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Long before the hour appointed for the ceremony people began to gather in front of the building and at 1.30 p.m., the time of opening, the crowd that had assembled surprised everybody.

There were visitors present from Terowie, Jamestown, Yarcowie and other parts of the north and from Burra, Farrell's Flat, and Mintaro in the South, with folk from each surrounding districts. Invitations had also heen issued to the Presidents of neighboring Institutes and accepted. The Commissioner of Public Works, Hon. G. F. Jenkins, represented not only the Government but was also present with Mr R. L. Carter, M.P., as a member for the District. Drawn up either side to the entrance of the hall were the scholars of the State school in charge of the head master, Mr. A. O. Wright, and just above the children, the grand Old Union Jack and the Australian flag fluttered out well in the breeze Long before the hour appointed for Australian flag fluttered out well in

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of course was an unusual one but even so the hall does not appear to be too big and particularly for social functions such as dances, fetes, etc., On the platform with the President were seated Sir John and Miss Melrose, the Hon. Commissioner and Mr. Carter, the Trustees and Committee of the Institute and the contractors. Messrs Findlay and Dunneman and Mr. M. W. Bednall, President of the Burra Institute.

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The chairman reiterated his gratification at the large assembly and more especially the fact that at its initial gathering it proved inadequate to the demand on its accommodation.





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to the institute grounds was their fine Soldiers' Memorial, this also added dignity to the structure. The Memorial he was pleased to note was well looked after and suggested that trees should be planted and the park made more beautiful and thus add to the attractiveness of the whole spot. The Chief Secretary and the Premier, Hon. R. L. Butler, had both expressed to him their regret at being unable to be present and had asked him to convey to the people of Hallett their good wishes and congratulations on the successful issue of the contract they had taken in hand. In conclusion the Hon. Commissioner again congratulated the people on the magnificent structure and said other towns of larger size would be jealous and although the liabilities at present were big, hoped the trustees would have an easy task in carrying out the financial part, he felt however these obligations would be faithfully carried out and hoped the uses for which the building was erected would be well supported and that it would prove an asset to the town from every point of view.

Mr. Carter said as brevity was the order of the day to enable folk to attend the sports, he would confine himself to merely expressing his pleasure at being present and extend his congratulations to the people of Hallett on the consummation of a long cherished desire. Twelve months ago that day they had witnessed the stonelaying and he thought the residents must feel intensely proud of the building, it was an ambitious achievement but a credit to the committee who had shouldered the resionsibility of the scheme. He and Mr. Jenkins had looked over the place and he could truthfully support his colleague's statement that it was the best of its kind out of the city. The job had been carried out in its entirety and not piece meal and nothing had been left to be completed in the future. Mr. Carter also expressed his approbation of the committee's action in iving the work to local men to do and also his keen approval of the fine workmanship which had given such marked sat'sf

in conclusion stated that he noted several Jamestown folk in the audience whom he knew would envy the Hallett folk the finished article, as they well knew the cost of getting a similar building erected piece meal and which in its completed state, could not compare with Hallett. He ince ely congratulated everyone who is disken any part whatsoever in the erection of the structure.

mr. W. S. Murray said he felt it an honor to speak on such an occasion and appeared not only as a trustee but as one of the supervisors, although whilst the building was in course of erection he found there were apparently many more who knew the job better than he, however now it was completed, he thought but little fault could be found. The remarks of the Hon. Commissioner and Mr. Carter were deeply appreciated but despite the apparent finished appearance there was much to be done. In the suppermuch to be done. In the supper room for instance chairs were needed instead of forms but these and other minor details would be attended to in due time. The Hallett Institute Committee was not like a State Parliament, they did not spend more than they got and then like the Government tax the people to make up the deficiency. Mr. Murray then appealed to the resijents to look after the building as their own (hear, hear) and also to take a practical interest in its welfare, they could become subscribers and in many other ways help to maintain it. On behalf of himself and Mr. Statton it afforded him much pleasure to hand over the building to the committee. The chairman before asking Sir John Melrose to declare the building open, extended an invitation to all present to inspect the building at the close of the recent of the remember of the rem instead of forms but these and othe to inspect the building at the close of the present function after which an adjournent would be made to the Recreation ground to witness the

Amidst applause Sir John Melrose then rose to declare the building open. In his opening remarks Sir John said those who knew him best knew the present job was one he did not care for. Referring to Mr. Murray's remarks as to his and Mr. Statton's competency in carrying out their This fact would disprove at once the many comments made during the crection that it would never be filled. In his opening remarks Sir John said those who knew him best knew the present job was one he did not care for. Referring to Mr. Murray's remarks as to his and Mr. Statton's competency in carrying out their financial statement.

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ney. In closing Sir John told the story of a sailor who at sea had lost both his oars and was at the mercy of the waves, the man had never prayed in his life before, but in his dangerous predicament feeling his need, sent up the following petition, "O Lord if you want to help me, now's your time," that was just the experience of the committee, if folk wanted to help the Institute now was their time. Sir John then tlanked the committee for honoring him by asking him to open the Institute and for the beautiful gold key they had so kindly presented him with and in declaring the building open hoped it would prove a benefit to the community now and in the future.

