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Centenary Celebrations 1960

Following the excitement of 1960 with the success of the Building Fund Campaign and the advent of a new Principal, enthusiasm is running high for 1961 — the Centenary Year of the Geelong College.

Already, letters have been received from overseas enquiring about the programme for the celebrations.

A planning committee, consisting of representatives of the College Council and the Old Collegians' Association, has been engaged for several months in preparing for the functions which are planned for 1961.

The official calendar of events, together with an application form, is being mailed to all Old Collegians, parents and friends whose addresses are known. As the committee will make arrangements for catering and accommodation on the basis of the response to the calendar, as disclosed by the return of application forms, all those who intend to take part in the celebrations are urged to complete and forward their applications as quickly as possible. Those who do not receive a calendar and form should notify the College, and they will be sent by return mail.

GARDEN PARTY

The first event will be a Garden Party in the College grounds during the afternoon of Wednesday, 8th February — the day before the commencement of first term. Community and political leaders, as well as representatives of other schools, will be guests on this occasion. A cricket match between the College 1st XI, and an Old Boys' team will be played during the day.

BARBECUE-DANCE

Mr. E. W. McCann has kindly made his home, "Highview," available for a barbecue-dance on the evening of Friday, 17th March. This function is being specially prepared by a committee headed by Bill Wishart for the younger Old Collegians and friends of the College, and it should be a gay affair.

BOAT-RACE BALL

The Annual Boat-Race Ball, arranged by a committee of which Barry Solomon is to be chairman, will be held at the Palais Royal, Geelong, on Friday, 14th April.

CENTENARY WEEK

The week coinciding with the centenary of the actual foundation of the College is to be the focal point of the celebrations.

The opening of the week will be held at the Norman Morrison Hall on Friday, 7th July, when it is hoped to present some musical items and dramatic scenes of historical significance.

The 8th July will be Old Boys' Day, with the Annual Meeting followed by a Cocktail Party at Kirrewur Court and the O.G.C.A. Annual Dinner in the College Dining Hall.

A Centenary Thanksgiving Service is to be conducted at St. George's on Sunday, 9th July.

The College will be open to visitors during the week following with special demonstrations by the pupils.

A Smoke Night is being specially set aside on 11th July for parents and friends. The informal tone of the evening should ensure that this will be a successful social event.

The weekend commencing on Friday, 14th July, will be the occasion of a boarding-in conference on the theme, "The Second Century." Old Boys will be accommodated at the College, and others will be able to attend the conference sessions, at which speakers of a high order will give addresses. A programme of recreation will be arranged, and spare time will be available for other activities.

MELBOURNE BALL

The Palais de Danse, St. Kilda, has been booked for a Cabaret Ball on Thursday, 27th July. A committee of Melbourne Old Collegians led by George Ewan is organising this special Centenary Ball — which will certainly be an occasion to remember.

SPORTING EVENTS

As well as the cricket match on 8th February, there is to be a second cricket match and a football

match, both between teams representing the Old Collegians and the College.

The committee feels that the programme of events caters for the tastes of everyone, and it is confident that the celebrations will be worthy of the year — the Centenary Year of the Geelong College.

LOOKING AHEAD

BUILDING PLANS FOR 1961

1961, the Centenary year of the Geelong College, will see a further step taken in building at the new Preparatory School.

After living through one wet and muddy winter, the Acting Headmaster at the Prep. and Mr. Thwaites are both firmly convinced the most essential need at the site is some provision in the way of changing and locker rooms. Accordingly, the architect has been asked to prepare plans for such a building, and a sketch of his preliminary plan is reproduced below. These changing rooms are rather novel in concept but, we are assured, will not be difficult to build and will enable some savings by having all plumbing concentrated in the centre. Adequate provision will be made for lockers for the total Prep. School population, and the

spectacle of enthusiastic footballers returning home complete with mud should be a 1960 memory only. It is hoped that building will commence early in 1961 and that the facilities will be available for most of the school year.

The Council has also approved the building in 1961 of the first section of the ultimate Boarding House block.

