PUBLICATIONS TABLE:

Historical booklets are usually displayed for sale at the Society’s meetings for the convenience of members and visitors.

This allows members to secure booklets without the delay and expense of postage.

MEMBERSHIP FEES: Members are invited to bring their subscriptions up to date. The annual rate is $3.00 plus $1.00 (without Bulletin) for each additional member of the same household. Fees may be paid to the Treasurer at meetings or posted to him at P.O. Box 1030, Wollongong N.S.W. 2500.

EXCURSION PROPOSED:

Berrima district has been proposed by the society’s council for an excursion on Sunday, 5th September, subject to confirmation. Places on the southern tablelands which may be visited include Throsby Park, Tudor House and Hillview, late country residence of Governors of New South Wales.

MUSEUM SIGNS:

Society’s council decided to go ahead with painting a large sign on the back of the museum so that it will be visible from Crown Street. The small signboard at the front of the museum will also be re-painted.

Wollongong City Council will be asked to erect direction signs at the Drill Hall corner of Cliff Drive and Harbour Street and in Lang Park pointing towards Market Street to assist visitors locating the museum.

EXHIBITION OF SOCIETY PICTURES:

Pictures of Wollongong and district in bygone days are to be displayed at a special exhibition in November. Arrangements were left in the hands of the secretary, Mrs. H. Shaw, to be assisted by the Photographic Officer, Mr. Bayley.

Should any members or their friends have any “new” old photos of Illawarra they are invited to advise the organisers.

COAL MEMORIAL FOR ILLAWARRA

Proposals for the erection of the long-proposed memorial to the first discovery of coal in Australia (including Van Diemen’s Land) in Illawarra were considered at the last committee meeting of the society. It was pointed out that this matter has been proposed for some 17 years, during which the Wollongong City Council has vacillated between resolutions to erect it and not to do so.
A site was chosen by Ald. Rube Hargrave and our Research Officer Mr. Bayley some seven or eight years ago on the hill at Clifton overlooking the point of discovery. It is opposite Rube Hargrave Park and would have ample picnic facilities for tourists.

The Society is hopeful that some service club or organisation will assist to bring this proposal to success.

GEORGE DOVERS MADE HISTORY

The death is regrettably reported of Mr. George Dovers, who was a resident of Wollongong before moving to Sydney.

He played a part in exploration of Antarctica with the Mawson expedition and our society is proud to have in its museum the skis used by Mr. Dovers, together with an ice pick brought home from the Mawson expedition. Both he and his son have honoured Wollongong by their membership of Polar parties and at one meeting reported on the journey to the Land of the Blizzard.

Sympathy is extended to relatives of the deceased.

ILLAWARRA DISTRICT COUNCIL — 1843-1858:

Past President A. P. Fleming has produced an attractive booklet outlining the earliest attempts at Local Government in Australia, of which Illawarra was one. The booklet lists the names of the councillors for Illawarra with their terms of office. As with all booklets of the kind the historically-minded person will find it absorbing reading and a valuable item for the collection.

The booklet is available at 50 cents per copy from the Society’s museum, 11 Market Street, Wollongong.

PICTON, WESTERN AUSTRALIA (concluded):

U.B.D. SOUTH WEST DIRECTORY — WESTERN AUSTRALIA

This directory lists PICTON JUNCTION as situated south of Perth at latitude 33° 21’ south, longitude 115° 41’ east. On the Perth-Bunbury railway, 111 miles from Perth, 112 miles by road from Perth via South Western Highway, four miles from the centre of Bunbury.

Local Authority: Bunburry Municipal Council, Bunbury. Main Industries: Chemical fertiliser factory, dairy farming and fruit growing. Electric current 440/250 volts A.C. 50 cycles. Height above sea level 33 feet (Bunbury is 3 feet). Rainfall average 33 inches per annum: Aerated water and cordial manufacturers; Brass and Iron foundries; Engineers-General; Fertiliser factories; foundries; hotels: Picton Hotel; one mixed business and general store; and one each of motor breakdown services, motor garages and service stations; newsagent, produce merchant, sawmillers, stock food manufacturer, timber merchant and timber preservation.

“DIGGING STICK TO ROTARY HOE” by Frances Wheelhouse.

Normal Retail Price—$5.75. Bargain Price—$2.50 (including postage).

A. W. Sheppard (Wholesale Books),

104 Bathurst Street, Sydney. Phone 61-7802.

Members please write direct to above for this book.