STANDARD GAUGE RAILWAY ACROSS AUSTRALIA:

Our editor spent three weeks chasing Indian-Pacifics between Menindee and Port Augusta. He photographed the first blast to demolish the heavy concrete counterweight on Menindee bridge, part of the work to allow higher loads to be taken from Perth as far as Parkes in New South Wales.

His booklet has now been placed with the printers.

PAST PRESIDENT AT BROKEN HILL SOCIETY:

Our editor and past president, Mr. William A. Bayley, gave one of his nights on his tour to addressing the annual meeting of Broken Hill Historical Society.

He was impressed by the work of collection and preservation of historical material and buildings by a society of only upwards of 70 members.

The Moslem Mosque restoration is a completed task well worth a visit. Silverton Gaol is being organised as a museum. Silverton School closed on Friday, March 13, is receiving attention from their energetic secretary, Mr. R. H. B. Kearns.

85TH BIRTHDAY AND A TRIP OVERSEAS:

On Good Friday, 27th of March, Mr. Norman King, a Past President of our Society, turned 85 years of age and is aboard ship on a trip to the U.S.A. and Europe. He will be attending the Passion Play at Oberammergau, held every ten years, a tour of Europe, a week in Ireland and a tour of England and Scotland.

This, the third visit to these parts, will include places not visited before.

He will be keeping in touch with the Editor as he travels.

ST. HELEN'S PARK FRIEND DIES:

Friend of our society, Mr. Cyril Henry Brookes, who with Mrs. Brookes, alderman many years of Campbelltown City Council, was attending the Adelaide Festival of Arts, lost his life in the swimming pool of the Travelodge Motel at Adelaide.

Many a time Mr. and Mrs. Brookes have entertained our members visiting their fine historic home of the Appin Road.

Our sympathy has been extended to Mrs. Brookes in her bereavement.