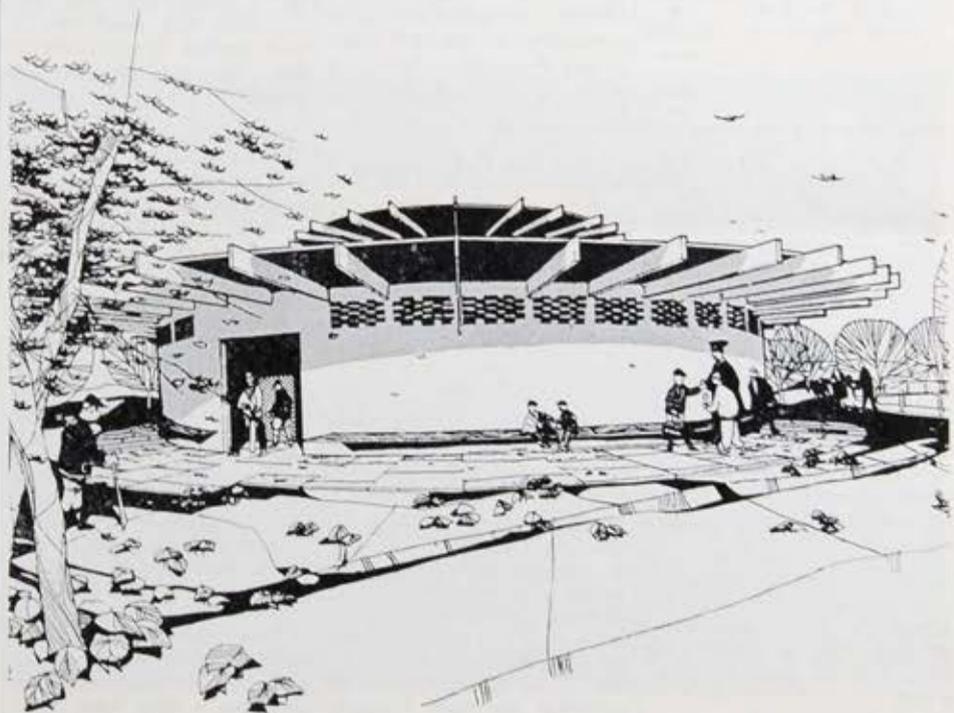
The section to be built will be of two storeys and approximately the size of two classrooms on each floor. It is planned to leave the space on each floor undivided for the present and use them as assembly rooms, art room and possibly a lunch room. This will release three classrooms now being used for common purposes in the main block and help considerably with the re-arrangement of classes

that Mr. Thwaites has planned. The ultimate use of this section of the building as part of the Boarding House will not be affected, but it does mean that good use can be made of a limited building project now rather than waiting for funds to accumulate for the complete project.

These two items plus, it is hoped, some further progress on sporting facilities, particularly the tennis courts, can be met from the Fund moneys that will come to hand next year.

The Finance Committee is well aware that, with continual rises in building costs, there is much to be said for building to the limit as soon as possible. This, however, means that we must borrow money against Fund promises and pay interest until contributions gradually accumulate. The present "credit squeeze" does not make large scale borrowing easy but the Committee is exploring every avenue in this regard. Any helpful suggestions, particularly firm offers of loan moneys, with or without interest, will be gratefully acknowledged.

These are our immediate objectives for 1961 and we can say with certainty, "We will be building again in our Centenary Year." Just how far we go depends only on availability of funds.



Architect's sketch of the Preparatory School Dressing Pavilion to be constructed in 1961

A Financial Review

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Making Ends Meet

Now that the first stage of the Preparatory School has been almost completed and most of the Accounts paid, it is possible to review the work of the year in terms of £.S.D. and see where we stand. We have had to meet a series of additions to the original contracts which have increased the total cost of Stage I. to somewhere in the vicinity of £125,000; fortunately, this year's receipts in the Building Fund have been sufficient to meet these extras.

The main cost increase arose from the decision of the Newtown and Chilwell Council requiring the main vehicular entrance to be opposite Nantes Street instead of in Aberdeen Street as planned. This necessitated the construction of a long access road and, once the groundsmen's cottage was located by this gate, it was found necessary to build another residence nearer the School as added protection.

