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Two meetings were held: Mrs. Griffiths and Mr. Sergeant attended one each; Mr. Walker did not attend either meeting.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

I would like to thank the retiring President Mr. C. Law for his efforts in guiding the Society over the past two years; and also to thank the Society for its expression of confidence by electing me to office for the 1972 term,

I wish to congratulate and welcome all those who have accepted positions of officers and executive members, including several new executive members of noted historical talent; and to look forward to an active years in all aspects of the Society.

It is with regret that I draw attention to the death of Mr. J. King, one of our members, after a period of illness. The Society expresses its Sympathy to Mrs. King in her bereavement.

One notable change is the appearance of the Bulletin, which has taken on a brighter appearance, for which credit is due to new members of the Bulletin Board. Your comments on the production will be welcome.

It is very satisfying to us that the Sutherland Shire Council reaffirms its support for the Society. As pointed out by the Shire President the function of Historical Societies becomes more important as time goes on, This I believe is due to the increasing tendency to demolish old buildings rather than to restore them when cost is the only consideration. Australia's past is not so great in time as a western civilisation, not yet having reached .200 years since first settlement, yet many of our old buildings are being demolished even though historical references are frequently made in the press..

-- H. Ivers, B.E.: President.

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"NEW LOOK" BULLETIN

The Editorial Board is sure all members will appreciate the "New Look". I would like to congratulate and thank Mr. Fred.. Midgley for his Attractive cover which he has printed by silk—screen process. My thanks also to the Shire Council for the paper and printing; and to Mrs. Hutton Neve for the layout and the stencilling of a ll material

I hope members will contribute material to the Bulletin, and in this connection I would refer them to information on the last page. If contributions are from half to two pages (of the printed Bulletin) this will allow of variation of material.

All copy for the October issue should be sent to:— Bulletin Convenor, Sutherland Shire Historical Society, c/o Mr. B. Sergeant, Central Library, Sutherland; or handed to Mrs. Hutton 'Neve or myself by the end of Aug.

-- Geo.. Heavens,

Convenor, Bulletin Board.

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Kirrawee: prior to World War 2 this district was known as "Bladesville", after an early settler,

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MENAI PUBLIC SCHOOL'S SEVENTY YEARS

Menai is one of the oldest settlements in the area now embraced by Sutherland Shire; the first land grants going back to David Duncome in 1829, on lapse granted to Joshua Thorp in 1834 and J.L.Spencer in 1838. These with other grants up to the 1880s were taken out largely for Mineral Rights and removal of timber, However, in May 1895 Owen James became the first permanent settler taking up Spencer's original grant of 60 acres.

When ten portions of land totalling some 200 acres were released by the Government on 10th Dec. 1896 for homestead selection, all were taken with-in three years but several changed hands quickly. Settlers who did stay laboured to clear their land for farming, and their livelihood was a battle against the forces of Nature, particularly droughts. The need to educate their children became apparent.

In April 1901 an application for the establishment Of a Provisional School was received by Mr. Inspector Skillman, of the Department of Education from the settlers numbering twelve families, which led to the instigation of the Progress Assn., one month later, to press the agitation.

At that time the settlement was known as Bangor, and the isolated community earned their pioneer existence from farms comprising orchards, market gardening and poultry, while each family owned several cows.

Remoteness of the settlement required the older children to walk or be driven by horse conveyance, to a point overlooking Woronora River where, following a steep descent, Jack Price or "Old Ted" rowed the children across from where they walked to Sutherland School. For a time small children were tutored by Mrs. Fanny Midgley (founder of the Congregational Church and Sun-day School) in her home.

On May 19th 1902 the Provisional Public School was opened. Thus, seventy years have passed by (1972) since Miss Mary Richardson was posted as the first teacher to an enrolment of thirteen children, in the home of Owen Jones, who named the settlement Bangor after his hometown in Wales. The Education Dept. rented a 12 ft. x 12 ft. front room for the sum of 7/6d (75c) a week.

