VALE ISABEL MAYNES
(b. 11/10/06 - d. 10/8/96)

The Society extends its sympathy to Jack Maynes (and Harry and Jan and family) on the death of his wife, Isabel Ethel Maynes.

Society meetings, excursions and museum functions were a priority for Isabel - her presence was a joy. Her door was always open and her hand always willing. Isabel's concern for others was a lifetime commitment and her work in the wider community knew no bounds.

Wollongong is the poorer with the passing of this great lady.

VALE ALBERT BENJAMIN

We extend our sympathy to the family of Albert James Benjamin, born 4th January, 1907.

Albert became involved with the Society and Museum through his late sister, Ivy Murray.

Their love for the museum became evident with the donation of interesting artefacts and their time spent supervising visitors. (Believe it or not in the early days displays were laid out on tabletops - a supervisor's nightmare.)
His death is officially recorded as 1st September, 1996 but his physical death was on the 31st August, 1996, exactly two years after the death of his sister.

The society has been enriched with having two such wonderful members.

Amelia Pezzutto

HENRY LEE ON WOLLONGONG COAL

Dr Lee gave a splendid address at our last meeting and readers can look forward to publication of much of the detail in the forthcoming History of Wollongong being put together by the Labour History and Industrial Relations Research Centre at the University. Our own summaries of Dr Lee's richly detailed address are held over until a forthcoming Bulletin.

SOPHIE STEFANONI AT DAPTO

If you haven't been to the Wollongong City Gallery recently then you've been missing two very strong exhibitions - Otto Dix and Sophie Stefanoni.

Stefanoni is the great Australian artistic find of the 1980s - a cache of fine art (paintings, embroidery and ephemera) all hidden within the wall of a house. Moreover, Stefanoni turns out to be probably the most prolific and skilled female plein air practitioner of the Heidleburg School era. She was