brought to notice will be most carefully considered. Detailed records will be maintained of all items acquired, such as their history and the name(s) of the donors, and these donations will be meticulously acknowledged.

Correspondence in this regard to Mr. Beale at 55A Woodlawn Avenue, Wollongong, and telephone enquiries to him at 2-1188 (business hours) and 2-2605 (private).

THE SOCIETY'S BADGE:

Two enquiries have been received recently as to the species of tree on our Badge. Of course, it is the Illawarra Flame Tree, but due to the small size of the badge this is not immediately apparent. The Illawarra Flame Tree was adopted for two reasons. Firstly, because of the name “Illawarra” and, secondly, “Flame”, which represents the steel industry which now dominates the economic life of our citizens.

In this regard the badge is available at 4/- (40 cents), or mounted on souvenir teaspoons at 10/- (one dollar).

B. T. DOWD, Esq., F.R.A.H.S.:

R.A.H.S. Newsletter No. 33, February, 1965, advises that Mr. Barney Dowd was one of four residents who received awards at an Australia Day garden party from Waverley Citizens’ Association for outstanding community service. Mr. Dowd is a Foundation and Executive Member of the Waverley Historical Society and the author of the official history of the Municipality. As an oft proved friend of this Society as Lecturer and Research Worker, we join in congratulating him. He will be remembered for his published work “The First Five Land Grantees in the Illawarra”.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Mr. J. B. Comerford (Member) and Mrs. Comerford on the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Originally from Queensland, the happy couple have spent all their married life in Wollongong.

THE LATE MR. JOHN BENJAMIN:

We record with regret the passing of Mr. Benjamin, father of our Member Mrs. I. Murray, on 11th January, at the age of 85 years. The late Mr. Benjamin was one of that fast dwindling band, the survivors of the Mount Kembla disaster of 31st July, 1902. The name of Benjamin will be remembered at Mount Kembla by the road which was called after Mr. Benjamin’s father.

FROM THE NATIONAL TRUST BULLETIN, No. 16, FEBRUARY, 1965:

The Trust is very pleased to announce that arrangements have been made for inspections of Macquarie Field House, near Liverpool, on Saturday/Sunday, 13th/14th March. Inspection fee is 10/- for Trust Members and 12/6 for Non-Members. Details from 115 Pitt St., Sydney.

The Trust is anxious to acquire by purchase or gift a copy of “Some Houses and People of N.S.W.”, by G. Nesta Griffiths.