The position can be summarized briefly as follows:—

Original Contract for School and Groundsmen's Cottage	£97,789	
Earthworks	7,413	
		105,202
To which must be added:—		
Extras including paving of quadrangle and path to Aberdeen Street	889	
Master's residence	7,632	
South Access Road	3,778	
Architects Fees	7,058	
		19,357
		£124,559

The original Building Fund had reached a total of £65,000 and Bank accommodation of £40,000 was arranged to meet the original estimates for the cost of Stage I. This means that a sum of about £19,500 has had to be found in 1960 to complete the current buildings.

The only moneys available to meet this figure have been the receipts into the Centenary Building Fund and the position of the Fund at the end of the year can be estimated as follows:—

Total receipts for 1960	£33,500
Less Expenses	13,500
Nett receipts for 1960	20,000
Less Amount required to complete Stage I.	19,500
Cash surplus for the Year	£500

This is a passing phase and each subsequent year's subscriptions will be available for current building. The additional costs incurred have been almost completely outside the control of the College and no one would consider the alternative of reducing in some other way expenditure at the New Preparatory School. Even now there are desirable additions that could be called essentials but which must await the next Building stage.

It is estimated that the net annual intake into the Building Fund will be £26,000 for each of the next four years, and if these figures are realized, the completion of the next stage at the Preparatory School is again just a matter of time.

Money! Money! Money!

Sorry to raise the subject again, but it cannot be said too often that the amount of building undertaken in 1961 depends entirely on how much money can be provided. Present estimates are for a total outlay of about £40,000. The completed Stage II. of the Building calls for almost three times that amount.

What can be done to help us over the financial hurdle?

■ Finance committee are exploring the orthodox financial institutions in an attempt to raise large sums against the promised contributions of the next four years.

■ Contributors who have not yet done so can help in a smaller way by sending

in the first year's contribution now, or as soon as possible.

■ All contributors help our finances by paying their annual gift as early as practicable in the 12 months in which it falls due.

■ Have you any idle funds which can be lent to the College on a 4-5 year basis, with or without interest?

■ Do you know any interested Old Boys, Parents or Friends who could help in the above way?

Only by pooling all our ideas and our resources will we be able to break through the "pound barrier" and complete the New Preparatory School quickly.

Think about this and pass on your ideas and your help.

An Interesting Visitor

For many years Geelong College has had a special interest in the work of the Australian Inland Mission. As a young minister, Mr. Rolland was responsible for establishing the first A.I.M. nursing home at Oodnadatta and later an Old Collegian, Dr. R. J. Coto, was one of the early Flying Doctors. Patrol padres have visited the College at frequent intervals to tell the boys of their experiences and have been listened to with great interest. At present two Old Collegians, W. C. Elliot and W. H. Edwards, are serving the Church at

the "Ernabella" Aboriginal Mission Station. Trips by the Exploration Society have enabled boys to see the work of the A.I.M. at first hand.

During the last few weeks we have been able to gain a better understanding of the challenge facing the A.I.M. as a result of the spectacular development going on in the centre and north of Australia since the war. The striking film, "Australia Land of Tomorrow", produced by the A.I.M. in co-operation with the International Harvester Co., presented us with vivid

evidence of tremendous changes in the old "out-back".

Then we were privileged to have a visit from Rev. Fred McKay on whom has fallen the mantle of "Flynn of the Inland" as the superintendent of the A.I.M. Mr. McKay explained to us how the changes which have occurred in Australia have not lessened the need for the ministry of the A.I.M., but have added urgency for the service it can give as well as changing the character of the needs in certain ways. He made many of us conscious of a great field of pioneering work calling for dedicated service.

FOLLOW-ON COMMITTEE NOTES

Just what does a Follow-On Committee-man do?

Our Follow-On Committee is charged with two main tasks — Firstly, to help maintain interest in the Centenary Building Fund and secondly, to do all possible to ensure that the promised total of contributions is ultimately achieved.

Under the first heading comes our regular meetings when the enthusiasts are kept posted on progress and informed on developments within the College, building plans and so forth. At these meetings we have been fortunate to hear from some of the Masters, addresses that have been both helpful and informative. One activity at present undertaken by the Committee is to sponsor some form of self help in the way of ground beautification and planting at the New Prep. School site.

