

War Memorial To Lakes Creek Men

A granite column carrying the names of men from the slaughtering and casing departments at Lakes Creek, who served in World War II, was unveiled last night by the manager of the CQME Co. Ltd (Mr A. H. Paterson).

The column stands on the Lakes Creek Road, and has been raised and dedicated to the memory of servicemen from the two departments by their fellow workers.

This is only part of the departments' contributions to the city. Both sides of the Lakes Creek road have been planted with trees—the town side dedicated to John Curtin, the north side to General MacArthur, by the members and early in the war wallets of notes were presented to the enlisting men. In all, the amount raised by the men of the departments was £1100.

"I commend the hard working committee and the subscribers who sought no outside assistance in finding funds for the undertaking," said Mr Paterson.

He remembered the time when there were few houses between Yaamba road and the works, and the change since that time was some tribute to the development of the city's major industry and to the men of three generations who had made it possible.

"An avenue of ornamental works





Lord and Lady Vestey, enjoying a cool river breeze in their hotel suite last night, question Rockhampton's reputation as a "hot spot."

on the main traffic highway is a fine gesture," he said. "This avenue will become a thing of great beauty and well worthy of its associations. I would like to see this soldiers' avenue extended right through from North Rockhampton past the works to the Lakes Creek railway station.

"Nearly 30 years ago some of us conceived the idea that a monument should be erected on the highest visible peak of the Berserker mountains. If, therefore, this avenue of trees could be continued right through to that neighbourhood it would be a fitting prelude to completion of a greater scheme we had in view at the conclusion of the first great war. I feel that if it is properly investigated, this memorial avenue can become part of a true soldiers' way, commemorating those gallant men who paid the supreme sacrifice to keep our freedom inviolate."

In the motion of loyalty, the

Mayor, Mr H. Jeffries said, "When we speak of loyalty to the British Empire, the very name stirs within us something that cannot be explained in mere words. Where is there a nation where its subjects

are given more hope than the subjects of the British Empire? We British subjects have more freedom and liberty, and freedom to worship as we so desire, than any other nation on God's earth.

"Here tonight, we have a demonstration of another form of loyalty. That is, the loyalty of the workers of the AMIEU to their comrades who served on the fields of valour, in the air, and on the seas."

Political theories and economical dogmas were not the most important things in life, said Rev. J. Stewart Lang. The question of the means of life was most important.

"In this monument you are perpetuating service and sacrifice—the quality of life that has the quality of the Divine in it," he added.

The avenue of trees was an important part of the memorial, said Canon J. E. Dale. There was nothing more unselfish than planting a tree, for it was of benefit to the next generation.

The men of the sections, he said, performed useful, but unpleasant work. The planting of this avenue of trees released an instinct which contributed to the beauty of the city.

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Mr L. G. Haigh, secretary of the AMIEU moved the vote of thanks to the secretary of the Memorial Committee, Mr J. P. Driscoll. Mr Driscoll had been actively associated with the committee since the beginning of the war, when the first efforts were

the presentations of wallets of notes to enlisting members of the departments.

Other speakers were the Rev. Dr Walsh, the president of the RSSAILA (Mr W. T. Harris), the Mayor of Gladstone (Mr J. F. O'Malley), the secretary of the Trades and Labour Council (Mr W. H. Thursby), and the district president of the AMIEU (Mr D Driscoll).

Over 1000 people attended the unveiling, and were entertained by the Rockhampton Model Band, and Cannery Revue artists.
