HILL END - New Map:
A recent visitor to Hill End brought back a new map of the historic village compiled by Harry Hodge, student and writer on Hill End history. It can be obtained from the General Store at Hill End for 50c. It is highly recommended. It would have been an advantage if the map had been printed so that when unfolded from the fine title page it did not appear upside down!

STEAM RAIL TOUR: WOLLONGONG-GOULBURN AND RETURN:
Steam railway photographers and enthusiasts will welcome the tour arranged to climb the mountain from Wollongong to Moss Vale, thence on to Goulburn and return hauled by a 36 Class steam locomotive.

Photo stops on the mountain climb will enable photographs never before possible. The date is Sunday, 22nd June, 1969.

The arrangements have been devised by the Illawarra Group of the N.S.W. Rail Transport Museum - a group of which we are certain to hear much more.

Their latest newsletter, among other things, lists our president, Mr. W. G. McDonald, among their new members. Such worthy groups deserve every encouragement.

For the tour mentioned those wishing to book should contact Tour Organiser, Illawarra Group, Box 1010, Post Office, Wollongong. The price for the tour is $4.00 for adults and $2.60 for children. Send stamped addressed envelope for return of tickets.

Earlier this year our Society's council considered joining this excursion and decided to recommend it to members.

The Illawarra Group meets in the C.W.A. Rooms, Burelli Street, Wollongong.

"BOWENFELS CENTENARY":
Listed in the tour programme for 1969 is one to link with what the programme lists as "Bowenfels Centenary" in the spring.

This tour will mark far more than "Bowenfels Centenary" (there was no Lithgow station when the line opened). It will mark the opening of the great Lithgow Zig Zag Railway - greatest in Australia and one of the greatest in the world.

Our research officer has something up his sleeve about this. Perhaps if he cannot let it out of his sleeve he may let the cat out of the bag in the next bulletin.

SOCIETY'S VICE-PRESIDENT AWARDED "MOTHER OF THE YEAR" — from "The Express."

Mother of the year, announced at the luncheon held at the Regal Room of the Big W last Friday, is Mrs. M. Evans, Kembla Street, Wollongong.

The competition run by the Big W, invites various charitable organisations to nominate a member for selection for "Mother of the Year."

Port Kembla Torchbearers for Legacy had nominated Mrs. Evans.

Mrs. Evans has six children.
Her eldest daughter Ann is a doctor in the Northern Territory. David has a Master of Science degree; Peter is a B.A. and is teaching in Darwin; Bill holds a Bachelor of Science degree and has been with BHP in England; Helen is an architect and Alan a Bachelor of Science.

Mrs. Evans herself is a Bachelor of Science, is a member of the science association and of the Women’s Graduates.

Presentation of an engraved silver tray was made to Mrs. Evans by Ald. Arkell.

“MOMENTS OF YESTERDAY” DISPLAY IS GRAND SUCCESS:

The Society’s display of period costumes, settings and trinkets held at the museum on Saturday, May 24, afternoon and evening, proved an outstanding social and financial success.

Additional to the usual display which is regularly open for public inspection, the society was lent a fine collection of clothing of all kinds of historic interest.

Much of it was set out on dummies, some wedding and going-away frocks of last century being accompanied by the photographs of the wearers on their wedding day.

An even more impressive and unusual feature was the modelling of many of the frocks and suits by young men and women of Wollongong, who mingled with the visitors giving an opportunity for all to see at close quarters. From the maxi-models the clothing ranged to the very minis of some of the visitors! The Charleston touch was also there.

The whole of the upper floor rooms of the museum were occupied by the display which gave evidence of considerable preparation by Mesdames Jephcott, M. Evans, Mackreth and their team of workers.

A special feature was the display of wedding gowns from 1859 to 1956 covering four generations, lent by the Fraser family. The young ladies who modelled included Misses Lynn Kohn, Carolyn Phillips, Kerry Harding, Helen McQuillan, Kerry Johnson and Roslyn Thompson and Mesadmes Julie Howe and Carol Wett. They were Mrs. Mackreth’s girls - a Caroline Chisholm touch for our organiser who drew the girls together for the exhibition.

Messrs Gordon McDougall and Harry Williams played their part equally well in modelling men’s period costumes.

N.S.W. MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXHIBITION:

An exhibition of MILITARIA will be held at the Society’s Rooms, 231-3 Commonwealth Street, Sydney, on Saturday and Sunday, 28th and 29th June, 1969, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

A wide range of items will be on display including badges, medals, uniforms, weapons, equipment, military money, etc.

A cordial invitation to visit the exhibition is extended to members of Historical and kindred societies and to all other persons interested in military matters.

Admission to the display is free.

Enquiries should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary, R. K. Cooper, 12 Irvine Crescent, Ryde, 2112. Telephone 80 1570.