The Publicity Sub-Committee, under Harry Fallaw's leadership, undertakes the task of periodically preparing and publishing our newsletter — "Ad Astra". This is quite an undertaking for the editor as every contributor is busier than the last, and how the dead line is ever beaten remains one of the miracles of modern science.

The other field of activity is centred around the Appeal Secretary, who still maintains an office at the College. Here all records are kept up to date and reminder notices sent out to contributors at the time requested. Some calls during the canvass period resulted in "see later" comments and this information is passed on to the Committee for some committee-man's attention. The question of new prospects and the gentle whisper to those who have overlooked a promised contribution will also fall within the scope of the Committee.

The greatest administrative problem remaining with our efficient Secretary is the fact that a very large number of contributors have neither sent in their initial gift nor have they advised

the office in which month they would like to be reminded of their payment. This "reminder" procedure has two valuable results. One is that, based on the reminder dates, it is possible to estimate the monthly intake and relate this to our building plans. The other, of course, is that the best

of us can forget and a timely reminder can help ensure the mailing of a promised gift at the right time. If any reader has not nominated a month for his annual gift it will help us if you would fill in the tea-cup coupon below and post it to the Appeal Office at The College to-day.

Name.....

Address.....

I would like a reminder notice for my gift to the Centenary Building Fund in the month/s of.....

Signed.....



Model of "The Golden Hind." Prize-winning entry James Fraser Sutherland Memorial Prize 1959 made by T. F. McNair

Dr. A. C. PILLOW

A grand old man of the College left us when Albert Ernest Pillow died on 29th August.

A member of the College Council and a Past President of the O.G.C.A., he was known more generally for his association with Australian Cement Ltd. He had come to that company's works at Fyansford in 1924 and was general manager for some years up to the date of his death.

This was something in the nature of a "return of the native," for, after being

dux of the College in 1903 (and distinguishing himself at the school in other ways, notably in rifle shooting), he followed an unusually wide life abroad.

From acquiring his Doctorate of Philosophy at Berlin University in 1908, he moved on to the Mining Academy at Freiburg; and, armed with the highest qualifications, he gave the prime of his life to mining in Africa — the Congo, South Africa and Rhodesia.

His big, bluff personality and outlook always suggested the widest horizon.

NOBEL PRIZE

HIGH HONOUR FOR OLD COLLEGIAN

Once again we are proud to salute the genius of Sir Frank Macfarlane Burnett.

Moving on through a knighthood and the select company of the Order of Merit, he has now become the first Australian, working in Australia, to achieve the Nobel Prize for medical science. There is no higher honour available to him in his particular field.

That Sir Frank works in viruses is a matter of common knowledge, and we are told that his recent award arises specifically from a matter of "acquired immunological tolerance."

He is himself much more interested in his work than in any personal honours it may bring him; but Australia in general and his old school in particular may well rejoice in this further acknowledgement of his greatness.

INTANGIBLE ACCOUNT

How often have those connected with Church promotion schemes heard it said: "It was worth while even if we'd raised no money at all?"

In view of our present building requirements, it would perhaps be putting it too strongly to apply that comment to the Geelong College Centenary Building Appeal; but we cannot help feeling that the campaign has been well worth while, apart from its financial side. It has stimulated a real sense of unity and purpose among all those who constitute "the College", in the widest sense of the word — parents, friends, old boys, members of College Council, staffs, boys, and all others who have the well-being of the school at heart.

The overall membership of the Old Geelong Collegians' Association is at an

all time high. A new Wimmera Branch of the Association held its inaugural dinner at Horsham on 13th August, and the Hamilton Branch dinner on 1st December was specially well attended. Mr. George Walter, presided at Horsham, and Mr. J. H. Bromell at Hamilton. The Principal managed to attend both dinners and his clear statement of the present problems of the school and plans for the immediate future was appreciatively received by both gatherings. At Horsham he was supported by Mr. D. D. Davey and Mr. H. C. Fallaw, and at Hamilton by Mr. K. W. Nicolson.

City visitors to these and other provincial branch functions can only stand in awe and admiration at the distances some men travel, and the inconvenience they put up with, to be present.

WE MAKE HISTORY

In these days when our immediate outer space is cluttered up with weird objects circumnavigating the world every hour or two, it may be difficult to gear our thinking down to something that happens on earth only once in fifty years. However, despite space comics and their scientific progeny, history, especially on the scale where it intimately concerns us and the people and things we know, can still be of absorbing interest.

