

NEWS FROM DISTRICT CENTRES

LOWOOD

Tree Planting.—At the Lowood State Rural School trees were planted in memory of a past teacher who had made the supreme sacrifice, and of three young scholars of the school who died suddenly several years ago. The five trees which were planted were healthy young Moreton Bay figs and the shire council co-operated by having the holes prepared and supplying tree-guards for those which were planted on the footpath of the roadway in front of the school. Mr. W. E. Bytheway said that through the co-operation of the council the work for Arbor Day had been made much easier. These trees they were planting would be an asset to the front approaches to the school. Mr. August Schulz had donated the trees and the committee was grateful to him for doing so. The first tree, Mr. Bytheway said, would be planted in memory of Pilot Officer Whitmore Alexander (Lex) Logan, who was a teacher at the school. He was a fine teacher, good friend of the children, well liked by all, a thorough gentleman, and an acquisition to the school. He called on Cr. W. J. Walters to plant this tree. Cr. Walters asked the children to watch and care for these trees and in later years they could admire them in their beauty. He felt honoured to be asked to plant a tree in memory of Pilot Officer Lex Logan, a gallant young Australian. The Logan family was among the oldest pioneers of the district. His father, Major Logan, was a well-known soldier. To his father, mother, and sister they offered sincere sympathy and hoped for better news of Lex yet. The next tree was planted in memory of Catherine Luck, and was planted by her little schoolmate, Kathleen Hasted. The third tree was planted in memory of Gordon Klass, and was planted by his schoolmate, Roland Little. The fourth tree was in memory of Clyde Profke, who was accidentally killed. This tree was planted by a senior scholar, Fred Banff. Mr. August Schulz was asked to plant the fifth tree, because he donated the figs. The teacher and children whose memories were honoured were loved by everyone in the town and district. Mr. C. Piele (Secretary, School Committee) was also present. The children were dismissed and played games, after which sweets were distributed. The Chairman of the School Committee (Cr. Walters) said that when the war against the Japanese had come to a successful conclusion he would say, on

Japanese had come to a successful conclusion he would say, on behalf of the committee, that they would give the children a victory picnic, which he hoped would be held on the holiday for the King's Birthday next year. They would try to make it something which the children would remember.

School Improvements.—Mr. G. A. Hart, building contractor, Lowood, has nearly completed improvements to both the Rural School (woodwork section) and at the primary section. The Rural School now has an extended glassed-in verandah, so that more lighting has been given in the woodwork section, and much more room for pupils to move around. New windows have been put in on the western side of the

Head Teacher's office, and two new windows in the infants' classroom.

School Gardens.—The school vegetable gardens are showing prolific growth since the recent rains, and the carefully kept plots show that the children have taken great care in arranging and tending their gardens, on the general appearance of which they are to be congratulated.