

DISTRICT NEWS.

TALLYGAROPNA.

Anzac Day Celebrated.

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On Thursday, April 25, Anzac Day was celebrated at Tallygaroopna with such interest as will make it for ever a day worthy of remembrance by all who were privileged to take part in it. The papers had set hearts in tune by calling to mind what Anzac Day meant to Australia: How the gallant Australians leapt forth on the morning of April 25, 1915, against tremendous odds, to win for all time for Australia a niche in the temple of fame and honour. Many a patriotic soul in the Homeland was fired with the desire to make Anzac Day, 1918, such that it would remain as a worthy successor to its noble prototype in 1915.

Tallygaroopna, although a small town, a practically unheard-of town in the great ocean of Empire until this great war commenced, has sprung from oblivion, and has achieved for itself an undying name, because it has sacrificed, and is prepared to sacrifice, many of its dearest and its best for the great cause of right and Empire, and it has won the ever grateful and undying thanks of the Empire and those noble souls who are the trustees of the Empire. On Anzac Day it was not unworthy of its noble heritage, and proved, again, its prowess as a patriotic town. The celebrations were carried out at the local State School by the scholars, parents, and friends, under the supervision of Mr. T. King, the ardent and intensely patriotic head teacher.

At 2 p.m., scholars, parents, and friends began to assemble in the schoolroom, which was decorated with the flags of the allied nations, and it was not long before the seating accommodation was taxed to its limits, and many had to be content with a place in the crowded porch.

The afternoon's programme opened with the National Anthem. Rev. A. F. Falconer delivered an address on the origin of the words, "God save the King," tracing the words back to the days

words, "God save the King," tracing the words back to the days when the people of Israel uttered them at the election of their first king. The children then sang the "Marsellaise" and the Belgian Anthem. After this came the event of the afternoon, so far as the school itself was concerned—the unveiling of the Honour Roll.

Mr. J. S. Rennick, who was entrusted with this duty, first in a most eloquent and fine address, drew the attention of all present to the reasons why such an Honour Roll was necessary. It pointed to self-sacrifice on the part of the old boys of the school, and it would always be a source of inspiration to future boys of the school, and when history came to be written, their names would have a place on its scroll. It was also a permanent record of the men who had laid down their all for the sake of God and country. After these few well-chosen remarks, Mr. J. S. Rennick said that it afforded him great pleasure to unveil the Honour Roll, and as he drew back the Union Jack which covered it, a great storm of applause broke forth. The children sang "God Save Our Soldier Men."

The Honour Roll is in oak, and is a splendid piece of work. It has two fine pillars of oak on either side, with an arch on top, bearing carvings of wattle blossom and crossed rifles. The list contains 23 names, and will form both a welcome and handsome addition to the school, and remain for ever a tribute to devotion and duty on the part of the old boys of Tallygaroopna School.

After this pleasing ceremony, the children sang "For England," and then Mr. King launched forth on a new venture, which proved such a success that Tallygaroopna may never see the like again. After thanking all present for their attendance and co-operation in making the afternoon's gathering such a success, he took the opportunity of appealing on behalf of the War Savings Certificates. After outlining the Government's scheme on the blackboard, whereby purchasers of War Savings Certificates would be helping their country and in three years getting their money back at 4½ per cent. compound interest, he asked for a start of £1000, and came down the scale

interest, he asked for a start of £1000, and came down the scale until he started it himself with a bond for £100. Being unable to enlist himself, after being rejected many times, he was prepared, nevertheless, to help forward the cause of Empire by supplying the money. His response and address called forth vociferous applause. Now the fun began, and like flames the fire and excitement leapt on. Mr. B. Wood followed up with £50, and in the evening Mr. Wood donated another £100, making it £150. Mr. C. Lewis came up to the mark with £100. Mr. W. A. Trewin and Miss M. Dudley with £50. Mrs. G. King sent along £40. Mrs. C. Riedell supplied £56. Tom Wood brought up £24. Other amounts ranging from £11 to £1 were received from parents and scholars, and it would take very much space to enumerate the names. The blackboard of the school was filled with names, and it is likely to be photographed, and so will remain a permanent memento of a memorable occasion. Mention must be made of the white heat which prevailed at times. As each amount was proffered, storms of applause broke forth, and the walls of the old school echoed the sentiments as clap after clap and cheer after cheer announced the amount. Mr. King expressed himself as more than pleased; in fact, his excitement and pleasure could not be expressed, and he is proud of Tallygaroopna and its school, and can place to the credit of the Schools Patriotic Funds £894 as the result of one day's effort. We all partake of his pleasure, and can join in a fervent paean of rejoicing over such a whole-hearted response.

Afternoon tea was dispensed to the scholars and parents, and was thoroughly appreciated by all present. The ladies provided the refreshments, and, like the quality of mercy, "blessed those who took and those who gave."

In the evening a picture-show was

held in the school, and was well attended. Several films depicting war-scenes were shown, and other films equally interesting and

films equally interesting and amusing helped to make the evening a successful one. This closed a happy day, and this report cannot be closed without mentioning that nearly £175 came in at the picture show for War Savings Certificates.

Tallygaroopna surely by this response has shown that it is a spot worthy of remembrance, alike for its efforts for patriotic funds, for noble soldiers, and for everything that tends to help forward the cause of the British Empire.