The history of the first fifty years of the Geelong College was published in 1911; and that work has been for some time a valuable collector's piece.

The Centenary History, now coming to fruition, is a much more ambitious project. Years of patient research and careful writing have gone into the subject matter, which will comprise about 150-180 pages of narrative, as well as comprehensive records and register section.

Many devoted Old Boys and others have been concerned with the work in one way or another, but there are some who must be specially mentioned. G. C. Notman, already established as a local historian of note, has written most of the narrative. There has been no lack of critics and editors, where these have been called in on any particular point; but the overall editing, as well as a substantial part of the primary writing, has been the task of B. R. Keith. A. A. Gray's unflinching efforts have been concentrated on the register section; and R. R. Ingpen has undertaken the important work of presentation — format and illustration — in which he is eminently qualified.

The book itself will, it is hoped, be worthy of the school, of the occasion, and of the loving labour that has gone into its preparation. It will extend to something like 250 pages of selected type and paper and will include some 24 pages of illustrations on art paper — a first-class job by Speciality Press.

Only the fact that so much of the work involved has been voluntarily given, enables the book to be printed at a modest price.

It is difficult to estimate the number of copies that will be required, but on a bold guess at the demand, it has been decided to offer the volume to pre-publica-

tion buyers at 30/-. It may become necessary to increase this price to later purchasers.

Invitations to buy the book on the pre-publication basis, together with order forms, are being issued. It is strongly urged that all who are interested should take advantage of this offer and thus ensure that they obtain their copies. It will also give a better indication of the number of copies that should be printed (which must necessarily be limited) and will assist in the immediate financing of the venture.

We are assured that the history will be available for distribution in the first half of next year.

GEELONG COLLEGE CADET UNIT

The Cadet Unit is part of the Australian Cadet Corps, a youth movement with more than 30,000 members, of whom more than 6,000 are Victorians. Financial considerations limit the size of the movement; each unit has a maximum figure of enrolment, in our case, 326 all ranks.

Boys can be admitted in the year they become 14, but because they may not fire the service rifle until they turn 14, the custom here is to reject those who will not be 14 when annual camp is held.

As the school numbers grow, the entry age will have to be raised to stay within the establishment. It is useless, at the moment, to consider increasing the size of the Unit until more armoury and storage space is provided. We are struggling to fit the arms and equipment of 326 into a store intended for about 100.

The new Cadet is fitted out completely by the army, and for 12 months he learns his recruit drill, attends annual camp and generally

learns the ways of the Army. Then, in his second year, he is outfitted in the uniform of the Gordon Highlanders, the Scottish regiment with which we are linked.

Promotion comes, these days, by volunteering to attend promotion courses held during the long vacation. A healthy sign is the long list of applicants for these courses — not the easiest task of the year is selecting ten names from a list of fifty for officers' camp, and fourteen from an equally formidable list for sergeants' camp.

Of recent years a military gymkhana is held in Melbourne about the end of September, for athletic and military competition between the 60 odd schools providing members to Victoria's 3 Cadet Brigade. The appearance of the College Guard and Drill Platoon in the finals in this is now taken for granted, but the less spectacular work of the signallers, machine gunners and mortar men is sometimes forgotten. Yet it was the

mortar men who won last year — this year's rain washed out the majority of events.

Annual camp has improved lately in organisation and realism of training done, through the introduction of "jungle training" courses for the senior cadets. This year they were among the first to try the new ration packs (shades of bully beef!), tinned steak and eggs, tubes like tooth-paste, full of condensed milk, jam and such luxuries.

Only the biscuits remain familiar and bullet proof, although reduced in size.

A cadet now rises through the platoons according to experience. After three or four years in the Unit most members are quite competent to hold NCO rank at least in any Australian infantry "first year" company. Founded in 1874, ranked as fourth senior in the State, the unit is carrying on, training people to accept orders before they learn to give them, to work as a team and take a pride in their appearance. L. E. Dunkley.