When Miss Richardson left after only two months, she was replaced by Miss Henrietta McAnene who avoided the rigors of travel (Hurstville being the nearest town for vehicular outlet via the hand-winchd punt at Lugarno) by boarding at Bentley's homestead near the school. Miss McAnene integrated well into the community as well as being respected by her pupils, She stayed almost 11½ years before being posted to Darke's Forest, where Mr. Bentley conveyed her by buggy.

On the 25th July, 1903 Mr. Jones petitioned for a new school to be erected on the site of two acres of Government grant which had been dedicated for school purposes on 26th Oct. 1901, as the rented room was "too small, inconvenient and. unhealthy".

Meanwhile the Congregational Minister the Rev. W.A. Marsh, offered the use of the proposed Congregational Church building for school purposes when this was completed. However, Mr. Inspector Hunt had already recommended ended the erection of a school building at Bangor, the offer was

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declined. In Oct. 1903 a contract for the sum of £115-8-6 (\$231.85) was let to Hugh Chisolm of Hurstville.. The building, measuring 22 ft. by 16 ft. was completed by December.

The first School Inspector to make a lasting impression on the minds of the children -- and teacher -- was Mr. McKenzie, a huge burly man whose blustering arrival and presence in the room petrified the children.

In 1903 the Rev. Marsh became the first clergyman to conduct Scripture in the school. The Rev. Isaac Armitage, based at Cronulla, of the Anglican Church, came ten years later.

In addition to Misses Richardson and McAnene, women teachers did the pioneering work of the school. These were Misses Mary Gillespie, Lillian Thompson and Clara Huggart. Some had boarded in the homes of the settlement whilst others travelled from Sutherland after the Woronora River Bridge was opened in Oct. 1912. Miss Gillespie travelled in a hooded sulky similar to an American "one-horse-Shay". When George Norton came in Sept. 1923, relieving for Miss Huggart, he was the first of a continuing line of male Principals of the school.

The school "Punishment Book" dated from 1902, and made interesting and often humorous insertions on the misconduct of scholars with the "number of strokes" received befitting the offence.

Six men by voluntary labour fenced the school grounds in 1950, The Education Dept. refusing to do so -- and in the same light refused to pay 7/- (70c) in the cost of materials submitted totalling £50-7-0.

The original school building was modified slightly in recent years when the brick chimney and fireplace were removed. A Roll of Honour hangs on the western wall of this building commemorating the men of the area who served in the 1914-18 World War, some who gave their lives being former pupils at the school..

During the 1950s the school failed to cater for the growing number of children and the Education Dept. rented the adjacent School of Arts for lower grades, under the tutelage of Mrs. Ivers, wife of the school's Principal Mr. Charles Ivers. This being a temporary measure, another building was erected by the Dept, beside the original structure in 1952, The first teacher here was Miss Anne Robertson,

In February 1955 Mayman Bros. (of Menai) extended their Sutherland-Woronora River bus service to one morning and one afternoon run to Menai school primarily to convey the growing number of secondary school children to Jannali and Sutherland.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Albert Ivers and his son Charles served the school for an aggregate of twenty-seven years, Charles' length of service being from 1950 to 1970. Mr, Harold Ivers, President of Sutherland Shire Historical Society, is a brother of Charles.

The name of the settlement and school were officially changed from Bangor to Menai in April 1910, on the instigation of the Post . Master General's s Department.

A. & F. Midgley

BRICKMAKING IN THE SHIRE

The first buildings (other than the railway gangers' barracks) constructed in the Shire were built from locally made bricks-at Sutherland. About 1885 or 1886 a small firm, Sutherland Brickworks, was opened near the site of the Woronora Crematorium, the time claypit now forming part of the Sutherland Sports Ovals. The bricks were formed in hand-powered presses, and were fired in an open kiln, Wood was used in the firing, the heat building up slowly. Those were sandstock bricks with a reddish tinge. (The writer was recently given one by an old. resident). Although this venture lasted only a few years several of the first Sutherland cottages were either wholly or partly built from these bricks.

