OBITUARY.—THE LATE CHARLES REGINALD BIRCH:

Our Society has recently suffered a sad loss in the untimely death of Reg Birch, to use the familiar style in which he was best known. Perhaps he was not so very active amongst us, but everyone knows the reason: he had so many other activities that a line had to be drawn somewhere. Yet he remained a consistent supporter.

Maybe Reg was best known as an Alderman of the City of Wollongong for many years, giving long and faithful service to the whole community whilst not permitting the northern suburbs to be overlooked. Even before this all-absorbing service, he was prominent in Soccer football circles. He was a good churchman, and showed his practical Christianity by his deep involvement in the Illawarra Retirement Trust from its inception. It is pleasing to be able to record that in July next his widow will lay the foundation stone of a new venture which will fittingly bear his name.

He will be widely missed, and our sympathy goes to his family in the loss of a man who was unfailingly courteous, cheerful, kind, gentle, always a gentleman, but above all a good citizen and a good companion.

—E.B.