Maj.-Gen. R. J. H. Risson, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D. presents the 24th Cadet Battalion Shield for Rifle Shooting to Cadet Under-Officer B. Fell Smith

New Prep. School Activity

This year the Preparatory School Sports were held in two sections. The first section consisted of Egg and Spoon races, Sack races, Potato races, Obstacle races, Manx races and Slow Bicycle races. These were held at the new school in Aberdeen Street before a large gathering of parents and friends. The groundsmen had expertly prepared the Sports Arena and bright sunshine added to the enjoyment of the boys. There were up to 25 boys lining up in each event, and every boy was able to enter for at least 3 events.

The second section was held on Senior Oval a week later, and consisted of the Championship and Handicap events, interspersed with some 220 yards Standards. Pegasus House won the House Competition, establishing 2 records in the relay runs. R. Carstairs set 2 records in the Under 12 Championship, and B. Watson did likewise in the Under 10 Championship.

At the Triangular Sports held at Geelong Grammar School, our Athletic Team performed very well indeed, running out winners in both the Senior and Junior divisions. R. Carstairs and B. Watson again established new records. M. Thomas and R. Pigdon excelled in the Open High Jump.

UNITED NATIONS DAY

A highlight of the special United Nations Day observances at the New Prep., was the visit of two Asian students from the Gordon Institute and a prefect from Senior School. Joel Vasenwala and Razman Haskin gave interesting talks on life in Indonesia and Malaya, and Alistair McArthur spoke on "The Meaning of United Nations Day."

A play, "Children of Many Lands," was presented by the boys of Form 3, while "Clip Go The Shears" was sung and mimed by boys of Form 6.

Several rooms were well decorated with flags, posters and art work. A stamp display and a coin display had been organised by the boys, and Mr. Ross Quick of Senior School spoke enthusiastically about the United Nations Project Work displayed by the boys, awarding First Prize to Roger Burger.

A splendid seven-page booklet of information and sketches had been compiled and distributed to each boy.

"THE BACHELOR MOUSE"

The boys from the lower form of the Preparatory School have performed an Operetta this term called "The Bachelor Mouse," composed by Michael Head, and the Libretto is the work of Nancy Bush.

This had been performed to the Kindergarten boys, to the boys of the Preparatory School (in two sections), and to the Parents of the boys concerned.

VISITORS

Great interest has been aroused by such a notable visitor as The Reverend F. McKay, who spoke of the work of the Inland Mission.

Mr. Murray spoke about the Community Chest.

Mrs. Jacobs spoke concerning the Rice Bowl Appeal.

Mr. Lester spoke about Stamp Collections and Mr. Keith told us of the history of our School.

SCHOOL MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

A varied programme of musical activities has taken place during Term 2 and the early part of Term 3. The first of these was a recital by a woodwind trio (Miss Todner, flute; Mrs. Spira, clarinet; Mr. Dreyfus, bassoon), who performed for both Prep. and Senior schools. The House Competitions were held in July and were won by Morrison. A little later the Music Committee invited the Hermitage Music Club to share a Musical Evening at the House of Music which proved to a most enjoyable occasion.

The annual Schools' Music Festival provided the sixth grade choir with an

opportunity to perform. This choir also sang at the School Concert given in the Plaza Theatre at the beginning of Term 3. Other items at this concert included the School Choir, Band, Orchestras and various ensembles.

Michael Head's operetta, "The Bachelor Mouse", has been given several daytime performances by boys from Grades 5, and has been greatly enjoyed by performers and audiences alike.

At present, preparations are being made for the Senior School music students' "Play and Listen" concert and the Prep. School Carol Service.

D. W. Martin

Birdsville Track Expedition

Our plan was ambitious. We proposed to travel in trucks in a great loop northward to Birdsville, and then down the famous Birdsville Track. This is a distance of 2,000 miles and we had three weeks at our disposal. To put the plan into action required a great deal of preparation beforehand and had it not been for the advice and assistance of many friends of the College the journey, which turned out to be a great success, could not have been undertaken.

At last, when the two trucks moved off from the House of Guilds early on a cold morning, there was in all of us a sense of exhilaration at what lay ahead. In one truck travelled the 16 boys of the party in something less than comfort. They were ready for anything, and they were not to be disappointed, nor were they ever to be found wanting in spirit and enterprise. In the other truck were the supplies, comprising a mountain of food to last a month, and the vital facilities for water and petrol storage.