After the Railway Commissioners had routed the Illawarra Railway across Georges River at Como, the first plan had been to continue the line along the Como Ridge to the "14th mile" (later Sutherland Railway Station); and the shopping area-of the proposed township was located on the western side. This meant that Parkinson's 1864 "Main Road South" (also so known as the New Illawarra Rd.) from Horse Rock Point at Sylvania would have been the "main street". Daniel Lobb, a master-carrier of Otford, therefore purchased a block and on it constructed the first commercial building, "Lobb's Hall", (now occupied by Opit's Pharmacy and Bookshop, these having been built on to the front of Lobb's Hall) in 1890, It is thought that the Royal Hotel (corner of Flora St, West and East Pde,) was also built at this time -- then the "National Park Hotel:

To save money, a single-line track was located eastward (the present rail line) and so "Railway Parade" came into being (Princes Highway); And here a Mr. Bramley built his two-storeyed grocer's shop with living area above. About this time (c. 1892-3) a recession struck the State, and the Government provided relief work at National Park, camps being set up between there and the township. Bramley thereupon decided to open his new building as "The Railway Hotel", (The Licensing Records for the period 1886-94 are missing, so that a definite date cannot be fixed). Bramley sold out to Kitt, who sold to Tooth's Brewery in 1900, and Edgar Boyle was put in as the first licensee in 1901.

There were quite a , number of claypits in various locations -- one was on the site of an old flower farm at Miranda, now part of the Westfield-Miranda complex. Another was in the vicinity of Waratah Park, and there were others in the Loftus-Engadine-Heathcote areas.

Large quantities of bricks were required for tunnel linings for the Illawarra Railway extension southwards, and so the Railway Contractors , Rowe & Smith, obtained a lease in' 1884 of 20 acres of National Park land, and in 1886 another adjacent 20 acres. Here at Bottle Forest (Heathcote East) they established a brickworks, with a siding leading to the Illawarra Railway. All the "clay or brick earth" was taken from the one site near the railway bridge at The Avenue, One of the conditions was that at the termination of the leases in 1896 this huge "clay or brick put must be converted into an artificial lake with graded sides"; and it became known as "Lake Engadine". Some ten years later it was a lovely tree - lined waterhole fed by natural draining and a spring. Today it is a polluted and weed-infested illegal dumping ground for rubbish.

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In 1886 Bakewell Bros, established brickworks at Macdonaldtown, later moving to Sydenham. This firm opened a number of claypits in various locations of the Shire, for here was good brick clay, and railed it to their Sydenham works. According to the owners of "Heathcote Hall", Bakewell bricks were used in its construction. As this was Crown Land until 1887, this established that the Hall could not have been built before 1888, Bakewell Bros. ceased manufacturing about 1933.

After the closure of the small Sutherland Brickworks the next venture was the establishment of the Sutherland Brick Co. in 1912 "on the Illawarra Road" (Princes Highway), with a railway siding for the goods steam tram, under legal agreement with the Railway Commissioners. This firm went into voluntary liquidation in 1917, and was then taken over by Refractory Bricks Ltd., who sold out to Punchbowl Brick & Tile Co. Ltd, in 1927.

The Heathcote Brickworks were opened towards the end of World War 2 as a private company, but they later sold to Punchbowl Brick & Tile Co. Ltd., the works being only a few hundred yards south of the site of the old Rowe & Smith railway works. The bricks originally made at Bottle Forest were of a creamy tint -- and with the old-type brick manufacture its colour and texture were indicative of its locality origin; but with modern manufacturing processes many varied shades and textures may be obtained.

(Research sources: Punchbowl Brick & Tile Co. Ltd.: NSW Railways: Royal National Park records: Mr. Wm. Hayes – family records)

-- M. Hutton Neve

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PROPOSED CRONULLA ELECTRIC RAILWAY

From shire records kept by Geo. Heavens 1931: a letter to one of the local papers of that year: unfortunately, the writer did not sign it.

Dear Sir,

Kindly permit me space to express my views re Mr. C.J.Monro's letter of 23rd inst.. Monro seems grieved at a statement by Councillor Tucker re Monro's late railway scheme. I am sure a man of Tucker's stand would have no need to go behind his (Monro's) back to express his views against those of Monro' s.

