DECEMBER MEETING:

The usual Members’ Slide Night will be held at our December meeting this year (plus the usual fare of the festive season).

The rule will be twenty slides or eight minutes whichever happens first.

Members who will favour by screening their slides either historical or of our excursions kindly advise the Secretary, Miss P. De Jersey at the November meeting so that she can arrange the programme.

ANNUAL HISTORICAL PHOTO EXHIBITION

THE ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION OF THE SOCIETY to mark the opening of the tourist season will be staged from

THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 30.

A special function to mark its opening will be again organized similar to the very successful one last year.

Mrs. Hilde Shaw is in charge of staging and arrangements for the function.

Special mention of this will be given at our November General Meeting.

ROTARIANS HONOUR SOCIETY MEMBER:

A Wollongong woman has received a Rotary Service Award for a job she started 18 years ago “just to help out”.

She is Miss Alice Musgrave, Wollongong Legacy Club’s welfare officer.

She received the award from Wollongong Rotary Club for vocational service in keeping with the ideal of Rotary International — “Service Above Self”.

A spokesman for the club said Miss Musgrave had given much more to the community through her work with Legacy than could be expected from a person in her position.

“She has worked to set a very high standard of service, beyond the call of her normal duties, to every member of the community,” he said.

Miss Musgrave’s interest in the welfare of war veterans and their families grew as a result of being an ambulance driver during World War II.

She also worked voluntarily in a Wollongong servicemen’s canteen.

In 1947 she joined the Wollongong Torchbearers for Legacy.

She was appointed Legacy Club welfare officer in 1954.

Miss Musgrave said she did not know it would be a job she would hold for 18 years.

“In those days Legacy was struggling to assist war widows and their children.

“The club worked from a tiny room in Crown Street, where hundreds of problems were worked out daily.

“I offered to help out for a couple of days when things were really busy, and have not left Legacy since,” she said.

Although Legacy’s burden has eased, it still had a lot of work to do.
There were more than 900 widows and their families scattered between Helensburgh and Bega who looked to the club for assistance and advice.  

"The club had to be constantly ready to meet the demands of any new emergency which occurs in a Legacy family.  

"It must also always work to make life easier for a family without a husband and father," she said.

The award is the second made in Wollongong.

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COMO BRIDGE DISAPPOINTMENT:

How many knowing the stage was set for the opening of the new Como Bridge fell in?

No, not into George's River. Into the queue to watch the great ceremony whilst Pirinari Whyalla was away with all the enthusiasts.

Couldn't be done. They say the boys went on strike! No the railway boys at the river.

All's well that ends well. The Como Bridge was not opened on the day someone said it would be.

The N.S.W. Rail Transport Museum was opened on the day they said it would be — a week after the bridge was not opened.

Now the Whyalla boys are back and there's still time before Christmas to open Como Bridge!

COMO IN THE NEWS LATELY:

We are running Giff. Eardley's story.

Sutherland Shire Historical Society Bulletin is running stories about Old Como and its bridge at the same time!

Mrs. M. Hutton Neve is the writer.

HISTORICAL WALK FOR PARRAMATTA:

National Trust properties will be linked with a historical walk so that interested tourists can visit all of them plus any historical features en route.

Sydney City has its historical markers. People seeing them ring the R.A.H.S. for information additional to that given if they seek more.

Could Wollongong devise a historical walk linking historical features and our society (perhaps erect markers), distribute copies of an historical walk or a series of short walks in different parts of the city?

COMMUNITY PURPOSE — SUTHERLAND SHIRE:

Recent leaflet of above depicts on the cover page a fine picture of the trams at Loftus. The Loftus Tramway Museum is conducted by members of the South Pacific Electric Railway Co-operative Society and would make a fine excursion for school pupils when open.