

## MEMORIAL CLOCK

### BRAIDWOOD'S TRIBUTE TO SPLENDID CITIZENS

Following the Anzac Day Service on Monday, the town clock, erected as a mark of appreciation of the sterling and unselfish services of the Misses Hogg over a long period of years, was unveiled in the presence of a large gathering of town and district residents.

The clock, which is a very fine piece of work, is installed in the vestibule of the Institute, while another face, erected high up on the outer wall facing the main street, serves the useful purpose of a town clock. It is electrically controlled, and, we understand, will later on be lighted at night. The inscription on the clock in the vestibule reads:—

**"Donated by the Citizens of Braidwood in grateful recognition and appreciation of the services rendered to the District by the Misses Barbara, Jane and Agnes Hogg."**

Beneath is another inscription, most appropriate, which reads:—

**"Time and the hour run through the longest day."**

Cr. Oscar F. Roberts briefly explained that the clock had been erected as a tribute to the sterling and untiring work of Misses Barbara, Jane and Agnes Hogg. Everyone was aware of the unselfish work these ladies had put in on behalf of the town and district, particularly during World War I. They had been associated with practically every public move in the Shire and it was fitting that the work they had done had been recognised by the people in erecting the town clock. As chairman of the committee of the movement he had pleasure in thanking all those who had donated to the fund which had enabled the clock to be erected. He also thanked the committee and the secretary, Mrs. A. W. Hill, who had been most untiring in her efforts on behalf of the movement. The idea of a town clock had emanated from her. The clock would, he was sure, be of great value. To Mrs. Rainer also thanks was due, as she was one of the first to move in

she was one of the first to move in the matter. Thanks were due also to Mr. Geo. Woods and Mr. Bert Chewyng for assistance in erecting the clock, and to Mrs. J. Musgrave for supplying morning and afternoon tea to the workmen while erecting the clock. (Applause).

Cr. Erle Byrne, President of Tallanganda Shire, stressed his pleasure at being invited to take part in that day's function. "Though I was not very well acquainted with the good ladies for whom the memorial has been erected," he said, "I have heard a great deal about all the good deeds they have performed in the district and town. The committee is to be congratulated upon so suitably recognising these services by the erection of such a fine piece of work. I hope that all those who have the pleasure of looking at the clock will remember it not only as a memorial to three grand ladies, but that it will remind them that these women had lived the lives of good Australians and had set an example which all should endeavour to follow. I hope the clock will serve as an inspiration to those who gaze on it to live a life such as these good ladies lived. (Applause).

The Rev. Robertson spoke on behalf of the Parents and Citizens' Association and the school, with which the late Miss Jane Hogg had been associated for so many years. He said he had a few notes which showed that Miss Jane Hogg had commenced teaching in the year 1878 at Braidwood, continuing with a break at Newcastle for 46 years, retiring in 1924, a truly wonderful record. "I believe she was a pupil at the Braidwood school," he went on. "Many distinguished teachers have served at the school, including Mr. Kilgour, who later was headmaster at Fort Street. I fancy she was teaching when he was at Braidwood. Miss Agnes, too, has a unique record in school matters, though not all with the Braidwood school. She was once headmistress at the Domestic Science School at Pyrmont. The old method of teaching had altered considerably. Miss Jane, who was a wonderful teacher, might to-day be termed something of a martinet, but she achieved grand results and turned out many

grand results and turned out many outstanding pupils. Many of these will remember the principles which were early instilled into them by her and which went to form the character of many men and women who had distinguished themselves in many parts of the land. Miss Barbara had kept the home fires burning, and this was done in a manner befitting such a fine character." The speaker then went on to refer to the work of the late Mr. Thomas Hogg, who had been a member of the original committee which had set to work to build the Institute. This gentleman had actually supervised the building of that edifice. Everyone would agree, he added, that the Misses Hogg were remarkable people in many respects, and referred to the self-effacing way they carried out this good work. In the "Back to Braidwood" booklet, which had been compiled by Miss Agnes Hogg, he was surprised to find there was not one reference to the young family which had done so much splendid service for the district. This was one of their chief characteristics—self-effacing and always trying to do their best for others.

The chairman then called on Mrs. M. R. O'Brien, of "Mount Elrington,"

to officially unveil the clock. This lady, a member of the Hogg family and an ex-pupil of the Braidwood Public School, said she felt honoured at being the one chosen to unveil the very beautiful memorial, but before doing so she had a message from Miss Agnes Hogg to give them. Mrs. O'Brien then read the letter as follows:—

"I find quite a difficulty in expressing my very deep appreciation of the honour you Braidwood people have conferred on my late sisters and self. It is a great privilege to know that our small services have been rewarded by such a beautiful and unique testimonial. I thank Mrs. Hill for the work so generously given and her happy suggestion for the form the memorial should take. I thank the people of Braidwood for the pleasure, pride and honour they have paid to my sisters and me by associating us with the Town Clock. It is a very happy

thought that so fitting a day as Anzac Day should be chosen for the unveiling, when I shall be with you in spirit."

Mrs. O'Brien, continuing, said:—

"I would like to add to this the deep appreciation of all members of the family for the very great honour you have bestowed on three of its members. Our thanks go out to those who gave their services in any way, and especially to Mrs. Hill, who so wonderfully organised and devoted so much of her time over the past months, and for whom it has been a labour of love. This memorial also stands as something concrete to her wonderful organising ability."

Mrs. O'Brien concluded:—

"I now unveil this clock to the memory of the late Barbara, the late Jane and to Agnes Hogg, who through the toll of the passing years has had to leave the home town and district they all loved so much."

As the draping was slowly drawn aside a burst of applause came from the assemblage. In the street many reminiscences were exchanged between members of the older generation, and particularly those who had been pupils at the local school, where Miss Jane Hogg had taught so capably for years. They all had stories to tell of kindnesses and help received from one or other of the good ladies who had been honoured that day.