Monro's railway scheme was a mistake, and a very bad blunder, and he knows it now only too well, and it hurts apparently to be referred to by Councillor Tucker,

As for Political tricksters he seems disappointed at not being one, and I think the nearest he ever will be to a politician is for him to join the latest mushroom, the Lifeguards,

He was beaten at the polls by a large majority by an abler and better man Mr. E.P. Kinsella M.L.A., and will suffer defeat next up -- that is, if his nomination is accepted, So don't judge others by yourself Joe.

(signed) A 30 Years' Resident.

(Comment by G.H. in 1972: Just how wrong can you get ??)

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"AUSTRALIA DAY"

I was very interested in Mr. C. Law's comments on the points he raised in the April 1972 Bulletin.

- (1) The term "Australia Day": I am inclined to favour the term "Foundation Day" as more appropriate. One reason I would offer is that this term makes the question -- "the Foundation of what?" It would be interesting to hear some of the answers which would be given if asked by a roving newsman in the street.
- (2) Should the public holiday be held on the day on which the date of January 26th falls? Mr. Law is right -- a change in this direction would draw deeper citizen attention to the purpose and meaning of the day. From the study of my workmates I would say they are only interested in the long week-end, and are not interested in the reason for the holiday.
- 3) I do think more publicity could be given the day over paper, radio and TV.
- (4) I do think the Nation's young people at school could be made more aware of the importance of the day, lectures, and notes on the day, distributed to the students at school. From speaking to New Australians at work, I am surprised and pleased, at how much history these people know about their own country be it Italy's Greece or any other country these people come from. I only wish our young lads were as conscious of their history as these people are.

-- Eric Jehan

"Sutherland Shire Studies": by the time this Bulletin is published it is anticipated that No, 3 Leaflet of the "Studies" will be available -"Geography Geology and archaeology of the Shire", by Doctor D.F. Branagan and Mr. J.V.S. Megaw M.A.. No, 4 Leaflet, "The Development of Commerce & Industry", by M. Hutton Neve, should also be available about the end of July or in early August, The Leaflets may be obtained from all Shire Libraries gratis.

"Sutherland Shire Studies" are a series of leaflets being produced by an Editorial sub-committee set up last year by the Shire Council, following re-quests from the schools for accurate information regarding local history as part of their social studies programme. The personnel of the Editorial sub-committee consists of: Messrs. B. Sergeant* (Chief Librarian) and Tom Moore (Special Officer Administration), Miss Diana Oliver (Deputy Librarian), Mr. N, Baker (Inspector of Schools, Dept, of Educ.) and Mrs. M. Hutton Neve,# under the convenorship of the Shire Clerk Mr, A. Hill.

* Archives Officer of our Society # Research Officer " " "

Members' Night: the Executive Council has decided that Members' Night be held once yearly; and that the last April meeting would constitute this fixture for 1972.

CARINGBAH DESCENDENT OF NATHANIEL LUCAS

Nathaniel was sentenced to 7 years' transportation in 1782, but spent 5½ years in a Thames hulk before arriving in the 1st Fleet, and was sent to Norfolk I. where he married. In July 1789 he, was "free by servitude". There were only a handful of convicts who were even semi-literate, so that this delightful - and poignant -- letter is of unusual interest. The letter is incomplete, only the original first page being in the Mitchell Library. Our copy is from Mrs. B.M. Close (nee Lucas), a 6th generation direct descendent. Although much faded the letter is beautifully written and mainly still legible. (-- M.H.N.)

