MARTKET SQUARE:
The Society has entered a strong protest against the proposed changes in the name of Market Square. Following the first press reports letters were forwarded to the City Council and the Geographical Names Board, and a further letter went to the City Council in response to the advertisement calling for objections. At the time of going to press the Council had not come to a final decision.

We are not objecting to the City Council's commemorating the late Mrs. Grace Connor; but there must be new streets, and parks and reserves as yet unnamed, where this could be fittingly done. Our objection is to the obliteration of a name which goes back to the first beginnings of the town of Wollongong. The town plan signed by Major Mitchell shows "Market Place"; Alexander Stewart's evidence indicates that it was located by Mitchell himself; it was evidently intended to be, and for a time was, the business centre of Wollongong; it is in short, as the late Mr. A. P. Fleming said, the historic heart of old Wollongong. (We suggest that before reaching a decision every alderman should make it his business to read Mr. Fleming's booklet, which should give him some idea of how much local history and tradition the City Council is casually proposing to sweep away).

The Society urges aldermen to think again before they break this link with the first settlers in Wollongong and with one of the great figures of Australian history.