KENNEDY OF CAPE YORK — EDGAR BEALE:

A worthy successor to his "Kennedy Workbook" is our past president's monumental work "Kennedy of Cape York" which will take its place beside such exhaustive works as Cumpston's on Major Mitchell and Ellis "Lachlan Macquarie".

It is unlikely that any future time will see a book about Edmund Kennedy in any way comparable with this magnificent account of his life and work. It is the product of twenty years of research.

The book goes deeper, tracing his ancestry and is thoroughly documented. It concludes with a bibliography; list of manuscripts; newspapers and a detailed index. It is a masterpiece in its class. No student of Kennedy need go farther.

The book itself is a weighty volume of some 280 pages and an additional 20 pages of well-selected pictures. Many maps illustrate the text, the routes of his expeditions being orientated on maps of Australia which form the endpapers.

Many authors write many books but few reach in their first book the pinnacle of achievement as an author as Edgar Beale has done.

Printed on good quality paper with the photographs on art paper, the volume is sewn-bound, with board covers enclosed in a colourful jacket.

It is published by Rigby Ltd. of Adelaide and priced at a modest $6.50. No library either in Australia or abroad should be without it.

NEW GUINEA MEMBER RE-VISITS WOLLONGONG:

We were glad to see Mr. Seidemann in town recently. The immediate purpose of his visit was to attend his son's wedding but he also sought out some of our members to enquire more about society activities. He dropped in to the library to look over our archives.

Whilst resident in Wollongong he was a regular at our meetings which was no longer possible after his transfer to New Guinea.

Mr. Seidemann is on three months leave and after the wedding took off for Europe, after which he intends returning to work in New Guinea. He likes the life there but he and his wife were finding the cold here very trying after the hot climate to which they have become accustomed.

PHOTOGRAPHER OF ILLAWARRA AND COUNTRY SURROUNDING SYDNEY:

"Broadhurst copyright" appears on many old photographs of our district which come to light from time to time. Many are of great historic value and most were taken about the period of the First World War.
Through the assistance of the brothers Alf and Fred Midgley, members of Sutherland Historical Society, we were recently able to locate Miss C. Broadhurst who still lives in the old family home at 51 Alt Street, Ashfield.

There still remained the last of her father’s photographic work which she kindly consented to donate to the Mitchell, National and Wollongong libraries. The photographs are being sorted at present and the first instalment has been lodged at Wollongong.

Through Miss Broadhurst we have been able to piece together a brief account of her father, whose photograph we have located seated beside the wishing well on Bulli Pass in the days when it was safe to do so!

William Henry Broadhurst was born at Maitland on 13th August, 1855, but moved to Sydney when young and lived at Burwood. He became a surveyor’s assistant and travelled with pack horses with Surveyor Arnheim to survey a great part of the south coast of New South Wales.

After his marriage he resided in Alt Street, Ashfield where he took up residence when only a handful of houses had been erected in the whole area. He lived in the same house all his married life.

He had a family of five girls and one boy but lost his wife, son and another relative in a short space of time in 1894.

Photography became his hobby and finally he was responsible for the distribution of thousands of post cards which were marketed in the area he worked, including the Illawarra coast and a line through Young, Cowra, Bathurst and Newcastle.

Many of the photographs were hand coloured for sale by his daughters; Miss Broadhurst entertaining memories of printing on the old red solio papers in the sun and then hand tinting postcards for distribution.

He died at the age of 72 on 29th July, 1927.

To secure his photographs he travelled by train and then walked wherever he wanted to go. He had no vehicle. There is evidence that he climbed pathless mountains and walked the old walking tracks through all the tourist areas of the Blue Mountains which were the fashionable holiday places in his day. Brisbane Water claimed his attention but we of Illawarra were particularly favoured by the historic record which he unknowingly made for posterity.

Thanks are due to Miss Broadhurst for her fine donation to the archives.

INTERNATIONAL ABORIGINAL CRICKETERS — A. P. FLEMING:

This small booklet brings together and to light a little-known piece of history of the Knights of the Willow. Cricketers are showing strong interest in the booklet which Mr. Fleming has published and which is available from our society and its museum.