Sydney, Norfolk Island, New South Wales

20th Oct. 1796

Dear Father,

After so long an absence an Account of my State of health and situation will no doubt be pleasing to you, and I have the pleasing Satisfaction to acquaint you that me and my family are All in perfect good health and thank God and my on Industryfamily at the present time consists of my wife and 4 Children 2 Boys and 2 Girls, - I had the unspeakable misfortune to lose 2 Twins, Girls, by an Accident which could it be represented in a proper manner would awaken the most tender feelings and melt the hardest heart into Sympathy, it was by the fall of a Pine Tree which stood near my house which burried my Lovely Infants in the ruins and almost my worthy partner who nearly escaped with her Life for She was dragged out in a situation in which her life was despaired of a father I ,am not able to express the poignant grief I felt on this very shocking time -- without dwelling long upon this subject together with a variety of misfortunes liable to those who transgress the Laws of their Country -- I can now with Truth assert I have surmounted them all, and with the Blessing of God I hope in the Course of Two Years to return to my native Country with a competency for Life. I am Master Carpenter of this Island for which I have a salary of 50 £ pr. annum I have Two Freeholds - consisting of 75 Acres of Land. I should be wanty very much to Gratitude if I did not acquaint you that my present good fortune is to be imputed in a great measure to the humane G and assiduous respect of Lieut. Govn. King who has ever promoted my interest since my residence on this Island. Perhaps it will not be unentertaining to give you some account of this Island - which I believe to be One of the most fertile in the World - it produces Two Crops in the year One of Wheat and another of Indian Corn, the Crop of Wheat is rather precarious on account of the variableness of the Climate, Potatoes and Vegetables of all Kinds are produced here in great abundance, and will grow in any month of the year provided there is a little rain when planted.

Note: Governor King thought so highly of Nathaniel that on his return to England King visited Lucas sen.. Nathaniel died at Liverpool in 1818. One of his sons was John "the Woronora Miller", whose son became the Hon. John Lucas M.L.A. and a Trustee in 1879 of the (Royal) National Park.

-- M.H.N.

Illegibility in the above letter is indicated thus

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THE KELPIE SHEEPDOG

To handle sheep in Australia it was necessary to evolve a special breed of dog -- the European sheepdog was of no use. This breed is the kelpie, smooth haired, prick-eared, active; in colour black-and-tan, red or black, this last often being called the Barb, The barb is the stoutest in build, the red is a smaller dog. The barb works best with crossbred or English sheep, the others with the merino.

No day is too hot, too cold or too long for the kelpie, for it is endowed with muscles of steel and a coat which defies all weathers -- searing heat or biting winds and sleet rain. The only thing that upsets the kelpie's work is the bindi -- a wretched little three-cornered thorn growing on certain parts of the wide plains. This will stick to the feet, working into the spaces between the toes. His owner then "shoes" him with little skin boots, and he carried on working,

The kelpie was evolved as a breed between the years 1870 and 1880. Prior to this the flocks had largely been shepherded, but as the flock numbers increased this became impossible, The English-type of rough-haired collie did not prove effective, and so the squatters cast about for a better dog. They heard of a particular type of smooth-haired Scottish collie said to have a fox strain, and so were silent workers -- ideal for the wild and panicky merino sheep roaming unconfined over the great plains. A pair were duly imported from the breeders (Rutherfords), Jenny and Brutus, Jenny with a litter of pups born on the ship. All were black-and-tans except for one little red pup; and on enquiry from Scotland, it was advised that in practically all the litters at least one red pup occurred.

About this time a Mr. Gleeson came from Victoria, bringing with him a black-and-tan sheep bitch called "Kelpie"; she was of unknown pedigree but appeared to be a black and-tan collie crossed with a dingo. She was duly mated, and amongst the pups was one so strongly resembling her that she was also called "Kelpie". At 12 months this young bitch competed at Forbes in the First Sheep Dog Trials held in the Commonwealth and won easily. Her pups therefore soon became in great demand, at first being known simply as "Keipie's pups", but later all their progeny became known as "kelpie" sheepdogs.

One of Kelpie's first litter of pups was called Sally, and she was mated with a black dog named "The Barb" -- after a racehorse of that time, In due course Barb became the father of various pups, all of whom were black and strong like him; and also in time these black progeny were simply known as "barbs"

Thus the black-and-tan and the "blue" (black) kelpies throw back to the smooth-haired Scottish collie in size, shape and disposition; and their wild ways of working come from their fox and dingo strain. The red kelpie, which more closely resembles the fox, is much harder to control, although his way of working is much the same. The barb more closely resembles the old black dog -- close in, with little barking. Thus, while the kelpies are used in the main for working merino sheep in the big paddocks and on the open plains the barb is employed mainly in small paddocks, in penning and in yard work.