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Noel Tiver at the piano, closed the formal part of the proceedings. The building was then inspected and even the most prejudiced were forced to express their admiration at the structure and many were the compliments passed upon its beauty and to Messrs Findlay and Dunneman on the excel-

A number of prominent citizens alive to the sporting interest in the community had arranged a splendid programme of events on the well laid out Recreation grounds. A strong Opening Day committee was formed with Mr. J. R. Clarke as Secretary and as the latter is a born organiser the whole affair passed off without a hitch and visitors were greatly impressed with the thorough manner inwhich the whole function was carried out. There was not a detail lacking.
Almost without exception the crowd where besides a good programme they would find a number of stalls and other means for spending their mo-

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of the function should not rest entirely on the shoulders of mere man it was noticed on arrival at the grounds that this was where the ladies of the district came well into the limelight. Along the front of the grand stand one found a number of stalls erected and all loaded with choice goods, plain and fancy, sweets, produce, cool drinks and ices. At each a good business was done, one we believe the plain and fancy, shaded in the splendid sum of £50. Afternoor tea was served in the hall behind the pavilion and the whole of the catering for this was most generously provided by Mrs. George S. Melrose of Willogoleche, Hallett, and waited upon by members of the Girls Friendly Club of which Mrs. Melrose is the President, all looking very smart in the yellow aprons and caps, the latter in honor of it being the golden wedding day of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Baker. The attentiants were: Mrs. P. Findlay, Misses Longford, M. Seigert, M. Peters, Marjorie and Mels. Seigert, M. Peters, Marjorie and Mels. Seigert, M. Peters, Marjorie and Mels. Shah, V. Kin gand E. Hopkins. Plain and Pancy, Mesdames W. Sigert, M. Peters, Marjorie and Mels. Shah, V. Kin gand E. Hopkins. Plain and Pancy, Mesdames W. Sigert, M. Peters, Evan McDonald. The Seigert, M. Peters,

seen in Hallett for some time in these as in the pedestrian events every competitor was out to win. Nor were the children forgotten and several races were run off for them. The most amusing perhaps was the rooster chase, in the first go, for boys, the bird after a smart run was speedily captured, but in the girls race the sceond bird doubled back and dodged in and out amongst the cars, however the girls stuck their job and little Miss Joan Miller became at last the proud possessor.

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The generosity of Hallett friends with one or two city and distant firms was again manifested by the trophies given for the various events, these formed one of the best collections we have seen for some time certainly would seldom be equalled at any sports gathering in the State, it was therefore small wonder competition was keen when this handsome collection was taken into consideration.

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For the pédestrian events the judges were Messrs Ross and Lou Rayner, for the cycling Messrs E. McDonald and Jas. Doyle. Mr. Dan Seigert was starter, Mr. D. C. Seigert, handicapper, Mr. H. Reed, field steward with many other helpers. The results were as follow:

School boys Handicap, 100 yards—First prize, medal presented by Mr. F. G. Lewis, Edward Lucas; second prize presented by Mr. H. Evans, Fred Watkins.

Girls race, under 14 years, 100 yards—Ahair brush presented by Mr. W. Phin, Lorna Lewis; second yards—Ahair brush presented by A. H. Richards, Eileen Meers.

Cappeedee Wheel Race—A very handsome silver cup presented by Mr. W. S. Murray who also gave a smaller cup as second prize—First heat, K. Maroney, N. Dickson, K. Sawatschke; second heat, C. Maroney, N. Siviour, R. Dunne; Final, K. Maroney, N. Dickson.

Girls race under 10 years. First

N. Siviour, R. Dunne; Final, K. Maroney, N. Dickson.
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Married ladies race—First prize silver cake wish presented by Messrs Ayling and Dwyers, Gawler, Mrs. W. Jones; second prize, box of lines.

Jones; second prize, box of linen handkerchiefs presented by Mr. J. G Tiver, Mrs. Ken Seigert. Single ladies race—First prize, silver cream basin and spoon, pre-sented by Mr. R. R. Walsh, Miss Mar-jorie Patres care jorie Peters; second prize, silver cake basket presented by Mr. E. S. Statton, Miss Coral Jones. Cartapo Wheel Race-First prize

Cartapo Wheel Race—First prize handsome cup presented by Mr. E. McDonald and for second a beautiful silver cup of a different design, presented by Mr. J. Doyle. First heat, K. Maroney. C. Maroney, and D. Dunne tie for second; second heat, N. Siviour, N. Dickson, Cain; Final, K. Maroney, N. Dickson. Cain; Final, K. Maroney, N. Dickson.

Bowling at stump, about 50 competed for the hat presented by Mr. F. W. Miller and finally won by W. Mayo with Mr. G. Maxted a close second.

Rooster chase-Boys, Lloyd Jones

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