"Blackberries in Australia" — W. A. Bayley — 2/0, plus 6d. postage.
"A History of Austinmer" — N. S. King — 2/0, plus 6d. postage.
"Lawrence Hargrave of Stanwell Park" — W. G. McDonald — 2/0, plus 6d. postage.

Our official badge is in two forms — the "brooch" type at four shillings (4/-), and mounted on teaspoons ten shillings (10/-) each, plus 6d. postage.

LATE A. J. WESTON, OF "KIAMA INDEPENDENT"

Our Society records its regret at the passing of Mr.- A. J. (Bert) Weston, proprietor of the "Kiama Independent" newspaper.

Although Mr. Weston was not a member he was one of our greatest supporters and in earlier years addressed the members. At exhibition time he lent some of his picture collection for display and during the past two years has made available his entire collection for copying by our Past President and Research Secretary. Reproductions of the pictures are now housed in the local proprietor of the "Kiama Independent" newspaper.

Through Mr. Weston's advice and assistance the Research Secretary located historical material which has subsequently been donated and placed in the Mitchell Library for permanent preservation.

Mr. Weston's death on June 10 came after a long illness, during which he gave a great amount of time to the preparation of the centenary issue of his paper, which will appear close to the centenary date, July 7, the paper having been in the hands of the Weston family for 100 years.

Mr. Weston's work for that edition is being completed by our Research Secretary for Mrs. Weston, who will carry on the paper in the family tradition.

The Society was represented at the funeral by two Past Presidents, Messrs. Gordon Worland and William Bayley. Our condolences are expressed to the widow and three sons of Mr. Weston, who was held in the highest esteem along the Illawarra coast and beyond. — W. A. B.

MORE ABOUT "GRANNY" SMITH:

Apropos the note in the June Bulletin Mrs. Nethery has drawn our notice to a letter in the January, 1957, issue of "The Country Woman in N.S.W. " , written by the great grand-daughter of Granny Smith (Miss or Mrs. Alice Richards), which in part states:

"This hardy pioneer of our early days surely believed in careers for women, as she herself was a fruit agent in the City Markets. It was there she got the seed from which the famous apple grew. As all growers of seed know, there is always the chance of something new and rare turning up to delight the heart of the grower ... When this apple tree reached maturity, and flowered and fruited, orchardists for miles around knew it for a winner and lost no time in asking for grafts of the tree in order to establish it for themselves."

THE NEWCASTLE CITY LIBRARY LOCAL HISTORICAL REFERENCE SECTION:

Recently the writer had the opportunity of visiting the Newcastle Cultural Centre and while there the officer on duty, Mr. Carter, enabled him to inspect the "Goold" Room which contains the local historical collection. This room is named after Mr. W. J. Goold, F.R.A.H.S., for many years President of the Newcastle and Hunter River Historical Society.

This room is well worth a visit and, in addition, the Lending and Reference Library Sections have a number of interesting paintings of the old Newcastle packets. There is also a large model of the first steamer, "SOPHIA JANE".