"THE ILLAWARRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM FUND":

At the March meeting the President announced that this Fund had been set up to assist financially the proposed Museum, which we hope will become an established fact in this, the 150th Anniversary Year of the Foundation of Wollongong.

Council has decided that an appeal will be made at all Society functions for donations and ANYTHING FROM ONE CENT UP WILL BE THANKFULLY RECEIVED AND FAITHFULLY APPLIED.

The rules governing the Fund are now under discussion but in the meantime Mr. E. B. Bradford (Councillor) has been appointed Hon. Collector.

THE GOULBURN AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN:

We have received with great pleasure copies of Nos. 3 and 4, February/March, 1966, of the Bulletin of our Sister Society. In format similar to our publication we note that the Hon. Secretary of the Goulburn Society is our Member and old friend Rev. Bro. J. P. O'Malley. Reformed on 5th April, 1965, the Society, with a membership of 60, meets monthly at the Celebrity Cafe.

"WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL — A HISTORY OF FIFTY YEARS, 1916-1966":

Compiled by an enthusiastic band of ex-students, this publication, of 72 pages on art paper with coloured covers 7” x 9½”, is a record over 50 years of the Wollongong High School, originally the site of Smith's Hill Girls’ High School and now at North Wollongong.

The book is very well illustrated with photographs of past students and events and, of course, meaning much more to Wollongong and district than purely a school history, should be in every home. Further research is promised by the compilers and we look forward to the fruits of their endeavours with interest.

At One Dollar ($1.00) we heartily recommend it as a district record and helpful source to the future local historian. Available at the school and all local booksellers.

"HOBBIES" EXHIBITION — INTERNATIONAL "MARDI GRAS" — WOLLONGONG SHOWGROUND, FRIDAY/SATURDAY, 1st/2nd APRIL:

Along with seven other organisations, an invitation was accepted by your Council to mount a small exhibition at the "Mardi Gras". Approximately 700 people visited the hall and, as usual, whenever we "show the flag" favourable publicity is obtained for the Society's objects.

HISTORICAL EXHIBITION — CHILDREN’S SECTION, CENTRAL LIBRARY, WOLLONGONG:

The Reference Librarian has arranged an exhibition, mainly covering the Belmore Basin vicinity, which is worth a visit. The exhibits are very well displayed in the manner in which we hope we may use our future museum.

A number of historic photographs are also displayed in the window at Messrs. James, Photographers (opposite Lance’s) and, although slightly questioning the accuracy of one or two of the captions, we welcome the opportunity of bringing the pictures to your notice.

APRIL MEETING:

As anticipated, holding the meeting on Easter Eve produced many apologies but in view of the attendance of 23 Council considers its decision to meet at usual was the wisest course. Messrs. King and Fleming read their papers on "Australia's First Farmer" (James Ruse) and "The Site of the Y.W.C.A., Wollongong" respectively. Mr. Marshall introduced some new slides and the evening concludes with the President showing some recent museum acquisitions.

"THE ROUNDHOUSE" — JOURNAL OF THE N.S.W. RAIL TRANSPORT MUSEUM:

The January issue features "The Story of No. 18", four pages with ten covering the restoration of a steam locomotive which had been donated to the Museum by Australian Iron & Steel Pty. Ltd. (member I.H.S.). In "Kembla News" the A.I. & S. newspaper of 15/4/66, our Member Mr. J. L. N. Southern states that "No. 18" was built in 1865 at Newcastle-on-Tyne by Robert Stephenson and this number was the Government one under which it worked. In 1893 it passed into colliery private ownership and eventually was donated for preservation to A.I. & S. after its working life at the Corrimal Colliery and Coke Works.