STATE CULTURAL GRANTS:

Among many other useful pieces of information given by Mr. Barker was the news that his society is at present benefiting from money made available by the State Cultural Grants Commission. The Royal Historical Society is a distributing agent for the Commission and has made $200 available to the Bathurst Society for putting some of its collection of one hundred years of past Bathurst newspapers on microfilm.

USEFUL BOOKS:

Mr. Barker mentioned books to use as adjuncts for local research. They were:

BUSHED EXPLORERS — The Answers:
2. Cunningham.
3. Giles.
4. Major Mitchell (a species of cockatoo).
5. Gregory ("Gregory, the memorable Pope, said (in Latin) 'What are these?' and on being told they were Angels, made the memorable joke — 'Non Angli, sed Angeli' ('not Angels but Anglicans')" — "1066 and All That").
7. Stuart (like Alan Breck in "Kidnapped", whose habitual boast, "I bear a King's name", slipped out even when he was passing as "Mr. Thomson").
8. Sturt ("I've lived a life of sturt and strife" — Burns, "Macpherson's Farewell". The Oxford edition of Burns explains "sturt" as "trouble, stir, disturbance").
9. Strzelecki (not Strezlecki. According to the "Australian Encyclopaedia", the correct pronunciation is "approximately 'Stcheletzki'"; and if you can say that you can beat any D.U.I. Charge).
10. Cook (Readers may fill in the seven-letter word according to taste, or from bitter experience).

WHO WAS OUSLEY?

The origin of the name of Mount Ousley has been one of the minor mysteries of Illawarra history. Some years ago it was suggested — I think by the late Mr. Alec Armstrong — that the name might have some connection with Gideon Ousley, a well-known early Methodist preacher; but as far as I know no connection between Gideon and that particular locality was established.