We had an immensely interesting day and a half in Broken Hill as the guests of the Zinc Corporation. Then, on the fourth day out, we reached the border fence at the Warri Warri Gate and entered Queensland. The red dirt track wound northward amidst thickish mulga cover in which few kangaroos were to be seen. This was a change from N.S.W. where the bare plain sweeps to the distant horizon and where the herds of kangaroo paced the noisy trucks. The "roads" hereabouts are pretty bad. We bounced and jarred over large outcrops of rock and ground in low gear through red sand. Then came the creek beds of the Channel country. One has to go

the hardest part of the journey, so we thought, which lay ahead over the gibber plains and sandy wastes to the railhead at Marree, 320 miles to the south.

It was a disappointment to find that the famous track is now a graded road, made so three months before by the South Australian Government to speed the cattle southward by truck to market. We drove along at a comfortable 30 m.p.h. past where in quite recent times herds of cattle had perished through lack of water or in sand blizzard. We stopped at the crumbling ruins of Mt. Gasan homestead. Fifty years ago this was one of 15 stations along the track. Today there are only 6 and it is difficult to see how it is that in these grim wastes they grow some of the best merino wool in Australia.

We camped for the night amongst the Coolibah trees in the bed of Cooper's

Creek. Tomorrow we would be in the Flinders Ranges, the next day near Adelaide. In the gathering night each man went about the tasks he had learnt to do well since the time of the first creek bed camp north of Tibooburra. Soon the fires blazed brightly, and over them swung the steaming soup and "dehyd" billies, whilst the cooks filled the frying pans with a dark stew. After this ample meal on came the flapjacks and the tea until all appetites were sated. Then there were the laughter and songs about the campfire until we burrowed into our sleeping bags beside the night fires. Tomorrow was another day. We did not know what excitement it would bring, or what problems (except that we would handle them) but we knew that in the evening we would be camped somewhere in some such creek bed as this, at peace under the stars.

G.C.R.

G. C. and Morongo Dramatic Clubs

George Washington Slept Here

Is it sufficient that a drama club should exist in a school such as the College, for the purpose of providing entertainment?

I am sure that any organisation of this kind is primarily a broadening of the general education provided in the classroom. Thus the participants receive out of any production a great deal more than the satisfaction of providing an entertaining evening for an audience.

If one compares the eager young people on the evenings of the show, with the self-conscious shy young people in the early stages of the club's activities this year, it is very evident that many small facets to their characters have been rapidly developed. Confidence, poise, self-discipline and alertness have been blended with a certain natural talent, not only to create a particular stage character, but to develop a young personality.

As a social activity, where young people of both sexes can join together in teamwork of a creative style, the drama club has proved undoubtedly successful. As an administrative entity drawing on the resources of two schools the drama club has functioned most efficiently.

The play produced this year was "George Washington Slept Here", a comedy selected for its appeal to audience members young and old, and selected as a play within the practical scope of young inexperienced actors. The person mainly responsible for the selection of this play was the producer, Mr. Ken Nicolson. His responsibility was to organise a group of young people into a team of actors, and those who

saw one of the performances, know how successful he was in doing this. The cast were able to provide a creditable performance and the audience responded in the true traditions of the theatre in a way that left no doubt that they were more than pleased with the production.

As this was the clubs' first big performance, the production staff had to be sufficiently large to share the burdens. Mr. Ken Hemmens from the Geelong Repertory Society assisted greatly in the production, and was able to conduct rehearsals in the latter stages, whilst the staging and production were being co-ordinated by Mr. Nicolson.

A minimum of scenery was used with drapes, and yet many hours of planning and labour were undertaken by Mr. Webb and a team of boys. The results of this were taken in at a glance by the audience, but without this assistance the production would not have been possible.

The setting up of the stage, the execution of scene changes, and the creating of sound effects necessitated the assistance of six boys, who gave their time and effort in the final rehearsals, and dress rehearsals as well as the performances.

The valuable assistance of all these ex-officio members of the drama club was greatly appreciated by the cast and producer as it all contributed to the smooth running of the play.

Next year the Club hopes to produce something in keeping with the School's Centenary Celebrations.

G. W. Young