

## TEA GARDENS REMEMBERS HER ANZACS

(From Our Correspondent)

Tea Gardens had a Memorial Anzac Day when 38 ex-servicemen, led by World War I Digger "Uncle" Ernie Williams, marched along the streets to the Memorial Gates which have now been hung at the park. A very impressive public service was held at which some 67 people attended. The Rev. Weston, of the Protestant religion, and Mr. N. Hopkins, representing the Salvation Army, conducted the service. The Anzac Epilogue was read by K. Avery and the Anzac Commemoration delivered by Mr. Jack Blackstone.

Wreaths were then laid and some of them showed that at least on one day in the year people do not forget those who paid the greatest tribute that one can pay to one's country. Ex-servicemen placed a wreath at the headstone of our last departed digger of World War II, "Doc" Frost's grave.

The Ex-servicemen then proceeded to the hotel, where our host and president, Mr. Gordon Rawlinson, had prepared the Anzac dinner. The toast to the King was given by Mr. Rawlinson, who assured those present of this Association's allegiance to the King. Mr. J. Blackstone proposed the toast to the spirit of Anzac, and he said, "The spirit of Anzac will live forever, so long as ex-servicemen can get together like this, for they spread the gospel of what Anzac really means and we achieve that knowledge from the real Anzacs of the Great War. Their fighting determination, which has earned them the title of the fighting Anzacs, was one of the main features which inspired the present day Diggers to such a great fighting machine." It was regretted that as each year has gone by, even though we have not had a march here before, the ranks of diggers have blank spaces, but we will always remember them.

Mrs. Dennis thanked those present on behalf of all mothers who had lost their sons and hoped that the ex-servicemen would live long and keep their health, their wisdom, and gain great happiness.

They shall not grow old, as those that are left grow old,

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,

And with the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.

### BEST CONCERT SEEN

On Tuesday night, the Tea Gardens Public School had their concert and to be sure that I do not do them any injustice, let us see what others had to say.

One chap said that it was the best concert that he had ever been to and he went on to say that the performance was the best he had seen. As he was a visitor he had no idea of

ance was the best he had seen. As he was a visitor he had no idea of the actors' names, but he paid a special tribute to the maid (Barbara Porter) in the "Book Case" item. Everyone was unanimous in this respect as she had a very difficult part to learn and only received it 24 hours before the show.

One half of the concert was taken up by popular items and the second half was dedicated to the growth of this Commonwealth of Australia. Tribute of no small degree must be given to Mr. Howard Smith and his assistant, Miss Wright. Their patience was rewarded when a capacity house attended this concert and not one patron had anything to say but praise. All requested that they put it on again and others suggested that they take it around to their centres and put it on, so there was the reward that these two people had coming and that was in one word "Success."

Much training went into the part of the pageant entitled "Industry." The training of those who took part in it must have taken hours as all had to go through quite a routine of motions representing the working of the machines and at one part after having received their oiling represented the pistons of an engine, and not one of those kiddies missed a beat, and the timing and rhythm was perfect. No wonder the applause nearly brought the house down, and before I go any further, I must pay a special tribute to Robyn Smith, who had the part of Queen Victoria. Although she had a tremendous amount to learn, she never faltered once. From one and all, to sum up the pageant, it was the greatest concert of its kind that has ever been witnessed in Tea Gardens.

The concert was not without humour, as young "Pingo" Ringland, who is the "enemy" of Doug Young, was in his element when he was able to get a couple of digs at Doug, especially over the way Doug sails his V.J., and Pingo reckons that it looks more like a submarine when Doug sails it, because it is either just finishing submerging or is about to submerge. When Robbie Smith was asked what was "grace" she replied that she did not know and the teacher asked her what did her father say at breakfast time, and Robbie said, "What! More of Morton's tough steak?"

The full cast of the concert will appear in next week's Pilot, so don't forget to order your copy now if you have not already done so.

### A.A.A. CONVENTION

The Australian Amateur Anglers' Convention at Tea Gardens was unfortunate with a rainy introduction last Friday and Saturday. However, Sunday brought forth our usual glorious weather. The buses loaded with visitors started arriving at about 1 pm and there were plenty of buses and cars arriving after that. Before long

and there were plenty of buses and cars arriving after that. Before long Tea Gardens was quite citified. At nightfall coloured lights were strung all along the front street and as they cast their long reflections across the still clear water, the effect was of an immense pipe organ.