PUBLICATIONS TABLE:

Postage charges on booklets despatched have now become exorbitant. Historical booklets are usually displayed for sale at the society's meetings for convenience of members and visitors. See what the item is like before you buy it — and save packing and postage charges.

EXCURSION: SUNDAY, MAY 21: MULGOA DISTRICT:

Mulgoa, Regentville and Penrith present wide diversity of historic buildings which will be visited on our autumn excursion, arranged with the close co-operation of Miss J. Jones, Hon. Sec. of Nepean Historical Society.

Listed among the places to be visited are: St. Thomas Church at Mulgoa, "The Cottage" — one of the Cox homes, Regentville, now privately owned and open to the public as a park; Coomwood, a historic home and a former "vintage" hotel being restored by Nepean Historical Society along the highway at Emu Plains.

BUS ROUTE: 8.30 a.m. from Cross Roads, thence via Crown, Kembla, Bourke Streets, Princes Highway and Bulli Pass.

FARES: $2.50 for adults; $1.00 for school age children.

BOOKINGS: Telephone Mrs. McCarthy at 29-8225 and also at the May meeting.

BRIGHTON BEACH — PROPOSED MARINA:

Following the unanimous vote at our April General Meeting protesting at any development of Wollongong Harbour and/or interference with the natural beauty and facilities there for all ages a deputation of councillors of our society met the aldermen and officials of Wollongong City Council on the site on the Monday afternoon following.

Council at its subsequent meeting called for reports on the proposal for a boat launching ramp giving minimum interference with the beach and natural rocks and for the provision of a car park away from the beach.

The area to be considered is at the extreme east of and harbour, Belmore Basin.

Our society's council will call for a copy of the revised plan of the proposal to be submitted to the society.

A letter to the "Sydney Morning Herald" by Mr. Edgar Beale, our museum curator, brought a big response in objections and promises of all kinds of assistance in having the proposal quashed.

The Wollongong City Council will be asked to submit to our society a copy of its Environmental Impact Report, which must be submitted to the Minister for Environmental Control before any proposal is adopted.

The society will write to Hon. J. G. Beale, M.L.A., Minister for the Environment, Conservation, etc., for his interest and asking him to call for a full report on the proposal.

The National Trust of Australia will also be asked to declare Belmore Basin an historic area, an action which will bring stern control to any proposals to interfere with one of the fine heritages the people of Illawarra enjoy.