

## LOVELY BANKS

### DISTRICT SOLDIERS HONORED

Residents of Lovely Banks and scholars assembled at the State school yesterday afternoon when the school honor board was unveiled by Mr. J. H. Lister, M.H.R. The school authorities could not have chosen a more appropriate occasion for the ceremony than Anzac Day, and the complete arrangements resulted in a most pleasant function. Addresses were given by Cr. J. Pettitt, the Rev. E. Baldwin, Mr. Lister, M.H.R., and Lieut. G. Kent, the school head teacher. Senator J. F. Guthrie was unable to be present.

Cr. Pettitt, in addressing the scholars, referred to the fine qualities of the Australian soldiers. The day they were celebrating, he said, was one in which Australia made history. "Some of the men who had left these shores had paid the supreme sacrifice. He impressed upon the children the necessity for emulating the fine spirit of the Anzacs.

The Rev. E. Baldwin, during the course of his remarks, said that Anzac Day should be one of the most solemn days of the year. It was only by the Gallipoli campaign that Australia gained recognition as a nation.

Upon rising to speak, Mr. J. H. Lister had an enthusiastic reception. Addressing the scholars, he said it was seven years ago, on a Sunday morning, when our Australian soldiers were called upon to carry out one of the greatest feats ever accomplished. The word "Anzac" meant unity of forces. The Australian soldier was intensely loyal to his King and his God. The names of the soldiers on the honor board should be an inspiration to them, and they should all be prepared to make some sacrifice similar to that made by our Australian soldiers should the necessity arise. There were in this land, and there always would be people who had no love for the Empire, and right down in their hearts no love for Australia. The people should consider what was to be the future of Australia. Because our soldiers had returned to Australia and the war had been finished, it did not follow that our obligations to the Australian soldier should cease. We could not get away from the fact that there was much apathy on the part of many people who resented the fitting commemoration of Anzac Day. Mr. Lister deprecated strongly the attitude adopted by many business men regarding the observance of Anzac Day. Men had gone to the war who perhaps could easily have stayed behind, men with large families who had never considered the future as far as £ s. d. was concerned, and many of them to-day were wondering where their next loaf of bread was to come from. Some of the men were not fit for

positions offered. They had given of their best in the cause of freedom. The State owed a duty to these men. The position was such to-day that men had been thrown out of employment by the depression in the industrial and commercial world. There were men to-day who could well offer assistance to these men, but were not prepared to stand by the promises made.

Mr. Lister then unveiled the honor board, which revealed the names of fourteen men and a nurse who had taken part in the great war. Four of these had paid the supreme sacrifice. Lieut. Kent, the head teacher, made an appeal on behalf of the destitute soldiers. He asked for assistance towards the Warriors' Day appeal launched last Friday. Already the sum of £6000 had been collected irrespective of street collections.

At the termination of the ceremony Cr. Pettitt signified his intention of donating a cheque for £10 towards the contribution to the appeal from the school. Between the addresses songs and recitations were given by the scholars. An adjournment was then made to the school ground, where the children planted trees in honor of the men whose names appeared on the board. The proceedings terminated with the saluting of the flag by the scholars, and the National Anthem. Afternoon tea was dispensed by the ladies of the district.

The names appearing on the honor board are as follow:—J. Hynes\*, E. Hynes, G. Hynes, C. Spitty, E. Perkins\*, G. Marsfield, G. Rowarth, Hilda Cattanack, K. Rollins\*, B. Rollins, A. Lander, H. Lander, V. Dearnley\*, C. Dearnley, P. Perkins\*. [\* denotes those killed in action.]