

MEMORIAL PLAQUE UNVEILED AT YAMBA

THE first peace time Empire Day celebrations at Yamba were a great success. Teacher and pupils, who were assisted by parents and friends, arranged functions which were a great credit to them.

The morning ceremony was dedicated to the honor of the British Empire and its builders. In the afternoon, Sir Earle Page, at the request of the school children, unveiled a marble plaque in memory of the five Yamba lads who were killed in World War II.

The attendance exceeded all expectations.

The president of the P. and C. Association (Mr. H. H. Russell) presided at the morning function. He spoke a few words of welcome and explained the object of the gathering.

Major Hoeppe, of the Salvation Army, and Mr. W. Mair also addressed the children. Selected pupils in short speeches paid tribute to the various branches of the fighting forces. Joyce Graham spoke of the deeds of the Army, Dulcie Carr referred to the exploits of the Navy, Myra Wunderlich told of the job done by the Air Force and Betty Everingham recalled the service performed by the nurses.

Songs of the services were interspersed with their addresses.

Kipling's "Recessional" and cheers for the King, followed by cheers for teacher and chairman, concluded the function.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

Athletic sports for the children were held almost continuously.

Two sumptuous repasts in picnic fashion were provided for parents and friends of the

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UNVEILING

To cope with the large attendance, the memorial plaque was unveiled in front of the school. Mr. H. Russell presided.

Sir Earle Page, Captain Grant, R.S.L. representative, Mr. J. Campbell, delegate of the Urban Committee and relatives of the fallen soldiers, Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown, Mrs. K. McDermid and Mr. M. Black, were also on the platform.

After the singing of the National Anthem, Mr. Russell extended a welcome to all present. Sir Earle Page received a cordial reception. In his address, Sir Earle spoke of the local lads who had given their lives so that their country might live.

He commended the people of Yamba on their prompt recognition of the sacrifices of these gallant men.

Sir Earle also gave a vivid picture of the British Empire's part in peace and war. In the past war Britain had stood alone for a while and by her determined stand saved the world from the Hun, he said.

He appealed to the children to realise that they belonged to a great race.

The school teacher, Mr. J. V. O'Keeffe, on behalf of the children and himself, extended a hearty welcome to Sir Earle. Mr. O'Keeffe told of how the children had financed the scheme to

ren had financed the scheme to honor Yamba's fallen servicemen with a memorial plaque.

He expressed appreciation of the assistance received from parents and friends.

FINE GESTURE

Captain Grant, president of the Yamba R.S.L., addressed the gathering on the object and meaning of the ceremony. Mr. J. Campbell, who apologised for the absence of Mr. H. Cox, chairman of the Urban Committee, said it was a fine gesture on the part of the children to commemorate the fallen in a plaque. He welcomed Sir Earle Page on behalf of the Urban Committee.

Mrs. Spencer, who represented the Red Cross branch, reminded the gathering that there was important work to be done in peace as well as in war.

Sir Earle Page then unveiled the plaque. Two minutes' silence followed. The words "Lest We Forget" were then spoken by all in unison.

Mrs. Pope sang, "Always Remembered." Singing of the "Recessional" hymn completed the ceremony.

AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT

Sir Earle Page and his private secretary, Miss Thomas, were entertained at afternoon tea. The day concluded with a distribution of apples and a popular lolly scramble.

Apologies were received from Mr. C. G. Wingfield, M.L.A., and Inspector O. R. James.

INSCRIPTION

The plaque bears the following inscription:—

"Lest We Forget. W. Black, R. Brown, J. Klaus, K. McDermid, J. McNab, killed World War II."
