EXCURSION:

Old Government House, Parramatta — Full day, take thermos and picnic lunch. The restored building has become a major tourist and historic attraction. Parramatta teems with historic attractions. If time permits we will visit the old St. John’s Cemetery where restoration is being encompassed bit by bit. (Australian Women’s Weekly 24/3/71 pp 12, 13)

TRANSPORT: Bus will leave Cross Roads at 8.30 a.m. and proceed via Crown, Kembla and Bourke Streets to Princes Highway which will be followed to Bulli, after which the bus will ascend Bulli Pass.

FARES: Adults will be $2.50 and school age children $1.25.

BOOKINGS: Please phone Mrs. Henry McCarthy at 2-8225 to advise bookings. All fares should be paid by the time of or at the April meeting when bookings may also be made.

ANDREW LYSAGHT PARK:

We note that development of this park on the site of the former Roman Catholic cemetery is proceeding.

MEMBERSHIP RECEIPTS:

Last meeting of the society’s council decided that, in order to conserve funds which would be spent on postage, not to forward receipts in future for membership fees.

Previously receipts were enclosed with the bulletins but when the society was registered for transmission as a periodical, regulations prevented the enclosure of either matter with bulletins and thus the receipts would have to be sent separately.

Receipts will be written and left in the receipt book. Members desiring to secure a receipt for their subscriptions may do so by asking the Treasurer for same at any monthly meeting during the currency of the receipt book.

OBITUARY:

Members of our society will be sorry to learn of the death of our old friend, Mr. C. C. Singleton which occurred at Canberra on Friday 5th February last. Those in the N.S.W. contingent at the T.G.R. Centenary received the news on the opening day. No need to remind members of his talks to us and that he gave us his Mss of the Illawarra Railway publication.

We are also sorry to record the death of the mother of our former Secretary, Mrs. Elsie Stewart.

BLACKSMITH SHOP:

We are pleased to announce that the sketch plans for our blacksmith shop are now ready, having been outlined by Mr. Edgar Beale in some detail. The “Royal” mentioned that we had our blacksmith shop some time ago. So we did — but it was and still is in pieces as brought in from the Illawarra where it was demolished.