

Springwood

HONOR ROLL UNVEILED.

The unveiling of the Springwood and district honor roll, which took place in the Public School grounds on Anzac Day, was witnessed by a large number of people, including many Diggers.

Mr. Hedley V. O'Meagher, in addressing the gathering, said that they must dissociate themselves from the idea that the setting up of honor rolls and machine guns could have any deteriorating effect on the people. It had been said that the placing of the war trophies over the land would have a militaristic effect on the present generation, but it would indeed be more appropriate did the people who made such statements look upon the war trophies as emblems of a glorious victory by the Allied forces over the enemy, and the triumph of right over wrong.

The unveiling ceremony was performed by Cr. T. Savage (President of Blue Mountains Shire) who said that when one gazed on the roll of honor which typified Springwood's patriotism more than mere words, one's heart beat with pride. Australia was the finest country in the world, and the boys who had gone went to keep it so. Anzac Day would never be forgotten.

The Rev. F. Kellett remarked that it was not a day for pleasure and holiday making, but for solemn meditation on the sacrifice made by our soldiers for the freedom of the world. Remembrance should not be slight, but keen. The aftermath of war had resulted in a spirit of recklessness and extravagance which was not good for the nation, and Anzac Day, with its poignant memory, should at all times exert a sobering influence. It should never be said that the men who died had laid down their lives for nought, but rather that by their deaths it was made possible for Australians to enjoy the possessions held to-day.

Rev. Father Brauer stated that he considered the spirit which was materialised on the roll of honor should be a living remembrance to the children of to-day, and the fathers and mothers of to-morrow, of the wonderful spirit of Australia in the year 1914. It would mark the beginning of a stage of Australian nationhood, which he trusted would endure through all ages.

The children of the Public School and the North Springwood subsidised school placed beautiful wreaths at the foot of the board. Wreaths were received from every class in the Public School. Another came from the Rifle Club, while a Red Cross wreath was placed in a prominent position in memory of the Australian nurses. Other

of the Australian nurses. Other personal tributes were also made.

After the unveiling ceremony, the machine gun was officially declared in position.

From Springwood sixty-three men enlisted, and ten will never return. From the Springwood district, including Linden, Faulconbridge and Valley Heights, over 80 men enlisted.

The names on the roll are as follow:—P. Aldrid, B. Bailey, D. Barry, D. Bates, E. Bluhdorn, L. Bluhdorn, K. Bluhdorn, T. Brett, xJ. Bridges, xW. Byrne, F. Clark, O. Clark, A. Croucher, A. Davis, K. Dawson, J. Donald, J. Duff, A. Dukes, P. Dukes, xJ. Eaton, O. E. Foster, W. Gillett, H. Hall, W. Hall (M.M.), xE. Hamer, O. Hartigan, H. Holder, A. Honey, S. Honeysett, xE. J. Hope, J. Hugo, A. Kearnes, F. Lawson, W. Lawson, A. Lees, E. Lees, S. McKennie, D. Mills, F. Mills, L. Mills, E. Moffit, J. Newman, S. Pavioir, J. E. Reddall, R. Richards, xL. Stevens, D. Wagner, xJ. Walsh, W. Ward, J. Wiggins, B. Woods, F. Woodward, J. Wouters, xO. Wright, H. A. Holmesby, R. Bennett, E. Kereson, L. Persensen, Stuart, and Timbrell. x Killed.

A meeting of the Springwood branch of the A.L.P. was held in the School of Arts on Saturday, 30th inst. There was a good attendance.

Correspondence was received from the Acting Premier, the Hon. James Dooley, with reference to a crane for Springwood station, also re a local night train service from Katoomba. The Commissioners are preparing an estimate for the crane, and the matter of a local night train will receive full consideration before the next summer time-table is issued.

The A.L.P. anniversary ball was then discussed, and it was decided to hold a grand anniversary fancy dress and poster ball on Friday, May 29th, with prizes for waltzing and fancy dress competitions. First-class music and refreshments and other attractions will be provided. The Acting Premier has promised, if at all possible, to attend, and supporters and friends from Penrith to Mt. Victoria will be cordially invited. Mr. W. Carey, the general secretary of the A.L.P. Executive, has also promised to be present. Last year's effort will be long remembered as the most successful function of its kind ever held in the village, and every effort will be made to excel the initial success. The following ball committee was elected:—Messrs. Jones, Greenbanks, Mills, Coyle, J. Hartigan, E. Hartigan, Slater, Houlahan, Bahl, McDonald, Bailey, Scanlan.

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