

## STATE SCHOOL CARNIVAL

ESTIMATED PROFIT OVER £120

The School Carnival, in aid of the Schools' Patriotic Fund, which has been eagerly looked forward to by the children attending the Wangaratta State School was held on Wednesday, and with fine weather the function was an entirely successful one. From early morning flower sellers paraded the streets, working from a central depot at the corner of Reid and Murphy streets, and good business was done. At the school grounds, teachers, scholars and parents were hard at work erecting and decorating the various stalls, arranging costumes for the procession, and attending to the hundred and one preliminary details, only the perfecting of which could and did ensure success. Stalls were arranged in the school grounds, and were built of rustic work and greenery, and tastefully decorated. In the school building one of the largest classrooms was arranged as a concert room, and during the afternoon and evening this room was packed to the doors for each programme. Another room was apportioned off for refreshments, another for Hoop-la, whilst a picture show, the zoo, flower display and sundry other novelties could be viewed for a modest three pence in other class rooms.

### THE PROCESSION.

The procession which started from the Monument at 2.30 was marshalled by Captain W. H. Edwards, and was one of the most novel yet seen locally. It consisted mainly of children, with a sprinkling of adults "got up" in every conceivable form of attire. Headed by the Band (under Mr. W. J. Hill) the procession marched through Ford, Murphy and Faithful streets to the school grounds. It would be impossible to describe in detail every character represented, but the whole display was an excellent one indeed. There were black, white, brown and red men, and men who had used all the colors of the rainbow to "make up." Two coppers, linked together by a copper wash boiler were on "point" duty,

and the "points" they worked in gathering in yet more coppers were astonishing, and further on Charlie Chaplin walked hand-in-hand with two Gollywogs. Various tableaux were grouped on decorated lorries, whilst there were also several humorous sketches, amongst them being a travelling laundry, whose trade mark was certainly not cleanliness. Many of the tiny tots were tastefully dressed to represent varied characters; Britannia, surrounded by a group of cadets, and a gaily decorated Maypole were surmounted on lorries, and in addition there were decorated motor cars, cyclists, jockeys, swagmen and hosts of school children marching.

### AT THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

#### MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED.

Arrived at the school grounds the crowd gathered around the flagpole, and Mr. W. H. Edwards briefly explained the nature of the gathering. The Mayor (Mr. F. C. Purbrick) in opening the carnival, and unveiling the tablet to fallen soldiers said nothing gave him greater pleasure than to do so. The men who had gone from Wangaratta were not backward in answering their country's call. They did not say "No" when the call came, nor did they apply to any exemption court. There could not, he said, be at any time loyalty to Australia unless it was bound up with loyalty to England. The lads who had died for Australia had proved they were true Australians, and being true Australians they were true Britishers. He referred at length to the nature and work of the State Schools' Patriotic Fund; and then proceeded to the school entrance where a handsome memorial tablet of beaten copper, surmounted by blackwood panelling, had been erected. In unveiling the tablet, Mr. Purbrick said that he hoped it would not be long before the names of former scholars of the school, who had fallen would be added. The tablet which was made at the Technical School, Ballarat, bore the inscription—"In honour of the Pupils of this School who have served the Empire in the great war."

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The children's menageries, which was placed in one of the class rooms was a most interesting exhibit, and contained all sorts of wild, tame, and domestic animals, such as opossums, kookaburras, parrots, cats, dogs, hen and chickens, cockatoos, a peacock, some sparrows, and hosts of snakes and frogs in bottles, and stuffed birds. Parents and others sent along a varied collection of curios, which ranged from black-fellows' spears to a helmet worn by a German general at the siege of Paris, and also several ancient fire arms and other weapons of war.

A Hoop-la stall and bran pie, as usual did a thriving business, and hundreds of children during the day were quite content to indulge in a ten to one chance for a prize. Refreshment, Ice Cream, Fancy, Jumble and Sweets Stalls were grouped about the school and grounds, and did a prosperous business during the afternoon and evening.

A display of Sweet Peas by the Horticultural Society (in connection with the Flower Stall) also attracted considerable interest, and was well worthy of inspection.

In the concert room a musical and dance programme was given by the school children, and at night the Pierrots also rendered a very fine programme. The room was crowded on each occasion, and the teachers and doorkeepers were at their wits' end at times to provide sufficient seating accommodation: in fact scores had to wait outside until one programme was concluded so as to obtain a seat for the next. The picture entertainment also drew a crowded house at each show. In the school ground folk dances and Maypole dances were given by the children.

Mr. J. F. Schilling and his staff of teachers, Misses Farquharson, Jones, Day, Ryan, Shore, Albinson, and Messrs Lefoe and Gangell, in addition to the preparatory work of training the children, had an extremely hard task during the afternoon and evening in keeping the various programme sets going and in catering for the amusement of the large gathering. Those in charge of the stalls and the committee of

the stalls and the committee of management (with Mr L. Gunther as chairman, and Messrs W. J. Smith and W. H. Edwards, as hon. secretaries) helped largely in the success of the undertaking. The following had charge of the various stalls:—

**Sweet Stall.**—Mrs Home, Mrs McSwiney, Mrs P. Smith, Mrs W. J. Smith, and Misses Maxwell, V. Home Dunbar, Bickerton, S. Allan and Nicol.

**Flower Stall.**—Mrs Harman and Miss a'Beckett, Misses Ryan and Albinson.

**Jumble Stall.**—Mrs Boyes, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Stewart, and Miss Ferguson.

**Fancy Work.**—Mrs Schilling and Mrs Norton.

**Ice Cream.**—Mrs Bullivant, Misses Ryan, Shore, Ferguson, Cruse, Albinson, and Maxwell.

**Pictures.**—Messrs Lefoe and Gangell Committee and helpers—Messrs W. H. Edwards, W. J. Smith, F. Zschsch, L. N. Gunther, J. F. Schilling, H. A. Clarke, P. Burchett, W. Garratt and T. E. Lee.

The concert by the school children in the afternoon was preceded by the

**Coronation of the King and Queen of the recent competition held at the school.** Master Keith Manley was crowned as King and Miss Lucy King as Queen, the ceremony being performed by Mr. F. C. Purbrick.

The following was the children's programme during the afternoon, which was repeated at night.

Song, Pack up your troubles, six infant boys; burlesque, Amateur Amazons, senior girls; recitation, Nora Burchett; song, Darby and Joan, Herbert Taylor and Maisie Muntz; sailor's hornpipe, four little girls; part songs, senior pupils; song, The Dwarfs, Keith Fawkner and Rudolph Canny; rainbow song, girls; Folk dances, senior girls; Maypole dance, junior girls. The accompanists were Miss Ryan (piano), Mr. Hill (cornet), Master Tom Ryan (violin.)

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Mrs Evans, Misses Vallender, Dono-  
van, Thomson, Callander and Fer-  
guson, and Messrs Hicks, Boyd,  
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Worcester officiated at the piano.

The total proceeds are expected to  
reach over £120.