-- S. Stedman

HERE AND THERE AROUND THE SHIRE

Cape Baily and the Lighthouse: ,Thanks are extended to Mr. Eric Jehan for the supply of information sought under the above heading in the April quarterly Bulletin. The help of the Naval Historical Society (of which Mr. Jehan is a member) is also gratefully acknowledged,

- (1) The Cape was named after Captain Washington Bally, Hydrographer, Royal Australian Navy.
- (2) The Lighthouse was so named because it was erected on the Cape
- (3) It was erected in 1950 and shone its first beacon on 21st Dec. of that year.

--- C. Law

Painless Dentistry: (extract from Shire records kept by Geo. Heavens: 1931)
Advertisement in local paper, Aug. 29, 1931,

"Mr. G. Vern Barnett, Dentist, advises his numerous clientele and others that he is re-opening his dental surgery in Flora Street (at the Cemetery Gates) Sutherland, and that appointments for Saturday, Sunday and Monday can be arranged for at Mrs. Davis Florist Shop."

Comment: The said Mr. Barnett was every inch a gentleman, well educated and very well spoken, but a devout disciple of Bacchus, and whilst on duty often swayed about, but in the end did a good job.

-- G.H.

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South Cronulla "Industry" 1908: "The Well At the Oaks Reserve: Here a Never failing spring empties its crystalline drops into a brick well 8 ft. in diameter and 8 ft. deep. Quite recently by the united effort of both Council and residents the well has been decked and fitted with a hand pump. A young industry has sprung up in the carting of water and evidence was present at the operations of a water carrier filling his tank to supply a neighbouring builder at 2/- per load."

St. George Call, 1908,

Sydney District Nursing Assn.: the first Shire District Nursing Sister began her duties in June 1952. A branch of the S.D.N.A. was established by the efforts of the Port Hacking Branch of the Country Women's Association in 1951, sponsored by the Shire Council. Mrs. Norma McCulloch of Lilli Pilli, who was C.W.A. Branch President, took a leading part in the formation of this S.D.N.A., assisted by the late Dr. Del Potter of Caringbah and Mrs, M. Hutton Neve as hon.. secretary. Within 12 months £157-odd (\$314.00) had been raised. A deposit was paid on a small car which the S.D.N.A. HQ provided on credit for the Sister's home visits; and in due course the balance of the purchase price was raised by the Port Hacking C.W.A..

Cronulla Beach was originally "Curranulla Beach", the "place of the (tiny) pink shells", Twenty years ago they covered the beach in thick. profusion, but have now disappeared ,... The big sweep of the ocean beaches is today known as Bate Bay, but on a 1939 map it was named "Whale Bay".

COMING EVENTS

July. 14: Talk: "The History of the Royal National Park from Sutherland to Audley":
illustrated: Mrs. M. Hutton Neve.

July 15 Half-day Bus Tour Sutherland to Audley: ** Commentary M. Hutton Neve.

Aug. 11: Talk: "Collecting Local History in the Shire": Mr. Bernard Sergeant.

Sept. 8: Talk: "Our Million-Dollar Industry -- Georges River Oyster Farming": Cllr. Peter
Lewis: illustrated.

Sept. 16: Half-day Bus Tour "Survey of Old Menai": ** Commentary Mr. F. Midgley.

** Bus leaves Cronulla 1015 p.m.; leaves Council Chambers 1.30: Returns 4.30 p.m.:
Fares: Adults 75c, Children 25c. '

Excursions Officer: Mrs. E. Griffiths has been appointed to organise the July and Sept.
Bus Tours.

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and figures (dates etc.) clearly printed. When hand-written, please state number of words --
for similar reasons to the above. Please write only on one side of the page.

We regret having to cut some items owing to lack of space.

Contributions for the October issue should be handed to Mrs. Hutton Neve or myself by
the end of August. -- Geo. Heavens, Convenor.

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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1972 SUBSCRIPTION (\$1.00) ?? Some members are in arrears.

The First Championship Dog Show of the newly formed Sutherland Shire All Breeds
Kennel Club was held on Dec. 4, 1955, at Caringbah Oval., under the patronage of (the late)
Dr. Eric H. Miles. There-were 562 entries.

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Mrs. Merrill Taplin (Caringbah) with husband Harry and their three children, left at the
beginning of May by air for a four-month tour of the Continent .and England.

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