FOR THE TERM OF HIS NATURAL LIFE

As part of Heritage Week Celebrations, the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Branch of the National Trust is presenting a screening of our greatest silent epic, 'For the Term of his Natural Life'. The screening will take place on Sunday, April 9 at 4.00 p.m. at the Regent Theatre, 177 Keira Street, Wollongong. Tickets are $15 and include light refreshments. Theatre Historian will give a brief outline of Regional Cinema History prior to the screening. Tickets can be obtained from 'The Cottage', 418 Crown Street, Wollongong or by phoning (042) 269414 or (042) 287692

'Gauffered Velour' - A HISTORY OF ILLAWARRA CINEMAS

Robert Parkinson's long awaited history of Illawarra Cinemas will be launched at the Regent Cinema, 177 Keira Street, Wollongong on Sunday 7th May at 3.p.m. A bus tour of local cinemas will take place beforehand. Those interested in attending the tour should contact Mark Love on (046) 251757. Cost is $20.

REVEREND G.A. D'ARCY-IRVINE

The death of the daughter of Reverend D'arcy-Irvine occurred on March 10, 1995. Dorothy Harriet was the Reverend's younger daughter was a former secretary at Government House. She was aged 100.
D'arcy-Irvine was an important incumbent of the position of rector St Michael's, Wollongong. He was actively involved in the commemoration services for the Mount Kembla mine disaster in 1902.

He has long held a soft spot in my affections because, as a former rector of St Matthew's Cathedral at Windsor, NSW, he entered the surprising comment - "One Aged Saint!" - next to the name of a certain former convict, John Pye, who was my great grandfather.

What unsaintly deed D'arcy-Irvine did to cause himself to lose the rectory of St Mathews, Windsor - Francis Greenway's finest building - and be exiled to a merely passingly attractive Blacket building is unknown.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Society's fiftieth anniversary was celebrated in December 1994 and the anniversary dinner was attended by many people who have had a long association with the Society and with Wollongong. At the time of its founding, the Society was the only organization in the district. It was evident to the far-sighted band of founders that there would be dramatic changes in Illawarra when the war ended. Already, the need to support the war effort had caused the steelworks and other industries at Port Kembla to grow at a faster rate than had been envisaged when they were established.