Before leaving Wollongong she generously donated a number of items to the museum, particularly a table the top of which is made from a piece of shale from the mine at Mount Kembla; a chair made from native cedar and a picture of "Brocka" homestead at Avondale.

Until recent years along with her late sister, Miss I. E. M. Neville, also a foundation member, she was a regular attender at all the society’s functions.

We wish her well in her new home.

OUR SOCIETY’S SILVER JUBILEE:

As the Society’s 25th Birthday falls on 5th December, 1969, the council decided a note on the foundation of the Society together with a list of the Foundation Members should be published in the December Bulletin. If any discrepancies are observed the Editor would be grateful for the information.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

FOUNDATION

In the latter half of 1944 it was suggested by Captain W. B. Nicholson to a member of the Illawarra Discussion Group that consideration be given to the formation of a local Historical Society.

At the next meeting of the Group the matter was discussed and Mr. R. I. Taylor, being a member of the Royal Australian Historical Society, was asked to institute correspondence with the General Secretary of the R.A.H.S. (Mr. C. Price Conigrave) with the view to forming an Historical Society in Wollongong.

Following a suggestion from Mr. Conigrave, a Committee was formed comprising the following gentlemen: Messrs. T. J. Donnelly, A. R. Jones, R. J. Ray, Taylor, F. J. Spender and Nicholson. Messrs. Donnelly and Taylor were appointed Joint Acting Secretaries.

The Mayor of Wollongong, Alderman J. J. Kelly, was approached and called a meeting for 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th December, 1944, at the Wollongong Council Chambers. The response was enthusiastic and over fifty citizens accepted the Mayor’s invitation to be present. By a coincidence the night selected was the Meeting of the Wollongong Rotary Club, a number of Rotarians being interested in the projected Society!

Mr. Conigrave addressed the meeting on the objects and methods of working of local historical societies. He also explained that the constitution of the R.A.H.S. did not provide for branch societies but accepted affiliation from local societies.

Accordingly, on the motion of Messrs Donnelly and Jones, it was resolved that the Illawarra Historical Society be formed and affiliation be applied for with the R.A.H.S.

The following were elected to draft a constitution for presentation to a general meeting in 1945:

Messrs. Donnelly, J. N. Harrison, A. G. Higgins, Jones, T. A. Maguire, Taylor, Nicholson, Mr. A. P. Fleming was appointed Provisional Secretary.

This committee duly met and drafted a constitution which was presented to the first general meeting of the Society held at 7.30 p.m., on Thursday, 1st February, 1945, in the Wollongong Council Chambers.
A constitution was adopted and the officers elected for the year 1945 were:

Patron - - - - - - - H. C. Maldon, Dr.
President - - - - - - - J. N. Harrison
Vice-presidents - A. G. Higgins, A. R. Jones
Hon. Secretary - - - - - - A. P. Fleming
Hon. Treasurer - - - - - - C. Law
Hon. Research Secretary - - - - - R. I. Taylor

Affiliation was granted on 13th February, 1945, by the R.A.H.S.

FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBERS
D Boyle, S. Maldon, H. C., Mrs.
Donnelly, T. J. D Pryor, P. C.
D Jones, A. R. D Wentworth, W. C. S. R.
D Lang, W. A. L Wollongong Gaslight Co., Ltd., The
D Mackinnon, M. C., Dr. Maldon, H. C., Dr.

FOUNDATION ORDINARY MEMBERS
D Baker, E. A., Miss D Higgins, A. G.
D Barrett, G. A. - Hindmarsh, G. M.
D Benbow, D. E. D Hoskins, A. S.
- Berrie, K. N. - Hoskins, C. H.
D Blazey, C. L Illawarra Fireclay & Brick
Cartwright, P. F. Co. Ltd.
L Central Illawarra Shire
- Christian Brothers’ College
D Church, L. E., Miss D Jones, J. C., Mrs.
- Coghlan, E. G. D Jones, S. C.
L Commonwealth Rolling Mills D Judd, H.
Pty. Ltd. - Kimber, R. A.
- Compton, D. S. - Lance, W. G.
- Connor, A. J. Law, C.
D Davies, W., M.L.A. D Leeper, A. O.
- Dawson, W. L. D Long, R. C. M., Rev.
D Dean, M. R., Mrs. D Loveridge, E., Mrs.
D Dodd, R. D Lyons, L. A.
Electrolytic Refining & Maguire, T. A.
Smelting Co. of Australia Mathews, F. M.
Pty. Ltd., The D McLelland, A. R.
- Evans, J. E. - Mebberson, N.
- Fleming, A. P. - Miller, C. W.
- Giles, R. - Milne, H. S.
- Gilchrist, A., Mrs. Moore, L. M.
D Grant, J. A. D Mortlock, W. H.
D Grant, J. - Musgrave, W. S.
Gray, F. - Musgrave, W. S., Mrs.
- Green, M. A., Miss D Neller, C. E.
D Greenwood, J. Neville, D., Miss
- Harmon, P., Miss D Neville, E., Miss
- Harmon, R., Miss - Nicholson, W. B., Capt.
- Harrison, A. W. D O’Halloran, V. P.
D Harrison, J. N.
- Harvey, A. A.
The Constitution provided members who joined the Society in early 1945 would be the Foundation Members.

"D" — Deceased. "L" — Separate Identity Lost
- Not a member at present

MUSEUM NEWS:
The courtyard roofing is finished and a display of farm implements and machinery is to be set up there. By the time members receive the Bulletin two working parties will have been held to re-arrange displays for the coming tourist season.

There is urgent need for supervisors during this busy time and offers of assistance from members will be greatly appreciated. Any offers from one afternoon a month will be gladly accepted. Please see Mrs. Mackreth at the coming meeting or phone her at 2-1421 ext. 327 (city council) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or telephone home 2-4923.

For those members who feel they have not had sufficient experience, training sessions will be held at the museum on Tuesday, 9th December from 7.30 p.m. and Sunday, 14th December at 10.30 a.m.

GOULBURN EXCURSION REPORT:
During the weekend of 8th and 9th November eighteen members of the Society took part in our final excursion for the year. Although numbers were disappointing (several of our regular excursions being for one reason or another unable to make the trip) the week-end was otherwise most enjoyable. We were even lucky with the weather — one reasonably fine and one perfect day, a complete contrast to the week which followed.

Travelling via Macquarie Pass, Moss Vale, and Paddy's River, we turned off the Hume Highway south of Marulan to visit the picturesque old township of Bungonia — older than Goulburn, but left behind when it was bypassed first by Mitchells Great South Road and then by the railway. We were fortunate here to make the acquaintance of Mr. Astill, the local schoolmaster, who was able, off the cuff, to give us a great deal of information on the history of the township and its remaining buildings.

The Saturday afternoon was taken up with visits to the St. Saviour's Anglican Cathedral, to the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, and the National Trust Property, "Rivers-