

Primary School Library Opened

The library which Whyalla Primary School committee has installed in memory of two former teachers, Mr. J. Kinnane and Mr. E. Sugg, who lost their lives while flying with the R.A.A.F. over Germany, was given high praise on Saturday, when it was opened, by Mr. J. Whitburn (inspector of schools) and Mrs. Riddle who specialises in school libraries. Both remarked that in the number and in selection of volumes it surpassed other State school libraries of which they had knowledge.

The chairman of the school committee, Mr. A. D. Williams, speaking to those who had assembled outside the library before Mr. Whitburn declared it open, said the committee and the School Mothers Association raised £500 between them. In the financial year ended June last they received £200 subsidy from the Education Department and since then they had received another £200. Of that money they had spent £200 on furniture and fixtures and £300 on the purchase of 829 new books. They hoped in time to increase the number of volumes to 2,000.

Mr. Williams mentioned that the Education Department had met the expense of covering the floor with linoleum and of painting the interior of the room. He thanked the kangaroos-on-parade company and Hi Jinx Co. for portion of the proceeds from their entertainments. Whyalla Radio & Music Co. for many services. Mrs. J. E. Edwards for donating the prize for the winning shield, Mr. Colin Panter for attending to the electrical fittings, and Miss Burns for buying and cataloguing the books and he congratulated Mr. I. Penglase on his design of the shield.

The former head teacher, Mr. R. Michelmore, was the one who suggested that the library be established and he worked hard for it. Mr. Williams regretted that he and Mrs. Michelmore could not be present and read a message of good wishes from them.

The head teacher, Mr. L. Pearson presided, and introduced the speakers who, in addition to those al-

ready mentioned, included the president of the School Mothers Association, Mrs. Loughhead. Mr. Pearson reported that the Hans Heysen print on the library walls had been bought with money provided by Mrs. Dickeson in memory of her son who had died while a pupil at the school.

After Mr. Whitburn had declared

the library open the visitors filed in and soon filled the room. Everybody expressed themselves as being amazed with the delicacy of the furnishings, the richness of the shield and the wealth of reading matter for the children.