pool. Lads from near and far have been swimming there since the beginning of our settlement - and it is still popular with the lads to-day.

In the very early days the mining company had built a dam wall across the creek a short distance before the waterfall to retain water for the steam engines. It was piped to a large steel tank at the depot. The steam engine hauled its last load of coal on the Kembla line in September 1970. The mighty Diesel locomotives took over.
The engine sheds and "tin row" houses gradually disappeared. Many of the beautiful farms had been subdivided and built on. Only recently the development of a new suburb in this area began. It has been named Cordeaux Heights - a name to which, I feel sure, many of those early pioneer farmers would have strongly objected. There is nothing left now of early Central Kembla. It is obvious that the mining company gave it the name, which flowed on to the area around, and since the depot folded up Central Kembla has become only a memory of the past.

Ivy Murray

THE FIRST SHOW SOCIETY

Referring to the item, "When Did Wollongong Show Society Start?" in the July Bulletin, Mr. Michael Organ has produced a transcript, from the original in the Mitchell Library, of the minute book 1844-56 of the Illawarra Agricultural and Horticultural Society.

It appears that the inaugural meeting took place at the New School House, Wollongong, on 13th. February 1844, "to take into consideration whether it would not be advantageous for the general interests of the District to establish an Agricultural and Horticultural Society... It was unanimously agreed that such a Society should be forthwith formed".

"The District" is not defined, but the first Committee included Henry Osborne (President) of Marshall Mount, Captain Westmacott (Austinmer), Michael Hindmarsh (Gerringong) and Robert Menzies (Jamberoo), which suggests that it was in reality, as well as in name, an Illawarra rather than a Wollongong Society.
The first show day was "unanimously appointed to be held at Wollongong the third Thursday in January 1845"; but the Ploughing Match was to take place "in Mr. Brown's field at Dapto", and no provision was made for the location of subsequent shows.

Incidentally, there were six classes for bullock teams, and only one for horse teams.

EXCURSION REPORT – SOME CORRECTIONS

Miss Annette Macarthur - Onslow (member) writes:

"A few corrections to your Camden jottings in June and July Bulletins:

(1) June: 1. Camden Park cottage at Home Farm is called "BELGENNY" (BENKENNIE is the name of a new "suburb" on the Estate).
Like "BENHENNIE" (the name we prefer), I believe all three mean the same thing in aboriginal language - "The dry land".
Rainfall here is much lower than coastal rainfall.
2. The Menangle church is St. James.

(2) July. You have put one generation too many into Camelot. The Faithfulls never lived there. Mr. Anderson married Frances Faithfull from Springfield, Goulburn and moved to Kirkham, which he renamed Camelot in the 1890's.
Our thanks to Miss Macarthur-Onslow for the corrections and apologies to readers for the errors."